

MEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

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Making Headlines

New Members

We welcome our newest member, Matthew Cummins.

Getting the chop for a great cause



Our Member's Draw on the 15th of August was a heartwarming display of community spirit and generosity. Stuart "Mickey" McPherson's courageous decision to part with his hair for the noble cause of supporting Childhood Cancer inspired many.

The impressive sum of \$620 raised is a testament to the kindness and support of the members and guests who attended.

Such acts of selflessness not only provide financial support but also raise awareness and hope for those affected by childhood cancer. It's a beautiful reminder of the difference a community can make when united for a cause.

Kudos to everyone involved for making the night a success and contributing to a brighter future for children battling cancer.

For our newer members, our member's draw takes place in the Bistro at 6:00pm every Thursday night. Members must be present at the draw to win. As well as a chance to win the draw why not also try your luck at the Meat Tray and Wine Raffle. It's a win-win; even if you don't snag the prize, you're contributing to a noble cause—supporting Childhood Cancer. So, mark your calendars, set your alarms, and may the odds be ever in your favor.

Hope to see you there.



Upcoming Events

September 4

Par (Men)

September 5

PJD Real Estate Monthly Brooch Stableford (Ladies)

September 7

Fleurieu Motor Group MM/Stroke/Mixed Stableford (Men/Ladies)

September 8

Foursomes Championships (Men/Ladies)

September 11

Steve Robertson Painting Stableford (Men)

September 12

Stableford (Ladies)

September 14

Victor Harbor Ice Stableford (Men/Ladies)

September 18

Hotel Crown Stableford (Men)

September 19

Stableford (Ladies)

September 21

Exercise Physiology Stableford (Men/Ladies)

September 25

Ninos Stableford (Men)

September 26

Stableford (Ladies)

September 28

Munns Stableford (Men/Ladies)

Sunday 29

Wiirina vs McCracken Inter-Club Challenge (TBC)



Koch's Foodland 2024 Loxton Open

It sounds like the Koch's Foodland 2024 Loxton Open held late July was quite the event, with members from our own club showing off their skills! Big cheers to Gab Virag for mysteriously nabbing the C Grade Open Championship and hats off to Tracey Hayes for her triumph in the Women's B Grade Open Championship! As for the lack of photos, let's just say that some victories are best left to the imagination, where the golf swings are always perfect, and the putts never miss.

Daffodil Day



On Daffodil Day, the world seems to take on a cheerful hue as communities come together, donning their sunniest yellows to support a cause that's anything but mellow and on Thursday our girls did just that. Inspired by our "Daffodill" Captain our ladies came all dressed in their vibrant yellows in a show of support for the Australian Cancer Council.

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VICTOR HARBOR ICE



From the Resort

The Gaming Room is undergoing exciting updates with the introduction of five new machines, promising fresh entertainment options for members and guests. Concurrently, modifications to existing games are expected to enhance the gaming experience. However, it's important to note the upcoming discontinuation of the Maxetag Loyalty (Gaming) Rewards Program. Members must ensure they redeem any accrued credits before the program concludes on the 31st of August. For those needing guidance on redeeming their credits, please see the Bistro staff for assistance.

Adjustments to the kitchen's operating hours have been made, with lunch orders now closing at 2:30 pm and dinner at 8:00 pm, streamlining service during the less busy period.

From the General Committee

Waiver of Surcharge on Public Holidays

A decision by Stuart Riddell to waive the public holiday surcharge for social golf days, i.e Australia Day, is a significant development for the club's members. This generous gesture not only alleviates the extra financial burden on members wishing to participate in these events but also opens the door for the revival of social golf days that had been previously cancelled

Southern Golf Group

The Southern Golf Group is actively seeking passionate individuals to join its Board, with multiple positions open for election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November. This presents a unique opportunity for those with a love for the sport and a vision for its future to contribute to the strategic direction and governance of the organization. Interested candidates are encouraged to express their interest and reach out to Dom Perre, Steve Scholefield or Marg Young, for more information on the roles and the nomination process. Participation in the Board of a golf group like this can be a rewarding experience, offering the chance to shape the future of golf in the region and to work alongside others who share a commitment to the sport's development and success.

Golf SA 2024 Mid Amateur Championships

The McCracken Golf Club is set to host the 2024 Mid-Amateur Championships, thanks to the adept negotiating skills of Stuart Riddell and Dom Perre. This event, sanctioned by Golf SA, is a significant opportunity for mid-amateur golfers to showcase their skills. Scheduled for the 16th and 17th of November, the competition promises two days of exceptional golfing. The entry criteria stipulate a GA Handicap Limit of 24.0 for men and 30.0 for women, ensuring a broad range of golfing talent. With entries now open, interested participants are encouraged to visit Golf Australia's Events Calendar for more details and registration. This championship not only highlights the caliber of McCracken's facilities but also contributes to the local community's sporting prestige.

Mondays

\$19 Schnitzel Night



Tuesdays

\$24 Pasta and Wine Night



Wednesdays

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Kids eat FREE



Thursdays

\$16 Pizza Night

6:00 p.m. Member's Draw

Fridays

\$25 Burger & Beer (Lunch)



From the Match Committee

Changes to Men's Wednesday NTPs

The Match Committee is currently reviewing the feedback from the recent member's survey. Based on the insights gathered, they have decided to implement the following changes to the Men's Wednesday Nearest the Pin (NTP) competitions. These adjustments are aimed at enhancing the experience and will be effective starting Wednesday, 28th August. Members can expect to see these new changes reflect their suggestions and contribute to a more enjoyable golfing environment.

Hole 2 - Open (0-45)

Hole 5 - Div 1 (0-18)

Hole 7 - Div 2 (19-45)

Hole 13 - Open (0-45)

Hole 17 - Open (0-45)

2024 Foursomes Championships

Our 2024 Men's and Women's Foursomes Championships are scheduled to be played on Sunday 8th September. With the booking sheet now open, players can start forming their duos, keeping in mind the gender-specific grouping rule. We hope to have a good field this year, so grab your clubs, find your partner, and let's make this year's championship a great one for participation!

2024 McCracken Cup

The McCracken Cup is shaping up to be an exciting event, and volunteers play a crucial role in its success. Observers and starters are essential for ensuring that our event runs smoothly. If you are able to help out, please reach out to Gary Secombe or Karen Parsons. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated, and it's a fantastic way to be involved.

Keep an eye out for the entry forms which will be out shortly and the opening of online registrations through MiTournament.

Club Championships

Our Club Championships will be upon us before we know it. Following on from the Championships survey last year, Match Committee will be trialling a Match Play format this year as follows:

Sat 5th October: 1st Qualifying Round, 18 Holes Stroke competition played in conjunction with our Monthly Medal. A & B Grades to play off the Blue Tees and C Grade to play off the White Tees. Ladies play off the Red Tees.

Sat 19th October: 2nd Qualifying Round, 18 Holes Stroke competition. A & B Grades to play off the Blue Tees and C Grade to play off the White Tees. Ladies play off the Red Tees.

Entrants must play both qualifying rounds to be eligible to qualify. Top 8 players in each grade/division progress to Match Play quarter finals.

Places to Go

Entries are now open for the following events:

17th - 20th September

2024 Kangaroo Island Ladies Week*

20th September

2024 Willunga Ladies Open Day*

27th September

South Coast Realty Pink Day @ Victor Harbor GC.

6th October

2024 Murray Bridge Women's Open Day*

*For entry forms – see Marg Young, Secretary

19th - 20th October

Kingston SE 2024 Kingston Cup. Visit Club website for details.

1st-3rd October

Victor Harbors Ladies Classic
Entries via MiTournament



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MiTournament is a central tournament registration site for the purpose of golfers to register and pay online. It is free and easy to join. To subscribe, visit <https://www.mitournament.com/>

Sat 26 th October:	Quarter Finals Matchplay. Top 8 Players in each grade/division. A & B Grades to play off the Blue Tees and C Grade to play off the White Tees. Ladies play off the Red Tees.
Sat 2 nd November:	Semi Finals Matchplay. A & B Grades to play off the Blue Tees and C Grade to play off the White Tees. Ladies play off the Red Tees.
Sun 10 th November:	Finals Match Play. A & B Grades to play off the Blue Tees and C Grade to play off the White Tees. Ladies play off the Red Tees.

Entry forms will be out shortly. If you have any queries regarding the Championships, please see either Gary Secombe or Karen Parsons.

Sponsors News

Southcoast Realty

Southcoast Realty are hosting a Pink Charity Day at Victor Harbor on Friday, 27th September to raise funds for Breast Cancer. Open to Men & Women. Please see Marg Young for entry form.

See Optometry

See Optometry will be hosting a Frame Styling evening on Wednesday 30th October. This exclusive event promises to blend fashion with function, offering attendees the opportunity to explore the latest trends in eyewear.

With the added excitement of potentially winning a stylish new pair of glasses valued at up to \$1000, it's not just about seeing better, but also about looking your best. Don't miss out on an evening filled with fun, flair, and the finest in eyewear fashion. Numbers are limited. To book visit : www.seeoptometry.com.au/events.

Rule of the Month

17.1d Relief for Ball in Penalty Area

If a player's ball is in a penalty area, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area even though not found, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:

(1) Stroke-and-Distance Relief. The player may play the original ball or another ball from where the previous stroke was made (see [Rule 14.6](#)).

(2) Back-on-the-Line Relief. The player may drop the original ball or another ball (see [Rule 14.3](#)) outside the penalty area, keeping the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area between the hole and the spot where the ball is dropped (with no limit as to how far back the ball may be dropped).

The spot on the line where the ball first touches the ground when dropped creates a relief area that is one club-length in any direction from that point, but with these limits:

- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area, and

Just for a laugh...

A young man with a few hours to spare one afternoon figures that if he hurries and plays very fast, he can get in nine holes before he has to head home. As he is about to tee off, an old gentleman shuffles onto the tee and asks if he can join him.

Although worried this will slow him up, the younger man says, "Of course." To his surprise, the old man plays quickly. He doesn't hit the ball very far, but it goes straight. Furthermore, the old man moves along without wasting any time.

When they reach the 9th fairway, the young man is facing a tough shot. A large pine tree sits in front of his ball, directly between it and the green. After several minutes of pondering how to hit the shot, the old man says, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With the challenge before him, the young man swings hard, hits the ball, watches it fly into the branches, rattle around, and land with a thud a foot from where it had started.

"Of course," says the old man, "when I was your age, that tree was only three feet tall."

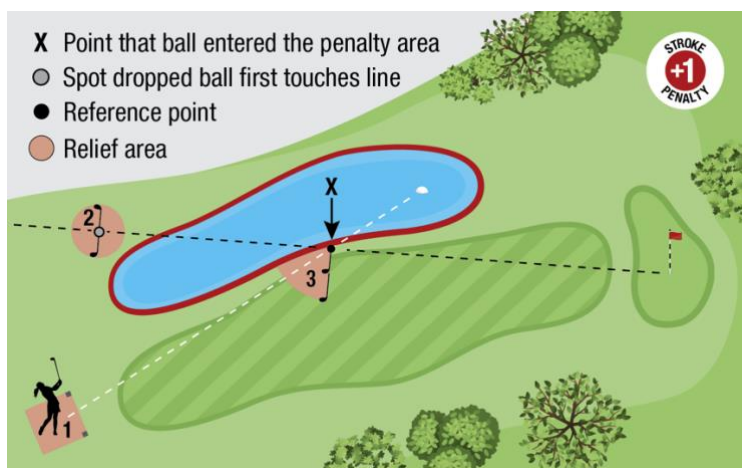


- May be in any area of the course except the same penalty area, but
- Must be in the same area of the course that the ball first touched when dropped.

(3) Lateral Relief (Only for Red Penalty Area). When the ball last crossed the edge of a red penalty area, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in this lateral relief area (see [Rule 14.3](#)):

- Reference Point: The estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: Two club-lengths, **but** with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - May be in any area of the course except the same penalty area, **but**
 - If more than one area of the course is located within two club-lengths of the reference point, the ball must come to rest in the relief area in the same area of the course that the ball first touched when dropped in the relief area.

DIAGRAM #2 17.1d: RELIEF FOR BALL IN RED PENALTY AREA



When it is known or virtually certain that a ball is in a red penalty area and the player wishes to take relief, the player has **three** options, each for one penalty stroke. The player may:

1. Take stroke-and-distance relief by playing a ball from a relief area based on where the previous stroke was made.
2. Take back-on-the-line relief by dropping a ball outside the penalty area, keeping point X between the hole and the spot where the ball is dropped.
3. Take lateral relief (red penalty area only). The reference point for taking relief is point X, and a ball must be dropped in and played from the two club-length relief area, which is no nearer the hole than point X.

Golf movies to watch



Amateur golfer Maurice Flitcroft achieves his late-in-life goal of participating in the British Open Golf Championship, much to the ire of the staid golfing community.



The film tells the true story of the San Felipe Mustangs, a group of Mexican-American youths located in Del Rio, Texas.

In the 1950s, the group set out to play golf at a white country club in town in order to have a high school team. Despite prejudice and obstacles, the Mustangs succeeded in becoming the 1957 Texas state champions.