

MEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

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Making Headlines

New members

We welcome our newest members, Gary Ashworth, Shane Kirkby, Richard Colwill, Aaron Turner, Andrew Perkins, Cameron Beaton, Sue Hancock, Jennifer Nobbs and Tony Nobbs. We also welcome back Grant Threadgold to the fold and Rosalie Bartley.

Farewell Peter

We bid a fond farewell to Peter Pedersen who recently departed our shores to take on a new venture overseas. We wish Peter all the very best.

South Coast Realty Pink (Charity) Day

For those still on the fence about entering SCR's Pink Day, now's the time to gather your team and submit your entries quickly— only 3 Teams spots left! It's fantastic to see so many members rallying and entering teams for this worthy cause. Entries will close on November 22nd.

Thursday Night – Member's Draw

Don't miss out on our Member's Draw, which has jackpotted to \$725 this Thursday (14 Nov)! For our newer members, the Member's Draw is held every Thursday night in the Bistro and is a fantastic way to join in, meet, and have a drink with fellow members. The draw takes place at 6:00 p.m., and you need to be there to win.

We also run a weekly meat tray and wine raffle, with all proceeds going to Childhood Cancer (Bradley's House). Thanks to the generosity of our members and guests, the raffle has raised \$12,439 so far this year.

Twilight

Two rounds into Twilight and we have had exceptional fields. Twilight will go ahead as planned next Friday night (15 Nov). For those playing, we need to ensure the course is in top condition for the Golf SA Mid Amateur Championships on the weekend. Let's all do our part by filling our divots, repairing pitch marks, and properly raking all bunkers. Remember to replace rakes in the bunker, not on the side slope.

Multi tees are now an option for Twilight with White, Gold, Red & Orange for men and Gold, Red and Orange for Ladies. If you are going to play off tees other than the Gold or Red, let Billy know when you register.

Phil Hoffmann Travel Member's Reward Program

Did you know that McCracken Golf Club is part of the Phil Hoffmann Travel Member's Reward Program? The Club earns 1% from any travel booked with Phil Hoffmann by our members. Just mention McCracken Golf Club when booking your next trip. Happy travels.



Upcoming Events

November 1

Twilight 9 Hole Stableford
(Front Nine)

November 2

Fleurieu Milk Club Championships
Semi Finals (Match Play)
Men's and Ladies Stableford

November 6

Stableford (Men)

November 7

Par (Ladies)

November 8

Twilight 9 Hole Stableford
(Back Nine)

November 9

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

November 10

Fleurieu Milk Club Championships
Finals (Match Play)

November 13

Hotel Crown Stableford (Men)

November 14

Stableford (Ladies)

November 15

Twilight 9 Hole Stableford
(Front Nine)

November 16/17

Sth Australian Mid-Amateur
Championships

PRESENTATION NIGHT (16th)

November 20

Par (Men)

November 21

Stableford (Ladies)

November 22

Twilight 9 Hole Stableford
(Back Nine)

November 23

Stableford (Men and Ladies)

November 27

See Optometry Stableford
(Men)

November 29

Southcoast Realty Pink Day

Ian Conolly Cup

The 2024 Ian Conolly Cup was held on Friday 8th November. Once again, the resort put on a fantastic day thanks to the generosity of sponsors and the efforts of Stuart Riddell and his staff.

It was great to see some members enter teams this year and it certainly paid off with the Bridgestone Team (Phil Smedley, Daniel Smedley, Matt Secombe and Neil Lister) taking out this year's Connolly Cup. Congratulations team.

Dave Mullen's team were also named the best dressed team, and they all looked very dapper, dressed in, you guessed it, Adidas apparel.

Speaking of which, Dave is our resident golf fashionista, who's always decked out head-to-toe in Adidas gear. Rain or shine, you can spot him a mile away. We're starting to think he might have a secret deal going with Adidas! Whether it's the latest polo, those sleek golf shoes, or even the cap, he has it all. Who knew golf could be such a runway sport?



Medals Galore

Eight of our members recently ventured to the Red Centre to participate in the Alice Springs Masters Games. The Alice Springs competition is the oldest and longest-running Masters Games event in Australia.



Judging by the medal tally, our members performed exceptionally well, bringing home a treasure trove of medals, and Lowy topped it off by winning a chook.



Places to Go

Entries are now open for the following events:

15th November

Wirrina Golf Club Ladies Open Day

30th November

2024 Lake Albert 3 Days Festive Golf (Men & Women)

Golf SA Events

10th November

South Australia Club Vardon (2024/25 Series – Robe)

16 – 17th November

South Australian Mid-Amateur Championships - McCracken GC

22nd November

SA - TeeMates – Par 3 Series (SA) at North Adelaide GC

25th November

South Australian Senior Order of Merit (2024/25 Series – Sth Lakes GC)

Melbourne Cup Day

We had a fantastic turnout for our Melbourne Cup 4BBB competition and lunch. Thankfully, the forecasted rain held off until after the field came in. There were some impressive golf scores, and it was wonderful to see a full house for lunch. The Cup Sweeps were a big hit, and the day was a great success thanks to Sue Cooper, Barb Couzens, and Karen Parsons. A big thank you also to the resort staff for their excellent work. Hope you backed a winner, and if you picked the Cup winner, you're a genius at those odds!

2024 McCracken Cup



Thanks to the combined efforts of our Match Committee, Volunteers, Pro Shop, Greens and Resort Staff, our 2024 McCracken Cup has been a resounding success.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to our incredible sponsors whose generous support helped to make our event a successful and memorable one.

David Mullen – Mullen Lawyers (Principal Sponsor)

McCracken Resort and Bridgestone (Hole in One Sponsors)

Bremerton Wines (NTP Sponsor)

Fleurieu Hampers (Longest Drive Sponsor)

Coopers & Wohlers (Raffle Donations)

The Overall Winner this year was Kobi Hutchinson (Strathalbyn). Kobi has opted to take a year's Membership as his prize, and we look forward to welcoming Kobi to our Club. The Best Female was won by our very own Judi Sampson.

This Month's Sponsors



Best Male was won by Kane Godwin (Willunga). Unfortunately, Kane was unable to make Presentations. We hope that his prizes were delivered safely into his hands by his Uncle Terry!

Congratulations and well done to all our winners.

Our raffle raised \$1,145 thanks to the generosity of our members and visitors.

The proceeds from our raffle will go a long way into helping us get to get our new Junior Program off the ground. Stay tuned for more details.

Thanks to our photographers, Paul Bradley and Jane Haddock who captured some great photos over the Cup weekend and to the Fleurieu Sun and The Times for their coverage of our event.

Committee/Resort Updates

From the Resort

New Chef

We welcome the Resort's new Head Chef, John Rochfort. John joined McCracken Resort on November 1st taking over the kitchen from Sam Winterhalder who has chosen to move on after 3 years of excellent leadership in the kitchen. John is thrilled about coming on board and looking forward to building on the relationships already established between the resort and golf club and looks forward to growing the F&B arm of the business.

Christmas Lunch

Take the fuss out of Christmas and have the Resort take care of your Christmas lunch.

Enjoy a delicious feast, festive decorations, and great company in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Whether you're with family or friends, it's a perfect way to celebrate the festive season without all the stress.

Reserve Your Table for Christmas Today!

Tickets: Adults \$150 each | Children \$49 (12 years and under)

Call 08 8551 0200 to book or email mccracken@discovery parks.com.au

From the General Committee

Saturday Meat Tray Raffle

Saturday nibbles and meat tray raffle is now in full swing, and we trust that members are enjoying this in the aspect it was intended; to build friendships and socialise after golf on Saturday. We would like to thank Stuart for agreeing to partner with the Golf Club in splitting the cost on this initiative.

The raffle is open to all members who participate in the Saturday Competition and who purchase a drink from the Bistro after their round.

Each member is limited to one free ticket, no matter how many drinks they buy. The raffle is drawn every Saturday at 4:30 p.m.



Junior Program

Together with Billy, we've been working on putting together an exciting new Junior Program. The program is set to commence in the new year. With the recent Junior membership specials and the launch of our Junior Program, we're hopeful of expanding our junior numbers. A few of our Committee members are already in the process of undertaking the Community Instructor's Course. If you are passionate about golf and can spare some time and would like to assist with our Junior Program, please speak to Dom, Gary or Karen to see how you can help out. Juniors are our Club's future.

From the Match Committee

Club Championships

All Club Championship events were finalised on Sunday in excellent weather and on a superbly conditioned course.

Congratulations to all our winners of the 2024 Club Matchplay Championships.

A Grade Winner and Club Champion - Pete Jelf (Pete defeated Simon Byrant 6/5)

B Grade Champion – Bob Simunsen – Bob defeated Stuart “Mickey” McPherson 2 up in a thrilling finish with the match finishing on the 20th Hole

C Grade Champion – Peter Ashforth (Peter defeated Mal Yeardeley 4/3)

Ladies Champions – Karen Parsons (Karen defeated Cynthia Golding 3/2)

Well done to everyone who competed in this year's championships.

A big thank you to all the members who came out to support and celebrate the finalists. Your presence made the event even more special.

Presentation Night

Thanks to Karen and her team, things are all go for our upcoming Presentation Night on Saturday 16th November. We look forward to congratulating and celebrating with all of our winners. Please be reminded to be there at 6:00 pm for seating at 6:30pm.

Course Matters

Members will be aware that a new Drop zone local rule has been introduced for Penalty area on LHS of 17th green.

If a ball is in the Penalty Area to the left-hand side of the 17th Green and Cart Path, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the Penalty Area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke.

- Take relief under Rule 17.1, or
- As an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone placed in the 17th fairway, defined by a round white circle and the letters DZ. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3
- The player does not need to stand in the dropping zone when dropping the ball



- The relief area is defined by the dropping zone and the ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the dropping zone (see Rule 14.3)

Penalty for Playing Ball from a wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a

Match Play – Loss of hole

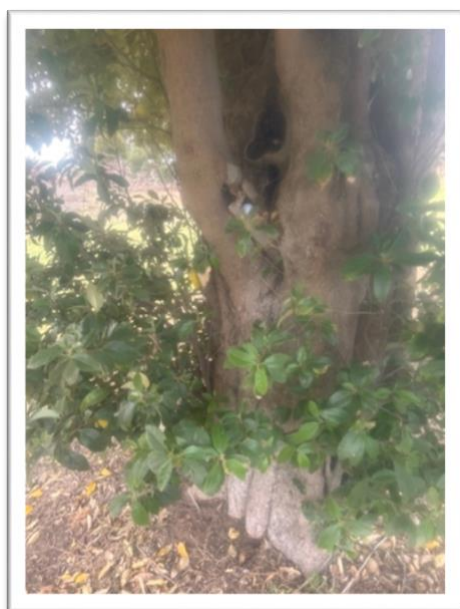
Stroke Play – 2 strokes

Ladies Thursday Tee Times

The ladies' booking sheet has now been extended to 10:00 a.m. This is on a trial basis.

Rule of the Month

What Should You Do If Your Ball Gets Stuck Up A Tree?



Photos courtesy of Tom Demmler – 9th Hole – Took a lot of skill to land a ball in that position. Well, done Tom

It's a rare but amusing sight when a golf ball decides to take up residence in a tree instead of returning to the fairway. Those little spheres can sometimes get lodged in the branches or foliage, hanging out high above the ground as if they've found a new home. It's one of those quirky moments in golf that adds a bit of unexpected humor to the game. So, what do you do in this situation?

If you have found a ball stuck in the tree but can't positively identify the ball you see as being yours, it will be deemed lost. You'll need to go back to where you last played from and take a penalty of stroke and distance (Rule 10.4.2).

if you can identify your ball and you are not tempted to play the ball as it lies, you can take relief under Rule 19.2 -Relief Options for Unplayable Ball in General Area or on Putting Green.

For a laugh

Arthur is 75 years old. He's played golf every day since his retirement 15 years ago.

One day he arrives home looking downcast. "That's it," he tells his wife. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has become so bad that once I hit the ball I couldn't see where it went."

His wife sympathises and makes him a cup of tea. As they sit down, she says, "Why don't you take my brother with you and give it one more try."

"That's no good," sighs Arthur, "your brother is 85. He can't help."

"He may be 85," says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect."

So, the next day Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law. He tees up, takes a mighty swing and squints down the fairway. He turns to the brother-in-law and says, "Did you see the ball?"

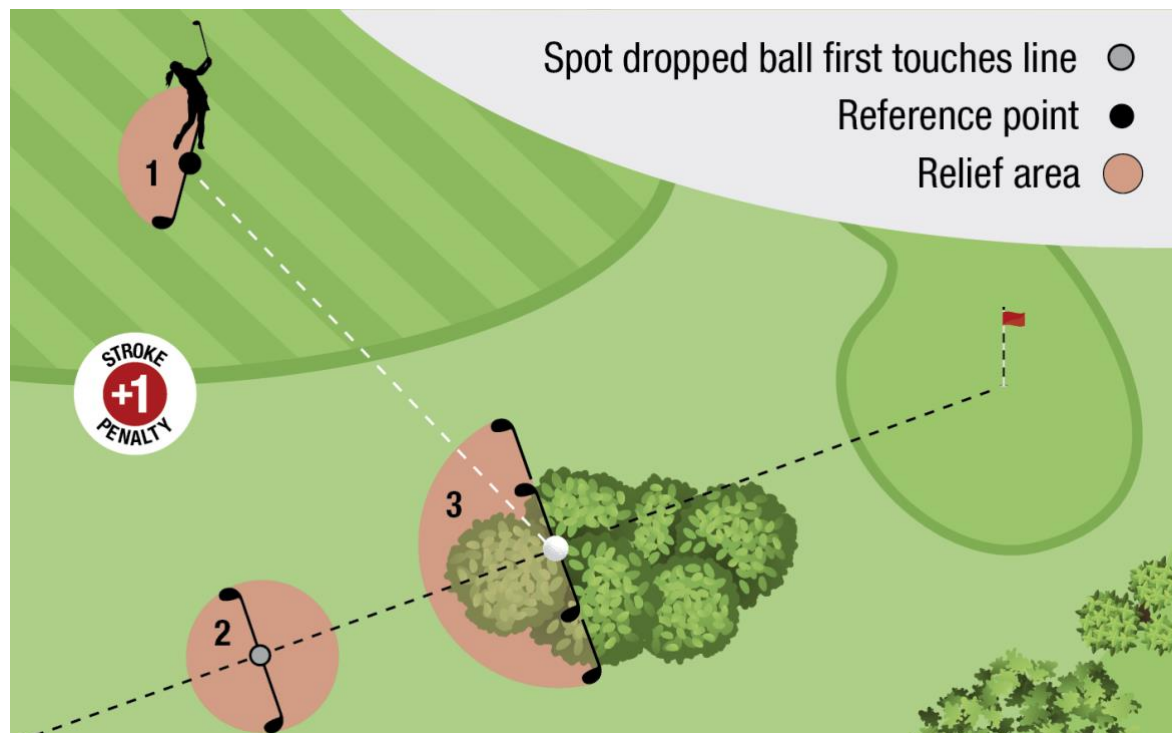
"Of course I did!" Answers the brother-in-law. "I have perfect eyesight."

"Where did it go?" Arthur asks.

"I don't remember."

The 3rd option of taking lateral relief involves dropping a ball within two club lengths of the spot where the original ball lay. However, doing this when your ball is 20ft off the ground is not so straightforward, so the Rules make an exception for this situation. When your ball lies above the ground, in a bush or a tree for example, you can take lateral relief by using the point on the ground directly below your ball as your reference point. You are then entitled to drop the ball within two club-lengths of that point, no closer to the hole (option 3 in the diagram above).

DIAGRAM 19.2: RELIEF OPTIONS FOR UNPLAYABLE BALL IN GENERAL AREA



A player decides that their ball in a bush is unplayable. The player has **three** options, in each case adding 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 behind the spot of the original ball, keeping the spot of the original ball between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped.
3. Take lateral relief. The reference point for taking relief is the spot of the original ball and a ball must be dropped in and played from the two club-length relief area, which is no nearer the hole than the reference point.