

MEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

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Making Headlines

New Members

We welcome our newest members, Matt Catford and Toby Medlin.

Reminders

Club Championships

With the Club Championships' first qualifying round fast approaching, it's a great time to remind everyone to submit their entries. The deadline is October 4th at 4:00 pm, and while it may seem like there's plenty of time, early entries help with planning and ensure a spot in the competition. So, let's get those entries in and look forward to an exciting event! Entry forms are available from the Pro Shop or can be downloaded from our website (See Latest News Section).

McCracken Cup

As with the Championships, our McCracken Cup is also fast approaching, and entries are coming in. The McCracken Cup is the premier event in our golfing calendar and it's heartening to see such enthusiasm from visitors eager to secure their place. Remember, while the deadline for entries is the 8th of October, early registration is greatly appreciated. It not only guarantees your spot but also aids the Match Committee in organizing a seamless event. So, if you're contemplating playing, now is the time to act and be part of the action. Don't let the chance to compete in the McCracken Cup slip by. There are some great prizes to be won including the chance to win a Yamaha Golf Cart valued at \$22,000 for being the first to score a Hole in One.

Wirrina – vs – McCracken Inter Club Challenge

The Wirrina Inter Club Challenge @ Wirrina is scheduled for Sunday 29th September and only a week away. With only 11 members currently signed up we are putting out a call to McCracken members to rally together, sign up, and increase participation. With more players, not only does the competition become more thrilling, but it also enhances the camaraderie among members. Let's make a strong showing and aim to secure the Shield for 2024, demonstrating the true strength and unity of our club. Sign- up sheet is located on the Notice Board in the Bistro. Please sign up by Tuesday 24th September.

Entry Fee: \$30 per player. Payable on the day at the Pro Shop. It's a Shotgun Start 8.30 for 9:00am Shotgun Start followed by lunch and Presentations. Limited number of carts available so book early. Contact Wirrina Pro Shop – phone 8598 2415 to book.

Nearest the Pins

Attention all members! Don't forget to swing by the Pro Shop to pick up your well-deserved Nearest the Pin prizes. It's a great way to celebrate your skillful shots. Plus, using your prize vouchers is a fantastic way to show appreciation for our sponsors who continually support our events. It's a win-win for everyone involved!



Upcoming Events

October 2

Stableford (Men)

October 3

Causeway Café Stableford (Ladies)

October 5

South Coast Realty
MM/Stroke/Mixed Stableford (Men/Ladies)
Fleurieu Milk – 1st Qualifying Round Club Championships

October 9

Roger Smith Stableford (Men)

October 10

Whalers Seaside Dining
Stableford (Ladies)

October 12

Mullens Lawyers McCracken Cup (Open Event)

October 13

Mullens Lawyers McCracken Cup (Open Event)

October 16

Grosvenor Stableford (Men)

October 17

Stableford (Ladies)

October 19th

Fleurieu Milk 2nd Qualifying Round
Club Championships – Stroke
Mixed Stableford

October 23

Victor Carpet Court Stableford (Men)

October 24

Intersport Stableford (Ladies)

October 26

Fleurieu Milk – Qtr Finals Club
Championships (Matchplay)
Stableford (Men/Ladies)

October 30

See Optometry Stableford (Men)

October 30

Munns Stableford (Ladies)

Committee/Resort Updates

From the Resort

We're thrilled to announce the well-deserved promotion of Stuart McPherson to Venue Manager.

In collaboration with the Golf Club, we're kicking off a Meat Tray Raffle every Saturday starting 21st September. Players in the Saturday competition, who purchase a drink post round will receive a complimentary raffle entry—no need to stick around for the draw, although we'd love for you to join us for some friendly post-game interaction and complimentary snacks.

Our bar has introduced Guinness on tap, joining our selection of beers and ciders, and it's quickly becoming a favorite among members.

While we navigate through supplier-induced CPI increases, there may be a need to review our prices. We assure you that any necessary price adjustments will be communicated promptly to ensure transparency with our members.

The Thursday pizza night is making way for an exciting new Curry Night, featuring a trio of delectable curries at just \$24.00. It's the perfect culinary twist to our weekly gatherings.

Stuart Riddell and Trish Walkley will be attending the upcoming anniversary celebrations at Bradley House. The Resort will be transferring a second donation totalling \$5,000 to Bradley's House. This generous contribution has been made possible by the kind-heartedness and generosity of our members and visitors.

As we welcome the Spring weather and leading up to our McCracken Cup, Club Championships and the SA Mid Amateur Championships, Chris Rushton and the greens team will be gearing up works on the golf course.

Lastly, we're in the midst of crafting an enticing new membership drive, aiming to replicate last year's success and welcome new faces to our community. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting initiative.

From the General Committee

Player's Personal Liability Insurance

Members are reminded that Golf Australia maintains a Player's Personal Liability Insurance Policy for all members of affiliated golf clubs.

Broadly this policy covers the legal liability of all members of affiliated golf clubs to pay compensation for personal injury or property damage which occurs while playing or practising golf or attending a golf event or venue as a player, guest or spectator.

For further information or to obtain a claim form, please contact Neil McLeod our Club Treasurer.

Junior Golf Programme

The General Committee is taking significant strides in putting together a new Junior Programme. The committee's plan is to involve local schools with a hope to have golf added to the curriculum.

This Month's Sponsors



Training members as Community Instructors is another approach being undertaken to create a sustainable model for the programme. These instructors will serve as mentors and guides for the juniors, helping them navigate both the technicalities of the sport.

Collaborating with Billy Minns, will add credibility and expertise to the programme and the introduction of a new trainee golf professional in January is another exciting development.

Club Website

It has been brought to the Committee's attention that that some members may not be aware of where and how to access certain information on our website.

The following provides an outline on the contents of the site.

Site: www.mccrackengolfclub.com.au

Home Page – Latest News

About

- > Our committee
- > Governance: Constitution, By Laws & Policies and Procedures
- > Our Sponsors

Golf

- > Membership
- > Competition Days
- > Events Calendar
- > Local Rules
- > Daily Handicap Lookup Charts for McCracken

Play and Stay

- Pro Shop and Golf Tuition
- Bookings, Green Fees, Cart & Equipment Hire
- Course Overview
- Accommodation

Club News

- Latest News
- News Archives

Member's Area (Password required to access this page – To obtain the password, please email the Club Secretary (secretary.mccrackengolfclub@gmail.com))

- Minutes – General Committee Meetings
- Minutes - Annual General Meeting

Member's Bookings – Links to MiClub Members Portal and Booking Sheets

Contact – Club contact details and online contact form

Based on member feedback, and with the proposed MiClub upgrade to Tier 1, the Committee will be looking to enhance our website. The site will be made more user-friendly with a focus to improve navigation and web content.

From the Match Committee

What's on in the Bistro

Mondays

\$19 Schnitzel Night



Tuesdays

\$24 Pasta and Wine Night



Wednesdays

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Kids eat FREE



Thursdays

\$24 Curry Night



6:00 p.m. Member's Draw

Fridays

\$25 Burger & Beer (Lunch)



McCracken Cup

Organisation of the McCracken Cup is tracking along well and we wish to thank those members who have volunteered to assist on the day. Volunteers will be notified of their duties in due course.

Club Championships

It's quite common for club events to have varying levels of participation, and it seems that once again this year's Ladies Championships will be a bit on the light side with only six ladies indicating their willingness to play. It was hoped that we would have two divisions however this was not to be and as a result there will now only be one division for the ladies with the match play finals to be played off the stick (non handicapped). While it may be disappointing to have fewer competitors, we are hopeful that we can make the most of the situation to ensure that the Ladies Championships remain a highlight of the club's calendar.

Course Issues

Match Committee has approached the resort to address the concerns of members about the irrigation issues on the 12th and 17th holes. The resort will undertake to have the necessary repairs completed and fill the open holes.

Proposed Drop Zone

A new drop zone will be introduced on the 17th Hole for the Penalty area surrounding the dam located on the left hand side of the 17th Green.

Using MiScore

Members should note that currently MiScore is not configured to allow for self scoring. This means that if you are using the MiScore App, the scores that you will be submitting at the end of the round are those of your playing partner. If your playing partner does not use the app you must obtain and provide them with a physical score card to mark your scores.

If a player pulls out mid round then the remaining player/s in the pair/group must cease using the MiScore App and commence scoring using a physical scorecard. Players using the App will need to transpose all of their scores onto a physical scorecard. Players then do a 2 or 3 way swap as normal depending on the group size. It is recommended that all players carry a spare scorecard in their golf bag for this purpose. The same will apply if someone's phone malfunctions whilst using the App.

To abandon an incomplete round in the MiScore App select Menu and scroll down to the Utilities section. Select "Restart App" > "Yes" > "Delete" scorecard when the App says unsubmitted scores detected.

The player who has pulled out must notify the Pro Shop prior to leaving the course.

New MiScore Feature: Pace of Play Notification

Members who use the Mi Score App will have noticed a new Pace of Play Notification that appears when you log into the App. The new feature notifies each golfer of their average round time and their ranking based on previous rounds for that day of the week. The purpose of this feature is to encourage awareness, better practises in regards to pace of play.

Rule of the Month

5.7a When Players May or Must Stop Play

Places to Go

Entries are now open for the following events:

27th September

South Coast Realty Pink Day @ Victor Harbor GC*.

29th September

Parndana Men's Open (Stroke)

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.

Golf SA Events

2nd October

SA - TeeMates - Spring (SA) at West Beach Parks GC

11th October

SA - South Australian Club Vardon (2024/25 Series - Murray Bridge)

11th October

SA - TeeMates - 9 hole Series (SA) at Aston Hills GC

12 – 13th October

SA - South Australian Country District Pennant

16 – 18th October

AUS - Australian Senior Amateur

26 – 27th October

SA - Webex All Abilities Players Series - Willunga GC (WR4GD)

During a round, a player must not stop play except in these cases:

- Suspension by Committee. All players must stop play if the Committee suspends play (see Rule 5.7b).
- Stopping Play by Agreement in Match Play. Players in a match may agree to stop play for any reason, except if doing so delays the competition. If they agree to stop play and then one player wants to resume play, the agreement has ended and the other player must resume play.
- Individual Player Stopping Play Because of Lightning. A player may stop play if they reasonably believe there is danger from lightning, but must report to the Committee as soon as possible.

Leaving the course is not, by itself, stopping play. A player's delay of play is covered by Rule 5.6a,, not by this Rule.

If a player stops play for any reason not allowed under this Rule or fails to report to the Committee when required to do so, **the player is disqualified**.

Clarification to Rule 5.7a

5.7a/1 When a Player Has Stopped Play

Stopping play in the context of Rule 5.7a can either be an intentional act by the player or it can be a delay long enough to constitute stopping. Temporary delays, whether reasonable or unreasonable, are covered by Rule 5.6a (Unreasonable Delay). Examples where the Committee is likely to disqualify a player under Rule 5.7a for stopping play include when:

- The player walks off the course in frustration with no intent to return.
- The player stops in the clubhouse after nine holes for an extended time to watch television or to have lunch when the Committee has not allowed for this.
- The player takes shelter from rain for a significant amount of time.