

MEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

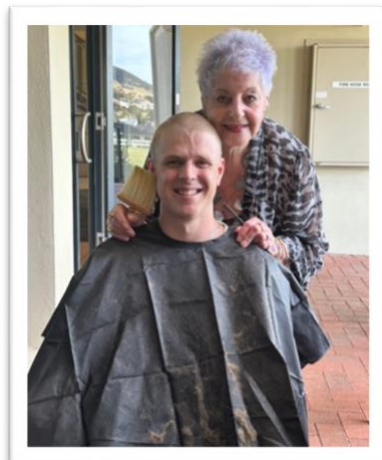
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Making Headlines

New members

We welcome our newest members Olivia Nobbs, Lawrence Bochow, Chris Gorman, Bob Haese, Raymond Devon, Scott Woodhead and Jayce Lewis.

All for a worthy cause



Members rallied around last Thursday evening to witness Trish Walkley (Hairdresser extraordinaire) give the big chop to Jesse Bates who bravely sacrificed his beautiful blond locks for a worthy cause. Jesse raised \$2,100 through his Go Fund Me Page for Childhood Cancer (Bradley's House) and an extra \$200 was donated on the night thanks to the generosity of members and visitors.



Upcoming Events

December 4

Whalers Seaside Dining – Men's Stableford

December 5

Ladies Stableford

December 6

Twilight 9 Hole Stableford (Front Nine)

December 7

MM/Stroke/Mixed Stableford (Men & Ladies)

December 11

Grosvenor Hotel – Men's Stableford

December 12

PJD Modified Pairs – Ladies Xmas Lunch

December 13

Twilight Xmas Stableford – 3 Clubs (Back Nine)

December 14

Munns Stableford (Men & Ladies)

December 15

Victor Harbor Ice – Ham & Turkey Day (Social Event)

December 18

Ambrose (Orange Tees) Shotgun 8:30am. Men's Xmas Breakup Lunch

December 19

Causeway Café - Ladies Par

December 21

Mullen Lawyers Stableford (Men's & Ladies)

December 24

Mixed Stableford

December 28

Exercise Physiology Stableford (Men and Ladies)

Life Memberships Awarded



We are delighted to announce that John Hartman and Jim Lonergan have been awarded Life Membership. We extend our congratulations to both John and Jim on receiving this honour and thank you both for your dedicated service and contribution to our club and members.

South Coast Realty Pink (Charity) Day

Fantastic news! We've got a full house for Southcoast Realty's Pink Charity Day. A whopping 32 teams have signed up, with 26 of those being our very own McCracken members. Thanks to everyone for supporting this event. We can't wait to see you all there and remember it's game on for the best-dressed team so bring your A-game and your best pink attire!

Just a reminder that there is no Twilight Competition on this day (29th November).

Phil Hoffmann Travel Victor Harbor Showcase

Phil Hoffman have extended an invitation to members to attend their exclusive Phil Hoffmann Travel Victor Harbor Showcase.

The showcase will be held on Sunday, November 30th at the Victor Harbor Convention Centre. Join PHT for an exciting day of insightful seminars, featuring industry-leading experts from the cruise, coach, and rail sectors, along with destination-focused presentations.

The event is free. If interested, you can register your attendance by visiting:

<https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/phil-hoffmann-travel-victor-harbor-showcase>

Southern Golf Group

For those who might not know, the Southern Golf Group (SGG) is a member organization of Golf SA. They work closely with Golf SA and act as the local representative body for golf in the southern region. As the largest district in South Australia, they represent 16 clubs throughout the southern Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula, and Kangaroo Island.

SGG's primary goal is to promote, encourage, and advance the game of golf in the southern region, catering to golfers of all ages and skill levels.

This Month's Sponsors



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At the Annual General Meeting of the Southern Golf Group held on Monday, 18th November, the following individuals were elected/re-elected to the Board:

- President: Steve Scholefield (McCracken GC)
- Secretary: Mel Phillips (Links Lady Bay GC)
- Treasurer: Heather Haselgrove (Victor Harbor GC)
- Women's Network Coordinator: Marg Young (McCracken GC)
- Board Member: Jamie Burt (Oakbank GC)
- Board Member: Craig Thomas (Willunga GC)

The positions of Match Committee Coordinator and Junior Coordinator remain vacant. If you're interested in filling a position, please email the SGG Secretary, Mel Phillips, at secretary@southerngolfgroup.com to find out more.

For more information about the Southern Golf Group, visit www.southerngolfgroup.com.

Committee/Resort Updates

From the Resort

Members Draw

Thursday 12th December will be the final Member's Draw for the year. The official handover of the "Big Cheque" for Childhood Cancer will take place after the Members Draw. Hope to see you there.

What's Cooking

Get ready to feast, folks! John, our new head chef, is rolling out a brand-new menu in the next two weeks. But wait, there's more! Starting Friday, 6th December, we're launching a Friday Night Twilight BBQ. John will be grilling up a gourmet BBQ, and for just \$25, you can grab a ticket from the bar and head to the beer garden to enjoy a choice of three meats and salads (coleslaws, potato/pasta salads).

This is a trial run, so let's show some love and make it a hit. It's great value and a great way to kick off the weekend!

Course Works

Just a heads up, on Monday 2nd December, Rushy and his team will be out lightly sanding greens in advance of the summer rush.

Golf Cart Levies

Invoices for Golf Cart Levies were issued on 4th November. This levy is payable by anyone who wishes to use their own personal motorised golf cart on the McCracken Country Club golf course.

Please note that if you only wish to use your cart sporadically, a casual fee of \$15 per round is available for McCracken Golf Club Members and must be paid at the Pro-Shop before teeing off.

The McCracken Resort continues to rely on the honesty of members to pay the appropriate fees, so if you use your own motorised golf cart on the course and haven't received an invoice, please contact the Resort's Administration Office or see Susan Mustaca (Tue/Wed/Thurs only).

Playing Golf in Hot Weather

Heatstroke, or "heat illness," is a serious condition that can affect golfers of all ages. Understanding how to prevent it is crucial for everyone on the course.

Heatstroke occurs when the body can't regulate its temperature due to high heat and humidity. Symptoms can escalate quickly and include confusion, seizures, elevated body temperature, excessive sweating or hot skin, vomiting, and nausea. If untreated, it can be life-threatening.

Preventive Steps:

Stay Hydrated - Drink plenty of water and sports drinks to replenish electrolytes.

Dress Appropriately - Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.

Seek Shade - Take breaks in shaded areas whenever possible.

Plan Your Tee Time - Play early to avoid peak heat.

Use a Golf Cart

Steps to treat players suffering from heatstroke

Call emergency services if symptoms are severe.

Try to move the player to a shaded area or bring an umbrella if they are unable to move

Use cold water to cool the player. If you are able, place wet towels in strategic areas like the groin, neck, head, and under the armpits and try circulating the air as much as possible by fanning.

If the player is conscious, give small sips of water. If the player is unconscious, place the player in the recovery position.

Do not leave the player; stay with them until they are well enough to move or help arrives.

Stay safe and enjoy your game!

From the General Committee

Committee Break

As we wind down the year, we wanted to let everyone know that both the General Committee and Match Committee are taking a well-deserved break. There will be no Committee or Match meetings in December, and we'll reconvene in the New Year.

This will be our last newsletter for the year, but don't worry, you can still catch up on the latest news by visiting our website.

Presentation Night

It was wonderful to see everyone come together to celebrate our members' achievements at the recent Presentation Night. Congratulations to all the award recipients. A special shoutout to Karen Parsons and her team for their fantastic job organizing the evening, and to Stuart Riddell and the McCracken Resort staff for their support. It was a great night for all who attended, even though we could have used a few lessons on operating the digital jukebox, hence, not much dancing happened. All voucher prizes have now been credited to Loyalty Rewards Accounts.

Visit the Latest News section of our website to view photos and download a list of our 2024 Award Winners.

[https://www.mccrackengolfclub.com.au/cms/category/latest-news/Latest News](https://www.mccrackengolfclub.com.au/cms/category/latest-news/Latest%20News)

From the Pro Shop

Pro Shop Weekly Competitions

Commencing Tuesday 3rd December, the Pro Shop will be conducting a weekly 18 Hole Mixed Stableford Competition on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. \$5.00 competition fee will apply. Please see Billy Minns for further details re bookings etc.

From the Match Sub Committee



Men's Christmas Breakup

The Men's annual Christmas breakup will be held on Wednesday, 18th December. The day's event will be Ambrose played off the Orange Tees. Book in as usual. Normal competition fees apply i.e. \$8:00. Lunch will follow golf and will be held in the Baudin Room, no charge, members only. Bookings essential. Sign-up sheet for lunch is located on the Notice Board in the Bistro. **Members must sign up for lunch by no later than 11th December.**

Mixed Stableford Competition

Who wants to brave the Christmas Eve chaos when you could be out on the golf course, enjoying a peaceful round instead? We've slotted in a Mixed Stableford Competition on Tuesday, 24th December. Come join us for a fun and festive round of golf and trade the shopping carts for golf carts and make the most of the holiday season!

New Year's Day Competition

Unless otherwise advised the Men's Competition a schedule for 1st January (New Years Day) will go ahead.

The day's event will be Stableford and not Par as noted in the Handbook

From the Social Sub Committee

Ham & Turkey Day

Who needs Santa when you've got a golf club full of holiday cheer? Join us for our Annual Christmas Ham & Turkey Golf Day on Sunday 15th December! Whether you're aiming for the ham or the turkey, it's all about having a jolly good time. Don your best holiday attire and let's make this a day to remember.

Event: 4BBB Stableford
Time: 08:30am Shotgun Start
Cost: \$25 per head (Members & Guests) – Cash only
Prizes: Best Male Pair, Best Female Pair and Best Mixed Pair
Register: Register and pay by no later than 9th December.

Some great prizes to be won. We will also be conducting a raffle so bring along some spare change.

Registration forms available in Pro Shop or download the Registration form from the Home Page of our website:
www.mccrackengolfclub.com.au



From the Sponsorship Sub Committee

Just a quick note about the awesome benefits sponsorship brings to our golf club:

1. **Financial Support:** Sponsorships provide much-needed financial backing, helping cover the costs of managing our club and hosting events.
2. **Enhanced Events:** With sponsorship, we can host more prestigious events, offering better prizes and bringing more people to our Club.
3. **Member Benefits:** Sponsorships help to keep costs down for our members and may also lead to exclusive deals and perks for club members, like sponsors discounts on goods and services or special events.

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Club Sponsor, whether through cash sponsorship, in-kind sponsorship, or just a donation, please get in touch with Marg Young or Kym Davies or email secretary.mccrackengolfclub.com.au.

Rules quiz

- Q1. Your ball comes to rest in a greenside bunker. In making the backswing for the stroke, you touch a leaf in the bunker with your club. What is the ruling?
- A There is no penalty.
 - B You get one penalty stroke
 - C You get the general penalty.
- Q2. In stroke play, when playing out of a bad lie, a player accidentally hits the ball a second time on their follow through. What is the ruling?
- A The double hit counts as only one stroke and there is no penalty.
 - B The double hit counts as two strokes but there is no additional penalty.
 - C The double hit counts as one stroke but the player gets an additional one penalty stroke.

- Q3. A player plays their second shot, searches for the ball briefly and then announces they will go back and play a provisional ball. They drop and play the provisional from where they played their previous stroke. The player then continues searching for the original ball and finds it within three minutes of when she first started searching for it. What is the ruling?
- A The player must continue with the original ball.
 - B The player must continue with the provisional ball.
 - C The player may choose whether to continue with the original ball or the provisional ball.
- Q4 Temporary water includes puddles caused by rain on a putting green.
- A True
 - B False
- Q5 A player makes a practice swing and accidentally moves their ball on the fairway with the club. What is the ruling?
- A There is no penalty, but the player must replace the ball.
 - B The player gets one penalty stroke and must replace the ball.
 - C There is no penalty, but the practice swing counts as a stroke and the ball must be played as it lies.
- Q6 In stroke play, player A asks player B what the distance is to the centre of the green and if there is a bunker behind the green. Player B answers both questions. What is the penalty?
- A Both players get two penalty strokes.
 - B There is no penalty.
 - C Player A gets two penalty strokes.

Prize to the first member who emails and answers all questions correctly. Send email entries to:
secretary.mcrackengolfclub@gmail.com