

MEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

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Making Headlines

Welcome to 2025 at McCracken

Welcome to the first of our newsletters for 2025. We hope you all had an enjoyable time over Christmas and New Year.

New Members

We welcome our newest members; Jamie Evans, Ryder Basham, Alex Mansfield, Colby Mansfield, Thomas Burton, Marie O'Dea, Libby Michael, Owen Ashworth, Michael Engleson, Julie Hollams and John Rochfort.

Important - MiClub Upgrade

Members, please note that as part of an upgrade to our Booking System, MiClub will be performing back-end work on Tuesday, February 4th. This will result in a temporary loss of access to the booking system and MiScore App for a few hours during the changeover. Once the system is back online, all members will need to access the Members Portal via a new URL, which will be emailed to all members shortly. Please ensure you check your emails for this notification. Details will also be made available on our website.

Quiz Trivia Night

We're excited to announce the launch of a Trivia Quiz Night, kicking off on Monday, February 3rd, at 7 PM. It's time to gather your friends, test your knowledge, and enjoy a fun-filled evening at the club.

Here's how it works:

Date & Time: Monday, starting February 4th, at 7 PM

Teams: Form a team of six and get ready to compete.

Bookings: Contact the Bistro to book your spot

Venue: Either in the Bistro or Beer Garden depending on the weather

Prizes: Exciting prizes await the top teams each week. There will also be an overall prize awarded at the end of the Season.



Upcoming Events

February 1

South Coast Realty Monthly Medal, Stroke, Mixed Stableford (Men & Ladies)

February 3

Pro Shop Mixed Stableford Rnd 1

February 4

Pro Shop Mixed Stableford Rnd 2

February 5

Ninos – Men's Stableford

February 6

Ladies Pink Ball Charity Day

February 7

Twilight 9 Hole Stableford (Front)
Pro Shop Mixed Stableford Rnd 3

February 8

Victor Harbor Ice – Stableford (Men & Ladies)

February 10

Pro Shop Mixed Stableford Rnd 1

February 11

Pro Shop Mixed Stableford Rnd 2

February 12

Mullen Lawyers – Men's Stroke

February 13

Ladies Stableford

February 14

Twilight 9 Hole Stableford (Back)
Pro Shop Mixed Stableford Rnd 3

February 15

Exercise Physiology – Par (Men & Ladies)

February 16

4BBB Championships

February 17

Pro Shop Mixed Stableford Rnd 1

February 18

Pro Shop Mixed Stableford Rnd 2

February 19

Intersport – Men's Stableford

February 20

Causeway Café – Ladies Par

February 21

Twilight 9 Hole Stableford (Front)
Pro Shop Mixed Stableford Rnd 3

February 22

Grosvenor Stableford (Men & Ladies)

February 24

Pro Shop Mixed Stableford Rnd 1

February 25

Pro Shop Mixed Stableford Rnd 2

February 26

Hotel Crown – Men's Stableford

February 27

Ladies - Stableford Par

February 28

Twilight 9 Hole Stableford (Front)
Pro Shop Mixed Stableford Rnd 3

Bonus: Take advantage of Schnitty Night and enjoy a delicious meal before the trivia starts.

Bring your A-game and join us for an evening of laughter, competition, and community spirit. Whether you're a trivia enthusiast or just looking for a fun night out, our Trivia Night is the perfect way to start your week. A little birdy has also mentioned that there will be a prize awarded on the first night for the best-named team.

Committee/Resort Updates

From the Resort

Membership Subscriptions

Members should have received notification of their Membership Renewal for 2025. Memberships must be paid by no later than 28th February. A completed renewal form must accompany your payment. Renewal forms can be downloaded from the Resort's Website: <https://www.mccrackencountryclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/McCracken-Membership-Renewal-2025.pdf>

With the 1st of March falling on a Saturday, all members must be paid up and financial to be eligible to play in the competition.

Golf Cart Levies

It is disappointing to hear that there are still a few members who have not yet paid their cart levy.

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).

Checks will be carried out so don't get caught out.

From the Pro Shop

Email message from the Pro Shop

"Range balls must be purchased at the pro shop and are only to be hit on the range and only hit once.

Under no circumstances are range balls to be collected by members for further use. (Staff only to collect).

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It has been reported by members, that several members are collecting, reusing or collect balls off the range to hit before playing or after closing time. I know who you are now.

The pro shop has range members and honest paying members and the members that are blatantly breaking the rules will be barred from using the practice area.

Once buckets have been used, please return them straight to the pro shop and not take them on course as when we are busy, we can run out of buckets.

The range has a closing time of 4pm as all of the balls are cleared nightly by staff.

Over 1200 balls have gone missing in the last 6 weeks and leaving them out is not sustainable.

Again, sorry to the honest people.

A big welcome to Juno who has started in the pro shop and is fitting in extremely well. Juno is doing his 3-year apprenticeship through the Australia PGA and will be a great asset with his keenness and knowledge of the game.

*Billy Minns
Golf Professional
McCracken Pro Shop"*

From the General Committee

Exciting news for our Junior Members

Starting from 7th February, our Pro Shop will be hosting Junior Clinic Sessions every Friday for 6 weeks! These hour-long sessions, running from 4pm to 5pm, are designed to help our young members hone their skills, learn new techniques, and have a blast on the course.

Details:

- Duration: 6 weeks, commencing 7th February
- Time: 4pm to 5pm
- Group Size: Maximum 10 participants
- Cost: \$15 per junior
- Equipment: All equipment provided (bring along a hat, sunscreen, and drink bottle)

Sessions will be run by Juno, our PGA Associate, and will include lessons on Full Swing, Chipping, and Putting.

Places to Go

9th February

Lake Albert Mixed
Ambrose

17th February

South Lakes Ladies Open
Day

19th February

Victor Harbor Ladies Open
Day

24th February

Echunga Ladies Open
Day

Golf SA Events

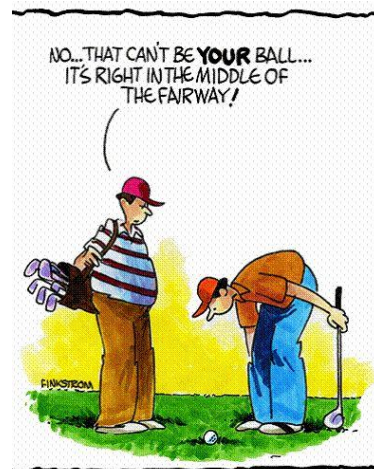
22nd February

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

Winner of the Rules Quiz

Congratulations to Teresa McGuirk who won the Rules Quiz in our last Newsletter. Your Prize is on its way.

Teresa was our only entrant!



The final session will be a practice round on the course.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity for your child or grandchild to grow in the sport and make new friends along the way. Bookings are essential. Please contact the Pro Shop to book.

Course Ambassadors

The General Committee is considering a proposal to appoint Course Ambassadors from our membership. These ambassadors would ideally be members who are available and eager to assist new members, guests, and visitors to ensure they have an enjoyable experience at McCracken. This role could involve playing a round of golf with them, offering tips on navigating the course, and generally helping new members feel welcome and integrated into the Club.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from members who would be willing to volunteer and take on this role. If interested, please email secretary.mccrackengolfclub@gmail.com.

Trespassing on private property

The Club has been notified by the McCracken Residents Association that certain club members and members of the public have been trespassing on private property to gain access to the Golf Course. All members are required to enter and exit the course via designated entry and exit points only. Under no circumstances should members trespass on private property to access the course.

From the Match Committee

Men's Pennant

The draw for the 2025 Men's Pennant Season has now been posted on the Bistro noticeboard, accompanied by a sign-up sheet. The Pennant Season will run from 4th May to 15th June, with the finals scheduled for 22nd June.

McCracken aims to enter a team in each of the following divisions: A1, B1, and C1. If you are interested in participating in pennant this year, please add your name to the sign-up sheet.

Picking up golf balls on the golf course

Please note that unless it is your own ball or you are in the process of trying to identify a ball, players must not pick up or collect balls found on the course. Rule 7.3 applies if lifting a ball to identify it. There have been incidents where players have picked up balls thinking they were stray, when in fact they were someone else's ball in play. If it is not your ball then please leave it be.

From the Social Committee

We would love to hear from members about their suggestions for social events beyond golf. Please send your ideas to secretary.mccrackengolfclub@gmail.com.