



GOLF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

August 2018

From the Course

Cart path repairs and associated project works

- Pot hole repairs on our cart paths and stage 1 of cart path rehabilitation on the 11th hole are now completion.

Greens

- Most of our greens remain in good health due to careful management of mowing and fungicidal spraying cycles over the dormant winter period when our greens are most vulnerable to disease.
- Tree root pruning adjacent to the 1st and 10th greens has been required as a shorter term remedial measure to reduce competition for water from trees surrounding those greens.
- Greens superintendent Shane Heaney is developing a shade reduction proposal for the 1st and 10th greens for consideration by the Board, and if approved, for discussion with Council.

Water quality

- Weed infestation in the first lake and tributary channels remains a major problem. Water testing and investigation of biological controls are ongoing, and every effort is being made to ensure that Council is involved in the long term strategy development process, given that most of the aquatic weed problems for the Club stem from the run-off from Waterlily Park during heavy rain events.

Fairway bunkers on the 13th hole

- The two fairway bunkers on the 13th fairway are to be amalgamated and reduced modestly in size. The result will be a small increase in fairway landing area and a reduction in bunker maintenance time for green staff.

Golf Operations

Ocean Shores pro/am

- The Ocean Shores pro/am will be held on Tuesday 28 August and members are encouraged to participate.

New local rule on the 2nd hole

- As foreshadowed in the July newsletter, a new local rule is being introduced on the 2nd hole to allow a provisional ball to be played if there is doubt whether a ball has cleared the hazard on the right side of the fairway. The rule will be operational once explanatory signage has been delivered and posted at the 2nd tee.

Changes to the rules of golf from 1 January 2019

- The Club has been briefed by Golf NSW and has received explanatory materials on the changes to the Rules of Golf which are due to be introduced on 1 January 2019. The GMC is aiming to schedule for members a briefing session on the changes later in the year as part of a broader communication strategy on the rule changes.