



## **GOLF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

**September 2018**

### **From the Course**

#### **Cart path repairs and associated project works**

- Pot hole repairs on our cart paths are largely in hand and major cart path rehabilitation works on the 11th and 15th holes have now been completed.
- The gravel exit point for carts near the 18th green is being replaced by broader turf exit points, now that the cart path borders have been removed near the 18th green. This should spread the wear and tear from carts exiting the 18th fairway and avoid gravel mixing with fairway grass and impacting on fairway mower blades.

#### **Greens**

- Greens staff have done an excellent job preparing and maintaining our greens through the winter period, to get them in top condition for the September club championships period. Congratulations to Shane and his staff.
- As foreshadowed in an earlier newsletter, following the championships period, and as the Spring growth period kicks in, greens staff will begin trialling zoysia as a transition grass between a number of greens and fairways where encroachment of green couch and kikuyu into certain greens has become quite a problem.

#### **Fairways**

- During the Spring growing season, greens staff will be taking the opportunity to complete the conversion of the 16th fairway from blue couch to the slower growing wintergreen couch. At the same time, the fairway bunker some 80 metres from the 16th green will be replaced by couch mounding. This project is likely to commence in the first week of October. It will mean that for about 4 weeks, the 16th hole will be played as a par 3 from a temporary tee, until the growth in the wintergreen couch is sufficiently advanced to allow the hole to revert to a par 4, with a further few weeks of tee up play in the remediated section of the fairway.
- From early October, greens staff are also planning to replace the paspalum and blue couch in the first 70 metres or so of the 5th fairway with wintergreen couch. To minimise disruption to play and afford short hitters every opportunity to clear the GUR that will cover the work area, it is expected that play from the 5th tee will be from yellow (social play discs) for a period of approximately 4 weeks.

#### **Aquatic weed control**

- Aquatic weed harvester work has been successfully undertaken during August, resulting in the removal of more than 80% of the Salvinia and Hydrilla weed which was infesting the lake beside the 1st hole and certain tributary waterways. Follow up applications of appropriate registered chemicals have been used, with the aim of complete eradication of these weeds before water temperatures increase and provide potential opportunities for remnant infestations to multiply.

#### **New local rule on the 2nd hole**

- A new local rule on the 2nd hole is now signed and operational. In brief, the new local rule allows a provisional ball to be played under any of the applicable options in rule 26-1, if there is doubt as to whether a ball has cleared the hazard on the right side of the fairway.