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BY-LAWS

The following By-Laws have been made by the Board under the powers conferred by Rule 32 of The Constitution of the Club and are subject to amendment when deemed necessary by the Board.

CLUBHOUSE BY-LAWS

C.1. CHILDREN IN THE CLUBHOUSE:

- a. Children under 12 years of age **must** be in the company of a parent or adult carer at **all** times. They **must** remain within the designated areas in the clubhouse. They are not permitted to wander unattended through the Club or in the areas surrounding the clubhouse. Children are permitted in the designated Restaurant area if having a meal, and the Foyer when entering or leaving the club. Designated areas are displayed in the Foyer of the Club.
- b. Children 12 to 17 years of age including Junior Members **must** remain within the designated areas in the clubhouse. They are permitted in the designated Restaurant area if having a meal, and the Foyer when entering or leaving the club. Designated areas are displayed in the Foyer of the Club.
- c. A Junior Member may only enter the area adjacent to the booking-in area, where the booking-in computers are located, for the purpose of booking in or recording their score. They **must** leave the area immediately after they have completed either of these processes at the computer.
- d. The border of the designated booking in and gaming area is defined by the line of the columns between the bar and the single exit door to the front foyer and the northern wall of the Club parallel with Jubilee Avenue. Anyone under 18 years of age is **not** allowed in this defined area.
- e. A Junior Member who is playing in a golf competition, or has completed their competition and waiting on the competition presentation in which they played, may remain in the non- designated area of the clubhouse until such presentation is completed. Thereafter, or any other time they **must** be in the company of a parent or nominated carer over the age of 18 years, whilst in the clubhouse and outdoor licensed area. Club Management is entitled to know who the nominated carer is.
- f. **Exceptions:** When invited to special functions approved by the Directors of the Club. However, there are **no exceptions** to the Registered Clubs Act and the Licensing Regulations.

C.2. CLUBHOUSE REGULATIONS:

- a. Personal property, if left in the Clubhouse or Locker Rooms, is done so at the owner's risk.
- b. Member's and visitor's golf buggies **must not** be wheeled into the Clubhouse, left in the Foyer or Locker room.

- c. Member's and visitor's golf clubs are not to be left in the Foyer or Main Clubhouse areas.
- d. Golf clubs and buggies must not be left in the clubhouse, unless they are in a locker paid for by a Member as part of their subscriptions.
- e. Buggies, other golfing equipment and personal belongings are strictly forbidden on top of lockers and will be removed by Management following best endeavours to locate the Member.
- f. Members and visitors are requested to treat the Club's property with respect and any damages incurred by Member's negligence may have to be paid for.
- g. Club Restaurant and Bar trading hours are prominently displayed in the Clubhouse and on the website.
- h. Members are not permitted in the Kitchen or behind the Bar.
- i. Members are not permitted in the offices unless invited in by a Director or Management staff.
- j. No canvassing for donations, raffles or subscriptions is allowed in or about the Club premises (premises being the area inside the boundary fences) unless prior written permission is obtained from the Board of Directors.
- k. All representations to businesses for donations, sponsorship, advertising etc can be carried out by any Director. Such Director will notify the Board of Directors via email or report at the next Board or Match & Course meeting. The Senior Manager and the Club's Marketing/Advertising Manager are to be forwarded copies of all correspondence representing BPGC in this area of Club business. When appropriate, the Senior Manager will sign off on outwards correspondence.
- l. Unlicensed betting is not permitted on Club premises.
- m. Members and visitors are reminded that rules relating to gaming machines are displayed in the gaming machine area according to the regulations of Liquor and Gaming NSW
- n. Signs or posters in and around the club are not to be defaced, removed or damaged by members or visitors.

C.3. COMPLAINTS:

All complaints shall be referred to the Senior Manager, or in the Senior Manager's absence to the Senior Employee of the Club on duty, who may require the complaint to be recorded in the Club's Incident Book, located at the bar. In no instance shall any Member directly reprimand an employee of the Club.

C.4. DRESS & GENERAL APPEARANCE:

Members and visitors should always be neatly attired. Clothing and footwear must be clean and tidy on the course and in the clubhouse. The Dress Regulations are on display in the foyer of the Club and in the Professional's shop.

- a. Members and visitors whose clothes or general appearance is considered to be non-compliant, untidy or offensive will be refused admittance to the Club or requested to leave. The enforcement of this rule is at the discretion of the Senior Manager, Senior Employee and the Board of Directors.
- b. Notwithstanding, these dress and appearance regulations, Management and the Board reserve the right to refuse entry to the Club premises of any person.

C.5. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS:

Members, Visitors and Junior Members are reminded that persons under the age of 18 years must obey the Rules of the Club in regard to the regulations of Liquor and Gaming NSW. Junior Members should refer to By-Law C1

C.6. OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN AREA:

This is a licensed area. Visitors and guests must be signed into the club to drink alcohol in this area. Rule C1 of the By-Laws applies to Children in this area.

C.7. AUTHORISED PARKING SPACES:

- a. The Reserved Authorised Parking in Ferry Avenue alongside the Pro Shop is identified by sign posts. The Board of Directors and Life Members **ONLY** are permitted to park in this area.
- b. The 30 minute Parking Zone in front of the main entrance to the Club is for the use of private vehicles, taxis and buses, dropping off or picking up patrons. The area is also for the use of Board of Directors visiting the Club on business, trade contractors and delivery of goods to the office from time to time during Club trading hours. The use of this Parking Zone by Members and visitors for general parking for periods over the designated time limit of 30 minutes is an offence and continual abuse of this parking zone will cause notification of repeat offending vehicle's registration forwarded to Georges River Council rangers.
- c. Parking in the Club's Loading Dock by Members during Club trading hours is not permitted. Course Staff and Director's vehicles are exempt from time to time during Club business and visiting the Club.

C.8. SMOKING POLICY:

Smoking is not allowed anywhere inside the clubhouse, in accordance with NSW Government regulations. A designated smoking area has been erected adjacent to the rear entrance main doors. Smoking is not permitted:-

- a. Within 4 metres of the outdoor beer garden area
- b. Within 4 metres of the rear entrances to the Clubhouse
- c. Along the pathway between both rear entrances to the Clubhouse

- d. Within 4 metres of the Front entrance area of the Clubhouse
- e. Within 4 metres of any pedestrian entry or exit point of the Clubhouse
- f. Within 4 metres of any designated Outdoor Dining Area

C.9 VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Members introducing a visitor to the Club must:-

- a. Sign the visitor into the Club, in the visitors' book on arrival at the front or rear entrance door to the restaurant.
- b. Be responsible for the conduct of such visitor.
- c. Stay in reasonable company of that visitor.
- d. The visitor must leave when the member leaves, or be signed in by another member.

C.10 CONSUMPTION OF FOOD/BEVERAGES:

Only food and beverages purchased from authorised BPGC outlets can be consumed in the internal areas of the clubhouse, the pathways surrounding the clubhouse and the outdoor beer garden area.

GENERAL BY-LAWS

G.1. ANNUAL CATEGORY SELECTION PROCEDURE:

Each year when Annual Subscriptions are due, the following procedure will take place;

- a. Members will be issued renewal invoices for their current membership category. However they may transfer to another category annually, when such subscriptions are due. Category transfers will be allowed subject to limits set by the Board of Directors. If necessary, changes will be carried out in order, based upon length of membership.
- b. The Board reserves the right to allow changes at any time during the year, on written applications, stating special reasons.

G.2. ENTRANCE FEES:

The entrance fee for new Members is determined by the Board of Directors.

G.3. INTERMEDIATE MEMBERSHIP

A person who has attained the age of 18 years, but not 25 years of age or by written proof is a full time student and who is elected by the Board of Directors entitling such Members to book in at any time and play in organised competitions on any day. Such Member, after attaining the age of 25 years must apply to the Board of Directors to be transferred to another appropriate category of Membership of the Club, entitling such Member to book in at any time and play in organised competitions on any day. The Annual Membership Fee will be as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time plus one hundred percent (100%) of all other fees and be afforded the same rights as the current "FULL PLAYING SILVER" membership category

G.4. LIFE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA:

The Constitution states that “Life Members are Members who have rendered outstanding service to the Club and are elected by Resolution, by seventy five percent (75%) majority of members voting”.

This is a very broad and subjective criterion. The following criteria is for the guidance of nominators and also for the Board of Directors who must decide whether a Life Membership nomination meets the requirements of the criteria before putting it to the Membership to vote upon.

- A. The basic criteria for eligibility for Life Membership are;
 - I. A minimum of 15 years continuous membership of the Club in a golfing category, including a minimum of 5 years aggregate service as a Director and/or as an Office Bearer on the Women’s Golf Sub-Committee.
 - Or**
 - II. A minimum of 35 years continuous golfing membership
- B. A Life Member nominee must have displayed outstanding achievement in one or more of the following areas:-
 - Directorship of the Club and/or;
 - Charitable works for the Club and/or;
 - Golfing representation for the Club (details to be provided) and/or;
 - Voluntary works for the Club other than as an office bearer
- C. Life Member nominees:-
 - I. Will have been respectful of all classes of Members of the Club when serving, or as a representative of the Club whilst a Member.
 - II. Who have been Directors of the Club and have kept the confidentiality of important Board matters during and after their time serving on the Board.
 - III. Will have brought credit to the Club when serving or representing the Club whilst a Member.

G.5. NON PLAYING COMPETITION MEMBER:

A person who has attained the age of 18 years and who upon application and approved by the Board of Directors has been transferred from a Playing Member category to a Non Playing Competition Member, entitling such Member to remain a Non Playing Competition Member for a limited period, as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time and maintaining that Member’s continuity of Membership of the Club, whilst not having any playing, voting rights, or any rights to stand for election to the Board for the period of Non Playing Competition Membership.

G.6. PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Membership Fees can be paid:-

- a. In full by Cash, Cheque, Credit Card and Debit Card
- b. By instalments via an approved method determined by The Board of Directors and there may be an appropriate administrative charge applied.

If a member's Cheque, Credit Card or Debit Payment is dishonoured, a dishonour fee (as determined by the Board of Directors) will be charged to cover bank fees and the member will be deemed to be un-financial until all outstanding fees are paid in full.

G.7. PLAYING RIGHTS:

The playing rights for the following membership categories are;

Monday to Sunday

- a. Playing Member: Gold, Silver or Bronze
- b. 5 Year Playing Member: Gold, Silver or Bronze
- c. Senior Playing Member
- d. Intermediate Member
- e. Pathways Member
- f. Life Member
- g. Junior Playing Member
- h. Country Member
- i. Corporate Member
- j. Provisional Member
- k. Honorary Member
- l. Overseas Member
- m. Temporary Member

None

- n. Social Member

G.8. RETURNING OFFICER:

The Returning Officer's duties are outlined in Rule 30 on Page 22 of the Club's Constitution

G.9. VOTING AT GENERAL ELECTIONS:

Voting procedures Refer to Rule 30 on Page 22 of the Club's Constitution.

- a. Notwithstanding the content of rule 30.C of the Constitution, the counting of votes will be based on Approval Voting (First Past the Post).

G. 10. ILL-HEALTH/WELFARE ASSISTANCE.

A membership subscription credit may be extended to a playing Member who is:-

- a. Incapacitated for a minimum period of 3 months that directly impacts upon the playing Member's ability to play golf and who, with appropriate supporting medical documentation, makes a claim, and receives Board of Directors approval.

- b.** The Credit is valid only in the next subscription period and only if the Member renews at the same equivalent level, or higher, held at the time immediately prior to the Member being incapacitated.

MATCH & COURSE BY-LAWS

M.1. BOOKING IN

M.1. A *MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS PERMITTED TO BE BOOKED IN AT ANYTIME*

Members who are booking in at any time, are only permitted to book in themselves PLUS a maximum of three (3) other players. Contravention to this By-Law M.1 under Booking In will cause proceedings to be carried out against the offending member to initially appear before the Match and Course Committee. A second offence will find the offending member being cited to appear at a judiciary meeting under Rule 25 of the Club's Constitution before the Board of Directors to explain why their booking in privilege's should not be revoked for a period of time determined by the Board of Directors.

M.1. B *Booking in for Saturday Competitions*

Members can book in via the;

- Booking-in computers in the Clubhouse from Friday 6.30pm (8 days ahead)
- Online timesheets on the Club's website from Saturday 12 Middy (7 days ahead) - Pro Shop staff in the Pro Shop, but not before 1pm on Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday

Visitors can book in via the;

- Booking-in computers in the Clubhouse from Saturday 8pm (7 days ahead)
- Online timesheets on the Club's website from Saturday 8pm (7 days ahead)
- Pro Shop staff in the Pro Shop, but not on Saturday or before 1pm on Wednesday & Sunday
- During the months of May, June, July and August visitors are not eligible to book in to Weekend Club Competitions, until the Thursday morning preceding the weekend of intended play. Booking-in will be via the Pro Shop only with authorisation to play from the Pro Shop / Captain / Vice Captain.

M.1.B *Booking in for Sunday Competitions*

Members can book in via the;

- Booking-in computers in the Clubhouse from Friday 6.30pm (9 days ahead)
- Online timesheets on the Club's website from Saturday 12 Middy (8 days ahead)
- Pro Shop staff in the Pro Shop, but not before 1pm on Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday

Visitors can book in via the;

- Booking-in computers in the Clubhouse from Sunday 8pm (7 days ahead)
- Online timesheets on the Club's website from Sunday 8pm (7 days ahead)
- Pro Shop staff in the Pro Shop, but not on Sunday or before 1pm on Wednesday & Saturday

- During the months of May, June, July and August visitors are not eligible to book into Weekend Club Competitions until the Thursday morning preceding the weekend of intended play. Booking-in will be via the Pro Shop only with authorisation to play from the Pro Shop / Captain / Vice Captain.

M. 1.C Booking in for Tuesday Competitions

Members can book in via the;

- Booking in computers in the Clubhouse from Tuesday 6.30am (14 days ahead)
- Online timesheets on the Club's website from Tuesday 6.30pm (14 days ahead)
- Pro Shop staff in the Pro Shop, but not before 1pm on Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday

Visitors can book in via the;

- Booking-in computers in the Clubhouse from Tuesday 8pm (14 days ahead)
- Online timesheets on the Club's website from Tuesday 8pm (14 days ahead)
- Pro Shop staff in the Pro Shop, but not on Tuesday or before 1pm on Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday

M.1.D Booking in for Wednesday Competitions

Members can book in via the;

- Pro Shop staff in the Pro Shop from 12pm until 6.30pm Wednesday (7 days ahead) and not before 1pm on Saturday & Sunday.
- Booking-in computers in the Clubhouse from Wednesday 6.30pm (7 days ahead)
- Online timesheets on the Club's website from Wednesday 6.30pm (7 days ahead)

Visitors can book in via the;

- Booking-in computers in the Clubhouse from Wednesday 8pm (7 days ahead)
- Online timesheets on the Club's website from Wednesday 8pm (7 days ahead)
- Pro Shop staff in the Pro Shop, but not Wednesday or before 1pm on Saturday & Sunday

M.1.E Booking in for Thursday Competitions

Members can book in via the;

- Booking-in computers in the Clubhouse from Thursday 6.30am (14 days ahead)
- Online timesheets on the Club's website from Thursday 6.30pm (14 days ahead)
- Pro Shop staff in the Pro Shop, but not before 1pm on Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday

Visitors can book in via the;

- Booking-in computers in the Clubhouse from Thursday 6.30am (14 days ahead)
- Online timesheets on the Club's website from Thursday 6.30pm (14 days ahead)

- Pro Shop staff in the Pro Shop, but not before 1pm on Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday

Apart from cancelling or moving your own name, or booking in someone else in your group, no alterations shall be made to the booking-in sheets except by Pro Shop staff or a Match & Course Committee member, or if unavailable, any Director. Members are not permitted to use another member's card to book groups in.

M.2. CADET PROGRAM:

The Cadet Program is a Club scholarship based program in conjunction with JNJGF and MyGolf. Parents and/or guardians have a controlling influence over their children in this program.

All membership entrance fees are waived however an annual subscription and green fees, as determined by the Board of Directors are payable. Members in the Cadet Program are expected to give first priority to representing the Club and booking into competitions is at the discretion of the Professional and/or Junior Development Director.

M.3. CARTS/BIKES IN QUALIFIERS:

Approved Carts/Bikes can be used in all Championship, Major Events and Monthly Medal rounds unless otherwise directed by the Match & Course Committee.

M.4. CHAMPIONSHIP PLATES:

All Championship Events are to be played from the (blue/red) fixed plates unless otherwise designated by the Match & Course Committee.

M.5. COLLECTION OF TROPHIES & BALLS:

Trophies and golf balls must be collected within three months from the date of the competition. After this period they will be forfeited. The Professional may exchange current stock golf balls (in lots of 1 dozen) for other stock in his shop.

M.6. COMPETITIONS

For Men, Women and Mixed Events to constitute a competition a minimum number of 2 registered players is required. To be read in conjunction with By-Law M-12

M.7. COMPETITION CHANGES:

At any time, the Match & Course Committee has discretionary powers to change the competition to an Open or Invitation event, or some other type of event.

M.8. COMPETITION HANDICAPPING:

Original qualifying handicaps will be retained for the Monthly Medal play-off events and handicap events of more than one day's duration. At all other times, normal handicaps will apply.

M.9. COUNTRY MEMBERS:

Refer to Rule 11.1 h) in the Club's Constitution. Country Members can play 2 competition games per month. Should a Country Member request to increase the number of games per month, then they must choose a new category that provides for such increase, and pay the appropriate fees.

M.10. COURSE MARSHALL:

The Course Marshall can be a member of the Pro shop staff, the Senior Manager, a Director, Course Staff or a Member nominated by the Board of Directors. Course Marshalls have the power to speed up play by directing players to catch up to the group in front. If they do not do so within a reasonable time frame, the following may apply;

- a. In an event where the players would not be disqualified for doing so, direct players to pick up their balls and move immediately to the next tee.
- b. In an event where the players would be disqualified for picking up their balls, penalise the offending player's two strokes.
- c. If the players continue to not comply, the Marshall can direct players to pick up their balls and leave the course. This course of action would probably lead to a citing of the group.
- d. Enforce any of the rules under By-Law M.27 Practice on the Course

Instances and details of slow play may be recorded by the Course Marshall for future reference.

M.11. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:

For all play at this course a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a *stipulated round*, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

M.12. DRINK/FOOD CART:

The drink/food cart is to be used as deemed necessary with regard to weather and the type of event. No drinks or food are to be sold on the course unless approved by the Senior Manager.

M.13. EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS:

It is at the discretion of each player to determine if they seek temporary shelter or in fact decide to abandon their round due to weather conditions.

In a single event, even if only one player completes the course (as long as he/she has a marker); it is an 18 hole competition. Similarly in a 2 Ball or 4 Ball event, if only one pair completes the course (as long as they have another couple or player as a marker); it is an 18 hole competition.

If no one completes the course, the Match & Course Committee or their delegate/s will decide how many holes constitute the competition or whether or not it is a competition.

M.14. FAIL TO FRONT (LOST BOOKING):

Any player who fails to notify the Pro-Shop of their inability to play or fails to cancel their name from a golf event booking sheet via the website prior to 8.00pm on the day preceding the golf event will be regarded as a “Fail to Front”. A “lost booking” penalty for a “Fail to Front” applies and will be that which is determined by the Board of Directors and may include but is not limited to:-

- I. A monetary fine and
- II. Suspension of membership privileges.

Competition playing rights will remain suspended until all penalty fees are paid in full. If the player disputes the “Fail to Front” details or was booked in by another Member and that Member failed to notify the player; the Senior Manager must be notified in writing, so that any penalty can be reassessed or transferred to the Member who booked the player in.

M.15. GOLF CARTS/BIKES:

Motorised Vehicles (Carts and Bikes), as specified and approved by the Board of Directors, may be used on the course. Applications to use member owned motorised vehicles must be made in writing to the Board of Directors and be supported by appropriate documentation. The Captain, Vice-Captain or any Director (in consultation with the Professional) may give interim approval. There will be days when no carts and/or bikes can be used, due to ground conditions. Members sharing a privately owned golf cart will be charged half the normal booking charge which is to be reimbursed to the Club. All privileges included in this By-Law apply to members only.

M.16. HALFWAY

Players may interrupt their play for refreshments after completing 9 holes, unless stated otherwise on the day. ‘Halfway’ must not unduly delay play. If the 1st or 10th tee is vacant, players must not stop at Halfway. However, they may purchase food and/or drinks ‘to go’ and take their purchase directly to the vacant tee with them.

M.17. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN:

Relief from interference by an immovable *obstruction* may be obtained under Rule 24-2. In addition, if a ball lies off the *putting green* but not in a *hazard* and an immovable *obstruction* on or within two club-lengths of the *putting green* and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes between the ball and the *hole*; the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the *hole*, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a *hazard* or on a *putting green*. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

Relief under this Local Rule is also available if the player’s ball lies on the *putting green* and an immovable *obstruction* within two club-lengths of the

putting green intervenes on his *line of putt*. The player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and placed at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the *hole*, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a *hazard*. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

M.18. JUNIOR MEMBERS:

These Members have playing rights and they can book in themselves. They pay no entrance fee but do pay an annual subscription and green fees as determined by the Board of Directors when playing in Club competitions. (Unless it is a competition solely for juniors and/or cadets);

- a. A group of four **must not** solely comprise of 4 juniors and/or cadets; there must be at least one member with a minimum age of 18 in the group.
- b. No two (2) junior's and/or cadets are permitted to mark each other's card during a single competition round; their marker must be a Member, with a minimum age of 18, in the group.

M.19. LOCAL RULES:

To be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf and any Temporary local Rules. Local rules displayed are By-Laws of the Club. The Rule numbers referred to are the Rules of Golf.

1. BALL ACCIDENTALLY MOVED ON THE PUTTING SURFACE

When a player's ball is at rest on (or has been lifted from) the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, partner, opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The ball moved or ball-marker must be replaced. (Note: If the ball was moved as a result of wind, water or some natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location without penalty.)

2. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 27-1)

- 2.1 Those areas beyond the course boundary fences.
- 2.2 Beyond any line of white stakes with black tops.

3. GROUND UNDER REPAIR (Rule 25)

3.1 Those areas the margins of which are defined by white stakes and/or broken or unbroken white lines, or by GUR signage.

Note: Stakes defining GUR are Immovable Obstructions.

3.2 Gardens completely surrounded by a timber, rock, brick, stone or concrete border (exception: the garden bed between 1st tee & 18th green bordered by the pathway is considered to be part of the obstruction).

3.3 Except in a hazard, clearly defined ruts made by a mower, tractor or motor vehicle.

4. GROUND UNDER REPAIR – PLAY PROHIBITED – TEMPORARY COURSE

The area marked by blue stakes adjacent to the canal in front of the 5th teeing ground is GUR from which play is prohibited.

Note 1: When taking relief, as an additional option under Rule 25-1b, a ball may be dropped in the marked Drop Zone provided.

Note 2: The blue stakes are Immovable Obstructions.

5. STAKED OR TAGGED TREES AND SHRUBS

If a staked or tagged tree or shrub interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the ball **MUST** be lifted without penalty and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b(i) (Immovable Obstruction).

Note: The stakes are Immovable Obstructions.

6. WATER HAZARDS (Rule 26)

6.1 Water Hazards are defined by yellow stakes and/or lines.

6.2 Lateral Water Hazards are defined by red stakes and/or lines.

Note 1: When taking relief from the Lateral Water Hazard at the rear of the 15th green or the putting green side of the canal whilst playing the 5th, as an additional option under Rule 26-1, a ball may be dropped in the marked Drop Zone.

Note 2: The stakes are Immovable Obstructions.

7. ROADS AND PATHS (Rule 24-2)

Artificially surfaced or formed roads and paths (includes gravel) are Immovable Obstructions.

NOTE: When taking relief from paths and garden between the 1st Tee & 18th Green and behind the 18th Green an additional option under Rule 25-1b, a ball may be dropped in the nearest marked Drop Zone provided.

All other tracks and paths are integral parts of the course from which the ball must be played as it lies or declared unplayable (Rule 28).

8. DROPPING ZONES – TEMPORARY COURSE

Rear of 15th putting green & the putting green side of canal on the 5th or around the 18th putting green.

If the ball is dropped in a dropping zone, the ball shall not be re-dropped if it comes to rest within two club-lengths of the spot where it first struck a part of the course even though it may come to rest nearer the hole or outside the boundaries of the dropping zone.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE

Match Play – loss of hole

Stroke Play – two strokes

M.20. MATCHES & COMPETITIONS:

Rules for matches, competition and play on the Course are published annually in the Information Guide and shall have the same effect as a By-Law of the Club. The dates set out in the Information Guide for play-off of match play competitions are the dates on which a decision must be made, unless otherwise arranged by the Match & Course Committee.

M.21. MEMBERS HANDICAPS:

MEN

A Grade: - 12.7 and under

B Grade: - 12.8 to 19.3

C Grade: - 19.4 to 36.4

WOMEN

Division I: 0 to 21.0

Division II: 21.1 to 29.1

Division III: 29.2 to 45.4

M.22. MEN'S GOLD MEDAL QUALIFIERS:

Monthly Medal winners from July to June in each year will play off for the Gold Medal.

M.23. MEN'S MONTHLY MEDAL:

Once per calendar month each grade will contest a Monthly Medal winner to be determined by lowest Nett Stroke Score (no count back) on a day designated by Match & Course Committee. In the event of a tie/s the winner will be determined by an 18 Hole playoff over the next month's Monthly Medal. If only one player plays in and completes the course in the playoff he will be declared the winner. If players are still tied after the playoff then they proceed to the next month's medal and continue until a winner has been determined. In the event that all tied participants fail to play in the playoff for whatever reason the result will be that no winner for that Month's Medal will be awarded.

M.24. MOBILE PHONES:

Mobile phones may be carried, but are prohibited from use on the golf course, except in a medical or other emergency. Mobile phones may be carried at all other times and at a maximum left on, "vibrate". The use of mobile phones on the course (other than above) is a breach of etiquette. Members who are inconvenienced by the use of a mobile phone may approach the player in their group and request that such mobile be turned off if continually used or protest at the conclusion of their round with a written complaint made to the Match & Course Committee, the offender may be disqualified.

M.25. PGA/LPGA MEMBERS AND NON AMATEUR CLUB MEMBERS:

- a. PGA/LPGA Members, with the exclusion of BPGC Professional Staff (classified as Honorary Members), are only eligible to win the nett event in Club Competitions unless the competition is an open competition.
- b. Non amateur Club Members are eligible to win Scratch and Net events.

M.26. PLAYING TWICE IN ONE DAY:

Men and Women may play in both the Sunday Morning and Sunday Mixed Competitions on the same day provided that the two appropriate green fees / competition fees have been paid.

M.27. PRACTICE GREEN & NETS:

The “practice putting green” and “practice nets” are for the golfing use of Members, guests and paying public only.

M.28. PRACTICE ON THE COURSE:

Practicing on the course in non-competition times is not allowed unless a Member or visitor:-

- a. Have paid, if required, the applicable green fee for a round of golf,
- b. Are receiving a lesson from the Professional,
- c. Are practicing for Club representation with an appointed Club Official
- d. If a Member is entitled to a round free of charge under their membership category, the Member **must** register at the Pro Shop and collect their FOC voucher prior to teeing off. If challenged by a Marshall to produce the FOC Voucher and a Member fails to do so, this may see the Member cited to appear before the Board of Directors under Rule 25 of the Club’s Constitution
- e. A Member may hit two (2) golf balls in a practice round, but must be mindful not to delay play for other players behind them.
- f. No Member is allowed to enter the course and practice chipping to greens. This is forbidden and Members who are caught in breach of this By-Law will be directed to leave the course immediately and maybe cited to appear before the Board of Directors under Rule 25 of the Club’s Constitution. Visitors caught in breach will be reported to their own Club.

M.29. PROTESTS:

Protests in connection with a match or competition must be lodged immediately after the completion of the match or competition, in writing, to the Match & Course Committee. Upon the receipt of such protest, the Match & Course Committee will consider it and their decision shall be final.

M.30. PROVISIONAL MEMBER RESTRICTIONS:

Provisional Members are not eligible to win Championship, Major or Monthly Medal events or donated trophies (unless specified by the donor). The Provisional Membership period is either 3 months from the date of obtaining their GA handicap or if the new Member comes from another club with a current GA handicap, 3 months from the date that subscription fees were paid. When playing in Major team events, Provisional members are obliged to inform their partner prior to booking-in to avoid disqualification in later qualifying rounds

M.31. PURCHASE OF GOLF EQUIPMENT:

Golf balls or golf equipment, whether second hand or not, are not to be purchased or sold, or advertised to be sold, on the premises (within the boundary fences of the course) from any person other than the Club's Professional.

M.32. REVIEW OF MENS HANDICAPS:

The Handicap Committee has the authority to adjust any player's handicap using the format in Section 9 of the Golf Australia Handicapping System. The Handicapping Committee of BPGC has discretionary powers under the guidelines set by golf's governing body.

The Handicap Committee / Board of Directors may approve the alteration of a Member's handicap if in its absolute discretion and having regard to all of the circumstances including a Member's results in any form of competition; it considers that the change is warranted under the handicap system which the Club follows. The Member shall have no right to make any representation to the Handicap Committee / Board of Directors in relation to any proposed alteration of the Member's handicap.

M.33. RETURNING CARDS & RECORDING RESULTS:

Players must record their scores within 30 minutes of completion of round on the Member's computers, and then place their card/s in the competition box. For novelty events, put the card/s straight in the box.

Cards not returned to the competition box before the competition is declared completed will be disqualified and the members round will be recorded in GOLFLINK as No Score – Not Approved. Eclectic scores MUST be returned on the day of the score to be eligible for the competition.

M.34. SLOW PLAY:

It is the responsibility of the all players in the group to make sure that their group keeps up with the group in front. If you find that you are falling behind the group in front, the first two to putt-out should go to the next tee and tee off, keep repeating this until you catch up. Slow play is selfish play and can limit social tee times at the end of the day, costing the club revenue. (See COURSE MARSHALL for penalties).

M.35. STARTER:

The Pro Shop has the power to;

- a. Book in any Member or visitor (read in conjunction with M.1.) in a club competition provided that the rules associated with that competition allows it. The Starter will not take bookings for a competition by phone or otherwise, prior to the competition time sheets being made available on the website.
- b. Move a player or players from their original timeslot into another slot in order to make up a group. (eg if two players are on their own and another group near them also has two players on their own, then the Starter can combine the two groups and make a foursome.

- c. Book a visitor (read in conjunction with M.1.) from another club into a BPGC competition that is not open nor invitation, if spare timeslots exist from the Thursday prior to the weekend of the competition; as per Club rules.
- d. Reserve one or more timeslots in the same group for a member at their request, if the Member does not have the required visitor details when booking in.
- e. Extend the field of a competition by a maximum of two groups if the field is full and Members wish to compete in the competition.

M.36. SWINGERS:

Swingers are not allowed.

In any 2Ball event, if a Member, who for whatever reason, is unable to take his or her place in the field then the odd player will be paired up with the next single player on the time sheet, or a previous single player. If there is no other single player then he or she will be playing a single.

The Starter has the right to replace the missing player with another player (if available) without the consent of the original group.

M.37. TIES:

All Medal play-offs are to be conducted on the following Monthly Medal round as listed in the Information Guide or as advised by Match & Course Committee. Play-off handicaps are as at the day of the tie.

Major Stroke events are to be played off as directed by the Match & Course Committee.

Ties in Club and Donated trophies will be decided by the count-back system.

Match Play events are to be played off as directed by the Match & Course Committee.

M.38. TEMPORARY LOCAL RULE - ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS (RULE 25-2)

a. Preferred Lies.

A Ball lying on a closely-mown area (cut fairway or teeing ground) may be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, they must place it on a spot within 15cm (or as indicated by the Match Committee) of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

A Player may place their ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on that spot on which it is placed, Rule 20-3 applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on a spot on which it is placed and subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, they incur the general penalty for not adhering to a local rule, 2 strokes in stroke and loss of hole in match play.

b. Preferred Lies Through the Green.

When this local rule is in force, relief must be taken in accordance with part “a” above. An embedded ball under these conditions may be lifted, cleaned and replaced without penalty, as near as possible to and no nearer the spot where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard or on a green.

c. Tee Up Through the Green

When this Local Rule is in force, on every occasion a breach of the rule occurs the player is penalised two (2) shots. This breach also occurs when a player does not use a manufacturer’s tee outside of the teeing area. However, it is optional to tee up when using a putter off the green.

M.39. STONES IN BUNKERS:

Stones are, by definition, loose impediments and; when a player’s ball is in a hazard, a stone lying in or touching the hazard may not be touched or moved (Rule 13 -4). However, stones in bunkers may represent a danger to players (a player could be injured by a stone struck by the player’s club in an attempt to play the ball) and they may interfere with the proper playing of the game. When permission to lift a stone in a bunker is warranted, the following - Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

WOMEN'S GOLF SUB COMMITTEE

- W.1.** Pursuant to Rule 31 of the Club's Constitution, a Women's Golf Sub Committee (WGSC) is hereby established to administer Women's Golf events in the Club.
- W.2.** The WGSC shall comprise of a President, Vice President, Captain, Vice Captain, Secretary, Handicap Manager, Treasurer and 3 other Members who shall be elected annually by the women golf Members of the Club at the WGSC Annual Meeting
- W.3.** WGSC Annual Meeting will be held at 1.30pm on a Tuesday in November, as determined by the WGSC and the WGSC golfing calendar. 25 members are required to constitute a quorum and the newly elected WSGC formation meeting will be held during the following January.
- W.4.** The WGSC shall prepare a report monthly of the affairs of the WGSC and its women's golfing Members, which shall be submitted to:
- a.** The Club's Senior Manager or Administrative Services Manager for inclusion in the Club's monthly Board of Director's meeting.
 - b.** The monthly meeting of the WGSC
- W.5.** The WGSC shall prepare an annual financial report of the affairs of the WGSC and its women's golfing members, which shall be submitted to:
- a.** The Club's Senior Manager or Administrative Services Manager for inclusion in the Club's Board of Director's meeting preceding the WGSC annual meeting.
 - b.** Present such report at the WGSC and women golfing Members annual meeting
- W.6.** The WGSC may open and close bank accounts in the name of the WGSC. The WGSC President, Treasurer, Secretary and Captain are signatories to such accounts. From time to time it may be deemed necessary for the Senior Manager or Treasurer of the Club to be signatories to such bank account.
- W.7.** The WGSC will meet once per month at a time mutually convenient to all elected members. The minutes of the meeting will be tabled and discussed at the WGSC Match & Course meetings currently scheduled for the second Thursday each month. The WGSC shall be responsible for the welfare of women golf Members and as such may establish:
- a.** The method of election of the WGSC
 - b.** Its own Match & Course Committee and any other sub-committee and define such committee functions and duties
 - c.** Disciplinary rules that only apply to women golf Members in competition only. Any other Club related disciplinary matters reported to the Board of Directors for women golf Members will be dealt with according to Rule 25 of the Club's Constitution if necessary.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THESE BY-LAWS, THE OPERATION OF THE CLUB IS BOUND BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB, A COPY OF WHICH IS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE CLUB'S OFFICE.