



THE SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB NEWS

SATURDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2011

News from the Board of Directors

News from the meeting of the Board of Directors on Thursday 24th February includes a detailed "Course Update":

The root barrier has been installed on the side of the 3rd and 15th fairways to stop the tree roots invading the fairway and removing the nutrients from the turf and soil at total cost of \$25,000.

In the second week of January the extensive **weed eradication program** normally commences. Due to the constant rainfall throughout January and the subsequent \$14,000 of turf planted on fairways 1, 5, 6, 8 and 9, this spraying could not start until the second week of February. The entire course has now been sprayed and the second application will be completed by mid March. Discolouration of grass on the course is desirable and will only be short term.

The 4th hole will be closed as of Thursday 3rd March for the re-surfacing of this fairway. Hole 2B will be in play for approximately eight weeks. Please note that this is remedial work and is not a "total reconstruction" of the 4th hole and will cost approximately \$35,000.

In early March the construction of a **new concrete cart path for the 10th, 11th, 13th, 17th and 18th holes** will commence at a total cost of \$250,000. This project will take 4 - 6 weeks to complete and during this period there will be occasions where temporary or shorter tees may need to be used and this will be minimised as much as possible. The routing of these cart paths has been designed by our expert Course Architect who is fully aware of our objective to **reduce compaction** on our fairways and is also cognisant of the need to keep concrete as far from the hitting zones as possible whilst also accounting for the extensive irrigation and drainage infrastructure under the ground. All of these factors have re-

sulted in the most qualified person, our Course Architect, designing the routing of our cart paths, and the Board of Directors have analysed these plans in extreme detail prior to implementation.

To preserve the fairway grass we ask that all members drive their cart on the paths whenever possible and drive 90 degrees from the path to and from your ball on the fairway.

NEW COURSE RATING - Golf Qld has formally advised us of our new course rating that will be implemented from Tuesday 1st March:

Blue Course	Par 71	ACR 70
White Course	Par 71	ACR 69
Red Course	Par 73	ACR 73

Golf Australia requires that all golf clubs MUST abide by the following criteria when setting up the course each day for competition:

- (a) Each tee marker must be placed within 20 metres of the designated tee plate
- (b) Over the 18 holes the aggregate length of the course must not be 100 metres more or less than the distance of the course from the designated plates for that day.

As a result of these changes the Board has had to review the Course Set-up Policy and have instructed the greens staff to set up the course each day to abide by the above Golf Australia requirements.

RECRUITMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER

Applications closed on Friday 18th Feb. and the Board of Directors appointed a HR Recruitment Specialist to manage the first stage of the recruitment process. In excess of 100 applications have been received. All applications are currently being assessed to be short-listed as the Selection Panel consisting of the Club President, Club Captain and Club Treasurer expect to conduct interviews next week the first week of March. The Board of Directors will continue to update all members on the recruitment of our new General Manager.



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The Board have received numerous correspondence from members concerned with **slow speed of play**. We are a private members only club and hence we ask that all members note page 6 of the fixture program that states that "4 hours and 20 minutes is the maximum amount of time for a round of golf". Please respect your fellow members and keep up with the group in front. It does not matter where the group behind you is. The Board of Directors have instructed the golf shop staff to marshal all competition rounds and those members that are asked on numerous occasions to speed up play will be formally contacted by the Club Captain and as per page 7 of the fixture book can and will be penalised by one shot if they continue to slow down their fellow members.

On Tuesday 5th April at 6:30pm Club Captain Mr. Neil Peters and Golf Operations Manager Bernadette Lance will be holding the annual **Rules Night**. This is your chance to improve your knowledge of our great game and all members, new and very experienced, will ALL benefit from this informative evening. Oh, and Captain Neil will also be preparing some nibblies and providing some free drinks!

PENNANTS

This Friday 4th March at 6:30pm we will be announcing the 2011 Division 1 Pennant Team and presenting them with their uniforms. Thank you to the many members that have agreed to sponsor the 2011 Team especially Michael Issakidis whose company NeuMedix Technology has offered to be this year's major sponsor. All players and sponsors are encouraged to participate in the presentations this Friday 4th March.

Division 1 Pennants commences on Sunday 13th March at 7:00am at Burleigh Golf Club. Best of Luck Team!

Thank you to all of the

2011 Division 1 Pennant Sponsors:

MR MICHAEL ISSAKIDIS
(NEUMEDIX TECHNOLOGY)
MR TONY HICKEY (HICKEY LAWYERS)
MR NORMAN THOMSON
(QUALITY BUILDING REPORTS)
MR PETER & CAROLYN WESTON
(VINNIES PIZZA PASTA RIBS)
MR JASON OBERMAN (ACTION INSURANCE)
MR LINCOLN FOLO
(ACTION SHEET METAL & ROOFING)
MR DON PHELAN (SURFERS PARADISE COACHES)
MR DAMIEN MOFFREY (BAKER AFFLECK
MOFFREY CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS)
MR BUTCH PEERS (GOLD GARLIC FOODS)
MR WAYNE HAHN (AMBER TILES)
MR BRIAN LOWE (CHAIR IMPORTS)

Please support the businesses that support your Club.

SOCIAL GOSSIP

This Friday 4th March is the last **Nine & Dine of the Summer** and a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner is planned for afterwards so book in now!

On **Sunday 27th March the Nev Ollis Jazz Quartet** will be playing at the Club from 4pm to 6:30pm. This is a free function and a very relaxing way to finish the weekend so grab your partner and friends and reserve a table for the Jazz Arvo.

THANK YOU

Thank you very much to all members for your friendships and helpfulness over the past four years. I sincerely wish you the best both on and off the golf course in 2011 and I will dearly miss the friendly culture of Southport Golf Club. I hope to see you back at Southport in coming years for a game of golf with good friends.

Kindest Regards,

Andrew Kirkman
General Manager