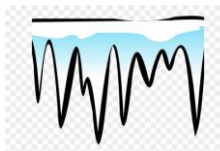
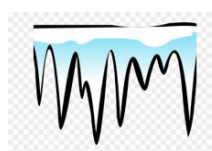




NORTH TURRAMURRA GOLF NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2021



Hello everyone,

And hello winter! I tell you what, it's a little fresh in the mornings getting the carts out but once you get a Lavazza Coffee in your hands everything is OK!

Hopefully you all have your winter wardrobes activated and if you don't, we have some great new winter gear in the shop for you to check out.

We have some exciting things happening over the coming months so make sure you check out the rest of the newsletter.

Will see you all at the Home of Golf soon!

James Macdonald

Head Golf Professional

WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS

The aim for this year is to increase the size of our Women's competitions as we have had an influx of new Lady members who are looking for regular spots/groups in our weekly competitions.

If you are looking for a comp game and don't have a regular time/group, please reach out to us and we will organize groups for you. We will be creating more times and possibly other days, if the demand is there.

We currently run competitions on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Come on Ladies, we want to hear from you! Please reach out and we will do the rest!



GREEN FEE PRICE INCREASES.

The following Green Fees are increasing on 1st July 2021.

- Weekday 18 Holes - \$32
- Weekday 10 Holes - \$25
- Senior/concession 18 Holes - \$23
- Senior/concession 10 Holes - \$18
- Twilight Golf - \$23
- School Student - \$12
- Member Competition Fee - \$4
- Visitor Competition Fee - \$8

STAFF PROFILE - LUKE MALCOLM

Luke has worked at North Turramurra Golf course now for 5 years and has just started his PGA Traineeship pathways program. This is a three-year course to become a fully qualified Golf Professional. Luke is off to great start in his professional career with several top 10 finishes in his trainee events and is getting top marks in his assessments.

How long have you been playing golf for?
5 years

Your favourite golfing memory?
Beating James Macdonald on a Tuesday afternoon....

Goals for 2021?

Pass my PGA Assessments and start delivering Golf Lessons to Members and Visitors.

Favourite Golf Course that you have played?
Royal Canberra

After you have completed your PGA Traineeship, what direction in the Golf Industry would you like to follow?
I would like to get into Golf Course management and coaching.

Who is your dream 4 ball?
Jordan Speith, Adam Scott, Rory McIlroy



Luke Malcolm

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

The pinnacle event of every Golf Club is the Club Championships. After the success of our first ever championship in 2020, we are ensuring that this event will always be on the calendar.

Once again, the Championship will be played over two consecutive Saturdays (36 holes) but instead of late November it will be held on the 4th and 11th of September this year.

More details will follow over the next couple of months. If you wish to participate please reserve these dates in your diary.

Newsletter input is invited and should be sent to James Macdonald at james@elitegolfnsw.com.au or to Rob Murphy at murphyfz@gmail.com

FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP – 7th AUGUST

Find a partner and compete in the first ever Royal North Turramurra Foursomes Club Championship! It is open to all members of North Turramurra Golf Course.

Overview:

Foursomes (also known as Alternate Shot) is a form of play involving partners, where two partners compete as a side by playing one ball in alternating order on each hole. This event will be run as a stroke event.

Grades will be as follows:

Men's Division 1 (HC 0-18):

Men's Division 2 (HC 19+):

1 Ladies Division.

GOLF CLINICS – STARTING WEEK 12th JULY

Come and join in on the fun next term with our 8-week clinics. Learn golf in a fun and relaxed environment while meeting new people along the way.

Our Term 3 Golf Clinics are open for bookings and we have the days available as listed below. We provide all the equipment but if you have your own, please bring it along. For bookings, please call 9144 5110 or email james@elitegolfnsw.com.au

LADIES CLINICS – 8 WEEK COURSE

Available days – Tuesday and Thursday classes are the only days we have left with availability. Cost is \$240 per term.

JUNIOR CLINICS – 8 WEEK COURSE

Thursday 4pm – 5pm \$150 per term

Please bring a hat, water bottle and a light snack.

COVID RESTRICTIONS AT NTGC

Check the Elite Golf website for the latest impact of COVID restrictions applying at North Turramurra Golf Course.



James Macdonald has announced that the Elite Golf Charity Golf Day held in April, raised \$3267, including on-line donations. James said that this was a fantastic result and thanked all who participated in the event or provided help. A Camp Quality donation tin is also located in the Pro Shop during the year and you are invited to place donations in it.

GOLF COURSE HOUSE KEEPING

Here are a few simple tips to help maintain the course and assist fellow golfers:

- Take/use a sand bucket
- Rake bunkers
- Fix Pitch Marks
- Repair divots

It's quite simple to follow these actually

The divot you find your ball in this week might have been made by you last week!

MEMORY LANE

If you are new to Royal North Turramurra, then you will not be aware of some of the holes which disappeared in the building the new layout. Some of these have legendary status in the minds of the 'old hands'.

Such a hole was the 6th Hole. It was a short Par 3 and ran adjacent and east of the current 16th Hole. The hole now forms the lower part of the 1st hole.

It was the signature hole of the old North Turramurra course. It was a downhill Par 3 with a large tree in the middle of the fairway, with its foliage reaching into the trees either side of the fairway. The fairway was not particularly well grassed which was being kind to it.

It took a very professional shot to go over the tree and if you were too long, it was "tiger country" beyond the green. Many players chose to hit a low shot under the tree canopy. Some chose to hit straight at the tree trunk knowing that they couldn't possibly be that accurate!

ARNOLD PALMER

Arnold Palmer is widely regarded as one of the greatest and most charismatic players in golf's history. Palmer's social impact on golf was unrivaled among fellow professionals; his humble background and plain-spoken popularity helped change the perception of golf from an elite, upper-class pastime of private clubs to a more populist sport accessible to middle and working classes via public courses. (Wikipedia).

Arnold said "Golf is deceptively simple, endlessly complicated. A child can play it well, and a grown man can never master it. Any single round of it is full of unexpected triumphs and perfect shots that end in disaster. It is almost a science, yet it is a puzzle without an answer. It is gratifying and tantalizing, precise and unpredictable. It requires complete concentration and total relaxation. It satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time, rewarding and maddening. And it is without doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented".

YOUR INFORMATION GURU

with "Wikky" Peder



Dear Wikky,

What is the preferred place to leave the rake in the bunker at NTGC. It seems to vary from course to course?

[Wikky – There is no golf rule on this matter and decisions are made locally. At NTGC the preference is for the rake to be left in the middle of the bunker parallel to the fairway such that it is least likely to affect the movement of the ball].

Dear Wikky,

Whose responsibility is it to mark a ball on the green and who cops the penalty if two balls collide when putting on the green?

[Wikky – It is your responsibility to ask for a ball to be marked. In stroke play there is a two shot penalty against you for hitting an opponent's ball with your ball when putting. This only applies to stroke play and Stableford is a variation of stroke play. There is no penalty in Match Play].

Dear Wikky,

How long can I spend looking for a ball out of bounds (OOB)?

[Wikky - you shouldn't spend any time looking for a ball out of bounds. You can't play it from where you find it. If in any doubt that your ball is still in play, you should hit a provisional ball from that position and play it up to the point that you think your ball went OOB. If it is OOB you then have the option of continuing with your provisional ball or taking a two shot penalty and playing from where the ball went OOB.

Dear Wikky,

Where is the best place to leave my golf buggy whilst putting?

[Wikky – The preferred place is to leave the golf buggy as close as you can to your exit point from the green to the next tee. Too many players leave their buggy in front of the green or on the far side. This can delay the following group hitting up to the green whilst you retrieve your buggy. This is a point of golf etiquette that we should all practise. Marking your card is also something best left until you get to the next tee also.]

GOLF ADVICE COLUMN

with Roger That



Dear Roger,

I am very disappointed to hear a top US golfer saying that he would destroy The Masters course before the recent event. I thought that it showed a lack of respect.

[Roger – I appreciate your concern. I think that the operative word here is "respect" Not only did the player (in my view) show a lack of respect for the course but also the course designers, grounds staff and his fellow players. It is one thing for the modern player to develop techniques and equipment to hit the ball further but you still have to chip and putt at the far end. How will players feel when course managers fight back by narrowing the fairways and having more pronounced cuts of the rough for example?]

Dear Roger, I am having great trouble making the 5th Green at NTGC in one shot. Most of the people I play with are having the same trouble. More often than not, shots just fail to reach the green and roll back down the hill. Often they just make the green with the same result. The cry of "There it goes" goes out as if it is "Hard Quiz"! Can you help? This is not even mentioning shots that go into the adjacent bunker.

[Roger – My earlier comments about "respect" are relevant here. You need to respect the course designer on this hole. I think that it is a hard hole. The course designer has cleverly created a visual affect that seems to challenge the stated distance. As a result many players "under club" and these are not just high handicappers. The course designer has also created a sloping triangular section on the front of the green that is easily forgotten and not apparent from the tee. Many shots that just make the green end up at the bottom of the hill. In some ways, particularly for high handicappers, the back of the green is a better target than the middle.

Dear Roger,

In what circumstances can you clean the ball after lifting and marking it when off the green?

[Roger – This is covered by Golf Rule 14. Off the green, a player may clean a lifted ball unless it has been lifted to determine if it is fit for play or to identify it or to prevent the ball from assisting or interfering with play. For example this means that you can clean an embedded or plugged ball when it is lifted under the rules as it is not one of the exceptions to cleaning the ball mentioned above.]

Roger's Note: Are there any other playing conditions or rules that you would like clarified? Either ask James or the Pro Shop staff or drop Roger That an email via James Macdonald.