

## What's News???

- Tomorrow is an Individual Stableford. Good luck to all players.
  - Last Sunday the Top Gun Shootout was played and won by Dominic Wheeler. Dominic outlasted the field Nigel Westgarth on the last hole to record a fantastic win. Dominic can certainly thank his impressive short game where he played some recovery shots which were certainly freakish at times. Again the ladies went well with Lucy Minehan making it to the 17<sup>th</sup> and was unlucky not to go further. Again some very positive feedback from all involved so I guess the saying, 'don't knock it till you try it' is certainly applicable here. And yes it will be on again next year.
  - The Major Pennant team take on Palm Beach at Palm Beach on Sunday at 9.30am. We are looking for an all out assault this weekend so the more support the better for our boys.
  - Good luck to Michael Raseta, Alex Peade and Kyle Grant who will be playing in the Australian Amateur next week. If there is any event that is on the radar for our boys it's this one. They will face the best players in the country so it's a great yardstick for them. Good luck fella's.
  - For all of you Old Boys, the next lunch is currently being planned for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March and will be at Patonga again. More on that closer to the date.
  - Club Championship sheets are now on the notice board. Ideally we would like those that are available for all four rounds to put their names on the sheets to gauge the numbers that wish to play this year. First Round is a shotgun start on the 18<sup>th</sup> April.
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### Ball-marker moved accidentally by player

**Question:** A player marked the position of his ball on the putting green and lifted the ball. When it was the player's turn to play, he could not find his ball-marker. Subsequently, he found the ball-marker stuck to the sole of his shoe. He concluded that he had accidentally stepped on it while assisting his partner in lining up a putt. What is the ruling?

**Answer:** The player incurs a penalty stroke under Rule 20-1 which requires that the position of a ball be marked before it is lifted, and contemplates that the ball-marker will remain in position until the ball is replaced. The player must place the ball as near as possible to its original position but not nearer the hole – Rule 20-3c.  
Under the last paragraph of Rule 20-1, a player is exempt from penalty if his ball-marker is accidentally moved in the process of lifting the ball or marking its position. In this case the ball-marker was not moved during such process.