



## Friday 18th of September 2009

### **This Weeks Club Competitions**

**Men's** - Wednesday 23rd – Individual Stableford (short)

Ladies - Thursday 24th – Stroke (long) Gold Medal playoff

Men's - Saturday 26th – Individual Par (medium) Semi Final Cock of the Walk

Medley - Sunday 27th – Individual Stableford (medium) Free live Entertainment “Rockin Relix”

### **Club News**

- Tomorrow is an Individual Stableford. Don't forget to get ALL cards back to the Pro Shop asap after putting them into the computer to enable the competition to be closed. ALL cards means the Individual, Team and Bundy card.
- As many of you are already aware, our Club Professional Gerard Kelly is currently playing in the Australian Club Professionals Championships down in Victoria. The competition is played over 3 rounds and is in the process of being completed today. We will have news of his final result when the draw is commenced.
- All the best of luck should be extended to Michael Raseta and Kyle Grant for next week as they commence the Interstate Series down in Victoria. The guys flew out yesterday and they will play several practice rounds prior to the first competition day which is next Monday. If you wish to follow the progress of the guys, you can either log onto [www.golfaustralia.org](http://www.golfaustralia.org). You also have the option to look at [www.iseekgolf.com.au](http://www.iseekgolf.com.au) as they usually cover the main Amateur events as well. This should be an excellent experience for Kyle being a Rookie at this level and also for Michael who is now noted as a Senior player of the group at the ripe old age of 24. All the best fella's.
- You will notice that the Bundy card times are up on the whiteboard from last Saturday. There have been a few things noted from these records and they are that 1. Only Bundy the card once you have teed off. Don't Bundy it as you leave the bar downstairs on your way to the tee. There were some groups who did this and it showed that they teed off at the same time as the group in front of them. 2. Some groups didn't complete the Bundy card AT ALL!!! This was disappointing as it had been mentioned to me this week that it definitely made a difference. As mentioned last week, we need to do this to fix the issues. With the Cock of the Walk over in a few weeks, we should see some regularity in the recorded times. It's also really important that the card is legible so if you happen to stamp over the times, please correct it prior to handing it in.
- Lastly, it was great to see the 'turning back of the clock' on Wednesday with Dave Christey shooting his best round in years with 44 points playing off 13. Having watched his round during my travels the other day, the big fella certainly had a day out. Was it the quick putting lesson with Raseta prior on the putting green or the fact that you were just due for a big day??? Either way, the handicap system got you.....good luck in A Grade now big fella!!! Furthermore, he was told by Sandy that he had to remove the fence palings from the back fence before he played, which he did. If you need any removed at your place, or see any fences being demolished near by, you'd have to think that it's Dave trying to 'keep the dream alive'.

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### **Rule of the Week**

**Question:** A player begins his downswing with the intention of striking the ball but decides during the downswing not to strike the ball. The player is unable to stop the club before it reaches the ball, but he is able to swing intentionally over the top of the ball. Is the player deemed to have made a stroke?

**Answer:** No. The player is considered to have checked his downswing voluntarily by altering the path of his downswing and missing the ball even though the swing carried the clubhead beyond the ball. If the player had not successfully checked his downswing (ie he had struck the ball), he is considered to have made a stroke. Any doubt regarding the player's intent must be resolved against the player.