

## What's News???

- Tomorrow is the Monthly Medal for March. Good luck to all players.
- On Sunday, the Jacobs Creek Top Gun Shootout Final is played at 11.30am. With all qualifiers determined, it looks like a strong field and is shaping up as an interesting Final. Wine tasting will be available so come along and enjoy the day.
- Practice areas at our course have become very poor of late due to abuse from those using them. The primary offenders are Members who 'should know better'. As a result of the damage, the top nursery next to the 10<sup>th</sup> green has been closed. Whilst the majority of Members do practice in accordance with what has been previously communicated, it is the few Members who are ruining these areas. For example, hitting golf balls from the 6<sup>th</sup> fairway to the 10<sup>th</sup> nursery is just not on. As too is jumping in front of the paying public to hit approach shots to greens that are in play or using the 12<sup>th</sup> green as a practice area. This is just not acceptable. All Members must report to the Pro shop prior to any practise. This is not only for your safety in the event of an emergency but also to ensure the paying public have right of way in accordance with our lease. You are permitted to use the practice facilities on the course outside of competition times if you so desire, but abusing these areas ruins it for everyone. If ANY Member sees anyone, not practicing by the rules and damaging areas, let the Pro Shop and office know. Unfortunately it's become that bad that we have to send staff out on patrol in the afternoon to catch these people. Many of you respect what we have but as I mentioned it is a small number of Members that have little or no respect for these areas. If you want to hit approach shots, 11a is there to use. Make sure you repair any damage from divots & fix your lob marks during & after practice.
- As mentioned last week, Stefan Albinski won again!!! You might wonder why his picture hasn't been updated in the clubhouse. The reason this is that we may have to get a scrolling electronic sign to announce his achievements as they are increasing every week and we can fit them on the picture. Well done Stefan – your 'honours board' is being compiled!
- The Major Pennant team continues to roll on in fine form with a 6 to 1 win over Palm Beach at home. With 2 rounds to go, we are well placed to win our section and possibly the division. It's important that we continue to win as many individual matches as possible to advance through to the next stage. Our next round is against Palm Beach at Palm Beach on the 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am. This will probably be the last time these 2 local clubs get to play against each other with the NSWGA meeting next week with all Captains to determine a better format that utilises the talent and knowledge available to raise the profile of Major Pennants back to where it once was. If you have some time next weekend, come up to Palmy and cheer on your team. Rumours out of the Palm Beach camp are that the course will be lined with people who are keen to have a big day and watch some great golf.
- 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.

### Stray ball found out of bounds played under Stroke-&-Distance procedure; Original ball then found in bounds

**Question:** A player finds a ball out of bounds, thinks it is his original ball, plays it at the spot from which the original ball was played and then finds his original ball in bounds. What is the ruling?

**Answer:** The original ball is lost and the ball found out of bounds is in play under penalty of stroke & distance. See Rule 27-1a. (Revised)