

The Dunes Golf Links uses its advantageous position of having a 27-hole layout to actively encourage the 9 hole concept. While still offering 9 holes on either the 1st or 2nd nine of the Championship course, if available, we prefer to ease golfers towards The Cups course. The Cups attracts people from all age groups due to its slightly easier Par 33 layout, gently contoured greens and shorter distance (2335m). We see families play together on regular occasions at weekends and senior groups play throughout the week.

9 hole golf is a great stepping stone for juniors as it harnesses their initial enthusiasm without making them walk over 7km to play! We see many of our junior members start out playing 9 hole Saturday competition golf and eventually escalate to outstanding players. Five of The Dunes Reserve Grade Pennant team from this season were playing Junior Pennant last year; they won their division this May. A new batch of juniors are now under the tutelage of 2007 Victorian PGA Teacher of the year Peter Croker and will soon be moving up to the rigours of 18 holes.

Plenty of local people make use of our amenities to fit in 9 holes after work, 1 hour and 45 minutes being the average time for 9 holes on The Cups. The popularity of 9 hole golf prompted The Dunes to come up with the idea of staging a tournament specifically aimed at this market. The Cups Classic was first held in 2006 and has attracted a field of over 150 golfers for the last two years. This year's event will be held on Sunday 12th October and people of all ages and abilities are invited to enter. The Dunes also holds regular Twilight Golf Competitions through the summer evenings on Fridays. Dates and entry details for all competitions can be obtained at www.thedunes.com.au or through the pro-shop (03) 5985 1334.