

CONNECTING SOCIAL PLAYERS TO GOLF CLUBS

The Golfers Club NSW/ACT (GCNSW/ACT) is a virtual golf club recognized by Golf Australia through the Australian Golf Network (AGN). Its aim is to provide an opportunity for NSW and ACT social golfers to participate more fully in golf competitions with a view to establishing a pathway to joining a Golf Club.

Those who are likely to join are

- Beginner golfers of all ages, backgrounds and gender;
- Social golfers / social groups;
- Golfers who may not have played for a while wishing to get back into the game;
- Regular golfers wanting more confidence in a casual and social setting before participating in regular competitions;
- Golfers on a waiting list to join a club;
- Other: E.g. golfers, who do not want to participate in golf competitions, however would like to be involved as observers, supporters, or stay in the loop.

TOTAL FEE

\$125 (July 2011 - June 2012)

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- One free member's clinic for new members
- GCNSW/ACT clinics will also be conducted intermittently at subsidised rates
- Ability to gain an official Australian Handicap
- PIP Insurance
- Ability to enter competitions (conditions may apply)
- Introductory or Renewal Membership Kit which provides a few goodies.
- e-Updates

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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HOW TO GAIN A HANDICAP

To gain a Golf Australia handicap, GCNSW/ACT members will need:

- To provide three (3) 9 or 18-Hole Scorecards (stroke rounds) played at an **affiliated** golf club [see *Golf NSW website*].
- To read the *Introductory to Golf* booklet and the *R&A A Quick Guide to the Rules of Golf* booklet.
- A card which must be signed by both the **player** and the **marker** (the marker must be a current affiliated golfer).
- Both the player and the marker must abide by the Golf Australia regulations, the Rules of Golf, and the Club's Local Rules and By-Laws.
- After obtaining three (3) scorecards, the member must forward these to the GCNSW/ACT Handicap Manager.
- Fill in the "Handicap Application Form" and send to GCNSW/ACT Handicap Manager together with the 3 scorecards.

NOTE: When you are in the process of acquiring the 3 scores required to gain a Golf Australia handicap, ensure that your marker is aware of your current golfing status, so that they can either provide or recommend the necessary coaching.

The new or updated handicap will be notified to the member by email where available. The maximum Women's Handicap is **45**; the maximum Men's Handicap is **36**.

See Golf Australia website www.golfaustralia.org.au for further information about handicapping. The handicap regulations are being vigorously updated therefore it is important to stay posted on the latest updates.

It is the player's responsibility to know their most current handicap AT ALL TIMES. Playing with the wrong handicap may result in disqualification.

CONDITIONS APPLY

1-YEAR MORATORIUM & DUAL MEMBERSHIP

The Golfers Club NSW/ACT's aim is to be a nurturing ground for future club members. We actively encourage our members to move on and join a local club. GCNSW/ACT observes a one (1) year moratorium, i.e. persons cannot join if they have been a member of a Golf Club or held an official Australian handicap in the previous twelve months.

This feature is included to allay fears from Golf Clubs that persons might drop out of membership with Clubs to join GCNSW/ACT at a reduced cost. Of course everybody is welcome to hold two or more memberships. Should an individual hold a dual membership the GCNSW/ACT **cannot** be the Home Club. (Special cases are considered upon request and in consultation with relevant golf clubs.)

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