

# GOLF NSW

Minutes of the Meeting of the **RULES AND AMATEUR STATUS COMMITTEE**  
held at the Golf NSW office at 1A Duncan Street, Arncliffe,  
on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011, at 1.00p.m.

**Present:** F. Gal (Chairman), C. Allen, S. Fabian, R. Griffiths, J. Haddrick, J. Robinson, M. Shepherd and J. Waanders

**Apologies:** I. Fraser, J. Moran and M. Palmer

**In Attendance:** R. Clark

**Confirmation of Minutes:** The Minutes of the Rules and Amateur Status Committee meeting held on Tuesday Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010 were confirmed.

**Business Arising:**

1-1 Club Level Rules presentation update (Chairman and John Robinson)

The meeting was advised the presentation was proceeding well and that the technical issues appear to have been resolved. It was resolved to attempt a preview on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011 if ready by then. It was agreed John Robinson would investigate options for a portable sound system that would be required to provide sound for the presentations and embedded movie clips.

**Business:**

2-1 Correspondence / Memorandums from Golf Australia:

Nil

2-2 Chairman's report – update on Golf Australia matters including 2011 Advanced State Level Rules & Competitions Course

The Chairman gave a brief update advised Golf Australia had accepted all four nominations from Golf NSW for personnel to attend the advanced Rules and Competition Course at end of March. The nominees being: Rod Clark, Christy Collier, Nick Evans (JNKG) and Graeme Phillipson.

Chris Allen provided update on the proposed re-structure of the Golf Australia Committee's.

2-2 2011 Rules Seminars and Exams – re proposed schedule and format.

Rod Clark presented the meeting with a proposed schedule for the 2011 Rules Seminars and Exams for Metropolitan and Regional areas. Subject to confirmation of dates with clubs the following have been approved:

Metro:

Bayview, Windsor, Pennant hills and either The Australian or The Lakes

Regional:  
Nelson Bay, Everglades, Bowral, Taree, Bathurst and Parkes.

The meeting was advised Cammeray GC had requested a Rules session for new members and beginners and the meeting agreed Sue Fabian and Jean Moran would conduct this for the club.

**Amateur Status:**

3-1 The following have been re-instated to Amateur Status.

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| Michael Lambert | - | 28/1/2011  |
| Ben Manderson   | - | 17/1/2011  |
| Thomas Carroll  | - | 22/12/2010 |
| Adam Wood       | - | 29/11/2010 |

3-2 The following have been advised they are eligible to re-apply on or after the dates shown:

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| Matthew Clarke | - | 5/8/2012 |
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**Miscellaneous Correspondence: Completed Queries and Responses:**

4-1 Query from Catalina GC regarding player who before addressing the ball places their club on line of play to indicate line, and also similar before putting.

Response indicated it is a matter of fact whether or not the player improved anything or placed a marker in the through the green scenario. Further, touching the green at any time to indicate a line was a breach. It was recommended the player alter their routine to avoid future issues as any doubt likely to resolve against the player.

Discussion from this raised several variations used by players whereby they often touch the putting green with their putter before addressing the ball in manner that may be indicating line. As the meeting was at variance on some issues it was agreed to request clarification from Golf Australia.

4-2 Query from Terry Colley (Cammeray GC) regarding advice in Fourball with concurrent Singles if partners not in same singles competition.

The matter was referred to the R&A through Golf Australia and responded as follows: "If both players are playing in individual competitions, whether the same or different ones, they should not be allowed to exchange advice."

4-3 Query regarding whether player may cancel booking on day of competition because of inclement weather and later book in and play if weather improved.

Response indicated that if the conditions allowed the players to book in and cancel without any provisions or conditions otherwise, such action would not be a breach of the Rules.

- 4-4 Query from Nelson Bay GC regarding damage made by kangaroos and whether or not can be declared GUR.  
Response referred to Decision 33-8/32.5 which gives the Committee authority.
- 4-5 Query from the Lakes GC regarding marking of Hazards.  
Response indicated various options but ultimately up to the club to decide from these.
- 4-6 Query from Richard Fishwick (Bega GC) about suction cap on end of golf club and status of club if removed during round.  
Response clarified difference between damage in normal course of play (reference to Decision 4-2/0.5 – no breach) and intentional removal which would change playing characteristics and be a breach.
- 4-7 Query from Norfolk Island GC regarding eligibility to win club championship.  
Response indicating it is up to committee to determine and publish in conditions.
- 4-8 Query regarding use of stakes to indicate margins of hazards.  
Response indicated need for committee to clearly define hazard margins but may be marked by means other than stakes.

**General Business:**

Query regarding grass covered ground in a bunker and whether or not weeds and growing moss have the same status, and application if a ball embeds.

The meeting agreed to request clarification from Golf Australia.

**Committee Members**

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| F. Gal (Chairman) | C. Allen     | S. Fabian   |
| I. Fraser         | R. Griffiths | J. Haddrick |
| J. Moran          | M. Palmer    | J. Robinson |
| M. Shepherd       | J. Waanders  |             |

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 2.38p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 1.00p.m.

Date: ..... Chairman: .....