

GOLF NSW

Minutes of the ***Meeting of the Rules & Amateur Status Committee***

held at the Office of Golf NSW at 1A Duncan Street, Arncliffe

from 16 June 2010 to 14 June 2011

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NSW GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting of the ***RULES AND AMATEUR STATUS COMMITTEE***
held at the Association's Office at 1A Duncan Street, Arncliffe,
on Wednesday 16th June 2010, at 10.45a.m

Present: Messrs. Frank Gal (Chairman), Chris Allen, Ian Fraser and Bob Griffiths,

Apologies: Messrs. John Waanders

In Attendance: Messrs. Rod Clark, Alan Harrison, Greg Mills and Graeme Phillipson

Confirmation of Minutes:

The Minutes of the Rules and Amateur Status Committee meeting held on Monday 15th February, 2010 were confirmed.

Business Arising:

1-1 Standard Uniform for State Level Rules personnel

The meeting was advised that following amalgamation on 1/7/2010 and the implementation of a new logo this matter can be reviewed.

The Committee members were asked to come back with recommendations regarding the style and type of apparel they wished considered.

Business:

2-1 Correspondence / Memorandums from Golf Australia:

- a) Response to query regarding mobile phones as distance measuring devices including R&A statement.
- b) Response from GA regarding amateur status query and 8 year old supposed "World Champion" advertising for sponsors.
- c) GA confirmation of policy regarding when Trainee Professionals are deemed to be in breach of Amateur Status when they begin their traineeship.

Tabled and noted

2.2 Copy of correspondence from Mixed Pennant Committee regarding resolution to incident that occurred in final.

Tabled and noted

2.3 Query from Moore Park GC about situation in competition when flag jammed and could not be removed from hole and several groups completed hole with flag in hole.

The matter was referred to Golf Australia and in turned the R&A who gave various options to the Committee with the preferred option nominated as an "Equity" decision

to permit the round to stand as played (without any application of penalties as the players had taken all reasonable actions)

Tabled and noted

- 2.4 Query from Elanora GC regarding application of handicaps in Fourball Match if the low markers are not present to represent the side.

The response indicates their handicaps must be taken into account when allocating strokes to the higher markers and as such the holes at which strokes are received are also assessed on the basis of all handicaps as though they were present.

Tabled and noted

Amateur Status:

- 3.1 The following have been re-instated to Amateur Status.

Kayne Carmichael – immediate

Noted

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

Nil

Miscellaneous Correspondence: Completed Queries and Responses – Tabled and Noted:

- 4.1 Query from Toukley GC regarding Local Rule for relief from lines on ground to direct carts away from greens.

Response to club suggesting Local Rule similar to that used on Hard Cards for distance spots.

- 4.2 Query from Bellingen GC regarding status of bunkers that no longer contain sand and have been allowed to be overgrown by grass.

Response indicating they no longer meet definition of bunker and are therefore “Through the Green”

- 4.3 Query from Tura Beach GC regarding who may act as a caddy.

Response indicating anyone is permitted to act as a caddy unless specifically precluded by conditions.

- 4.4 Query regarding when bunkers are all declared out of play

Response included copy of Golf Australia document on same.

- 4.5 Query from reader of Pacific Golfer regarding damage by horses and not being GUR
The response referred to Decision 33-8/32.5 which permits a Local Rule for damage by non-burrowing animals at the discretion of the Committee.
- 4.6 Query from Tuggerah Lakes GC with query about GUR relief from tree roots.
The response copied the R&A ruling that permits some forms of relief from closely mown areas or even semi rough at the discretion of the Committee.
- 4.7 Query from Orange Services Club regarding Pennant Competition when play suspended during games and not resumed on day.
Response indicated it is up to the Committee in charge of the competition to interpret their conditions on this matter and also supplied excerpt on this from R&A "Guidance on Running a Competition".
- 4.8 Query from Moore Park GC regarding who is permitted to mark a card in a "Fourball" competition and whether the Committee could accept a card signed by the two partners if they played as a twosome.
Response indicated this is not permitted and referred to several rules that indicate such.
- 4.9 Query from golfer who believes Committee acting inappropriately by changing course conditions during a round by mowing greens in middle of day and other similar actions.
Response indicates it is a local issue to be resolved at club level and also gave a number of situations where the Rules do contemplate such disparities.

General Business:

2010 State Level Seminar and Exam

The Chairman advised the meeting that there were 21 applications to attend. The meeting agreed the numbers were not sufficient to hold the extended version including a split weekend format and all applicants will be invited to attend on the weekend 11th and 12th September 2010.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12.03p.m..

Next meeting scheduled for: To be advised/...../.....

Date:

Chairman:

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 Friday 22nd October 2010, at 10.00a.m.

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

Apologies: Messrs. I. Fraser and M. Palmer

In Attendance: Messrs. R. Clark and G. Phillipson

Confirmation of Minutes: The Minutes of the Rules and Amateur Status Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17th August 2010 were confirmed.

Business Arising:

1-1 Standard Uniform for State Level Rules personnel – update

The meeting was advised the uniform items had been selected and ready for order in readiness for the Men's NSW Open. Sample pictures and order forms were presented.

Business:

2-1 Correspondence / Memorandums from Golf Australia:

GA Rules Committee meeting on 13/10/2010.

The Chairman gave an overview of the meeting content that included update on the Status of the State Level and Club Level Rules structure and resources.

GA had forwarded comment to the R&A regarding use of auto scores cards (computerised) and the R&A had no objection to what GA had proposed – effectively permitting clubs to determine which score is to count when two scores shown on card.

The meeting was informed GA had altered their Hard Card to exclude the one ball condition.

The meeting was further informed GA is developing documentation to give guidelines for duties of club office bearers.

The Chairman re-iterated previous advice that there will likely be some changes to the Rules of Amateur Status.

2-2 \$100,000.00 Golf Bullion Event – Correspondence from Golf Australia and Paul Vautin.

Following advice from C. Allen regarding conversation with Golf Australia CEO, Stephen Pitt, the Committee agreed to respond to Mr Vautin and indicate any further correspondence or action on this matter would be handled by/through Golf Australia.

After discussion it was agreed to request Golf Australia to consider an increase to the current amount of prize or voucher that an amateur may win (currently \$1,200.00AU).

It was also requested Golf Australia consider publishing such information through Golfink or other means to refresh golfer's and club committee knowledge of such limits and improper prizes.

Amateur Status:

3.1 The following have been re-instated to Amateur Status.

Year to date:

Scuglia	David	29/01/2010
Brown,	Michael	6/02/2010
Tobin,	Glen	16/04/2010
Edmonds,	Brett	30/06/2010
Gordon,	Trent	6/07/2010
McAlister,	Luke	6/07/2010

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

Mayo,	Scott	1/07/2012
Carroll,	Thomas	27/11/2010
Beer,	Dean	29/12/2012
Park,	Nathan	31/12/ 2010 (awaiting dates for Tour School 2009)
Garde,	Brent	9/2/2011
Blakemore,	Torie	Awaiting further information to be supplied
Carthew,	Iain	Awaiting further information to be supplied
Hunter,	Darren	Awaiting further information to be supplied
Manderson,	Ben	Awaiting further information to be supplied
Roche,	Gary	Awaiting further information to be supplied
Nesbitt,	Danny	Withdrawn Application

Miscellaneous Correspondence: Completed Queries and Responses:

The following were noted.

4.1 Query on behalf of Karl Vilips regarding sponsorship and logos.

Response from Golf Australia indicating permitted use.

- 4.2 Query from Castle Cove GC regarding status of score cards if players do not put date on card.
- Response indicating the players should not be penalised for failure to include date on the card.
- 4.3 Query from Federal GC regarding marking of hazards and ability to deny access to steep bank in hazard.
- Response indicating correct markings and indicating rules cannot prevent a person entering a hazard but club could regulate against such by utilising sanctions and by-laws (Dec 33-8/6).
- 4.4 Query on behalf of Stefanie Hall, a junior golfer, enquiring about funding to attend schools event.
- Response indicated as it was limited to junior golfers and as she was also not a player of "Skill or Reputation", she could receive funding from any source.
- 4.5 Query from Palm Beach Ladies re person returning from injury being able to play tee up.
- Response indicated not permitted to play under different condition in the same competition but could play within field but not be part of competition.
- 4.6 Query from N&NWDLGA regarding two players playing match in morning and then stroke play in a competition on the same course in the afternoon.
- Response indicated that it would be considered practise as prohibited by Rule 7-1b. The Committee could in the conditions permit practise but this would have to be available as an option to all competitors.

General Business:

Presentation rules slideshow by John Robinson

John Robinson presented to the Committee a Rules of Golf Slideshow that he has developed and utilised. The Chairman thanked John for his presentation and commended the presentation.

Conditions and Local Rules - Hard Card.

The meeting agreed the Chairman with cooperation of Committee members would look to develop a Golf NSW hard card, similar to that of Golf Australia, but more relevant to Golf NSW events.

Nelson Bay Golf Club query regarding Local Rule for replay of strokes that strike cart direction signs.

The matter had been referred to the R&A by Golf Australia and their response indicated it would be appropriate to place such signs a points of least interference and make them readily moveable but permission was not granted toto allow replay of strokes that strike the referred to signs.

Committee Members

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 12.04p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for: Friday 10th December 2010.

Date:

Chairman:

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 Friday 10th December 2010, at 10.30a.m.

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

Apologies: M. Palmer

In Attendance: C. Bloch, R. Clark and G. Phillipson

Confirmation of Minutes: The Minutes of the Rules and Amateur Status Committee meeting held on Tuesday Friday 22nd October 2010 were confirmed.

Business Arising:

1-1 Standard Uniform for State Level Rules personnel

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The uniforms have been distributed with some stock items stored and this item now completed.

1-3 Rules of Golf Club Level Rules Seminar & Exam presentation

The Chairman advised the Committee of the recent sub-committee decision to attempt upgrade of the current slideshow presentation by inclusion of some excerpts from the R&A DVD. He commented further that GA had received permission from R&A for utilisation in this manner provided it was only Club and State Level and that presentations delivered would be by suitably qualified Rules personnel.

John Robinson who is attempting the technical side of integrating the material advised the meeting that he believed he has overcome the technical problems and should be able to achieve the desired outcome.

Business:

2-1 Correspondence / Memorandums from Golf Australia:

- a) Information and invitation to send Golf NSW representatives to 2011 Advanced State Level Rules & Competitions Course

The Chairman advised the meeting that this material was for information to appraise the members of the intent, content criteria for attendance and that the Board of Directors would deliberate on who would be nominated to represent Golf NSW.

2-2 \$100,000.00 Golf Bullion Event – update

The meeting was directed to the addendum correspondence supplied which included a letter to Mr Vautin advising this matter was now being addressed directly by GA and they would be in contact with him in due course.

2-3 NSW Open (Men's) – Chairman's report

The Chairman gave overview that we utilised 45 State Level Accredited personal at the event as both rovers and walking officials. He commented that no significant issues had arisen and he had fewer issues to deal with than in previous years.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to all who had attended and assisted.

2-4 Three queries from recently appointed club vice-captain (one with response from GA):

The meeting agreed to respond as follows:

- a) Rules for a course ranger and status if he attended a flag for players.

Respond that no rules of golf are breached by this attendance of a flag but this type of action should not be encouraged in line with R&A policy for referees and other persons.

- b) Request by lady golfers to take bunkers out of play because it looked like it may rain – who has such authority?

Response to indicate the Rules give no authority to declare bunkers out of play in advance. Also that if the club elected to declare the bunkers out of play the scores returned would not be eligible for handicapping. (reference to Decision 33-8/27 and GA document on same matter)

- c) Queries regarding suspension of play – answered by GA

2-5 Request from Woollahra Golf Club for a Rules Session to be conducted for members.

The meeting agreed this could proceed with Sue Fabian and Jean Moran volunteering to conduct same when a suitable date has been arranged.

2-6 Draft Sample Copy of Golf NSW Hard Card

The draft was tabled for comment and widely applauded with some discussion as to the events to which it may apply. Comment was made regarding the desirability of being able to publish same as a one fold card style document.

2-7 Query from Northern Rivers DGA (Darrel Watts) regarding player requiring cane to enter and exit bunkers and also wanting to use to steady himself in preparation to making a stroke.

The response from GA indicated:

“Provided the committee approves the use by this player of the walking stick, such an action would be fine. As a general rule, I would say that the committee should advise the player in providing such approval that he may not use the walking stick in a manner that would provide undue advantage over other players.”

Amateur Status:

3.1 The following have been re-instated to Amateur Status.

Webber, David 18/11/2010
Noted

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

Nil

Miscellaneous Correspondence:

The following Completed Queries and Responses were tabled and noted:

4.1 Query from Camden Haven GC regarding new island style garden bed within bunker (marked GUR)

Response gave detail of GUR options if in GUR or if in bunker with interference by GUR.

4.2 Query from Cabramatta GC regarding assistance with Local Rules.

The Chairman’s recommendations were forwarded.

4.3 Query from Terry Colley regarding wording for relief from “Wheel Ruts”.

The Chairman’s response included clarification it is meant to interpreted as “clearly defined individual wheel ruts”.

4.4 Query from Terry Moloney regarding action of a rules Official (not a referee) in a match play situation.

The Chairman’s response referred to the R&A position on same.

4.5 Query from Narooma GC regarding disqualification of player who was present at correct time but had not reported to pro-shop.

Chairman’s response and from GA agreed that unless the conditions were very explicit in covering this as a condition there is no Rule of Golf breached and the score should be accepted.

General Business:

Nil

Committee Members

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 11.45a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for: TBA

Date:

Chairman:

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 15th 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 10th 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 8th 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.

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:

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

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 12th April 2011 at 1.00p.m.

Date: Chairman:

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 14th June 2011, at 1.00p.m.

Present: F. Gal (Chairman), I. Fraser, R. Griffiths, J. Haddrick, J. Robinson, M. Shepherd and J. Waanders

Apologies: C. Allen, S. Fabian, J. Moran and M. Palmer

In Attendance: R. Clark and G. Phillipson

Confirmation of Minutes: The Minutes of the Rules and Amateur Status Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th February 2011 were confirmed.

Business Arising:

1-1 Club Level Rules Presentation update

The Chairman and Rod Clark gave comments on the updated presentation format, informing the Committee that there had been positive feedback. The Chairman thanked John Robinson for his assistance in the production of the presentation.

Business:

2-1 Correspondence / Memorandums from Golf Australia:

- a) Document regarding revised decision on disqualification for incorrect scorecards.

Tabled and noted.

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

The Chairman advised the committee there had not been a Golf Australia Rules Committee meeting since our last meeting but added that he had been invited to join the new Golf Australia Rules Committee and that a meeting was likely by the end of June 2011.

The Chairman gave an overview of the Advanced Referee's Course conducted in March this year which was attended by Rod Clark, Christy Collier and Graeme Phillipson.

2-2 2011 State Level Rules Seminars and Exam – re proposed schedule and format

The meeting was advised of the recent confirmation that the golf course facilities at Camden Valley were soon to be closed. Rod Clark advised that he had contact with the General Manager who advised that there will still be adequate facilities for us to conduct the State Level there again this year.

As this has caused delay in finalising a venue the Committee agreed Rod Clark would investigate the availability of resources with view to later dates in September 2011.

The Chairman outlined some ideas for possible changes to the future format of the program but it was agreed to continue in 2011 with the existing format.

2-3 Rules Quiz – website update

The meeting was advised the technical issues were still being investigated and the matter is on-going.

Amateur Status:

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

Jason Pelc - 14/6/2011

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

Phillip Bowron - 1/7/2011
Scott mayo - 1/7/2012
Dean Beer - 29/5/2012
Matthew Clark - 5/5/2012

Miscellaneous Correspondence: Completed Queries and Responses:

4-1 Query from Nelson Bay GC regarding ability of club to impose penalty if player does not enter scores into computer

The response indicated to the club that there is no applicable penalty under the Rules of Golf in relation to the competition but the club could impose sanctions and penalties under the club's by-laws.

4-2 Query from Cabramatta GC regarding a player's concerns about application of Local Rule complying with the rules of Golf

The response indicated that the clubs application of the Local was in compliance.

4-3 Query posed to R&A regarding the use of a driving club which was damaged by banging the club on the ground resulting in the head being dented.

The R&A response indicated that, in the circumstances described, if the dent did not create any conformance concerns, they believed the dent would have no undue effect on the performance of the club and would permit its continued use during the round. They did indicate that they would tend to request an image of the damage and treat these issues on a case by case basis.

4-4 Query regarding omission of holes in Stableford Competition by sitting out two holes and re-joining group later and continuing.

The response referred to Decision 32-1/2 which indicates that this is permitted.

- 4-5 Query from Branxton GC regarding complaints when committee authorised one group to start from a different tee.
- Response included Decision 33-1/3 which indicates that this is permitted if authorised by the committee.
- 4-6 Query from Toukley GC regarding the issuing of prizes and amounts when prizes donated.
- The Chairman's response outlined the permitted amounts and some options for the club.
- 4-7 Query regarding limitations on depth of hole-liners.
- Response supplied definition of 'hole' which includes the appropriate information.
- 4-8 Query regarding ball played from putting green and a fellow-competitor attending the pin stops ball when it passed the hole as he thought the player had no more strokes left.
- The response indicates that the player must replay the stroke and the fellow-competitor who stopped the ball does not incur any penalty.
- 4-9 Query from Dorrigo GC directed to Golf Australia and their response.
- The query was regarding playing a competition comprising one stipulated round over two days and/or over 27 holes.
- The response indicated a competition over two separate days was permitted but not recommended.
- Regarding the 27 hole competition, it was indicated that the stipulated rounds could be 18 holes and 9 holes, with cards submitted for each round, since a stipulated round in stroke play may not exceed 18 holes.
- 4-10 Queries forwarded to Golf Australia for clarification:
1. If a ball finishes within a bunker but is lodged on, or perched on, either a single or small clump of weed and thereby not resting on the sand, is it considered to be in the bunker or not?
- Golf Australia response: requested images and examples to be able to consider
2. If a ball similarly finished on an area that had become covered by moss, would this be considered grass covered ground or part of the bunker?
- Golf Australia response: Moss has the same status as grass in this context
3. If a ball embedded in a bunker face that had become covered by moss, would it be considered to be in the bunker?

Golf Australia response: If the area of moss is substantial enough to be considered through the green, the ball would be considered to be embedded in ground through the green.

4. *Touching green with putter prior to putting, a number of incidents and practices were indicated as occurring and clarification is sought as to whether or not the putting green had been touched in a manner that would be a breach by touching green to indicate line of putt or otherwise:*

- a. Player stands behind ball whilst holding grip end and places club head on ground in front of ball with face of club aiming along line (at 90 degrees to where face will be when behind ball for stroke) – then moves into position and lifts putter and places behind ball
- b. Player stands behind ball whilst holding grip end and places club head on ground behind ball with face of club aiming along line (at 90 degrees to where face will be when behind ball for stroke) – player then takes stance and moves club into position for stroke

Golf Australia response: Advised these queries would be put to the R&A

General Business:

Document on how to operate the new Club Level slideshow presentation.

It was agreed that John Robinson would produce a document on the technical and operational aspects of the presentation so this can be forwarded along with copy of the presentation to Golf Australia and Committee members.

Committee Members:

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 9th August 2011 at 1.00p.m.

Date:

Chairman: