

GOLF NSW

Meeting of **HANDICAP & COURSE RATING COMMITTEE**
to be held at the Golf NSW Office, 1A Duncan Street, Arncliffe
on Tuesday, 30th October, 2012 at 1.30pm

AGENDA

Present: Chris Allen, Sue Fabian, Brian Lanz, John Lock, John Miller, Jann Pearson, Lynette Ritchie

Apologies: Rod Clark, Olwyn Johnstone, Colin Kaye, Moya Shepherd

In Attendance: Adam Dransfield, Stuart Fraser, Graeme Phillipson

Confirmation of

Minutes of

Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 26th of June 2012 to be approved.

Business Arising:

Chairman's Report:

1.1 Update on DSR

Chris Allen reported all other states supported the DSR concept. Chris Allen thought it would be a good idea if Lynne Ritchie typed up a document expressing all the concerns she has previously received opposing DSR which could be taken to the Golf NSW board for discussion and then sent on to Golf Australia for consideration. Chris Allen was of the belief that Golf Australia will however implement DSR even if Golf NSW is against it as they already have the majority of support for its inclusion into the Australian Course Rating/Handicapping System.

1.2 Issuing of short course ratings

It was agreed by all committee members to release short course Ratings to Sefton, Tipperary, Bondi and The Palms

1.3 Issuing of the sand greens ratings

Remains an issue due to the higher scratch ratings. It was decided to hold off issuing sand greens ratings until all have been completed and a fair comparison can be made. Golf NSW has elected to use column 3 (18-21yds) for Green Target because of the small green sizes within our state. Correct size of green recorded and adjusted accordingly.

1.4 Temporary Climatic Ratings

The Golf NSW committee has decided upon a 3 monthly review process for those clubs who have submitted a temporary climatic review form. If the club feels that within this time the course has returned to its normal conditions than their usual rating will come back in with Golflink amended.

1.5 Applications for Course Rating reviews

The Chairmen and the committee agreed that clubs are allowed to revert to their previous ACR/AWCR until their review process has been completed.

1.6 Email to all Zone Coordinators on how many courses still left to rate

Adam Dransfield is to send an email to all Zone Coordinators on courses outstanding. Patrick Fitzgerald from South West has been working but is ready to start again. There has been no response from Terry Steer at Southern Highlands however Illawarra team is prepared to complete their remaining ratings. No response also at this stage from Tom Medcalf looking after Lachlan River.

1.7 Timeframe for re-rating of courses in the future

The committee agreed upon a 10 year timeframe for the re-rating process.

Business:

2.1 Correspondence from Golf Australia:

a) Q & A – DSR, Slope, and the new GA Handicap System

Tabled & Noted

b) Q & A – GA Handicap System; The Anchor Regulation

Tabled & Noted

c) Submitting score card ensuring correct handicap

Sufficient information was provided and answered.

- d) Adam Power's correspondence to Don Parker (Moruya GC) on handicapping women playing off men's rated tee's

Dealt with by Golf Australia

- 2.2 Handicapping amendments through Golflink – Ryan Hannon

Tabled & Noted

- 2.3 Darrell Watts email regarding the correct procedure on reporting handicapping amendments to Golflink

Graeme Phillipson mentioned that Golflink will not make amendments to handicaps on a whim. It was agreed that Golflink needs guidelines to follow and not just adjust/issue handicaps without any proof of identity or written evidence. It was decided that Rod Clark would follow this matter up further with Golflink.

- 2.4 Oberon Women's Golf letter to Golf Australia regarding the introduction of Daily Scratch Ratings (DSR)

- 2.5 Joy Slater (On behalf of women's golf Northern Rivers) letter to Golf Australia regarding the New GA Handicapping System: Proposed Changes

- 2.6 Springwood Country Club Limited letter addressed to John Hopkins at Golf Australia regards DSR

- 2.7 Bob Soper's letter on behalf of the Far South Coast District to Simon Magdulski on the nature and operation of the handicap anchor

All discussed and Lynne Ritchie to include all these issues within her notes that will be passed on to the Golf NSW board.

Handicap Adjustments:

- 3.1 Bonnie Doon Golf Club – decision to reduce and freeze Richard Lawry's handicap at 5.0 for a period of three months under section 8
- 3.2 Bonnie Doon Golf Club – letter to Mr Vantol informing of a reduction and freeze of his handicap at 8.0 under section 8
- 3.3 Concord Golf Club – Phil Binskin (2010600128) reduction in handicap from 22.6 to 14.0
- 3.4 Mudgee Golf Club: Bradley Paine (2070800291) reinstated handicap of 6.5 corrected to 1.0

- John Hackett (2070800160) with a current handicap of 19.4 requiring a handicap adjustment
- 3.5 Increase to member's handicap Gary Eggleton (2011700113) of New South Golf Club with current handicap of 24 to the maximum of 36
- 3.6 Tura Beach Ladies Golf Club decision to increase their member Pat Stevens handicap to 36.2 initially from 28.4 due to health reason's
- 3.7 Rowley Morris (member at The Lakes) handicap reduced to 26.5 from 31.6

Completed Queries and Responses:

- 4.1 Suspension of handicap of Michael Jones (2160701231) Thurgoona GC
Dealt with and handled by Golf Australia
- 4.2 ¾ Handicapping vs full handicapping in Match Play format
Completed response from Rod Clark
- 4.3 Handicapping Match Play when all square after the 18th hole
Email responded to by Rod Clark. Begin again with the strokes given on the same holes.
- 4.4 Handicapping Par-Bisque events – Patricia Nettleton
Golf Australia handicap document says a bisque par event may be used for handicapping at the discretion of the committee but only after conversion to regular par.
- 4.5 Helen Spencer email regarding the adjustment of the anchor provision
Guidelines requested for the anchor adjustment

General Business:

- 5.1 Gifts and certificates for all course raters
Adam Dransfield to begin sending these certificates out immediately.

Committee:

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