

### COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES (11 December 2012 & 19 February 2013)

- **Club Level Resources**

The Committee is investigating the inclusion of material from the R&A's rules video series into the slideshows used for club level seminars and at club rules information session. The videos can be accessed via the Golf Australia website under the "Rules & Competition Management" tab. There are currently twelve videos in the collection.

- **Referee Training**

The Advanced Referee course held at Pennant Hills in November was successful with attendees reporting that their attendance was highly beneficial. The Committee will include material presented at this course into the State Level programme to better equip new graduates to perform the functions of a referee at all levels.

- **Committee Information Sessions**

Since the last Council meeting, sessions have been conducted at Lismore, Glen Innes, Bonnie Doon and Bankstown. The sessions are on track for completion in mid 2014.

GA wishes to make this programme available nationally and is committing substantial resources to assist in the development and distribution of a comprehensive Club Event Administration Manual to supplement its Elite Competition Administration Manual.

The new manual will replace the series of photocopied handouts currently issued to participants. Copies of the manual will be issued to each club in Australia and will also be available on-line.

- **Funding Documentation**

Documentation to assist clubs with the administration of scholarships and other funding arrangements for amateur golfers in NSW is still under development. The GA Rules of Golf and Amateur Status Committee will review the documentation at its meeting on 2 May, 2013 prior to distribution of the resources to clubs in NSW. The Committee will also discuss the merits of making this resource available to the other State Associations.

- **Anchoring**

In November, 2012 the game's governing bodies announced proposed changes to the Rules of Golf that would prohibit anchoring the club in making a stroke.

The deadline for submissions passed on 28 February, 2013 and we await the final decision on this issue, which is expected during the northern spring (our autumn).

### RULES EDUCATION

- Club Level

Since the Committee's decision to proceed with the development of an on-line examination for the club level accreditation examination, extensive work has been undertaken to progress this initiative.

Along with personnel from Golf Vic and Golf SA, two additional exam papers have been compiled to provide an extended database of 200 questions to enhance the integrity of the random generation of exam papers.

I would like to once again commend the energy and expertise of John Robinson in driving this project. John has been invited to attend the GA Committee meeting in May to explain the technical issues and functionality of the on-line exam process.

- 2013 seminars

With the impending availability of the on-line exam process, the seminar and exam program will commence in June 2013. This will enable sufficient time for the program to be functioning so that all exams this year could utilise the on-line format.

The study-guide will be made accessible to participants on-line so that they may view or print it. It will no longer be available as a hard copy document.

Participants will be requested to register for the seminars and exams through our events online booking system. Their fee to attend the seminar and sit the exam will be \$10.00 (Incl. GST) payable at time of registration.

- State Level

Planning is well underway for the State Level program to be held during August or September. With the redevelopment of our long standing venue at Camden Valley Golf Resort as a residential and commercial precinct, discussions are underway with Elanora Golf Club, which has suitable facilities to conduct the indoor and outdoor sections of the course.

Frank Gal

Chair,

Rules and Amateur Status Committee