



## SLC NEWSLETTER 31 DECEMBER 2018

**Happy New Year!**



### **Rules of Golf - January 2019!**

A new set of Local Rules have been produced for the introduction of the new rules of golf on January 1st.

Most local rules are the same but just use new terminology ie: Penalty Areas instead of Hazards, No Play Zones for the environmentally sensitive areas, they also reference the new rule clauses in the updated rules.

The biggest change to our Local Rules is the introduction of a new penalty process as an alternative to the existing Stroke and Distance penalty. This has been put in place to speed up play, and is being adopted by the majority of golf clubs worldwide.

As an example, if you slice it Out of Bounds on 18 you don't have to hit your 3rd from the tee if you don't want to. You can drop a ball no nearer the hole where the ball crossed the boundary OR out on the nearest fairway height grass for a penalty of 2 shots. This means you are hitting your 4th shot after dropping your ball from knee height within the 1 club relief area.

Another way this can be used is if you lose your ball, as an example if you hook your 2nd shot on 5 or 9 into deep grass or scrub you could hit your 4th shot from where you just hit, OR you can go up and look for 3 minutes and if you don't find it you can go backwards to the nearest fairway height grass not nearer the hole and hit your 5th shot as a chip instead.

If anyone has any questions about how to apply this new local rule please talk to the team in the shop or to myself or anyone else in the Match and Green committee.

Please familiarise yourself with all the rule changes and best of luck in 2019!

**An extract of notable changes appears below**

## **2. ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE FOR LOST BALL OR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS**

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For two penalty strokes (to be clear, if you lose your tee shot and proceed under this local rule your next shot would be your 4th shot), the player may take relief by dropping a ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

a) **Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball is estimated to have:

- Come to rest on the course, or
- Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.

b) **Fairway Reference Point:** The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3).

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

## **5. NO PLAY ZONES**

Golfers are advised that the Penalty Areas (wetland areas) left of the 16th fairway and the islands in the wetland areas of the 2nd, 16th, 17th and 18th holes are environmentally sensitive areas and have been deemed No Play Zones by the Committee. These areas are defined by stakes with green tops or signposted accordingly. Entry to, and play from these areas is strictly prohibited.

## **6. PENALTY AREAS**

Penalty areas are defined as either red or yellow and are defined by red, or yellow stakes or lines. Please note that the stakes are immovable obstructions. If unsure, please refer to the temporary local rules for any additional Penalty Areas on the course.

## **8. ALL ROADS AND PATHS TREATED AS OBSTRUCTIONS**

All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially-surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

# **Course Update**

With the recent downpours, being followed by some very hot days the course is looking decidedly greener than in past summers. The previous work Mark and his crew have done on the fairways and surrounds is paying dividends as the fairways and rough areas are growing at a very healthy rate.

The positive of the welcome rain filling our dams and giving the course a good drenching is counteracted by the speed at which weeds will sprout, and the unfortunate effect the heavy rain has had on the consistency of course bunkers and on course puddling.

By way of communication we'd like to let you all know what the focus will be in the coming week.

A couple of the greens are looking a bit patchy, where the poa is struggling but the bent grass still flourishing. These will be monitored over the next couple of days. Of particular interest is 5th and 7th greens. All greens were sprayed on the 20th with a fungicide and we have sprayed this again this morning with another fungicide. Going forward we will be spraying a preventive out every 3 weeks to minimise the chance of this repeating.

We will be hiring a pump to drain the stagnant water on the 15th and 17th. The 15th is a result of blockages and resulting run off from the CWW compound. We are in contact with CWW to rectify this issue.

The issue with the front bunker on 16th has resulted from the drainage pipe being filled with sand following the heavy rains. The plan is to dig out the sand at the head of the drain, flush the pipe and fix this for the future. This bunker will remain GUR until this task is complete.

With construction beginning near the 6th tee area, the run-off from the rain events and irrigation has caused a soft area to develop on the traffic area to the blue/black tee box. This will be rectified once construction is continued with drainage being installed and a path constructed as a designated walk way. We will monitor the area, and if it becomes too boggy the tee area will be taken out of play for a short time.

Bunkers will be a focus point with course staff returning these to previous standards of appearance and consistency, by spraying weeds and surrounds, and attending to sand levels.

Just quietly, how good does the chipping area look! If you haven't had the chance to get up to the driving range recently, do yourself a favour, take yourself and a wedge up for a practice!

## **New Year's Resolution - Lower my Handicap!**

Now is the perfect time to improve your game!!

The summer weather is here, the course is in great condition and there couldn't be a better time to improve your game, and shave a couple of shots off your handicap.

Take a lesson with one of the excellent teaching pros that we are lucky to have here at Sanctuary

Lakes or put an improvement program in place for your game.

Lesson packages might be the commitment you need to make to see your game become more consistent and enjoyable. Member's prices are just

\$150 for 3 x 30 minute lessons

\$225 for 5 x 30 minute lessons

Or have the guys take your lesson on course, with an on course playing lesson costing

\$155 for 6 holes. This will assist in your course strategy and game time thinking and focus as well as fine tuning what you've been practicing at the range.

Bookings can be made with your choice of Chris, DV, Marcus, Clint or AJ.

Pricing is consistent as above or,

\$55 for a 30 minute lesson

\$100 for a one hour lesson

Whatever your requirements, call the pro shop on 03 9394 9444 and talk about how to improve your game!

## **Vic Open Qualifier - Monday February 4th**

As you may be aware we have been chosen to host the final qualifier for the Vic Open, taking place at 13th Beach later that week.

Over 90 Male and Female Professionals will tee it up at Sanctuary Lakes with the prize being a spot in the fastest growing professional tournament in world golf.

A majority of these players will be playing Sanctuary Lakes for the first time, as such, we expect tee times requested for practice rounds.

We will be keeping Saturday and Sunday mornings as premium Members times, however will make other times available for these professionals to play.

If you would like the opportunity to play with one of these professionals in your group or as a course liaison, please send a note through to [club@sanctuarylakesclub.com.au](mailto:club@sanctuarylakesclub.com.au) and we will do our best to accommodate your wishes.

## **Golf Shop Grips Special**

We have a ripper deal in the Golf Shop over the next two weeks, purchase 13 new grips of your choice and ONLY pay for 10! We will custom fit them too!

Start 2019 in style!!



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**Sandpiper Black Tee Challenge**

# **SANDPIPER BLACK TEE CHALLENGE**

**ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE ?**



**ROUND 4  
11TH JANUARY**

## **TEES**

**MEN'S - BLACK  
LADIES - PINK  
OPEN ALL HANDICAPS**

## **PRICE**

**MEMBERS - \$10 COMP FEE  
NON MEMBER - \$59  
INCLUDES COMP FEE**

## **PRIZES**

**1ST - TITLEIST DUFFLE BAG VALUED AT  
\$200**

**2ND - FOOTJOY SHIRT VALUED AT \$100**

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WEATHERSOFT GLOVE**

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OR BETTER**

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PLAYER WHO SCORES 34 POINTS  
OR BETTER**

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CALL THE GOLF SHOP (03) 9394 9444 TO BOOK  
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**

**School Holiday Clinics 2019**

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

JANUARY

TUES  
8

WED  
9

THURS  
10

9:00AM - 2:00PM

6-14 YEARS OLD

16 CHILDREN MAX

JANUARY

TUES  
15

WED  
16

THURS  
17

COURSE TOURNAMENT ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE  
10TH & 17TH INCLUDED

\$99 PER DAY

\$249 FOR 3 DAYS

\$399 FOR BOTH WEEKS

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