



Newsletter 2021/3

July 15th 2021

From the President

Membership renewals were due on June 30th. Quite a lot of members have not yet renewed – more than usual compared to past years. If you are tossing up whether to renew or not because you don't play often enough to justify full membership then you might like to consider Pay-as-You-Play membership (see below).
Regards,
Greg Michael.

Pay-as-you-Play

Flexible, Fun Membership at Cooroy Golf Club

'Ordinary Pay-as-you-play' membership is designed for golfers who have limited time to play but still want:

- ✓ to maintain a handicap,
- ✓ the flexibility to only pay as you play,
- ✓ to enjoy the benefits of club membership, value for money.

Annual Cost: \$300 including GST, providing the same benefits as an ordinary member with the following exceptions:

- ✓ Not eligible to vote.
- ✓ Not eligible for committee.
- ✓ Not eligible to win honour board events.
- ✓ Member account credit not applicable.

Ordinary Pay-as-you-Play Members are eligible to transition to Ordinary Membership on payment of the appropriate fee.

Cost to play at Cooroy:

- Competition play - **\$20** in addition to competition fee.
- Social play - **\$20** for 9 or 18 holes.

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Finance Director

The position of Finance Director is still vacant. Expressions of interest from any member interested in temporarily filling the position are welcome.

Wayne's World

The exclusive arrangement that CGC had with Titleist has now ended and a range of Bridgestone products have begun to arrive. Bridgestone balls are now in stock and accessories (bag, gloves etc) should arrive soon. COVID-19 has delayed production and delivery of golf equipment in general.



Turf Talk

Some of the cart-path upgrades have been completed. There is still some to do – in particular the section on the 5th adjacent to and just beyond the ladies tee. Other projects, e.g. the upgrade of the ladies 3rd tee have been put on hold until the new Greens Superintendent is on board.

Staff

The Greens Superintendent's position was advertised on the Australian Sports Turf Managers Association website. Thirteen applications were received. Unfortunately the 3-day COVID-19 lockdown interfered with interviews but 3 applicants were eventually interviewed and an appointment has been made.

Warren Smith will begin on August 9th. He has already worked as a greens super (he managed the private course at Cooroy Mountain for many years and was also responsible for most of its construction) and is currently 2IC at Noosa Hills. He comes highly recommended and has plenty of experience managing budgets, training staff, preparing work programs and repairing machinery.

Warren has already organised to meet the greens staff and undertake a site inspection before his start date so that he can hit the ground running. He lives locally and has an intimate knowledge of Cooroy and the local community. Please make him welcome.

In the interim period Brendan O'Brien has done a superb job keeping the course up to scratch during some difficult weather conditions. With 2 staff vacancies and the apprentice, Ayden, at college Brendan has, at times, been maintaining the course on his own. An excellent effort! Many thanks to Brendan for his hard work during the last few weeks.

New Member Injury/Illness Policy

The CGC Management has developed a new policy to partially compensate members who are unable to play for extended periods of time due to injury, illness or other medical condition.

The policy is as follows:

Any member who, for reason of a personal medical condition, cannot play golf for a period exceeding 3 months can apply for a partial refund of subscription fees that have been paid in advance. The refund will not exceed 50% of the fees already paid for the period of incapacity and will take the form of an extension to the member's membership expiry date.

For example: for an incapacity period of more than -
3 months: 1 ½ months extension to membership,
6 months: 3 months extension to membership,
12 months: 6 months extension to membership.

Conditions: A medical certificate is required; no money will be refunded (membership extension only); subject to Management Committee approval.
