

FAIRWAY NEWS



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Sandy Going Mi Club

Sandringham Golf Club has contracted with MiClub to streamline our competition management.

The system, known as OneGolf, will save significant administrative effort by our competition stewards and ensure the continued integrity of our competition results. The hole-by-hole scoring data will be invaluable when reviewing the course indices and monitoring pace of play.

Included with this initiative is the replacement of manual scorecards with the MiScore mobile phone App. There will be a terminal in the comp room to enable those without a mobile phone to enter their hole-by-hole scores.

The intended implementation date is 1st April 2022.

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To facilitate this transition prior to April, we are upgrading our website, which will be hosted by MiClub.

The Mentone Golf Club (Thursday ladies) and Sandringham Golf Club Associates (Tuesday ladies) have already gone live with OneGolf and MiScore. The ability to use MiScore at Sandringham will be a feature that attracts visitors to the course, or at least a value-added benefit.

Separate communication to members covering training and explaining the changes will follow shortly.

Welcome to 2022

The new golfing year kicks off with a bang with the Club Championships already underway, a televised tournament being played at Sandy in late February and Pennant season kicking off in March. Big events are happening thick and fast early in the year. So let's jump right in!

Upcoming events

12 February Stroke, Club Champs R2, LG McDonald Qualifier
19 February Stroke, Club Champs R3, VGL Medal
26 February Stableford (up to 10.30am)
27 February Club Function Beaumaris Yacht Squadron
5 March 4BBB/Par (Ian Fraser Qualifier) or singles Stableford

Recent Results

- The first competition for 2022 on the first day of the year was fittingly won by the "First Man of SGC" as Club President Rob Harris' 41pts won the overall prize on a countback from David Mallen who won A Grade. Dan Murphy (36pts B Grade) and Michael Lenkic (35pts C Grade) were the other winners.
- Scores ramped up on 8 January as members left New Year's hangovers in the rear view mirror. Clayton Ford's excellent 46pts was best overall. Barry Russell (44pts C Grade) and Cris Payne (43pts A Grade) were next best. Jamie Staib (40pts) won B Grade and long time member Jan Cormack's 37pts took out the Women's Division.
- Rob Walker (+8) left a closely bunched field in his wake in the Par round of 15 January. The Russell family's good form continued. This time Peter (+5) took out B Grade on a countback from Bruce Baldey. There was a 3 way tie in C Grade with Aaron Chrystie getting the nod from Rod Burke and Pat Maginness – all at +5. Ilija Sidoti (+4 A Grade) and Ruth Branagh (+4 Womens) were the other winners.
- Matt Scott (42pts) won the overall on 22 January on a countback from Rob Reid who won C Grade. Ben Akdag (B Grade 40pts), James Honner (A Grade 38pts) and Mel Ansell (Women 38pts) were the other winners. Highlight of the day was Jan Roker's eagle 2 on the first hole. An easy 8 iron Jan said. Well done!
- Brad McDiarmid set a new competition record for the new course on 29 January when he scored a mammoth 47pts to win the overall prize. Leigh Busby was unlucky but his 45pts was enough to win C Grade. James Honner took out his second successive A Grade with 39pts. Other winners were Alan Abbes (42pts B Grade) and Helen Ansems (39pts Womens).
- The first round of the Club Championship saw Paul Scanlon win the VGL medal with a nett 62 on a countback from Peter McLeod who won B Grade. Matt Scott won A Grade with a nett 63. Steve Bywater won C Grade on a countback from Robert Williams after both scored a nett 66. Liz Mitchell took out the Women's Division with a nett 64 and also eagled the 18th.

THE PRESIDENT'S BLOG

Well, the first report for the year and here we are in the middle of the Club Championships. Not for this little Brown Duck as a result of an "adventurous time" in an un-named bunker during the first round.... I guess those bunker lessons have now become a high priority. To all of you who are still in the "Clubbies"....good luck and shoot low!!!



We are currently experiencing a period of uninterrupted Golf and the course is playing magnificently. Even after a large recent downpour on a Friday afternoon, the course still presented very well on the Saturday morning and is a testament to all the ground staff.....(plus we still have all our Greens intact...!!)

The privilege of playing Sandringham is now costing more as Course Management deemed it necessary to introduce yet another price rise. Hopefully this is the last, as I know many members are finding it hard to justify playing Sandy - especially if they want to play more than once per week. Unfortunately, we are at the mercy of said Course Management and approaches to them from all clubs who use Sandringham as their home course has fallen on deaf ears.

On that note, keep hitting them long and straight and preferably not too often and enjoy the opportunity to be playing.

And let's not forget:

"Golf is a strange game – you yell "fore", shoot a 7 and write down a 5"

Regards

Rob Harris

News and Notes

Club Apparel

Members can purchase Club apparel.

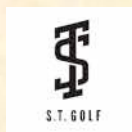
- Polo shirt \$30. Sizes 'S' to '5XL'. Men's design only at the moment.
- Cap \$10

Email:

captain@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au or text 0413 438 048

Golf Gloves

Members are now able to purchase high quality Cabretta Leather golf gloves at discounted prices.



Details of the process were sent to members by Club Captain Geoff Thornton on 27 September. On the Checkout page **please do not change the email address** – leave it as captain@sand...

Congratulations Nick

Congratulations to member Nick Jamieson who has been appointed as Treasurer of the Victorian Golf League.

MiScore App

Do you know that you can download the MiScore App to your phone, and subscribe for \$16.49pa to enable you to use MiScore at courses where MiClub is operating.

David's hot streak

In a round in mid January David Mallen was on fire recording five birdies in his first eleven holes. Whilst David couldn't maintain the sizzling pace for the rest of the round his playing partners were in awe of his fine play!

Geraldine O'Callaghan

Geraldine O'Callaghan has recently been appointed as course superintendent at Sandy and is one of just a handful of females in that role in Australia. A one-marker, who plays pennant for Melbourne's Southern Golf Club Gerri was on Golf Australia magazine podcast series recently. Worth a listen.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The first round of the Club Championships did not run as smoothly as expected. It started with confusion over the women's tee markers – a repeat of last year and not the fault of our Club. The pace of play was unsatisfactory, and it wasn't only the women. Some male long-hitters have forgotten the 3 minute rule to look for a ball. Most rounds took almost 5 hours.



Despite several mentions in newsletters (even the most recent one in December) and notices next to the Comp Sheet, there are still occasions where members do not write their stableford points on their scorecard on Stroke days. It is only on Par rounds where stableford points are not required.

MARKERS also need to take responsibility to ensure Players' scorecards are filled out correctly.

The introduction of MiClub's OneGolf system and MiScore will help to alleviate some of these issues.

The pennant season is approaching. The VGL has reduced the eligibility requirement from 4 to 3 18-hole equivalent rounds from 1st October 2021 to start of pennant season. Enquiries welcome.

We have new pennant managers this year. Michael Kent (Scratch), Geoff Maynard (Handicap) and Rob Harris (Seniors) have relieved Andrew Rumbelow, Geoff Thornton and John McCarthy. Thanks to all.

The Athena event being played at Sandy on February 26 and 27 may not significantly affect our Saturday competition. Tee times will close at 10:30am or maybe slightly later, which should be late enough to accommodate our usual Saturday field.

Geoff Thornton

Vale Bill Morecroft – Life Member

Recently the Club was saddened to learn that former Club President and Life Member Bill Morecroft had passed away in July 2020 at the age of 99.

Bill was a stalwart of the Club and was a well-respected President from 1966 to 1970. This respect extended beyond our own club apparently as when Bill was reelected President in 1968 the AGM was told that the Presidents of other VGL Clubs had expressed the hope that he "would again be elected to lead his Club." SGC AGM 1968 Minutes

Bill played regularly at Woodlands well into his 90s but also found time to play in our Charity Days and help Sandy celebrate the Club's 75th Birthday in 2012 and the 80th birthday in 2017.

In 2012 Bill was resplendent in his plus 4s as he handed out the prizes and cut the birthday cake. At the 2017 event Bill cut a fine figure on the dance floor



RIP Bill Morecroft

Major Competition News

John Pittard Singles Matchplay

The field for the 2022 John Pittard Singles Match Play has been set with the first round to be completed by 28 May. Sounds a long way off but don't lose track!

The match ups are:

Brad McDiarmid	vs	Craig Punshon	Leigh Busby	vs	Colin Hockley
Anthony Jean	vs	Nick Hague	Ruth Branagh	vs	Mike Roker
Frederick Hughan	vs	David Waters	Bernie Bagley	vs	Gary Gibb
Don Tasveski	vs	Tony Turpin	Michael Kent	vs	Jason Maynard

VGL Pennant Season Kicks off early March.

As in previous years Sandy will field three pennant teams in 2022.

The Seniors (over 55s) team is first cab of the rank with their first match away at Centenary Park on 3 March (matches played on Thursdays). The team will be looking for a bit of revenge and to go one better than last year when they lost to Centenary Park in the final.

The Scratch and Handicap teams get their season underway on 20 March (matches played on Sundays) with the Scratch team playing Brighton (Away) and the Handicap team hosting Eastern Sward. Both teams will be looking to bounce back from disappointing 2021 seasons. The full fixture is below.

To be eligible, members must return at least 3 cards in singles competitions played at Sandringham from the prior October 1 until the start of the pennant season. Players must also be a member of the Club by January 1, 2022, and hold a current Australian Handicap by the first round of pennant.

Seniors must have attained 55 years prior to the first match.

If you are interested in playing please contact Club Captain Geoff Thornton

Good luck to all pennant players and teams.



SGC's last pennant winning team.
The 2018 Div. 3 Handicap team.
Time to regain past glories!

	Scratch (Div 2)	Handicap (Div 3)	Seniors
Rd 1	Brighton (A) 20/3/22	Eastern Sward (H) 20/3/22	Centenary Park (A) 3/3/22
Rd 2	Westgate (H) 27/3/22	Brighton (A) 27/3/22	Eastern Sward (H) 10/3/22
Rd 3	Waterford (H) 3/4/22	Ringwood (A) 3/4/22	Creekside (A) 17/3/22
Rd 4	Brighton (H) 10/4/22	Eastern Sward (A) 10/4/22	Centenary Park (H) 24/3/22
Rd 5	Westgate (A) 24/4/22	Brighton (H) 24/4/22	Eastern Sward (A) 31/3/22
Rd 6	Waterford (A) 1/5/22	Ringwood (H) 1/5/22	Creekside (H) 7/4/22

Where to redeem your vouchers if you are lucky or good enough to win one!

House of Golf

Some Drummond Stores

Sandringham Café for food or drink

Grape and Grain Liquor Cellars, Station St Moorabbin

Royal Melbourne Golf Club Pro Shop

New Course - Best scores in SGC Competitions (so far)

The first rounds on the new course were played on 28 November 2020. Below are the best scores recorded in SGC competitions since that time. Note that some very high stableford scores may also have had stroke scores that may be below the best recorded below however these records only apply to the competition of the day.

Stroke Gross

Date	Men	Sc/Hc	Date	Women	Sc/Hc
5/12/20	Anthony Cape	72/ 9	27/2/21	Marian Nguyen	82/19
20/2/21	Nick Hague	72/11			
13/3/21	Gary Boschen	72/ 8			

Stroke Nett

Date	Men	Sc/Hc	Date	Women	Sc/Hc
4/12/21	Andrew Preston	58/22	5/12/20	Ruth MacDonald	58/32

Stableford (Saturday)

Date	Men	Sc/Hc	Date	Women	Sc/Hc
29/1/22	Brad McDiarmid	47/20	10/7/21	Liz Tanzimat	44/28

Stableford (Mid week)

Date	Men	Sc/Hc	Date	Women	Sc/Hc
6/2/21	Ross Gordon	45/28	19/12/20	Sally Squires	45/37

Par

Date	Men	Sc/Hc	Date	Women	Sc/Hc
3/4/21	Peter Karvelis	+9/19	15/1/22	Ruth Branagh	+4/23

Course Record Machine and golf lessons on record!

Australian golfer of the 60s, 70s and 80s Billy Dunk was a fine player who won over 100 tournaments including five Australian PGAs and the New Zealand Open. He was also known for his ability to have brilliant rounds and broke over 80 course records in his career including at quality venues like Victoria and Kingston Heath. In a span of 30 months between 1967 and 1969, he won 25 tournaments and set 25 course records.

In a sign of how times have changed you could learn Billy's short iron secrets by listening to him on record – yes the vinyl stuff! The mid - twentieth century equivalent of YouTube maybe?? Sponsored by Chesterfield cigarettes to boot!



What is going on with men's professional golf tours??

Depending on how closely you follow the professional men's game you may or may not be aware of a bubbling brew of competition between the major existing tours and rumblings of new world tours backed by money from Saudi Arabia. As a community service Fairway News provides the following idiosyncratic summary of the state of play:

Tour	State of Play	Looking to:
PGA Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The big dog! The pachyderm (definitely African) in any room. • Most \$s and prestige • Runs 6 tours including in Canada and South America • Runs 47 events in the 2021-22 including 3 Fed Ex Cup playoff events. • Has a "wraparound season" since 2013 basically meaning it goes all year round. • The break between the 2020-21 tour and the current one was only 11 days (partly due to Covid impacts but you get the picture). • Doesn't like competition – will ban players who join breakaway Tours (see below) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay on top • Keep the best players including by improving their access to incentive schemes • Partner with the DP World Tour to stop players defecting (3 co-sanctioned events this year) • Laugh off Phil Mickleson's accusation that they are greedy. Pot and kettle etc.
DP World Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebranded European Tour is the smaller elephant (Asian maybe?) in the room. • Has had a wraparound tour (since 2000) • Has embraced the middle east, Asia and south Africa as part of its schedule for some time. • Has 47 events played in 27 different countries – a world tour indeed! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay second • Find ways to get the best players to play more World Tour events – usually involves more money • Make the most of their cash cow – the Ryder Cup
Asian Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A relative minnow (outside Asia) until recent influx of money from Saudi Arabia (LIV Golf Investments) • Seeking to schedule big money events outside of Asia – e.g Saudi International played first week of February • Has created an <i>International Series</i> in 2021 which could be a stepping stone for ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to break into the top tier of tours • Establish the <i>International Series</i> • Not be left empty handed when it all shakes down
Super Golf League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ultimate aim of LIV Golf Investments - Saudi money and led by CEO Greg Norman. • Attempting to sign big name players away from the major tours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smash the current control the Tours have over players • Establish a World Tour for the top players • See off accusations of "sports washing" Saudi funds.

Feedback, comments or suggestions on the newsletter can be sent to newsletter@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au

How has the new course impacted the local wildlife? *

* Note: A completely unscientific analysis.

For some members (realistically a quite small number) it has been interesting to try and gauge if there has been any change in the nature and numbers of wildlife (particularly bird life) since the new course opened in November 2020. Here's a couple of thoughts:

- Generally the usual suspects are still present the little corella (lots), galahs (not as many) and kookaburras (infrequent).
- There seems to be a definite increase in the number of seagulls probably due to the expansion of the dam. The silver gull is native to Australia and has thrived in urban areas as a scavenger as anyone who has had fish and chips on the beach knows!
- One potential change is that in previous years members with early



tee times would often see 20-30 little pied cormorants roosting in the trees at the western end of the dam. On some occasions recently large number of corellas seem to have taken over the trees from the cormorants. This could be seasonal so something to watch for.



The phrase "shag on a rock" was coined about a bird that is the larger cousin of the cormorants we see regularly at Sandy.

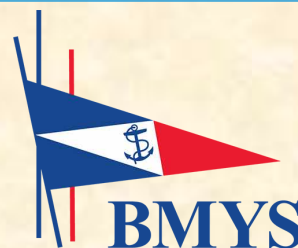
- In November 2021 a pair of masked lapwings (also known as spur winged plovers) were seen to be caring for their chick particularly between the 3rd and 18th holes. There has been a pair of lapwings around the course for many years so it was great to see a new generation. Hopefully the chick survived. The chicks have very long legs compared to their body and are well camouflaged – it was very hard to see in the sandy waste areas.



Club Function 27 February 2022

The Club has booked the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron for a function on Sunday afternoon 27th February 2022. It will be similar to the successful event that was held in 2019.

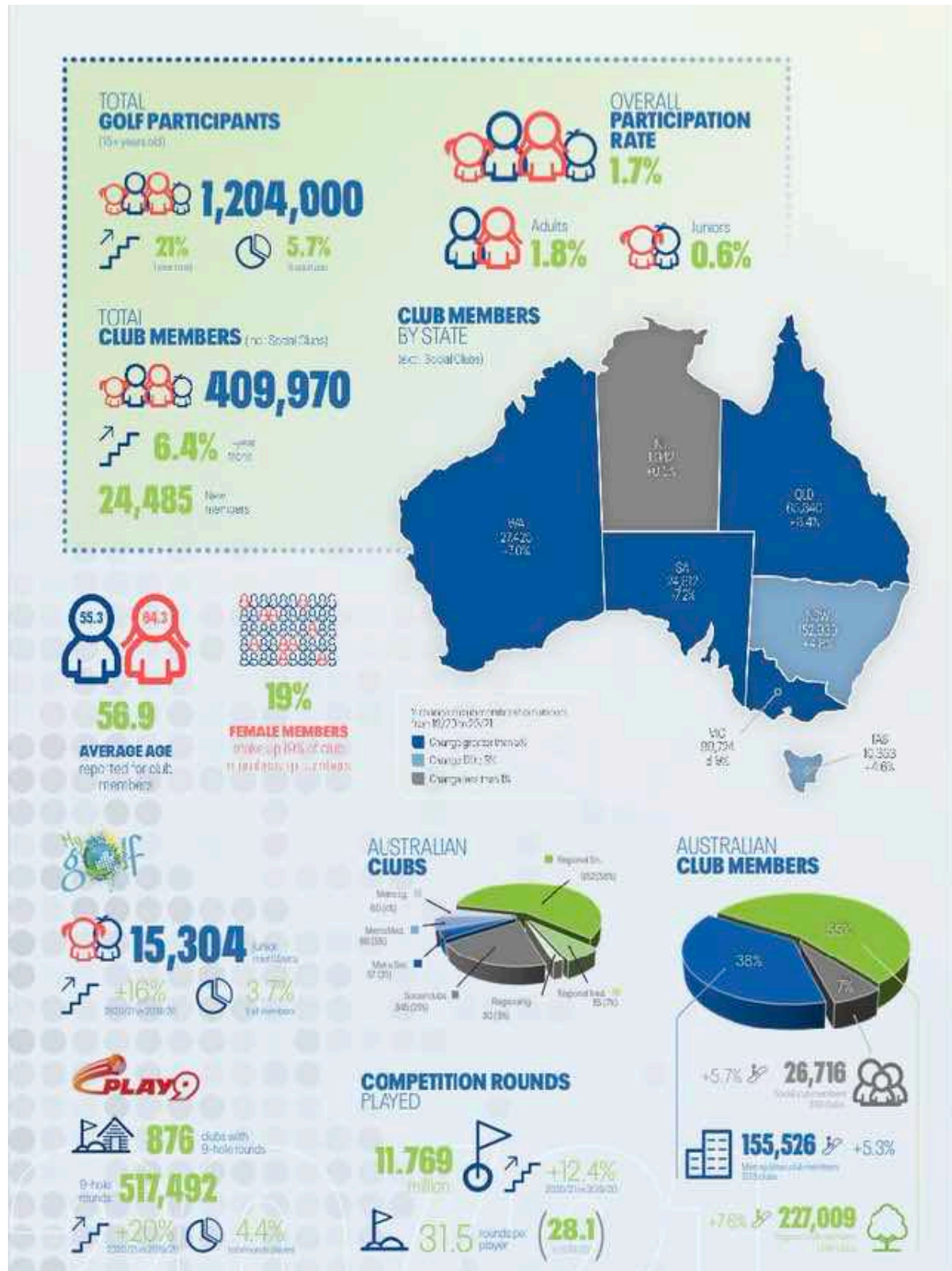
Partners are invited.



More details have been provided by email.

Golf Club participation rises sharply

The annual survey of golfing participation was released by Golf Australia on 8 February. It showed there was record growth in club participation and total participation 6.4% increase in club members and a 21% (210,000) year-on-year rise in round players in 2020/21. The graphic below summarises the key findings of the report. (For more detail see Golf Australia website)



How to complete your scorecard.

Stroke Round

In a Stroke Round all strokes must be recorded. Plus:

You must also record your Stableford Points.

The Stableford Points are what is used to recalculate your handicap

Event Stroke Entry No. 33

Date 22 / 1 / 22 Daily HCP 15 Tees Played From ☒ Purple ☐ Orange

Player Jordan Norman ☐ Purple ☒ Orange

Marker Karrie Lee

Score	
Gross	82
Nett	67
Points	33

All three scores should be recorded. Gross, Nett and Stableford.

Hole	Metres		Index		Par	Player			Marker		
	Purple	Orange	Match	Purple		Orange	#	-0+	Points	#	-0+
1	340	315	18	14	9	4	4	2	5	2	2
2	150	135	8	13	15	3	4	2	4	2	2
3	365	370	12	10	5	4	4	3	5	2	2
4	355	310	3	5	6	4	5	2	7	2	2
5	365	310	14	6	10	4	7	2	6	1	1
6	305	285	6	7	8	4	5	2	5	2	2
7	345	130	10	17	17	3	4	1	3	3	3
8	390	340	1	1	1	4	6	1	6	2	2
9	145	120	16	18	18	3	3	2	3	3	3
OUT	2540	2265				33	42	15	44	17	17
10	345	305	5	8	7	4	3	4	5	2	2
11	385	245	11	9	12	3	5	3	3	3	3
12	355	135	2	11	14	3	3	3	3	3	3
13	335	310	15	2	2	4	5	2	6	2	2
14	160	120	7	12	16	3	4	2	6	2	2
15	345	315	13	3	3	4	9	2	4	4	4
16	130	105	4	15	13	3	3	2	4	2	2
17	380	340	17	4	4	4	5	2	6	2	2
18	280	250	9	16	11	4	3	3	5	2	2
IN	2315	2025				32	40	18	42	20	20
OUT	2560	2265				33	42	15	44	17	17
TOTAL	4975	4290				65	82	33	86	37	37
Men	Scratch Rating	67	64				15	22	64		
	Slope	114	114								
Women	Scratch Rating	72	69								
	Slope	124	120								

All strokes must be recorded even if no Stableford points are scored.

Handicaps are subtracted from the gross score to obtain the nett score

Player's Signature Jordie Norman

Marker's Signature K. Lee

Visitor Player Golf Link No.

How to complete your scorecard.

Par Round

In a Par Round the player is effectively playing Matchplay against the course. Using the Stroke Index on each hole (Purple or Orange tees) scores are recorded as either a plus, half or minus -

'+' for a nett score under par,

'0' for nett score of par - a half,

'-' for a nett score over par.

Event Par Entry No. 33

Date 22 / 1 / 22 Daily HCP

Player Jordan Norman 15 Tees Played From ☒ Purple ☐ Orange

Marker Karrie Lee 22 ☐ Purple ☒ Orange

Score	
Gross	Nett
	<u>+1</u>
Points	

Hole	Metres		Index		Match	Purple	Orange	Par	Player			Marker		
	Purple	Orange	Purple	Orange					#	- 0 +	Points	#	- 0 +	Points
1	340	315	18	14	9	4	4	+		5	0			
2	150	135	8	13	15	3	4	0		4	0			
3	365	320	12	10	5	4	4	0		5	0			
4	355	310	3	5	6	4	5	0						
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7	145	130	10	17	17	3	4	-		3	+			
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9	145	120	16	18	18		3	0		3	+			
OUT	2560	2265				33		-1						
10	345	305	5	8	7	4	4	+		5	0			
11	185	145	11	9	12	3				4	0			
12	155	135	2	11	14	3	3	+		3	+			
13	335	310	15	2	2	4	5	0		6	0			
14	160	120	7	12	16	3	4	0						
15	345	315	13	3	3	4								
16	130	105	4	15	13	3	3	+		4	0			
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18	280	250	8	10	11	4	3	+		5	0			
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Deduct HCP Net Score

Visitor Player Golf Link No.

NTP - Distance (cms)
9 16

Jordan doesn't get a shot on Hole 9 but a par 3 gives him a 0

Jordan starts the back nine well with a par 4 nett birdie 3 for a +

Jordan doesn't get a shot on Hole 18 but a birdie 3 gives him a +

Karrie picked up after her 5th shot on this Par 4 as she had already incurred a -

Karrie gets 2 shots as Hole 17 is Index 4. A 6 gives her a half on the hole

How to complete your scorecard.

Stableford Round

In a Stableford Round points are awarded depending on the net score on each hole. Using the Stroke Index on each hole (Purple or Orange tees) scores are recorded as follows:

- '0 pts' for a nett double bogey,
- '1 pt' for a nett score of bogey,
- '2 pts' for a nett score of par
- '3 pts' for a nett score of birdie,
- '4 pts' for a nett score of eagle
- '5 pts' for a nett score of 3 under par,

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NTP - Distance (cms)

9	16
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Jordan starts the back nine well with a birdie 3 net eagle for 4pts

Jordan doesn't get a shot on Hole 18 but a birdie 3 gives him 3pts

Karrie picked up after her 6th shot on this Par 4 as she could no longer score a point

Karrie gets 2 shots as Hole 15 is Index 3. A Par 4 gives her 4 pts on the hole for a nett eagle

Karrie gets 2 shots as Hole 17 is Index 4. A 6 gives her a nett par and 2 pts on the hole