

# FAIRWAY NEWS



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members and their families.

Newspapers used to and maybe still do have mottos. Famously the New York Times motto is "All the news that's fit to print". Rolling Stone magazine satirised the slogan by adopting "All the news that fits" as their motto. Here at Fairway News we don't have a motto (open for suggestions?) but this bumper end of year issue tends to the Rolling Stone end of the continuum.

## Xmas Drinks 16 December

After the Ambrose round on December 16th, the club will be funding a free BBQ sausage and drink from the Cafe for each member who plays in the competition. Stay after your round and have a chat with your fellow club members. Vouchers can be collected from the Pro Shop.

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## SGC Committee for 2024

Congratulations and thank you to our new Committee for 2024

President	Rob Harris
Vice President	Andrew Preston
Secretary	Colin Hockley
Captain	Michael Kent
Vice Captain	Geoff Thornton
Treasurer	Christine Nicholson
Comp Steward	Jay Ramsden
Committee	Ruth Branagh Oliver Cunliffe

The AGM on 14 November was well attended and some lively discussion touched on topics such as seeking to have practice nets installed, improving how new members are welcomed into the Club and the relationship between Clubs and course management. Membership and joining fees were maintained at current levels.

## Upcoming events

9 December	Stableford
16 December	2- Ball Ambrose
23 December	Stableford
30 December	Stableford
6 January	Stableford
13 January	Stableford
20 January	Par

*Recent Results*

- Brad McDiarmid's net 56 on 7/10 put him in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the record books for Stroke rounds on the new course and won the Overall but only just as Ilja Sidoti's net 57 put him in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the records and won B Grade. Jenni Clarke's net 68 won the women's Division. Cris Payne (net 62 A Grade) and Steve Bywater (net 61 C Grade) were the other winners. Neil Singh's net 64 and Jenni's net 68 saw them win the Star Medallist competitions for 2023.
- Pat Maginness took the Overall on 14/10 on a countback from the resurgent Bill McLaughlin (more on him later) after both had scored 40pts. Bill took out B Grade as consolation. Ruth Branagh (Women's Division 37pts), Tom Tomlin (A Grade 38pts) and Justin Lo (C Grade 38 pts.) were the other winners.
- The round of 21/10 saw a couple of high handicappers continue their good form with Steve Bywater(43pts Overall) winning his second prize in three weeks and Justin Lo (C Grade 34pts) making it two in a row. Peter Russell's 41pts was the second best score and won B Grade. Christine Nicholson (Women's Division, 36pts) and Terry McAleenan (A Grade 38pts) were the other winners.
- The 4BBB comp on 28/10 was won in fine style by Olivia Odonahoo and Taylor Hawke with 49pts. Runners up on 47pts were Bill McLaughlin (there he is again) and Richard Grace.
- The Stroke round on 4/11 saw a tightly bunched field at the top with Ross Gordon's net 61 taking the overall. Belinda Anson (Women's) and Mark Murray (C Grade) both scored net 62 to win their Divisions. Bernie Bagley won B Grade on a countback from Alan Abbes after both scored net 63s. Neil Singh won A Grade with a net 66.

**THE PRESIDENT'S BLOG**

Well, another year almost down and it all went reasonably well for all us avid golfers



The AGM has been and gone and there is now a new Committee to represent you all (see the first page of the newsletter). Please make the effort to identify those on the committee and make yourself known to them. The venue for this year's AGM was once again a success and the catering was also very good.

A full year of golf fixtures saw our normal level of Trophies to be won and my congratulations to all those who managed a successful outcome.

One of the suggestions at the AGM from our membership was that there needs to be social events such that introduce new members to the club and get to know existing members and generally so we can ALL get to know one another outside of our regular Saturday morning groupings. The Committee has taken this on board and on 16<sup>th</sup> December (immediately following the Ambrose day), the Club will hold a get together day at the course so as more people can get to know one another

My thanks and gratitude to all Committee members whose efforts throughout the year have always been directed toward ensuring an enjoyable day for all of the members when attending our fine facility. Also, many thanks to those Committee members who chose not to continue.

Finally, to all our members, have a great Xmas and New Year and stay safe whatever you do or wherever you go. I am sure it goes without saying that each and every one of us is looking forward to 2024's Golfing "adventures" at Sandringham.

Regards

Rob

*Recent Results (cont.)*

- On Remembrance Day Vicky Eddy (41pts) was the only player to score over 40pts and won the Overall. Kate Caridakis (37pts Women's Division), Luke Bradstreet (37pts A Grade), Andrew Bakker (39pts B Grade) and Simon Bromell (37pts C Grade) were the other winners.
- Some good scores in the Par round on 18/11 with Roger Van Hilst's +6 topping the field to win the overall. Liz Mitchell (Women's Division) and Andrew Ball (B Grade) were just off the lead with +5. Liz's score tied the Club Record for the Women's Division in a Par round. Tim Noonan (+2 A Grade) and Gavin Kinnaird (+1 C Grade) were the other winners.
- A massive field of 111 (and about 50 times that number in flies!) entered the Comp on 25/11 and scoring was hot with 23 players scoring 36pts or better. James Smith's 43pts was best and won the overall. Mark Brooks (40pts took out A Grade) and Sarah Adam-Gedge won the Women's Division with 39pts. Aidan Le Get (39pts) won B Grade on a countback from 3 others and Laurie Spence (38pts) did likewise from 2 others in C Grade.
- The persistent rain on 2/12 caused the cancellation of the competition as the course was declared unplayable but not before a few early starters got soaked.
- Three scores of 45pts highlight the Mid week scores in this period. Naomi O'Haire, Sandra Kimpton-Moss and Maree Tomkins all returning that score. Ilja Sidoti had 43pts for next best with five scores of 42pts – Kim Yeoman, Andrew Vines, David Coutts, Ian Kemp and Natalie Martin.

**CAPTAIN'S CORNER**

Hello everyone.

The year is drawing to a close and I hope members have had a great year both on and off the course. I still have not scored a hole in one, although many members did achieve this feat throughout the year.

My focus is now on the Club Championships and hopefully summer will turn up and allow for golf without an umbrella or jumper. The rain on Saturday was unrelenting and while it was great to see a lot of determined golfers carrying on through the deluge, it was a welcome relief when the siren sounded and we called it a day.

My congratulations to all those club members who managed to win a trophy event this year. With over a dozen different trophy events, monthly club and VGL medals and club championships there are plenty of opportunities to get your name on the honour roll.

For those players interested in playing Pennant golf next year, expressions of interest will go out from the team captains in January so check the fixture and see what dates you are available. For the ladies, a mixed pennant competition of 4 men and 4 women has been announced for later in 2024.

Finally, if you get a chance over the summer to watch some professional golf in person, I hope it inspires you to playing a better game in 2024. Merry Xmas to all.

Cheers

Michael Kent



The rarely seen (at Sandy) dance of the ibis!



## News and Notes

### Best Wishes

Best wishes to Barry Russell as he battles a number of health issues.

### 2024 Fixture

The detailed fixture for 2024 can be found on the Club's website – look under the Golf/Competition headings. A key part of the Club's calendar is the...

### 2024 Club Championships

**The 2024 Club Championships will be played on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.**

To be eligible a member **must have returned a card in five or more completed 18-hole SGC competition rounds** while being a member (excluding match play events) **between the previous 1 September and the first day of the Championship – but not including the first day.** Saturday and mid-week rounds apply. Two 9-hole rounds equate to one 18-hole round.

Plan your campaign now!

### How to amend your credit card details

If you have updated your credit card recently and want to amend the information held by the course for booking purposes this is what you do. "When you book golf and have logged into your account you will see a box that says "save credit card". Untick that box and it will allow you to enter a card when you check out for your golf booking."

### Bunker and Short Game Lessons

A new round of dates will be posted for lessons starting in 2024. If you missed out on the earlier sessions, keep an eye out for new dates on the 1Golf booking page.

### Club Apparel

Members can purchase Club apparel.

- Polo shirt \$35. Women's polos now also available; Cap \$10

Email:

[memberservices@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au](mailto:memberservices@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au) or  
text 0413 438 048

## Golf Ball Roll Back – Be Careful What You Ask For.

Earlier this year golf's governing bodies started a consultation process on a rule change that would allow a local rule to be put in place to restrict the type of ball that could be used in an attempt to reduce the distance that pros are able to hit the ball. The proposal sparked fierce opposition from many professionals, the PGA Tour, golf ball manufacturers and (according to polls) public golfers who objected to the "bifurcation" of the game where the pros could use one type of ball and the public another.

Well it looks like these groups got their wish. It is likely that **there will be no bifurcation** but they may not be happy with the outcome. It now appears that the governing bodies **will roll back the ball for everybody** with reports suggesting that the roll back will commence **for pros in 2028 and the public in 2030**. The R&A's chief executive Martin Slumbers has said: "... doing nothing is not an option."

All balls that conform to the Rules of Golf will apparently be 15 or more yards shorter at the elite level. The effect on distance for recreational players will likely be less, but could be proportional – say a 5% reduction. Rory McIlroy is strongly on board dismissing the argument that it will make a difference to the average golfer and putting the blame squarely on the shoulders of elite pros and club/ball manufacturers because they didn't want bifurcation pointing out the game was already bifurcated. "You think we play the same stuff you do? ...Bifurcation was the logical answer for everyone, but yet again in this game, money talks."

Whew!

## Major Competition News

### Ian Fraser Pairs Match Play

Congratulations to our Pairs Match Play winners. Tim Noonan (l) and Jason Rainbow(r) stormed through the field winning their matches 2up, 4 and 3 and again 4 and 3 in the final where they defeated Matt Scott and Michael Sneyd. Congratulations to Matt and Michael on making the final.



### John Pittard Singles Match Play

Andy Bakker will take on Jason Rainbow in the final on 9 December with Jason going for a sweep of the Match Play titles.

### Founders Shield

Congratulations to Gavin Kinnaird who won the 2023 Founder's Shield Eclectic competition with an incredible score of 67pts – a full 9pts better than last year's winning score. Dan Harrison (second with 65pts) and Don Tasevski (3<sup>rd</sup> with 64pts) also had excellent years. There must have been something in the water this year as 22 players scored better than last year's winning 58pts. On Gavin's card he scored 4pts on 12 holes, 3pts on 4 holes, 5pts on 1 hole and only 2pts on 1 hole. His 5pts came on the 9<sup>th</sup> and his nemesis hole was the 5<sup>th</sup> where he only managed 2 pts. The Eclectic counts your best stableford score on each hole in stableford rounds.

### John French Memorial Trophy

The John French Trophy runs from the start of January until the end of August and is awarded to the member with the highest average Stableford score from their best 16 rounds during this period.

Congratulations to Peter McLeod who took out the 2023 edition with a total score of 583pts at an average of 36.4pts. Last year's winner Michael Kent was runner up with an average 35.9pts. Paul McGarry was third with 34.6pts.

### VGL Events

Congratulations to Women's Club Champion Kate Caridakis who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the VGL Champion of Champions event. Kate shot 85 to finish 3 shots behind the winner. Well done Kate.

## Fairway News Contributions and Feedback

Fairway News is always looking for contributions so if you have any comments, suggestions, photos have a Sandy golf story to tell or fancy a bit of creative writing please send it along to [newsletter@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au](mailto:newsletter@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au)



## Big developments at local public golf courses

The future of two local public golf courses are being mulled over by their respective Councils with the potential for them to go in opposite directions.

### Oakleigh Golf Course (Monash City Council)

Monash City Council has initiated a consultation about the future of the 9 Hole Oakleigh Golf Course. The Council is asking people's views on two options for the land:



1. Retain the 9-hole golf course (estimated cost \$1.5 – 1.7m), or
2. Transform the site into a regional park (estimated cost \$4.9 – 5.4m).

Oakleigh Golf Course has established an excellent reputation for introducing people to golf. The *1Club Golf* program started there and helped improve the number of rounds played by 50% before Covid (for more on *1Club Golf* see the October 2021 issue of Fairway News on our website or Google). The *Reach and Belong* organisation runs programs for golfers with disability two days a week.

According to Golf Australia more than 30,000 rounds are played at Oakleigh each year. Golf Australia is actively asking members to provide feedback to Monash to try and retain the golf course. GA is increasingly concerned about the potential loss of a number of public golf courses across the country.

### Brighton Golf Course (Bayside Council)

By contrast Bayside Council is conducting a public consultation about a new lease proposal for Brighton Golf Course that would see some capital investment in the course as well as the development of other facilities on the site. The proposal includes:



- A \$1 million capital investment in the Golf Course
- A \$1.5 million investment into the Warm Water Pool facility including the new Pro Shop
- Proposed Wellness Centre fully funded and delivered by *BlueFit*

Some background and technical information about the proposal:

- *Bluefit* took over the lease of the golf course in July 2023. The current lease runs until 2028.
- There would be separate leases for each element
- There would be some alterations to the course if the proposal goes ahead – alterations to the 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> holes, removal of the current practice fairway but it would also include a revamped pro shop with indoor teaching facilities and practice nets.
- It appears some preplanning approvals have already been given for the pool and wellness centre and this consultation is about how Council handles the leasing – not an expert here so maybe NQR.

Council consultation closes on 20 December. For more detail go here:

<https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/oakleigh-gc?lid=xv9cupmv7djk>

## Sandy Triumph in Southern Cross Cup

The tradition continued on November 25th with the Sandringham Golf Club Team challenging the Japanese Golf Association for the Southern Cross Cup.

This event has been running since 1967 and after losing 3 in a row the Sandringham team were victorious with a definitive 20 point victory in the aggregate stableford event – 400pts to 380pts. Captain Michael Kent was all smiles receiving the trophy from JGA Captain Hiro Hirose.

It is worth noting that 93-year-old Kiyoshi Eguchi (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) again represented the JGA and scored a very credible 27 points. Kiyoshi has played in this competition every year since 1967 and shows no signs of retiring his putter.

Since records began in 1972, SGC has held the trophy 31 times and the JGA has had 19 wins. Part of the folklore around this event is that the original trophy was taken back to Japan by a JGA player and never seen again!

A first in this year's competition was the inclusion of women members for both teams. Kate Caridakis and Ruth Branagh representing Sandy and Shiori Mizobe and Emiko Yamamura playing for the JGA. Geoff Thornton was top scorer for Sandy with 38pts.





Fairway News welcomes contributions from members and we are fortunate that Liz Tanzimat has penned this great story of the golfing highlights of her recent travels.  
Thanks Liz!

## One Year Away and Twelve Golf Courses

Over the last year I have been lucky enough to travel to Italy, England and France. During this time I slept in 56 different beds, visited 200 British pubs, ate numerous ice creams and most importantly spent time with lots of friends.

I also played at twelve different golf courses, some more than once. I travelled with a small golf bag weighing between 6-7kg. It included 7 clubs: Driver, 3 Wood, 4 Hybrid, 6 Hybrid, 7 Iron, 9 Iron and a Putter. Next time I'm including a Sand Wedge!

My memorable golfing moments included:

- Catching two buses and walking 1km to wade around in the mud at La Rocca in Sala Baganza (**bidet** proved useful to wash my clubs and shoes).
- Pushing my trolley (buggy) up the steepest incline at Bamburgh Castle in Northumbria, my hands were nearly above my head.
- Needing oxygen and paddles before even getting to the first tee at Ampleforth College in Yorkshire.
- Playing with Rotary members at Malton & Norton in Yorkshire, I hope to attend their charity day in June 2024.
- Discovering a top course five minutes from where I lived for years at Olton in the West Midlands, sadly I wasn't interested in golf back then.
- Playing with some friendly locals at Ulverston in Cumbria, where my fairway shot hit the **bell**, ricocheted off a dry-stone wall and landed back at my feet.

The bidet and the bell!





## One Year Away and Twelve Golf Courses (cont.)

- Drilling the ball into a cliff face at Seahouses (right) in Northumbria and then having the best Sunday roast.
- Introducing my best friend of 50 years to her first game of golf at Solihull in the West Midlands, what a privilege!
- Learning how tough a championship links course really is at Saunton in Devon, where I lost many balls in long grass.
- Getting my buggy (cart) stuck on the hill on the first hole at Ilfracombe (below) in Devon, where you can "See the Sea from Every Tee".
- Nearly taking out four golfers who failed to ring the bell at Mundesley in Norfolk, my second shot landed on the green where they were still putting. They weren't concerned in the slightest and very kindly asked me to join them.



My golfing year concluded with my first ever Ryder Cup at Marco Simone Golf & Country Club in Rome. What an amazing experience! The players and fans are all incredibly passionate, funny and often loud.

I'm now saving for the 2027 Ryder Cup at Adare Manor in Ireland. Go Team Europe!

Happy golfing everyone!

Liz Tanzimat



The Guardians of The Cup are a group of old university friends from Nottingham, who compose songs and ditties for every Cup.

## Holes In One on the new Sandy Golf Links in SGC Competitions

Just after our last issue Cris Payne scored a hole in one on the 9<sup>th</sup> hole – the first on that hole on the new course. Playing into a strong wind Cris hit a perfect shot that landed on the green and settled nonchalantly into the cup. It's Cris' second hole in one. Here's the updated Honour Board

Date	Name	Hole
9 January 2021	Helen Ansems	16 <sup>th</sup>
16 January 2021	Kevin Murrar	16 <sup>th</sup>
7 July 2021	Neil Evans	11 <sup>th</sup>
26 March 2022	Andrew Kenny	11 <sup>th</sup>
17 September 2022	Anna Puchalski	7 <sup>th</sup>
15 October 2022	Colin Hunter	16 <sup>th</sup>
5 August 2023	Ruth Branagh	11 <sup>th</sup>
7 October 2023	Cris Payne	9 <sup>th</sup>



### VGL Pennant 2024.

Sandy will again field 3 Pennant teams in 2024. Scratch and Handicap Pennant starts on 24 March and is played on Sundays. Senior Pennant (over 55s) is played on Thursdays and starts on 22 February.

The Scratch team will be in Division 2 and play home and away against Craigieburn, Westgate and Brighton 2.

The Handicap Team is in Division 3 and will play Elsternwick Red, Creekside and Ringwood Blue.

The Seniors Team will play against Craigieburn Wilmott, Creekside and Eastern Sward.

Pennant is an enjoyable experience and members should consider joining one of the teams

To qualify you need to have played 4 rounds of golf in Sandringham competitions from 1 October 2023 and be a member of Sandringham on 1 January 2024.

Look out for notices with details on how to get involved or contact the Captain at [captain@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au](mailto:captain@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au)

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

- Sandy PGA Pro Shop
- 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



## The State of Men's Professional Golf – “Through a Glass Darkly”

There are so many balls in the air in the men's professional game that when Tiger Woods was asked about the future of men's golf recently he answered– “Murky”. Not quite as biblical as the above quote but close! Where to start?? Let's go through a few things:

### LIV – agreement with the PGA Tour?, new recruits?

LIV is due to start its third season in 2024. In the middle of 2023 LIV, the PGA Tour and the DP World Tour reached a surprise “Framework Agreement” that would supposedly pool their commercial activities, assess the LIV operation and its prospects and come up with a structure that would allow the PIF (Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund, the funder of LIV) to invest in golf worldwide. The two established tours also agreed to make a good faith assessment of the benefits of team golf in general and determine how best to integrate team golf into PGA Tour and DP World Tour events going forward. All legal action was discontinued and the assessment and new structure was supposed to be decided by the end of 2023.

The end of the year is fast approaching and any agreement seems unlikely. All three tours have announced separate schedules for 2024; rumours about new recruits to LIV are rife including John Rahm. Rory McIlroy after being the strongest anti LIV voice on the PGA Tour resigned from the Tour's policy body and has admitted he felt blindsided by the mid year agreement which he only learned about hours before the announcement; there is talk of non PIF investors wanting in on the act. Murky indeed.

### What are PGA Tour's issues?

In essence – money!

How to ensure that the money coming in can meet the expectations of sponsors, the TV rights holders and the players (both those at the top of the game who generate the commercial value – McIlroy, Rahm, Woods etc. and those who make up the bulk of PGA Tour card holders (in some circles known as “mules”).

The Tour has made changes to its schedule, the rules governing who is exempt for which events with 2024 being a transition year however the structure is so complex you are not getting an outline here!

Since 2020-21 the Tour has tried to reward those players who generate the most positive interest in the PGA Tour – the *Player Impact Program* (PIP). The PIP is “a somewhat-vague mixture of internet searches, earned media (unique articles), TV sponsor exposure, general population awareness and golf fan awareness” – Golf.com

In 2023 the top 3 earners through the PIP were Rory (\$15m), Tiger (\$12m) and Rahm (\$9m). How many events did Tiger play again? Of interest is that Jason Day was 12<sup>th</sup> on the list with \$3m.

The reality is that the interests of the journeyman PGA Tour pro and those in the top echelons are very different and as a member based organisation the Tour struggles to reconcile them.

World golf and particularly the PGA Tour are struggling to live sustainably within the house that Tiger built now that Tiger doesn't live there much!



## What is the TGL (Tomorrow's Golf League)?

In the latest attempt to generate interest in non traditional golf Rory and Tiger have teamed up to create *TGL Golf* which will see PGA professionals competing in regular season and playoffs in a hybrid screen and grass competition. Players would be in teams that will be associated with US cities – two names released so far are the Boston Common and the Atlanta Drive.

Players will initially hit into a giant simulator. They will hit from tee boxes with real grass, fairway, rough and sand into the screen for all tee shots and approach shots. Once they get inside approximately 50 yards, they transition to so-called *Greenplay* where they move to a physical, custom-built Green Zone



larger than 4 basketball courts. There will be three greens with 189 actuators and jacks that allow the slope of the green to change, creating new looks for each hole.

Matches would be played at night and broadcast on ESPN

However the TGL was due to start in early 2024 but Tomorrow's Golf League won't be happening tomorrow or soon as it has had to be put back a year due to the collapse of the roof of the purpose built stadium!

Before



After



## How do you know who the members are when you book in Quick18?

One of the problems we have when booking golf (especially for mid week rounds) is that we do not know if other players are members of the Club or not. The Committee has adopted a suggestion from Comp Steward Jay Ramsden and is asking members to consider editing their surnames in their Quick18 account by prefixing the surname with SGC. It would look like below.

This would help new and existing members when booking rounds.

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## Two Pages on Handicaps

First up there are some minor changes to the World Handicap System for 2024. The World Handicap System was adopted by Golf Australia in January 2020 and governs our handicap calculations. Whilst most of these changes will happen inside the handicap black box they are worth noting if you are sometimes wondering why your handicap mysteriously moved or puzzlingly didn't move.

- **Inclusion of Shorter-Length Golf Courses Within the Course Rating System:** The overall length requirements for Course Rating will be significantly reduced. A set of tees on an 18-hole course may be as short as 1,370 metres to be eligible for a Course Rating and Slope Rating®, and a set of tees on a 9-hole course may be as short as 685 metres. This change is intended to expand the WHS to thousands of shorter length courses, including par-3 courses, and enable more golfers to obtain and use a Handicap Index.
- **Use of an Expected Score for a Hole Not Played** Scoring of holes not played will now be based on a player's expected score rather than a score of net par. This new method will produce a 9-hole or 18-hole Score Differential that more accurately reflects a player's ability. As golfers across the world are playing more 9-hole rounds, an expected score can also be used to convert a 9-hole round into an 18-hole Score Differential. For some countries, this means that 9-hole scores will be considered in the calculation of a player's Handicap Index immediately after the day of play, rather than waiting to combine with another 9-hole score.
- **Playing Conditions Calculation Adjustments Made More Frequent:** The Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) has been modified to increase the likelihood of an adjustment for abnormal playing conditions. National associations were given discretion, beginning in July 2022, to introduce this revision within their computation platforms, which will be complete by 1 April 2024.

### MEMBERS WITHOUT A HANDICAP

If you are yet to obtain a handicap there are a few ways to submit a score:

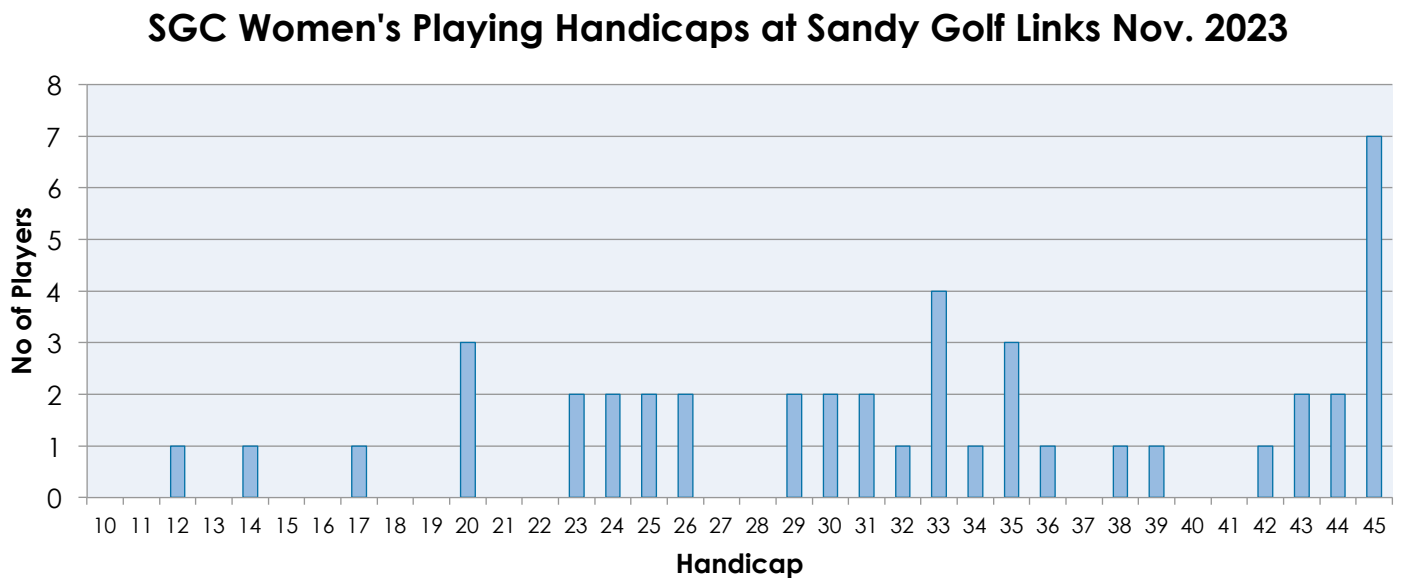
- Email (scan) a paper scorecard to [memberservices@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au](mailto:memberservices@sandringhamgolfclub.org.au)
- Drop a scorecard in the SGC slot in the Clubs Room (behind the café)
- Use MiScore:
  - Book into a Competition (NOT a Social Round). You won't win the comp without a handicap but your score will count towards getting a handicap.
- Enter your score on the tablet (Kiosk) in the Clubs Rooms.
- 9 hole scores can be used. You just need to submit scores that total 54 holes with 9 or 18 hole scores
- Games do not have to be played at Sandringham, but if you play elsewhere, ensure you show the tee, scratch rating, slope rating, and par.
  - Marker does not have to be an SGC member or have a GA handicap

## How's your handicap looking?

With the influx of new members we thought it timely to look at how the handicaps at Sandy are distributed. Below are the spread of playing handicaps at Sandy for men and women as of 27 November 2023.

The most common handicap for men is 19 (26 players) and for women members it is 45 (7 players). The average male GA handicap at Sandy is 20.2 compared to an Australian average of 18.2. For women members at Sandy the average is 30.4 compared with 28.6 nationwide.

With a few outliers the men's distribution is close to a normal curve although it seems not many like playing off 23!





## 2023 Trophy Winners

### Club Champions (gross score stroke)

Open: J C Goudie Memorial Trophy	James Honner	74,75,76(225)
B Grade	Paul Scanlon	85,76,81(242)
C Grade	Tony Morgan	93,90,90 (273)

### Women's Open

Kate Caridakis 79,73,73 (225)

### Presidents Trophy (net scores (stroke)

Jeff Coghill 65, 66, 58 (189)

### The First Lady (net scores (stroke)

Kate Caridakis 69,62,64 (195)

### Captain's Trophy (Stableford)

Peter McLeod 27,37,38 (102)

### Ian Fraser Memorial Trophy (Pairs Match Play)

Tim Noonan/Jason Rainbow 4 and 3

### John Pittard Trophy (Singles Match Play)

TBD

### John French Memorial Trophy (best 10 rounds stableford Jan to Aug)

Peter McLeod Total 583pts, Average 36.4

### JJ Meade Memorial Trophy (Pairs Aggregate Stableford)

Chris Labour (40)/Alan Abbes (37) Total 77pts

### Ray Fraser Memorial Trophy (Pairs Aggregate stableford)

Paul McGarry (37), Tom Tomlin (35) Total 72pts

### LG McDonald Memorial Trophy

Pat Maginness net 65

### Les Stainsby Memorial Trophy

Chris Labour 39pts

### Perpetual Founders Trophy

Gavin Kinnaird (Eclectic Stableford) 67pts

### VGL Medals (Stroke)

4/2/23	Ross Gordon (25)	60
18/2/23	Todd Wilson (18)	53
1/4/23	Oliver Cunliffe (23)	62
6/5/23	George Bakrnchev (13)	62
3/6/23	Neil Singh (13)	62
1/7/23	Roger Van Hilst (11)	64
5/8/23	Colin Hockley (22)	62
2/9/23	Alan Abbes (16)	62

### Star Medalist

7/10/23 Neil Singh (12) 464

### Club Par Medal Winners

18/3/22	Michael Lenkic	+2
20/5/22	Nick Hague	+8
22/7/22	Danny Morgan	+5
16/9/22	Gary Gibb	+9

### Ladies – Stroke Winners

4/2/23	Liz Mitchell (19)	65
18/2/23	Glenda McDade (25)	63
1/4/23	Fiona Reynolds (27)	65
6/5/23	Jenni Clarke (27)	69
3/6/23	Fiona Reynolds (26)	66
1/7/23	Kate Caridakis (10)	66
5/8/23	Sarah Adam-Gedge (28)	61
2/9/23	Glenda McDade (26)	63

### Lady Medalist

Jenni Clarke (27) 68

### Pennant Players of the Year

Scratch	Matt Scott
Handicap	Neil Singh
Seniors	Colin Moyle