



Free Drop MAY 2021

Club Championships

Saturday 8th May saw the completion of another successful Club Championship with a 54-hole stroke competition over 3 weekends. At the end of the competition the winners and runners-up were:

A Grade

- Steven Alderson
- David Pateyjohns

B Grade

- Barry Armstrong
- Kym James

C Grade

- Anthony Smith
- Dave Ward

D Grade

- Daniel Hoskin
- Geoff Cottrell

Veterans

- Kym James
- Barry Armstrong

Junior

- Summer Thomas

Captain's Plate

A	B	C	D
Brenton Irving	Derek Dillon	Andy Platt	Bejay Thomas

Club Sponsor Vouchers

The club is pleased to announce that it is expanding the opportunities for members to spend the money from their member's account with nominated sponsors of the club. Commencing in June we will nominate the "Sponsors of the Month" and if a member would like to purchase a voucher to the value of \$50 from one of the monthly sponsors they will be able to request one from the club. The amount will be debited from your account and a voucher will be issued for sponsor requested. This provides members with an opportunity support the companies who support the club and to also benefit in other ways from their "great golf" results. More details as to how to purchase a voucher will be forwarded to members once the details with the sponsors have been finalised. The club does strongly recommend that members continue to use their account funds in the Pro Shop and Bistro where possible.

Junior Success

On Monday 3 May three of our juniors represented their school Tatchilla in the David Botroff Shield Knockout Competition. They were very successful and ended up winning the shield against some tough competition.

The players and their scores were:

- * Summer Thomas - 38 points
- * Samuel Carpenter - 40 points
- * Levi McGowan - 32 points

With a team score of 110 points they won by 7 points.

The club is very proud of their efforts and extends its congratulations to each of the players. Let us hope they this may help us recruit more potential golfers from the school.





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Electronic Honour Board

This has been installed in the main dining area and will automatically display the boards each day. We hope members can enjoy the fact that the honour board details have not been lost and is on display for all to see. It is the memories and the data on the boards that is important not how they are displayed. Please note we are still making adjustments to the boards and correcting any errors we may find (Yes Thommo we have corrected the spelling of your name). If you notice anything that needs correction please let us know via email@ wgc@willungagolf.com.au.

The next step in improving the provision of information to members is to relocate the Leader Board screen next to the honour board so it is more readable for all members. This will require a purchase of a bigger screen to provide better display. This will be completed with the next couple of weeks.

Pennant Competition

Thank to all the players who represented the club in both the men's and women's pennant competitions. Unfortunately our men's teams failed to make the finals they performed well with the A1 team finishing 3rd, A2, 5th and B3 3rd. In the women's competition the Division 2 team were successful in winning the division whilst their Division 3 team just fell short of a final position in the last round. Congratulations to all of the pennant players who have done the club proud.

With regard to past pennant teams Mick Orrin is accumulating photos of all of the club's winning teams for our history files and is missing a few photos. If any member has a copy of these winning teams can they provide a copy to Mick.

The photos missing are:

2009 A3, 2010 A2, 2011 C1, 2012 C2, 2016 B1.

Slow Play

Slow Play is one of the major curses of all golf competitions – world-wide – so much so that the many of the Pro Tours have introduced both financial and stroke penalties. The committee fields several "complaints" re slow play in our competitions and we would like to remind members that they should make every endeavour to play their round as quickly as possible. The rules encourage "ready golf" which is designed to speed up play and we hope members observe this protocol and the club is not put in a position where it has to consider penalties for slow play as some other clubs have done.

Members should also be aware of these common actions which can help speed up play

1. Monitor the time you spend looking for a ball and after 3 minutes declare the ball lost.
2. If you suspect your drive is potentially "out-of-bounds" play a provisional ball before you leave the tee.
3. Leave the green quickly after you have putted. Mark your card at the next tee box and if you are falling behind have the first players to putt out move to the next tee and play their drive whilst other players finish their putting.
4. Whilst it can be frustrating to wait do not hit up on the players in front of you and if you hit a ball "wildly" you need to warn other players it is coming in the standard way.
5. Please be courteous to all other players at all times.

And a suggestion from a previous Free Drop



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The R&A club at St Andrews recently noted the following as a practice which could improve the speed of play;

“If, in a group of 4 every player played each shot 5 seconds quicker the group would be able to play the round 25 minutes or more quicker” Worth aiming for!

Pitch marks

Now that the rains have arrived the greens have benefitted from them but it also means that balls pitched on the green leave serious pitch marks. It is the responsibility all members to repair theirs, and any other pitch marks that they find on or around a green. Members should also remember to carry a sand bucket and place it in any divot they make on the fairways. Sam and his team do an excellent job providing us with a high quality course and we all should do our bit to keep it in pristine condition.

Welcome Back Cameron

We are very excited to welcome back Cameron Bickley to Willunga, albeit in a different role to when he was last here. Cameron has spent the last 18 months working at the Blackwood Golf Club with Club Professional Matthew Dent. Cameron was indentured to Matthew as a Trainee Golf Professional and has decided to complete his training at Willunga and McCracken. He comes to Willunga with many new skills including custom club fitting and analysing of your equipment with Flightscope technology. He has also completed his training for coaching and is available for lessons by appointment. His **training** has also seen him become skilled in club repairs, lie angle



adjustment, and other skills. Cameron’s golf game has also been going extremely well having passed all of his playing requirements earning a national invitation which allows him to play in professional events.



QR Codes

A reminder that all members must log in whenever they are at the golf course, especially on Competition days. Yes, in past days we did say the log in sheet was satisfactory, but with new government requirements that is not ok. Avoid a \$1000 for yourself and \$5000 for the Pro Shop and Club. Other Golf Clubs have been checked by SA Police as have Willunga businesses – and fined!



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“Lost Trophy”

The McLaren District Vets have misplaced a trophy and are seeking help to find it. It is the John Seamer Trophy which is a bronze tankard which is (in veteran’s language) approximately 6 inches high and 3 inches across. If you can help please contact Warren Hamlyn on ph. 837 04235.

Practice Nets

Please be advised that the club has closed the Practice Nets for a short period to repair the netting and to replace the protection material on the metal posts. These have fallen into disrepair as a result of the weather, age and in the case of the foam Corellas. There have been several incidents where balls have gone through the netting and where they have hit the posts and rebounded towards players. Luckily no-one has been injured at this point in time but given that the club has identified the risks, it is obliged to close the nets until they are repaired.

Have a Complaint about the Club?

PLEASE DO NOT voice your concerns to the Pro Shop about golf club and competition issues. All these comments should be directed to the Golf Club Committee either via email (wgc@willungagolf.com.au) or by contacting a Committee Member. The Pro Shop is engaged by the Golf Club to manage competition day activities not to resolve scheduling policies and practices. Please help them to help you.

Coaching

Need help? Enquire at the Pro Shop re coaching groups or personal sessions. Now that the Pro Shop has two teaching Pros, Gavin and Cameron there is plenty of capacity for members to obtain help with.

