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"POSTCARD"

Have you been anywhere interesting lately?

This is the section for you to communicate with members.

Share information about outside competitions you have attended or places of interest you have visited.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have news, humorous anecdotes, stories or information for inclusion in

Down the Fairways

forward to Loraine Smith no later than 22nd of the month in written format or via email ruslorraine@optusnet.com.au

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hi everyone, winter has arrived, with expected brisk cold mornings to contend with for those who are willing to get out on the golf course for an early game. Very brave! And, of course, with all the wet weather we've had these past couple of months, it has unfortunately made it difficult to get a game in, particularly for those who play using a cart. The ground conditions of the course are still wet and a number of the roughs have not been able to be mowed due to the heavy machinery not being able to be supported in these areas. Let's hope the weather improves for this month of June and onwards for the course to dry out better, a difficult task in winter without strong Sun to dry it, but we're always hopeful!

Charity Day – Postponement till Tuesday, 2 July

Our Charity Day (ladies' only) event has been postponed till Tuesday, 2 July, due to wet weather conditions and carts prohibited on the course until further notice. I have contacted the representative for our charity 'Nova for women and children' accordingly. I sincerely hope that all those teams entered will support Nova on the new date.

I have written to a number of sponsors who have kindly donated some fantastic prizes, which will be raffled off on Charity Day.

We still have the "Nova Hub" setup in our Committee room. We have had numerous contributions already with items such as blankets, bed throws, packs of toiletries, clothing (jumpers, jackets, pants), etc brought into the Clubroom. Nova has advised that they are really in need of WINTER CLOTHING this year, any warm clothing/goods are very much appreciated!

I'm very proud of our women members who are kind and generous when it comes to helping people who have suffered, particularly those who have endured domestic/family violence and abuse. Thank you to all those ladies who have kindly donated these very necessary goods for Nova and it's fabulous to see not only our women members supporting Nova by playing in this event and contributing, but the many ladies from the District's clubs who will be playing on Charity Day supporting 'Nova for women and children'. Nova is so very thankful for the contributions WGC women provide.

Injured & Fractured

Virginia Bowden – it was so good to see Virginia back at the Club playing on the last Tuesday of May. Virginia had two (2) knee replacements and is, as she said, "ready to hit the dance floor!" Her legs are straight and geared up to get on with life and, of course, playing golf again.

PRESIDENT'S PEN *continued*.....

Robin Bragg – Robin has had some facial procedures (removal of skin cancers) recently and we all wish her well and for a speedy recovery. Thinking of you Robin.

Helen Rowett – I recently called Helen and she is on the slow road to recovery from her chemo and radiation treatments re cancer. Her energy levels are still low, but she is in good spirits and positive about her future. We wish Helen all the very best for her recovery.

On finishing, I have a quote for you from the legendary great Bobby Jones, to ponder:

"One reason golf is such an exasperating game is that a thing we learned is so easily forgotten, and we find ourselves struggling year after year with faults we had discovered and corrected time and again."

Awesome golfing everyone for the month of June! *Be safe, be happy, be well.*

Jenny Quist, Women's President

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Hello Ladies - Well what can we say about May except Rain, Rain, and more Rain? We only managed to get one round played all month and that was the monthly medal. It was pleasing to have 43 ladies in the field braving the tough conditions.

Congratulations to Debra Plummer for winning the Monthly Medal as well as the Goodwill Plate.

Earlier in the week our Division 2 Pennant ladies played in the final at Shortland Waters. It was an exciting day with some great matches played but we unfortunately lost 4 to 3, so close. Very well done to all our girls from both teams for flying the Waratah banner high this season, we can be proud of our efforts.

Unfortunately we have made the decision to postpone our Charity Day from next Tuesday 4 June to Tuesday 02 July due to weather and heavy course conditions. All entries will be moved to the new date.

For those ladies in the singles knockouts, please get your rounds completed by the due date and update the leader board in the ladies club room when a result is achieved.

Here's hoping for a drier month ahead.

Good golfing girls

Renay Robertson, Women's Captain

WEEKLY COMP WINNINGS (EOFY)

All prizemoney for EOFY to be redeemed by 28 June. Advantages of transferring money to your membership card you are able to purchase; products from the Pro-shop (includes hiring of golf cart), Bar, Bistro to purchase lunch and drinks. If requesting Coles/Myer card then request to Treasurer, via email jocol.baird@gmail.com prior to 21 June otherwise funds will automatically transfer to your Membership card. Thank you for co-operating with this request.

Jo-Anne Baird, Treasurer

PROGRAMME FOR JUNE

Note: changes in Program

- 4 ~~Charity Day~~ 4 Person team Event
(Texas Mindball) **Pro-Shop Comp**
- 11 ~~Par~~ **Stableford**
- 18 Stroke/Monthly Medal/Putting in Conjunction
President's Trophy/5th Rnd GNSW Medal
- 25 Stableford/Grandmother Trophy



UPCOMING EVENTS – OPEN DAYS

JULY

- 2 Re-scheduled Charity Day-Waratah GC
- 3 Halliwell Cup – Charlestown GC
- 9 Waratah Open Day – Beryl Tobin Event
- 12 Hawks Nest Open Day
- 26 Jokers Wild – WGC

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- 22 2BBB Stableford – Toukley GC

Open to all financial VWGA Members

All information for above events can be found on the ladies' notice board.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthdays are filled with yesterday's memories, today's joy, and tomorrow's dreams

JUNE

- 11 Susan Mingay
- 13 Debra Plummer
- 20 Gail Cornford
- 24 Julie Gunn
Julie Andrews
- 26 Janette Hardy
- 28 Judy Skinner



Belated 'O' Birthdays for May



Jenny Butler Aileen Murphy

MEMBER PROFILE – LIAT BADDOCK



I was born in Newcastle and have lived here most of my life apart from periods of time living on both Lord Howe Island (3yrs) and Norfolk Island (10yrs).

I am a Social Worker and worked in a variety of roles throughout my career and I have recently retired. I am looking forward to being able to spend more time on the golf course and working on my game.

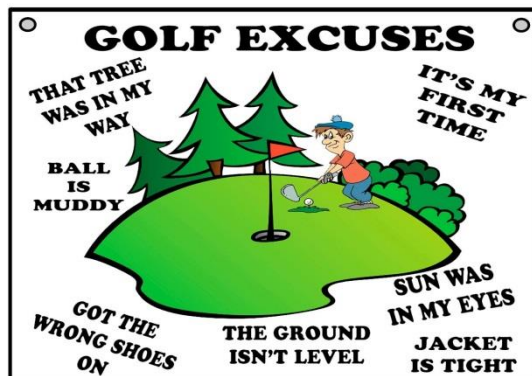
I am well-travelled, with my highlight being, trekking towards base-camp at Mt Everest. With a guide and a porter, we spent two days heading up and two days heading down, we were nowhere near base camp, but were lucky enough to see Mt Everest from our highest point. We then travelled to Bhutan where we spent 10 days travelling around the country with a guide and a driver.

I hope to remain living in the Newcastle area and to keep travelling to new destinations.

OUT AND ABOUT

Five Waratah ladies attended the re-scheduled Toronto Open Day, Jenny Quist, Joanne Brown, Michelle Clarke, Gael Andrews and Carole Becklar. Great day was had by all and yes Jenny was lucky – yet again – winning a prize in the raffle!

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT



RULES

Free Relief or Drop without Penalty

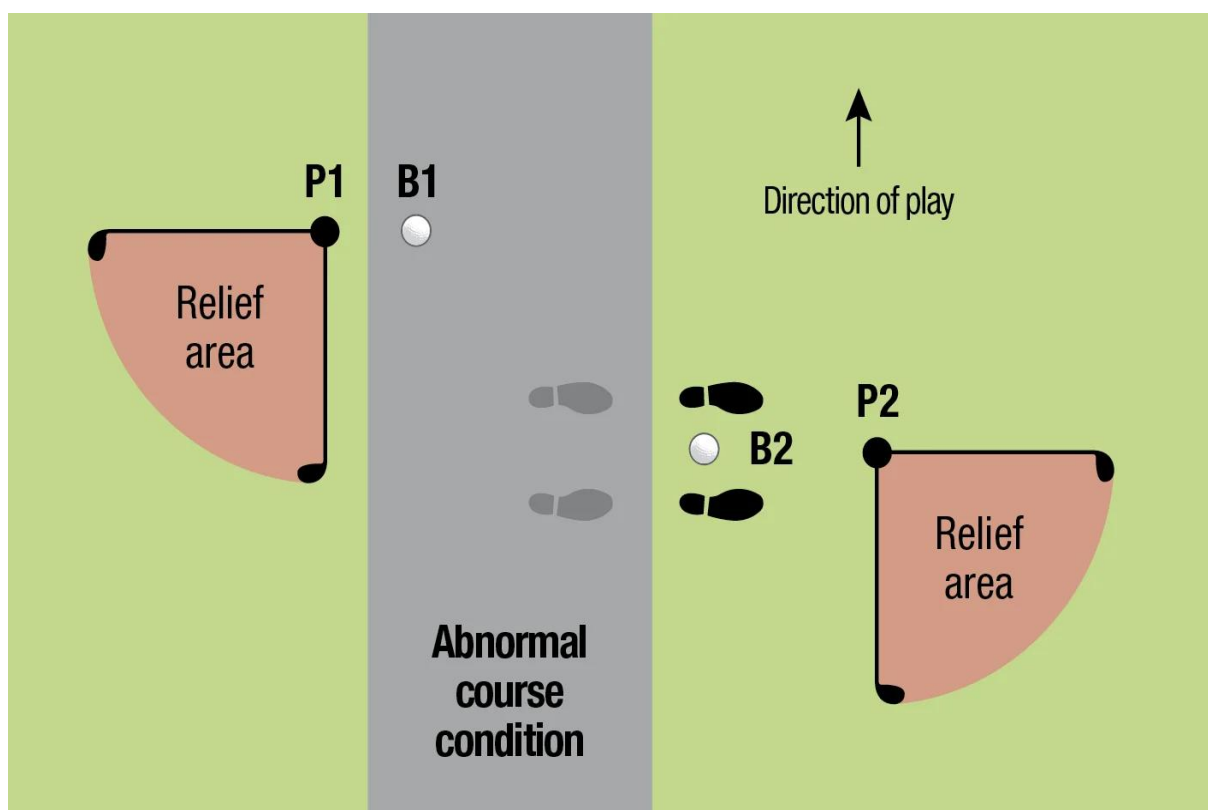
One of the most common rules we encounter during a competition round is when needing to take free relief, or a drop without penalty. Free relief is **one** club length.

There are too many reasons why free relief is allowed to list here. **The focus here is on how to take your drop.**

The most common perception is that relief is one club length away from the edge of the area in question.

When in fact, you have one club length to drop your ball from a point where you have clearance to make your next shot.

The diagram below highlights this, as well as showing that "nearest point of relief" no nearer the hole is also an integral part of the process.



The example above is based on a right-handed golfer. The grey area could be a cart path, bare fairway patch, temporary water, GUR etc.

Ensure that you place a tee in the ground at the reference point before measuring one club length relief, and yes you may use your driver (cover off) or any wood / iron to measure.