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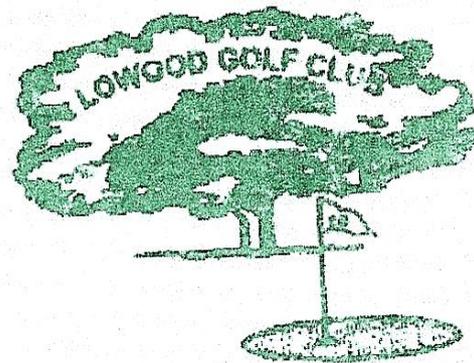
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CLUB CAPTAIN'S COMMUNICATOR

Hello Members.

Covid-19 Update: I seem to start each Communicator with Covid-19 updates. This week, we had a visit from the Covid Inspector. Actually, he was the Health Inspector as well. All good it seems, with a couple of some minor points. It shows that they are serious about the Covid-19 Rules.

'It is what it is', as they say. Covid-19 rules the world now. Media, Hospitals, Sport, Parliament, Elections, Weddings, Funerals, Family Get-Togethers, Law Enforcement etc. What have I left out? Our Club Financial Year officially ends today (31st August) and Dave Thomas (for newer members, he is our esteemed Treasurer) is now quietly working on our results, **AND** how Covid-19 has affected our Club financially this past financial year. Go Dave!!!

During the week, we received the attached email from Golf Australia, and President Ron, has suggested that we distribute to all members. The restricted venues have since been updated by the Gov, and we should keep on top of things. We are not far from some local hot spots.

It does go without saying, that we should not visit the Club if we think we might have virus symptoms. Please be tested if you think you have symptoms and keep the Club safe for all of us. For example:

Member A recently phoned me to say that he was tested for the Virus after not feeling well. He isolated at home (and also from his wife, he tells me), until he received the good news that he was pronounced "negative". Now back at golf.

Member B contacted me this past week to say his workplace is in lockdown. He and his workmates were all tested, and received a negative result. He will not be back to golf until they are out of lockdown, he says.

We very much appreciate our members' attention to the Covid Rules, and this helps to keep our Golf Club open, and us safe, as they say.

Forthcoming Events:

Thursday 10th September: It is good to see **Ian Hilliard** back playing again, after a long illness. Ian is sponsoring this day and we encourage support as we always do, on sponsored days. Thank you, Ian.

Thursday 17th September – Open Single Stableford: By now, most of us know **Rhonda Williams**. Rhonda is sponsoring this day with prizes for Event winner plus Ladies. Thank you, Rhonda.

Saturday 19th September – Open Single Stableford: Also, the Laurie Williams Memorial Trophy, the event is kindly sponsored by **Peter & Rosemary Morris**. Thank you, Peter & Rosemary, and we look forward to your day.

Thursday 24th September – Open Single Stableford: This day is also our EOM Sausage Sizzle and Raffle, all of which is being sponsored by **Pat & Peta Dwyer**. There will be event winner & runner up, and the same for the ladies. There will also be a generous rundown for both men and ladies. Many thanks Pat and Peta. Should be a great day.

Local Rules – White Board: I will not go into the Local Rules in detail, this time, but suffice to say that we should all keep an eye on the Local Rules White Board. If there are changes, I will flag them in the Communicator.

4BBB Matchplay – Honour Board Event: Congratulations to the winners, Darren Faux & Jacob Blake who defeated Brett Lester & James Luxford on the 20th. Some great golf I understand, with the match see-sawing throughout.

Single Handicap Matchplay – Honour Board Event: Finally, Joe Ormaechea and John Lee played the final with Joe winning on the 18th. Congratulations Joe, and also, a match which changed hands throughout. Close matches make a good match.

New Members: Welcome to another new member, Salesi Kaituu. Please make Salesi welcome.

Greens Maintenance & Dead Trees: As previously reported, we will soon be undertaking work on the greens. On **Monday, 28th September**, Cedric will commence coring and sanding, and volunteers will be welcome. We had hoped to start earlier, but we were advised of certain treatment to the greens that was necessary prior to coring and sanding. As mentioned below, the timing will affect the first two weeks of the Championships, but it has to be done, and will be the same for everyone.

There are numerous unrepaired ball marks on the greens. Please take a few seconds to repair your ball mark, and any other in the near vicinity.

Lowood Cup – 26th September: As mentioned in the last Communicator, the time sheet is now out for the Lowood Cup, and we are presently receiving entries from other Clubs. I recommend you organise your time as soon as possible. Our field last year was 70+. The MDGA are the sponsors and have supported the event with a prize pool of \$500. We sincerely thank the MDGA for their support on this day.

The Clubhouse will be open plus a sausage sizzle will also be held on the day. We will be holding Presentations, albeit they might be late on the day, given the field we are expecting. If you can wait around so as to give the Presentation some crowd atmosphere, that would be appreciated. Otherwise, we might have to organise a crowd recording like they do at the footy!!!

Club Championships: As mentioned above, greens maintenance commences Monday 28th September. Unfortunately, this will mean that the first two rounds of our Club Championships will be held when the greens are newly sanded and cored. They should be close to fine for the final two rounds, but circumstances this year make it somewhat different to normal. Members need to practice their “butterfly landing approach” to the greens in the meantime. No excuses.

The Local Rules as they are listed on the scorecard, apply. Furthermore, page (7) of the fixture book also lists the basic Rules that apply to the Championships. The following handicap limits apply also.

A Grade: Handicap Limit: <11

B Grade: “ “ 12-19

C Grade: “ “ 20-54

Veterans: As per page (7) of our fixture book, 55 years of age and over qualify. This is a nett event, and the winner of a Grade Championship cannot also win this event.

Golf Etiquette: Every now and again, we all need to be reminded of the Etiquette of Golf. Being a member of a country golf club, means we are more relaxed in our application of the Rules of Golf Etiquette, if my experience means anything. One of our newer members, Andrew Baker, has forwarded the attached list of the Golf Etiquette Rules, as they possibly applied to his former club. Some are difficult to apply to our smaller (9) hole course, but we should be mindful of the general etiquette that is expected by all golf clubs, and we should not be an exemption. If you think we should pay increased attention to some of these Rules, or indeed, wish to make a particular comment on some, please do so, to me. We thank Andrew for bringing these Rules to our attention.

Hole-in-One Trophy: No sooner have we awarded the prized putter for a Hole-in-One to Bob Heathwood, but our anonymous donor has once again kindly donated another prize, for the next Hole-in-One, Club competition only, of course. The Hole-in-One can be scored in either a Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday competition. The attached photo highlights the Driver as the prize. It has been used only once by the donor, just to make sure it works!!



Club Shirts: We still have a few Club Shirts for sale. They are different sizes and are now available for sale at \$35. You can also use your winning vouchers on a shirt if you wish. Once we sell the bulk of these shirts, and they are gradually selling, I will explore the availability of shirts from a local source.

Comical Caddy Comments: For those of us who are aspiring caddies, Bob Heathwood has provided us with some readymade answers for the player whose bag we are pulling. You should not expect the player to ask you to caddy for him/her again!! Many thanks Bob.

Ten best golf caddy responses:

Number: 10

Golfer: "I think I'm going to drown myself in the lake."

Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long?"

Number: 9

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."

Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."

Number: 8

Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?"

Caddy: "Yes . . . you miss the ball much closer now."

Number: 7

Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?"

Caddy: "Eventually."

Number: 6

Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world."

Caddy: "I don't think so. That would be too much of a coincidence."

Number: 5

Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction."

Caddy: "It's not a watch it's a compass."

Number: 4

Golfer: "What do you think of my game?"

Caddy: "It's very good but personally, I prefer golf."

Number: 3

Golfer: "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?"

Caddy: "The way you play, it's a sin on any day."

Number: 2

Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on."

Caddy: "This isn't the golf course . We left that an hour ago."

And the Number: 1 Best Caddy Comment:

Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old."

Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir"

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Special Thank You: Sometimes, we turn up for our golf game, the weather is excellent, our partners may also be our mates, and we have a good day out. Perhaps even win. But do we often stop to think what work went into preparing that day for us.

Recently, several members did stop to think about it, and said thank you to Jacqui and Sandy by presenting them with a nice card and cake, as the attached photos show. No photo of the cake. The girls ate it!!!



Well done guys. It is great to see appreciation of the efforts Jacqui and Sandy put in, just so we can enjoy our day. I am sure we all appreciate their efforts, and it is a big thank you from all of us as well.

Thank you and until next time – Stay Safe – Stay Well

Alan Jones

Club Captain

- Encl: Lowood Cup Flyer**
- GA Covid Rules**
- Golf Etiquette**
- Pinko Day Wynnum**
- Womens' Wynnum Open**
- Beaudesert Ladies Open Day**
- 2020 Boonah Open**
- Ladies Mt Warren Cup**