



Australian Police Golf Championships
Annual Delegates' Meeting
7th April, 2013 Lakes Resort Hotel
Adelaide SA

Delegates:

SA: Tom RIENIETS, Peter SCHAPEL, Paul MANNS

QLD: Kim NISBET, Mark JONES, Peter BYLETT

WA: Mike NAUMOFF, Geoff MARTIN, John ROCHE

NT: Jamie CHALKER, Matt ALLEN, Mick HANSEN

TAS: Craig FEHLANDT, Tom JARVIS, Paul ZOUNOS

VIC: Greg DEAN, Allen LEE, Wayne PHILLIPS

NSW: Tony DOGGETT, Andy BARKER, Ted ELLIS

ACT: Jim EDWARDS, Paul ONKEN, David NOACK

Observers: Jason GRIFFIN, Steve RICHARDS, Grant JENNINGS, Martin PEARSON
(all SA), Steve VERKERK (WA)

Welcome address

Meeting commenced at 11.05 a.m. Attendees welcomed by SAPGC President Tom Rieniets.

Apologies

Nil

2012 Minutes

WA (MN) moved the previous minutes be accepted as correct. Seconded by Vic (AL).
Motion: Carried.

Business arising from 2012 minutes

Nil

Correspondence

- Members who passed away during 2012: Garry FULTON (ACT), Phil LEE (NT).

- **Nominations for APGC “For Service” medallion**

NSW moves **Andrew BARKER (NSW)**. Currently Secretary NSW PGC. Joined 1984. 15 years on committee.

Seconded NT (JC). Motion: Carried

WA moves **Kerry BAKER (WA)**. 30 year involvement with APGC.

Seconded: NSW (AB). Motion: Carried.

NT moves **Terry O’BRIEN (NT)**. Commenced in NT team in 1992. Served on committee. Toured most years.

Seconded: WA (MN). Motion: Carried

SA moves **Peter SCHAPEL (SA)**. Commenced APGC 2000. SA Committee since 1999. Participant most APGC Championships including Matchplay champs.

Seconded NSW. Motion: Carried.

Notices of Motion

Amendments to Constitution to accommodate inclusion of new trophy (Phil Carr trophy) for best female net score.

NT provided overview of introduction of this trophy as outlined in previous minutes. Proposed amendments circulated to members. Some discussion about whether par of a course should be taken into account for the graded gross stroke play competition for men vs women i.e. a course may be par 72 for men but par 74 for women. Decided this would be up to the host match committee.

Motion for following wording to be included in Constitution:

- Clause 3.1: New subclause “f”

“for female competitors, handicap stroke play competition played over the three stroke rounds of the Championships.”

- Clause 3.2 (new wording):

“Female police members may compete in the graded stroke play competition outlined in clause 3.1 (b) but they shall nominate this to the host match committee prior to the commencement of the Championships and they shall play from the men’s tees.

Female competitors who are competing in the handicap stroke play competition outlined in clause 3.1 (f) are eligible for any of the graded or other net total score competitions outlined in clause 4.1 (as applicable), but are ineligible for any gross score competition.”

- Clause 4.1: new sub-clause “m”:

“Phil Carr Trophy best female net total score”

Moved by: NT. Seconded by WA (MN) Motion: Carried.

Police Legacy Proposal

NSW advise their participants will be contributing \$10 each towards the host State’s Police Legacy at these and future Championships. NSW canvassing other States/Territories to see if they also wish to participate and make this a standard levy for all participants at future Championships.

Some discussion re this proposal:

SA advises its members generally contribute from fortnightly salaries and it also donates to Police Legacy through the annual Governor’s Cup competition.

Vic advises their members contribute similarly from fortnightly salary.

NT, Qld and WA raise funds for Police Legacy via charity days.

Motion that each State/Territory canvass their members prior to next year's delegates' meeting for a vote on this proposal then.

Moved by: NSW Seconded by: NT Motion: Carried.

Future Championships

- 2014 Championships to be hosted by NT. They advise to be held Sunday 23rd to Friday 28th March, 2014 at Alice Springs GC. Have Lasseters Casino and Crown Plaza Hotel as major sponsors. Format will be same as these SA Championships - i.e. 3 stroke rounds followed by 4BBB on Friday.
GOLF *Link* membership for participants will be recommended.
- Qld nominate for 2015 Championships. Seconded by: Victoria Motion: Carried.
Qld advise a number of courses are being considered including Glades, Lakelands, Arundel Hills, Robina Woods and Royal Pines.
- Future Championships likely to be hosted as follows:
2014 NT (confirmed as above)
2015 Qld (confirmed as above)
2016 ACT
2017 NSW
2018 TAS

General Business

- ACT advises 2014 Matchplay Championships will again be held on the Murray River rather than the South Coast of NSW as that is cost-prohibitive. Will be held Sunday 30th November to 6th December 2014.
- **Discussion Paper – Golf Australia handicaps for all APGC competitors.**

Discussion paper prepared by SA (GJ) circulated to delegates (attached). Of the 244 participants at these Championships only 14 participants are not GOLF *Link* members (Qld and WA).

- . WA advise they will agree to have all their members who wish to compete in future APGC competitions to be GOLF *Link* members.
- . NSW advise their members are GOLF *Link* affiliated through the Warringah GC.
- . Qld believe there will be a significant cost imposed on its members if this is introduced.
- . Delegates agreed to consider the Discussion Paper in order for a motion to be put forward at next year's delegates' meeting.

Meeting closed at 12.10 p.m.



South Australia Police Golf Club

Discussion Paper – Official Golf Australia Handicaps

South Australia Police Golf Club (SAPGC) believes that all members from all States and Territories playing in national championships, both stroke and match-play should hold official Golf Australia handicaps. Golf Australia's official handicapping system is Golf Link.

There are already several Australian police golf clubs participating in national championships that are members of their local associations and or GolfLink in some capacity. These are South Australia, Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, Tasmania and Northern Territory.

It has been established through contact with each State and Territories' golf association that it is possible for all members in all States and Territories in some way to become registered with Golf Link for official handicapping. This method is different in each State or Territory and the costs associated vary as each local association has its own rules and conditions for 'group 4', 'non-course' or 'social club' membership. Costs for each club are listed in a table below.

The contact person, method and cost for each State and Territory are included in these pages.

GolfLink membership for all competitors will allow the organising club of any championship to easily verify the current handicap of the member and to allow for better administration of the players handicaps. This will create fairness and equity in the way in which all members are handicapped creating a consistent base across all States and Territories.

There will no doubt be members within all police golf clubs who are existing members of affiliated clubs. They will already have GolfLink memberships and using a Golf Australia handicap. It is possible that these members are competing with members within their own clubs that are handicapped on a different system creating inequity within their own competitions. For these members, nothing will change. Only those members that are not existing members of clubs with GolfLink affiliation will be required to act.

Golf Australia will soon be again changing the way in which golf handicaps are calculated (proposed to be November 2013). This new method has been created with the assistance of consulted mathematicians and contains algorithms and complex formulas which will be virtually impossible for the individual to replicate in a home based handicapping system (i.e. using an Excel spread sheet

etc.) This will create a situation where members not handicapped by the official system are handicapped differently to those who are.

Additional benefits from being a member of your local golf association and Golf Link member include;

- An official handicap recognised worldwide allowing access to clubs, courses and competitions not otherwise allowed to participate in.
- Easy monitoring of your handicap and those of your mates.
- Access for your own club to enter competitions and scores onto the GolfLink system through the GolfLink tier 1 logon or other similar means.
- Public Liability insurance for all members.
- A consistent application of Golf Australia handicapping rules.

Costs for each State or Territory club.

State / Territory	Association cost per member	Association cost per club	GolfLink cost per member	GolfLink cost per club	Total cost per member	Total cost per club
SA	\$37.50	-	\$2.75	-	\$40.25	-
WA	\$35.75		\$2.75		\$38.50	
NT	\$33		\$2.75		\$35.75	
Qld	\$99	-	-	\$80 (\$500 in first year)	\$99	\$80 (\$500 in first year)
NSW	\$125		\$2.75		\$127.75	
ACT	\$150/200				\$150/200	
Vic	\$90				\$90	
Tas	\$88	Establishment fee \$550	\$2.75		\$90.75	



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South Australia Police Golf Club has full affiliation with Golf SA, and as such members have access to GolfLink. The club handicapper has access to the GolfLink Tier 1 website for creating competitions and adding scores. All SAPGC members have official GolfLink AGU handicaps.



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Tasmania Police Golf Club has full affiliation with Golf Tasmania, and as such members have access to GolfLink. The club handicapper has access to the GolfLink Tier 1 website for creating competitions and adding scores. All TASP GC members have official GolfLink AGU handicaps.

Golf ACT

The ACT Police Golf Club has an arrangement with two local golf clubs (not Golf ACT). These two clubs have created a special 'Police Golf Club' membership. This allows ACTPGC members to join the club and obtain a GolfLink handicap. The members are also entitled to reduced green fees at the club joined. The costs are \$200 at one club and \$150 at the other.



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Victoria Police Golf Club has an arrangement with the Southern Golf Club in Melbourne's sand belt district. Member's subscriptions to VICPGC include membership to Southern Golf Club. Southern Golf Club manages all handicapping via GolfLink, competitions and other administration on behalf of the VICPGC for this fee. Members also enjoy several rounds at this course, full member facilities, pro shop and bar.



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NT Police Golf Clubs have all members of their 'away team' affiliated with local clubs that provide access to GolfLink handicapping. NTPGC are currently exploring options to affiliate their club in its own right.

Golf NT is open to non-course clubs affiliating with them. Fees will be approximately \$35 per player per annum plus the golf link fees which are currently set at \$2.75 per player per annum.



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GOLF WA welcomes participation and affiliation of non-course clubs such as WAPGC.

All that is required as far as the application process is for the club to submit their constitution and a short application form.

If the club has an electronic copy of their constitution they can send both that and application form to Shawn McCauley's email address below, or they can post it to the address above. If the club does not already have a constitution in place there is a link provided on the Golf WA website to a template which meets their requirements.

Once affiliated Golf WA will set up the clubs profile on GOLF Link. They will then contact the nominated person in WAPGC with a login and password to the online system. As GOLF Link is a separate entity they will invoice the club separately. Their annual fee is \$2.75 per member.

There are many other benefits to affiliation with Golf WA besides GOLF Link, including player liability insurance, course rating service, etc. There is a link on the Golf WA website which outlines all the benefits. The annual fee for affiliation is \$35.75 per playing member of a club.

Please don't hesitate to contact Shaun McCauley if you have any further enquiries. More information on the affiliation process including the insurance policy for members can be found on the Golf WA website.

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Golf NSW has no option to affiliate 'social' golf clubs as they believe that this will detract from club membership.

There is an option of obtaining a Golf Link handicap, which can be managed by a social group, by joining Warringah Golf Club as a Social Golfing Member. (Details below)

The Warringah Golf Club has specifically introduced this type of membership for social groups such as NSWPGC.

The cost is \$125 per year and includes the following benefits;

- Play in up to three club competitions on Thursdays at Warringah each year. This could be incorporated into the clubs regular competition days.
- Play in special golf days during the year that will be arranged at Warringah for Social Playing Members
- Motorised golf cart hire at member prices when playing social or competition golf at Warringah
- Full use of the Warringah clubhouse facilities
- The opportunity to buy your golf equipment at the best prices from golf professional Rob Richards 'On Course' golf shop
- The opportunity to continue to maintain your competition and handicap records in the Golf Link handicap program
- Golf Insurance through Golf Australia's Personal Insurance Plan (PIP) which includes loss and damage to clubs, personal liability and personal accident insurance. (Note that limits apply to insurance cover)

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Queensland does not have affiliation or membership process for golf clubs without a golf course. Qld PGC is required to become a registered social club with Golf Queensland which provides 'Competition Only' access to Golf Link and for the players who are not members of a member golf club to join iGolf Queensland.

iGolf Queensland's website will be launched on Friday 21/1/2013 and full details will be available on the website. In particular, players can join and make payment for iGolf Queensland via the website.

If the Qld PGC choose to register with Golf Queensland Golf Queensland will provide its players with a promotional code that will enable them to join at an introductory rate of \$99 rather the normal annual rate of \$150.

Competition Only provides similar access as Tier One to Golf Link but there is not the capability of the club to create Golf Link numbers for the club's players. Therefore Golf Queensland would process the initial cards required to establish handicap and the Qld PGC will be able to run competitions and process scores through Golf Link. For Competition Only access, there is a start-up payment by the club of \$500 and an annual fee payment by the club of \$80 to Golf Link.

Brief background on iGolf Queensland:

iGolf Queensland will target casual golfers who are not ready to join a golf club but want to sample some of the privileges, advantages and fun of being a golf club member. With this engagement it will provide the clubs opportunity to promote club membership and encourage players to join golf clubs through newsletters and other electronic media.

iGolf Queensland will provide the members:

- access to special events and offers at selected clubs
- opportunity to sample the privileges and advantages of membership to a golf club
- play in competition with an officially-recognised Golf Australia handicap

- be included in social outings with other golfers
- player liability insurance
- a start-up pack including golf balls, tees and introduction to golf and rules booklets

In the immediate future, Golf Queensland is working with the two public courses in Brisbane, St Lucia Golf Course and Victoria Park Golf Complex, who will promote iGolf Queensland to their customers. The Tour Fore Golfers, a commercial social club, will provide additional competitions at courses through their schedule. Once this pilot membership is established and being serviced appropriately by Golf Queensland the next phase will involve Queensland golf clubs offering opportunities for players to visit and play in open competition run at their courses.

It is important to note that individuals cannot be a member of iGolf Queensland if they have been a member of an affiliated golf club and have held a valid Golf Australia Handicap within the last two years.

Once you have the opportunity to view the website please contact Luke Bates on the Golf Queensland phone number below if you require any further information.

Golf Qld believes that iGolf Queensland will provide the desired solution for Qld PGC players while providing considerable extra benefit to those not already affiliated with private clubs.

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