



DOWNNS and SOUTH-WESTERN DISTRICT LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION Incorporated

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Downs & South Western District Association Inc. will be held at the **Dalby Golf Club Tuesday 19 August 2014** following finish of play on Day Two of the District Championships. The AGM is to be followed by the General Meeting.

All District Clubs have been sent the following:

- Notice of AGM
- Nomination Forms for Office Bearers & Delegates
- List of Club Nominated Representatives
- Appointment of a Representative (if the information on the Club Nominated Representative List is incorrect or there is no nominated Club Representative, can you please fill in this form and return either via email or hand to me prior to the meetings on 19 August)

The Proxy Forms for the meeting have been sent out to Clubs. This will allow you time to fill in your Proxy Form if you are unable to attend the meeting and inform your nominated proxy of your Clubs decisions on any motions brought forward.

Important – Notices of Motions & Nominations for Office Bearers and Delegates must be received by the Secretary, D&SWDLGA Inc. 21 days prior to the meeting. The District's Constitution has been under review and all clubs will receive a draft copy by email within the week. Please take time to read through it and make comments as it will need to be discussed and passed at an AGM. Club committees, please bring your copy to the meeting.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS Dalby Golf Club

Monday 18 – Wednesday 20 August

Nominations close Monday 4 August. Nomination forms can be found on the D&SWDLGA Website:..

www.downsladiesgolf.org.au

This year the District Committee has organised a **RULES SEMINAR** to be

presented by Golf Qld on Monday 18th August commencing at 2.30pm. It will take approximately 3hrs with a 10min break in the middle.

Please encourage all golfers to attend (male as well) as Golf Qld require a minimum number of 20 participation to run this seminar. It would be appreciated if clubs could notify the secretary when sending in forms to gauge attendance numbers.

FEDERATION 4BBB Oakey Golf Club Monday 2 June

Oakey Golf Club was the host of this year's Federation Fourball competition, with the Federation Cup won by Shirley Leahy (Pittsworth) & Hazel Harvey (Oakey) with a total of 47 points on a count-back from Coral Walton & Anne Woodroffe from the City Golf Club. A great day was had by all, the weather was perfect. For the added excitement of the day see the Downs Ladies Golf website www.downsladiesgolf.org.au

COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

The 2014 Country Championships was hosted by the Toowoomba Golf Club & the City Golf Club in May. Both courses provided challenges for the visitors and locals alike, however the weather was perfect for the event. The Foursomes event was won by Sunshine Coast pair, Annabelle Harris & Debbie Macauley, with runners up Margaret Richards & Carmel Macdermott on a c/b from Leanne Palmer & Robyn Muir. Hollie Sinclair from Beerwah (handicap 2) won the stroke event edging out Gattton player Paige Large, who played an impressive final round. Lori Ryan from City finished in 7th place. Cara Fries, Cheryl Francis, Jenny Jenner, Del Webster, Gail Weedon & Jenny Bradford from City used their home ground knowledge to their advantage taking home individual division prizes. Two Hole in Ones were recorded at the event by Cathy Roberts from Horton Park on the 14th at Toowoomba and Jean Bury-Porter on the 15th at City. The 2015 Country Week Championship will be held in the Far North Qld District,

hosted by Cairns and Half Moon Bay Clubs.

DISTRICT MATCHPLAY GOONDIWINDI 28 –29th JULY

This postponed event will now take place at Goondiwindi on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th July. Please consider nominating by 21st July to Ruth Hungerford, 42 Fisher St Clifton. You can pay by Direct Debit or cheque. All details can be found on the district website under the EVENTS TAB. Test your golfing skills on the lovely course at Goondiwindi.

Motorised buggies are available for hire by phoning the Goondiwindi Golf Club on 46712693

JUNIOR JUG

The Junior Jug team of Darcy Habgood (Tba) Lori Ryan and Sarah Bellars (City) performed very well at the recent junior matchplay event at Sarina Golf Club. Lori was unbeaten during the tournament and the other girls performed very well with many wins and squares to be edged out by eventual winners Brisbane and District. Congratulations to the girls on their performance both on and off the course.

RULES OF GOLF

An unusual ruling during the second round of the US Open at Pinehurst No 2. Matt Kuchar's first putt on the 6th hole stopped two feet short of the hole, however as he approached his ball to tap it in to the hole, the ball moved forward slightly. Kuchar had not addressed the ball, i.e. he had not grounded his putter immediately behind or in front of the ball, so **there was no penalty under Rule 18-2b (Ball at Rest Moving After Address)**. However the question remained, had he caused his ball to move? Under

the Rules of Golf, if a player causes his ball to move then he is penalised one stroke and he must replace the ball. If, however, he had not caused the ball to move then there would be no penalty and he must play the ball from where it now lies (Rule 18-2a).

Although Kuchar did not believe that he had caused the ball to move, both he and the referee wanted the opportunity to ensure that this was the case by discussing the situation further and reviewing any television evidence at the end of the round. The walking referee therefore permitted Kuchar to **play out the hole with two balls; one from where it had come to rest after it had moved, and one from where the ball would have to be replaced**, should it be judged that Kuchar had caused it to move. Rule 3-3 clarifies that, in stroke play, where there is doubt as to the correct procedure during the play of a hole, the player may, without any additional penalty, complete the hole with two balls. This Rule also requires the player to clarify which ball he wishes to count should the Rules permit and so Kuchar also clarified to the referee that he wished his score with the original ball (i.e. that which had moved forward a short distance) to count. Kuchar discussed the situation with the USGA officials prior to returning his card at the end of his round and it was determined that he had not caused the ball to move, meaning that there was no penalty and the score with his original ball counted.

[This is an article from Rules News at the RandA - Scotland.](#)

Something to keep in mind, golfers!

