



# “WHAT’S HAPPENING AT COOLIE TWEED”



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Welcome back to everyone who went away for Christmas and to all the other members and families who stayed home and enjoyed the mild weather we have been experiencing. A lot nicer eating a hot Christmas Dinner on a cool Christmas day!!

The **Members Christmas Party** – another great success and a good time had by all (and there are photo’s to prove it). The Club is looking at holding another Members night some time soon. Watch this space for details!

The **Members Sunday Xmas Mixed Golf Day** was another great day which was well supported and as usual all enjoyed themselves.

**2007/2008 Fixture Book** – The Fixture book is currently in production which is a long and laborious task. If you have any suggestions for the book or you would like to see different competitions/events held in the next “fixture” year please speak to your relevant Captain as soon as possible as the book goes to print within weeks, hopefully!

If you would like your name and phone number in the back of the fixture book or if your phone number has changed please advise Reception asap.

If you wish to **sponsor** an event this year please speak to your relevant Captain for details. It is a great way to promote your business and also to support your club.

## COURSE MATTERS

- Cooler overnight temperatures have been a bonus for the West greens although the 17<sup>th</sup> is still being affected by disease for no apparent reason. The River greens have been a little slow in their recovery from renovation due to the cooler conditions but are now putting very nicely.
- Both nursery trial greens are progressing well although again the cooler conditions have slowed the establishment of the three couchgrasses. The TifEagle variety is the grass on the greens at Northlakes GC and also on some greens at Ocean Shores CC. At this stage there are no greens in play with the Sea Isle 2000 variety in Australia. A section of 328 was also planted so as to observe the difference between the putting surface of a stolonised green and a solid turfed green. Of the bentgrasses Penn G2 and Dominant 2 are still performing very well.
- We certainly do live in a lucky area with respect to rainfall. In 2006 the course received 2103 mm following 1921 mm in 2005 with our lowest yearly total over the recent past being 1206 mm in 2002, against a 120 year average of 1684 mm. And to think that if Melbourne does not receive substantial rainfall before the end of January several prominent Clubs will be closed to golf in an effort to preserve the little grass they have left as their water supplies dry up. Thank heavens for our plentiful rainfall and also the recycled water we are able to access for course irrigation requirements.
- Three greenside bunkers on River holes 3, 16 and 18 will have a different type of sand installed on the faces in a trial to prevent balls from plugging. There have been ongoing experiments with a variety of potential solutions to ball plugging, some of which have met with limited success, over the past few years. A potential problem with the new sand is the possibility of it being washed off the face and into the floor of the bunker (as happens on the West bunkers in a heavy rain event) and the potential to affect drainage. The works will be carried out shortly.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nominations Open for the **Miller Kingston Knockout** – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2007. Nominations will be taken at Reception at \$20 per team of two. Remember there is only 64 pairs in this event so don't delay in nominating for this popular event.

**Sunday Shotgun Start:** – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 9am Shotgun start, River Course, BBQ to follow, \$12.50pp.

**Ladies Welcome Back Day:** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 8am Shotgun start on both courses.

**Miller Kingston Knockout:** Calcutta – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm, Round 1 – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

**Buggy Shed Extensions have been approved** and the plans are displayed in the Members Lounge.

**NCR's** – Please be aware that NCR's are being monitored as it has been noted that some members are not putting their cards in on a regular basis. If you play in a competition it is expected that you submit your card at the end of your game.

**Nike Demo Day** – Be the first to try the new Nike Susquatch Sumo & Susquatch Sumo 2!

This day to held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January from 3pm – 6pm DST. To book please ring the friendly staff in the Pro Shop on 07 55 245 545.

Please note the **2007 Men's Club Championships** have been moved to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> **July** 2007.