



Calling all Kookaburras!

January 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to the 2025 golfing year!

- 1. New programs** – The program for 2025 is currently available to all members and we are in the process of emailing copies to all who have recorded email addresses. *Please note that there are changes to competitions during February. These changes were made to accommodate the 2024 Club Championships.*
- 2. 2024 Club Championships** – We will be running these championships over two rounds, on Saturday 15th and Saturday 22nd February. We have decided to only have two rounds this year because of our commitments to junior pennant, which begins this month.
- 3. Reopening of the front nine** – We are very excited to be able to get back on the other half of our golf course and thanks must be extended to the grounds staff, volunteers and the Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club for getting the work done in such a timely manner. We are sure that the improvements will make for a much more enjoyable round. Thanks also to all members who have supported the club during this time.
- 4. Junior Pennant** – It is with great delight that we can field two teams in the MDGA Junior Pennant competition that has recommenced this year. Tim Earl is our junior manager and contact and he has recruited a great support team. We wish the players all the best as they represent our club and thank the Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club for providing sponsorship for the teams' uniforms.
- 5. Junior Summer Golf** – Over the past few weeks, we have been running a junior program on Thursday mornings. It has been very exciting to see the number of juniors, both members and those new to golf, who have participated in coaching sessions and competitions. We have had up to 20 participants, aged from 6 – 17 involved.
- 6. Stableford Shootout** – The final of this will be held on Sunday, 23rd February and it is not too late to register a score. All stableford rounds on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays count, with the best 20 men and 10 women going into the play-offs. It is \$10 to enter. For those who are not sure of what happens, the shootout starts with 10 players all teeing off on the same hole. The worst stableford score at the end of the hole then drops out. (If there is a tie, a putt-off is held.) This continues until there is a winner. With the men's competition, the last two from each group join up and play three holes to determine a winner.

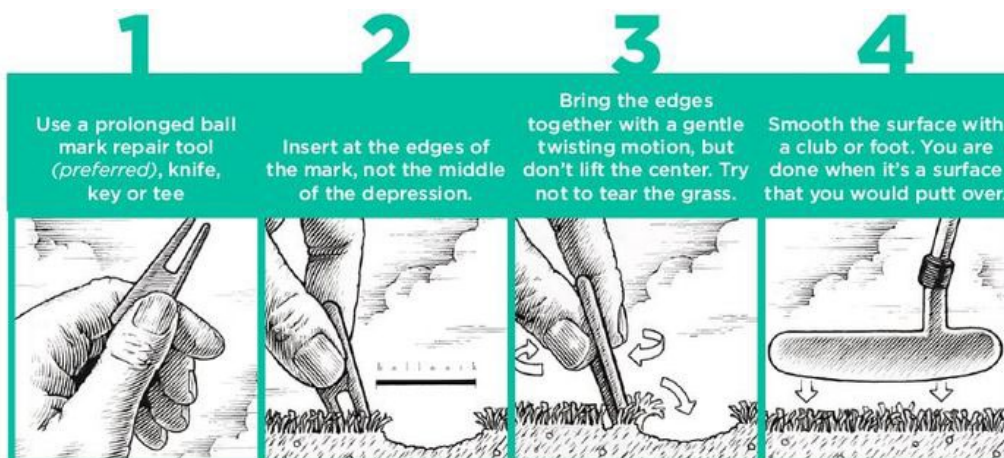
7. **2024 Mixed American Foursomes** – To complete our 2024 board events, this competition will take place on Saturday, 15th March.
8. **Par 3 Open** – This annual event will take place on Sunday, 9th March, with two tee times available for a shotgun start. There will be a BBQ lunch provided.
9. **Raffles** – Again this year, we will be manning some Saturday night raffles at CMSC. If you can spare an evening, please put your name on the sheet in the clubrooms. Support is available if you are doing this for the first time. Just let Sue Laird or Janice Walker know.
10. **Course volunteers** – Each Monday, we have several volunteers who complete maintenance tasks on our course. There is always room for more. If you can spare a couple of hours to do some gardening or have a whipper snipper to trim around some areas, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. See Tim Nunan for more details!
11. **Celebration!** – Our golfing season commences on Saturday, 1st March. To acknowledge our helpers and supporters and have a chance to get together, we have scheduled a Medley Stableford with two shotgun start timeslots. This is to allow some cross-over time in the middle for a BBQ lunch and a chance to show our appreciation to all who support our club.

12. USING A CART?

Can you please assist our ground staff in caring for our course by staying to the sides of the fairways where possible while they continue to develop? Please try to keep off the damper areas too!



13. **Caring for our course** – This month we are focusing on pitch mark repair. Please take the time to repair yours properly and any others that you see on the green.



More news next month! (Can you think of a great name for our newsletter? Record your suggestions on the sheet in the clubrooms, along with your name, for a chance to win a \$100 CMSC voucher!)