



News Flash

5 April 2013



Dear members

The 1st of April saw changes to the handicapping system being implemented, and it was communicated to members in the previous newsletter. We still receive a lot of queries which prompted me to explain the main changes in a more personalized manner. The announcement stated the following:

2. Maximum score on a Hole

Based on recent surveys, the majority of Golfers, Club Captains and Club Managers have advised that the current maximum score per hole makes it difficult for players with handicaps over 18 to reduce their handicaps. The SAGA has therefore revised the maximum score allowed per hole and this section in the SAGA handicap manual will be revised as follows:

5.3 Maximum score on any hole

The maximum score on a hole for handicap purposes is 2 over par except where a player has two handicap strokes on a hole, in which case the maximum score allowed is 3 over par for that hole.

Players should, where possible, complete every hole regardless of their partner's or their opposition's score. Where a player does not complete a hole they should record their most likely score. (See 3.15- Most Likely Score).

The main thing to remember here is that for the 18 and below handicap group nothing has changed, and they will proceed as usual. The 19+ handicap group is where players must note the following:

- When a hole is not completed a player must take 2 over par (on any hole), and this used to be 3 over previously,
- You have to take 3 over par **ONLY ON THE HOLES YOU DOUBLE STROKE.**

I trust this will be helpful to members, and as usual any further questions will be welcome and you can reach me at louw@mosselbaygolfclub.co.za.

MANAGEMENT

I want to make use of this opportunity to invite members to contact the office of the GM for any suggestions, queries or complaints. I have noticed that many e-mails are sent to reception, which should be directed at me personally. If any member wishes to see me or just to have an informal chat I can be reached at louw@mosselbaygolfclub.co.za, and your mail will be answered. Feedback from members will be assessed on one important criteria only:- **WILL IT BE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE CLUB AND ALL ITS MEMBERS?**

Graag wil ek hiermee alle lede hartlik uitnooi om my direk te kontak met enige navrae, voorstelle, klagtes of net vir informele gesêlsies. Ek let op dat daar heelwat e-posse land by ontvangs terwyl dit eintlik vir my aandag bedoel is. U is welkom om hierdie e-posse direk aan my te stuur by louw@mosselbaygolfclub.co.za. Enige sake wat deur lede aan my opgedra word sal beoordeel word aan een belangrike aspek:- **IS DIT TOT VOORDEEL OF IN DIE BELANG VAN DIE KLUB EN AL SY LEDE.**

We have also decided to make an e-mail address available to members who wish to communicate directly with the Board. They can be reached at board@mosselbaygolfclub.co.za.



LET US TALK RULES

QUESTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER WERE:-

QUESTION 1

Player A hits his tees hot down the fairway and the ball comes to rest 10 cm inside the fairway. The club has a local rule allowing a player to place within one club length.

Question – Is he/she allowed to place the ball outside the fairway and into the semi-rough area where there is a better patch of grass? **Yes** or **No**?

CORRECT ANSWER:- YES. The rule is not defined in the rulebook but it is understood that you have one club length in either direction.

QUESTION 2

A member of Mossel Bay Golf Club plays in a competition and hits her ball in the semi rough. She walks up to her ball and sees it lying in the open on a bare patch. When she addresses the ball her stance is on fresh bird scratchings. **Question** – Is she allowed a free drop? **Yes** or **No**?

CORRECT ANSWER:- NO. Our local rules state clearly that you are only allowed to drop if your ball is in the scratchings (see local rules on notice board)

QUESTION 3

John makes a practice swing near his ball and hits a stone. The stone hits the ball and causes it to move. His marker then adds a two shot penalty to his score. **Question** – Was this penalty justified? **Yes** or **No**?

CORRECT ANSWER:- NO. The penalty should only be one shot penalty (Rule 18-2a). The ball must be replaced.

- 80% of the members that replied had question 1&2 correct, and 100% had question 3 correct.
- (Ref. R&A Rules of Golf, Local Rules and S/Cape Golf Union rules officials)

THIS WEEKS QUESTION

A player's ball comes to rest in a mole hill about one foot outside the fairway. He exercises his right to lift the ball and have a free drop one club length from nearest point of relief. He then drops the ball in the fairway, as it is within the limits of his one club length. Is this action allowed? **Yes** or **No**?

Please forward me the answers to this question to louw@mosselbaygolfclub.co.za. Watch the next newsletter for the answer and the results of member's views, as well as new question(s).

ELECTRONIC MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA



LEAGUE

The league clothing for Mossel Bay Golf Club's male league teams has been changed at a recent Board meeting. The official outfit is now beige long trousers with a blue and white shirt. Players will be notified when the shirts become available.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Graig and Wanda Jenkerson on the birth of their son, Enzo on 31 March 2013. May he be a blessing to your family, and hopefully a new member in the making?



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IMPORTANT DATES

- 10 April Aida 4 Ball Alliance
- 11 April Dames Klub Kampioenskappe
- 12 April Hartenbos Versorgingsoord
- 17 April Rawson Monthly Medal (Dinner after play)
- 22/23 April COURSE CLOSED FOR HOLLOW-TINING
- 24 April Sakemanne BBSF
- 11 Mei SANLAM KANKER DAG
- 12 May Junior Klub Kampioenskappe



Neem asseblief kennis:- JUNIOR KLUB KAMPIOENSKAPPE HET VERSKUIF NA SONDAG 12 MEI 2013 EN WORD OOR 18 PUTJIES GESPEEL. INSKRYWINGS MOET BY ONTVANGS GEDOEN WORD.



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VRYDAGAANDE VLEISTREKKING:

Baie dankie aan Andre Marx, eienaar van Ultra Meat (by die Mikeva Sentrum), vir die borg van ons Vrydag-aande se vleistrekking en Fantastic Friday. Indien jy nog nie daar was nie, is dit nou die tyd om van hulle heerlike produkte aan te skaf.



UITSLAE / RESULTS



WEDNESDAY 27 Maart 2013 - Sakemanne Golf Dag

A Division

1. Bertu & Marco Nel **46**
2. Kosie Otto / Riaan Klopper **39**

B Division

1. Anton (snr) & Anton (jnr) Izaakse **47**
2. Johan Labuschagne / Andre Zeelie **46**

C Division

1. Andre & Cynthia Zietsman **42**
2. Shirley Greig / Shirley Sadowski **40**

NEAREST THE PIN

NR 4	NEELS GOUS
NR 6	MARCO NEL
NR 12	RON BATES
NR15	DAWID OPPERMAN

NR9 Nearest the pin for 2 - Gustav Verster
NR10 Nearest the pin for 2 - Robert Strydom



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WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2013 - IND STABLEFORD

A Division

1. Gavin Reynolds **40**
2. Martin Vorster **39**
3. Johan van Rensburg **39**

B Division

1. Darren Nicol **44**
2. Tim Fehrsen **40**
3. Sid Finlayson **40**

C Division

1. Gloria Greyvenstein **43**
2. Billy Capel **41**
3. Martin Smith **38**

NEAREST THE PIN

NR 4	ROELOF COMBRINCK
NR 6	JOHANN VAN LANGELAAR
NR 12	FANIE VAN VUUREN
NR15	SUSAN WRIGHT

Enjoy your golf this week.

Louw & Team



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