

situation for your next shot. Remember you **may** take relief. You don't have to take relief, if it is worse for you, however if you have lifted the ball, with the initial intention of taking relief, you must continue. (This is why it is good to check positions first then lift and take relief thereafter.)

Tony Mulhearn
State Rules official

From the Ops Desk

We are actively seeking sponsorship from the local retail shops in Gordon and have provided information packs to a section of this group.

The pack provides details of the Golf Club's history, the major initiatives we have undertaken in renovating the clubhouse and how we are striving to be an active member of the community.

To date the packs have been well received with some opportunities presenting themselves but not as many as we had hoped for. If you know of any business who may be interested in receiving an information pack we would be

pleased to provide you with one for delivery.

Ray Childs Vice President

Bistro Lunch Specials

**Monday's
\$10 Fish & Chips**

**Wednesday's
\$10 Schnitzel & Chips**

**Fridays
\$10 250g Grain Fed Rump
Steak & Chips**

**Sundays
\$10 Specials and \$3
Schooners 11am to 2pm**



From the Oval Office

Turning the Corner

As we turn the corner to the second half of 2008 it provides an opportune time to consider accomplishments and set-backs so far.

Financially it has been another difficult year, with the economy and the club industry under pressure. As usual for this time of year, our first half Profit and Loss appears on the Notice Board. It is nothing to be too excited about, but the Board feels the increase in bar turnover of 15% is a welcome sign that the clubhouse renovations are producing some additional patrons.

Although the renovated bar has been in action for six months, we're hopeful that the new amenities area will also be completed by the end of September. This should provide the necessary impetus to remove the men's locker area/ladies amenities area and provide us the lounge area that we so desperately need. All eyes are on making changes to increase revenue.

One of the most pleasing results this year has been our continued discussions with Council. For the

first time in many years, the Executive of the Board sat with the five Directors/Managers of the various departments that affect us here at the Golf Club. This meeting was called by us to outline the club's direction for the future and assistance needed. I'll take this opportunity to thank those present from the Council, and hope we can continue to make headway in ensuring the golfing residents of Ku-Ring-Gai can be proud of their playing conditions and we can provide the necessary framework needed for a community club.

Warmest regards,
Ian Harvey, President.

June/July Membership Promo

Congratulations to Stephen Branch winner of our \$250 voucher.

Charity Card Day

Our ladies recently held their annual charity Card Day on Monday 28th. Approximately 50 Ladies faced off across the tables to help raise \$1050 for the Schizophrenia Society Foundation. Well done to everyone involved and a big thankyou to Carol Peters, Jane Garling and Sue Walker for all their help on the day.

Lol Barratt, Womens President

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Clubhouse Renovations

Work has commenced on the new downstairs toilets and hopefully will be completed by late September early October. The Board is currently reviewing the second DA application for the final phases of clubhouse renovations. Planning for completion of these stages is our next step and of course will depend on our financial capacity to undertake the next steps.



Bar Specials
\$3 Schooners
Wednesday
&
Friday
Afternoons
3pm to 6pm

On the Course

Recent rains have helped to give the course a nice lush look. We have been receiving a lot of positive comments about the current presentation so our thanks to all the Council Boys for their continued hard work. The sewer mining project is at this stage looking as though it will commence around September/October. Details are available online at <http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/www/html/2471-gordon-golf-course-water-recycling-scheme>

There will be some disruption to play, however everyone is working hard to make sure that the impact is minimal. **Competition wise a few matters.** Slow play is always a concern, please try and keep up with the group in front. Quite a few members are not cancelling off the timesheet, please make sure that if you can't play that you at least ring the office or the pro-shop prior to competition day.

New Open Comps Mondays & Wednesdays \$17 - all categories - bookings available online

The Rules of Golf

Interference from an **immovable obstruction (Rule 24)** occurs when the ball lies in or on an obstruction or when an obstruction interferes with the player's stance or the area of the intended swing. (An obstruction is anything artificial including the artificial surfaces and sides of roads and paths except when the object defines 'out of bounds' - walls, fences, stakes and railings or any construction declared by the Committee to be an integral part of a course.

Note: an obstruction is a movable obstruction if it can be moved without unreasonable effort, without unduly delaying play and without causing damage to the obstruction. Otherwise it is an immovable obstruction.)

Except when the ball is in a water hazard or lateral water hazard, a player **may** take relief from an immovable obstruction as follows:
(1) Through the green -if the ball lies through the green, the lifted ball (liaise with your marker on your intention and mark the position of the ball first), without penalty, **must** be dropped within one club-length of and not nearer

the hole than the nearest point of relief, the nearest point of relief not being in a hazard nor on the putting green.

(2) In a bunker - As per (1) with the ball dropped in the bunker or, with a penalty of 1 stroke, the ball being dropped outside the bunker, keeping the point where the ball lay directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped.

For (1) and (2), The dropped ball **must** first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference from the immovable obstruction. (If it doesn't, check out "when to redrop" - Rule 20-2c, p88 of The Rules of Golf.)

(Note: The nearest point of relief is the nearest point of relief that also effects **complete relief**, from the obstruction. ie the nearest point at which there is no chance of **physical** interference - this is more than 'just enough' relief.)

(3) On the putting green - If on a putting green, the above applies except that the ball is **placed** at the nearest point of relief.

(4) On the Teeing Ground - As per (1) The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this rule. And, as a good consideration, work out your nearest point of relief before you lift the ball. Sometimes the nearest point of relief, from one obstruction may be a worse

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