

WANNEROO GOLF CLUB INC
COURSE UPDATE: FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2009
RE: WINTER CARE FOR THE COURSE

With the cooler, wet months finally here, soil temperatures are dropping and this will have a slowing affect on turf growth. It is at these times that it is important to reduce wear around the course with good traffic management and care for the course in general.

All members are reminded that they should be aware of the weaker and wet areas around the course and avoid driving carts or pulling buggies through these areas.

*The **'BLUE'** traffic line has been placed out on the course to discourage traffic from these weaker areas and maintain good playing conditions for all members. **ALL** motorized carts should not cross the line at **ANY** time and pedestrian traffic should also do the same where possible. A reminder also that motorised carts are **NOT** to be taken within 10 metres of any green.*

*There are instance out on the course where the **'BLUE'** directs to the correct entry point into some bunkers. This is to discourage golfers from entering the bunker down a slope or face, softening the sand to a point where poor lies occur.*

***PLEASE** take care and enter bunkers at the correct point even if it involves a little more walking or raking when finished.*

Take note of all traffic signs and hoops in directing traffic. These are placed to protect and preserve the turf in those areas.

*Just a reminder to all as well to repair your ball marks on greens and divots on tees and fairways. **Often divots on tees are not repaired and sanded because they are on the tee.** These are just as important as the fairways. If these are not repaired then ground staff must repair them and this is time-consuming task to complete when staff could be completing tasks with more benefit to the members.*

Repair of ball marks on greens is important to maintain good putting conditions for all members. Un-repaired ball marks can be sites for turf disease infection and this could have lasting affects on the overall condition of the turf on the green and in turn how it plays.

Finally, please take care of YOUR golf course. It will only be as good as you allow it to be.

John Carter
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