



**WELCOME**

**to the**

**WANNEROO GOLF CLUB INC**

**NEW MEMBERS' INDUCTION**

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## WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear New Member

The Management Committee of the Wanneroo Golf Club Would like to thank and congratulate you for choosing the “Gem of the North” and looks forward to a long and lasting relationship.

This new members’ induction package provides you with the things you need to know about the Wanneroo Golf Club as well as your contribution as a valued member. This is an informative package and you are requested to carefully review the contents.

Things that your Management Committee would like to highlight include the following:

- Do’s & Don’ts - a simple guide within this package to common etiquette expected from a member of our Club. Observing these requirements will ensure you assimilate well into the Club and enjoy the fellowship of your golfing colleagues.
- Fixture Book - current issue - a comprehensive guide to our golfing calendar. This book also contains valuable information on committees, playing rights, handicaps, care of the course, rules, etc. In addition the book provides opportunities for those members who are in business to promote their wares at a very reasonable sponsorship cost.
- Rules of Golf booklet. No doubt you will relish the opportunity to play competition golf and it is therefore essential for you to become familiar with the rules. We recommend you keep this book in your golf bag for future reference.
- Membership Tag. Please ensure you attach this to your golf bag.
- The regular editions of our newsletter and web based “Wanneroo Links” which provide information on a whole range of things of interest to members.
- Dress standards. Wanneroo is quite liberal in terms of what the Management Committee regards as acceptable dress in a private golf club. You, like all members, and any guests you may bring to the club, are required to meet these minimum standards to ensure you do not suffer any embarrassment through non observance.

Again, the Management Committee thanks you for joining this great Club. We are sure you will find the experience both enjoyable and rewarding. If you have any problems or queries relating to our golf activities, please bring them to the attention of our General Manager or if need be, approach myself or one of the Management Committee Members. This is much more productive than discussing them with other members who may not be well informed and will enable the matter to be dealt with appropriately.

Best wishes for a long and happy membership of the Wanneroo Golf Club.

Robert Holl  
President

## THE CLUB AND CLUBHOUSE



### **The Club**

The Wanneroo Golf Club was formed in 1970 by a band of enthusiastic golfers who formed a Foundation Committee that soon attracted 328 members. The Par 72 golf course, designed by Murray Dawson, opened for play in March 1973 and features fully reticulated fairways, excellent greens and strategically placed bunkers. The course is approximately 6200 metres long for male members and 5400 metres (Par 73) for female members. Considerable development has taken place since that time with the course proving to be a true test of golf.

### **The Clubhouse**

This was built in 1978 after the initial first few years were spent socialising in an asbestos shed. The premises were extended in 1981 and again in 1983. These were significant achievements with nearly all the work being carried out by members who donated their time and labour etc. Progressive improvements are ongoing and our facilities compare very favourably with other clubs.

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

### **Facilities**

- Lockers can be rented for a small annual fee. These provide a lockable source of storage for your golf shoes, change of clothes etc and are recommended. Contact the General Manager or office for information.
- Towels and toiletries are supplied at no charge and members are encouraged to shower and change for presentation of trophies after the game. Towels are not to be used for any other purpose than intended and are not to be removed from the Clubhouse.
- Golf Buggy Storage facilities are available if you prefer to leave your clubs etc on the premises. Please refer to the General Manager or our Club Professional for availability and charges.
- Bars - There are two bars; main lounge, and Sportsmen's Bar. Wanneroo Golf Club offers very competitive prices for drinks, particularly compared to hotels and taverns in surrounding suburbs. Take away drinks are also offered at reasonable prices.
- Catering - our resident chef can advise of dining room hours. Snacks and light meals are available at the main lounge bar. Chocolates, soft drinks and ice creams are available from the Pro-shop.
- Functions - Private functions can be held by arrangement with the General Manager and Members do not pay a hire fee.

- Pro-shop – Our resident professional has a very good range of golf clubs, equipment and clothing and can order goods to your specific requirements. Expert tuition is available and practice balls can also be hired from the Pro-shop for warm ups or fine tuning of your game on the practice range.

### **General Manager**

The General Manager's role includes dealing with any queries or concerns and to receive any suggestions from members. As mentioned in the welcome from our President you are invited to discuss any such matters with him or a committee member. Problems will not be solved by discussing them with other members.

### **Publications**

These include monthly newsletters, the Club's 'Wanneroo Links' on line magazine, Club Constitution, Rules of Golf, Member's Guide and Fixture Book. Other publications will be displayed on noticeboards situated in Sportsmen's Bar and Locker rooms. Please ensure you read these with interest. Also keep your eyes on the Club's notice boards and Website for special updates, course changes, local rules, coming events etc.

### **Social**

Several mixed socials are organised throughout the year for members and their guests and members are encouraged to attend. Over summer monthly Family BBQ's are held for members and their families. The functions, whatever they are, provide good opportunities for members old and new, to meet other people and make new friends. Dress standards may be relaxed on these occasions due to the nature of the function.

### **MAG (Members Action Group)**

This group was formed to raise extra funds for various Club projects with a range of events such as Pro-Ams, Businessmen's Golf Days and any other fundraising ventures sanctioned by the Management committee. There is no fee associated with MAG but your support as a sponsor, participant or both, would be appreciated.

### **Committees**

The various committees are listed in the front pages of your fixture book. Members of these committees are happy to talk to you and answer any questions for you.

## **THE MEMBER**



### **Categories**

There are various categories of membership and these categories designate when you can or can't play. It is possible to switch between categories provided all associated criteria are met. Contact the General Manager or talk to committee members if you have questions on these categories. A list of the committee members is printed in the Fixture Book. All requests for category changes must be made in writing.

*IMPORTANT* - The Management Committee may vary playing rights at its discretion and having regard for field sizes playing competition golf, part of the golf season concerned, etc. Only those members eligible to play in that day's competition are able to enter their name on the golf booking sheet (Online Booking). If the system will not allow your name to be included, it is generally due to ineligibility.

### **Proposer**

It is the responsibility of your proposer and/or seconder to ensure that you submit 3 correctly marked scorecards to establish your initial handicap. These cards should be clearly marked "Card 1 for handicap", "Card 2 for handicap" and "Card 3 for handicap". The proposer and/or seconder is/are also required to assist in making you feel at ease in the Club and to introduce you to as many fellow members as possible.

### **Junior Members**

Playing privileges for Junior Members on Saturdays are subject to the discretion of the Junior Committee. Clinics run on some Saturday afternoons and a designated Junior competition runs most Sunday mornings.

### **Caddies**

Caddies must be at least 12 years of age. Whilst on the course or in the clubhouse, caddies are the responsibility of the player who is required to ensure they are fully conversant with the Club dress and etiquette requirements.

### **Visitors**

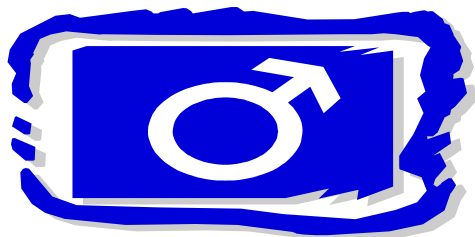
Visitors are permitted to play on allocated days. Please refer to the fixture book for details or check with the office. A visitor with an affiliated golf handicap will be required to pay the relevant green fee in addition to the competition fee for that day. A person who does not have an affiliated golf handicap may play on payment of the fee for this type of visitor. No competition fee is applicable as they are not eligible to enter.

### **Mobile telephones**

Mobile telephones must be turned to vibrate or silent on and off the course. If necessary, calls received via mobile phone should be in urgent/priority circumstances and kept to a minimum time duration. Mobile calls are not permitted in the clubhouse at any time. If it is necessary to receive or make a call, members need to excuse themselves and do so outside of the clubhouse.

## **THE DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

### **MALE MEMBERS and guests**



### **Golf Attire on the Course, in Practice Areas and Surrounds**

On course:

- Neat, clean golf attire.
- Shirts to be collared or round neck where golf fashion dictate and tucked in at all times.

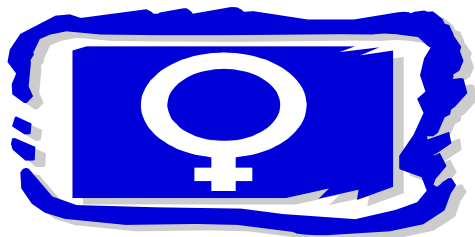
- Shirts and shorts cannot include significant brand designs, advertising or artwork.
- Pants, trousers and shorts to be worn with a belt. Pants and trousers to be to the ankle.
- Socks worn with shorts to be predominantly white.
- Denim jeans and denim shorts are not acceptable.

### **Clubhouse and Alfresco Areas**

- In the clubhouse dress rules are relaxed. However, in the best interests of the Club providing a pleasant, conducive environment for all members, showering and changing is encouraged.
- As a minimum, standards applying to on course golf attire also apply to the Clubhouse and Alfresco areas.
- Denim jeans and denim shorts are not acceptable.
- Hats are not permitted in the Clubhouse.

*In special circumstances, these dress rules may be relaxed at the discretion of the General Manager, Chair of the House Sub-Committee, or Captain.*

### **FEMALE MEMBERS and guests**



### **Golf Attire on the Course, in Practice Areas and Surrounds**

- On course – neat clean golf attire.
- Denim jeans and denim shorts are not acceptable.

### **Main Lounge and Dining Room**

- In the clubhouse dress rules are relaxed on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday – your choice to shower and change.
- Denim jeans and denim shorts are not acceptable.

A comprehensive "Dress requirements for Women Members" is posted in the locker room and the committee will update as fashion dictates.

*In special circumstances, these dress rules may be relaxed at the discretion of the General Manager, Chairman of the House Sub-Committee, Lady President or Lady Captain.*

## **MEMBERS – MALE AND FEMALE**

**The following items are not permitted at Wanneroo Golf Club except for short term visits to the Pro Shop, Office, Locker Rooms or Buggy Sheds.**

- Denim jeans/trousers, denim shorts/skirts, denim shirts, denim coats or denim jackets.
- Tracksuits.
- Any shirt with bold advertising, logos or bold screen printing.
- Sneakers, shoes without socks, etc.

**The following items are not permitted on the golf course or in the Clubhouse/Alfresco areas at any time.**

- Thongs, sandals (men).
- Singlets, surf shirts and board shirts.

**Relaxed Fridays have been introduced to the Club in keeping with the family approach such as lessons for young children and barbecues being held, particularly in summer months. As a result casual dress after 4.00pm is acceptable.**

***WANNEROO GOLF CLUB DRESS STANDARDS ARE NOT STRINGENT BUT NEAT PRESENTATION IS IMPORTANT. MEMBERS ARE THEREFORE ASKED TO DRESS WITHIN THESE SPECIFICATIONS TO ENSURE THEY DO NOT EMBARRASS THEMSELVES OR THEIR GUESTS.***

## THE GAME



### Times of Play

Generally these are set out in your Fixture Book. Competitions for **males** are held on **Wednesdays** and **Saturdays**. Both days usually have trophies which are donated by members. Wednesday and Saturday competitions also issue prize vouchers for birdies on Par 3's (commonly known as a '2 ball'), Eagles on Par 5's or other holes and Ball Sweeps. You can be eligible for the above for a minimal cost in addition to your competition fee. Nearest the Pin prizes are applicable on Saturdays, Wednesdays or other competitions as designated by the Management Committee.

Competitions for **ladies** are held on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Similar to the above, there are trophies presented and novelties such as nearest the pins and ball sweeps apply.

**Mixed competitions** for ladies and males are held most Sundays except when Wanneroo is hosting pennant games. Trophies etc generally apply in these events also.

There are also a number of other competitions held over the course of the week. See the professional for more details.

Competition rounds are played off the Blue markers for men and Red markers for women. Yellow markers are to be used for social rounds or for visiting groups (unless specified).

If you play well and achieve a good score **you are strongly encouraged to remain for trophy presentation**. It is very disappointing for the trophy donor to present a trophy when the winner has gone home. If you **are unable to stay** for presentation or if you are unable to return in time to receive your trophy, **you should tender an apology** to a member of the Match committee or preferably, ask a colleague to represent you and collect your trophy on your behalf. **Telephoning the trophy donor later to thank them is good manners and is expected.**

### Types of Game

The main events in the golfing calendar are Stroke, Stableford, Par, 4 Ball, Pennants, Club Championships and occasional 27 and 36 Hole events. Knock out events are also played for those members who enjoy this form of competition. There are also a number of mixed events for females and males throughout the year.

Novelty events like Ambrose, Canadian and American Foursomes are usually played during the summer months.

An eclectic competition, conducted during the golf season proper, on monthly stroke days is also available for members.

Most events are listed online or on noticeboards for players to register.

### **Online Booking**

Wanneroo's online booking system allows you to book yourself and up to three fellow members onto the timesheets for which you are eligible for. Once you have log on access to the Members Area of the WGC website you will be able to go to "My bookings" and make a booking. There is also provision for you to register and update your list of playing partners as well as to view the results of competitions you have played in.

Remember, entering your name or getting another member to enter your name on the Online Booking timesheet is a commitment to play. If your name is on the timesheet and circumstances arise that prevent you from playing, you are required to cancel your booking online as soon as practicable or, if on the day by telephoning the Proshop. Please be conscientious in this regard, as your failure to turn up or notify the Club could well deprive a fellow member of a game. Consistent failure to cancel or play may result in suspension.

### **Starting Time**

You are required to report to the starter (Professional) **at least 10 minutes prior** to your hit-off time. Ensure you swipe your 'Golf Link Card' unless otherwise advised. Failure to do these things may forfeit your place in the field. You must **be at the tee 5 minutes** before your allotted hit-off time or risk a two-stroke penalty.

## **Ensure you are punctual to avoid being penalised.**

### **Rules**

- Develop your knowledge on the Rules of Golf by reading the booklet provided to you and by asking questions. You will be surprised at how many times during the course of competitions that a sound knowledge will ensure you do not break the rules and risk penalty or disqualification. For example, do you know that under Rule 13-2, a player must not improve or allow to be improved, the position of the ball, the area of intended stance or swing, the line of play or the area in which a ball is to be dropped or placed. This includes brushing behind the ball in the rough and a range of other things. All players should study this rule carefully.
- Learn how to correctly mark a scorecard for Stableford, Par, etc. If you are not sure seek help from your Proposer, a member of the Match committee or another member.
- It is also an advantage to learn how the handicap system works so go to the Golf Link Website at <http://www.golflink.com.au> or feel free to contact the handicapper or a member of the Match committee. You can save this link as a "favourite" on your own computer to have immediate access to finding out exactly what your handicap is.
- Very importantly, remember it is your responsibility, when marking a player's card to ensure the score is correct and that the card is signed at the conclusion of the game. It is suggested that if you or the person you mark the card for has a good round, you cross check scores for accuracy and double check that the card has been signed by the player and the marker and contains the player's correct handicap.

## Etiquette

- On or off the course, always show good manners and sportsmanship. We are all playing to enjoy both the game and the fellowship which follows.
- Slow play is the bane of all clubs so members should play without delay. All members need to move briskly between shots and use discretion with regard to the order of play. For example, it is expected that wherever possible, each of the four players will go within close proximity of their own ball if there is no danger of them being hit by a playing partner, and then hit their ball as soon as is practicable. Common sense should prevail.
- **Always keep up with the group in front** rather than think you are clear of the group behind. If you are the first group off, aim to play your round in approximately 4 hrs and 10 minutes for 18 holes.
- Play a provisional ball if there is a possibility that the ball is lost (eg in thick rough or down a fence line, especially if it hits a tree and may have gone out of bounds). If a ball cannot be found, call the next group through, rather than search for 5 minutes first, or continue using the provisional ball and apply relevant penalties.
- Leave the green as soon as you have completed the hole. Note – fixing plug marks (or pug marks) that others have overlooked will always be appreciated as time permits.
- Ensure the player with the honour tees off on the next hole before marking his/her card.
- Pay your playing partners respect when they are hitting a shot or putting by not moving, talking or being in their line of sight or their direct vision.

Observing the above as well as studying the hints on faster play will make your round more enjoyable and also ensure that others who are following you are not hindered.

Please note the mobile telephones may not be used to make or receive calls on course and should be switched to silent if carried in your bags. Common sense should prevail.

## THE COURSE



The Wanneroo Golf Course is a challenging test of golf. It currently has a playing length of 6217 metres for males and 5373 metres for females. The course is well bunkered throughout. A fully reticulated layout provides lush fairways and excellent putting surfaces. However, as with any golf

course, there are times when greens coring and other maintenance activities or development do cause some inconvenience to members.

The official course rating for Wanneroo is 72 off the cyclic tees and 73 off the championship tees (plates). This system only came into effect in 2010.

Toilets are located on the course adjacent to the 3rd green, 13th green and 4th tee. Water fountains are situated at various locations around the course. Lakes and ponds, which are bound by yellow stakes, are water hazards; if bound by red stakes they are lateral water hazards (refer to Rule 26 or discuss with your proposer or a Match committee member).

### **Practice**

When playing a practice round on the course you are **permitted to play 2 balls only at all times**. Restricted playing members may only practice after 4:00pm on a Saturday.

All Male Members practicing on-course must tee off from the **Yellow Markers** to preserve the tees.

On Thursdays, females have the use of the course until 1.00pm. Practice as outlined above can take place after this time.

### **Preservation**

Preservation of the course is of the utmost importance. Please ensure you give a commitment to observe a few essential requirements that will help keep the course in pristine condition, neat and tidy as well as add to your enjoyment of your round.

- Dispose of rubbish in the bins provided at each tee. There are bins close to the tees on every hole so there is no excuse for throwing litter into the rough or elsewhere on the course.
- Repair all plug marks by approved methods. Essentially this means using a proper plug reparer to work the grass from the outside of the plug mark inwards as indicated in the example below. Battle scarred greens can only be avoided if all members fix plug marks correctly and consistently.



- Repair all divots by approved methods. Essentially this means by using an iron to carefully knock in the sides of the divot and lightly covering with sand. Do not simply throw sand into the divot as the sprinklers and rain will wash part or all of the sand out and leave a hole for you or a colleague to land in. Most importantly, do not walk off and leave a divot especially if you have played a poor shot and are annoyed with yourself. Take the time to fix the divot

and if you see a colleague walk off without repairing one, make sure you let them know that this is not acceptable. Good fairways and good lies can only be achieved if correct attention is paid to divots. The same applies to the light rough off the cut areas of the fairways. All members must carry a sand bucket with them at all times whilst playing.

## **Bunkers**

- Rake divots and golf shoe prints in bunkers by a pull-and-push method so that bunker sand is **NOT** pulled towards outer perimeters. Please ensure that as you exit the bunker you push the sand back in the base of the bunker. Leave rakes in facing in the same direction as the fairway in accordance with Club policy. **DO NOT** throw them into the bunkers or leave them at right angles. Ensure you leave a smooth, well raked surface for the next person who has to play from the bunker. Once again, the condition of the bunkers relies heavily on your commitment to pay attention when you have completed your shot. (KEY MESSAGE: leave all bunkers as you would prefer to find them when it is your turn to play out of the sand).

## **SUMMARY**

**The following are a few things for you to think about and take on board:**

- Play with different partners (not the same people each week) in order to meet the majority of members. Apart from this you will find your golf game and your knowledge will improve.
- Support the bar, our kitchen, the Club Professional and social functions. Wanneroo is a very competitive club in terms of pricing and we can only maintain this with the support of the members.
- As a member of the Wanneroo Golf Club, you will be afforded access (as a visitor) to other golf clubs by invitation or may represent our Club in pennants. Please ensure you observe their dress rules and be a worthy and responsible representative of our Club.
- Courtesy and consideration for others goes a long way to being a good and well-respected member of the Wanneroo Golf Club. Your efforts in this regard will be appreciated by your colleagues and your Club.
- **Ensure you play your part in practicing the correct techniques in relation to course preservation and maintenance by correctly repairing divots and plug marks as well as raking bunkers.**

## **CONTACTING THE WANNEROO GOLF CLUB INC**

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# WANNEROO GOLF CLUB INC

## DO'S and DON'TS

The following list of **DO'S** and **DON'TS** will help you to ensure more enjoyable golfing for yourself and others:

- ✓ **Do** obtain a Rules of Golf book; read it and keep it in your golf bag.
- ✓ **Do** ensure the person with the honour hits off before marking the scorecard.
- ✓ **Do** fill in your scorecard legibly with a good pen.
- ✓ **Do** know and observe our dress requirements.
- ✓ **Do** repair plug marks and divots correctly; yours and others on greens, fairways and in the rough.
- ✓ **Do** take the correct relief from staked tees - stance and area of swing not line of flight of ball. Mark your ball before you pick it up and ensure that you mark the allowable area in which you can take a drop to make sure that you stay within the rules.
- ✓ **Do** take the nearest point of relief in GUR - rough or fairway is of no consequence. Again, mark your ball as referred to above.
- ✓ **Do** rake and replace bunker rakes correctly.
- X **Don't** stand directly behind a player when he/she is making a stroke.
- X **Don't** move when a competitor is about to play a shot.
- X **Don't** walk up close to the tee when the group in front are still hitting off.
- X **Don't** walk up close to the green if called up on a par 3 when the group in front are still putting out.
- X **Don't** press anything down on line of putt.
- X **Don't** hit up until the group in front are out of range. If this occurs accidentally, please ensure you shout "FORE" and apologise when you get close enough to them.
- X **Don't** take your buggy between bunkers and the greens.
- X **Don't** drive electric buggies close to bunkers and the greens and do not drive them into the rough.
- X **Don't** improve your lie in the rough by sweeping your hand behind the ball or by pressing a club on the ground, see rule 13-2.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

When you mark someone else's card you have responsibilities to all other members to ensure that the competitor concerned played according to the rules.

The aim of the following list of points is to draw your attention to the ways in which a game of golf can be speeded up, to enable all players to complete a game in as close to 4 hours as possible. Some points are obvious whilst others are basic common sense. However, they are all valid so please read and absorb them so that unnecessary slow play can be eliminated:

1. The player with the lowest handicap within a group is responsible for etiquette and general conditions of play.
2. Know the Rules thoroughly.
3. Report to the starter at least 10 minutes before hit-off and be on the tee 5 minutes before hit-off.
4. **ON THE TEE:**
  - (a) If necessary at all, keep practice swings to a minimum.
  - (b) The player with the honour hits off then marks his/her card.
  - (c) At all times play a provisional ball if it appears a ball may be lost.
5. **ON THE FAIRWAY:**
  - (a) Note carefully where the ball stops, especially in rough.
  - (b) Walk briskly to your own ball first.
  - (c) Choose your club and decide your shot whilst the others are playing; then play immediately it is your turn or when practical to do so.
  - (d) If a ball is lost, others in the group hit first then help search if practicable.
  - (e) Call the following group through if a ball may be lost.
  - (f) Remember no more than 5 minutes can be spent looking for a lost ball but (e) above should take precedence over this.
  - (g) In **Par** and **Stableford** events, pick up your ball if you are out of shots.
  - (h) *Most importantly* - keep up with the players ahead – it is not good enough just to be satisfied to be clear of those behind.
6. **ON THE GREEN:**
  - (a) Leave buggies towards the next tee.
  - (b) If one player is delayed, the others should commence putting, irrespective of who is technically supposed to putt.
  - (c) Clean your ball, clear loose impediments and decide on line of putt before it is your turn to putt.
  - (d) Finish putting once you've started unless interfering with another's line.
  - (e) The player closest to pin should mark his/her ball or putt out then take the flagstick.
  - (f) Clear the green immediately play is completed.
  - (g) Mark your card on the next tee but ensure if you have the honour you do this after playing your tee shot.

**Please take these constructive hints to speed up play in the good spirit they are intended. A game played in about four hours enables more members to play, is much more enjoyable and allows us all to focus on our game rather than experience frustrations and lack of momentum associated with slow play.**

(The preferred and achievable time for 18 holes of Stroke is 4 hours 10 minutes.)