



# Out of the Rough



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## *Ocean Hotels & Tourism*

Saturday 7 June we see another monthly medal sponsored by Ocean Hotels & Tourism. Charlie and his team welcome all Half Moon Bay Golf Club members and friends to take the time to view on their website the offers that they have available. Either view [www.sunlover.com.au](http://www.sunlover.com.au) or [www.oceanhotels.com.au](http://www.oceanhotels.com.au). I think we all agree the new signage looks fabulous.

## *Snippets from the Super*

Welcome to another edition of "Snippets from the Super". The 2<sup>nd</sup> green has had its first cut and is on track for a mid June opening.

Our two new Apprentice Greenkeepers are progressing well. Jess Rostron and Alan Black are the two new faces you will see on a regular basis; please make them feel welcome.

Greens renovation is now complete for another 4-5 months. The Novatek greens have recovered very well, however the 328 surfaces have been damaged by the second application of herbicide. They are receiving regular doses of fertiliser and top-dressing to encourage new growth. The cooler weather will slow the recovery process, although the recent rain is a welcome relief in what has been a very dry month. Only 9mm of rain was recorded in April (monthly average 235mm), and May so far has seen 25mm (monthly average 100mm).

The bunkers have had 80m<sup>3</sup> of sand spread throughout their bases. I have installed a cultivator assembly on the bunker rake and this will further enhance the overall softness of the sand. The cultivator softens down about 100mm, and

I am sure this will alter the way bunker shots will be played. New rakes have been placed in all bunkers.

A new rough's mower has been ordered from Toro Australia and should arrive within a week. The New Holland was suffering from internal mechanical problems that were not cost effective to repair. A new greens mower has also been approved for purchase later in the year.

Due to work commitments "The Cup" has not been played this month. I look forward to reporting on another Bandit victory next month.

Happy Golfing,

Mark Davis

Course Superintendent

## *9 Hole Handicapping*

From Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008 the Chook Run will be conducted as per the AGU 9 Hole Competition and Handicapping.

The advantages of handicapping the Chook Run through the Golfink program is that players who only play in the chook run will maintain a valid handicap i.e they will not be lapsed handicap members, players handicaps will be adjusted as is every other handicap event held by the club.

For the 9 Hole event  $\frac{1}{2}$  players full handicap should be used, ( with 0.5 being rounded up)

Any stipulated round of 9 holes may be used for handicapping purposes. The score shall be converted to an 18 hole score by the following method:

When the Stableford score is less than nett par (18 points) , double it for your 18 hole score, ie. 17 points becomes 34 points, 16 points becomes 32 points etc.

When the Stableford score is nett par (18 points) or more, you add 18 points to your score, ie. 21 points becomes 39 points, 25 points becomes 43 points etc.

Inputting scores in the computer is similar to normal input, the 18 hole score is entered and in the last nine hole score enter your actual 9 hole score for the 9 holes played, ie. If you had 39 points, 39 would be entered as the 18 hole score, 21 would be entered as your last nine score. If you have any questions, please talk to Ross Bird.

### ***What's Happening at the Golf Club***

**State of Origin:** One was a great night at the clubhouse with over 40 people turning up to enjoy the game. Star Apple put on a great BBQ for everyone and even threw in and a \$50 voucher lucky door prize, as did the club. It's all on again in a couple of weeks -- 11th June from 7pm! Please leave your name at the bar if you think you might make it so we can get an idea of numbers for Heidi. It looks like being a big night so we'll look forward to seeing see you there ... and hope for a different result!!

**Foursomes:** Entries for the foursomes close on Sunday 8 June with payment of \$20 per person due at the bar. This is the first of the major club championships for 2008 so organise your playing partner and good luck. The foursomes are to be played on Sunday 15 June over 27 holes.

**Water Coolers:** The golf club has been successful with a grant from the Cairns Regional Council to upgrade our water coolers out on the course and at the clubhouse. Three new drinking fountains with a bottle filling attachment will be installed on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and on the 10<sup>th</sup> holes. A new style of a drinking fountain will be installed by the Pro Shop that will have two drinking and one bottle filling stations. We are grateful to the Cairns regional Council for their support with this project.

**Smoking Area:** To all the smokers that think we have forgotten about you well we have not. In the next couple of weeks we will have the area adjacent to the garden paved and new lighting installed to accommodate you all. I think we all agree that the area is untidy and by completing

the paving will add another enhancement to the clubhouse and surrounds. If there is any volunteers from the smoking group that would like to lend a hand to the project then please call into the office for more details.

**Carpark:** For several years the sealing of the carpark has been deferred due to the costs as the main factor. The Committee have instructed myself to firm up costings on the internal carpark sealing which I will endeavour to have by the end of June. We do have to complete an upgrade of our consumer mains to the clubhouse conducted by Telstra which was included in the arrangement with the Telstra agreement. Telstra have been given notice for this work to commence and will be completed prior to the carpark construction. This entails underground cabling from the clubhouse to the road. More information on the carpark will forthcoming as we finalise dates.

### ***Out on the Course***

The Committee on Monday night pushed the button to reconstruct three teeing areas. Hole 2, 15 and 16 will have the turf lifted, laser levelled, new irrigation and turf laid. These tees have been identified as below standard to the membership hence the decision to be proactive and not inactive. Work will commence on Tuesday 10 June and will take three days to complete. It is anticipated with the growth levels at this time of the year that temporary tees will be in action for approximately 3-4 weeks while the new turf stabilises. Unfortunately the foursomes will be played off the three temporary tees but this cannot be avoided.

The newly constructed tee on 7 will be completed with play to resume from the correct teeing position for the July monthly medal. As you can see there are many projects on the go and if you can support the green staff with some voluntary services then this would be appreciated. If you can help, please see Mark.

Good Golfing.