



Hi *|FNAME|*,

Following comments from our **initial survey**, the board has put together an explanation on the distribution of the competition fee. Thank you for taking the time to read it.....

PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Analysis & Breakdown of Green Fee & Comp Fee Payments

There appears to be some misunderstanding amongst members regarding payment for green fees and comp fees, and how much of that money comes to the club.

From the money you pay at the Pro Shop before your round, **only \$6 comes to the club**. The rest of your payment is for green fees that are paid directly to Wollongong City Council. Those fees are set by Council, and the club has no influence in setting them. It should be noted that Council does give members a discount on green fees for comp days compared to those for social golfers.

Golf carts are owned/operated by the Pro Shop (Beswick Golf Pty Ltd).

If you hire a cart, that money goes directly to the Pro Shop.

As an example, the amount paid for a Saturday comp game for an adult (non-pensioner) is \$25.50. Of that, \$19.50 goes straight to Council for green fees, and \$6 to the club.

Similarly, for a mid-week comp game if you are a pensioner, you pay \$20 at the pro Shop, of which \$14 goes straight to Council for green fees and \$6 to the club.

From the \$6 comp fee received by the club:

- 55c GST is paid to the Australian Tax Office
- 60c (10%) is paid to Wollongong City Council as per our license agreement. This is used by Council for course upgrade & improvement projects
- Approx \$1.80 admin fee is allocated to pay the Pro Shop to start the comps
- 90c is applied to the ball comp (NTP's, minor prizes, etc)

This leaves around \$2.15 for prize vouchers, and to cover the administrative costs of the club running the competition. For example, our Pulse golf software costs around \$100/week in support & maintenance.

In our recent survey, many members commented on the low value of prizes paid by the club. The above analysis may help to explain that situation, and also the fact that the **\$6 comp fee has not been reviewed since the end of 2013**. (For comparison, Wollongong Golf Club currently charges a \$20 comp fee, allowing them to pay substantially higher prizes).

As a result, the Board has recently moved to increase the comp fee to \$7 commencing 1st January, 2019, and will review the fee annually. In line with the increase, we will be reviewing the prize structure and amounts with a view to increasing most prizes and potentially creating additional prizes (for example, a 3rd prize where currently there are only prizes for 1st and 2nd).

We hope this helps members understand what happens to their hard earned when it is handed over at the Pro Shop, and how much is left in the end to be paid out in vouchers.

As always, we are more than happy to discuss.

Phillip Peace
President

Frazer Davey
Treasurer

CAPTAIN'S UPDATE

Only weeks until the introduction of the new 2019 Rules for Golf. Copies of the new "Rules for Golf" are available in the Clubhouse and should be in your golf bag before January 1.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with so many tasks at the club during the year, and a special thanks to those who put in so much time with our junior programs. Happy Xmas to all and bring on 2019!

MEMBER NEWS

Fairall claims double after five way playoff



The Golf Illawarra Champion of Champions and the District Championships were held at the Links Shell Cove golf course on Sunday 9th December. 37 players participated.

There was a three-hole aggregate playoff between five players for the district championship. Those players were Paul Fairall (The Vale), Danny Nesbitt and Thomas Holz (Links Shell Cove), Mark Johnston (The Heads) and Wil Daibarra (Kiama), with Paul and Danny also playing off for the A Grade champion of champions title. After three holes it was down to two with Paul and Danny both playing the three holes one under par. The first extra hole was halved with bogeys, with Paul's par good enough on the second hole of sudden death to claim both titles. Congratulations also go to Jarrod Woolmer who finished third in the 2018 Illawarra Open Series nett event.



Wishing you a very merry Christmas, a happy, healthy and prosperous new year, and a chance to play lots of golf in 2019

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