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The 2023/24 golfing year has ended with a very positive outcome for OSCC with record participation in rounds of golf for both members and visitors. We ended the year with 40,149 rounds played this year up on last years record 38,549. This was achieved after many months of rain which severely affected play during the 2nd half of this year with 22 rainy days during May creating 215 mm of rain and 1310mm YTD. This demonstrates the attractiveness of Ocean Shores as a golfing destination.

Visitors Green Fees and Competition Fees

Two important sources of income directly related to golf are Visitors Green Fees and Competition Fees for events. These provide revenue derived from participation in golf which helps fund the club and keeps our membership fees highly competitive and at the same time providing a superior golf course and facilities!

Visitors rounds remain to be significant for us with 15,994 or 40% of the rounds played with member rounds at 24,155.

Importantly, as at the end of May our visitors contributed significantly to our golf income which is up 18% on 2022/23. As noted previously, this is similar to the revenue generated by golf membership.

Our Competition Fee Income to the end May and was positive to our budget with approximately 40% of this going to prizes. There has been a desire to increase the prize pool to provide more significant rewards to our golf competition winners as this hasn't been raised in a number of years. The GMC has recommended the prize pool to be increased for each competition which has been accepted by the board. The "Competition Fee" will be increased to \$18 and provide for a 60% increase in prize funding. Our competition fees will continue to remain similar to the those of other local clubs in the region and this will be implemented from September 1st.

Membership Renewals and Golf Fixtures for 2024/25

Our Membership Renewals being finalised with the new financial year having started July 1st..

Thank you for assisting the club by ensuring your fees were paid by June 30th. This naturally entitles you as a financial member to play the course as a member. If you have not been able to pay your fees yet for some reason, please visit the office before going to the Pro Shop.

Golf Fixtures. We are looking forward to this years' upcoming golfing schedule for 2024/25. Our fixtures for the year are being finalised by our Sports Manager, Chris Graham, along with our golfing Special Interest Groups which are Men's (incl. Mixed), Women's, and the Veterans golfing committees who manage their schedules. The full years fixtures will be published on our Website for your reference.

<https://fixtures.oceanshorescc.com.au/>

Golf Club Update

Pro Shop upgrade. Our Sports Manager Chris Graham is also working out of a newly renovated Pro Shop. This was completed this past month and is providing Chris and his staff have a much improved office configuration and environment which allows them to better serve our members and visitors.

Our **Reciprocal golf rights** with other golf clubs are currently being confirmed and expanded. We are putting in place new arrangements with Headlands GC on Sunshine Coast, and Glen Innes GC, in NSW. These will be added to our list of clubs we may share access to for our members enjoyment.

<https://fixtures.oceanshorescc.com.au/reciprocalclubs/>



OSCC Sponsorship's. We are currently finalising the 2024/25 Club Sponsors. Last year we had over 30 sponsors associated with the club. These sponsors are noted by signage on the course, on our website and on the in-house TV's. Many sponsors are allocated golf events to promote their businesses and they usually join us for that event and many provide extra prizes or promotions for us to take advantage of. These sponsors are also be noted on the fixtures list online. Supporting our sponsors with your trade is appreciated. New sponsors are always welcome!

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Golf Masterplan. The next stage of our course "Masterplan" construction is due to commence July 15th. Our Course Superintendent, Troy Makin, has recently consulted with our golf architect Richard Chamberlain and identified the 18th hole as our next priority which has been agreed upon. This hole is currently very demanding and time consuming to maintain for our green staff. The hole modification involves extensive bunker work including reshaping and KustomBinding three sand traps and the removal of two. The changes will improve the presentation and playability of the hole. We will be considering the 9th and 10th holes next when we are in a position to allocate additional funds.

Women's Golf Charter. Our club is in the process of signing up to this R & A initiative sponsored by Golf NSW. The goal of the charter is to increase the participation of women in golf and their involvement in the organisation. We will be having a board induction to this charter, and then formalise the agreement at the next board meeting after which an evaluation and strategy will be developed.

Course Housekeeping

We have a need for greater attention to look after our golf course with increased care. This includes:

Raking bunkers and smoothing the surface after playing a sand shot is expected of all players. You should enter and exit the bunker from the lowest entry point near the ball and after raking leave the rake in the bunker with the handle parallel to the line of shots to the green to minimise interference.

Filling your divots. Please ensure you carry a sand bucket when you are playing to enable the filling of your divots. This involves simply placing a small amount of sand in the divot and smoothing it over. This promotes optimal regrowth and condition of the turf as it recovers.

When Driving of golf carts on our course you are requested to follow the clubs guidelines which are:

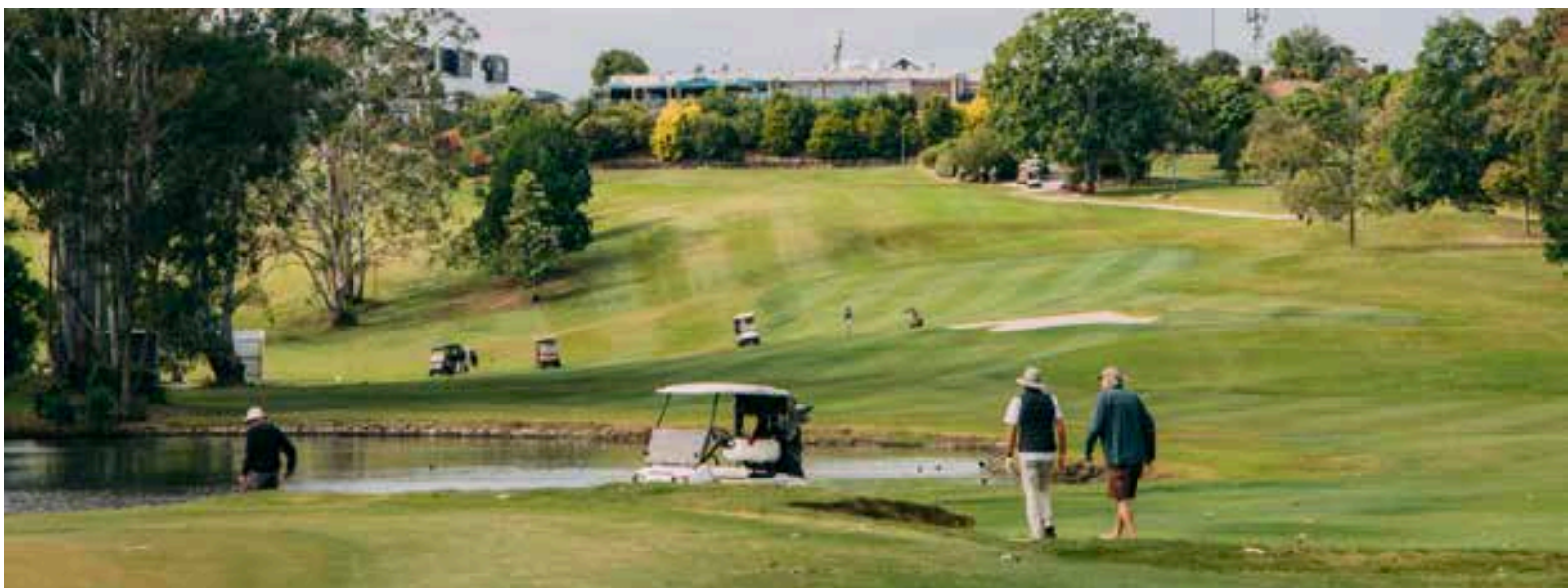
- Stay on the designated cart paths as much as possible and then drive at 90 degrees over to your ball when entering the fairway.
- When on the fairway do not drive beyond the blue lines which have been marked as you approach the greens.
- Please approach the green by leaving your cart on the path and walking to putt out.
- The desired maximum golf carts per group is two. Please adhere to this as it assists in the care of our fairways.
- Please take care of driving on any slopes on the fairways such as near the 10th OOB
- area where we recently had an incident. Please exercise caution.
- If entering the golf course through one of the locked gates on the course, please always shut the gate and re-lock it after entry or exit. Your cooperation is needed here please.

We look forward to the coming year of golf at Ocean Shores and the enjoyment and comradeship it provides us all.

HAPPY GOLFING!

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