

# NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB

## COMPETITION CONDITIONS – SEASON 2015

### **Countbacks:-** *in accordance with the Golf Australia Method of Countback*

1. For 18 hole events the best score for the last **9 holes on the card** shall be used; if there is still a tie the **last 6 holes** or if still tied the **last 3 holes**. If a tie still persists then hole by hole from the 18<sup>th</sup>. This method of count back applies to Stableford and Par.
2. In 27, 36, 54 or 72 hole events the 18 hole card for the last round will be used. If still tied count back as above.
3. In handicap events the relevant Golf Australia playing handicap or fraction shall be applied i.e. for 18 hole event use  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the handicap for the last 9 holes; if there is still a tie use  $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> of the handicap for the last 6 holes; if there is still a tie use  $\frac{1}{6}$ <sup>th</sup> of the handicap of the last 3 holes; if there is still a tie use  $\frac{1}{18}$ <sup>th</sup> of the handicap for hole by hole from the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

### **Course Record:-**

The score must be in a stroke competition and the course must be played:-

- ✓ as the ball lies
- ✓ Off the black plates

### **Handicaps:-**

All club single and team events will be played off each player's **Daily Handicap** for the course being played. Handicaps will be printed on players' cards. If this is not done it is each player's responsibility to ensure that the correct handicap is recorded on his/her card. Handicaps can be checked on any of the computer terminals in the club. Otherwise players can check with the pro shop or a member of the Match Committee.

### **Holes in One & Eagles:-**

A Hole in One & an Eagle will be recognised in Wednesday and Saturday competitions including match play. An "Eagles Nest" account is kept by the pro shop, with \$5 for each Wednesday and Saturday competition being placed in this account. Players achieving an Eagle will receive the current balance of this account, up to a maximum of \$40 per player. For a Hole in One a copy of the card will be given to the administration staff for recording on the Hole in One board. The club will provide a \$40 voucher, a certificate and a trophy to mount the ball. Players who score an Eagle or Hole in One must place their card in the "Eagles" box on the Match desk counter. They should also alert the Match Committee member on duty. There is a sponsor's prize of \$500 for a Hole in One on the 8<sup>TH</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> holes in competition on Wednesdays and Saturdays for Men, or on a Tuesdays and Thursdays for Ladies. This is sponsored by **A & J AUTO BODY REPAIRS**, 2 Georges Rd Salamander 49846681. In such cases the player will not receive the \$40 voucher from the club in addition to the \$500 sponsored prize.

**Please Note:** For a Hole in One the player will not be accredited with an Eagle as well

## **Competition Conditions & Wet Weather:-**

A competition will be held unless the course is declared unplayable and closed or if there are insufficient starters to form a competition. There needs to be 12 starters to form a competition – if there are less than 12 players it will become a ball competition run by the Pro Shop.

The Captain in consultation with the Match Committee has the right to reprogram major events. Any player who enters the competition does so knowing that the competition may be abandoned if the course becomes unplayable or if there are insufficient starters to form a competition. During the play of a major event if the course is declared unplayable and closed by the green staff or Match Committee the event will be rescheduled where possible.

Players are expected to report to the Pro shop a minimum of 15 minutes before their scheduled tee time. 30 Minutes is recommended in case it is necessary to reorganise some groups. The pro shop staff are authorised by the Match Committee to make such changes in the interests of a balanced allocation of players.

If a player has to withdraw from a competition it is his/her responsibility to notify the pro shop as early as possible, (and certainly prior to the scheduled tee time).

## **Handicap Divisions and Prizes:-**

Handicap divisions will be based on each player's **Daily Handicap** for the course being played.

For **Men's competitions on Wednesdays and Saturdays** there will be three divisions:

A grade: 0 – 15

B grade: 15.5 – 23

C grade: 23.5 – 36

For **Mixed Medley competitions on Fridays and Sundays** there will be three grades for Men as above and two divisions for Ladies.

Ladies Division 1: 0 - 24

Ladies Division 2: 24.5 – 45

**The Match Committee may change the Handicap divisions** for any event if it is warranted due to playing conditions or playing numbers.

Conditions of Competition (including handicap divisions) for all other **Ladies events** are determined by the **Ladies Committee**.

## **Awarding of Scratch Prizes:**

A scratch prize will be awarded for all Monthly Medal events and Club Championships.

## **Nearest the Pins:-**

For Men's competitions there will be Nearest the Pin awards on two par 3s. In the Friday and Sunday Mixed Medley competitions there will be Nearest the Pin awards on one par 3 - one for men and one for ladies.

## Rules Governing Play:-

All rounds shall be played under the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Limited and the United States Golf Association as well as the Nelson Bay Club's Local Rules and By-Laws.

### WEEKLY CLUB COMPETITIONS CONDITIONS OF PLAY (see extra conditions for yearly events)

1. The Match Committee will make all arrangements and have full power to alter or make any variations to the conditions of play should it be deemed necessary. Any disputes will be settled by the Match Committee, whose decision will be final.
2. Competitions will be open to all members and visitors who hold a current Golf Australia handicap or a current handicap certified by the body governing Golf in the player's country of residence.
3. Players enter competitions by adding their name to the appropriate time sheet prior to the event. Timesheet Ballots are held for the Men's Wednesday and Saturday competitions and the Friday and Sunday Mixed Medley competitions. These procedures are outlined under a separate section of Timesheets Ballots.
4. The format for each event appears in the current fixtures book. The Match Committee reserves the right to make any changes to the current fixtures as deemed necessary.
5. Players must start at the time set down on the Timesheet. However the Match Committee reserves the right to alter starting times where necessary. As provided in Rule 33-7, if the player arrives at his/her starting point ready to play within five minutes after the scheduled starting time the penalty for failing to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. After this time the penalty is disqualification.
6. Players are expected to report to the Pro Shop 15 minutes before the appointed time given in the draw.
7. The Rules of Golf and the Nelson Bay Golf Club local rules will be the rules of play for all club competitions.
8. **Pace of Play:** Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding it. Any group with a clear hole in front of it will be considered to be out of position. Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings may or may not be issued prior to penalties at the discretion of the Match Committee.
9. Motorised carts are permitted in all Nelson Bay Club Competitions
10. Prizes will be awarded as determined by the number of players in the field and by the decision of the Match Committee member on duty at the time.
11. All ties will be decided by the Golf Australia method of count back.

**NB: Please see separate conditions of play for all the various events held during the year, including Club Championships.**

**NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB  
CONDITIONS OF PLAY  
MENS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. The Men's Club Championships will be played over four stroke rounds.
2. The Championships will be played in A, B and C grades. Grade divisions will be determined by the Match Committee. In addition there will be divisions for Seniors (over 55) and Juniors (under 18). A competitor's age will be that at the beginning of the Club Championships.
3. Players will be required to pre-enter the Championships by completing an entry form and enclosing the entry fee. These must be lodged in the box placed on the Match desk counter by the advertised closing date.
4. Players may request a morning (6.30 – 8.30) or afternoon (10.30 – 12.30) tee time.
5. Players may lodge their entry forms together and request to be allocated to the same group. However the Match Committee has final responsibility for the allocation of groups and tee times.
6. After the 3rd round the **top 4 ranked players in each grade will be seeded to play in the final groups in the afternoon session of the final round.**
7. There will be **Scratch and Nett** winners and runners up in each grade. The overall Scratch winner will be declared Club Champion. The Scratch winner in each grade will not be allowed to be winner or runner-up in the Nett division of that grade. Placings will be adjusted accordingly.
8. In the event of a tie in a Nett event, the result will be determined by the Golf Australia count-back system
9. In the event of a tie in a Scratch event, the result will be determined by a play-off over the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes, and thereafter sudden death on the 18<sup>th</sup> until the tie is resolved.
10. In the event of more than two players being involved in a play-off for 1<sup>st</sup> place, the final winner will be declared as 1<sup>st</sup> place and the other players involved will be declared joint runners up.
11. **Players need to be aware of the possibility of a play-off**, regardless of what time they finish their round. Any player not present and ready to play at the commencement of a play-off will forfeit his place, and will be placed accordingly.
12. Players entering the Club Championship do so in the knowledge that **the Match Committee has the final decision on the allocation of players to positions on the timesheet.**
13. Match Conditions for the Men's Club Championships will be printed on the back of the entry forms, and all players are expected to acquaint themselves with these conditions.

## MENS MONTHLY MEDAL

1. A Monthly Medal competition will be held each month from February to October inclusive.
2. Each Monthly Medal competition will be held over one Stroke round, in A, B and C grades.
3. The Medal of Medals event will be held in November. This event is open to all Monthly Medal winners, and will be played over one Stroke round. It would be preferable (but not compulsory) for the Monthly Medal winners to be grouped together on the timesheet.
4. Monthly Medals will be awarded for **Nett** scores. Any ties will be decided by the Golf Australia count-back system
5. Scratch scores in each Monthly Medal competition will be recorded for use in the **TORO SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIP**. This will be calculated from each player's **best 5 scratch scores** over all Monthly Medal competitions. Prizes will be awarded to the top three players in the overall point-score. In the case of a tie in the final point-score the player with the lower score in his most recent event will be declared the winner. If still equal the countback will compare scores in the players' 2<sup>nd</sup> last events, and so on until a winner is determined.
6. There will be a **Player of the Year** competition for the **Nett** scores. Points will be awarded on the basis of: Medal winner: 6 points, Equal points to winner but beaten on count-back: 5 points, runner up: 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 3 points, Break handicap: 2 points, Play to handicap: 1 point. (NB "Play to Handicap" means Nett 72 on the day, regardless of the Daily Scratch Rating calculated by Golflink). There will be a winner and runner-up in the Player of the Year competition. In the case of a tie in the final point-score, the winner will be determined by the highest points in any round. If still equal the winner will be the player with the most recent highest score.
7. The Scratch and Player of the Year competitions conclude at the October Monthly Medal competition.
8. A "**Monthly Mug**" will be provided for each Monthly Medal competition. This is sponsored by **SS & LM JOHNSTON EARTHMOVING**. The Monthly Mug is awarded to the **best Nett score over all grades** in each Monthly Medal competition. The winner's name will be engraved on the mug each month. At the end of the year the Medal of Medals winner will receive the mug plus a shirt.

## MEN'S FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Men's Foursomes Championships will consist of 1 X 27 holes stroke foursomes round.
2. There will be **Scratch and Nett** winners and runners-up.
3. Annual Presentations will be made to the winners and runners up in the **Scratch event**.
4. In the Nett event the handicap for each pair will be **3/4 of their total handicap**.
5. In the event of a tie in the Nett event the Golf Australia countback system will be used.
6. In the event of a tie in a Scratch event, the result will be determined by a play-off over the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes, and thereafter sudden death on the 18<sup>th</sup> until the tie is resolved.
7. **Players need to be aware of the possibility of a play-off**, regardless of what time they finish their round. Any players not present and ready to play at the commencement of a play-off will forfeit their place, and will be placed accordingly.

## MOSES SINGLES KNOCKOUT

1. The format for the event will be an 18 hole Stableford qualifying round, with 8 players per course to qualify.
2. Each year there will be a **Wednesday** and a **Saturday** Singles Knockout.
3. All who play in the qualifying round are eligible. Players **must put a Q** on their card if they wish to qualify.
4. Players will play off their Daily Handicap on each round of the competition.
5. In the event of a tie for any qualifying position the Golf Australia count-back system will apply.
6. The two opposing players in a round of the knockout must play in the same competition on the same course. It would be preferable for them to play in the same group. The result of each knockout “match” will be the better score of the two players in each “match”. Normal count-back procedures apply in the event of a tie.
7. It is preferable for each “match” to be played as scheduled in the fixture book. However the two players involved in each “match” can agree to play at an alternative time. If consensus cannot be reached the Match Committee will specify a date for the “match”. Unless the Match Committee determines that exceptional circumstances exist, each match must be played **on or before the deadline published in the Fixture book**.
8. If the opposing players in a match agree to play as a social round, it will be under Stableford scoring, and played off the white plates.
9. There will be a winner and a runner up for the event.

## TAYLOR MADE STABLEFORD CHALLENGE

1. The competition will be played over three (3) rounds throughout the year in A, B and C grades.
2. Scores will be recorded for each grade in each round.
3. Winners and placings for the **Overall Prizes** for the Year will be in **A, B and C grades**. The results will be determined by each player's **total stableford points over the three rounds**.
4. Players will play off their Daily Handicap in each round of the competition.
5. A player's grade for a round of the Black Plate Challenge will be determined by his Daily Handicap on the day of competition. **A player's grade in the overall Championship** will be determined by his Daily handicap in the **majority of the three rounds**.
6. Ties in each round will be determined by the GA count-back system. Ties in the Overall Championship will be determined by the scores in the final round, then the previous rounds in reverse order until the tie is resolved.
7. On Taylor Made Challenge rounds there will be an additional green fee of \$1 per player. This will be used to provide additional prize money.

## SURESHOT MENS 4BBB

1. The Keno Mixed 4BBB will be played over one 18 hole round of 4BBB Stableford.
2. The event will be played on two courses.
3. There will be a winning pair and runner-up pair on each course.
4. In the event of a tie the Golf Australia count-back system will be used.

## BLUE WATER GRILL CUP AND CHALLENGE

1. The **BLUE WATER GRILL CUP** will be a 2 Man Ambrose event and will be played as two 18 hole events during the year (on Saturdays March 8 and September 13).
2. Normal 2 Man Ambrose rules will apply, except that each pair must use **a minimum of 6 tee shots per player**.
3. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placings will be declared at each event.
4. The best total score per pair over the two events will determine the winners and runners up in the **BLUE WATER GRILL CUP**. A perpetual trophy will be provided for the winners plus small trophies to be presented to the winners.
5. In the event of a tie the Golf Australia count-back system will be used.
6. The **BLUE WATER GRILL CHALLENGE** will be a single Stableford event played on the other course on the day of the Blue Water Grill Cup. The event will be played in A, B and C grades.
7. The two Blue Water Grill Challenge events will be stand-alone events, and there will be no overall winner.

## L & Z CHALMERS TROPHY MIXED 4BBB STABLEFORD

1. This event is played over six designated Mixed 4BBB Stableford events throughout the year.
2. The event is open to members of Nelson Bay Golf Club. However a visiting pair may win an event in the competition. Members' points towards the Overall championship will be adjusted accordingly.
3. Because this event is played in conjunction with an individual Stableford Medley event, **each pair will be required to complete an extra card**. It is the responsibility of the players to ensure that all details, including handicaps, are listed correctly on the cards. These cards will be sorted manually so they should be **placed in the appropriate box at the Match desk**. Individual scores for the Individual event in conjunction should still be entered into the kiosk computer.
4. The major prize money in each event will go to the winners and runner-up in the L & Z Chalmers Mixed 4BBB event. Individual winners and runners up in each grade will be awarded two balls and one ball respectively.
5. Points will be awarded to the top 5 place-getters in each event, with 5 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, down to 1 point for 5<sup>th</sup>.
6. Points will be awarded separately to men and ladies, (ie different pairings may play in different rounds). There will be a Mens Winner and a Ladies Winner in the overall championship for the year.
7. In the event of a tie in a round, the Golf Australia count-back system will be used.
8. In the event of a tie in the overall championship for Mens or Ladies, the player with the most number of wins will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists the winner will be determined by the most recent win.

## KENO MIXED 4BBB

1. The Keno Mixed 4BBB will be played over one 18 hole round of 4BBB Stableford.
2. There will be a winning pair and runner-up pair. In the event of a tie the Golf Australia count-back system will be used.

## MIXED FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Mixed Foursomes Championships will consist of 1 X 27 holes stroke foursomes round.
2. There will be **Scratch and Nett** winners and runners-up.
3. Annual presentations will be made to the winners and runners up in the **Scratch event**.
4. In the Nett event the handicap for each pair will be 3/4 of their total handicap.
5. In the event of a tie in the Nett event the Golf Australia count-back system will be used.
6. In the event of a tie in a Scratch event, the result will be determined by a play-off over the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes, and thereafter sudden death on the 18<sup>th</sup> until the tie is resolved.
7. **Players need to be aware of the possibility of a play-off**, regardless of what time they finish their round. Any players not present and ready to play at the commencement of a play-off will forfeit their place, and will be placed accordingly.

## WATER WONDERLAND TOURNAMENT

This event is played over two Stableford rounds for Men on Saturday and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2015. Rules and Conditions for the event appear in a separate document. This event is for visiting golfers only, and is not available to members.

## SPRING CUP

This event is played over four Stableford rounds for Mens and Ladies at various courses on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2015. Rules and Conditions for the event appear in a separate document.

## NELSON BAY SOCIAL CLUBS CHALLENGE

1. The tournament is contested in a pairs format, with divisions for Men, Ladies and Mixed.
2. Day 1 (Friday 16 October) will be a 4BBB event, and Day 2 (Sunday 18 October) will be a 2 Person Ambrose event.
3. Players may play in one or both days of the tournament. However they must play in both days to be eligible for the overall prizes.
4. Daily prizes will be awarded overall rather than per division.
5. There will be a Club Championship prize which will be calculated by the total of the best 2 scores for each club on each day. This includes scores for players who played in only one day of the event.
6. Full Rules and Tournament Conditions are set out in a separate document.

## **PRESIDENTS V CAPTAINS MATCH PLAY**

1. Players will enter their names onto the timesheet for the day of this competition.
2. The pro shop staff will mark the card for each pair as either in the President's or Captain's team, with two players in each group representing each team.
3. The two competing players will play match-play. The lower handicapper will play off scratch, and the other player's handicap will be adjusted accordingly.
4. The Match Index will be used.
5. In the event of an odd number of players in a group, one player can play separate matches against the two other opponents.
6. At the completion of the round each player will record the result of his match on his card. Eg WIN 2 and 1, LOSS 2 and 1 MATCH HALVED, etc. These will be totaled to determine the winning team in the Presidents v Captains competition.
7. All players representing the winning team, (President's or Captain's) will be awarded one ball each. There will be no other prizes or ball run-down.

## **MENS MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. A qualifying round will be played, as identified in the fixture book.
2. Players wishing to play in the Match Play Championships they must mark a "Q" on their card in the qualifying round.
3. The top four players in each grade on each course will qualify for the Match Play Championships.
4. The Match Committee will carry out a draw of opponents in each round in each grade.
5. Each round match must be played on or before a deadline established by the Match Committee.
6. Within these deadlines the two opponents in each match must schedule a mutually agreeable date and time for their match. If there is any dispute the Match Committee will order the date and time for the match.
7. In each round the lower handicapper will play off scratch and the other player's handicap will be adjusted accordingly.
8. The Match Index will be used.
9. All rules of Match Play in the R & A rule book will be adhered to.
10. In the event of a tie after 18 holes the match will continue from the 1<sup>st</sup> hole played until a winner is determined by winning a hole.
11. In the event of inclement weather causing a match to be either postponed or interrupted the two opponents shall negotiate a mutually agreeable resumption. In the case of a dispute the Match Committee will make this determination. NB In the case of an interruption not being agreed to by both players, the Match Committee will only order an interruption to the match if the course is considered by the Match Committee representative to be unplayable at that time.

## ECLECTIC COMPETITION

12. The Mens Eclectic competition is open to all Saturday competition players (members of NBGC)
13. It is based on each individual player's scores on each of the club's courses (holes 1 – 27).
14. At the end of the competition each player's scores will be totaled, and **half** his handicap will be deducted to arrive at the final score.
15. The competition commences on the first Saturday competition in February, and it will conclude at the October Monthly Medal. It does not include special events, ie Water Wonderland.
16. There will be one division only, with prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. However if numbers permit, the Match Committee may institute grades.
17. The entry fee is \$5 per person, with entry envelopes available from the Match desk or reception during January.
18. Prize money (total of entry fees) will be based on the divisions created.
19. Handicaps will be used for the final result. They will be applied at the last Monthly Medal event for the year (October).

## TIMESHEETS PROCEDURE

The procedure for entering names on the Wednesday/Saturday Men's competitions and the Friday/Sunday Mixed medley competitions is as follows:

**WEDNESDAY MENS:** Available **from 5.15 pm on the Tuesday** of the week preceding the competition date. Time sheet entry at the Match Desk and Kiosk.

**FRIDAY MEDLEY:** Available from **5.00 pm on the Tuesday** of the week preceding the competition date. Time sheet entry at the Match Desk.

**SATURDAY MENS:** Available from **5.15 pm on the Thursday** of the week preceding the competition date. Time sheet entry at the Match Desk and kiosk.

**SUNDAY MEDLEY:** Available from **5.00 pm on the Thursday** of the week preceding the competition date. Time sheet entry at the Match Desk.

After the times listed above, the time-sheets will then go "live" **from 9.00 pm that night for online entries**. For instructions on how to access the club's website, including the time-sheets, new members should consult the Reception or Administration staff or any member of the Match Committee.

### **The procedure is as follows:**

Members wishing to be involved in the draw must place their membership card in the relevant barrel prior to the commencement of the draw for that competition. When a member's card is drawn out of the barrel he/she has the opportunity to enter four names onto the time-sheet.

**One of these names must be their own.** Once all members in the draw have been given the opportunity to enter their group, the time-sheet will then be declared open for general entry.

The club's web address is [www.nelsonbaygolf.com](http://www.nelsonbaygolf.com). It contains information about club events, both on the course and in the clubhouse. Members can also register their email address with club administration so they can receive bulletins, newsletters and other communications.

It is the responsibility of every member to delete his/her name as soon as it is known that he/she will be unable to play in the relevant competition.