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Pictured | 2023 HRDGA Pennants C-Grade Champions after victory against Maitland at Singleton Golf Club.

2023 MARCH

A massive March has concluded with our <u>C-Grade Pennants</u> team being crowned champions; congratulations to all involved!

With the combination of warm temperatures, regular splashes of rainfall & course renovations throughout March, the course will set up nicely for members & visitors to enjoy in the second month of Autumn as the greens bounce back to their usual high standard. Despite the greens being cored players still scored well throughout March with a number of quality scores being lodged during all competitions.

Our <u>Pro-Rata Membership</u> offer continues through until our next membership cycle commences from June/July; it's the perfect time to take advantage of this package & enjoy our beautiful course!

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MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 18th April** starting from 7:30pm at the Clubhouse.







MONTHLY MEDAL WINNER - MARCH

Congratulations to **Allan Mckinnon** for claiming the **March Monthly Medal** with **62 Nett** including a birdie on the 15th.

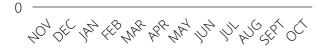
Allan claimed the medal over Stephen Watson who also carded a 62 Nett via the countback method.

Our next **Monthly Medal** is scheduled for **Saturday 1st April**.

MONTHLY MEDAL SEASONAL SCORES COMPARISON



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Each **Monthly Medal** winner throughout the **2022/23 Season** automatically qualifies for the annual **Tom Goodman Trophy** held during the Final Round of the 2023 Club Championships.

The player who shoots the lowest nett round during the Final Round of Club Championships is declared the Tom Goodman Trophy winner for the season.



TOM GOODMAN TROPHY MEDAL PLAY-OFF QUALIFIERS







Pictured | David Layzell's visit to Paterson Golf Club following confirmation of a successful grant application.

CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

with Paterson GC Committee

As reported throughout March, Paterson Golf Club has been successful in its application to receive the Essential Community Sport Asset Program Grant which will fund the installation of cart paths across the course. Works will commence throughout 2023 & allow the club to operate throughout periods of wet weather. A big shout out to Denis Crossman who has worked meticulously through the mountain of paperwork both during the application process & following the grant being awarded.

Thanks to our members who kindly assisted with our renovations in mid-March. Coordinated by President, Wayne Stedman, & Secretary, James Cowled, along with Vice President, Brian Mowle, & Committee Member, David Singles, a good contingent of volunteers arrived bright & early to assist with works stretching through into the late afternoon. Our appreciation goes out to: Mick Cairney, Denis Crossman, Mal Duff, Stuart Heathwood, Mal Olsen, Michael Shanley, Brodie Thackeray & Ramsey Vane-Wood who assisted on the day. Check out the *qallery* of works on *page 11*.

UNDER PAR COUNT

Throughout the March Saturday Competitions **129 rounds** were lodged, with players scoring a total of **77 birdies** or better. **Ramsey Vane-Wood (6)** followed on from February with **8 birdies** to lead the count for the month including 5 birdies on March 18th.

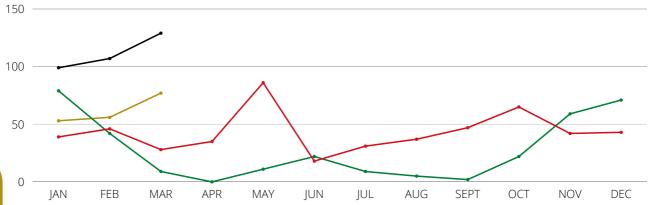
The **15th hole** was most favourable amongst players with the forward tees assisting players to convert **15 birdies**. The par 4 eleventh was next best where 9 birdies were scored. The 3rd hole once again proved to be the most difficult with no birdies being recorded, however, the 12th had a birdie cashed in on March 25th. The par 3 ninth/eighteenth challenged players with only a collective 3 birdies being rolled in.

4th Mar | 14 birdies 11th Mar | 17 birdies 18th Mar | 22 birdies 25th Mar | 24 birdies



Pictured | March birdie leader, Ramsey Vane-Wood

Eagles Nest | 14 balls sit in the nest with no eagles throughout March.



■ 2023 Birdies ■ 2023 Rounds ■ 2022 Birdies ■ 2021 Birdies





Pictured | Jordan Wilkinson (l) & Broc Hunt (r) following high Stableford scores on Saturday 25th March.

MARCH RESULTS LADIES COMPETITIONS

6th March (Stableford)

Winner - Pam Lincoln (38 Points) Runner Up - Gail Clements (36 Points)

23rd March (Stableford)

Winner - Eileen Gigg (40 Points) Runner Up - Susan Radford (34 Points)

ECLECTIC RESULTS

MARCH RESULTS OPEN COMPETITIONS

4th March (Stroke)

Div 1 Winner - Allan Mckinnon (62 Nett) Div 2 Winner - Denis Crossman (65 Nett)

11th March (Stableford)

Div 1 Winner - Benjamin Curry (39 Points) Div 2 Winner - Denis Crossman (42 Points)

18th March (Stableford)

Winner - Rigby Vane-Wood (42 Points) Runner Up - Ramsey Vane-Wood (41 Points)

25th March (Stableford)

Div 1 Winner - Jordan Wilkinson (43 Points) Div 2 Winner - Broc Hunt (42 Points) 2BBB Winners - Anthony & Jordan Wilkinson (49 Points)

MARCH RESULTS VETERANS COMPETITIONS

7th March (4-Club Stableford)

Winner - Peter Clarke (40 Points) Runner Up - Jarn Cheetham (30 Points)

14th March (Stableford)

Winner - Michael Thuell (34 Points) Runner Up - Joseph Jackson (34 Points c/b)

21st March (Stroke)

Nett Winner - Tony Moore (58 Nett) **Y**Gross Winner - Ramsey Vane-Wood (71 Gross)

28th March (Stableford)

Winner - Jarn Cheetham (34 Points) Runner Up - Mal Olsen (34 Points c/b)

ECLECTIC | JAN > JUN

The half yearly Eclectic Competition continues in the background of each weekly Open Competition. The Eclectic Competition is split into 2 Divisions with the respective winners & runner ups allocated a value to their prize account at the end of June & December.

The Eclectic Competition calculates the lowest score scored by each player in every round they participate in to calculate a cumulative best round throughout the period with your lowest handicap during the period being adjusted to 50% to determine a Nett score.

To see your progress visit our Results page on our website.





MASTERS MONDAY RETURNS IN 2023!

Masters Monday has returned for 2023 with a big day ahead on Monday 10th April (Easter Monday).

Live coverage from Augusta will be broadcast from 6am followed by a hot breakfast (*inclusive of green fees*) & then 2-Person Ambrose play following the completion of the first Major Championship of 2023!

2-Person Ambrose play will be held in conjunction with the weekly Ladies Competition.

Come along & enjoy the festivities which are conveniently located on Easter Monday this year!

Bookings are preferred via the Member Portal or email.



PATERSON CUP | JAN > MAR

Denis Crossman has claimed the first Paterson Cup (January-March) with a total of **277 points** which included 105 points in March, 104 throughout February & 68 during January. Denis has collected himself a dozen golf balls of his choosing. Meanwhile, Stephen Watson finished in second position with 264, whilst Fred Cox had a big March accumulating 114 points.

The Paterson Cup will operate across 4 segments throughout January-March, April-June, July-September & October-December (weather permitting). Points will be allocated to Members who participate in Saturday Competitions throughout each period based on their ranking in each competition. To view the full leader board visit our <u>website</u>.



2023 SKINS

Congratulations to all players who participated in the 2023 Skins, & in particular the top 4 qualifiers who have progressed through to the Final.

The Final will take place on Saturday 1st April in conjunction with the daily competition with cash on the line for every hole.

Skins will return again in 2024 so keep an eye out early next year to get involved!

Options are being considered by the committee to increase participation with the potential of including a divisional handicap system as opposed to the previous Stableford Points divisional system; i.e. 2 divisions with 0-15 & 16+. Feedback is welcomed to Club Captain, Ramsey Vane-Wood.



MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the club being run purely on a volunteer basis more assistance is needed from members to ensure our usual operations can continue.

We have a small core of dedicated volunteers who maintain work across the property including mowing & chemical spraying.

In the current market, suitable qualified green keepers are difficult to attain, particularly club will investigate opportunities to fill a role of this nature if possible.

be moving for a few hours each week, maintenance work on our machinery or chemical spraying, please get in touch with Wayne Stedman to organise your help.

FOOD & BEVERAGE POLICY

Regular Saturday players may have noticed a recent shift in purchasing items during & post round.

Please note, all food & particularly beverages will no longer be available to be 'ticked up' & paid at a later date. Whilst the majority of players do the right thing & make payment on the day or soon after, the previous policy had the potential to be manipulated which ultimately costs the club money which can be reinvested into operating costs.

Moving forward, for the weekly Open Saturday with only limited hours available, however, the Competitions the clubhouse will be operated by a Committee Member to ensure beverages are paid for. If a Committee Member is unavailable beverages will need to be pre-purchased & subsequently stored in an esky as the If you are able to assist in any form, whether it fridge will be closed until a Committee Member is available to handle payments.

> Saturday Players are also kindly reminded to ensure they are conscious of the entire field when enjoying the postround BBQ; please note players contribute a total of \$4pp for the BBQ which equates to approximately a sausage sandwich or rissole per person.

> If you are able to assist by running the clubhouse on a Saturday morning for a couple of hours, please reach out to our Committee & you can be included on the roster.



2023 HRDGA PENNANTS

Our **2023 HRDGA Pennants** seasons have concluded with another successful year for our club. Well done to all players who made themselves available to compete throughout the campaigns!

As noted earlier, congratulations to **C-Grade** who won their Pennant in the Final against Maitland at Singleton on Sunday 26th March. Captained by Michael Shanley, Glenn Radford, Nick Howell, Brodie Thackeray & Andy Woodley were on hand to secure the result of a 3.5 to 1.5 victory!

Seniors qualified through the Semi-Finals following a victory in their final round of competition & other results falling into place. Up against a tough opponent in Murrurundi, they bowed out at Singleton on March 26th.

B-Grade needed a win in their final round against another tough opposition in Kurri, however, were only able to secure a draw which didn't allow them to advance based on for & against.

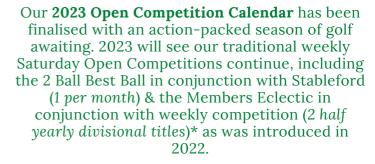
To view the 2023 & past results visit the **HRDGA website**.

B-GRADE	C-GRADE	SENIORS DIV B
5-FEB v Branxton @ Aberdeen Won 3-2	29-JAN v KURRI @ KURRI Draw 2.5-2.5	29-JAN v ABERDEEN @ MAITLAND Won 2-1
12-FEB v bye @ Paterson	12-FEB v HUNTER VALLEY @ MAITLAND Won 3.5-1.5	5-FEB v maitland @ Kurri Lost 2-1
19-FEB v SINGLETON @ BRANXTON Won 3-2	19-FEB v Muswellbrook @ Singleton Won 5-0	12-FEB v KURRI @ SINGLETON Won 3-0
5-MAR v SCONE @ KURRI LOST 3.5-1.5	5-MAR v SINGLETON @ PATERSON Won 4-1	19-FEB v bye @ paterson
12-MAR v MAITLAND @ MUSWELLBROOK Won 3.5-1.5	19-MAR v MAITLAND @ MUSWELLBROOK Lost 3.5-1.5	5-MAR v DUNGOG @ THE VINTAGE Lost 3-0
19-MAR v Muswellbrook @ Singleton Won 3.5-1.5	26-MAR v MAITLAND @ SINGLETON (FINAL) Won 3.5-1.5	12-MAR v THE VINTAGE @ ABERDEEN Won 2-1
26-MAR v KURRI @ SCONE Draw 2.5-2.5 -		19-MAR v SINGLETON @ DUNGOG Won 2-1
		26-MAR v MURRURUNDI @ SINGLETON (SEMI-FINAL) Lost 3-0



2023 OPEN COMPETITION CALENDAR





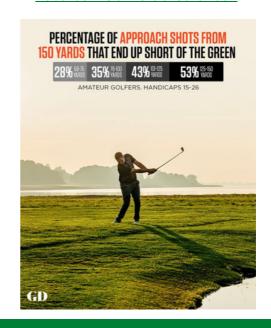
*The Members Eclectic competition will run in two half yearly segments (Jan-Jun & Jul-Dec) throughout 2023 in conjunction with the weekly open competition. The Eclectic competition will record your best score on each hole of the course throughout the period resulting in your best overall score with handicap adjustment. Our golf competition management system will automatically calculate results over the period with divisional winners being confirmed at the end of June & December.

Traditional Competitions

Stroke & Monthly Medal (1 per month)
Stableford & Last Man Standing (3 events)
Stableford (34 events)
Par (3 events)
Paterson Cup (4 quarterly titles)

Championships / Major Events
May | 2-Person Ambrose Championships
June | Bob Murphy Cup (2 Ball Best Ball
Championships)
September | Paterson Open
October | Male Club Championships (Stroke)

Stay up to date with the latest schedule via the Paterson Golf Club Calendar.







2022/23 MEMBERSHIP PRO-RATA RATES

Pro-Rata Memberships are now open. Join today for only **\$65 (adult)**.

2023 Pro-Rata rates will apply until May 2023.

All the information for new Members is available via our website (www.patersongolfclub.com) including the application form. If you need any further information please email the club or speak with one of our Committee Members.

This graphic shows our 2022/23 Membership categories. Paterson Golf Club offers some of the most competitive & affordable membership across the Hunter region. Join today & start to enjoy the benefits this country club has to offer!



Take on the quick monthly Golf NSW Rules Quiz (March) to test your knowledge.

Navigate via this link.





9 FORMER SLICERS SHARE THE SWING THOUGHTS THAT GOT THEM HITTING DRAWS VIA <u>AUSTRALIAN GOLF DIGEST</u>

1. Setup: Stronger grip and closed stance

Before making dramatic overhauls to your swing, start by adjusting your setup. A quick grip, alignment or ball position change can improve your ball flight without any complex swing thoughts. That was the key for these former slicers. "Strengthened my grip and started using a draw setup instead of straight (i.e. clubface aimed at target with a closed stance)." "Stronger grip and making sure I'm coming in to out. Solved it pretty quickly."

"I got fed up one day. Hit a few hundred balls using the 'back to target drill.' Basically, closed my stance about 45 degrees and kept hitting balls until they hooked. After that, no more slice."

Butch Harmon recommends the same two setup tweaks to fix a slice. Harmon says both changes will help you come more from the inside and release the club, addressing the two issues that cause a slice: a path that is too far out-to-in with a face open to the path.

2. Bow the lead wrist

It's a trendy move right now on tour, most notably with Jon Rahm and Collin Morikawa having a bowed or flexed lead wrist at the top of the backswing and coming down. For slicers, it's a move worth copying.

"I stopped cupping and started bowing my wrists. Went from a slice to a hook."

"I stopped cupping my lead wrist at the top of the backswing like in a baseball stance. Slice be gone. Went the opposite direction, and now I bow my wrist. Miss is now a hook or occasional push right."

A cupped wrist at the top of the swing opens the face and promotes a steeper downswing, leading to an excessively out-to-in path, says Jonathan Buchanan, one of Golf Digest's Best Young Teachers. Conversely, getting the lead wrist in a flat or even bowed position helps square the face and shallow out the downswing, allowing you to come from the inside to draw the ball.

3. Flatter backswing

Having sufficient depth – how far the hands are from the golf ball at the top of the swing – is key to being able to come from the inside and hit a draw. Though tour pros have the flexibility needed to create depth, tight-muscled amateurs must work a little harder. The easiest way to create that depth if you struggle with flexibility? A flatter plane on the backswing. That cured the slice for these golfers.

"I flattened my swing significantly."

"Flatter backswing and proper wrist flex."

As Mark Blackburn – coach of numerous tour pros, including Homa – says, work on getting your lead arm more across your chest in the backswing to flatten out your swing. When videoing your swing from down the line, make sure your lead arm is either going through your trail shoulder or even below it at the top of the backswing. This flatter arm plane will give you the depth needed to attack the ball from the inside.

4. Change the swing shape

If you're the slicer who takes the club way to the inside before swinging out over the top on the downswing, you'll fix your slice by changing your swing shape.

"I saw a video about making a reverse loop (out on the backswing and in on the down). I exaggerated it and it worked." Sometimes, the golf swing works in opposites. Rip the club to the inside on the backswing and you might be forced to lift and come over the top in transition. To flip this pattern, exaggerate the opposite. "Think, Up, around and under," says Jeff Ritter, Golf Digest's No.1 teacher in Oregon. Kenny Perry, one of the most consistent drawers of the ball in recent decades, had this sort of move, which put him on an inside path coming down. A great visual to create this loop is to feel like you're tracing a figure eight with the clubhead, just as Lee Trevino does.

5. Hit a forehand

Hitting a draw is a lot like hitting a topspin forehand in tennis or ping pong. The feeling in both is the club, racquet or paddle travelling from in to out through impact, and from low to high. If you're slicing the ball, you're using a backspin dropshot motion.

"I read somewhere that a golf swing should feel like hitting a forehand in tennis and that swing thought alone has fixed my slice."

If you tend to get bogged down with technical thoughts, give this simple feel a try. David Leadbetter says it's a great way to get out of the "slicey, cutty action" that creates weak fades. Exaggerate the move until you've got the ball working from right-to-left. If you overdo it and start hitting hooks, it's easy to rein it back in.





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Saturday / Open Competition & Major Event tee time bookings via the online portal:
http://120.150.189.119/golf/



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