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KING PARROT MINUTES

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Pictured | Late afternoon looking through the 2nd bunker.

2023 MAY

May saw our first Champions crowned for the season with the 2-Person Ambrose title being claimed by Shaun Heffernan & Stephen Knowles. Our annual Ambrose Championships was not possible due to the inclement weather & subsequent course closures in 2022 but was strongly supported by Members for this year's event, particularly with the KENO Ambrose qualifying being included in conjunction with the Final Round.

June marks the start of the 2023 / 2024 Membership cycle with renewal notices being distributed throughout June; further information regarding Membership can be found on *page 5*.

The Bob Murphy Cup also returns to its usual position on the calendar with the annual 2BBB Championships scheduled to run across June 17th & 24th with another title on the line for Members to vie for. Registrations for the *Singles Men's Match Play Championships* open in June, with play commencing from July.

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MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 20th June** starting from 7:30pm at the Clubhouse.

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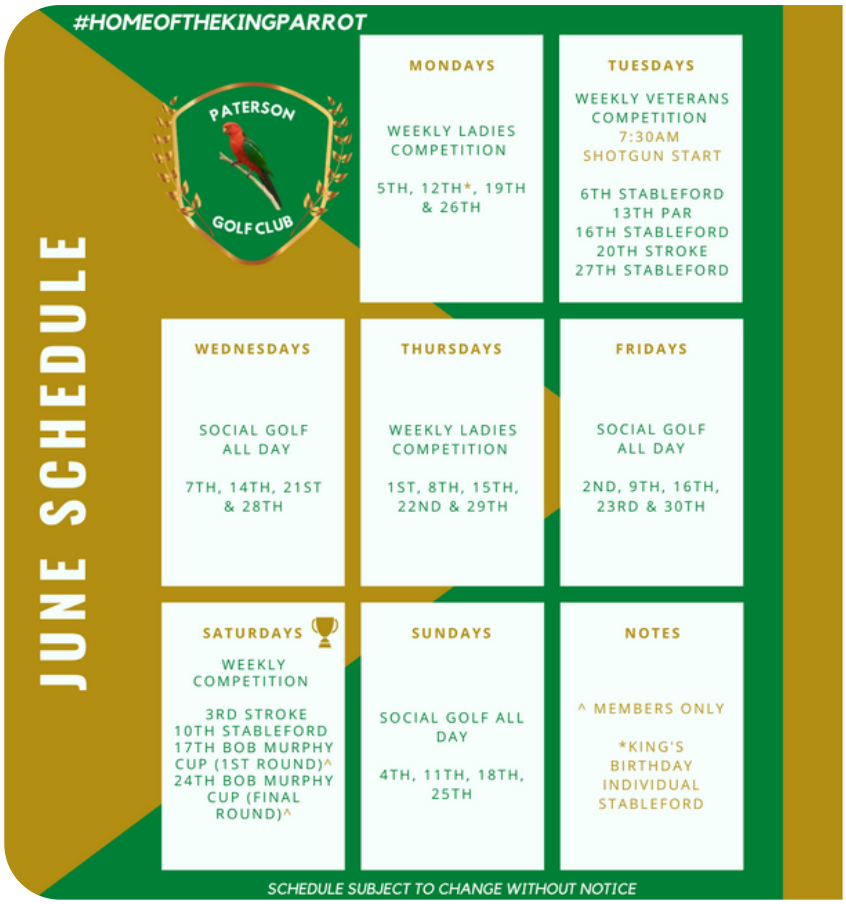


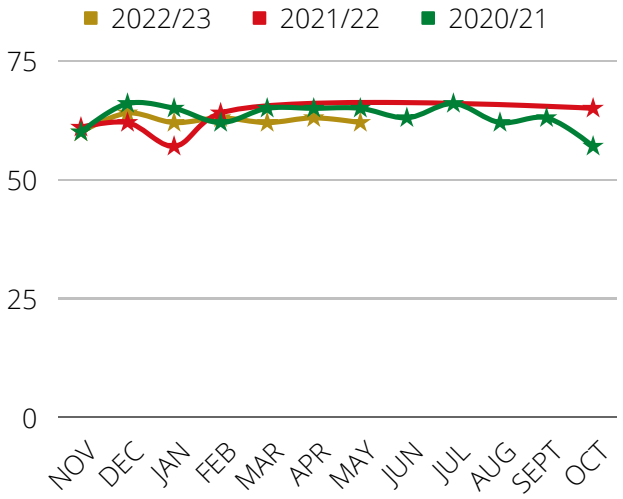
MONTHLY MEDAL WINNER - MAY

Congratulations to **Glenn Davies** for claiming the **May Monthly Medal** with **62 Nett,** including birdies on the par 3 5th & 10th.

Glenn claimed the medal over Paul Monaghan, who carded a 64 Nett.

Our next **Monthly Medal** is scheduled for **Saturday 3rd June**.

MONTHLY MEDAL SEASONAL SCORES COMPARISON



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 PLAYOFF QUALIFIERS

Pictured | Position Vacant Advertisement

CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

with Paterson GC Committee

Amongst the new Membership cycle commencing in June, the committee have had plenty of items on the agenda to work through.

Position Vacant
The hunt continues for a Greens Keeper or Grounds Keeper; our advertising via social media has gained some interaction, however, is yet to yield any results; see *page 7* for more details.

Clubhouse Operations & Food/Beverages
The committee have opted to continue with the current procedure for Saturday Competitions where beverages must be purchased & cannot be tallied up.
The club has purchased an additional fridge where Members can store purchased beverages whilst they play their round. Once available committee members have concluded play, the bar will be open & Members can purchase their drinks as usual with both EFTPOS or cash payments available.

The committee wishes to thank Members for their understanding throughout this transition.

Tea/Coffee & Gold Coin Donations
Another outcome from the May Committee Meeting was to put in place a gold coin donation system for Members who wish to enjoy a tea or coffee prior to, or post round. The complimentary tea & coffee has been a staple of Saturday competitions for a period of time, however, with our fields significantly increasing over the last 12 months the costs associated with continuing this needed to be recovered by the club. Any donations received will be used to offset the costs with any money left over being donated to support the Paterson Psst! newsletter. Thank you to the Veterans who have agreed to put forward $20 on a weekly basis towards the tea & coffee supplies.

Tree Maintenance
Works were completed to remove one of the trees to the west of the 3rd green. Thanks to Peter Griffin who assisted in removal of the tree along with a number of our volunteers with the clean up process. Whilst the debris is cleaned up the areas impacted have been marked as *Ground Under Repair*.

Grant Update
Whilst somewhat delayed with a change of Government, our successful grant application has progressed with documents being signed & the first instalment of funds anticipated to be received in the short term.

Social Playing Fees Increase
From 1st July 2023 our social playing fees will increase to $20 for visitors & $10 for Members & Juniors (u18). The fee increase is in response to the rising cost of operations & is also more reflective of the condition of the course which has continually improved over recent years.

Pictured | Stableford Winner Broc Hunt (l) & 2BBB partner, James Reimer (l).

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.

ECLECTIC RESULTS

MAY RESULTS OPEN COMPETITIONS

6th May (Stroke)
Div 1 Winner - Glenn Davies (62 Nett)
Div 2 Winner - Paul Bennetts (66 Nett)

13th May (Stableford & 2BBB)
Div 1 Winner - James Coward (35 Points)
Div 2 Winner - Broc Hunt (46 Points)
2BBB Winners - Broc Hunt & James Reimer (50 Points)

20th May (Ambrose Championships - 1st Round)
Winners - Shaun Heffernan & Stephen Knowles (57.50 Nett)
Runners Up - Benjamin Curry & James Morris (58.80 Nett)

27th May (Ambrose Championships - Final Round)
Winners - Jordan Wilkinson & Anthony Wilkinson (54.30 Nett)
Runners Up - Benjamin Curry & James Morris (55.80 Nett)

MAY RESULTS VETERANS COMPETITIONS

2nd May (Stableford)
Winner - James Coward (40 Points)
Runner Up - Fred Cox (35 Points)
9th May (Par 3)
Winners - Stephen Pilgrim (60 Nett)
Runner Ups - John Walker (61 Nett)
16th May (Stableford)
Winner - Brian Rohr (43 Points)
Runner Up - John Walker (39 Points)
23rd May (Stroke)
Nett Winner - James Coward (65 Nett)
Gross Winner - John Walker (77 Gross)
30th May (Stableford)
Winner - Joseph Jackson (35 Points)
Runner Up - Fred Cox (35 Points)

Pictured | Daily Competition Ambrose Winners (27th May) Jordan Wilkinson & Anthony Wilkinson

2023/2024 MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES

2023/2024 Membership Packages are in the process of being distributed to our existing Members via mail or collection at the Clubhouse when in operation.

In the graphic (*right*) our 2023/24 Membership categories are displayed; Paterson Golf Club offers some of the most competitive & affordable membership across the Hunter region. Join today & start to enjoy the benefits this great country club has to offer!

Membership has been increased from $260 to $280 (*Standard Membership Fee*) & from $400 to $450 (*Gold Membership Fee*) annually following due consideration by the committee. Our Membership fees were frozen during 2022/23 due to the ongoing impact of inclement weather & inability to use the course, however, with costs across the board continuing to rise, a minor increase was deemed appropriate in the current climate.

The Membership fees collected by Paterson Golf Club are distributed into several different streams which include Golf Australia & Golf NSW which allow Members to enjoy the benefits of the national GolfLINK system which manages your handicap. Affiliation fees are also forwarded for each Member to the Hunter River District Golf Association which provides opportunities for Members to participate in District events including the Order of Merit & also into the Pennants Series across multiple grades.

Paterson Golf Club retains the remaining fees which is used across the club to fund activities on the course including machinery maintenance, as well as the other ongoing costs such as chemicals, fuel, electricity, water & our competition management software.

Paterson Golf Club remains committed to providing an affordable membership for Members whilst ensuring the rising costs of managing a golf course are maintained.

Please do not hesitate to email the club or speak with one of our Committee Members if you need any further information surrounding your Membership.

2023 AMBROSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to both **Shaun Heffernan** & **Stephen Knowles** who claimed the first title on offer for Members in 2023 taking out the 2-Person Ambrose Championships!

Shaun & Stephen took the lead following the completion of the 1st Round with an impressive 57.50 Nett which they managed to back up during the Final Round carding a 56.50 Nett score to take the title by 1 stroke over Benjamin Curry & James Morris who also scored well over the two rounds of play (Nett 58.80 & 55.80). Strong & hopeful fields were in full force with 40 players on deck for week 1, followed by 47 for the Final Round. Thanks to all our Members for their support of the Championships!

KENO AMBROSE QUALIFIERS

Following an absence over the recent COVID & weather-affected seasons, our KENO Ambrose Qualifying event was held in conjunction with the Final Round of the Ambrose Championships. With the strong field 3 pairings were able to qualify for the next stage of the competition being the Regional Final held at Pacific Dunes on Sunday 8th October.

Winners from the Regional Final will advance to the State Final at the Bonville Golf Resort with accommodation & 2 rounds of golf included!

Congratulations to our Regional Final Qualifiers:

Men's Pair Qualifiers
Jordan Wilkinson / Anthony Wilkinson & Benjamin Curry / James Morris

Mixed Pair Qualifiers
John Walker / Margaret Walker

POSITION VACANT | GREENS KEEPER OR GROUNDS KEEPER

Paterson Golf Club is advertising for a suitable person required to work on a casual part-time basis as a Greens Keeper or Grounds Keeper.

Hours
Up to 16 hours per week (subject to weather/ course conditions & required maintenance activities).

Essential Criteria
Green Keeper / Grounds person with ABN number and own insurance;
Mechanical knowledge and be able to operate tractor &/or mowing equipment;
Chemical spray licence is required.

Duties
Greenkeeping to a high standard;
Identify disease, treat & spray as required;
Mowing greens, surrounds, fairways & rough as required;
Repairing / servicing machinery as required.

Salary
Negotiable depending on experience & qualifications.

Applications & Enquiries
Please submit applications &/or enquiries to patersongolfclub@bigpond.com or contact Paterson Golf Club via (02) 49 385 828 for further information.

2023 BOB MURPHY CUP 2BBB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Similar to our Ambrose Championships, the annual **Bob Murphy Cup** (2BBB Championships) will return to its usual spot on the calendar with play scheduled for Saturday 17th June (1st Round) & Saturday 24th June (Final Round).

Get your 2BBB pairing together & book in via our Members Booking Portal.

2023 SINGLES MEN'S MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The **Singles Men's Match Play Championships** make a highly anticipated return after the annual titles were put on ice throughout 2021 & 2022 due to inability to complete the events due to varying factors.

Registrations will open for the 2023 Championships throughout June & close by Saturday 24th June. Match ups will be confirmed with rounds scheduled as *below*:

Round 1 | Completed by July 8th
Round 2 | Completed by July 29th
Quarter Finals | Completed by 9th July
Semi-Finals | Completed by 19th September
Final | 23rd September

Matches will need to be completed in line with the *above* schedule (*subject to weather*). Participating Players may agree to play their match outside of a Saturday Competition, however, it's preferred the matches are aligned to our regular competitons.

2023 OPEN COMPETITION CALENDAR

Our **2023 Open Competition Calendar** has been finalised with an action-packed season of golf awaiting. 2023 will see our traditional weekly Saturday Open Competitions continue, including the 2 Ball Best Ball in conjunction with Stableford (1 *per month*) & the Members Eclectic in conjunction with weekly competition (2 *half yearly divisional titles*)* as was introduced in 2022.

**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.

GOLF NSW

GOLF NSW RULES QUIZ

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

Navigate via this *link.*

UNDER PAR COUNT

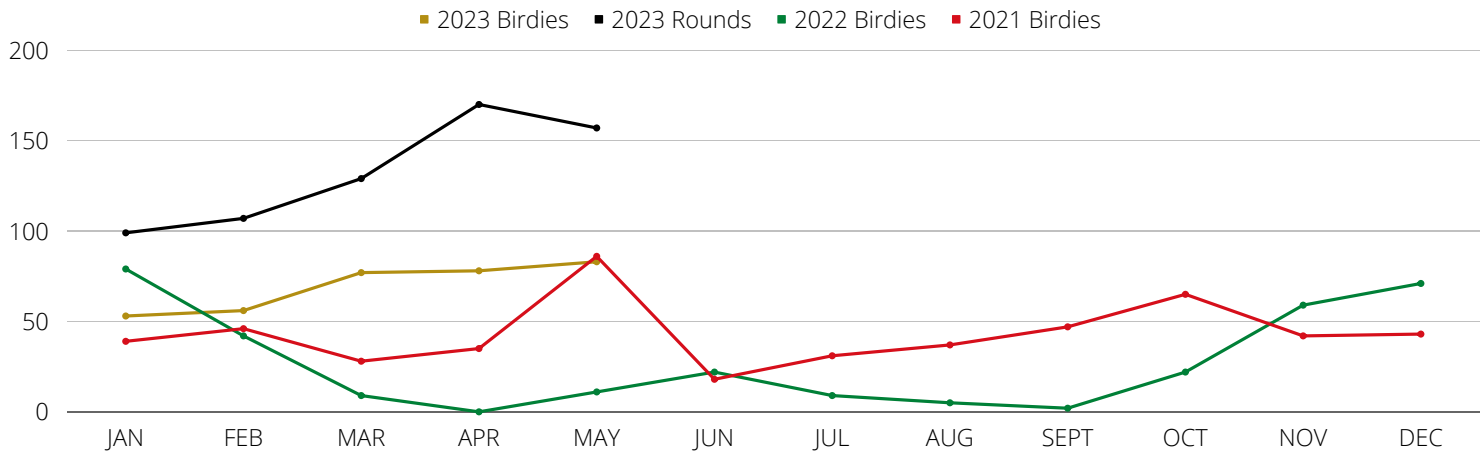
Throughout the May Saturday Competitions **157 rounds** were lodged, with players scoring a total of **83 birdies**. With only 2 rounds of individual play possible due to the Ambrose Championships, **James Cowled** claimed the bragging rights for the month with a total of 3 birdies.

The **11th hole** was most favourable amongst players with **15 birdies** being converted. Depsite challenging pin positions during the Ambrose Championships, the 15th hole was next best with **11 birdies** being scored. Only the 4th & 16th got through the month with a singular birdie whilst all other holes received 2 or more birdies including the difficult 3rd & 12th both giving away 2 & 3 respectively.

6th May | 8 birdies
13th May | 9 birdies
20th May | 25 birdies (*ambrose*)
27th May | 42 birdies (*ambrose*)

Eagles Nest | The Eagles Nest remains untouched with 6 balls accumulated.

Pictured | May Birdie count leader, James Cowled.



PATERSON CUP | APR > JUN

Greg Sainsbury has ascended to the lead of the second instalment of the Paterson Cup with a total of **258 points** with one month remaining. Greg reached the 3 figure milestone points-wise during May recording 136 points on the back of 122 points he claimed during April. **Mark Maddock** remains in second place after another consistent month with 242 points overall.

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 *website*.

HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION
2023 MEN'S FIXTURES VIA HRDGA

Sunday, 4 June 2023	SAND GREENS CHAMPIONSHIP	MERRIWA
Sunday, 11 June 2023		QUEEN B'DAY WEEKEND
Saturday, 17 June 2023		
Sunday, 18 June 2023	BRANXTON OPEN	
Sunday, 25 June 2023	AMBROSE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP	STROUD
Sunday, 2 July 2023	Hunter River vs Central Coast	SCONE
Sunday, 9 July 2023	MURRURUNDI OPEN	
Sunday, 16 July 2023	AMBROSE FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP	KURRI
Sunday, 23 July 2023	Hunter River vs Newcastle	NELSON BAY
Sunday, 30 July 2023	MERRIWA OPEN	
Sunday, 6 August 2023	SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP	SINGLETON
Saturday, 12 August 2023	REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	MUSWELLBROOK
Sunday, 13 August 2023	REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	MUSWELLBROOK
Sunday, 20 August 2023		
Sunday, 27 August 2023	MUSWELLBROOK OPEN	
Tuesday, 29 August 2023		
Sunday, 3 September 2023	Fathers Day	
Sunday, 10 September 2023	A Grade, B Grade, C Grade CHAMPIONSHIPS	MUSWELLBROOK
Saturday, 16 September 2023	Junior Four Way Representative Match	Glouster
Sunday, 17 September 2023	Junior Four Way Representative Match	Glouster
Sunday, 17 September 2023	PATERSON OPEN	
Sunday, 24 September 2023	STROUD OPEN	
Saturday, 30 September 2023	MAITLAND OPEN (Spring Medal)	LABOUR DAY
Sunday, 1 October 2023		WEEKEND
Sunday, 8 October 2023	OCTOBER - Club Championships Month	
Sunday, 15 October 2023		
Sunday, 22 October 2023		
Sunday, 29 October 2023		
Sunday, 5 November 2023	DUNGOG OPEN	
Saturday, 11 November 2023	COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS _ Weekend	South West Rocks
Sunday, 12 November 2023	COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS _ Weekend	South West Rocks
Sunday, 19 November 2023	KURRI OPEN	
Sunday, 26 November 2023		

DISTRICT EVENT | 2-MAN AMBROSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Hunter River
DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

2023 HRDGA - 2 MAN AMBROSE CHAMPIONSHIP

STROUD GOLF CLUB

SUNDAY, 25th June 2023

18 HOLES SCRATCH -- HANDICAP EVENTS PLAYED IN CONJUNCTION.

DIVISION 1 – Combined handicap 0 to 24 (GA Handicap)
DIVISION 2 – Combined handicap 25 to 72 (GA Handicap)

ENTRY FEES: $30 PER PLAYER - $60 PER TEAM

TO BE PAID TO THE STARTER ON THE DAY OF PLAY.
CONDITIONS: REFER TO ATTACHED SHEET.

Shotgun Start 9.00am

****** ENTRIES CLOSE 19th June 2023 ******

CONDITIONS OF PLAY.

To be read in conjunction with Association By Laws

1. A team shall consist of two (2) players. The Team handicap shall be one quarter (1/4) of the aggregate of the two (2) handicaps. The event shall be played in two (2) divisions, in number one (1) division the Team handicap limit shall be from scratch to six (0 - 6), and in the number two (2) division the Team handicap shall be from six and one quarter to thirteen and one half (6 1/4 - 13 1/2). The maximum individual handicap is 36 strokes.
2. To win the division 1 or Division 2 championship, both players must be members of a club affiliated with the Hunter River District Golf Association.
3. Each Team will select a Captain, before commencing play.
4. Each individual player's name and handicap MUST be shown on the score card.
5. Preferred lies, within one (1) Club length, no nearer the hole, are permitted through the green. The ball may be cleaned.
6. Ties, for all trophies, will be decided by Count-back, as defined in the Golf Australia Handbook.

SEND ENTRIES TO **Dave Parkinson**
Phone 0413 899 614 Email : captain.hrdga@bigpond.com
Draw will be displayed on website – www.hrdga.com.au

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2023 BRANXTON OPEN

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BRANXTON OPEN

SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2023

18 Hole event **Over $1500 in Prizes**

EVENTS

- A Grade 18 Holes – Scratch & Nett
- B Grade 18 Holes – Scratch & Nett
- C Grade 18 Holes – Scratch & Nett
- NTPs on all par 3s
- Phil Shivnen Memorial Trophy – Worst nett score across the field
- Ted Meyn Memorial Trophy for best nett score by a member (Branxton Golf Club members only)

Cost

$25 for members **$30 for visitors**

To **enter the event** or if further information is required, please contact the Pro Shop (02) 4938 1421

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ONLINE TEE TIME BOOKINGS

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

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Download the Golf Australia App & register your account to track your handicap.

Key features include: Daily Handicap Calculator, Handicap record for your account, linked friends & ability to share scores & handicap.

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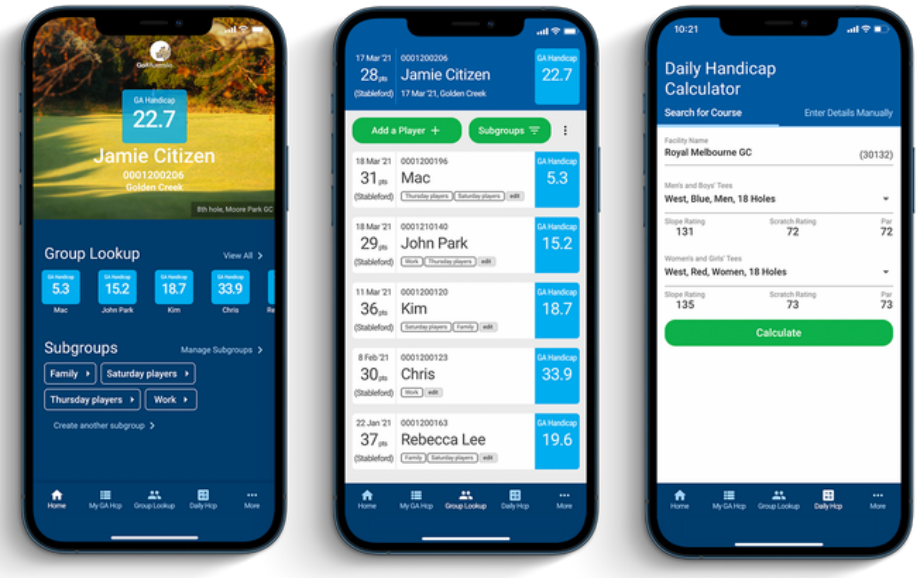

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Simply scan the QR Code near the honesty chute at the golf club or navigate via the payment portal on our website, select the applicable fee & then make payment with your credit card before each social round.