

Letter from the Board Playing Arrangements During Course Development



The commencement of the course development represents a significant and exciting step forward for Bonnie Doon. We have reached this position as a result of strong encouragement from Members.

The final plan has been agreed with Ogilvy Clayton in light of considerable input from Members by way of a Development Survey, Course Development Submissions, a Focus Group and an interchange of views in five Member Information Evenings held over the past two years. The Board and Management would like to thank Members for their interest, ideas and support during this process.

An inevitable side-effect of the development is that we will be required to play a 15 hole course and will have no driving range for the period from May 5th 2011 to the end of March 2012.

The Board and Management of the Club are committed to providing the best possible playing conditions and facilities during this period. We are also fully committed to completing the works on schedule so that the period of disruption is kept to an absolute minimum.

The following information will assist in explaining how the golf course will be played and how related issues will be managed during this time. Any questions about this communication should be directed to our Director of Golf, Sam Howe or General Manager, Nick Bowles.

HOW THE COURSE WILL PLAY:

From the 5th May 2011 until the 31st March 2012, the holes that are included in Stage One of the golf course development will be closed and the golf course will play as a 15 hole course. All play will commence from the current 9th tee.

The order of play (with current hole numbers also listed) and respective scorecards for the black and red courses are as follows;

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9	10	11a	11b	12	13	14	15	16	7	5	6a	6	17	18
372	310	367	128	156	379	377	387	144	287	175	151	321	298	413
4	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	3	4	4	4
357	266	286	118	130	333	327	298	127	278	135	115	315	292	393
5	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	3	4	4	5

A map of the temporary 15 hole course layout will be erected in the clubhouse (near the snack bar) within the next week. There will also be maps available in the golf shop from the 5th May. We will also ensure that adequate temporary signage is on the course to ensure that players are able to navigate their way around the course with ease.

Please note that from the commencement of works, the construction area will be out of bounds and access to retrieve golf balls will be strictly prohibited.

TIMESHEET SETUPS:

All timesheets will be a one-tee start from the current 9th tee and will run at 8 minute intervals. Daily timesheets will be in operation as follows;

- **Monday** - One tee start from 8am, with the open competition running from 8am until 12:30pm.
- **Tuesday** – One tee start 8am, with the ladies' competition running from the start of play until 10am, with social play thereafter.
- **Wednesday** – One tee start from 6am (or sunrise), with the men's competition running from the start of play until 1:30pm, and social play thereafter.
- **Thursday** – One tee start from 7am for social play and corporate groups.
- **Friday** – One tee start from 6:30am for social play and a ball competition, with the ladies competition running from 7:30am until 9am.
- **Saturday** - One tee start from 6am (or sunrise), with the men's competition running from the start of play until 1:30pm, and social play thereafter.
- **Sunday** - One tee start from 6am (or sunrise), with the medley competition running from the start of play until 1:30pm, and social play thereafter.

On major competition days (Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday) with the timesheet running from 6am through until 1:30pm at 8 minute intervals, a maximum of 232 players will be able to be accommodated in the competition field. When light is restricted, the starting times will go back from 6:50am through until 1:00pm, which will reduce the possible number of players to 188 players.

The time that the timesheet opens each day will open remains unchanged from the current arrangements.

COMPETITIONS & HANDICAPPING:

All competitions will be played over 15 holes. Competition scores will be processed for handicapping as they are now, and appear on members' Golfink records. 15 hole rounds will be converted to an 18 hole score by the following method:

For a Stableford event when the score is worse than net par for the 15 holes, the score is extended to an 18 hole score on a pro-rata basis using the table below.

- Less than 23 points = Add 4 points
- 24 to 27 points = Add 5 points
- Over 27 points = Add 6 points

For a Stableford event when the score is equal to or better than net par for the 15 holes, the score is extended to an 18 hole score by adding 6 points to the 15 hole score.

For par events, the formula for converting scores is as per the table below.

- Minus 3 or worse = Deduct 1
- Minus 2 or better = Score stays as it

For stroke events, a player who is breaking their handicap after 15 holes will receive three net pars for the missing three holes, and a person who is not breaking their handicap will receive three pro-rated scores based on their performance over 15 holes.

The process of converting scores to an 18 hole score for handicapping purposes will be an automated process, and members do not need to do anything other than scan their scorecard and confirm their 15 hole score.

TIMES AT OTHER CLUBS:

We have written to a number of Group One clubs in Sydney requesting assistance in accommodating Bonnie Doon members during this period of disruption, and have so far received several favourable replies.

Once all the tee times are confirmed, these arrangements will be communicated to members along with the procedures for booking.

PRACTICE FACILITIES:

The existing practice fairway is being significantly upgraded during Stage One of the development to create what we believe will be the best practice facility in Sydney. The practice fairway will therefore be unavailable during the entire duration of Stage One, and unfortunately no alternative practice fairway will be available to members.

The chipping green will also be within the construction zone, however the small putting green outside the golf shop will become the chipping green.

The practice nets will be relocated to the current 4th tee, and the main putting green will remain open.

LESSONS:

With the absence of a practice fairway and chipping green, the club's ability to conduct lessons during the course development will be limited. Lessons will be conducted from the current alternate 18th tee, with balls being struck down the existing 18th fairway.

Lessons will only be conducted early in the morning when players have not reached that point of the course, and at other suitably quiet times. Lesson times will be available to be booked online through the club's website, as they currently are.

Paschal Flynn
On Behalf of the Board
21st April 2011