

Member News



Twin Creeks e-News

WELCOME...

Dear Member

In the March edition of Golf Digest the golf course rankings, which are published every two years, were released.

Now in its second ranking, Twin Creeks was ranked 68th, a move up the rankings of 9 places. While we had hoped for an even steeper climb, when one looks at the movement on the rankings in general, there were few that moved up more than 9 places. There are also no "new" courses that are ahead of Twin Creeks in the rankings. Some established courses dropped by as much as 30 places.

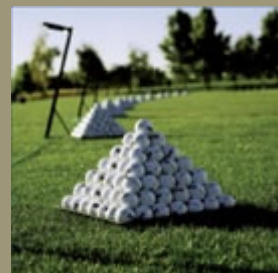
As our course matures and as the estate develops around it, there is no doubt that Twin Creeks will continue to climb the rankings at a rapid rate. The feedback we are receiving with regard to layout, playability, shot values and overall experience all point towards this being the case. One area on the golf course that we know full well needs improving, is the bunkers. There are 2 components to this, namely the renovation work and ongoing maintenance.

The renovating of the bunkers would involve the following:

- removing of the sand in the affected bunkers
- clearing and where required, installing additional drainage
- adding soil where necessary and re compacting bunker faces
- laying sod on areas where bunker lips are to be extended
- installing irrigation to water grassed bunker edges

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- replacing of sand

Q: How much would it cost to renovate the affected bunkers as per the above?

A: \$350k.

During the winter we will start this process, but with limited resources this is going to be a long and extracted process that will take a number of years.

With regard to the bunker maintenance, below gives you an idea of why we experience the problems we do:

- we have 2.5 hectares of bunker area at Twin Creeks, which is significantly more than the average course
- bunkers require double the man hour and water resources compared to grass, to maintain. We are extremely limited in both manpower and water resources.
- the style of our bunkers, i.e) high faces and extreme shapes, has a compounding effect when it comes to the difficulty and requirements to maintain them.
- Bunkers need to be watered regularly in order that the required texture is maintained, i.e) not too soft or dry. With limited water supply this has not been achievable. To give some perspective to how important water is to bunker playability, at Augusta, during the Masters, each bunker gets 40 minutes of water each evening and each morning. This is 3 times more water in their bunkers on a daily basis than we put on our greens in the summer months.

Q: What do we need to improve the maintenance of our bunkers?

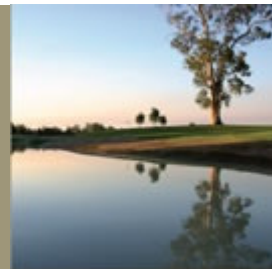
A: 2 additional golf course staff

With funds being as limited as they are, neither of the two requirements outlined above are likely to happen in the short term. As such, we have no choice but to implement whatever we can with what we have, as per below:

- 1) During the winter months, manpower will be allocated to ensuring that sand that has been displaced by golfer traffic, wind and rain is replaced/re distributed in the bunkers.
- 2) Also during winter, work will be done on the bunker faces that are severe problem cases.
- 3) Additional rakes will be added to green side bunkers.
- 4) With an anticipated additional water supply soon to be acquired, more water is expected to be available for bunker watering.

What can Members do to assist?

- 1) Enter and exit bunkers on the lowest side. i.e) avoid walking down or up steep bunker faces as this loosens and displaces the sand.
 - 2) Rake the bunker after use. This sounds obvious, but it is a common golf courtesy that is not always adhered to. We hear the argument that this is a problem caused by non members, but the observations of our golf course staff indicate otherwise.
 - 3) When raking the bunker, try to replace the sand in the same place from where you have displaced it. This might require pushing the sand uphill.
 - 4) Report anybody that does not rake bunkers to management.
- I hope the above gives a context to the challenge we face with the



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bunkers. The two attached articles will also provide evidence that our plight is not unique. I would like to tell you that there is a quick fix and that all will be done as per expectation, but unfortunately I cannot. What I can assure you is that we will do whatever we can with whatever we have, to make the bunkers as playable as possible on a daily basis. Kind regards

Rob Selley
General Manager



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Golf

Golf Competitions

Twin Creeks has some new and exciting competitions coming up in the next few months, starting with:

- The 2010 Club Championships: A four round stroke play tournament played on the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th of March. Competitors play in either A Grade (0-6), A Reserve (7-12), B Grade (13-19) or C Grade (20+), with trophies for each grade's scratch and nett winners. The final round on Saturday, March 27th will see the top 8 players in each grade play together in a seeded draw, to decide this year's Club Champions.
- The Top-Gun Shoot Out: After two and a half months of qualifying, the top 19 qualifiers for the Shoot Out will compete for the Top Gun trophy and the Wooden Spoon (First person eliminated). 19 players tee off the 1st, with one person eliminated every hole until only 1 winner remains.
- Callaway Easter Long Weekend: Competitions are planned for everyday of the Easter long weekend, starting with a 2BBB & Individual Stableford on Good Friday (April 2nd). Saturday will be a 4Ball Alliance & Individual Stableford with a NTP Callaway promotion where competition players can win a sleeve of Callaway golf balls. Sunday will feature a 2 Ball Aggregate and Individual Stableford. On Monday the 5th we will once again be holding a Pairs Aggregate Skins and Individual Stableford competition. Places in these competitions will be open soon, and the Monday skins will be an 8h00am Shotgun, with a BBQ Braai for family and friends afterwards.
- Masters Monday: Join us for the final round of the 2010 US Masters live from Augusta National. A full buffet breakfast followed by a round of



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golf, with the format a 2 Ball Aggregate and Individual Stableford. Players draw at random a Golf Professional playing in the final round of the Masters and combine it with their own Stableford score for the Aggregate competition. Bookings are now open for this exciting event and spots are limited, so be sure to book early.

- League of Nations: A new event to the Twin Creeks fixtures, celebrating the diversity of our membership as well as the cultures they observe. Fittingly, on Anzac Day April 26th, Twin Creeks will be hosting a 4Ball Alliance & Individual Stableford, whereby members represent their country of origin. The day will commence with an 8h00am start, and be followed with a lunch featuring dishes from around the world. Bookings for this event are now being taken in the Golf Shop. To make a booking call: 9670 8877 or email Robert Blain at: robertb@twincreeks.com.au.

Twin Creeks recently celebrated 4 years since the course opened with the running of the Inaugural Cup, which was taken out in brilliant fashion with a superb 68 off the stick by Greg Williams. Greg nearly backed up to win the February Medal last weekend with another 68, but was beaten by the barest of margins by Russell Chegwyn with a nett 67. Russell completed the double by also collecting the Gold Medal on the day, and both he and Greg will receive their trophies at Presentation night on May 15th.

Golf Shop

Members who have played recently will have noticed the selection on new, bright clothing to have arrived in the Golf Shop. This new range is very affordable, with some shirts retailing for just \$49. Next time your in the shop, be sure to try some of these new styles on, and perhaps use some of your competition winnings to update your golfing wardrobe.

The new Odyssey and Scotty Cameron displays are also generating a lot of interest amongst members and guests of Twin Creeks. These putters are only available to Titleist and Callaway retailers, and members are reminded they receive a 10% discount on any putter or golf club purchase. It is also worth pointing out, that Twin Creeks can order products appearing on Titleist, Callaway and Mizuno's website, and that the prices on such items are very competitive.

Robert Blain
Head Golf Professional

Membership

Have you given your opinion?

Members will have recently received a survey from Twin Creeks management regarding all areas of our club operations. Feedback is a critical part of the development and improvement of the services and facilities that are offered by Twin Creeks. Your opinion does matter to us and this survey presents the opportunity as a member to give us your opinion. The surveys can be returned anonymously and the more

honest the feedback the more accurate the results will be.

From a management perspective we are always looking for areas we can improve. The more members that take the time to submit a survey the better representation of the overall members opinions and needs will be reflected.

For those members who have already returned their surveys we thank you for your support and appreciate your comments, including some of the light hearted ones. If you have not returned your survey just yet, can I please encourage you to do so asap.

Continuously improving the services and facilities of Twin Creeks is vital to the future development of the club. Having a members perspective of what areas are performing well and what areas are below average, enables us to plan and direct Twin Creeks into the future.

Grant Martin
Membership & Corporate Sales Manager

Paperbark Restaurant

Our regular Friday night dinners in the Paperbark are proving very popular, with nearly 50 people attending the most recent opening. The next opportunity for members and their guests to experience a dinner at Twin Creeks will be on Friday, March 12th from 6h00pm. We will be offering our new Ala Carte menu for the night, and bookings can be made either by phone on: 9670 8898 or via email at: donnap@twincreeks.com.au.

Some of the other upcoming events in the Paperbark Restaurant include a Sunday Carvery on March 21st, dinner on Friday, March 26th and a special Easter Sunday Carvery on April 4th. Twin Creeks will also be doing an Easter Egg hunt on the Easter Sunday, and anyone interested should contact Donna for more information.

Donna Power
Functions Manager

Corporate Golf

Twin Creeks – Sydney's Ultimate Corporate Golf Venue

Corporate bookings for 2010 are really starting to gather momentum, so if you are looking for the perfect way to entertain your clients then look no further than Twin Creeks. We have new and competitive packages available for 2010. If you would like to discuss the prospect of holding your next event at Twin Creeks please call Karina on 9670 8873.

On March 10th, Twin Creeks member Adrian Sheen will be hosting a charity golf day to raise money for the Lymphoma Foundation. Registration is from 12:00pm followed by a shot-gun start at 1:15pm. After golf there will be a presentation and canapés. The cost for

members is \$60 pp and member's guest is \$110pp which includes golf, cart, comp fee, donation & canapés. If you interested in participating and supporting this worthy cause please contact Adrian via email at: acsheen@pnc.com.au.

Karina Dealtry
Sales & Marketing Manager

Course Update

Our green surfaces are creeping bent grass which is a cool season grass and is more at home in the European climate rather than the one we find at Twin Creeks. The climate here is in fact very good for 8 months of the year from April through to December. We spend these months ensuring that we have healthy greens for the heat of the summer. Creeping bent grass performs at its optimum when the air temperature is between 15C and 24C.

More important is the soil temperature which should be between 10C and 15C for good growth and recovery on the greens surface. From the middle of November each year we find that our soil temperature is consistently above 20C and this will last all the way through to April. Our greens cope with this unnatural environment well, but at this time of year they tend to become weaker and as you may have noticed on certain greens we get algae coming through the surface.

The algae will disappear through aeration and sand top dressing. Our dressing will start during the next couple of weeks. With the aeration on the greens we have taken a different direction to other years and will not be renovating this autumn. We have been using a machine called 'Planet Air', which is an aeration machine which slices through the top surface of the green. This process has been completed 4 times since December with minimal disruption to the playability of the green. We are seeing the benefits already with strong root growth which is unusual at this time of year.

Phil Beal
Course Superintendent

Upcoming Events

Club Championships: Saturday March 6th / 13th / 20th & 27th

2010 Club Championships are stroke play over 72 holes, with scratch and Nett winners for A Grade (0-6), A Reserve Grade (7-12), B Grade (13-19) and C Grade (20+). All play is from the Black tees except for C Grade who play off the Gold tees;

Paperbark Open for Dinner: Friday March 12th

Come in and enjoy a delicious meal overlooking the lush green fairways of Twin Creeks in the comfortable surroundings of the Paperbark Restaurant. Bookings for these nights can be made via phone on: 9670

8898;

Top Gun Shoot-Out: Sunday March 21st

19 players tee off the 1st tee, with one person eliminated every hole until only one remains after 18. Ties are decided by chip off, and only the best with the strongest nerves and best short game will prevail;

Sunday Carvery: Sunday March 21st

The Paperbark will be once again offering their Sunday roast special, with family and friends more than welcome to come and enjoy a Sunday Roast;

Callaway Challenge: Friday March 26th

Last Callaway Challenge saw 13 people break their handicap and collect a dozen Callaway balls, will you be up to the challenge to match this feat in this month's Challenge?

Mixed Invitational: Sunday March 28th

What better way to spend a Sunday with your partner, than 18 holes followed by lunch in the Paperbark Restaurant? Competition formats vary, but members numbers are growing for this fun event.

March 2010

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1st Tee Time is now 7am		Individual Stableford	VIP Golf Day 30pax	Fairway Golf Group 50pax 10:30am	Club Championships Rd 1 Lexus of Parramatta Plate - Stroke	Individual Stableford Major Pennants at Carnarvon
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Fitspatrick's 12pax	St Marys Rotary	Individual Stableford	Printers Association	<i>Paperbark Open for Dinner</i>	Club Championships Rd 2	Individual Stableford Major Pennants at Twin Creeks
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

Laft Golf Association	Haiti Golf Day	Individual Stableford <i>St Patrick's Day at Twin Creeks</i>	Dymocks Golf Day	Drummond Golf Day	Club Championships Rd 3	Individual Stableford Top Gun Shoot Out <i>Sunday Carvery</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Ladies Open Day	MBS Insurance & LG Day	Individual Stableford	AMP VIP Golf Day	Callaway Challenge <i>Paperbark Open for Dinner</i>	Club Championships Rd 4 & Monthly Medal	Individual Stableford Mixed Invitational SLT 1pm Two Tee
29	30	31				
		Individual Stableford				

April 2010

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				Good Friday 2BBB & Individual Stableford	Lexus of Parramatta Plate - Stableford + 4Ball Alliance	2Ball Aggregate & Individual Stableford <i>Easter Sunday Carvery</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter Monday Pairs Aggregate Skins & Indiv. Stableford		Individual Stableford		NRRC Golf Group <i>Paperbark Open for Dinner</i>	2BBB & Individual Stableford 2nd Rd of Matchplay	Individual Stableford Crown Group 1pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
US Masters Monday 9:30 Start.	Howard Xu 7:30am Manly Ladies 8:30am	Individual Stableford Manly Members 11:30am	Shoot Out Golf	All Golf Day	2Ball Aggregate & Individual Stableford 3rd Rd of Matchplay	Ind. Stableford Nomads Golf Group <i>Sunday Carvery Paperbark</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Ceaders Golf Day	Italian Golf Association & HINO	Individual Stableford	Sydney Golf Group	WSBC 9am	Monthly Medal Stroke	Ind. Stableford Mixed Invitational
26	27	28	29	30		
Anzac Day - League of Nations		Individual Stableford		Callaway Challenge		

Happy Golfing

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