



Asquith Golf Club Ltd

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Programme 2009

The 2009 Programme (or Fixture Book) shall be available from the Bar towards the end of February. The printers have it now, and we are awaiting it's delivery soon.

Members shall notice the Green Covered Books sitting at the Bar.

Please see a number of our articles from last month have been repeated due to many members being away in January.

Valentine's Day 2009

Yes, that's right Valentine's Day is almost upon us. For those male members out there, consider your warning served.

We do have the answer for you however... come along to the Saturday Night Dinner at the Club.

Menu:

Entrée Tasting Plate: Calamari w Paw Paw & Sweet Chilli Sauce; Fried Calamari w Cranberry Sauce; Trio of Oysters on Spoons Natural, Mornay and Kilpatrick; Traditional Bruschetta.

Mains A Choice From: Eye Fillet w Red Wine Mushroom Sauce on Kumera Mash w Kumera Chips; or Atlantic Salmon w Lemon Myrtle Sauce; or Rack of Lamb w Mint Demi Glace; or Sautéed Chicken Breast w Asparagus and Hollandaise Sauce on Garlic Mash
All Mains Served with Steamed Fresh Vegetables

Dessert: Trio of Vanilla Panacotta, Dark Chocolate Ice Cream, and Chocolate Heart with Cream Patisserie topped with Raspberries.

Tea, Coffee and Bread Roll included

Includes a rose and chocolates for each couple






Valentines
Day
Dinner

Only \$45
For a Three Course
Meal !!

Saturday 14th February

Bookings Essential - please book at the Bar

Flora and Fauna at Asquith

Many people look upon golf courses as exclusive pieces of land, utilized by a limited number of privileged people, who use enormous amounts of chemicals to obtain their goals. Who ignore the animals that inhabit the course, and so on.

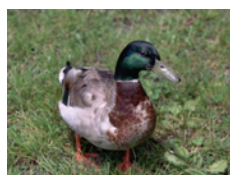
Well if you have ever met any of the Course Superintendents around Sydney, and even around the country, you will know that the truth is the exact opposite. Chemicals are used sparingly and with caution, and a great deal of attention is paid to the native plants and animals that not only live on the course but also around it.

We thought you might like to hear a bit about what has been happening around Asquith Golf Club.

Flora

Any time new plantings are required, native Australian plants are always considered over imports. Stuart has a list of natives he is preparing to plant out along the new work area on the 5th hole. This mentality also extends to the rest of the course.

Over many years now, hundreds of trees have been planted for various reasons. Some to hold soil, some to prevent golfers taking untoward directions across other fairways. The course is now at the point where we are cutting down some of the larger trees to allow the remaining ones to grow together to form a thicker barrier, without leaving the ground dry due to the water needed with



more trees.

Fauna

And what about our friendly fauna - the animals! We have a family of wallabies that venture onto the course occasionally. They are a family of five, with two younger joeys. We also have a family of geese, and we are looking to procure some more. And of course we have our family of ducks as well. We would ask that members

please keep an eye out on Lord Street for them. Lord Street is a 50km zone, and we ask that you do not speed. Please also be alert that there is a duck crossing almost as soon as soon as you have come off Royston

Parade into Lord Street.

Whilst we have snakes on the course, we haven't had any sightings in a few weeks, although we do know that they have been seen in the gabien weir - so keep out!

Members may have noticed some damage to the 14th and 15th tees. This has been caused by a local group of bandicoots. They are native to this region and their natural habit has been seriously decreased, as well as being threatened by humans pets such as dogs and cats.

Whilst they have caused damage to our tees, the animals are protected and some species endangered. We are trialing some natural remedies to keep the bandicoots away.

Oh and we must let you know that the

Make Welcome our New Members

Whilst recent times have been difficult for clubs to raise new members, Asquith continues to take in new members every month. We wish to welcome our new members with open arms, so if you see a new face around, or find that you are playing with a new member, please make them feel welcome in the typical Asquith way. If they are new to membership and competition golf, please, help them out with any rules, let them know about the local rule board, and most of all invite them into the Club for a drink after your game.

Seeking Sponsor for New Score Cards

We are currently working on a NEW LOOK score card that will be given to every member, and every visitor when they play golf here at Asquith.

There shall be room for a sponsor to capitalise on our new venture, and sponsor these score cards.

If you or your company are interested in considering the idea, please see

Michelle Vernon, General Manager on 9477 1266 or gm@asquithgolfclub.com.au

Alcohol On Course.. Know the Rules



Members should be aware that whilst you can purchase alcoholic products from the bar and halfway area and drink these on course, it is **ILLEGAL** for you to bring your own alcohol onto the course. Would you take a bottle of wine into your local pub and sit down and drink it, No. The same applies to the Club and there are *hefty fines should people be caught*.

Apart from it being illegal it is also not the right thing to do to the club. Whilst we can't always match the prices of the liquor shops and warehouses, we try to remain competitive in the prices we sell in comparison to other clubs.

Want to organise the purchase of regular drinks? Speak with Jeff or Michelle or the bar

Web Facilities

Whilst we have been, and continue to upgrade our Asquith Web Site, did you know about the other websites that provide members with results Have you joined up and registered on Golflink? Go to www.golflink.com.au and Register. Once you have, you have access to specials and offers, and you can see how you fared in the latest competition you have played, as well as book into open competitions at other courses.

Another web site to see competition results from all around the country is

www.clubdiaries.com.au

Other website that may help are

www.nswga.com.au

www.wgnsww.org.au

www.agu.org.au

Pennant Team Announcements

The following players have been named to represent Asquith in their upcoming Pennants:

Super Seniors:

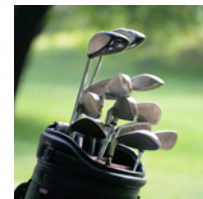
Norm McMillan, Young Kim, Peter Olney, Don Low, Austin Nolan, Mick Barry, Alex Yeoman, Dave Ferguson, Bob Parker, Jim Parker

First round begins 19th April. Once the draw has been finalised it can be seen on the NSWGA website on www.nswga.com.au

Golf Bags in Foyer

Members will note that we have asked (via signage) for members to not leave their golf bags in the foyer or outside the clubhouse. This is both for the safety of your equipment but also to ensure our entrance is not clogged up with 'debris'. Obviously placing your bags in your car is the best option, however should you be unable to, for instance if your car is parked down the road, then we would ask that you utilise the locker to store your clubs.

Please be aware that the Club has both lockers for hire, as well as Club storage and cleaning facilities. Please see Paul in the Pro Shop to make arrangement for Storage, or the office for a locker.



NOTE: Should your clubs be stolen from the foyer or front of club, where signage instructs you NOT to, members may find that the insurance company shall not hold the Club responsible for the replacement of your clubs under its insurance policy.— and NOT pay the claim.

Trialing Pin Placement Card

Members would have read in last months edition that we are to be trialing Pin Placement Cards. We have guides available from the Pro Shop that show all of the course layouts and the positions of the flags in either front, middle or back positions. It shall be up to the player to determine if the flags are left or right. The Rules Board shall indicate which set course is laid out for the day. They shall be listed simply as A, B, C, D with course E and F to be used for Championships and Pennants or as the Captain so recommends.

Why This Way?

A few members have asked why the Club has decided to go down this path. In the past, suggestions have been made to be able to distinguish if the flags are at the front, middle or at the back. Whilst Asquith has relatively small greens, over the years there have been a few requests for such a distinction. The purchasing of flags is quite expensive, and adds time and therefore money to the changing of these flags by the greens staff. Another option suggested was to place the balls on the flags and the different positions indicate where the flag sits. This has created some problems in the past. Some being that members feel that the flags are in a different position as 'stated' and they move the ball. Other issues arising are that the flag sticks can no longer be used for nearest the pins. In the past we have placed out NTP's with measure tapes, which have either been broken or stolen. This being the case, we decided to trail the system we saw being used at The Australian, and Penrith Golf Clubs amongst others.

Keep Your Copy

For our initial trial we shall be distributing print outs at the Pro Shop, however should the trial prove to be successful we shall have laminated copies available. We trust members shall openly give the trial a fair run, and trust that it helps those members wishing know the pin placements.

Members Discount for Functions

Members, as you may have noticed the Club has quite a number of functions booked throughout the year on various days and nights. From breakfasts, conferences, meetings, birthdays, weddings or whatever the occasion.

Most categories of membership attract a discount, on the Room Hire fee, should certain criteria be met.

Have you got a function coming up, or a special occasion where you don't want to have to cook and clean up at home? Speak with Jeff Clubb about holding your next big event here at Club. Menu's can be found on the website, or picked up from the office or bar 7 days a week.

Hole In One Losses Sponsorship

In previous years the New South Wales Golf Association have had a sponsor for Clubs Hole in One winners. The wine company, in return for Clubs stocking their wines, provided a wine pack for each winner. Unfortunately the wine company has decided to cancel their sponsorship, and so therefore the Club cannot offer the wine packs. We do provide for member, however, a certificate and a hole in one trophy.

I do believe that New South Wales Golf Association is currently in talks with another National wine company (a very well known name) to provide a similar service. We shall let members know when this occurs.

Diggers Day - Saturday 25th April

Diggers Day this year falls on **Saturday** 25th April.

This means that on our Annual Diggers Day event we can play Two Up!!

We have a Raffle being run from mid February until the day,

First Prize: Golf Clubs, Bag and Buggy;

Second Prize: Golf Buggy

Third Prize: Golf Shoes

We shall also be having additional meat trays on Saturdays from 28th February.

Anyone interested in donating prizes for the event, please see Michelle.

Special Feature - Corporate Golf at Asquith

Asquith's Corporate Programme

Do you own or manage a business? Do you, or know someone who brings their clients to play a round of golf, but want that extra level of service? Let them know about Asquith's Corporate Programme.

By becoming a part of the Programme, you sign up to purchase a given amount of rounds of golf to be used for your clients, or yourself if you are not a member. You shall be issued with a Corporate Card, as well as others for your staff if you so decide. When bringing your client to the course you just need to show your Corporate Card to the Pro Shop. Your green fees, and any balls, tees, and other items that you agree to allow to be purchased on your card, are then charged to your account without any monies being seen.



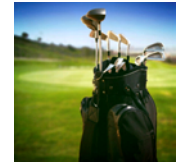
Once your game is finished you can enter the clubhouse and show your Corporate Card to charge food and drinks, that shall be added to your account. You may even choose to purchase a bottle of wine or a prize for your guest to take with them.

You and your guest can then leave without the awkwardness of having to hand over cash. Your items shall be tallied for the day, and an invoice shall be sent to be paid via various different options of your choice.

Does this sound like the way **YOU** want to do business? If so please contact the General Manager Michelle Vernon on 9477 1266 or gm@asquithgolfclub.com.au for information.



A Different Corporate Concept



Coming up in our 2009 calendar, members shall see a new concept presented, that some of you may be interested in. We have a number of local small to medium sized businesses in the area who whilst they would like to have a staff golf day, do not have enough staff to have a decent golf day.

So we have created the In House Golf Day! Asquith Golf Club organise and arrange the golf day on these businesses behalf, all they have to do is turn up!!

The concept involves only a half day off work. Turn up at Midday for a 12.30pm tee off, heading out with a lunch bag with sandwich, drink and piece of fruit. Play 18 holes Ambrose golf, representing your team/company. Once golf is finished come inside for a steak dinner and a quick chat from a local business about how they began and where they are now. All prizes are provided by the Club, as well as a magnificent trophy should your team win. All this for only \$60 a player.

First date this year set down for
NOW: Friday 27th March at 12.00 noon
Come and Join Us
Grab a ENTRY FORM TODAY
From the Foyer or on www.asquithgolfclub.com.au

Trivia Back in 2009 !!

Nine and Dine—Now Six for \$7

TRIVIA

Friday 6th February at 8pm

First Questions at 8pm,
dinner from 7pm
Book at the bar!

*Hosted by Ian !! Prizes of all sorts
Magical, Musical and full of Trivia questions.*

It's back in 2009, the Nine and Dine is back... but the format has changed.

Tee Off between 4pm and 6.30pm for a 6 hole competition - holes 1, to 6. Should you wish to play the last three holes - feel free!

Members \$7.00 **Visitors \$10.00** and you don't need to have a handicap to be involved.

Winners to receive a Chicken!! And of course balls should there be enough players.

Book in at the Pro Shop to ensure
Dinner is awaiting you!



Friday Nights During Summer - \$10 Meals

6th February	Cook Your Own BBQ	Trivia Night	\$15
13th February	Calamari Night - Calamari done in various ways		\$10
20th February	Schnitzel Night - Popular in October we have brought it back		\$10
27th February	Burger Night - Burgers done in various ways		\$10
6th March	Cook Your Own BBQ	Trivia Night	\$15

Friday 13th February - Calamari Items on the Menu

Calamari with Paw Paw & Sweet Chilli Sauce

Salt & Pepper Calamari w Salad Stack and Avocado w Balsamic Dressing

Traditional Calamari w Tartar Sauce

Friday 20th February - Schnitzel Items on the Menu

Choice of Chicken or Veal

Schnitzel with Demi Glace (Gravy), Schnitzel Parmigianino, and

Schnitzel Oscar crabmeat, béchamel sauce & asparagus topped w cheese

Upcoming Events

Saturday	7th February	February Medal
Saturday	14th February	Valentines Day—Dinner at the Club \$45 per person!
Tuesday	17th February	Women's Opening Day 18 Hole Irish Team of Four Shotgun 8am