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Diggers Day 2009

This year Asquith's Annual Diggers Day falls on Anzac Day itself, Saturday 25th April 2009. This means that in addition to our golf event and other fundraising novelty events, we can hold 2up on the day. This event is one of Asquith Golf Club's major events on our calendar, and is an absolute day of fun.

The event consists of a Shotgun start 12.00 noon, and is an Open Stableford Event. Prizes for A, B, C grades winners and runners up, as well as Ex-services winner and runner up, 4BBB winners and runners up, we also have a range of novelty events. We have five Nearest the Pin prizes, three Longest Drive, and a whole range of Diggers Day obstacles that golfers shall have to contend with. For many a year now at Asquith, on Diggers Day, items such as the 'Great Coat' and the 'Tin Hat' find their way onto the course. You have to contend with a 'Minefield' and there is even a bookie on one hole. And don't forget that this year because the Saturday is Anzac Day itself, we shall be having a round or two of Two Up!! Auctions shall also follow during the dinner. The day is a wonderful event, and we are joined by representatives from other golf clubs, Legacy, and the other local clubs including RSL, and Leagues Clubs.

The morning field shall be our regular competition of 4BBB Stableford with a 7.15am Shotgun start, with the afternoon field the Diggers Day field with a Shotgun start at 12.00 Midday. The cost for the Diggers day is \$50 and it includes your golf, barbeque halfway, as well as dinner with drinks.

Pick up an entry form from the
Office, Pro Shop, Bar, or Website today!

NSW Senior Championship

Asquith's own Denis Dale led a valiant charge against the defending champion Bill Banks (ACT) in this years 2009 Seniors Championship held at Duntryleague. Unfortunately it was not enough for Denis to secure the top trophy, with Banks once again being named Champion.

It was a tight contest with the top four all with a chance in the final round. After the 14th hole, only two strokes separated the top three players. Banks came up with a birdie on the 16th followed by two safe pars on the following holes, keeping him one stroke ahead of Dale, and securing him the 2009 trophy.

Well done on a great effort Denis.



**Two Up on
Anzac Day**



Special Feature Diggers Day 25th April

**Diggers Day Saturday 25th April - Shotgun Start 12.00 Midday
\$50 includes Golf, BBQ Halfway, Dinner and Drinks**

Raffle Tickets on Sale Now

\$2.00 a ticket

First Prize: Golf Clubs, Bag and Buggy;

Second Prize: Golf Buggy

Third Prize: Golf Shoes

You do not have to be here to win

On sale at the Bar

You can view the prizes in the clubhouse in the poker machine area.

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

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

Auction

Are you interested in donating an item/s for our Diggers Day Auction. We have a wonderful range of members who are able to provide items for the Auction. Many of them are from their own businesses or companies they work for.

We run both a silent Auction and an Open Auction on the night and would love to speak with you if you are able to help.

Perhaps there is something on the Auction list you would be interested in purchasing. There are some great items, and we always have a lot of interest. Some of them are golfing items, some memorabilia, and others items for the home or office. Closer to the date we shall be letting members know what's on offer.

Chook Wheel on Saturdays

And you thought the Chook Wheel was dead? Not so, for Asquith Golf Club have dragged it out of our archive room to once again serve some use. Come along and see this ancient form of game of chance, and win a meat tray.

Down at the halfway bar our Chook Wheel shall be spun by Doug (Nugget) Wadwell and his Committee Members. With a One in Twelve chance in winning a meat tray, your odds are better than most, and for only \$2.00 a ticket well worth your while.

\$2.00 a ticket

Saturdays at the Halfway Bar

100 Club—Join Now

Derek Scaife our President is this year in charge of the 100 Club. Join the 100 Club by paying a fee of \$10. Once all one hundred numbers are filled, on Diggers Day three numbers shall be pulled out. First Prize receives \$300, Second \$150, and third \$50. The remainder of the monies shall be donated to Legacy along with the other monies raised. See Derek Scaife to be part of this event.

\$100 CLUB

Do you have something you would like to donate for the Auctions.

Please see the Michelle or Nugget.

**Pick up an entry form for the day from -
The Office, the Pro Shop, the Bar, or the Website**

Do You Know Someone Thinking of Joining?

Changing Clubs can be a big move, and one that is not an easy one to make. There are a number of questions people ask, one of them being ... will I fit in? This is an important question. We believe Asquith to be a very friendly Club, we have a range of members in varying trades and services from blue collar workers to white collar workers, from tradesmen, to sole operators, to multi national businesses.

There are many reasons why we enjoy our Club that is hard to describe to a potential new member, so we thought we would offer them a taste of just what we have to offer.

We are offering a Special, right through to the end of June 2009, inviting those players of other clubs to experience an Asquith Competition alongside our members. A sort of Try Before you Buy concept.

Those interested parties would apply for Membership (holding off their payment) via the office. Once the application is received we would issue the player with a voucher to play in our Wednesday or Sunday competitions at members rates, and would help them find a suitable tee time in the competition.

They would then be able to play alongside some of our members, and get to experience our facilities, and members famous hospitality, first hand.

If you know someone whom you think would like to experience the best of what Asquith has to offer, please ask them to contact the office to begin their transition to... a better way to golf, here at Asquith Golf Club.

Try Before You Buy Membership

Application for Membership must be made at office prior to receiving this benefit. Each person may only make one application and therefore receive one voucher..

Access to tee times, subject to availability.
Please see the General Manager, Michelle for more details.

Action Golf for Kids

Paul Lorimer , Head Professional has a way to introduce your kids to golf, and its called Action Golf. It's the perfect way to try the game of golf. Groups are limited to 12 players, no equipment is necessary, instruction is given on putting, chipping, bunkers, full swing and rules. It is a nine week course for 8-14 year olds every Tuesday, with the first round of classes beginning 5th May until 30th June inclusive, 3.30pm - 4.15pm. The entire program costs only \$99. Bookings are essential.
Contact Paul on 9477 1403

Beginner Clinics

Paul Lorimer, Head Professional, is running classes for beginners on the first Monday of each month between 1 - 2pm for a four week program. They will be run every month from February through to October (excluding April due to Easter).
There will be a minimum of 5 participants and up to 10. For more information contact Paul on 9477 1403

Programme 2009

**Pick your copy up from
the Bar today.**

Don't forget to support our sponsors who have advertisements throughout the Fixture Book.

Friday Trivia

TRIVIA

Friday 4th April 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.*

Ladies Saturday Competitions

Some members may not have even noticed, that we have a number of our Full Playing Lady Members who enjoy a round of golf on a Saturday. Some recent changes to the rules of golf have allowed clubs to have more flexibility in arranging competitions and handicapping members with only a few players playing. Due to this change, Asquith is pleased to announce that we shall be handicapping lady members playing within the Saturday field, and making available competition prizes dependant on the number of ladies playing on a given day.

Whilst we see this as encouraging our lady members to utilise some Saturday tee times, thus helping them maintain a handicap, we also note that the ladies are also aware of the limited number of places available in Asquith's main events. Members shall note that the ladies do not book in on Saturday Medal rounds, on Championship days or major event days, allowing these popular event tee times to be filled by those members who are eligible to compete our male Full Playing Members. We trust that there shall be no disruption to our regular Saturday playing field.

Marketing Group

We recently invited members to become involved in a brainstorming session to look at different ideas and ways we can market the Club. It was a most informative session and already we have been able to gain a better understanding of some of the members needs and ideas to further take the club forward. Thanks must go to Sandra Death, Cheryl Gurney, Glenn Hyland, Caroline Reeve, Andrew Sell, Tanya Whitmarsh and Margaret Youdale, for giving up their time, and some very valuable ideas.

Cancellations - On Time

Members may notice that during this time of year, often it is more difficult to get the tee time of your choice, with limited times available due to daylight.

The sheets are often fully booked, with members having to place their names on a Wait List to gain a tee time. (For members not aware of the automated Wait List Facility please see the Pro Shop) It is not often until the day that these members are able to secure a tee time, as some members are not cancelling until that same day. If you have ever had to call up on the morning looking for a game due to lack of availability, then you would understand how frustrating this is. There is an answer, and this is for members to cancel as soon as they are aware they cannot make their tee time. Either call the pro shop on 9477 1403 or even email on proshop@asquithgolfclub.com.au to ensure another member can get a game. Please read on about how we are trying to further combat this issue... in the next article below.

Improving Our Tee Time Booking Systems

After reading the article above, I can hear some of you asking... when are we going to get an online booking system so we can do this from home and work?

The Club runs an integrated system from membership to finance to golf, and the addition of the monthly charges to have on line booking, even after negotiations, seemed cost prohibitive. We are reviewing both the idea of the benefits such a system could bring as well as trying to secure a better price.

Along with some improvements to our website, we hope to see improved services to members, and hope that we are able to become a more web based friendly club.

Course Housekeeping

1. Pull Buggies over Greens and Tees

Remember we *encourage* members to wheel their pull buggies (not motorized carts) across the **greens**, but also the tees. Care should be taken not to wheel over the hole, or in spots that may be wearing.

And please remember... no stopping on the greens with your buggies.

DO NOT



On greens

2. Rubbish on Course

Members who smoke, could you please place your cigarette butts in the bins provided, and not throw them on the tees, or around the course. It does make the place look rather unsightly, and is no good for our wildlife.

The number one item of rubbish in this country is cigarette butts, followed closely... by plastic water bottles. Please ensure you place YOUR rubbish in the bin.



3. Glasses to Stay in Clubhouse/Halfway

Members and guests are asked not to take the clubs schooner/middy glasses out on to the course. Not only is it dangerous if they are left out there and breakages occur, but it costs the club money. Members should finish their drinks before heading back onto the course, or purchase a bottled product they can take with them, and then place the bottle in the bin after usage



4. Repair Pitch Marks

Members are asked to please repair your pitch marks, and any others that you may see on the green. By tackling this very simple issue immediately, it will ensure the greens grow back as soon as possible thereby presenting players with a better more consistent course in the long run.



Golf Bags in Foyer

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

Friday Nights March April - \$10 Meals

6th March	Schnitzel Night	Trivia Night	\$10
13th March	Pie Night		\$10
20th March	Pizza Night		\$10
27th March	Al a Carte		\$35
3rd April	Regular Menu available as well as \$10 Special		
10th April	<i>Good Friday. Clubhouse open limited hours</i>		
17th April	Schnitzel Night		\$10

Friday 13th March - Pie items on the Menu

Cottage Pie with fresh mashed potato

Guinness Pie—thick and rich

Chicken & Vegetable Pie

Bacon and Beef Pie

Friday 20th March - Pizza items on the Menu

Chicken Satay Pizza, with fresh vegetables

Meat Lovers Pizza with barbeque sauce

Vegetarian Pizza

Meals available until stock sold out.

Book your table to avoid disappointment

Upcoming Events

Saturday	7th March	March Medal, First Round Winter Cup
Sunday	8th March	Invitational and BBQ Dinner. All welcome
Tuesday	10th March	First Round Women's 4B K/Out
Sunday	22nd March	Qual Round Mixed 4B Knockout; Qual NSW Mixed 4B
Tuesday	24th March	Women's 1st Club Medal, WG 1st Qual Round
Friday	27th March	Asquith's Inhouse Corporate Challenge - Open Corporate Day
Saturday	28th March	Qual Round 4BBB Knockout, Qual NSW Men's 4B
Saturday	4th April	Asquith Cup - application forms out now
Sunday	5th April	Opening Day
Monday	6th April	COURSE CLOSED due to Renovations
Tuesday	7th April	COURSE CLOSED due to Renovations
Friday	10th April	Good Friday Public Holiday Open Medley Singles, Clubhouse Open Limited Hours

**COURSE CLOSED MON 6TH, TUES 7TH
Due to Renovations - Office open, clubhouse on limited hours**