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A Grade

Jim Corser 3rd, Ernie Ward 1st, Rosario Adamo 2nd.



B Grade

Roger Walker 4th, Joe Romano 1st, Roberto Scacheri 2nd, Mike Reid 3rd (inset)



C Grade

Joe Reggi 1st, Stephen Scacheri 2nd, Bruno Doller 3rd



Guest Winner

Phillip Slatter

Results of last game - Indooroopilly Golf Club, 6th March 2017

	<u>A Grade</u>		<u>B Grade</u>		<u>C Grade</u>	
1 st	Ernie Ward	39	Joe Romano	40	Joe Reggi	38
2 nd	Rosario Adamo (OCB)	38	Roberto Scacheri	38	Stephen Scacheri	37
3 rd	Jim Corser	38	Michael Reid	36	Bruno Doller	35
	Adrian Alzino	NTP	Ernie Ward	NTP	<u>Guest Winner</u>	
	Ed Richards	NTP	Harry Inlari	NTP	Phillip Slatter	41

The Club's Motto is: "To have fun playing golf, while building relationships in the Australian and Italian communities"

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March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to....



*Jan Porteous 1st, Kevin Taylor 15th, Stephen Scacheri 22nd,
Bruno Doller 23rd, Lawrie Semple 24th,
Duncan MacMillan 25th, Robert Romano 29th*

**SHARPSHOOTERS' GALLERY
NTP INDOOROOPILLY C. C.**



Adrian Alzino



Ed Richards



Ernie Ward



Harry Linari

Italian Golf Classic - Friday 2nd June 2017

Please note your diary that the Italian Golf Classic will be held on Friday 2nd June.
It will be an Ambrose event, so you need to organize your foursomes
and register by lodging a completed registration form attached to this Newsletter.

**This annual event is a great opportunity to showcase our club and to promote sponsorship.
It is also a good opportunity to encourage participants to become new members.
Once again our sponsor, Ferrari Brisbane, has offered a prize for the NTP on a designated hole.**

Proposed change of rules

Please take a few moments to read the extract from Golf Australia regarding the proposed change in some of the rules. They appear to be sensible proposals and should make the game more enjoyable to players. There is a period of feedback on the proposal and the aim is to introduce the changes by 1st January 2019.

Next Game - Lakelands Golf Club - 3 April 2017

Tee-off: 10.30 am — Shotgun Start.
Format: Single Stableford
Sponsor: Breakas Beach Resort
Cost: Members \$ 90 Guests \$100
Carts: Included
Bookings: Web Page: italiangolfqld.com.au
or ring Ernie Ward 0417 479280

News release: Rules of Golf to be modernized

The R&A and the USGA have unveiled a preview of the proposed new Rules of Golf, as part of a joint initiative to modernise the Rules and make them easier to understand and apply.

The online release of this preview begins a six-month feedback and evaluation period during which all golfers worldwide can learn about the proposed changes and provide input before they are finalised in 2018 and take effect on 1 January 2019.

The announcement follows a comprehensive review process that began in 2012 with a working group of key R&A and USGA Rules administrators, professional tour officials and other Rules experts. While the Rules are revised every four years, this is the first fundamental review since 1984, and was established to ensure the Rules fit the needs of today's game and the way it is played around the world.

David Rickman, Executive Director – Governance at The R&A, said, “Our aim is to make the Rules easier to understand and to apply for all golfers. We have looked at every Rule to try to find ways to make them more intuitive and straightforward, and we believe we have identified many significant improvements. It is important that the Rules continue to evolve and remain in tune with the way the modern game is played, but we have been careful not to change the game's longstanding principles and character.”

“We are excited and encouraged by the potential this work brings, both through the proposed new Rules and the opportunities to use technology to deliver them,” said Thomas Pagel, Senior Director of Rules & Amateur Status for the USGA. “We look forward to an ongoing conversation with golfers during the feedback period in the months ahead.”

The proposed 24 new Rules, reduced from the current 34, have been written in a user-friendly style with shorter sentences, commonly used phrases, bulleted lists and explanatory headings. The initiative also focuses on assessing the overall consistency, simplicity and fairness of the Rules for play.

The Rules are currently delivered in more than 30 languages, and the proposed wording will support easier translation worldwide. When adopted, the Rules will be supported by technology that allows the use of images, videos and graphics.

Highlights of the proposed Rule changes include:

- **Elimination or reduction of “ball moved” penalties:** There will be no penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the putting green or in searching for a ball; and a player is not responsible for causing a ball to move unless it is “virtually certain” that he or she did so.
- **Relaxed putting green rules:** There will be no penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits an unattended flagstick in the hole; players may putt without having the flagstick attended or removed. Players may repair spike marks and other damage made by shoes, animal damage and other damage on the putting green and there is no penalty for merely touching the line of putt.
- **Relaxed rules for “penalty areas”** (currently called “water hazards”): Red and yellow-marked penalty areas may cover areas of desert, jungle, lava rock, etc., in addition to areas of water; expanded use of red penalty areas where lateral relief is allowed; and there will be no penalty for moving loose impediments or touching the ground or water in a penalty area.
- **Relaxed bunker rules:** There will be no penalty for moving loose impediments in a bunker or for generally touching the sand with a hand or club. A limited set of restrictions (such as not grounding the club right next to the ball) is kept to preserve the challenge of playing from the sand; however, an extra relief option is added for an unplayable ball in a bunker, allowing the ball to be played from outside the bunker with a two-stroke penalty.
- **Relying on player integrity:** A player's “reasonable judgment” when estimating or measuring a spot, point, line, area or distance will be upheld, even if video evidence later shows it to be wrong; and elimination of announcement procedures when lifting a ball to identify it or to see if it is damaged.
- **Pace-of-play support:** Reduced time for searching for a lost ball (from five minutes to three); affirmative encouragement of “ready golf” in stroke play; recommending that players take no more than 40 seconds to play a stroke and other changes intended to help with pace of play.
- **Simplified way of taking relief:** A new procedure for taking relief by dropping a ball in and playing it from a specific relief area; relaxed procedures for dropping a ball, allowing the ball to be dropped from just above the ground or any growing thing or other object on the ground.

A series of materials have also been prepared to explain the proposed Rule changes and provide background on the initiative. Found on randa.org and usga.org/rules, they include:

- Overview of the Rules Modernisation Initiative: goals, proposed changes and process for implementation in 2019
- Draft New Rules of Golf for 2019: the full text of proposed Rules 1-24 and Definitions
- Draft Player's Edition of the New Rules of Golf for 2019: Written from the perspective of "you" the golfer, this shorter version covers the most commonly used Rules and is meant to be the rule book golfers will use when finalised and adopted in 2019
- Explanation for Each Major Proposed Change in the New Rules of Golf for 2019: Short summaries of each major proposed change
- Summary chart of major changes
- Videos and Infographics: Visual explanations of the proposed Rules.

Golfers are encouraged to review the proposed changes and submit feedback online via worldwide survey technology that can be accessed at randa.org or usga.org/rules from now until 31 August 2017.

The feedback will be reviewed by The R&A and the USGA in establishing the approved final version of golf's new Rules. These are due to be released in mid-2018 ahead of a 1 January 2019 implementation. Social media users can also follow the discussion using #GolfRules2019.

[Players are reminded that the current 2016 Edition of the Rules of Golf remain in force when playing, posting scores or competing, until the new Rules are officially adopted by The R&A and the USGA in 2019.](#) The Rules of Amateur Status and the Rules of Equipment Standards were not part of this review process.