

President's Message – May 2020

Hello fellow members, I hope that you are all fit and well.

Would you believe that our last IGA game was at Indooroopilly on 16 March 2020? It has only been fifty-six (56) actual days since that glorious event, but feels like one thousand and fifty-six (1056) in virtual days.

Nonetheless we hope that we will be teeing off very soon. Judging by the recent low COVID-19 numbers, relaxation of the lockdown, opening up of schools and the commencement of the football code competitions in May/June, we also could be back on course soon. Naturally we will inform everyone in due time.

We can report, that there is nothing to report regarding the upcoming Adelaide FCCC and only sympathise with anyone who may have already booked their flights with Virgin Airlines for October this year. Again, we will let everyone know of any updates, as soon as they come to hand.

In addition, we have also attached photos of yesteryear, for nostalgic value, when the mighty QLD team hosted the tournament for the first time and won the FCCC trophy, hopefully this may be our year once again, if it goes ahead.

The committee has been working hard on ways to maintain our individual competitive edge during these "iso days", so we have come up with a "IGA Iso Competition". We encourage everyone to enter this tournament. Please refer to the attachment for all the details.

We wish you all the best of health and look forward to the time that we can reminisce about these days.

Keep calm and putt.

Sam Newman's campaign to re-open Victoria's golf courses received a boost this week when a copy of war time arrangements for a London club landed on AWAAT's desk.

Yes we're at war with the coronavirus, but Covid-19 is nothing compared with a gaggle of Heinkel bombers, a squadron of Stukas and Messerschmitts or 10.

With stiff upper lips, in 1940, Richmond Golf Club members leant into the hard rain of schrapnel to carry on regardless. Temporary wartime rules were written with a liberal dose of spirit.

"During gunfire, or while bombers are falling, players may take cover without penalty". Rule 1 read.

"A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or destroyed, a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty". Sensible policy.

"A player whose stroke is affected by a simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty, one stroke". A bit harsh, that one.

But wait, what's this? Oh, the Richmond Golf Club currently closed until further notice. It seems the Blitz had nothing on the coronavirus.

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



We were intending to re-awaken some memories and display some of the photographs taken at our very first interstate tournament after we joined the competition. It was held in Adelaide in 2003 and was attended by only 9 members. However, unfortunately, the photographs are currently not available. Therefore we are attaching some of the images taken at Royal Pines Resort in 2006 when we hosted our first FCCC Tournament. We won that year, and it was the first of three consecutive victories in 2006, 2007, and 2008.



