



Welcome to Club 19 - thanks for joining and we trust that you enjoy the activities and camaraderie of the club.

Calendar of Events

This information is attached and includes Club 19 Golf days and extended week-end getaway trips.

Golf Days

You will receive an invitation by email approximately 4 weeks prior to a golf day. This invitation will allow you to respond online together with any guest information.

You will receive the draw 3 days prior to play. After this time there are no refunds offered if you and/or your guests are unable to play, as the clubs are very strict once we confirm numbers.

We will attempt to put in the draw in your first game with a committee member who will “take you under their wing” explain the format etc. There is no need to be nervous in the history of the club only one person not accepted! They are not there to evaluate your golf ability!!

Registering on the day – please ensure that you come into the club and register on the day of play.

Handicaps and Golfink Membership

Our member’s ability ranges from handicaps from 7-36, with the maximum being 36 for men and 45 for ladies.

If you wish to compete in our competitions you must have a recognised handicap.

If you do not have a home club you may obtain a Golfink number at a cost of \$120 per annum through Avalon Golf Club. Please note that this fee is to register and maintain a handicap only – it does not assign playing or membership rights at Avalon Golf Club. You will also need to send 3 signed score cards for 18 holes to Avalon GC, which can easily be arranged if you are playing Club 19 monthly golf days. Please let us know if you would like us to send you an Application Form.

Once your Golfink number has been issued your handicap can be updated every time you play a monthly Club 19 game.

Visitors

After your first game you are welcome to invite guests to play with you with the maximum being three at any one game. Visitors generally pay \$20.00 more than the member's price.

Dinners

After golf we include a quality three course sit down dinner or BBQ – these dinners are a very important part of our day and the cost is not separated from the cost of the day. If you do not wish to stay please let us know keeping in mind there is no reduction in the price. The committee is firm on this as the social aspect of the dinners is as important as the golf. Two bottles of wine per table are included in the cost.

Competitions

Club Championship is a handicap match play competition and invitations are sent out in January each year. If you wish to play you will be advised who your opponent is and you may play at a Club 19 day or at a mutually suitable time in between Club 19 days. You must ensure that you play within the timeframe of the competition to ensure we complete all rounds by the end of the year. You must be available to play the final at the last event of the year.

The Brian Ireland Shield (named after our founder) is given to the member with the highest number of stableford points throughout the year. These events are indicated on the calendar of events. The best 4 scores from the 6 rounds count.

The Anzac Trophy is awarded at our annual Gold Coast Week end in April each year.

The Cottom Cup (named after one of our committee members, Ivan Cottom) commenced at the end of 2004 and will continue as an ongoing perpetual trophy

Hole in One – sponsored by Beachcomber Hotels, Mauritius.

Trips away

We conduct three trips away each year. Partners (golfing and non golfing) are welcome. The dates are in the Calendar of Events and again an invitation will be sent out to you. We do not include flights so you may like to book these ahead.

Administration of the Club

The Club is administered by Teed-Up who are a golf focused organisation offering Club administration, Corporate Golf Days and Escorted Golf Tours.

Teed-Up is paid a variable amount depending on the income club19 receives so their interests are aligned with ours. This protects us from having fixed costs that can not be covered by membership fees. The Club Manager is Bede Hendren. Please do not hesitate to contact him at bedeh@teed-up.com if you have any questions.

Dress Code

As a general rule soft spikes are worn on the courses we play and smart casual wear is required for dinner. Some clubs require a jacket and tie for dinner and we will let you know in the draw if required. If you need further information on each course you may like to check the Website of the course being played.

Credit card Authority

On joining we ask that you complete the authority for us to hold your payment details on file for future use. This streamlines the payment process for us and means you do not have to provide us with your credit card details every time you play. Your details are kept in a secure place. Unfortunately we have had to pass on the cost of merchant fees and therefore the following fees apply to credit card payments.

Visa/MasterCard 2% Amex 3%

You may pay by cash or cheque on the day otherwise we will charge the credit card we have on file.

Newsletter

Each month after our golf day you will receive a copy of our newsletter. We welcome any information, tip, photo, joke etc you may wish to contribute.

Slow Play

To speed up play we ask that; the low marker is responsible for speed of play in the group. 9 holes should take no more that 2 hrs 15 mins. Please be ready to play your shot when your turn arrives. Pick up your ball once you have wiped the hole. Line up putts while waiting for others to putt. "It is the responsibility of the following team to keep up with the team in front" This will ensure an enjoyable round for everyone.

Following recent court cases it is vital that players do not hit their golf ball if another player is in range. If you do hit someone you may be personally liable for damages.

Day Sponsorship

Sponsorship is available at every Club 19 event. The cost is just \$1,500 and in return the sponsor receives the following:

- Exclusive naming rights to the day
- Promotion in conjunction with registration sign up
- Sponsorship and presentation of the winner trophies
- Opportunity for signage (depending on course regulations)
- Opportunity to deliver a short presentation at the evening dinner
- 2 rounds of golf and dinner on the day for sponsor and guest
- Complimentary advertisement in our Club 19 newsletter
- Signage poster (up to A1 size) in the registration area and at dinner event with the trophies
- Complimentary photos of presentation of trophies
- Opportunity for distribution through marketing material

For more details please contact us.

Correspondence

If you change your email address please advise us ASAP as this is how we mainly communicate with you. If you do not have an email address we will correspond to you by fax.

Again we welcome you to Club 19 and if you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime we will look forward to welcoming you to Club 19 soon.

Kind regards,

Bede Hendren
Club 19 Manager



Club 19 Rules (Updated April 2014)

Club 19 is a registered Golf Club with the AGU.

The results of all games are processed by Golfink and returned to the home club of each player.

All games are played under the **Rules of Golf**.

Local Rules

From time to time the committee may introduce a local rule which will be highlighted in the draw.

At each course that we play any local rule/s in place on the day is in force. It is recommended that all players check for local rules at the pro shop before teeing off. It is the sole responsibility of the player to be aware of local rules and no protests after the event will be entertained.

Handicaps

Members of Club 19 who do not belong to another club:

1. **MUST** join Golfink via Avalon Golf Club or another means so that they can obtain an official handicap
2. Until such times that they receive an official handicap they will either
 - (i) play off the lowest handicap that they have previously had, or
 - (ii) play of 18 if they have never had a handicap or lower if they think they should
3. The committee reserves the right to adjust handicaps of players without official handicaps at any time. Any player without an official handicap that is eligible to win a prize may have their handicap recalculated using the Galloway system which takes their score from 6 random holes, multiplies it by 3 to obtain the handicap for the day.

To be eligible for prizes on any day players must hand in legible completed cards promptly at the end of the round with their home club and handicap listed.

Competitions

The maximum handicaps allowable in any Club 19 competitions are 36 for men and 45 for ladies unless an exemption has been obtained from the committee.

1. **Monthly golf days.** – Individual event and team event – usually stableford scoring.
2. **Club Championship**
 - (i) Any player entering the event must have an official Golfink handicap
 - (ii) Nomination for this event will close on or before the first game of the year and all players must ensure they will be available for the final golf day at NSW
 - (iii) It is a knockout stroke handicap matchplay competition played over the entire 12 months with the final at the last game each year
 - (iii) Each player plays off their handicap on the day (handicaps may change over the course of the year)
 - (v) The difference in handicaps is taken and shots allocated based on the match index on the card.
 - (vi) Club 19 Matchplay is played according to the Matchplay Index.
 - (vii) In Matchplay, the par of the hole is irrelevant - the lowest Nett score on the hole wins. This is irrespective of the sex of the player, but Male and Female players will play off their respective tees, if / when they play each other.
 - (viii) Matches must be completed by the dates set by the committee.
 - (ix) By mutual agreement between the two contestants matches may be played at another course and time apart from Club 19 events and the results transmitted to the secretariat. The only exception to this is the final.
 - (x) Failure to complete matches by the due date may result in disqualification of one or both players at the discretion of the committee. Where a player has played more of the relevant monthly events that relate to the round for the Matchplay than the opponent, then this will likely result in a determination in favour of the player who has played more of the rounds. In the absence of a clear basis for awarding the match to one or other party, the Committee may determine the winner by coin toss.
 - (xi) Any disputes should be fully documented and referred to the committee.

3. The Cottom Cup.

The event is a 2 ball Stableford aggregate competition played over three rounds with the team with the two best aggregate scores counting.

Before the start of the competition players will need to nominate which partner they wish to be paired with N.B – **the two do not have to play with each other in any round.**

The team with the two highest aggregate scores from the three rounds will be the winner. In the event of a tie, a count back will be done according to the rules of golf.

Both players must be members of Club 19 at the time of entering the event

4. Brian Ireland Shield

This event is run on alternate months throughout the year and the 4 best stableford scores are added to determine the winner.

5. Anzac Trophy

Played over Anzac day long weekend on the Gold Coast each year and is the best 4 of 5 stableford scores.