

## FEBRUARY - MARCH

Tue	27	Welcome Back Teams - Stableford best 2 ex 4
Thu	29	Stableford
Tue	05	Stableford – Start of Eclectic, Birdies, Pars and Gobblers
Thu	07	4BBB Stableford
Mon	11	<i>Woodburn Evans Head Open Day</i>
Tue	12	<b>Jan Bissett</b> Stableford
Thu	14	<i>Tallebudgera Invitation Irish Day</i> Stableford at Byron
Mon	18	<i>Lismore Vets Open Day</i>
Tue	19	Irish Stableford Teams of 4 (or 3)
Thu	21	<b>'Young Henrys'</b> Medal Round 1
Tue	26	Captain v President Matchplay & 1 <sup>st</sup> Round of Matchplay Knock-out
Thu	28	Stableford + Matchplay?

### 2024 Ladies NTPs – All-in

**Tuesdays: both first shot:  
5<sup>th</sup> Loft, 12<sup>th</sup> Pro Pin**

**Thursdays: both second shot:  
8<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> Ballina Car Wash**

<b>APRIL</b>		
Tue	02	Stableford (+ Matchplay?)
Thu	04	Stableford (+ Matchplay?)
Fri	05	<i>WGNR 3 player Team at Coolangatta Tweed</i>
Tue	09	Tuesday Teams
		<i>Kyogle Open Day</i>
		<i>Coolangatta Tweed Heads Open Day</i>
Thu	11	Stableford (+ Matchplay?)
Tue	16	'ABC'* Stableford
		<i>Burleigh Open Day</i>
Thu	18	4BBB Stableford
Tue	23	<b>'Young Henrys'</b> Medal Round 2
Thu	25	Anzac Day Stableford
Tue	30	Stableford

\* An 'ABC' event is intended as a 'mix-up' day and you are encouraged to play with players on different handicaps.

**Did you know: Stableford Scoring** was introduced by Dr Frank Barney Gorton Stableford. It was first used informally at the Glamorganshire Golf Club in Wales in 1898, and then first used in competition at Wallasey Golf Club in England in 1932. In this scoring method, golfers earn points based on the number of shots taken per hole, and unlike traditional scoring the goal is to have the highest score.

It was introduced to deter recreational golfers from giving up their round after having one or two bad holes in 'gross' scoring. Plus, it has the added benefit of speeding up play, as players pick up when they cannot score and move on to the next hole.

It is a very popular format at club level in Australia and the UK, much less so in the USA.

## MAY

Thu	02	Stableford <i>Ballina 2-day Tournament (2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>)</i>
Tue	07	Keno Let's Play Ambrose (Pairs)
Thu	09	Stableford
Tue	14	Tuesday Teams
Thu	16	<b>'Young Henrys'</b> Medal Round 3
Fri	17	<i>Casino Ladies Beef Round-up Open Day</i>
Tue	21	Stableford
Wed	22	<i>Grafton May Tournament (22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>)</i>
Thu	23	4BBB Stableford
Tue	28	Stableford <i>Ballina Vets Open Day</i>
Thu	30	v Par

### **RULES IN ACTION: 'Stroke and Distance' – What is it?**

At **any time** during your round, you may take **Stroke and Distance relief**. This means **adding one penalty stroke and playing your ball (or another ball) from where the previous stroke was made**. So:

1. At BB: Your tee shot off the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee goes into the pond in front of the tee. One of your options (and probably the best option) is to replay your shot off the tee. This means you will now be playing your 3<sup>rd</sup> shot and as you are re-playing your shot, YES you can hit it off the tee.
2. You shank your 3<sup>rd</sup> shot into a green-side bunker and have a very bad lie in the bunker. 'One' option is to replay your shot ie from the original spot; with a penalty you will now be hitting 5.

For further examples on 'Stroke and Distance' see Rules 17, 18 & 19.

## JUNE

Tue	04	<b>Eden at Byron Stableford</b> + Vets Shield R1 Stableford
Thu	06	Vets Shield R2 Stableford
Tue	11	<b>'Young Henrys'</b> Medal Round 4
Thu	13	Byron Bay Lady Vets Open Day Stableford – <b>Sponsor: Suffolk Park Pharmacy</b>
Tue	18	Tuesday Teams Ladies Bi-annual meeting at 7.45am
		<i>Burleigh Cup</i>
Thu	20	4BBB Stableford
Fri	21	<i>Casino Inter-Club Team of 5</i>
Tue	25	Stableford
		<i>Maclean Vets Open Day</i>
Thu	27	Stableford
		<i>Mullumbimby Open Day</i>

**Ready Golf** was introduced with the specific goal of speeding up play, so making the game more attractive and enjoyable.

**Ready golf** means playing when you are **ready** and not waiting for the 'old-fashioned' farthest from the hole plays first.

**Ready golf** means **thinking ahead** so that you're ready to play.

So for example:

- when the player farthest away has a difficult shot and is assessing options
- playing your shot before helping to look for a lost ball
- shorter hitters playing whilst a longer hitter waits to play

Where possible, advise your fellow players that you will play first.

*And:* unless you will distract another player always try to proceed to your ball and get **ready** to play your shot.

+ The R&A advises a golf shot should not take longer than 40 seconds.

## JULY

Tue	02	<b>Huxley Insurance</b> Team of 3 Stableford – best 2 to multiply
Thu	04	Stableford
Fri	05	<b>‘0’ Birthday Lunch</b>
Tue	09	WGNR 4BBB v Par Club Qualifier
Thu	11	Stableford
Tue	16	‘ABC’ Stableford
Thu	18	4BBB Stableford
Tue	23	<b>Byron Bay Property Sales</b> Ladies Championships Round 1 + <b>‘Young Henrys’</b> Medal Round 5
Thu	25	Ladies Championships Round 2 + <b>‘Young Henrys’</b> Medal Round 6
Tue	30	Ladies Championships Round 3

### **Golf Etiquette: Silence is Golden**

Golf is as much a mental game and as it is a game of skills. Hence players should always show consideration for others by:

- not talking while a fellow player is taking their shot (or preparing to). This is especially important on the tee as players await their turn; and notably as groups may gather around the 1<sup>st</sup> tee waiting to tee-off
- making sure your mobile phone, or any electronic device, is not a distraction

*Etiquette in golf is a set of guidelines aimed at ensuring the game is played fairly, safely and enjoyably for all for more tips see the inside back cover of this booklet.*

## AUGUST

Thu	01	Back up Day for Rounds 1-3 Championships
Sun	04	<b>Byron Bay Property Sales Ladies</b> Championships Round 4 in conjunction with Men's and Vet's Final Rounds of Club Championships + Presentations to follow
Tue	06	Tuesday Teams
Thu	08	Stableford <i>Mount Warning Classic Murwillumbah (8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>)</i>
Tue	13	<b>Katrina Beohm Day</b>
Thu	15	4BBB v Par (WG NR Qualifier)
Tue	20	Stableford <i>Kyogle Charity Day</i>
Wed	21	<i>WG NR Tournament at Grafton (21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>)</i>
Thu	22	Stableford
Fri	23	<i>WG NR Foursomes at Grafton</i>
Mon	26	<i>Lismore Spring Tournament (26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>)</i>
Tue	27	'ABC' Stableford
Thu	29	<b>The Cellar Invitation/Open Day 4BBB</b>

### **More on Ready Golf:**

**Ready Golf** applies everywhere on the golf course so on the tees and greens as well as on the fairways. So:

**On the Tee:** The first to arrive at the tee should **hit off straightaway** if it is safe to do so. *And* then mark your scorecard whilst others are hitting off.

**On the Green:** Try to **survey your putt** whilst others are considering/making their putts. Then **Ready Golf** means putting **continuously** if the ball is not on someone else's line. And if you're waiting for others to arrive on the green **go ahead** and putt; especially with the 'Flag-in' rule.

<b>SEPTEMBER*</b>		
Tue	03	Tuesday Teams
Thu	05	Stableford
Tue	10	More Tuesday Teams
Thu	12	Stabrose
Tue	17	4BBB Stableford
Thu	19	Stableford
Mon	23	<i>Maclean 2-day Tournament (23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>)</i>
Tue	24	'ABC' Stableford
Thu	26	Stableford
Fri	27	<i>Lismore Westpac Chopper Charity Day</i>

- \* Course renovations are scheduled for late August/early September. The programme may be subject to change as these renovations proceed.
- + Some fun days may be designated '2-putt' days.
- + An 'Away' Trip is in the pipeline.

### **GOLF RULES MYTHS: Lost Ball**

There is sometimes a belief that you can 'declare you ball lost' - but you cannot.

A 'Lost Ball' is defined as: *a ball that is not found in three minutes after the player or their caddie (or the player's partner or partner's caddie) begins to search for it.*

In the 'dim and distant' past you were able to declare that your ball was beyond salvation and say so, but now the lost ball definition continues with: *A ball does not become **lost** as a result of the player declaring it to be lost.*

When your ball is lost you must take 'Stroke and Distance' relief - see Rule 18.

## OCTOBER

Tue	01	<b>'Young Henrys' Medal Round 7</b>
Thu	03	Wallace Shield v Ballina at Byron Bay
Tue	08	<b>Loft Golf Day</b>
		<i>WGNR 4BBB v Par Final at Ballina</i>
Thu	10	Stableford
Mon	14	<i>Yamba Tournament (14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>)</i>
Tue	15	Stableford
Thu	17	v Par
Tue	22	2 person Ambrose
		<i>Burleigh Charity Day</i>
Thu	24	Stableford
Fri	25	<i>Grafton Jacaranda Open Day</i>
Tue	29	Pink Ball Team Stableford
Thu	31	Stableford End of Eclectic, Birdie, Par and Gobblers

### **The Spirit of the Game**

Golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game.

(Courtesy of: The R&A, St Andrews)

## NOVEMBER

Tue	05	Melbourne Cup Stableford
Thu	07	Byron Bay Tournament: Stroke and Stableford
Fri	08	Byron Bay Tournament: 4BBB Stableford
Tue	12	Tuesday Teams
Thu	14	<b>'Young Henrys'</b> Medal Round 8
Tue	19	Hamper Day Stableford BBQ + 2024 Season Presentations
Thu	21	4BBB Stableford
Sat	23	Club Foursomes Championships Day – Women's and Men's –
Mon	25	Peter Farrell Day
Tue	26	'ABC' Stableford
Thu	28	Ladies AGM at 7.45am Hart Ball Teams of 4

## DECEMBER

Tue	03	Mystery Stableford
Thu	05	Stableford
Tue	10	Ladies Christmas Lunch
Thu	12	Summer Golf begins

As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round. *Ben Hogan*