



**Harlequin Club, Incorporated
Golf Newsletter**

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Alan Soutar (almost) scoops the pool at Trentham



Roy Capener turned on a great day for the Harlequin golfers at the Trentham Golf Club on 1st March. The hot weather had abated and apart from a small amount of drizzle it turned out to be a perfect day for golf. Given the drought and hot weather the course was in surprisingly good condition. The fairways were brown but very playable and the greens were in excellent shape.

Twelve of us hit off at around 9.20am and the day belonged to Alan Soutar. He hit every par three green and took out the nearest the pin award on the 5th and 13th. He also took out the major award with a stableford score of 39 points,

one ahead of Graeme Hindhaugh who was runner up. If Andy Corp hadn't hit the longest drive on the par five 10th Alan could have scooped the pool.

The 13th and 15th par three holes are Trentham's signature holes and well worth making a trip just to play those two holes.

Roy and Carol Capener invited everyone to their place after the golf and they put on a fabulous lunch. Thanks to Carol and Roy for putting on such a great day for everyone who was able to make the trip to Trentham.

Changes to the schedule

The preliminary schedule is shown below and please note the following changes:

- **The April Golf Day will now take place on the 19th April and not the 12th as previously advised.** This change is due to the fact that 12th April is Easter Sunday and a number of people will be away from Melbourne.
- I will be in Europe from 5th May to 4th June and Andy Corp will take over responsibility for organising the golf day on 17th May at the RACV Torquay Golf Club. I will provide you with further details in the near future.

The revised schedule is shown below.

NOTE: If you click on one of the dates below you will be taken to the details of the particular golf day that you select and if you click on the venue you will see the website of the golf venue.

Date	Venue	Format
Sunday 1st March 2009	Trentham Golf Club	2009 Opening

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf followed by BBQ at Roy and Carol Capener's house • The cost of the BBQ is included in the cost but please bring your own booze.
Sunday 19th April 2009	Queenscliff Golf Club	Golf and an informal lunch in Queenscliff for those who would like to attend
Sunday 17th May 2009	RACV Torquay	Golf
Sunday 28th June 2009	Rosebud Park	Golf
Sunday 9th August 2009	The Dunes	Golf
Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th October 2009	Bowral Golf Club	Dennis Crawford Cup Saturday night dinner, Sunday golf and BBQ
Sunday 15th November 2009	Phillip Island Golf Club	Golf
Sunday 13th December 2009	Flinders Golf Club	Christmas Breakup Golf followed by BBQ at the clubhouse

Queenscliff Golf Day (19th April, 2009)

The April Golf Day at Queenscliff is now confirmed and the details can be viewed on the [website](#).

The competition will be individual stableford and as usual the winner will be awarded the perpetual trophy and their will be prizes for the runner up, nearest the pin (on the front and back nines) and longest drive.

Changes to the competition and handicap process

After discussion with some of the regular players I have decided to make some changes as follows:

- The perpetual trophy will only be awarded to members of the club. Guests will not be included in the main competition and will not have their name inscribed on the trophy in the event that they have the greatest number of stableford points.
- There will be a separate competition for guests and they will compete in an individual stableford competition for the "Guest's Prize".

In addition to the above I intend to change the way that we (mis)manage handicaps and plan to maintain a 'Harlequin handicap' which is independent of club handicaps. It will work as follows:

- Maximum handicap for men will be 36 and women 45
- Starting point for handicaps will be as follows:
 - Players with an official handicap will start with their official handicap as at 1st March, 2009
 - Players without an official handicap will start with a handicap nominated by the

Harlequin Handicapper (at the moment this is me – would someone like to take on this onerous role?)

- Handicaps will be changed as follows:
 - 34 points or less the handicap increases by 1
 - 35 to 36 points no change to the handicap
 - More than 36 points the handicap decreases by 1 for each stableford point over 36
 - The Australian Course Rating will be used for the calculation and the CCR will not play a part in handicap calculations

If people want to score a card based on their official handicap then I have no issue with that. However they will have to score *two* cards, one based on their official handicap and one based on the Harlequin Handicap.

I am sure there will be lots of discussion about this but the standard process is far too complex and not responsive enough for our needs and since we only get six or seven games a year we need a system that is a little more reactive.

Current Handicaps

The latest results and handicaps are shown below.

Harlequin Golf Handicaps					
Name	Golf Day	Gender	Initial Handicap	Result	New Handicap
Capener, Roy	Trentham	M	26	29	27
Carr, Barry	Trentham	M	21	29	22
Corp, Andy	Trentham	M	31	33	32
Fuggle, Jenny	Trentham	F	45	25	45
Fuggle, Martin	Trentham	M	28	29	29
Gyles, Stan	Trentham	M	26	33	27
Hammond, Mike	Trentham	M	28	30	29
Hindhaugh, Graeme	Trentham	M	24	38	22
Noble, Helen	Trentham	F	15	29	16
Raymond, Geoff	Trentham	M	18	36	18
Smart, Murray	Trentham	M	36	33	36
Soutar, Alan	Trentham	M	28	39	25

A number of people were away for the Trentham Golf Day so the numbers were a little down on our normal numbers. Let's see if we can get a good turnout for Queenscliff.

Kind Regards
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