

Golf Section FAQ

Q. Why should I consider joining the Golf Section of the MCC?

A. The Golf Section holds a regular golf day about once per month. The golf courses we play at are generally of the highest standard available. They include Melbourne's renowned sand belt clubs. We enjoy each other's company on and off the golf course and the entry fee for the day usually includes gourmet BBQ afterwards and sometimes a glass of wine.

Q. What does it cost to play in a Golf Section day?

A. It varies but you can be assured we negotiate the best deal possible for our members. It is typically from \$100 to about \$195 for members. Guests pay typically \$20 more. Remember this includes your green fee, sometimes a sandwich lunch, dinner and sometimes wine at top Golf Clubs up to the quality of Kingston Heath, Royal Melbourne and other sand belt clubs.

Q. Who can join the Golf Section?

A. MCC Members and those on the official MCC waiting list. So as to be absolutely clear on what the waiting list is, it is those who have registered for membership of the MCC, paid a deposit but are still waiting to be admitted as full or provisional members of the MCC.

Q. The Golf Section Application form asks me to nominate a Proposer and Seconder. As I am new to the MCC, I don't know anyone in the Golf Section yet. What do I do?

A. Contact any of the Golf Section committee (See Contacts) to proceed further.

Q. Are the dates when you hold your golf days published in advance?

A. Yes see the Golf Section website for the 'Latest Calendar of Golf Sections Dates'. We try hard not to change these dates once published but sometimes we have to reschedule to fit in with individual golf club's circumstances that are beyond our control.

Q. If I become a member of the Golf Section, can I bring along guests?

A. Yes. Members of the Golf Section are encouraged to bring along their golfing buddies as guests for the day and all are welcome to participate in the day's activities.

Q. Is the Golf Section using the new Golf Australia Handicap 'Slope' system which came into play Australia wide on 23 January 2014)?

A. Yes. The key change with the new system is that the handicap you use on a particular day will not necessarily be the same as your home club Golf Australia (GA) Handicap. Both Golf Section Members and guests need to know their current GA Handicap and bring along their GA Golf Link number for checking purposes. The revised entry form now always asks you to supply your GA Golf Link number so in future this should not be a problem.

Q. Are guests eligible to receive prizes for the day?

A. To be eligible to win prizes from the main competition of the day, you must provide your Golf Link number so that we can verify your golf handicap for the day. The Long Drive and Nearest the Pin competitions will always be open to all members and guests.

Q. If I don't have an official GA Golf Handicap, can I still play in Golf Section days?

A. Yes. Depending upon numbers, we may run a separate competition for guests that don't have an official Golf Link Handicap.

Q. Can the Golf Section get me a GA Handicap?

A. No. The following response was received from the Golf Link website www.golflink.com.au/ following an email request for info on the ways you can acquire an official Golf Link Handicap.

“To get a Golf Link number and Handicap the golfer must be a valid member of an affiliated golf club. Places like RACV are considered to be a valid golf club and therefore the golfer can get a Golf Link number through them. Golf Australia advertises some membership deals and opportunities on their website at <http://www.golf.org.au/default.aspx?s=time-to-sign> “

See also links from social clubs such as the Crown Lager Social Club. You can acquire a GA handicap via such clubs. See <http://www.crownlagersgc.com.au/>

Q. Can I use a Golf Cart on the day?

A. This will depend upon the policy of the particular golf club we are playing at on that day. It is the player's responsibility to contact the Pro Shop beforehand on availability and cost to hire a cart. Players must book the cart themselves. The Golf Section does not do this for you.

Q. Can I make use of the club's member facilities on the day?

A. Yes particularly on hot days you may wish to bring a change of clothes and shower after golf. Otherwise, golf attire at dinner is acceptable. In some clubs, you will be required to change your golf shoes before dinner.