

# Around the Club



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A newsletter for Wodonga Golf Club members

## Members' support during pandemic greatly appreciated

Thank you to all the members who have been very supportive during the stage 3 COVID-19 restrictions that have been in place.

With no competitions and not being able to hire carts and pull buggies, the loss in revenue was going to be very significant, and things were looking bleak as a small business owner.

I really appreciate all the members who have been very supportive by going in the handicapping challenge, making donations each time they go out to play and purchasing goods from the Pro Shop.

Hopefully some common sense will prevail shortly and we can return

back to playing competitions, groups of four, no masks and being able to hire out equipment.

Thank you to Mick Last for coming out and doing some course marshalling.

We have had 95 per cent of our members do the right thing and keep up to the group in front but we have had a few occasions recently where we have had one or two slow groups who have held up the entire field.

Congratulations to Darren Docksey and Mat Bradshaw for winning the 2020 Azzi Nusser 4BBB match-play knockout.

In a closely contested game they were victorious over Nigel Stone and

Paul Johansen 1 up in the final.

Thank you to Steve Nusser from Azzi Nusser for being a major supporter of Wodonga Golf Club.

This month's article is on club fitting. I hope you find the article interesting.

If you are interested in being fitted correctly for new clubs or are interested in knowing if your current clubs are right for you, come and see me in the shop and we can book a club fitting session.

### Quote of the month:

"My favourite two shots in golf are the practice swing and the gimme putt, the rest can't be mastered."

- Gavin

### RENEWAL REMINDER

In next week, Wodonga Golf Club will be sending out membership renewals for 2020-2021.

Now, more than ever, the club needs your support to get back to normal as soon as possible. Please pledge your support by renewing your membership. The membership renewals will arrive in your email inbox. A renewal letter will be posted to members who prefer paper copies.



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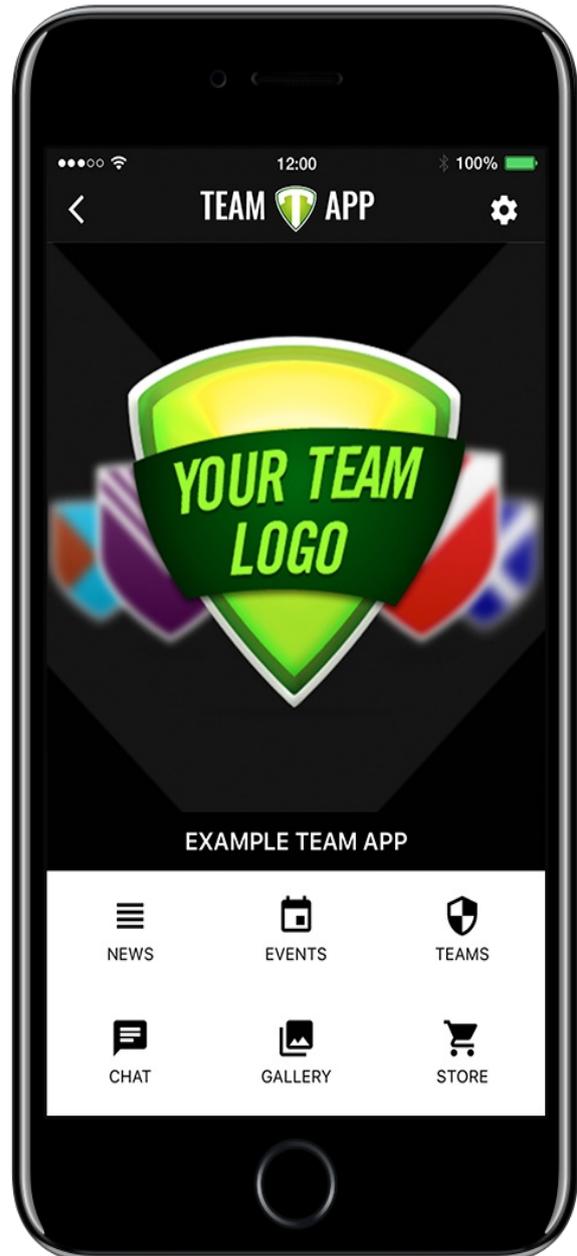
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# Right equipment plays key role

Golf is a challenging game at the best of times, and it can be made even harder with the wrong equipment. There are three main elements to having the correct clubs for you.

1. Correct Lie Angle
2. Correct Shaft Length
3. Correct Shaft Flex

## Fitting Lie Angle

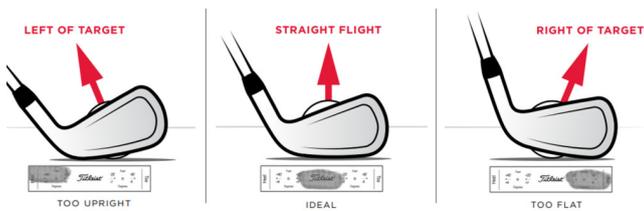
The iron's lie angle plays a significant role in the iron direction, shot shape and centeredness of contact.

Incorrect short iron or wedge lie angles move the ball even more off-line than stronger lofted clubs.

Based on a 155 yard 7-iron shot:

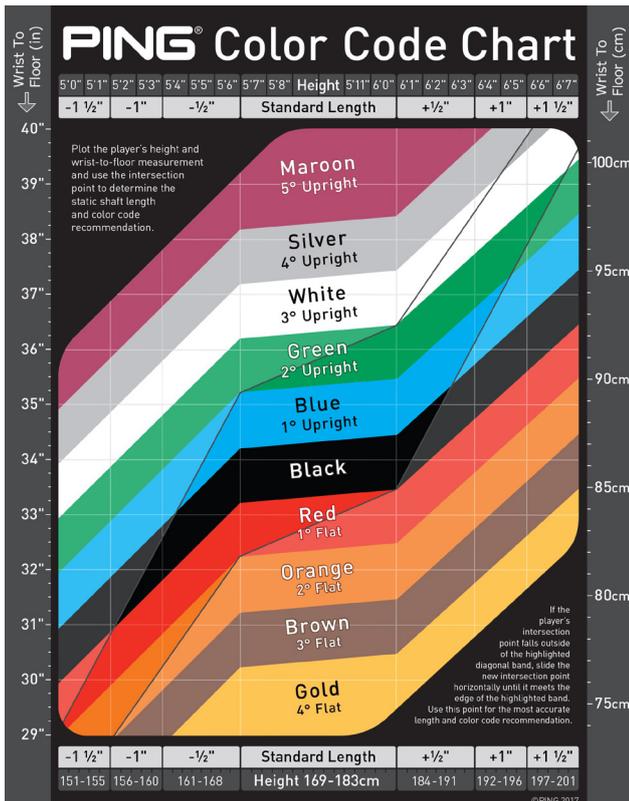
- A lie angle 2° off equates to a shot 20 feet off the target line
- A lie angle 4° off equates to a shot 40 feet off the target line

## Using a Lie Board and Lie Tape



## Fitting Shaft Length

There are two ways to fit shaft length. Static fit – Overall height and length of arms (see Ping chart) or Dynamic fit, which involves hitting golf balls and seeing where contact is made on the clubface



## Dynamic fit



Too short      Ideal      Too Long      Inconsistent

It is important to look at a golfer's swing when diagnosing impact. A golfer who tends to slice the ball will generally have an out-to-in (over the top) swing path that will cause them to hit off the toe of the club, while someone who tends to hook the ball and has a more in to out swing path may hit more off the heel of the club.

## Fitting Shaft Flex

The flex in a golf shaft affects the distance, accuracy and trajectory of your golf shot. Because the shaft flexes during a swing, the position of the clubhead changes and it is important to select the proper flex in a club so that the clubface will be square on the ball when it makes contact.

Generally, the faster your club speed, the stiffer the shaft, but use care when selecting a flex. If you are not certain or in between flexes, it is better to select a softer flex than a stiffer one. In addition, if you slice, a softer flex may help to correct the problem.

Shaft Flex Selection (Driver)		
Carry Distance	Swing Speed	Flex
Under 180 yards	Under 75 mph	Ladies
180 to 200 yards	75 to 85 mph	Senior/A/M
200 to 240 yards	85 to 95 mph	Regular
240 to 275 yards	95 to 110 mph	Stiff/Firm
Over 275 yards	Over 110 mph	Tour (Extra) Stiff

If you would like to get fitted into the right clubs for your golf swing book a club fit with Gavin.

- Gavin Vearing,  
Wodonga golf pro

## Veterans news:

There has been lots of social golf played over the last month with very wet and muddy conditions.

However, lately conditions have been hot, with fast greens and bunkers back in play.

It's been fantastic to get out and play, following all the COVID-19 conditions and restrictions.

Time sheets fill up very quickly and if you arrive too early, it is best to go and sit in the car and wait until 10 minutes before you are called.

I thought I would share with you all some of the planning and activities of the Thursday Volunteer Group.

Every Wednesday night at about 7:30pm, Tony Barlow sends an email to about 30 members advising them of all the planned tasks for the two-hour working bee.

The last notice reads for example:

*Touch up blues lines around the greens; weed around tree bases in the car park; weeding and trimming in the car park; clean off bridges as*

*required; brush cut as needed around the course; trim trees on the 3rd and 8th; spread blue metal on pathways. Pick up fallen trees and branches on 4th, 5th, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12th .*

For some time, I have been absent, but last Thursday I worked with about eight others on the trees, with Mick driving the truck and Max on the front-end loader.

I also helped with the blue metal spreading.

While playing on Monday I was able to appreciate all that had been done for our club.

Thanks to the very detailed planning, communication and financing by the Veterans group and especially, Tony, Mick and Ross.

Come along and join our group, there are plenty of tasks to complete, and excellent company as well.

- Des Malone,  
Veterans.

## Ladies news:

It's officially Spring Ladies!

Just loving the gorgeous days we're having at the moment. The conditions are absolutely perfect for playing golf.

Currently as I write this newsletter there is no news indicating any change to the Stage 3 restrictions but I have my fingers crossed that by the time you are reading it we will have a clearer picture to the future of our golfing events for this year.

We happily welcome another new member to the Wodonga ladies golf club, Debra O'Connell.

We all look forward to actually meeting you in person and playing a round of golf with you. Welcome to our club Debra.

As you all know our Annual General Meeting will be held on the November 26 this year, so while we are all moving forward perhaps you could think about whether you would like to be a committee member.

We will talk about this again next month with more information.

When I think about the golf we are playing at the moment, I

think how lucky we are; and how wonderful that we share a strong enough commitment to each other to keep showing up each week to play.

The social side of golf is very important in our lives for lots of different reasons.

We have ladies who live alone and catching up every Tuesday and Thursday makes a huge difference to their wellbeing.

I know every week when I go out that it's definitely not my golf that keeps me coming back, it's the wonderful ladies that I am lucky enough to be playing with.

We know that it's not the same playing in two's and having no access to the clubhouse but hey we are still playing!

Fun and laughter are a soulful, soothing medicine that cannot be bought anywhere.

I am proud to be a member of this club, the camaraderie is magical.

The "Twins" have been running a fun game on Thursdays which will be going on for a bit longer.

They are keeping the weekly winners a secret and will have

a presentation when we can all gather in the Clubhouse Bar and Bistro again.

So even though you don't currently know results hang in there because there are a lot of prizes being won.

A big thank you ladies for all of your support.

Our commiserations go to Jenny Garner and her team. They've had to cancel "Pink on the Green" this year, due to all the current restrictions.

We know it is devastating for you and we all feel the same.

Don't worry Jenny, we will all be hanging on for next year now and you can make it a super-duper extravaganza!

Happy Birthday and best wishes to those ladies having September birthdays', enjoy your day.

If anyone out there is not feeling so good, we send our wishes for a fast recovery.

See you on the greens.

Di Bainbridge,  
Secretary.