

FROST ON THE COURSE

In the Southern Highlands it is not uncommon in the winter months for our course to suffer from frost.

Frost occurs on cold clear nights when atmospheric conditions cause objects, like grass, to become colder than the surrounding air. When lawn is frosted, the grass blades are literally frozen. Any activity on the lawn while it is frosty, like walking on it or mowing it, will "break" the grass blade and damage the lawn. It will recover eventually, however, it may not bounce back until the following spring.

In the event of a frost on the course, starting times may be delayed until the course can be reasonably negotiated without walking on the fairways and greens, where the frost is prevalent.

Carts must stay to the paths where possible and when this is not practical, they must stay well clear of the fairways and greens travelling only on those areas which have already thawed from sunlight.

The decision for use of the course during a frost, lays with the Captain with advice from the Superintendent, with the Pro-shop given the responsibility for implementing the policy.

Members and visitors are to be advised by telephone if possible, that there is a frost on the course and that their tee off time may be delayed.

A reasonable and sensible attitude to this policy will be required in order to avoid confrontation.

Paul Carroll Captain June 16