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Dear members,

I write on behalf of the Committee, following careful considerations this week.

Course management of Altona Lakes Golf Course have recently requested that until mid August, when sunrise will be earlier, Saturday competitions are conducted using a shot gun start.

In recent weeks, later winter sunrise has meant the last group teeing off around 10am, making Saturday competition a long day on a 9-hole course.

1. Move to shot gun start

From 11 July 2026 to 15 August 2026 (inclusive), we will move to a shot gun start. While not ideal, it is a reasonable short-term arrangement that respects LMS's support for our club. Noting that our members too support LMS through our patronage. It is anticipated that normal scheduling will resume Saturday 22nd August.

The practical reality is:

- Our club is a tenant of the golf course
- The course cannot offer split tees on 1/10 as can 18 hole courses
- Shorter daylight hours prevail in winter
- We have strong Saturday participation reflective of our increased membership

2. Competition logistics and arrangements

Competitions and formats will remain unchanged. The only change will be that all players will tee off at the same time (shot gun start).

Tee Off Times will be as follows:

- 11th July to 25th July (inclusive) - 7.45am (Registration close, **players make their way to holes at 7:30**)
- 1st August – 15th Augst (inclusive) 7.30am (Registration close and **players make their way to holes at 7:15**)

Booking procedures will be the same – please book as normal. The members in your group are the members you play with.

Beginning hole The first person in a group to register with the Starter will “draw a number from hat”. The number will determine the starting hole. Remaining players in the Group will be informed, on registration, of their starting hole if their starting hole has already been drawn.

Registration Players should register as normal using the MiScore terminal and, if required, print cards as normal. Those using the MiScore app can use the “Search Player” feature to find their marker.

Starting times Please arrive ready to leave the clubhouse at the scheduled time. Late arrivals cannot be guaranteed a place in the field.

3. Breakfast and Lunch

The plan is that breakfast and lunch will continue as normal. However, those who have volunteered to prepare lunch up until the 15th August are relieved due to the change. Help with serving/cleaning on the day is welcome.

In closing, thank you for your understanding. These are temporary arrangements. We look forward to earlier sunrises and the warmer weather of Spring which is less than two months away.

Finally – we are a volunteer run club. Thank you to members of the committee, each who volunteer their discretionary time to conduct our clubs' activities.

Best regards

Glenn Austin
President