

Here is the Club's April 2019 newsletter. We apologise for its later issue due to Easter and holidays.

We hope you enjoy following what is happening at your Club.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Another golfing month passes, a little wet weather but the rain has been great for the course. I have never seen it looking better. Great work from our dedicated green keepers and volunteers. Presentation for the Vets and the Club Championship is outstanding.(pity my golf hasn't been up to scratch).

Our new website is up and running it shows our course at its full potential with our Facebook page. The designer Jen Mulligan Design has completed a fabulous job. The hole by hole flyovers are just great. Please Members spend some time and go through it. It shows what a great course we have.

The new interface with Micropower is also excellent.

We have almost got to a point where we are happy. It has been a long hard struggle with them.

The Committee has set aside money from the sinking fund for drainage works on holes 4 & 5. These are the holes now that will close the course in wet weather particularly for motorised buggies. It is imperative that at all possible times motorised buggies are able to be used. This work will commence once legal arrangements are completed with Kerry Campbell for water to discharge into his dam at the back of the 4 hole.

Kerry & Sharon long term and respected members of our club have graciously allowed the access at no cost. They are great supporters of the Hervey Bay Golf Club. I, on behalf of the Members, say thank you to you both.

I have renegotiated the recycled water agreement with Wide Bay Water. We now have an agreement for the next five years @ \$35.00 a megalitre. Our irrigation is extremely important us and to Wide Bay Water. As we are a large use customer because we pump at our cost from their dam, they reduced the cost from \$70.00. To give you some perspective we use approx in the dry season, 1.5 meg a night.

Sandra Kerley and myself attended the Golf Wide Bay AGM.. This was a busy meeting pertaining to costs, pennants, coordination of all things golf in our zone, plus a report from Queensland Golf. Sandra is working in our best interest here, thank you.

Preparation for next years budget is well underway. The Committee adopted a new scale of charges for the coming year . There will be a rise across the board of CPI 1.5%. This is in line with the Constitution. I have attached the fee scale FYI.

Cliff Searle

President

Fees and Charges

Item	Current 2018/19	Proposed 2019/20	Comments
ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP: Fee Discount for early payment Net fee to members	\$848.90 \$ 50.00 \$798.90	\$861.65 \$ 50.00 \$811.65	As per rule 4 of HBGC Constitution <u>CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP</u> (1) The membership of the Club shall consist of the following classifications: -
COUNTRY & OVERSEAS MEMBERSHIP	\$550.00	\$558.25	(a) Ordinary member, (b) Life member,
Friday member	\$170.00	\$172.55	(c) Country member, To be eligible the applicant must live 50km away and be a full financial member of another
Juniors under 14 years Junior 14 - 17 years Intermediate 18 - 21	\$145.00 \$220.00 \$220.00	\$147.20 \$223.30 \$223.30	(d) Friday member (e) Junior member, (f) Temporary member
Temporary member 1. One month (plus green fees) 2. Two months (plus green fees) 3. Three months (plus green fees)	\$100.00 \$200.00 \$300.00	\$101.50 \$203.00 \$304.50	Social players do not need to be a member of another club. To play in competitions the applicant must be a financial member of another club. Member green fee rates apply.
Cart Shed Rental 1/2 Shed Share Elec. 1/2 Shed Share Petrol 1/3 Shed share 1/4 Shed share (Single buggy / bike)	\$395.00 \$320.00 \$245.00 \$160.00	\$400.95 \$324.80 \$248.65 \$162.40	Subject to availability
Cart Registration	\$55.00	\$55.85	Up to 12 months (no pro-rata)
Locker Rental	\$80.00	\$81.20	Subject to availability

Green Fees

	Current	Current	Current fee	2019/20	2019/20	2019/20
Player Type	9 Holes Social	18 Holes social	Competition Starters Fee	9 Holes Social	18 Holes Social	Competition
Member of HBGC	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$13.50	\$5.10	\$10.15	\$13.70
Junior Member of HBGC	nil	nil	\$13.50	Nil	Nil	\$13.70
Non-Reciprocal Visitor	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$25.35	\$40.60	\$45.65
Member's Visiting Guest	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$20.30	\$30.45	\$35.50
Fulltime Students under 21 years	\$13.00	\$20.00	N/A	\$13.20	\$20.30	N/A
Social Groups over 10 players	\$20.00	\$30.00	N/A	\$20.30	\$30.45	N/A
Members of HBGC playing in Vets Competition	N/A	N/A	\$13.50	N/A	N/A	\$13.70
Visiting Veterans (non-zone) Vets Competitions (Zone)	N/A	N/A	\$25.00 \$13.50	N/A	N/A	\$25.35 \$13.70
Friday Members (9 holes)	\$11.00	N/A	\$11.00	\$11.15	N/A	\$11.15

CAPTAINS REPORT

As I formulate this piece, the weather is perfect for golf. Sunny days following on from steady tolerable rain, little wind and the course looking great! With the Men's Championships underway and the Ladies from the 22nd May an important month or two for keen golfers of both sexes. I must thank Wide Bay Mazda for continuing to sponsor both events too. They will have cars on display on the course as much as they can during both competitions too.

All the usual reminders that unfortunately must be spoken of including raking bunkers, fixing divots and plug marks are all still, or should be 'top of mind'.

I have another unpleasant concern brought to my attention by various people though, concerning some of our male members choosing to use the cover of the botanical areas of the course to action the practice of reducing the content of their bladder! Of particular note is that some offenders (usually the same people) are choosing to perform this act between the first tee block and the ninth green! Not only is this practice intolerable, rude and offensive, it displays a distinct lack of respect for other club members. With the toilets only less than 100 metres away and others on the course, these grubs are advised to desist from this "habit" immediately. This is an occasion where I would like to name the culprits viewed, however it probably isn't necessary. If word has gotten to me, I'm sure a good deal of the members are already aware of who they are!

I would remind members that the new Hervey Bay Golf Club website is up and running. It replaces the old green homepage site and should present no problems to users as the same connection process will still bring up this page. If you haven't seen it yet, have a look at the Drone flyovers of each hole and a lot of the new content, bearing in mind that we spent more time in providing more detailed content of interest to the general public, including our newsletters. Follow the usual steps to get to the MPower site for the members portal. Course changes, weather closures and restrictions and other information is going to be available a lot quicker on the site too.

We are finalising the new Programme of Events from July to January at the moment. This will be released in June.

Until next time, *"remember it's only a game, enjoy it and let everybody else do the same!"*

Gary Oborn. Club Captain.

GREENS AND FORWARD PLANNING REPORT

Dear Members, please find the April update from the Greens and Forward Planning Committee.

As previously informed in the March update , both committees have continued with developing course improvement initiatives. This includes a list of projects to be rolled out over the coming months. The top three are listed accordingly;

1. Widening of the 16th and 4th greens
2. Upgrade of bunker drainage at the 4th and 8th holes
3. Continuous replacement of sprinkler heads and isolation valves in the irrigation system.

The greens widening has now started with the 16th being completed in the past 2 weeks. Members are to ensure the GUR rules are applied as the widening works settle and take hold. The committee would like to thank the members for their understanding during the club championships of the temporary rule. By all reports, the 16th green is performing well and will only get better. Work on the 4th green will be programmed after the club championships.

The bunker drainage will commence as the month of May progresses. Members are expected to not be impacted as these works progress however, there may, at times be bunkers out of play during the upgrade period. Upgrades are proposed to commence after the club championship. Works will include the removal of the sand, shaping of the bunker profile, installation of special drainage units and outlet lines. The project will be undertaken by the greens staff to keep costs down. This method of rectification is working successfully on other bunkers on the course and is proving to be effective.

I am still waiting for feedback from the members on the performance of the mechanical bunker rake and trenching attachment to the Ventrac multipurpose machine. It is my understanding that the rake is allowing the bunker profile to be deeper and more consistent. I assume if I get no complaints, then the new equipment is doing a great job.

The irrigation valves replacements are progressively being delivered under the direction of the Greens Superintendent. Members may notice this occurring on the course and should be wary of the work areas when playing.

Other projects outside of the continuous course maintenance program that are sitting for budget approval include;

Installation of the drainage system for the 4th hole
Progressive installation of cart paths throughout the course
Additional irrigation pump for the reuse water supply
Reserve irrigation pump for the water distribution system



The drainage of the 4th hole is being developed and construction plans are underway. Once the plans are drafted, the committee will be able to obtain firm quotes and arrange funding in the forward budget. This project is one that will improve the course resilience and limit the closure of the 4th hole when we get excessive rain. With the implementation of a drainage system similar to that placed on the 11th and 14th holes, the fairway will dry out quicker and allow motorised carts back on the course after heavy rain events. In the long run this means we get to play more golf and accordingly loss of our revenue due to course closure stream will be reduced.

Again, I still remind members to look after our most valuable asset by being vigilant with course care, divot filling, pitch mark repairing, and bunker raking. This is particularly so during the club championships, but also throughout the year.

Members, if you wish to offer a suggestion please put it in writing and drop it in at the office or use the suggestion box provided. Alternatively, you can email the club through the secretary or reception addresses. The committee is more than happy to receive your comments and review them constructively for consideration.

As always, I look forward to receiving your written suggestions put forward on how we can further improve the course and keep our club progressing.

Some photos of the work on the 16th Green and repairs to the irrigation system.

Happy Golfing

John McLennan & Bob Goodwin
Greens Chairman & Forward Planning Committee Chairman

LADIES

Isn't it nice now that the weather has cooled off. Add a sprinkle of rain and all of a sudden our scores are suffering. Much of April saw the Ladies competitions handicapped with a DSR of 74, a sure sign the course is playing tough.

The Wide Bay Mazda April Monthly Medals have been run and won.

Div 1. Judy Calvert played to her handicap with a very nice nett 72

Div 2. Jenny Hilder returned a handy 73

But the score of the day came in Div 3 and was produced by Marilyn Laherty. Marilyn signed for a nett 67 Nice work.

The Ladies Club Championship begins on Wednesday May 22, still some time left to polish up the short game, straighten out that wayward driver.....or buy a new putter. On a more serious note, the time sheet is now open, so get your name on the sheet in your preferred time slot. I expect the time sheet to fill fast.

Our Ladies weekday pennant team is doing well. All square against Maryborough at Isis and 3/2 winners over Bargara at Maryborough. The ladies still have two rounds to play and are still in the race for the Pennant, good luck ladies.

Our ladies numbers continue to increase and with the cooler weather now with us we anticipate the numbers improving further. There is a good vibe amongst the ladies and we are all enjoying our golf for those who still haven't had a hit this year....dust off the golf clubs and come out and enjoy a golf course in great condition with a group of women enjoying themselves.

May is a busy month with lots on keep ken eye on the new website and Facebook page. To close, good luck to all the men playing in their Championships

Kath Griffith

