

Here is the Club's June 2019 newsletter.

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Members

Another successful golfing month has passed.

The weather, though cool, has been kind with consistent rain at the right times making the course excellent, but no run.

All grades have returned moderately good scores reflecting the lack of run. Serious care in putting, because of the winter (lack of) growth has been paramount.

The golf has been very enjoyable. It is very noticeable the great camaraderie amongst playing groups on the course and in the club house .

Sadly during the month Doc Burrows passed. Doc an esteemed member of the business group served on the match committee and was a close friend. From the Golf Club I extend our profound condolences.

The Club has purchased a Bernhard Grinder for delivery this month. This machine sharpens mower blades. At the present time we send our blades to the Gold Coast every couple of months for sharpening, obviously at a cost and with considerable mower down time.

The mixed foursomes has been played and won by John and Gail Sheehan - congratulations!!

The first round of the Canadian foursomes has been played and now the elimination rounds are left.

Both were well supported.

In general our daily fields are excellent .

I know you are all aware that fees are now due. At this point in time approximately over 90% of our members have renewed. All fees have increased as per our Constitution, that is CPI (1.5%) from 1st of July.

Cliff Searle

President

CAPTAINS REPORT

As we get into winter be prepared for some changes to the way we do things on the golf course. Although winter doesn't affect us as much as the southern states, it does so

marginally. The winds are colder along with the overall cooler temperatures and of course rain, and the morning dew takes longer to disappear and generally on those days where these conditions are prevalent, there is less run on the course. So be prepared with warmer clothing and wet weather protection, spare gloves, choose your clubs wisely and get on with it for the few months that we have these conditions.

As you would know, I introduced “READY GOLF” a couple of years ago as soon as I knew that it had been officially recognised by the R&A. They have now released some further information on its success internationally by using a “poster” from their original release. It’s worth including their recent publication.

“Ready golf” is not appropriate in match play due to the strategy involved between opponents and the need to have a set method for determining which player plays first. However, in stroke play formats it is only the act of agreeing to play out of turn to give one of the players an advantage that is prohibited. On this basis, it is permissible for administrators to encourage “ready golf” in stroke play, and there is strong evidence to suggest that playing “ready golf” does improve the pace of play. For example, in a survey of Australian golf clubs conducted by Golf Australia, 94% of clubs that had promoted “ready golf” to their members enjoyed some degree of success in improving pace of play, with 25% stating that they had achieved 'satisfying success'.

When “ready golf” is being encouraged, players have to act sensibly to ensure that playing out of turn does not endanger other players.

“Ready golf” should not be confused with being ready to play, which is covered in the Player Behaviour section of this Manual.

The term “ready golf” has been adopted by many as a catch-all phrase for a number of actions that separately and collectively can improve pace of play. There is no official definition of the term, but examples of “ready golf” in action are:

- Hitting a shot when safe to do so if a player farther away faces a challenging shot and is taking time to assess their options
- Shorter hitters playing first from the tee or fairway if longer hitters have to wait
- Hitting a tee shot if the person with the honour is delayed in being ready to play
- Hitting a shot before helping someone to look for a lost ball
- Putting out even if it means standing close to someone else’s line
- Hitting a shot if a person who has just played from a greenside bunker is still farthest from the hole but is delayed due to raking the bunker
- When a player’s ball has gone over the back of a green, any player closer to the hole but chipping from the front of the green should play while the other player is having to walk to their ball and assess their shot

- Marking scores upon immediate arrival at the next tee, except that the first player to tee off marks their card immediately after teeing off



Ready Golf

Tewkesbury Park Golf Club has adopted
“Ready Golf” philosophy

If you are ready to play and it's safe
then play !

No “Honour” [except in Match Play] - the first player ready plays
Players should play their own ball before helping to look for a lost ball.
When not playing your shot you should be preparing to play your shot.

May I add that on average by adopting READY GOLF you have brought the average time spent during a round to approximately 4 hours. Very acceptable! As long as we all are mindful of this way of playing the game, the already reduced time will get even better.

Now an apology. The recent Wide Bay Open played over two days, the 15th & 16th June was not a resounding success! This event rotates over the four major clubs in the “Golf, Wide Bay” Association; Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Bargara & Bundaberg, so it happens here every four years. From information given to me, I was to expect a lot of player support from other clubs so I had to be mindful of ensuring we had room for these visiting players in the field. Hence the “Nomination” sheet process. The closing date for the event was set at Wednesday prior to the event (not by me). That would then allow us to gauge our numbers and open up the time sheet as per usual. Obviously, the

numbers were nowhere near expectations, in fact nearly a hundred players short of our usual Saturday field!

I was informed that the entry fee of \$25 per day (\$50 for the two days) was the usual fee charged for the event. I added the Burger lunch and Pin shots to at least give more value in the fee. We also chose the Trophies to be of a higher value than suggested to enhance the experience in keeping with the nature of this Association Championship status.

Naturally, the event did not turn out as hoped for the reasons outlined above and without doubt, I would have handled things differently knowing what I do now! I apologise to our members if, for whatever reason you elected not to play over the weekend or were unhappy with the way it was handled. Incidentally, some Golf Wide Bay officials present commented afterwards that it was getting harder to attract players from other clubs as there is a trend for them not to travel as much as they did a few years ago. A lesson learnt for whoever organises the event in 2023!

A full list of trophy winners is published on the website, if you are a winner and have not picked up your prize, contact the sponsor of the event, The Pro-Shop.

Moving on, and a sad note to inform you of the passing of a long standing and well-liked member of our club. Paul “Doc” Burrows passed away on Saturday 15th June after a couple of years battling cancer. Whilst a member, Doc was an active organising member of the Thursday Business Group, a financial contributor to our Juniors and more recently spent nearly three years on my Match Committee. Sadly missed by his family and friends.

A member disqualified for driving his golf cart on a fairway on a day where he was not allowed to because of the wet conditions, and a warning for the same person for driving in an area where no carts are allowed and duly signposted! Members, you may think that “it’s only this once, it won’t hurt much”. But others see it happen and follow suit, then we have more doing it and so on.....we must respect our course and club.

Another OOB area marked on the left-hand side of the cart path leading to the 9th green. There is a lot of gravel in that vicinity so close to the road leading to the “Trailer” car parking area.

More results: the Matchplay final was played on Saturday 22/6 with Lachlan Wood triumphing over Adam Hall in a nail-biter that was finally clinched on the 18th hole. The match was dormy with four holes to go! Well done Locky! Thanks to Sponsor Darren Page and Solahart once again for his contribution. More than likely a new format to be considered for 2020?

Also, the Club Foursomes Championship sponsored by Daly Classic Homes, was played on Sunday as well. Thanks to Peter Daly once again. Champions were Tam Leciej & Brett Ritchie with runners up Masifili Lyons. Nett winners Gail & John Sheehan, runners up Wendy & Allan Taylor. Congratulations to our winners and thanks to everybody that supported the event on a rather chilly but fun day!

The Ian Glaister Flooring Mixed Canadian Foursomes knockout opening (Qualifying) round kicks off on this Sunday 30th June as well. The top 16 pairs qualify. Interestingly quite a few pairs from last Sunday's Mixed Foursomes Champs have also nominated for this event too! Ian & Helen sponsor the Men's Foursomes as well later in the year, thanks guys!

July also brings us the Legend's Pro-Am. The organising committee of Gerry Taylor, Shaun Edward, Chris Mizzi and Jenny Davies have put together a fantastic weekend of entertainment and activities that I am sure members will find several reasons to visit the club to enjoy and / or take part in the festivities. The time sheet is open for bookings to play. More from Jenny follows. Wow!

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

Gary Oborn. Club Captain.

2019 FRASER COAST LEGENDS PRO AM



Plans for the 2019 Fraser Coast Legends Pro Am are well under way with some new additions to our program. We are very pleased to welcome 4 new sponsors to our list this year – Thursday Business Group, Wayne Miles (Wayne Miles Electrical), Fraser Cook (1st Class Dentures) and Michael & Lisa Imhoff (The Sunseeker Motel).

You will have noted from signs around that we are running a Calcutta on the 2 day event this year (for the Professionals scores). The PGA will be grouping the Pros into 16 groups and handicapping accordingly. Tickets are on sale now for the initial draw after golf on Thursday 18th July. On Friday 19th July at 6pm the auction for players will take place. We suggest you form a syndicate with your usual playing group and play for tickets in the coming weeks. Imagine owning Peter Senior, Brad Burns and Gerard Francis Taylor for the weekend!! If you are not sure of the Calcutta format ask at the ProShop.

Our format for the weekend is just about finalised. Iona is organising a Facebook page if you want to keep up to date.

New features this year;

- 2 Female Professionals playing Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Jumping Castle for the kids Friday arvo and Saturday.
- Calcutta Auction Friday night and Hot Dog Stand

- Music throughout the day Friday, Friday night and Saturday.
- Spit Roast Dinner Saturday night

Activities around the Clubhouse and 18th Green;

- Friday – 4 or 5 Golf Reps with goods for sale and on show
- Wine tasting Saturday afternoon
- Canadian Dry Tent
- Tables and Chairs around 18th with antipasto platters to tempt with a glass of wine.

Our usual features;

- 9 hole shoot out for sponsors Friday morning
- Outstanding Seafood Buffet lunch
- Guest speaker Steve Bradbury (of ice skating, movie fame and now Survivor fame)
- Chipping competition Friday afternoon
- Junior Clinic conducted by PGA Friday afternoon
- 7am and 12 noon shotgun starts Saturday and Sunday
- Hole in One for Amateurs on Saturday on the 7th Hole – prize – A new car!!

Thanks once again Bakehouse13.

Entries for the amateur event have now opened. The afternoon was filled up very quickly, but there are still places for morning play both days. Cost is \$65 for 2 days vying for \$4500 value in prizes. Why not play in the morning and enjoy a quiet drink in the arvo by the 18th green watching the action!!

There will be limited seats available for the Friday Seafood buffet lunch at \$100 each. Guest speaker Steve Bradbury is reportedly an excellent entertainer and now he has just had a movie announced about his famous win at the Olympics and has just completed filming on the TV show Survivor – Top Secret!

If you need more information please see Jenny Davies, Gerry Taylor, Shaun Edward or Chris Mizzi

GREENS AND FORWARD PLANNING REPORT

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

Much planning work has been undertaken in preparation of the drainage for the 4th hole. Members may notice the pegs and line marking on the ground. The survey marks have been put in place to confirm the proposed infrastructure location and ensure the design can work. Works will commence when we have the costs finalised and have fully resolved the discharge outlet location.

As previously noted last month the works will comprise of the following;

1. Installation of an underground pipe system with grated surface inlet pits to drain surface and subsurface stormwater to a discharge point downstream of the course. Approx 350 metres of pipe along the left-hand side of the fairway;
2. Installation of approximately 700 metres of lateral subsurface drainage (agricultural lines) to drain saturated soil to the underground pipe system;
3. Installation of “end of line” flushing points to the subsurface drainage for future maintenance access;
4. Construction of an overland collection swale along the left-hand side of the fairway over the pipes system and then crossing the front of the 4th green to join the existing overland flow channel;
5. Lowering of the pipe culvert crossing at the right-hand side of the 4th green;
6. Reshaping and cleaning out of the open drain from the right hand side of the 4th green to the Hythe Street road reserve at the northern boundary of the golf course property.

The bunker drainage on the 8th is progressing. Once again 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. The greens staff will be carrying out the project to keep costs down. This method of rectification is working successfully on other bunkers on the course and is proving to be effective.

The irrigation valves replacements are well on track now with under the direction of the Greens Superintendent with nearly 2 zones of the 3 zones complete. Members may notice this occurring on the course and should be wary of the work areas when playing.

Expansion of the turf nursery at the 14th tee and progressive cutting down of the rough around the 6th, 10th and 17th greens is continuing over the coming months.

Expansion of the Ladies tee block on the 2nd hole is now in place and will settle over the coming months. It is envisaged that the tee block expansion will offer more approach options for the hole and allow a wider variety of pin placements.

Other projects progressing to budget consideration include;

- Progressive installation of cart paths throughout the course;
- Additional irrigation pump for the reuse water supply;
- Reserve irrigation pump for the water distribution system;
- Expansion of the 4th green;
- Installation of steps to some tees for improved access.

Not much more to report this month as the course is continuing be worked on daily by the Green Staff to address weeds, root invasion and general garden maintenance.

Congratulations to Lachlan Wood for his win in the Matchplay final. Gary Oborn and I had the pleasure of playing a competition round with Adam Hall and Lachlan on the day. Both players were off the same handicap so no one had a shot advantage. Lachlan got to a four hole lead with four to play. However, Adam pegged it back to be one down with one to play. It was thriller in the end with many clutch putts coming out as the day progressed. The result was not decided until the last putt on the 18th hole.

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.

Happy Golfing

John McLennan & Bob Goodwin

Greens Chairman & Forward Planning Committee Chairman

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COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Members,

We have had a total of 57mm of rain for the month of June, which has made the course damp in areas as we don't have the heat from sun to dry it out. Can I please ask to follow cart signs and daily restrictions when in place as this will help keep damage from carts to a minimum.

We recently completed the bunker drainage on 8, we also reshaped one of the bunkers to give you better playing condition and for maintenance for us. It will take a little bit to firm up due to the new sand in them so please be patient.

We have 2 new fountains being installed at our irrigation dam to help keep algae at bay and improve the water quality.

Shortly I will be marking out the pin positions for the Legends Pro Am so you may get a few pins in different spots, this is so we can keep the area around the Pro Am pins neat.

The small social tee on 2 has been lengthened and has been turfed with a new type of couch TifTuf, which is meant to have fast recovery and be more shade tolerant. This tee when opened will be used for when you have a back pin. It opens up the green and should take those bunkers more out of play.

That's it for me enjoy your course.

Peter Fraser

Course Superintendent

LADIES

June was certainly a busy month, we had the final round of our Mazda Ladies Club Championship, Mixed Foursomes (sponsor Daly Classic Homes) and the Ian Glaister Flooring sponsored Canadian Mixed Foursomes Qualifier.

The Mazda Ladies Club Championships were blessed with terrific weather, calm sunny days, a firm fast beautifully presented golf course, what more could we ask for? The conditions suited some more than others, but I am sure our Ladies enjoyed being out there even if some scores were not what was hoped for.

Division 1. The gross prize was decided with a quality shootout with Kath Griffith holding a 3 shot lead into the final round over young gun Lydia Shackell. Kath turned into her best round since joining Hervey Bay and managed to hold out Lydia. The Division 1 Nett contest was extremely tight and the final round had more than its fair share of twists and turns. Wendy Taylor shot out to a handy lead, but slowly Sue King ran her down. The result was decided by a count back with Wendy being the winner. Well played to both ladies.

Division 2. Kath Underwood held a handy 2 stroke lead going into the final round, however Tina Sara shot a terrific final round to come away with the win. Regina Grzyb returned a very tidy card to be awarded the gross runner up prize. Kath Underwood secured the Nett prize with Jan Stephenson not too far behind.

Division 3 Marilyn Foale was a wire to wire runaway winner. Cherrie Staunton did her best to run her down in the final round but the lead was too great. Janet McLaughlin turned in 4 solid rounds to be awarded the gross runner up. Cherrie Staunton took out the best Nett score with her terrific final round. Lynette Gillespie was a popular nett runner up.

Final scores are below (note: one prize per player, some minor positional changes in minor placings)

Division 1 Gross Winner Kath Griffith 313

Gross Runner Up Lydia Shackell 326

Nett Winner Wendy Taylor 299

Nett Runner Up Sue King 299

Division 2 Gross Winner Tina Sara 398

Gross Runner Up Regina Grzyb 403

Nett Winner Kath Underwood 299

Nett Runner Up Jan Stephenson 304

Division 3 Gross Winner Marilyn Foale 423

Gross Runner Up Janet Mclaughlin 446

Nett Winner Cherrie Staunton 301

Nett Runner Up Lynette Gillespie 307

Special prize Best Nett XXXX Maryrose Ridesdale 301

Our thanks again go to Wide Bay Mazda (Wide Bay Motor Group). The support we receive is outstanding and we appreciate it very much.

To Peter Fraser and his crew, the golf course was presented in terrific condition on all four days. Thank you for your hard work.

Despite me being away for the most of June and the first half of July I have kept a keen eye on what is happening around the club, sadly I missed out on participating in the events below

Daly Classic Homes Mixed Foursomes

The Mixed Foursomes was sponsored by Daly Classic Homes, thank you for your support.

Mixed Foursomes must be the most difficult format golf can throw at us golfers, yet 25 brave pairs took on the golf course. I can't comment on weather and course conditions but I can tell you that not many strokes separated the top half dozen or so pairs. 27 holes of mix foursomes can be a real test and I trust all 25 pairs are still on speaking terms.

This year winning Mixed Foursome Gross prize was Tam Leciej and Brett Ritchie with a very tidy 43, 43, 39, 125 with Masifili Lyons and Michael Hogan only 3 shots further back 44, 40, 44, 128. The nett prize was taken out by Gail and John Sheehan with a 27 hole nett score of 108, Runners Up were Wendy and Allan Taylor only 3 shots back on 111 (on a count back from Heather Ramsay and Geoff Bramley).

Ian Glaister Flooring Mixed Canadian Foursomes Qualifying

This year the Mixed Knockout competition is Mixed Canadian Foursomes. The event is sponsored by Ian and Helen Glaister and I would like to express our appreciation of their generosity.

23 pairs took part with 16 to qualify for the knockout phase. Seeding is allocated according to the finishing position of each pair. Top seeds this year Cheryl and John Cox (nett 70)

The seeding brackets have been published on the Hervey Bay Golf Club Inc Facebook page, Members Portal and also a printed copy wish on the member's notice board. Matches need to be completed by certain dates so please familiarise yourselves with the draw and completion dates. Good luck and enjoy the competition.

Ladies Round Robin Matchplay

We still have plenty of time to get through all of the remaining matches, but please don't wait until the last minute.

Enjoy your golf and I will see you all mid July

Kath Griffith

VETERANS REPORT

At our recent meeting there was much discussion about what constitutes “a garden bed” and whether a free drop is available. This also led onto a discussion about GUR areas. I informed the meeting that there are no designated garden beds on our course and no free drop unless the area has a GUR sign. All GUR areas are discretionary unless signed compulsory. I have confirmed with captain Gary that this is correct.

The other controversial topic involved movable/immovable obstructions. There are no movable obstructions on our course. All obstructions (wooden stakes with or without ropes, cart direction signs, distance markers and white hoops) are immovable obstructions and only when they interfere with stance or swing can a free drop be taken.

We are once again applying for a Saturday date in September for a sausage sizzle at Bunnings.

It is also our intention to donate a seat at the 16th teeing area adjacent to the Blue Tee. Actual location to be discussed with ground staff.

A friendly reminder, that during wet weather, when instructed to keep carts clear of certain fairways it is important to comply. These rules are not brought in very often but when they are it is done for the protection of the course. There have been some members reported for not obeying and will be referred to the committee for action.

Hugh McLaughlin

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