

August 2019 Newsletter

Presidents Report

Members

Another month of golf has flown by. Our course is in great condition the greens putting true. The roller and the sharp mower blades are showing great results. The areas where the wire grass has been removed has taken well with other areas to be done soon.

I'm very happy with the new fairway mower. Looking down the cut fairways is a pleasure "looks like a golf course".

The Pro shop has exercised its option for providing its services to the club for the next five years. This proposal has been approved by the Committee at the last meeting. The contractual arrangements have changed and are with Gerry and Chris Taylor. Steven has withdrawn from the contract. The club has had excellent service from and a great relationship with our Pros and this we expect will be ongoing. There is one change to the contractual arrangement that affects members. You are now unable to redeem your club winnings at House of Golf. They can be redeemed only at the Clubhouse and the Pro shop.

The mixed foursomes play offs are happening with some keen competition and closely fought games. My wife Gayle and I made it through the first round but the second round met "The Sheehan's". Sadly we were defeated in a great match by John knocking in a lucky putt on the 18th.

It is great to see the friendship and camaraderie on the course amongst the various groups. It's amazing how important a 5\$ ticket can be.

Once again the members below will give you more news on the course.

Cliff
President

Searle

Captains Report

Yep, we do need some healthy rain! The unwatered areas of the course are showing signs of dryness that detracts from the overall aesthetics of the property. As for the “Playing areas, they are holding up reasonably well, but a good dose of rainwater will make all the difference, particularly for the recently installed new turf.

Lot’s of comments about the faster pace of the greens, mostly complimentary! Get used to it, with the new Roller the greens are virtually cut one day & rolled the next. This quicker pace is intended to remain from here on in. Scores and handicaps are expected to go out a little with a few more three putts until we get used to them and the pace of play will balloon a little too. All the more reason to brush up on your Ready Golf Skills!

New Members; a couple of things please. Firstly, I have personally witnessed a couple of Newbies parking their motorised golf carts far too close to greens and greenside bunkers. Generally, a distance of at least 15 metres should be accepted as a minimum distance between your cart and those locations, and observe & follow the cart direction signs wherever they are. Secondly, I have spoken to most of our new members with some more to come that have recently joined to welcome them to the HBGC and reminded them of the New Member Welcome night planned for 6pm Sunday 8th September at The Clubhouse. It is expected that most of the 25 or so new members and partners will attend.

Speaking of Golf Carts, I still notice a lot of members still not staying on those dedicated cart paths. Pulling up with one wheel or more (even all 4) off the path. The main focus of cart paths near greens and Tee blocks is to preserve the grass near those areas. Please take more care.

One of the Local Rules has caused some “confusion” with some members that needs attention. The old rule of getting free relief from bare patches on fairways has been applied to areas other than the fairway. This of course is not the intention of the rule. The relief is for fairways only. The wording on the Rule will be changed to reflect this ASAP.

Our new scorecards have arrived! After a few years of helping to sponsor the printing of our cards, Darren Page of Solahart & Narellan Pools fame suggested he would have a break from this area and I thank him for his continued support in several other facets of our club. I now welcome “The Clubhouse” as the replacement. Their printed advertisement occupies this space now. Thanks to Iona for organising this as well. As with all of our sponsors, please support them wherever possible.

The cards will be put to use in a few weeks' time together with much awaited introduction of the new Men's Stroke indexing of the course. Two new stroke indexes, for Black & Blue will be used. Many thanks to Ladies Captain Kath Griffiths for accessing, and providing, the information enabling this to happen with downloading data from MPower utilising information from over 37,000 scorecards and organised using Golf Australia guidelines. Matchplay indexing will remain the same as it is not based on hole difficulty so we use the standard Golf Australia Matchplay index for that. Please find below the new indexes, but remember they will not come into play until the new cards are released, in a few weeks time.

MENS COURSE INDEX from 7th September 2019

BLACK (Championship) Markers.

BLUE Markers

New Stroke	Was	Match	HOLE	Par	New Stroke	Was
10 / 29	10 / 28	18	<u>1</u>	4	10 / 29	10 / 28
17 / 36	16 / 34	8	<u>2</u>	3	16 / 35	16 / 34
12 / 31	8 / 26	12	<u>3</u>	4	11 / 30	8 / 26
14 / 27	14 / 30	3	<u>4</u>	5	13 / 28	14 / 30
2 / 19	1 / 19	14	<u>5</u>	4	1 / 21	1 / 19
8 / 24	6 / 26	6	<u>6</u>	4	9 / 25	6 / 34
16 / 34	17 / 35	10	<u>7</u>	3	17 / 34	17 / 35
11 / 30	12 / 31	1	<u>8</u>	4	12 / 31	12 / 31
1 / 23	4 / 23	16	<u>9</u>	4	3 / 22	4 / 23
15 / 32	15 / 33	5	<u>10</u>	4	14 / 32	15 / 33
5 / 19	3 / 21	11	<u>11</u>	4	8 / 20	3 / 21
18 / 35	18 / 34	2	<u>12</u>	3	18 / 36	18 / 36
7 / 20	9 / 27	15	<u>13</u>	5	7 / 23	9 / 27
9 / 26	5 / 22	7	<u>14</u>	4	6 / 24	5 / 22
3 / 22	2 / 20	13	<u>15</u>	4	2 / 19	2 / 20
13 / 25	13 / 29	4	<u>16</u>	4	15 / 27	13 / 29
4 / 33	11 / 32	17	<u>17</u>	3	4 / 33	11 / 32
6 / 28	7 / 25	9	<u>18</u>	4	5 / 26	7 / 25

The September Match Committee Meeting will discuss, amongst other business, the conduct of golfers playing in corporate style golf days, and to also examine more closely the OOB and GUR restrictions in the vicinity of the Greenkeepers Sheds, 1st tee and 18th and 9th greens. Naturally members will be advised of any new changes to the current rules for those areas.

Another item for discussion will be to plan a Presentation event for 2019 for late November, early December.

Planning is underway for the next major event on our timetable as well, the Kerry Campbell Homes one day Hervey Bay Open combined together with the two-day Hervey Bay Mid- Amateur event sponsored by The Clubhouse planned for the 12th & 13th of October. Despite some hiccups with the inaugural event last year in this format due to the weather postponement, it proved a success with much interest shown by golfers well out of our region. You may remember that the grouping of players is not by the traditional handicap restrictions, but by age groups, regardless of handicap.

Vice-Captain Keith Disher has outlined some details of the two ongoing competitions that members are playing currently. Please refer Competition News below.

Keith also heads up a new sub committee to the Match Committee that is responsible for Sponsorship. After only one meeting, it was clearly evident this area of our club needs revamping to better conform to both our needs and those of our sponsors and potential sponsors. We would like to thank our existing sponsors for their continued support and we will catch up with you all as we get further into the task.

Don't forget to diarise the AGM 29th September 9am.

Finally, the usual reminders; fill your divots, fix your plug marks and rake the bunkers leaving the rakes no closer than a metre from the bunkers edge in the bunker! Your whole group is responsible!

As always, remember it's only a game, enjoy it and let everybody else do the same!

Competition News

Ian Glaister Flooring Mixed Canadian Foursomes Championship

Cheryl and John Cox were the leading qualifiers in this event but have since been knocked out. Now it is getting down to the pointy end of the competition with only four teams remaining. Doerte Hecker and Elgar Harrison meet Rachel and Robert Burke in the first semi-final and Michael Hogan and Jenny Davies meet Clifford and Gayle Searle in the second semi-final. Best of luck to those remaining in the competition and sincere thanks to all those who have participated in the event.

Our special thanks go to Ian Glaister Flooring for sponsoring the event. And if you are looking to have some flooring done around your home please give Ian the opportunity to quote on your work.

Fourball Knockout

The qualifying round of the Fourball Knockout was played on 10th August with the top 32 pairs who elected to play in the knockout rounds of the competition qualifying for the event. Scoring was exceptionally good with leading qualifiers Robert Ryder and Doug Sutton finishing 12 up. Ray Prentice and Jeff Clayton came in a close second on 11 up. Best wishes go to all qualifiers for the knockout rounds of the competition.

Competition rules and the draw are posted on the noticeboard outside the pro shop and also on the website. Round 1 matches are scheduled on the timesheet this coming Saturday 31st August. Where players have difficulty with their allocated hit-off time the rules allow for players to swap their hit-off time by arrangement with other groups. Matches must remain within the allocated time slots and swaps must be arranged in conjunction with the pro shop.

Dates for subsequent rounds of the competition have been altered due to issues related to the timing of the qualifying round in relation to the posting of the timesheet for playing Round 1. Similar issues have arisen with subsequent rounds of the competition and these will be addressed by posting the hit-off times of subsequent matches prior to the prior matches being determined. As an example, Round 2 matches will hit off the first tee at 7 minute intervals commencing at 10:40 am on Saturday 14th September. Please check the notice board and/or the website for the hit-off time of your match if you remain in the competition past Round 1.

As this is a new event for the club there are unfortunately a few teething problems which we are sorting out as they arise. Also, there is no sponsor for the event this year and we will be looking for a sponsor for next year's competition. So if you are looking to support your club by sponsoring an event, or you know someone that may be considering becoming a sponsor of an event at the club, please do not hesitate to contact me or the vice captain.

Gary Oborn. Club Captain. HBGC.

Greens and Forward Planning Report

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

As I write to you, I am enjoying the benefits of being a father and a golfer. Yep its Father's Day, Spring has arrived, and I have trained my family well receiving presents with a golfing theme. For those golfing fathers, Happy Father's Day and I hope your presents provide you with improved golfing.

Winter did what winter always does to our course, dry periods, slow turf growth and shorter golfing days. However, winter also provided the greens staff and committee opportunity to implement more course improvements and build on the work we commenced this time last year.

When I work my way around the course each weekend, I observe the treatments that are in place and ponder how they are standing up. The Greens and Forward Planning Committees collectively deliberate over course improvements with measured and balanced decisions to ensure the projects implement are for the long-term benefit, in budget and provide better playing experiences for all our members. We gauge how they are working by the feedback we receive from members and guests alike and take all comments and recommendations seriously. So far feedback over the past month has been positive and supportive, which is great relief that the maintenance regime, equipment purchases, and course improvements are meeting our members expectations.

Over the month the Green staff unveiled the turf replacement along the 4th and 15th fairways. These works have started to take hold and are a great improvement to the wire grass and patchy surface from the past. If successful, the program of root cutting, surface stripping and returfing will continue. These types of projects can progress due to the increase in the turf nursery which will be doubled in size. With a good crop developing over the summer period we will be in position to look at other fairways to renew.

The irrigation ball valve replacement program is trundling along nicely, with the expectation that the last zone will commence before the end of the year. This has been a terrific initiative that has created greater and more reliable water security for the club. Two years ago, we were in a real pickle and had valves failing all over the course reducing water pressure and irrigation coverage. Given the extended dry period we have experienced over the past number of months, the ball valve replacement program has been a welcome outcome.

Other initiatives that are progressing include

- Fairway coring
- Tree root cutting
- Tree pruning
- New tee box on the 2nd hole
- Bunker drainage on the 8th hole
- Installation of steps to some tees for improved access

Peter, our Course Superintendent, will begin fairway and greens renovations shortly, but the timing must be precise to ensure the work does not impact on the Ladies Open and the Mid-Amateur events coming up. Members your patience during the renovations is appreciated. It is an essential part of the course maintenance program to do these works coming into the growing period to make sure the playing surfaces are robust and healthy for the busier time of the year.

A comprehensive update of the projects undertaken during the year will be reported at the AGM which is coming up. On that note I wish to thank John Castelli for his contribution to the Greens Committee over the past 5 years. John has decided not to run for election to the Management Committee this time and looks forward to a well-earned break. Thank you, John, for your terrific support and knowledge assisting the committee deliver great results for the club and course.

Members, as always 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.

Happy Golfing

John McLennan & Bob Goodwin

Greens Chairman & Forward Planning Committee Chairman

Vets President's Report

Our visit to Gympie was disappointing, in that, we didn't win. There was much to talk about with reference to their prizes on the day. Not that we collected any! Vice Captain Shep will have some input about that.

On a sad note we lost Tim Howson after a valiant fight against cancer. Our thoughts are with Jen and the family at this sad time.

There are some vets championship results in the club newsletter. The full list of winners (in grades) is available in the Vets newsletter on the club website.

It seems like a while ago now that we had our Bunnings fundraiser. After a shaky start we finally got going. We have now put together a template outlining goods to be bought and quantities of sausages, bread, onions and drinks. This should make it easier to just tick off the boxes. This will be kept in the Vets cabinet.

The end result was disappointing (\$580). Speaking with some of the Bunnings staff, they said they had a quiet trading day, not a normal Saturday. Once again we are very grateful to our band of volunteers and our thanks go to each and every one of them

Maryborough are hosting the QVGU state carnival in October and presently have 60 confirmed entries.

Once again some inconsiderate veteran members have sullied our reputation. I was presented with a photo by the club captain (Gary Oborn) showing a bunker with many footprints which had not been raked after use. The photo was taken by our course superintendent on a Monday when the only players on the course were vets and the bunkers had all been raked and prepared for our game by the course staff. This should serve as a reminder, if one is needed, to rake bunkers after use. Even players wearing dimple soled shoes leave footprints.

Since we are now 2/3rds of the way through the year I must thank my committee for their hard work and dedication to the cause.

Continued good golfing to all

Hugh McLaughlin
Vet's President

LADIES

August has been a busy month both for our Ladies and for me as the Ladies Captain.

Monthly Medals for the August winners:

Saturday Aug 3 Carol Brown 69 nett

Weds Aug 7th Div 1 Masifili Lyons 72 nett

Div 2 Nicky De Andrade 71 nett

Div 3 Margaret Rayner 72 nett

LADIES FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

The Ladies Foursomes Championship was held on August 21. Ross and Judy Calvert were once again very generous sponsors for the Gross winners and runner/ups. Thank you from all of the ladies who took part, we do appreciate your generosity.

Ladies 27 Hole Foursomes Championship sponsored by Ross and Judy Calvert.

26 pairs took to the golf course today. Each pair full of excitement about playing the annual foursomes champs ?. Most said "sorry partner "on the first tee and then kept their sense of humour for the remainder of the day. The weather was a typical Hervey Bay Winters' day, clear sky with a gentle breeze. The golf course played firm and fast and was a challenge around the greens.

Prize Winners:

Gross Champions: Masifili Lyons & Kath Griffith

Gross Runners Up: Maryrose Ridesdale & Leanne Reynolds

Nett Champions: Colleen Manning & Mary Mullen

Nett Runners Up: Judith Easton & Leanne Griffin

18 Hole best Nett: Pauline Peppard & Sue Lippold

18 Hole Nett R/Up: Pam Salter & Desley Bartels-Heaney

Ball Rundown: Bev McIntyre & Tracey Noble,

Janet McLaughlin & Marilyn Bell,

Margaret Rayner & Lyn Gillespie.

It was pleasing to see quite a few ladies stayed for the presentations and enjoyed each other's company.

Well done to everyone who competed. Thank you to Matt and Gerry for getting the scoring system to do as it was told.

To Ross and Judy Calvert, a huge thank you for your support once again.

In 12 months and we can do it all again.

CHANGE to FIXTURE

Many of our Ladies will be absent from the club during September. Wide Bay Vets Spring Carnival begins on September 1st at Coral Cove. With this in mind a change has been made to the fixture. The scheduled 4BBB Knockout Final will now be held on Weds Sept 18th. Weds Sept 11th will be single Stableford.

PINK DAY

Planning is underway for our PINK DAY (Oct 9th). A “flyer” will be on the notice board in the next week or so. Donations for raffles will be gratefully received and can be left in the office with Sandie. Once again we can bring our own food for this event. All hot food needs to be pre-cooked and will be kept in the food warmer in the ClubHouse kitchen. Cooking of frozen foods will not be possible.

LADIES OPEN DAY

Planning is also underway for our LADIES OPEN DAY (Oct 20)

The House of Golf will once again be our major sponsor and I thank Stephen Taylor for his support. More on the Open Day in the next few weeks.....keep an eye on the notice boards.

Ladies Captain Nomination for the next 12 months:

Most of our Ladies know of my plans to compete in the Queensland Senior Order of Merit events (run by Golf QLD, 2019-2020). There are 33-34 events over the next 12 months and whilst I won't play in all of them, I will play in as many as I need to so as to maximise my points. I will be travelling frequently to the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane Metro and the Gold Coast regularly and as such will be absent from Hervey Golf Club quite often. This combined with most of the current Ladies Match Committee being unavailable next year either through retirement or travel made my decision to re-nominate a difficult one. I did not want to take on the position and not be able to fulfil the role.

With the absence of any nominations and with a commitment from a number of Ladies to join the Ladies Committee next year (should I be appointed), I have now filled in the necessary nomination form and will be a Nominee for Ladies Captain.

I apologise for any confusion, but please understand doing the best I can in the position is important to me and without the support of a strong committee I simply could not in good conscience run for another term.

Kath Griffith