

## October Newsletter 2019

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### **Special President note:**

It is with great disgust that I have to report that the steps at the 16 Hole have been vandalised.

I trust the vandals are satisfied with the handy work!! What a shame we have such low life in our community. Their energy would be better spent actually playing golf.

The steps however have been rebuilt.

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Members

Thank you for your patience with the interruptions to golf on the forth and fifth fairways.

The drainage works there are now complete. This area as we all know with just moderate rain closes our course to any play let alone carts. This work will remedy this problem and allow use much more quickly very important to you but extremely important to the cash flow of the golf club. Grassroots Landscaping have carried out this work in a most cost efficient and professional manner I am extremely pleased with the result. Members please take care in where you drive your carts with regard to the newly laid turf and observe the signage. Sadly the large tree protecting the forth green died and had to go now the bunker in more in play so do your best!

Congratulations ladies and Ladies Captain Kath for the highly successful Pink Day.

Members the ladies raised and donated \$4080.00 to the Wig Library (this local group of volunteer ladies supply and fit wigs to girls who have lost their hair due to breast cancer or other medical problems) we all support "Pink Day" and donating to cancer research but our ladies felt that the dollars would be best spent locally so they chose the Wig Library something I and the Committee endorse. Kath with Committee support will make this an annual event with the Wig Library as the focus.

Today I signed the documents for Mackenzie Jones to be an apprentice greenkeeper, he is a local young man just turned 18 very keen he has been on probation for some months and now he is part of the team.

Once again a month of competitive golf with good scores a good buzz around the clubhouse seems to me that a good time is being had and that is what we are about. A little rain would help particularly now all the digging is done and the greens reno's complete.

Please book for the Christmas breakup presentation night it will be a great evening reasonably priced and excellent food please make an effort and attend.

Cliff Searle  
President



Barry in his 4 wheel drive golf cart.  
Heard of balls getting plugged not golf carts.



## MEN'S CAPTAINS REPORT

Firstly, I want to thank Vice Captain Chris Mizzi for holding the fort during my absence for a couple of weeks and the assistance provided to him by other club officials.

1. **HBGC Christmas party Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>. The flood gates are open and The Clubhouse is now taking bookings @ \$ 40 adults and \$20 children 14 & under. The night starts at 7pm and the first drink is free. The night also is for the Presentation of major trophies and to recognise our Sponsors. Invitations should go out this week for those two groups of members. Three course spit roast! Music! Get together your golf group and book early! See the flyer herein.**
2. Work is almost completed on the 2020 Programme of Events. Match Committee Member Keith Disher heads the organisational group in putting this huge job together.
3. Golf Australia put on a Level 2 Rules Seminar recently with three of us participating at the Virginia Golf Club. Kath Griffith, Hugh McLaughlin and myself attended this gruelling two-day event. Prior to this I took the Level one Rules exam and found it worthwhile enough to recommend our members also do the same thing. It's all on-line and available on the R & A website. It will certainly provide you with a lot more knowledge about the rules of our beloved game!  
<https://www.randa.org/en/rog/2019/pages/quiz-intermediate>
4. The Kerry Campbell Homes HB Open & the HBMid Am (sponsored by The Clubhouse) events were conducted in October with Club Champion Michael Hogan & Boyd Johnson (Surfers Paradise) respectively winning the events. A few headaches getting the events to a conclusion, but we got there! The Match Committee are to discuss splitting the events.
5. Remembrance Day Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Next Monday we are allowing **Ex Service and current serving Defence Force members (and qualified visitors with GolfLink handicaps) to play free of charge** in the Stableford event from 6am. The Pro Shop will also contribute free pin shots for those people as well. Everybody else still pays. Let's show our support by encouraging these people that helped and are still helping to make our way of life the way it is. Thank You Ladies & Gentlemen!
6. The lengthy drainage job on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> holes is coming to an end finally. An apology to members for the inconvenience and having a few game results not affecting your GolfLink handicaps. We received some grizzles from members, but surely you must realise that this work needs to be done, as is the case with any major course upgrades and the result is to improve our course! It's the same for the few weeks we must have after Greens Renovations, they must happen! Get a grip!

*A good golf partner is one who's always slightly worse than you are... that's why I get so many calls to play with friends.*

7. **It would appear that some of our members seem to think it's OK to behave badly at our club.** Throwing clubs, destroying red, yellow and white markers, and a growing number of people using foul language regardless of the other people in the vicinity. I can just imagine the negative thoughts taken away by visiting golfers after witnessing some of this disgusting behaviour. Think about the things they tell others! It's up to all of us that respect the game of golf and our Hervey Bay Golf Club to stamp this out! Is your group guilty?
8. Our Wide Bay Pennants have started with Men's, Ladies & Juniors all participating. Remember that our Men won the Pennant in 2018 and hopefully on track again this year. Next month I will provide you with more information and results. Although no Pennant rounds are scheduled to be played at HB, if our guys finish in first place during the minor round, we do get to play the final here on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Let's get behind all teams. No doubt Ladies Captain Kath and the Junior organisers will cover off on their progress.
9. A bit of rain around, hope we get a share!
10. If you are serious about keeping up with what we are up to, check out the Facebook page on the website.
11. Finally, the usual reminders; Rake the bunkers, fix all divots and plug marks, use plenty of sunscreen, look out for snakes, drink plenty of water, play Ready Golf and watch that behaviour!

*Remember, "It's only a game, enjoy it and let everybody else do the same!"*

Gary Oborn.

Club Captain HBGC

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# THE HERVEY BAY GOLF CLUB

Cordially Invites You to Our

## INAUGURAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Also Trophy presentation & Sponsors Dinner**

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

**Time: 7pm**

**At “The Clubhouse”**

**Open to all club Members & Partners**

**Three course Spit Roast  
plus first Beer, Bubbly, Wine or Soft Drink included.  
Cost \$40 per head.**

**RSVP Bookings with payment to “The Clubhouse”  
prior to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.....(first 200 at this stage.)**



## LADIES CAPTAINS REPORT

October was a very busy month for our Ladies.

Firstly the October monthly Medals were contested.

Div 1	Carol Parsons	nett 67
Div 2	Shanti Dean	nett 72
Div 3	Julie Baldwin	nett 69

Well done ladies, great scoring.

On Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> we held our annual "Pink Day" fund raiser. This year we once again decided to support local women and donated all monies raised to the Hervey Bay Wig Library. The Wig Library provides a much needed service to women suffering hair loss due to illness and medical treatments. The day began with our ladies brightening the golf course with lots of pink.... pink flags, pink clothing, many golf carts decorated in pink. Pink was definitely the colour of the day ☺  
We were very lucky to have the support of Bay Brick and Block Laying, as well as the support of Masifili Lyons. This support in the way of cash sponsorship went a long way to making the day successful. On behalf of the Ladies, thank you so much to Tracey Noble. Luke Hislop and Masifili Lyons.



Hervey Bay Golf Club Ladies raised a phenomenal \$4100, a figure which far exceed our expectation. A figure that produced a very emotional thank you from the Ladies representing The Wig Library....No doubt this donation will go a long way to helping women within our district feel just a little better whilst they are going through a difficult time. Ladies and the Golf Club, you are to be congratulated.

Moving along to the annual Hervey Bay Ladies Open day. Our Open day was held on Sunday October 20 and is one of our feature events. Our very generous sponsor for this event was The House of Golf. To Stephen Taylor, thank you so much for your support once again this year.

We had 72 Ladies from 10 different clubs take part. Ladies from as far afield as Gladstone and Calliope in the north as well as Maleny and Wynnum from the south joined our local district players and of course our own Hervey Bay Ladies.

Individual and team trophies were up for grabs and each division was tightly contested. In the team events it is always difficult for visiting players to take out the 4 person team awards for best aggregate gross and nett scores. This year proved to be no exception with Hervey Bay taking out both major awards.

Gross Team winners      Kath Griffith, Lydia Shackell, Allira Shingles and Tam Leciej

Nett Team winners      Carmel Meyer, Ann Grant, Denise Stuckey and Kerrie Doolan

With the help of our sponsor The House of Golf we were able to present very nice prizes to all of the divisional winners and Runner Ups, and provide an extensive ball run down. I have received many congratulations on the running of the event and these thanks are really for all Hervey Bay Ladies who took part. Your welcoming nature made all of our visitors feel at home and helped them to enjoy the day.....well done.

A Grade Pennants.....Hervey Bay travelled to Bundaberg to take on Maryborough (Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct)

I am pleased to report that Hervey Bay Men, Women and Juniors came away with a terrific win.

Our Men won 6 and lost 1 match, our Ladies had 2 wins and 1 squared, while our juniors won 6, Lost 1 and squared 1 match. A terrific start to the season for Hervey Bay.

Our next match is at Maryborough on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of November. Good luck team.

Kath Griffith



*You know you are  
getting better  
when your miss  
hits are good.*

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## GREENS & FORWARD PLANNING REPORT

Dear Members,

October has seen the development of the major drainage project on the 4<sup>th</sup> hole. This has been reported previously and has been the focus of the Greens Committee and Forward Planning Committee this month. I am pleased to advise that these works have progressed well and have been extended up the 5<sup>th</sup> to allow for future drainage connections. Members are reminded that the works are GUR during the establishment period and are requested to not enter the GUR with carts, abide by the rules and take a compulsory drop. When the works are fully operational we will have achieved better resilience for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> holes to recover from extended wet weather. I know it's been very dry and it's typical that as soon as we acted the place has been dry however, we will experience heavy rain again and the benefits of our efforts will be realised when this occurs. We have been blessed with the drier weather allowing us to install the systems without delay. In regard to this I commend all Contractors, Committee members, Project Managers and Greens staff for their focussed energy to deliver the project. Thank you.

Further to these works, there has been removal of vegetation along the embankment of the turkey's nest dam. This was undertaken as a precautionary measure to ensure that the dam bank remains stable. There was concern that the root systems of the scrub growing along the embankment could extend to the water and become a conduit for water flow from the dam through the bank. In addition, the risk of storm events blowing over the trees would add to bank destabilisation. The works was undertaken by the Greens staff using the equipment purchased previously and demonstrates our ability to do larger projects quickly and professionally at smaller costs.

Other projects that have been undertake include the greens renovations and fairway dethatching. Your patience during this period is appreciated. Although I noticed that there were some very good scores on Saturday where members took advantage of the slower greens. Congratulation to Mike Hogan hitting 65 off the stick on the day. Just goes to show that even when the playing surface is under maintenance there are some benefits to our members. The cores taken from the greens renovations will be put to good use to propagate the turf nursery at the 14 hole. Soon we will have a new crop growing which we can use to extend other greens.

November will see the growing season begin and the course is expected to look better through the coming months. I am excited to see the place develop over this time and showcase to the many visitors and members our beautiful course. A big thank you must be extended to our Greens Staff for their dedication to the development of the course and

*The ardent  
golfer would  
play  
Mount Everest  
if somebody  
put a flagstick  
on top.  
**Pete Dye***



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continued efforts to implement programs to eradicate weeds, address tree root invasion, cutting of the greens surrounds and improvement to the playing surfaces overall. Yes, there is always more work to be done but in my mind they have stepped up to the task and are delivering well.

Not more to add other than to enjoy the course and continue to provide feedback through the normal channels to assist the Greens and Forward Planning Committees develop strategies to build upon the prosperity of the Golf Club.

Sincerely,

John McLennan – Greens Chair

Bob Goodwin – Forward Planning Committee Chair



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## GREENSKEEPER'S REPORT

Members,

We have had a little more success this month on the rain front with 43mm, compared to 0mm last month. Our course renovations are just about done with greens and tees done as well as

13 out of the 18 fairways completed with the other 6 to be done asap. The drainage on 4 is complete and I do remind members that the recently turfed swale drain is compulsory GUR and please keep carts off it until the signs and tape are removed. We are now going 100m up the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway the same rules will apply when completed. Once the drainage and the final 6 fairways are de thatched it will be course maintenance as usual. The cores that were taken from the greens renovations have been used to make our nursery bigger and it will take most of the growing season to establish.

Not much from me this month as most of the work has been around renovations and drainage.

Enjoy your course

Peter Fraser

*"While playing golf today  
I hit two good balls.  
I stepped on a rake."-  
Henny Youngman,  
Comedian*



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## JUNIORS GOLF REPORT



Meet Ashby O'Brien, one of the newest additions to the Junior Programme.

At only 7 years of age, and not too many centre metres tall, it took only two weeks for him to show us he has a natural talent for the game.

He was chosen, along with 7 others to attend our Skills Day during the holidays. That's when we put the final touches on those selected to get them ready to play golf.

After a fairly tense morning of instruction, we treat them to playing a few holes. Ashby excelled himself by shooting 19 for 3 holes, playing from the 150 metre posts – a pretty good sign of what's to come!

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## VETERAN GOLF REPORT

Unlike other months, this has been full of events both here and elsewhere.

Our membership continues to grow with a total of 258 members (173 men & 85 ladies) and our Monday Vets games is holding steady at an average of 110 players.

The Vets 2 day Carnival at Hervey Bay went off very smoothly. Numbers were down on last year and there are many reasons why – e.g. not as many people travelling etc. The presentation dinner was held for the first time at the Hervey Bay RSL. Reports are that it was most enjoyable with good food and service. Thanks to the RSL staff.

Next year the Wide Bay Classic which incorporates our 2 day event will be hosted by Hervey Bay. Planning is already well underway. Unfortunately next year there will be no caravans, mobile homes etc, allowed to camp on the course. This will be included on the Nomination Form. The RSL have to lock the gates every night. This means if you go out you will not get back in. More importantly should there be a medical emergency there will be no way for ambulance or paramedics to gain access.

The Maroochy River 2 day event was played in excellent conditions and Hervey Bay players were well to the fore (not me!!).

John Sheehan won on the Thursday and Peter Sharp won on the Friday. Peter also won the overall 36 hole event. Doerte Hecker won the Raffle

Well Done to all.

The Nomination Sheet for committee nominations is on the notice board and we will have it at the starters table on Mondays.

Another sheet for volunteers at the Bunnings BBQ (**SUN 17<sup>th</sup> NOV**) will also be available. It's almost that time of the year for the ham raffles. More info on that later.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY – November 11

This year the club will be organising, together with the RSL a Military day where all past and present members of our AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCES will be invited to come and have a free game of golf and provide us with an opportunity to thank them for their service.

### ***Don't forget the***

Club Christmas party on the 7<sup>th</sup> December and the  
Vets Presentation dinner on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

*A game in which  
you claim the  
privileges of age,  
and retain the  
playthings of  
childhood. -  
**Unknown***





## PRO SHOP REPORT

This month the course was jam packed with the Men's & Ladies Open days, along with the Men's Mid Amateur Championships being played. This meant we had players from as far away as Biloela & the Gold Coast just to name a couple.

We would like to thank all of our Sponsors for these events & Congratulations to all the winners.

The Pro Shop is now stocking the latest in grips and leading into Summer you may find your grips are becoming harder and slippery. Therefore in November the Pro shop will be having a Special Buy on Grips.

Buy 5 – Get 1 Free

Buy 10 – Get 3 Free

All fitted for Free

So get on in so you can Grip It & Rip It!!!

Happy Hitting

The Pro Shop

Gerry & Chris



*The reason the "pro" tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.*

*– [Phyllis Diller](#)*



## CLUBHOUSE EVENTS

# Christmas

## LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25

Let us do the work for you...

Relax this Christmas & enjoy our wonderful Christmas luncheon, served 11.30 - 1.45pm.

Our delicious buffet luncheon includes a traditional Christmas roast lunch, along with fresh seafood, hot selections, salads, desserts, fruitplatters, tea and coffee.

Adults \$109.90 members, \$119.90 visitors  
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4-7 yrs \$20, under 4 free

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to make your reservation

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## SPECIAL EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF:



- December Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>: Ladies Presentation & Closing Day



- December Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>: Club Christmas Party 7pm start



- December Monday 9<sup>th</sup>: Veterans Closing Day, 4B Ambrose Net event



- December Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>: Veterans Presentation/Christmas Dinner 6.00pm for 6.30pm



- December Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day, Clubhouse & Course closed
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