

Newsletter September 2019

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*"Golf is a game
where the ball
always lies poorly
and the player
always lies well.
Author Unknown*

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Members,

Last Sunday saw the AGM successful completed a well attended meeting which was succinct and to the point. Our Treasurer gave an excellent overview of our position and our ongoing plans for the future. Members please read the annual reports on the website.

Russell Stanton was made a life member.

All members of the management committee were returned as no ballot was necessary with Hugh McLaughlin filling the vacant position.

I have received notification from Jason the RSL CEO that tenders for the clubhouse extensions have been received. They are satisfied with the prices and are working this now into their budgets, his advice is we could see construction in twelve to fifteen months. Members this fits well within the contractual time frames we have with the RSL. As I said in my annual report our relationship is extremely strong.

The last news letter was late only a few weeks ago and from my point of view not a lot of news to give you although drainage works have started on the 4. Please be patient it will be completed as quickly as possible.

I will leave the nitty gritty news to the Captains, Peter and John.

Keep enjoying your golf

Cliff Searle
President

MEN'S CAPTAINS REPORT

Well, the AGM is over with, and the majority of people seem to be happy with most of the happenings at the club. I congratulate new Life Member Russell Stanton on his well- deserved appointment and Hugh McLaughlin elected to the Management Committee.

I also humbly thank the members for allowing me to continue for another term as your Club Captain with a lot of work to do.

I have a number of items again for this month that I will shorten as much as I can.

1. The Pro Shop would like to see all score cards marked with an ink, biro, felt pen instead of pencil please. The computer scanner has trouble identifying some of the lighter shade pencils.
2. The new Men's Index came into being last Monday the 1st October. A small error was pointed out to me that I have remedied (there were two '19's) now corrected and have included the new information for members to use. My apologies! I will put it down to the newly titled medical condition; "BCD".....Birth Certificate Disease!
3. Corporate Days; this ongoing problem of bad behaviour by a few of the participants has been addressed by the Match Committee in an attempt to get these people to clean up their act. We have put several initiatives in place, but we must remember a couple of things about these days when forming a conclusion about the impact they have on our club; Firstly, they assist with the income of the club that also has a flow-on effect. Secondly, a fair percentage of the participants are not regular golfers and as such are not very familiar with our sport and its expected behaviour, rules, respectful attitudes and the overall spirit of the game. Thirdly, although we frown upon the poor behaviour from a minority of these participants, we still want them to use our course, enjoy their time with us and leave us with the intent to let other people know about what a great venue we have! Now here's the hard bit.....The bad behaviour we witness is by the minority, although we certainly do not condone their stupidity and ignorance, we really have to be prepared to put up with a certain amount of it from a few of them, it comes with the territory. As Members we are educated and expected to obey our accepted rules etc (well, most of us) and we are doing whatever we can to dissuade this behaviour. Fortunately, when these days are on, we are not there! I feel for the Green's staff though, they are, and they see a lot of the misdemeanours that result in damage to the course they put hours into maintaining and preparing.
4. A Sponsors call! As we commence preparation of the "2020 Programme of Events" we put out a call to current Sponsors and perspective sponsors to contact us to arrange their agreements whilst there is an opportunity to be included in that publication. Our new Management Committee member Hugh McLaughlin and Keith Disher would like to hear from you. Leave a message at the Office for either of them to call you.
5. Speaking of the new Programme, this is a thankless job with never being able to please everybody. So far only a few things set in stone, one of which is a Stableford event every Tuesday, as for the rest according to the masses, we have to consider no one likes PAR events, too many 4ball aggregates and best balls, limited stroke events, no novelty events, and very few stroke events on week days! And a mixed opinion on multiple round Matchplay competitions in order to give members some variety. Think about it?

6. A new rule applies from now on.....NO DOGS are allowed on the entire premises including the building's area and the entire course. The Clubhouse and the Management Committee have agreed to this rule in keeping with RSL policy. Signage is being prepared for display.
7. The new "Little Tee" on the second hole is open.
8. The "bottom" pin placement on hole 11 will not be used anymore. Too many incidents with vehicles being hit by balls from the course. We are looking at serious alternatives in that area.
9. The New Members Welcome night held on Sunday 8th of September went well with over 40 new members & partners and selected Committee representatives present. Don't forget if you are a new member that could not attend the last function, let the office know to include your name on the invitee list for the next one in about four months' time.
10. Speaking of functions, here is a big one! We are organising a **Members Christmas Party for Saturday 7th December!** This is a new social event in recent times designed to provide something for members to celebrate the festive season with the people they play golf with! Get together your regular golf day group! A chance to meet other members to establish a new group, or join in just to celebrate Christmas with a lot of people you spend a lot of time with. Three course spit roast, (better than the Monday night special) and your first glass of Bubbly, Beer, Wine or Soft Drink included in the price of \$40! (This function also is for Presentation of trophies to championship winners and the Sponsors "Thank You night" for which invitations will be forwarded.) Book & pay at The Clubhouse. Starts at 7pm. Limited tickets available at this early stage.
11. On the Members Portal there is a section called "Member Search". If you wish to provide some contact details for other members to use, please update your information. Remember it is only accessible by other members. Certainly not compulsory, your choice.
12. Snakes are on the move, keep your eyes open. Also, with this warmer weather arriving, it's time to remind you about skin protection and hydration. Sunblock, sleeves, hats, sunglasses and plenty of fluids, preferably water! Keep your eyes on others in your group for any signs of unusual body stress, dare I say, RUOK! The older we get, the more susceptible become. There's that BCD again!
13. A reminder to cancel your booking ASAP if unable to play. If close to tee time ring the Pro Shop! Nothing worse than not turning up and leaving only three (or less) in the group, or worse, keeping someone out of the day with no vacancies. Do the right thing. If you are super courteous, ring one of the members in the group to let them know too!
14. Finally, a couple of changes. I would like to thank Keith Disher for his dedicated work and support as my Vice Captain over the last nine months or so. Keith diligently looked after some very important events including the majority of the Programme planning, updating the "Local Rules" in line with the 2019 new R&A Rules, the newly introduced ongoing Matchplay events, started the Sponsors sub Committee and was instrumental in keeping us in line with our responsibilities, including a Presentation or two in my absence. Keith, as a qualified Engineer and a formal Management Committee Member was given the job of managing the Club's Asset Management system, a huge job with several months (if not more) just to finish setting it up. Consequently, his role as the Vice Captain will cease, however he has accepted my invitation to remain on the Match Committee. Thanks again Keith.

15. A new Vice Captain in Chris Mizzi is the new guy stepping into the job. Initially he will assist Keith in finishing off the on-going Matchplay comps and work with Keith in the planning of the 2020 Programme of Events. As he will find out, I will have plenty for him to help me with! Chris owns and runs a Wholesale Bakery Business (Bakehouse13) and his very early work hours allow him to take on this role with plenty of daytime hours to learn the ropes. He is a continuing member of the HB Legends planning committee too. Hope he knows what he's getting himself into! Welcome to the job and to the Match Committee. He tells me he is an ideas man, that will come in handy too!
16. **URGENT.** Some upcoming events. The Kerry Campbell City of Hervey Bay Open and the HB Mid Am (The Clubhouse) on the weekend of 12th & 13th October.
 HB Open one day (Sat) \$25 entry.
 Mid Am, two days (Sat & Sun) \$70 entry includes Sat night dinner.
 The Mid Am is in its second year with us with the unique condition of having three divisional events governed by age groups, not handicaps.
 Age 30 – 44 Lower
 Age 45 – 54 Upper
 55 and over. Seniors
 Players under 30 are ineligible.
 Bookings are open see the Pro Shop if in doubt.
17. Ex Defence Force and current serving personnel are welcome to play in the daily competition free of charge on Remembrance Day 11/11/19 and Anzac Day next year. Go through the same booking process for this (Stableford) Competition, just show ID and no pay. This day will be run by the Club, not the HB Vets.
18. Finally, the constant reminders; fill your divots and plug marks and even if you don't wear legal spikes, you still have to rake the bunker you have disturbed, and leave the rake a metre from the edge facing the hole! You are a Club Member, not a Corporate rebel!

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

"Phew".....Gary Oborn

HB Club Captain.

MENS COURSE INDEX *from 1/10/19 (final)***BLACK** (Championship) Markers.**BLUE** Markers

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

15 / 32	15 / 33	5	10	4	14 / 32	15 / 33
5 / 19	3 / 21	11	11	4	8 / 20	3 / 21
18 / 35	18 / 36	2	12	3	18 / 36	18 / 36
7 / 20	9 / 27	15	13	5	7 / 23	9 / 27
9 / 26	5 / 22	7	14	4	6 / 24	5 / 22
3 / 22	2 / 20	13	15	4	2 / 19	2 / 20
13 / 25	13 / 29	4	16	4	15 / 27	13 / 29
4 / 33	11 / 32	17	17	3	4 / 33	11 / 32
6 / 28	7 / 25	9	18	4	5 / 26	7 / 25

LADIES CAPTAINS REPORT

Monthly Medals for the September winners:

Saturday Aug 3	Patricia Wolzak	74 nett
Weds Aug 7 th	Div 1 Carol Parsons	69 nett
	Div 2 Ann Grant	70 nett
	Div 3 Marylyn Bell	69 nett



PINK DAY



Planning is underway for our PINK DAY (Oct 9th)

I am pleased to announce that Bay Brick & Blocklaying has generously offered to sponsor our annual Pink Day. A massive thank you must go out to Luke Hislop and Tracey Noble. The sponsorship will go a long way to helping our Ladies to raise a significant contribution to our chosen charity. Once again we will be supporting the Hervey Bay Wig Library. Monies raised by our Ladies will go a long way to helping local women.

Remember to dress in your brightest pink outfit....there just might be an award for the best outfit 😊

Once again we can bring our own food for this event and we thank the Clubhouse for their support. 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.

We are running a raffle and "Tickets" can be purchased the ClubHouse counter for \$2. All proceeds will be donated to the Wig Library....please buy a ticket and be in the running for a prize. 1st Prize \$50, 2nd Prize \$30, 3rd Prize \$20.

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.

The timesheet will open and should be used as a booking sheet for our local Ladies. A draw will be conducted once we have player names from the various District clubs.

Matchplay

The round robin component is now complete, even though not all matches were played.

Place in the super 8 finals have been determined and are now on the notice board.

Please play your matches as soon as possible. Well done to those who managed to play all of their round robin matches.

Level 2 Rules Seminar

I will be attending a Rules seminar at Virginia Golf Club (Oct 10-11). This is a Level 2 rules seminar and it is important that we as a Golf Club have properly qualified rules "officials". Gary Oborn and Hugh McLaughlin will also be attending.

Enjoy your golf

Kath Griffith

*"When I die,
bury me on
the course so
my husband
will visit."*

Unknown

GREENS & FORWARD PLANNING REPORT

Dear Members,

When I started out as a Committee Member and Greens Chairman 2 years ago, I experienced a diverse range of opinions about how the golf course could be improved and where immediate gains could be made. It was no surprise to hear that the course needed to include new infrastructure that dealt with the growing number of motorised vehicles traversing the course. In depth, discussions were held at that time with the Club Captain, Club Professional and most of the Management Committee, Greens Committee and Forward Planning Committee to develop a list of priority projects.

The list was diverse and ranged from major work to minor amenity projects and all levels of service in between. However, after much deliberation and debate, the group decided that the on-course resilience to closure due to natural events was the top priority. Now natural events are rather difficult to predict and vary from cyclone to extended rain to heat wave, strong wind, bushfire and even tsunamis. Not a very precise area of detail to establish as a scope of works. Nevertheless, the one factor that seemed to feature in each natural event was water. Be it either too much or not enough and everything in between.

We address water over our course in a number of ways, but primarily it has to do with water supply and water discharge. Be it we need to have enough water security to ensure our course is lush and green for the drier periods and we need to have a level of infrastructure in place to deal with excess water from rain and stormwater to ensure the course dries out during extended wet periods. This is why water delivery (irrigation) and water removal (drainage) have been the major projects influencing the greens and forward planning committee over the last 12 months.

Early October will see the commencement of the construction of the 4th fairway drainage works, a project that has taken 2 years of planning, design and preparation. This section of work builds on the initial direction to improve the drainage on the 11th, 14th, 4th and 5th holes and is a backbone project for the long term improvement of the 4th. When the drainage is completed on the 4th hole, there will be opportunity for the forward planning committee to look at potential green expansion and cart path installation. Small steps though and much budget management for this vision to be a reality. The 5th hole will be the next drainage project when the 4th is complete.

The water security projects include the ongoing irrigation ball valve replacement program, upgrading of the pump filters at the distribution unit at the 16th hole dam and ongoing water quality and algae management during the extended dry periods. Recently the algae in the dam was threatening the irrigation distribution again and needed chemical intervention. This was evident by the fish kills that have occurred around this dam. I am advised however, the fish died from lack of water oxygen caused by the algae growth and not chemical intervention. Our water quality testing results provided much relief that the algae is not blue green. We will continue to monitor the progress and ensure the dosing of the irrigation lines continues to prevent sprinkler blockages.

*"A golfer's diet:
live on greens
as much as
possible.
Unknown*

With the AGM now over, I am pleased to advise the Greens Committee and Forward Planning Committee membership is much the same except for John Castelli departing for a well-earned rest and Hugh MacLauchlan (hope I spelt it right Hugh) joining us. Congratulations to all new and returning committee members and a big thank you to the members for placing your faith in the returning the committee mostly unchanged.

Other progress on the course includes;

- New filter controller has been fitted and which improves filter monitoring and performance
- Section C of the We have 4 more ball valves to replace in section C which will then leave sections A and B.
- Two new aerators were installed at the 16th dam and one moved from 16 to the turkey nest.
- Algae treatment has been added to the 16th dam to fight the algae,
- Blue dye will be added to the Turkeys Nest Dam and 16th dam to suppress the algae.
- Commencement of scarifying and fertilising fairways has begun which will continue over the coming weeks
- Continuation of spot spraying fairways

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



GREENKEEPER'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Another dry month for us with 0mm recorded for September, we are 230mm down on rain than this time last year. It is going to be another busy couple of months coming up for us as we get into course renovations, all tees are completed and we have started de thatching fairways. This will be a long process as we have to scarify, clean up and fertilise, we will endeavour to carry out this work around golf as much as we can. Our greens renovations have been moved to October 21 – 23 because of golf commitments like the Hervey Bay Open and mid amateur and the ladies open.

The fairway drainage on 4 has started and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete, temporary greens will be in place so please be patient as when it is completed it will be a great benefit to the members as it will mean when it decides to rain the hole will dry out a lot quicker like 11 and 14 do.

That's all from me lets get a rain dance happening.

Enjoy your course.

Peter Fraser

Course Superintendent



JUNIOR GOLF REPORT

August 25th seen our Juniors successfully host the Wide Bay Junior Open & Closed Championships. We were lucky enough to have a free My Golf Clinic for all juniors to come, try and practice their skills, with great response from both parents, juniors and other clubs.

A big Congratulation's to Chase & Allira who received the 12 & under Champion perpetual trophy for the boys & girls Divisions.

Some of our Juniors have been very busy these school holidays, with our Coach Brian having a skills day this Tuesday gone preparing 8 new juniors to be ready to start Sunday comp days in 3 & 6 holes. We are very excited to see what these newbies are made of and welcome them to our Sunday comps.

Katherine Kirk 3-day Classic was held in Maroochydore with two of our finest 18-hole girls Lydia & Allira attending all 3 days. Both girls played well with lots of Pars and a few birdies, overall representing our Junior Club Proud.

Braiden from 18 holes was selected to attend Golf Australia (Qld) Junior Development camp, at the sunshine Coast Hub & Pelican Waters Golf club 20-22 September & also The Hills International Golf Academy Junior Camp 2019 in Jimboomba which had only 30 players from all over Qld & NSW from 28th sep- 2nd oct

Sisters Phoebe, Sophie & Natalie Moffat, attended the 3-day Central Queensland Junior Championships. All three girls successfully brought home trophies in their divisions and also talking out longest drives. Congratulations girls.

This term sees our juniors playing in the Maryborough junior Carnival on the 13th oct and our own Hervey Bay junior carnival hosted on the 3rd Nov. Pennants will also be played in this last term and we look forward to seeing great results from all these events.



VETERAN GOLF REPORT

It was pleasing to see many vets attend the club AGM. It's nice to see so many taking an interest in the running of their club. I would like to thank the vets for their support in gaining a post on the management committee

We will shortly have the nomination form on the notice board for the Vets committee. Please don't be shy if you feel you have something to contribute put your hand up.

Our programme for 2020 is being worked on by Sandra Kerley and "Shep" Shepherd. Both are currently overseas but will be giving it their full attention when they return later this month.

The shotgun start on 28th October will be followed by a lunch (subsidised by the vets committee).

The date for the next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is Sunday 17th November. There will be a sheet on the whiteboard for volunteers to nominate a time which suits them.

The vets Christmas break up is on Tuesday 10th December. Still negotiating the price with Iona, but again it will be subsidised.

The club, this year, is holding a members' Christmas Party on the 7th December All are welcome. It will also incorporate recognising our major prize winners for the year. Cost is \$40 and will be a 3 course meal (spit roast but not the same as a Monday night)

There has been a lot of comment re some of the pin placements on Monday vets days. I will follow up with Captain Gary.

Hugh McLaughlin

*"I'll shoot my
age if I have to
live to be 105.
Bob Hope*

PRO SHOP REPORT

Well hello Spring!

I'm sure alot of our members have noticed the Pro Shop has had a spring clean. It has been a busy month for us not only in the pro shop but on the course as well. The Hervey Bay Veterans 2 day Carnival bought players from near and far and our course has also been busy with Corporate days.

The Pro Shop has just received a new range of stock which includes Under Armour Attire, Ladies Corsican shirts & skorts along with a new range of Walkinshaw Bags & Buggies feel free to come and have a browse.

For the month of October we are having a spring sale which means all our Footjoy shoes are 10% off.

The Pro Shop

*"The most
important shot
in golf is the
next one."
Ben Hogan*



COMPETITION NEWS

Competition News

Ian Glaister Flooring Mixed Canadian Foursomes Championship

After some hard fought matches throughout the championship it has now reached the final round. Doerte Hecker and Elgar Harrison play John Sheehan and Gail Sheehan in the final which must be completed by the end of October.

There are probably a number of tales that could be told about incidents throughout the championship but one comes to mind that can be used as a lesson for us all. When you are playing match play and you concede a putt to your opponents, it is a really good idea to ensure that your opponents have conceded your own putt before you pick up your ball marker.

Our thanks again to Ian Glaister Flooring for sponsoring the event. Should you need any commercial or residential flooring, please remember to support our sponsors by giving them the chance to quote on your work.

Fourball Knockout

Round 3 of the Fourball Knockout was scheduled to be played last Saturday 28th September. Unfortunately one member from each of the scheduled matches was away and the respective teams chose to forfeit. This meant that the remaining 4 teams had an automatic progression to the semi-final rounds.

The semi-finalists are Robert Ryder and Doug Sutton who meet Mick Shoard and Stewart Ridgley in the top half of the draw; the other match is between Graham Coleman and Bruce Eldridge who play David Parkes and Kenneth Fitzgerald in the bottom half of the draw. These matches are to be played on 19th October at 12:09 and 12:02 respectfully. Good luck to all players in the semi-finals.

It is virtually impossible to run a match play knockout event over a number of months without someone being away or an occasional forfeit. But at this late stage in the competition it is extremely disappointing that half the field chose not to play. Perhaps it was a programming issue because the 3rd round occurred during the school holidays, but the scheduled dates for the knockout rounds were in the program. Perhaps before players say yes that they wish to enter a knockout competition that they remember that the entry is a commitment to being available for all the rounds. And if that is not possible then choose not to enter so that players who are available for all rounds have a chance to play.

Keep in mind that one player can represent a team in a fourball event if their partner is indisposed. And remember the old saying that it is better to have tried and failed than not to have tried at all
