

The Bunker

MACKAY GOLF CLUB

March 2011

From the President's Desk

Bill Cooper



The Greens Director George Tremlett and myself together with Helen Holden travelled to Townsville for a meeting with Golf Queensland and members of our own North Queensland executive.

It is interesting to note that Golf Queensland is endeavoring to promote golf to the Juniors through a new program to be run in conjunction with our own club program. The program is a skills based program and the skills level expected to reach the top level would find a lot of our A Grade players failing. I invite you to hop on the web page and look for yourselves.

Golf North Queensland is merely a finality with the next meeting to settle the election of office bearers for the next 12 months. This will be the new combined men's and women's organizations. The new executive will be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 or more other delegates as elected. It is proposed that the 3 other delegates will come from the North, South and West.

Discussions are still progressing with developers and we will hopefully be able to discuss proposals within the next 2 months at a board level and provide feedback to you, the members with a recommendation shortly thereafter.

We are presently negotiating with Telstra to construct a tower on the 12th. Once we have finalized a location we will be calling a special meeting for members approval to lease an area of approximately 100 – 130m². We need your approval for this lease and it is therefore essential that we have a quorum at the meeting when the date is announced. Don't leave it to others to attend and cause us to have to reschedule another meeting.

Cheers Bill

Dates to Remember:

March Business House 6.30an SGS	Sunday March 13th
Women's Rose Bowl Round 1	Saturday March 19th
Women's Rose Bowl Round 2	Sunday March 20th
March Monthly Medal Presentation & Trivia Night 7.00pm start	Friday March 25th
Medley Sunday Shootout 1.30pm start	Sunday March 27th
April Monthly Medal Sponsored by The Mackay Driving Range	Saturday April 2nd
April Business House 6.30an SGS	Sunday April 3rd
AFL footy starts Round 1 Carlton V Richmond 7.30pm	Thursday March 24th

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Golf Lessons ABC

Stephanie Clarke was taking her first golfing lesson. 'Is the word spelt p-u-t or p-u-t-t?' she asked her instructor. 'P-u-t-t is correct,' he replied. 'Put means to place a thing where you want it. Putt means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing.'

Now', said the golf pro, 'suppose you just go through the motions without hitting the ball.' 'But that's precisely the difficulty I'm trying to overcome', said Stephanie.

The only problem with golf is that the slow people are always in front of you and the fast people always end up behind you.

The weather has once again disrupted the flow of play. The February Monthly Medal has been postponed until later in the year. The date is yet to be confirmed.

Please note a couple of event changes, this is the 60th year that the Kraft Walker Shield has been played and Sarina has requested the following changes. The first match will be in Mackay on the 10th April, with the return match be to hosted by Sarina on Sunday 30th October. These changes will allow Sarina Golf Club to hold a special celebration at the conclusion of this year's matches.

As you are all aware the bunkers have suffered throughout the wet and the preferred rule has been in play for some time. After inquiries from members re the course rating, I have informed Golf Queensland of the state of the course and they are currently looking at rerating the course while under these conditions. I will pass on any information as it comes to hand.

We are still looking for a sponsor for the new trophy cabinet. The cost to build and erect the cabinet is \$16,000.00. If anyone or any company would like to sponsor this trophy cabinet please contact myself.

Business house competition will be played as per the events book on the 3rd April.

Just a reminder that the Schweppes Easter Open is just around the corner, keep a look out for the entry forms in the club house.

Congratulations to the March Monthly Medal winners

A Grade:	David Heuer	71/61
B Grade:	Gerard Gall	84/63
C Grade:	Goeff Morgan	87/63

Happy golfing.

From the Course

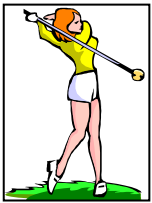
Mick Cornish

Since my last article the rain has continued to fall across the golf course with 241mm in February and a further 160mm so far this month, this has made the golf course very wet in some areas and very hard to mow. Our main objective at present is to try to keep as much of the golf course mown as possible so the members can continue to play golf.

We have managed to fly mow, edge and weed most of the bunkers with only a couple of greenside bunkers and the f/way bunkers needing some work. We are continuing to receive weekly rain so bunkers will be maintained and in play as weather permits.

The greens are in fairly good condition and we are starting to get on top of the weeds that have germinated over the wet season and we will continue to spot spray as weather permits. The greens will be renovated on the 21st & 22nd of March, they will be cored with mini tynes top dressed with sand and fertilised. This process is much need at this time to help air and water move through the soil and aid in the recovery of some thin areas on the greens. Dads Army have been busy keeping the golf course free of fallen branches as well as repairs to the main entrance to the golf club.

I would also like to thank the ladies for there efforts on the gardens. Thank you to my staff, Dads army and other volunteers for there efforts.



We have not had a good playing start to the year for our Wednesday competitions. Last week, 31 brave ladies weathered the conditions – wet and muddy but we were able to play 18 holes. Hooray!!!

Fortunately, we have had success with our March Monthly Medal sponsored by Bill Cooper and Associates. Winners were Rose White (A Grade), Peg Harding (B Grade) and Sabine Lloyd (C Grade). Congratulations ladies.

A very hot day with temperatures around 35.

Our first major competition of the year for the ladies, the Rose Bowl, is scheduled for Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th March. Nomination will be by time sheet which will be out the week before the competition.

Nomination forms are also now available for the 2011 Queensland Womens Country Championships which will be held from 16-18 May. The venue this year is the Capricorn Resort Yeppoon which will make travelling much easier for our club members. Entries close 21 April. Forms are available at the Club Office or on the Golf Queensland website. To date we have a large contingent of Mackay ladies travelling to Yeppoon for this very popular competition.

Many thanks to those who assisted with the spring clean of the ladies locker room (Ladies Match Committee and Jean Penridge) - a job well done. Two new fans have been fitted in the locker room – special thanks to Greg Coad for installing the fans and the Ladies Vets for funding the project.

A group of 10 volunteers worked together on Friday 18th February to tidy up the gardens around the 13th tee. Many thanks to all the ladies who helped, it is a big improvement to the garden area. We will be having another gardening bee in a few weeks, so if you are able to help, please let me know.

Happy golfing.

WORK ON THE GREENS

Our Course Superintendent Mick will be doing work on the course greens. Work on the front nine greens will commence Monday 21st March 2011 and the back nine on Tuesday 22nd March 2011.

The holes will be unplayable during this time.

Because of this the Monday Vets will be playing the back nine twice starting at 11:30am and the Tuesday Club will be playing the front nine twice.

PACKAGES TO MELBOURNE FOR PRESIDENT'S CUP

Our good friends at Harvey World Travel have given us some great packages to Melbourne for the President's Cup in November.

Anyone who is interested should contact **Jillian Agius**,

Harvey World Travel - 58 Wood Street Mackay or on (07) 4969 3650

NEW TO MACKAY GOLF CLUB

THURSDAY NIGHT BISTRO

Enjoy Will's Friday Night Bistro now happening THURSDAY NIGHTS starting Thursday 7th April 2011. Will will be putting on his bistro over two nights. Now you can bring your friends along, sit back, drink and dine every Thursday AND Friday!

7th April THURSDAY SPECIALS:

Chicken Parmigiana

Chicken Kiev

Chicken Schnitzel

plus Bistro menu

FROM 6pm

COME ONE COME ALL

