

The Bunker

MACKAY GOLF CLUB

May 2011

From the President's Desk **Bill Cooper**



The wet continues to disrupt our golf and cause a financial burden to the Club.

The Committee is looking at all avenues to endeavour to try to restrict the effect of the weather. Engineering consultants have been engaged to provide options.

The fast step will be to increase the flow through our main two drains by making them considerably wider. When work commences it will cause some disruption but this cannot be helped.

The second stage is to follow up our discussions with Council and the problem associated with the main Council drain and the crossing at Golf Links Road and the outlet to McCready's Creek.

The Engineer and the Committee see that the majority of the flooding problem on the course and turf farm are a result of poor Council Planning. Residential Development has been allowed to the south of the Golf course with no planning as to how to get rid of the increased water from such developments other than to run it into a drain that was built and designed many years ago before the developments. The Club has been waiting 4 years or more for a new drainage plan for the McCready's Creek area. Discussions have taken place with Council Consultants and we are no closer to learning what is proposed.

If no satisfactory outcome can be achieved with Council then the Committee and the Club will have to consider what alternative options there are. The Golf Club cannot continue to sustain the substantial disruptions to play presently endured for the past three seasons.

April Monthly Medal Presentation & Trivia Night
7.00pm start

Friday
April
29th

B & C Grade

Saturday
& Sunday
May
7 & 8

Pennants

Ayr Golf Club

Monthly Medal
Sponsored by Mackay Driving Range

Saturday
May
7th

Monthly Medal

Saturday
May
14th

Sponsored by Club

May Business House
6.30am SGS

Sunday
May
15th

Rounds 1 & 2
2011 Club
Championships
Men's & Women

Saturday
& Sunday
May
21 & 22

Ladies Bowel Cancer Day
Canadian Foursomes
9.15am SGS

Wed
May 25th

Rounds 3 & 4
2011 Club
Championships
Men's & Women

Saturday
& Sunday
May
28 & 29

Men's B & C Grade Pennant Teams , Saturday 7th & 8th at Ayr Golf Club

B Grade

Greg Coad
Paul Kennedy
Gavin Moran
Murray Houston
Kev Dwyer
Rick Hospers
Jake Haimona
Terry Courts

C Grade

Peter McCrohon
Steve McDowall
Laurie King
George Tremlett
Phil Lakin
John Morgan
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The past month has not seen much golf but with the course is drying out; the Schweppes Easter Open went ahead. All the results can be seen in this edition.

Thanks to the efforts of Bank of Queensland West Mackay, the trophy cabinet is being constructed as this issue goes to print. With the help of Les Euston and Mackay Cabinetmaking Service the trophy cabinet will be in place by the end of next month.

Any member having club memorabilia and wishing to display any items please call me on 0403018214 or email me on philchrislakin@hotmail.com , there is no guarantee that all or any of the items will be displayed but every effort will be made to accommodate members.

The Club Championships commence on the 21st May with round 2 on the 22nd May. Rounds 3 & 4 will be held on the 28th & 29th May. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all members contest the club championship, in their respective grade. The club championships are the biggest event on the golf calendar, so together we can make this the best the club has ever held.

This year a time sheet will be in the pro shop for the first 3 rounds with a seeded draw for the last day. Get your mates and enter as a group.

Leaders in A Grade after Saturday's first round

B Grade Leaders after Saturday

Cal Buckton Nathan Cole Wayde Cranston Chris Dunn Graham Scott Greg Coad Steve Nutt



BUNKERS AND GROUND UNDER REPAIR RULINGS

There has been some confusion over the last few wet weeks when bunkers have been GUR. This means you have the choice either play out of the bunker or take relief.

However if the bunkers were to be made compulsory GUR that is when you have to take relief.

We have had quite a few competitions lately where preferred lies have been given.

If this is coupled with bunkers GUR, you can play the ball out of the bunker (being able to take preferred lie in the bunker and grounding your club) or take relief.

From the Course

Mick Cornish

Since my last article the rain has continued to fall across the golf course with 1050mm in March and a further 197mm so far this month, with a year to date total of 1714mm has made the golf course very wet in some areas and very hard to mow. Thankfully the last couple of weeks have been fairly dry allowing us to mow most of the course.

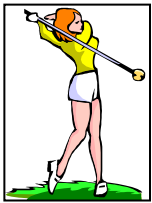
You will notice that the Tees and some of the Fairways have browned over the last few days as we have finally struck some decent weather to start a weed eradication program this will be ongoing over the next few months. Bunkers have been washed out again with last weekend's rain but should be back in play by this weekend.

The greens have a good cover of grass considering the conditions that we have had and we will continue to try and improve the surface, 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.

Dads Army have been busy keeping the golf course free of fallen branches as well as spraying roundup around tree bases.

Thank you to my staff, Dads army and other volunteers for their efforts.

Buy for now.



The gods were smiling on us with the glorious weather we experienced for our Schweppes Easter Open Nett Event. Considering our record March rainfall, the course was in great condition. Many thanks to Mick and the grounds staff and Dad's Army for all the work they have put in the past few weeks. Special thanks to Elspit Mulherin and Muriel Atherton for looking after the cards and the score board for us.

There was a small but enthusiastic field for the ladies event. I was lucky enough to win the overall event with scores of 72/69/141. Division I winner was Peg Harding (145) with runner up Shae Holmes (148). Division II winner was Raewyn Hiskens (150) with runner up Freda Farquhar (153). Congratulations ladies. It was so nice to be out there playing golf again and I encourage all ladies to dust off their clubs and come and join us.



Sue Rowlinson , Peg Harding, Raewyn Hiskens, Freda Farquhar.

The WeRGolf Club Championships are only a few weeks away. Played over 72 holes please mark your diaries with the dates – 21,22 and 28,29 May. Nomination forms will be out soon. I have placed the nomination sheet for the 2011 Pennants on the Ladies Notice Board in the locker room. After several requests, we will be having Silver, Bronze and Copper teams this year. Games will be played in Ayr, Home Hill and Bowen on 30th and 31st July so if you are interested please put your name down early.

I would like to thank everyone for supporting some of the events we have held over the WET. Our afternoon tea on 5 April was very popular as was our coffee and a hit at the Driving Range on 13 April. The Club Casino Night also proved a hit with some much needed funds raised. Thanks to the many members and staff involved in such a successful night.

If you haven't been out to the club lately, there have been some small changes in the locker room. Thanks to Wendy and Jeff Grendon for hanging our new blinds. Next week will be our first (hopefully) Wednesday Medal for the year, sponsored by The Professionals. Hope to see you there.

2011 Melbourne Cup Calcutta

Buy a ticket to draw a horse that's running in the 2011 Melbourne Cup.

Tickets: 100 tickets available @\$100.00 each, available through Greg Coad or the Mackay Golf Club.

The Function:

On Melbourne Cup Eve Monday October 31st, a function will be held at the Mackay Golf Club with complementary drinks and food starting at 6.30pm.

Each ticket enables two (2) people to attend the calcutta function for complementary food & drinks and any extra persons named on a ticket will be charged \$25.00 entry.

The following will be available

- Tap beer
- Wine & Soft Drinks
- Selected hot & cold foods
- Basic spirits available with reduced prices ie. \$2.00 per drink

The Draw:

Will take place at 8.00pm.

The 24 horses will be in placed in numerical order and the draw will see a ticket number drawn for each horse in that order. (One ticket can draw more than one horse)

The Auction:

People or syndicates can bid for the runners drawn which will also be done in numerical order. If you draw a horse in the calcutta and you want to keep it, you only have to pay 50% of the highest bid to keep it and that amount is added to the prize pool. If you decide not to keep it, the horse will go to the highest bidder and you will receive 50% of the amount bid. The other 50% will be added to the prize pool.

The Prize Pool:

30% of all tickets sold & auctioned amount will be distributed as follows:

- 60% to the winner
- 25% to second
- 10% to third
- 5% to the last horse that officially finishes.

2011 Schweppes Easter Open

<i>Event:</i>	<i>Winner:</i>	<i>Score:</i>
36 Holes Open Nett Champion	Richard O'Carroll	62 - 64 126
36 Holes A Grade Nett Winner	Wade Cranston (<i>Glenden</i>)	66 - 64 130
36 Holes A Grade Nett R/Up	Chris Dunn (<i>Black Springs</i>)	68 - 68 136
36 Holes A1 Grade Nett Winner	Paul Sellen (<i>Glenden</i>)	73 - 65 138
36 Holes A1 Grade Nett R/Up	Drew Newton	67 - 76 143
36 Hole B Grade Nett Winner	Steve Nutt	65 - 69 134
36 Hole B Grade Nett R/Up	Rick Hospers	71 - 67 138 C/B
36 Holes C Grade Nett Winner	Peter Wellington	61 - 72 133
36 Hole C Grade Nett R/Up	Bruce Phillips	67 - 67 134 C/B

Pin Shots

Saturday

<i>2nd</i>	<i>Noel Edmonds</i>	<i>Draw</i>
<i>5th</i>	<i>Graham Jenner</i>	<i>142cm</i>
<i>6th</i>	<i>Shirley Eames</i>	<i>46cm</i>
<i>14th</i>	<i>Bill Young</i>	<i>92cm</i>
<i>17th</i>	<i>John Doyle</i>	<i>276cm</i>

Sunday

<i>Cec Meng</i>	<i>82cm</i>
<i>Bill Young</i>	<i>266cm</i>
<i>Danny McGovern</i>	<i>90cm</i>
<i>Calvin Buckton</i>	<i>235cm</i>
<i>John O'Callaghan</i>	<i>40cm</i>

From the Pro Shop

Jeffrey Reid

Let's hope the rain is gone for good this time !!!

It has been a long 6 months since the rain started in late October, but the course is in good condition and I'm sure Mick and his team, along with Dads Army, will have the course back to 100% by the time the club champs comes around in late may.

Once again We R Golf are glad to be the sponsor of the 2011 Men's and Ladies Club Championship, as it allows us to give back and show support to the members and the Mackay Golf Club for the support that the members and the Club gives to us. Let's hope for a massive field for this event.

SPECIALS:

New Model Titleist Pro V 1 Now only \$69.00 per dozen

Srixon Z Star \$49.00 per dozen

1 set only Taylor Made incl Bag and Putter \$1,199.00 save over \$600.00

NEW IN STORE:

Taylor made R11 white drivers.. Demos available

Men's Micro-Fibre Shorts and Slacks.

FROM THE TOUR:

Congratulations to Steve "Pinky" Healy for winning this years Mulligan Golf trip to the Hunter Valley and Sydney. Pinky won by 1 shot from Rowan Pert. Peter Eyre was the winner of the "Tiolet Seat !".. Explains itself.

MACKAY DRIVING RANGE:

Please remember that **ALL** Mackay Golf Club Members (Junior, Mid week, Non Bulk etc) get a discount at the range. Please make yourself known to Range staff as a Mackay Golf Club Member. You may be asked for you MGC members card.