

The Bunker

MACKAY GOLF CLUB

July 2011

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



Members, having just returned from overseas and being absent for the past 7 weeks there is very little that I am able to report at this time.

The Pro-am under the stewardship of Neil Doherty and with the assistance of the many volunteers was a great success. The professionals were happy with how the tournament was run and the state of the golf course.

There are some issues with the course and these have been noted by Mick and his staff and Mick is hopeful that many of the problems will be resolved over the next 6 months. Mick has assured the committee that he has a program in place which he is following which will achieve everybody's goal of a very good golf course. A meeting was held with the Mackay Regional Council in my absence regarding the flooding of the course. Unfortunately the study plan has not been finalised for McCreedy's Creek. The council engineers, I am told, do not accept that residential development has caused any of the clubs flood issues. This is contrary to our engineer's position. We will await the outcome of the report and then consider what action we may take.

The golf club provided turf to the Mackay Stadium for the area, excluding the field, and with the help of Dad's army who assisted in laying a large portion of the outer hill the club made a profit of approximately \$15,000.00. This money is to be used for capital works. After consultation with Mick it is proposed that work will begin on the main drain through the course and the reconstruction of the fairway in September. This will result in some disruption of play.

NEW TROPHY CABINET

If you have some memorabilia that we could display in our new trophy cabinet, old photos or anything golf of the like please contact Captain Phil on 0403018214 and we would love to put it on display for all our members to see, maybe a hole in one ball like Coadys from 2006.

City of Mackay Pro Am
72 Holes
Major Sponsor
The Meng Group
Thursday -
Sunday
July
14th-17th

4 BBB Championships
Mens & Womens
36 Holes
Saturday &
Sunday
August
23rd 24th

August
Monthly Medal
Sponsored by
Blacks real Estate
Saturday
August
6th

August
Business House
6.30 am SGS
Sunday
August
7th

Wintersun
Round 3 & 4
Men & Women
Monday &
Tuesday
Aug
8th & 9th

Mixed
Foursomes
Championships
36 Holes
9.15am SGS
Sunday
August
21st

September
Monthly Medal
Sponsored by
David Bow / Assoc
Saturday
September
3rd

North Jacklin Foursomes
Championships
36 Holes
Sunday
September
4th

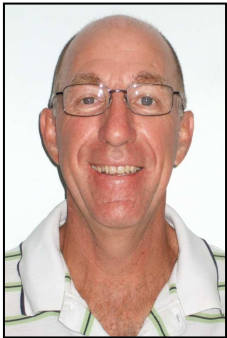
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With the cool weather persisting the numbers of brave golfers have playing, especially early on Saturdays, has dropped but over all the numbers are holding up well. Once the weather improves I am sure the numbers will improve. Good to see the course in such good condition, I know some improvement is required in some parts of the course and I am confident that Mick and his team have this in their sights. Mick has told me that over the next two months these areas will be attended to and he is confident that the course will only improve over the next couple of months.

Are you a shift worker and can't always make the regular comps due to work or family duties? Here is your chance to play in a competition. A rolling comp will commence on Monday the 25th July and conclude on Sunday 31st July. This will be a regular feature and is for any club member or visitor. You may only enter once during the week. The pro shop will issue and collect your card. As long as you have a club member or visitor with you, you can play in this single stableford event.

An issue of: *rakes in bunkers or not*, has come to my attention. After some investigation the following is encouraged.

When replacing the rake in bunkers the rake handle should be placed out of the bunker, facing the direction of play, this is for those bunkers in front of the green. For the bunkers at the back and side of the green, the rake should be placed handle out on the bunker, in the same manner.

Kraft Walker Shield, the first match was held in Mackay on the 10th April, with Mackay winning the day, 5 ½ to 3 ½.

The return match to be hosted by Sarina on Sunday 30th October.
Happy golfing.

The Definition of Line of Putt is;

The "line of putt" is the line that the player wishes his ball to take after a stroke on the putting green. Except with respect to Rule 16-1e, the line of putt includes a reasonable distance on either side of the intended line. The line of putt does not extend beyond the hole.

Decision 16-1a/5 rules on a situation that many players may experience when there is damage to the lip of a hole, often caused by the clumsy replacement of the flagstick. In this situation the player may only repair damage that has clearly been made by a ball (i.e. a pitch-mark). If the player touches the inside of a hole for any other reason they incur the general penalty under Rule 16-1. This confirms that the line of putt includes the hole itself.

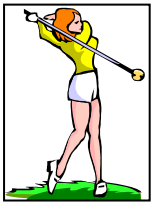
From the Course

Mick Cornish

Since my last article the rain has stopped and the golf course is starting to get back into good condition. We have had a really good result with all our herbicide spraying this year, unfortunately this has left some bare areas on some of the tees, green surrounds and to a lesser extent f/ways. To help these areas recover over all tees green surrounds and f/ways have been fertilised to encourage growth, with the cooler weather that we are currently experiencing this process has been slowed down. With spring being not that far away the recovery will speed up which should lead to good surfaces on our Greens, Green Surrounds Tees and Fairways.

Over the next few months we will be concentrating on building some new Tees and extending some of the smaller Tees to cater for the new course rating system

I would like to give a big thankyou to the rest of the ground staff particularly with their efforts leading up to and during the Pro am, with early starts any where from midnight to two thirty in the morning I think a good job was achieved by all. Thanks to Dads Army who have continued there good work cleaning up dead and damage trees, laying turf at the new stadium and placing permanent markers for the course rating system



For the first time, Mackay will be fielding three teams in the NQ Ladies Pennants – Silver, Bronze and Copper. Games will be played at Ayr, Home Hill and Bowen over 30th and 31st July. Good luck to all three teams and thank you for representing our club. The Silver team this year is sponsored by 2 Chefs Catering. Thanks Will for your generous sponsorship.

The Rose Bowl had to be cancelled earlier this year due to the wet weather. We have had a lot of trouble finding dates to reschedule. Based on these difficulties, the Match Committee has decided for 2011 to play the Rose Bowl over two Saturdays 13 and 20 August. So please put those dates in your diaries.

Nomination sheets for the Glenden Open (Friday 19 August), Prosperine Open (Friday 29 July) and Sarina Open (Saturday 6 August) are on the noticeboard in the ladies locker room.

For Saturday players, a change was implemented earlier this year. We no longer have a raffle - there is now a draw where randomly selected players win a bar voucher. There are several ladies who win these vouchers each week and a list of winners is posted on the window of the starters box. So please check the list to see if you are one of the lucky ones.

We have two major championships coming up over the next month. The Mixed Foursomes Championship over 36 holes will be held on **Sunday 21 August**.

The North Jacklin Foursomes Championship (over 36 holes) has been **changed** from Sunday 11 September to **Sunday 4 September**. Business House and Juniors scheduled for 4 September have moved to Sunday 11 September. So find a partner and put both these dates in your diaries.

This weekend is the 4BBB Championships. We have a good field playing and with the beautiful weather at the moment, it will be a great weekend of golf. Just a reminder that for the ladies, the top 4 teams from the championship will qualify for matchplay.

If you are already involved in matchplay from other championships, please check when your next game needs to be finalised.

Vale – Fay Boyd 1928-2011

Fay, a pleasant happy woman served on the Ladies Golf Committee for many years and on a suggestion from the Club Golf professional Bren Alman she was one of the first Birdie Ladies to take new members around the course on a Friday morning to receive their handicaps and direction on rules, etiquette etc.

Fay also worked tirelessly for the Juniors. She happily gave her time to numerous other worthwhile causes within the community.

Thank you Fay. Another quiet achiever.

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

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.

You have to hand it to the Brits when it comes to golf. This notice posted in war-torn Britain in 1940. Aircraft from Norway would fly on missions to northern England; because of the icy weather conditions, the barrels of their guns had a small dab of wax to protect them. As they crossed the coast, they would clear their guns by firing a few rounds at the golf courses. Golfers were urged to take cover.

British 'phlegm' was never better illustrated than during 1940; as witnessed by this calm notice.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB

TEMPORARY RULES. 1940

1. Players are asked to collect Bomb and Shrapnel splinters to save these causing damage to the Mowing Machines.
2. In Competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play.
3. The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonably, but not guaranteed, safe distance therefrom.
4. Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the Fairways, or in Bunkers within a club's length of a ball, may be moved without penalty, and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.
5. A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or destroyed, a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.
6. A ball lying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.
7. A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty one stroke.

From the Pro Shop

Jeff Reid

Congratulations to The local Lad, Anthony Johnson for winning his second Meng Tyre and Mechanical City of Mackay Pro Am. What a fantastic week, from the Junior ProAm/Classes all the way to the 72nd hole of the Championships, it was in my view the best event MGC has done. A massive well done to all those involved, and in particular, the Tournament Director Neil Dougherty.. The man who does not sleep !!!

Also, to Mick Cornish and his staff. Well done ! All the Professionals did nothing but praise the course for the quality and presentation, after all that we have been through. Also, thank you to those juniors who helped out with the roving cstore boards, a good job, well done.

NEW IN STORE –

Sonnacaddie GPS

Srixon Tour Yellow Golf Balls (very easy to see and tour quality !)

SPECIALS -

Cleveland Junior Sets Save \$\$\$\$

Cleveland Full Sets of Irons \$599.00

Everyday Professional Service.

Pro Tip - If you have looked everywhere for your socks ... Try your feet !!!

Wishing young Joey a speedy recovery with his elbow after an unfortunate accident. Lets hope he's back on course soon.