

The Bunker

MACKAY GOLF CLUB

September 2011

From the President's Desk

Bill Cooper



Having returned from holidays and the Variety Club Bash I can only say that I am now looking forward to playing some golf.

Dad's Army has been working diligently whilst I was away and they are looking forward to getting away from doing trees to laying a new cart path on the 18th fairway.

Thanks to the Veterans for the financial support for the project.

Discussions have been had with our engineers and we are hopeful that we will still be able to commence work on the drain across the 10th, 18th and 1st fairway in October prior to the wet.

Thanks must also go to the ABI Group for their support on redoing the driveway in the front carpark at no expense to the Club. Should anyone have contact with builders we are also looking for steel mesh for the cart paths. This will enable us to cover a longer area with the money we have from the Veterans.

REFURBISHED DRIVEWAY

On behalf of the members, staff and visitors of Mackay Golf Club we would like to sincerely thank Abigroup and AJK Constuctions for refurbishing the driveway and parking area.

BUNKER RAKES

Just a Reminder

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 of the bunker, in the same manner.

Single Stroke	Saturday 17th September
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<i>Holden Scramble</i>	<i>Sunday 18th September</i>
<i>12.00pm SGS</i>	

Sunday Shootout <i>Aussie Budget Carpet Cleaning</i>	Sunday 25th September
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October Monthly Medal Sponsored by David Bow / Assoc	Saturday October 8th
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October Business House	Sunday October 9th
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6.30 am SGS

Women's Monthly Medal Final	Wednesday 19th October
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Monthly Medal Final	Saturday October 29th
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November Monthly Medal Sponsored by Mackay Driving Range	Saturday November 5th
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It has been a very busy time since the last issue of the bunker. The club has held the Pro Am, Wintersun, Mixed Foursomes and a number of Monthly Medals.

The North Jacklin week has just wrapped up with a good result for both North Jacklin and the club. Congratulations go to all the winners of all the events. With a poor response to the weekly rolling competition, only 4 players competing over the trial period of 3 weeks, the competition has been suspended.

I would like to wish the A Grade pennants team the best of luck in the NQ Pennant, being played in Townsville on the weekend of the 22nd/23rd September. Bring home another pennant boys, this would make 5 in a row (last year's was held here but due to heavy rain the event was washed out).

The Monthly Medal final has been moved from the 17th September to the 29th October, the eclectic and consistency comps will also be extended to this date. These competitions will commence on 4th February 2012.

The change is due to North V South being held on the 15/16th October and the Mobil Oil Shield to be played in Mackay on the 22nd/23rd October.

The program of events for 2012 will be returned to the traditional starting date for 2012 in January, with the ongoing competitions commencing in early February. Happy Golfing.

From the Course**Mick Cornish**

Since my last article the temperature has started to rise and we have had just the right amount of rain, this has seen the golf course kick along very nicely.

With the greens renovations scheduled for the 19th and 20th of September we should see the course continue to improve.

Over the last few months we have been concentrating on building some new Tees, pictured is the tee extension at the 6th tee.

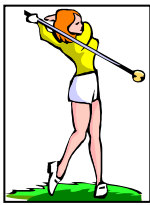


I would like to thank the Abigroup for there donation of machinery and materials for some much needed repairs to the car park.

I would like to thank the rest of the ground staff for there efforts over the last couple of months.

Thanks to Dads Army who has continued there good work cleaning up dead and damage trees, installing car park markers and for brush cutting the drain at the 15th Tee.

Buy for now.



Handicap System

Just to let you know that the changes to the Handicap System which we have previously discussed will come into effect from **Wednesday 21 September**. The Four Priority Changes are:

Alter **Best 10 of 20** to **Best 8 of 20**

Change the Multiplier from 0.96 to 0.93

Introduce an Anchor which will prevent a players handicap from increasing any more than 4 strokes beyond their best exact handicap from the previous 12 month rolling period

Golf Link will cap the score that goes into a players handicap record at no more than the following amount over the course rating: Women – 50; Men – 40.

In order to effect these changes Golf Link will not be available from 1 pm on Monday 19 September till late on Wednesday 21 September. Even when the system is back up, it is expected that the system will be very slow due to customer use. A list of all handicaps as at 1 pm on Monday 19 September will be printed and placed in the ladies locker room. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Match Committee.

Foursomes Championships

Congratulations to our major winners from the Foursomes Championships. Ladies champions Julianne Behan and Shae Holmes, Runners Up Donna Scott and Sue McCarthy, Nett winners Lorna Jenner and Freda Farquhar and the Nett Runners Up Margaret Griffin and Michele Ahmat. We had a great field of 40 players and many thanks to our sponsors North Jacklin.

Matchplay

Just a reminder that if you are playing a matchplay, check when your game needs to be played and organise the game. Please don't leave your match until the last minute.

Medal Final Changes

Captain Phil has announced that the calendar year will revert to January to December format. With this change, the Monthly Medal final for this year has been changed to Saturday 29 October. Consistency and eclectic will also finish on that date for 2011.

For the ladies, the Wednesday Medal final will now be held on Wednesday 19 October. Consistency and eclectic will also finish on that date.

Toyota Shield

The Toyota Shield is played against Sarina each year and this year Mackay will host the event. Nominations for the team are now being called. If you are available to play on Sunday 30 October, please put your name down on the nomination sheet in the Ladies Locker Room.

Closing Day

And now to the really important business. Closing Day is scheduled for Wednesday 30 November with a SGS commencing at 3.30 pm. The theme this year is "**The Colours of Christmas**". So start your planning now. Whether you are playing on the day or attending the dinner, please join in the theme for this year. Are you dreaming of a white Xmas or a true Aussie Xmas.

See you at golf. **Sue Rowlinson** **Vice-Captain Ladies**

2011 Melbourne Cup Calcutta (Tickets selling fast)

Look for the Calcutta Board behind the bar to get your favorite number

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

INDEPTH INFORMATION ON FLYER ON NOTICE BOARD

Details of the Four Priority Changes to handicap system

The following Four Priority Changes to the Golf Australia Handicap System will come into effect on Wednesday 21 September:

1. Alter 'Best 10 of 20' to 'Best 8 of 20'.
2. Change the Multiplier from 0.96 to 0.93.
3. Introduce an Anchor which will prevent a player's handicap from increasing any more than 4 strokes beyond their best exact handicap from the previous 12-month rolling period.
4. GOLF *Link* will cap the score that goes into a player's handicap record at no more than the following amount over the course rating:
 - 50-women

From the Pro Shop

Jeff Reid

Once again we have seen remarkable improvement with our golf course over the past month and I do believe that right now it is the best I have seen it in a long time. A real credit to all those involved, both Mic's team and the volunteers with David Hiskens, Well done and keep it up !

Best of luck to our A grade pennant team who travel shortly to once again defend the flag.. Play well and bring back the pennant to where it has made itself at home , at the Mackay Golf Club.

New in Store –

FAYDE Clothing
New Range Sporte Clothing
Smoothy Buggies
Srixon Yellow. High Vision tour golf balls

Specials –

Titleist ProV1 only \$69- per dozen
Mens Long Pants now only \$50-
Srixon Shoes \$189- Now \$149-

Only 3 weeks away now from our annual Expo.

Again, this year the EXPO will be both Saturday the 8th October and Sunday the 9th of October from 8am to 4 pm.

This year there will be all the major brands as well as clothing. There will be specials galore all weekend as well as for the first time our Golf Pride Grip Promotion :

Simply bring your DRIVER to the expo and we will re-grip it with Golf Pride for FREE.....

Tell your friends ... Tell everyone, its open and FREE to all !!!

Position Vacant

Mackay Driving range

Mackay Driving Range is seeking casual staff for weekday work.

Enquires to Jeff at the Pro Shop.