

The Bunker

MACKAY GOLF CLUB

November 2011

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



We have just finished a successful Melbourne Cup with Coady's Calcutta proving to be a success and it looks great as a fundraiser for next year.

The ladies lunch was also successful and I thank the ladies for their efforts.

November sees the start of major drainage works. This will involve some disruption to competition and our Captain will keep members informed of the course changes.

We are now approaching the end of the year fast and whilst there are many Christmas parties to go to do not forget the AGM on the 5th of December 2011 and the Presentation Dinner next Friday on the 18th of November. The Presentation night should be the highlight of our calendar and I would urge members to come along to honour our sponsors and winners for the year.

DRAINAGE WORKS

Drainage works are to be carried out on the course starting at the week ending November 14th 2011

The major drainage work is expected to take approximately three weeks, weather permitting.

There will be some disruption, however we will try to minimize this as much as possible.

Work will be carried out on the 1st hole around the drain and dam area, this work is expected to take about 3 months. They will be filling in the melon holes as part of the works which I'm sure will make a lot of members happy. The drainage plan is on view in the clubhouse.

The goal of the new drainage is to enable the course to dry out quicker which will increase play during the wet season.

November Monthly Medal
Sponsored by Mackay Driving Range

Saturday
12th
November

Juniors Closing Day

*Sunday
13th
November*

2011
PRESENTATION
NIGHT

Friday
18th
November

Monthly Medal Presentation
&
Trivia Night

Friday
25th
November

2011
THURSDAY CLUB
PRESENTATION
NIGHT

Saturday
26th
November

LADIES
PRESENTATION
GALA

Wednesday
30th
November

PRESIDENTS
DAY
Mixed 4BBB Stab

Sunday
4th
December

AGM
7.30pm

Monday
5th
December

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This being the last bunker for 2012 I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope your travels are safe and that I see you all round the greens in 2012.

The club has enjoyed several wins over the past couple of months. Although we could not bring home a pennant win, we did manage to win the Mobil Oil Shield, Kraft Walker Shield, Toyota Shield and the Alan Croker memorial Cup. All in all a good result.

As you may be aware the drainage program has started and will continue for some time. Please be patient as this will go a long way to make the course dry faster, hence more golf can be played. Much to the dismay of my wife.

Congratulation to the Monthly Medal Final winners,

A Grade: John Dalton

B Grade: Rohan Dingle

C Grade: Graham Brown

Through the efforts of the sponsorship committee, you will see an increase in sponsored days in 2012. I would urge every member to support the sponsors on their given days and consider them and all other sponsors when making purchases.

Don't forget to make yourself aware of the new local rule re: water hazards. A copy can be found on the notice board outside the starters box.

As I won't be standing for captain in 2012 I would like to thank everyone for their support and assistance in the past 2 years.

Happy Golfing.

Phil

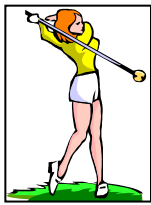
Since my last article the temperature has continued to rise and the rain has dried up, however I think that the golf course is in pretty good condition.

Greens were renovated on the 19th & 20th of September and have come back well they were given a light top dress on Monday the 3rd of November and we will continue to dust the greens on a monthly basis weather permitting.

We are just about to embark on some exciting changes to the golf course over the coming weeks, with some major drains to be constructed across the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 10th & 18th F/ways they will be linked to a drain running back to the Irrigation dam, we are anticipating that this will help move surface water from the golf course a lot faster than in the past, whilst this will not completely fix the problem of water logged fairways it is a starting point and will allow us to install some sub surface drainage in the future. As well as the new drains all material that is excavated will be used to repair the sink hole between the two drains on the first fairways. We anticipated that the 1st fairway will be out of action for up to 3 months with the rest of the work completed in about 2 – 4 weeks. There will be a lot of work to be completed in a short period of time so anyone interested in donating some hours to lay turf or help out in other areas will be more than welcome. I can be contacted on my Mobile 0428 118 086.

We currently have an abundance of mulch, so anyone looking for mulch can contact me on the above phone number. I would like to thank the rest of the ground staff for there efforts over the last couple of months.

Thanks also to Dads Army who have been removing tree in preparation for the upcoming drainage work.



Tee Off for Breast Cancer

With 59 in the field, it was a very successful Tee Off for Breast Cancer Day held on 26 October. Kay Direen from Nutrimerics sponsored the day and Jan Buckley provided a great raffle prize. Many thanks to Elliott Beel for his fundraising on the 14th. (Loved the bra Elliott) He raised \$216 himself with a total of \$501 for the day going to the Breast Cancer Institute of Australia. Congratulations ladies on a wonderful effort for a good cause.

Toyota Shield

Congratulations to our successful Toyota Shield Team. The Shield was played at our Mackay course on Sunday 30 October. Mackay won 6 games to 1 thus taking the Shield from Sarina. The weather was perfect for golf and all those who played enjoyed themselves.

In 2012, we are going to change the format of the Shield, playing two games each year – one earlier in the year in May and the second decider in October. A game will be played at both Sarina and Mackay.

Wednesday 16 November – Come and Try Day

We have several new members in the club and perhaps some prospective members. On Wednesday 16 November I urge all ladies to invite a friend to join us for golf at our come and try day. We will have a SGS playing a 2 ball ambrose. Normal competition and green fees will apply. The aim of the day is to encourage ladies to join our Wednesday competition day. If you know of someone that may be interested please let me know.

Thanks to Lady Veterans

The Lady Vets have again donated funds to purchase two new fans for the ladies locker room. The fans are being installed by Greg Coad. With summer coming on, what a wonderful gift. Many thanks for your support.

Melbourne Cup Lunch

What a great day we had at our Melbourne Cup Lunch. About 45 ladies attended and many others supported in various ways. Over \$1000 was raised at the event and we will be looking at how to use this money within the next few weeks. Again thanks to the Lady Vets who provided the raffle prizes. The major prize was won by Brenda Crompton (a bottle of bubbly and the largest box of chocolates I have ever seen).

Our hat parade was certainly the highlight of the day (other than the race itself) and I pay tribute to the creativity of the ladies who participated. Many of the creations could have been worn to the races. Photos of the day will be displayed on the notice board in the locker room.

See you at golf.

Sue

KRAFT WALKER SHIELD MACKAY VICTORY

Mackay has taken out the Kraft Walker Shield in its 60th Year by defeating Sarina 5 1/2 to 3 1/2 at Sarina on Sunday 30 October.

Mackay also won the first round 5 1/2 to 3 1/2, so the final score clinching the shield was 11 to 7. Nine teams of 2 competed in perfect golfing conditions and the Sarina course was in superb condition. Mackay only suffered one loss today (6 and 5), three wins and five halves ensuring victory.

The win adds further to our trophy cabinet joining the Mobil Shield against Rockhampton and the inaugural Alan Croker Memorial Cup which we won against Black Springs.

Mackay won four of the seven matches against Rockhampton and halved two to retain the 2011 Mobil Shield.

Notice for 2011 AGM

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EVENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting for 2011 will be held in the Clubhouse on Monday 5th December 2011 at 7.30pm.

Please be advised that:

1. Notices of Motion for the AGM must be submitted in writing to the undersigned one (1) calendar month prior to the scheduled meeting; that is by close of business on Monday 7th November 2011.
2. Items for General Business at the AGM must be submitted in writing to the undersigned seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting; that is by close of business on Monday 28th November 2011.
3. Nomination Forms for members of the Management Committee are available from the Secretary Manager. Nominations close 5.00pm Friday 2nd December 2010.

Eric Haworth

31st October, 2010

From the Pro Shop

Jeff Reid

Again I must start by congratulating our Green Staff. Michael and his team are doing a great job and almost all visitors playing the course and making that comment after playing the course.

“ Touch Wood” the rains stays away until after Christmas and we can enjoy the course for awhile longer.

To all those who helped with the EXPO, particularly DAD’s Army, I once again thank you all very much for what you did. Again a success event for both Members and the Public.

Specials

Cleveland Shirts \$69.00 Now \$39.00

Titleist DComp Drivers \$449 Now \$149 (Sorry only Lefties, or if you’re a lefty.. Its GOOD !)

New in Store

Titliest AP1 and AP2 irons (arrive Nov 15th)

AFL Golf Bags

TigerShark Grips

Upcoming Events

Fayde Clothing Range fashion parade 1.30pm Wednesday 16th November. In the Clubhouse.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Next Friday Night, the 18th, at Presentation Night.