

# The Bunker

## MACKAY GOLF CLUB

### From the President's Desk

Phil Lakin



I would like to wish all members a happy new year, let's hope the rain gods are kinder to us this year than last. I would like to welcome to the board Sue Rowlinson and Paul Falconi, both bring vast experience to their respective positions.

The rain we have had this year has not stopped play to date, and I have it on good authority that this is due in no small part to the new drainage system on the course, I love it when a plan comes together.

After the recent rains the dam adjacent to the 4<sup>th</sup> is overflowing and the excess water, which would have been sitting on the course, is now backing up the drain, over the practice fairway.

The motion re the ballot for the future of the Pro Am is now complete and will start to arrive in member's mail boxes shortly. To have your say in the future of the great event complete the ballot form and return it to the club promptly.

The club has some exciting changes to introduce this year firstly, the introduction of the electronic time sheet and scoring system. The system has been ordered and will be operating in the near future, I will leave that to Greg and his team to keep us informed on that matter. The changes to the course (new drainage) will see the rating of the course change. This will also include a change in some "stroke index" on some holes as well, Sue has this under control.

I would like to encourage all members to enjoy the course and facilities as the weather holds the course only gets better and better.

Remember the true meaning of GOLF:-

*The true meaning of golf is a series of tragedies interrupted by the odd miracle followed by a good drink.*

#### THANKS TO OUR 2012 SPONSORS

##### Monthly Medals (10)

Team Zim	Porters
Pert, Perry and Evans	Pool Werx
Blacks Real Estate	GJ Gardner Homes
A&L Smash Repairs	David Bow & Assoc
Cove Engineering	Mackay Driving Range

##### Championships

Club Men & Women – We R Golf	Open Men & Women – Toyota
Foursomes – North Jacklin	Mixed Foursomes – SH Tait & Co
4BBB Men & Women – Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal	

Easter Classic – T Mac Packaging

##### Saturdays

Pro Skills Challenge – 12 Saturdays, Bennett Partners

##### Pennant Teams – Men's

A – Greg James Electrical and Clinton Smith Plasterer  
 B – Coady's Electrical  
 C – Bank of Queensland

### January 2012

Trivia Night	Friday 27th January
PRO SKILLS CHALLENGE Round 1	Saturday 28th January
Opening Day 2012 12.30pm SGS	Sunday 29th January
Tuesday Club Opening Day	Tuesday 30th January
Ladies Opening Day	Wednesday 01st February
Thursday Club Opening Day	Thursday 2nd February
COVE ENGINEERING February Monthly Medal	Saturday 4th February
February Business House 6.30 SGS	Sunday 5th February

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2012 has certainly gotten off to a great start. The golfing gods have been smiling on us. It has been great to see so many club members out on the course whether it was in our competitions or with family and friends over Christmas and New Year.

One of my highest priorities as Club Captain is to communicate with members. At the moment, information goes out to members in various ways – the club newsletter, notices on the website and also on notice boards around the club. I will be sending a regular email to members on events around the club and upcoming competitions and the first one was sent out recently. Normally they will be short and timely letting you know of deadlines for nominations for events or about changes that impact on you as a player. If you have email and did not receive the Captains Update, please let us know. It means that we may not have an up to date email address for you.

#### Match Committees

My team is made up of a Men's and Women's Match Committee with Vice-Captains Bob Harvey and Sue Craig heading their respective committees. Bob Harvey has a wealth of experience for the job and Sue has been on Committee for a couple of years and is taking the next step up. Bob, Sue and I are always available if you have any queries or suggestions. Full contact details of the Match Committees can be found on page 9 of the 2012 Program of Events which is available at the club now.

#### Handicapping is back

I am pleased to advise that handicapping recommenced as from Thursday 12 January. I would like to thank all players for their patience while the drainage work was undertaken. No. 1 will not be back in play for another few weeks.

Until No 1 is fully back in play, we will be playing under a temporary course rating as approved by Golf Queensland.

For men, the course will be par 70 with a rating of 67. For ladies, the par will be 70 with a rating of 71.

#### Course Rating

The audit of our course for the course rating was done many months ago but we have just been advised that the new course rating will be available within 2 weeks. The course rating will be for blue, white, yellow and red blocks. I have also requested a 'wet' course rating for white and red. This wet rating would be used when the conditions are very heavy with surface water and we may be playing preferred lie. Golf Queensland have also advised that the slope ratings for courses will not now be released until 2013.

#### Business House

Business House got off to a great start on Sunday 22 January with 34 teams playing. Many thanks to Sue and Larry McCarthy who will co-ordinating business house in 2012. The next game will be Sunday 5 February. The registration sheet is in the Pro Shop.

#### Opening Day

Club Opening Day is Sunday 29 January and we invite all members (both full and mid week) to join us on the day. It will be a shotgun start at 12.30 pm playing 4BBB stableford. It will be a medley so teams of men, women or mixed and the time sheet is now in the Pro Shop.

Someone asked me the other day why we have an opening day when we have been playing golf each Saturday. Other than the tradition of an opening day, this will designate the start of our competition year – monthly medals, eclectic, consistency and a new competition for 2012 the Pro Skills Challenge (details in the Program of Events).

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and volunteers for all their work in getting the drainage project finalised. What a massive job and in the heat of the summer. Special thanks to George, Mick and the course staff and Dave and Dad's Army.

We couldn't afford to do this work around the course without these volunteers. If you see them out on the golf course, please take the opportunity to thank them for their work. That's not why they do it, but positive comment is always appreciated by everyone.

Happy golfing.

Since my last article the weather gods have been looking after us, with warm days and even a bit of sun thrown in with just the right amount of rain. This has left the golf course in pretty good condition.

Our main objective this time of year is to keep the golf course mown as neat as possible which as you can imagine is a full time job.

We have finished the drainage work across 1, 2,3,10 & 18 f/ways and are waiting for the grass on the 1<sup>st</sup> f/way to mature before reopening it. I am really happy with how it has turned out and although we have not had much rain to date all indication are that it will work well.

The second stage will be to extend the irrigation dam and install some Dam gates so that we have the ability to lower the irrigation dam level during prolonged wet periods.

I would like to thank George Nuttall and John O'Callaghan for the supply and installation of our much needed workshop roof.

We currently have an abundance of mulch, so anyone looking for mulch can contact me on 0428 118 086.

I would like to thank the rest of the ground staff for their efforts over the last couple of months. Thanks to Dads Army and all volunteers for their massive efforts over the last few months. They spent many hours building bridges, concreting drains and laying turf. Their efforts have been very much appreciated.

Buy for now.



# From the Ladies Lockerroom Sue Craig

Welcome to the **2012 SEASON** (Here's hoping it pans out better weather –wise than last year!!)  
Club Captain Sue Rowlinson persuaded me to be Vice Captain Ladies this year so I'll be doing my best to assist her in the smooth running of the golf year especially anything to do with the ladies.

The volunteers on the **Match Committee** this year include the following:-

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| <b>Michelle Ahmad</b>                | <b>Jenny Giles</b> | <b>Marion Delaney</b>               | <b>Wendy Grendon</b> |
| <b>Shirley Eames</b>                 | <b>Cecily Meng</b> | <b>Joan Edmonds</b>                 |                      |
| <b>Handicapper -May Scott Morris</b> |                    | <b>Club Captain – Sue Rowlinson</b> |                      |

Feel free to approach any of us if you have any queries or suggestions. We welcome your input.

We have planned our **Opening Day** for **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

It will be a 9.15 am shotgun start playing Chapman Foursomes(\$10 comp. fee). A nomination sheet is in the Pro-shop. Please indicate whether riding, walking or need a ride.

A complimentary morning tea will be available in the club house from 8.45(with thanks to Marion) Chef Will is providing his blackboard lunch choices after competition. In the event of rain on the morning, we will be going ahead with a social morning tea in the clubhouse.

We look forward to seeing everyone for our first Ladies Day of the year next Wednesday.

### Forward Planning

The ladies are supportive of the proposal to rain proof at least 9 holes of the course (ie cart paths to enable all/most weather play) and so will be involved with specific fund raising initiatives such as Casino Nights, raffles etc with the prime objective of achieving these course improvements.

### New Rules

Please avail yourselves of a copy of the new rule book 2012-2015 available from the starters box.. May wanted me to draw your attention to the New Rules section Page 6 that details changes to

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| 1 Raking of Bunkers | 2. Keeping Amateur Status | 3. Moving Ball |
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### Lockers Available

If anyone would like to make use of a locker in the ladies locker room please see David in the office. The cost is \$20 per year and there are quite a few available

## SUNDAY TEAM'S MATCH PLAY COMP 2012

Hi all, a new idea is for some more Sunday golf will see us try to run a Sunday, Handicap, Matchplay, Teams competition. We have tried to separate it by 2 weeks from the business house weekends were possible.

It will be a later start , most likely from 10.30am depending on the number of teams and all matches will start on the 1st or 10th tee depending on the juniors.

Teams will be 4 per team and fill ins are allowed, players need to play in the same side on more than 5 occasions to qualify for the finals.

Team uniforms and original team names will be encouraged.

Round 1.	Sunday	February 19th	Round 2.	Sunday	March 18th
Round 3.	Sunday	April 22nd	Round 4.	Sunday	May 20th
Round 5.	Sunday	July 8th	Round 6.	Sunday	August 19th
Round 7.	Sunday	September 23rd	Finals	Sunday	October 28th

*At present these will be the days , finals day is subject to change regarding the Ladies Toyota Shield*

### Example of the draw

Round 3. Sunday April 22 ( 4 players per team )

Match 1:	Spilburys Special Squad	v	Georges Goofy Golfers
	10.30 players	1 & 2	
	10.40 players	3 & 4	
Match 2:	Reidys Rebel Rousers	v	Coadys Commandos
	10.50 player	1 & 2	
	11.00 players	3 & 4	

Continuing to the end of the matches.

Teams will rotate around early and late starts with the complete draw done and posted on the website and in the clubhouse after the first round.\$10 per person plus green fees per round.

Captains will supply email & mobile numbers to ensure each team has 4 players on the Friday before the weekend matches, spare players are available if required. Teams to be in 15 minutes before their team's first tee off.

Captains will make sure handicaps are correct and each player is aware of their opponent's handicap and who has to give shots and on what holes. Simple match play rules will be given to every player .

**Nomination forms will be available from the bar area and close the day before the first round , Feb 18.**

## PRO SKILLS CHALLENGE 2012

# PRO SKILLS

### **MEN - WOMEN**

This is a new competition for 2012 sponsored by Pro Skills. ( Starts this Saturday 28th )

The way the challenge works is there will be up to 12 single stableford events run between January and the end of November 2012.

Players must play a minimum of 7 Pro Skills events to qualify for the challenge.

Players that qualify with the 7 or more events have their scores averaged over the Pro Skills events and the challenge yearly winners will be the best average scores ( Male & Female ) of those who qualified.

The last round is 7 days prior to the clubs presentation night where the winners will be announced.

### **From the Pro Shop**

### **Jeff Reid**

Congratulations to Joseph Rickman, on the 13<sup>th</sup> March Joseph will Graduate to become a Full Member of the Australian PGA. Well done Joseph, 3 years of hard work, study as well as playing.

The course is once again excellent and the weather is being friendly, so again a big well done to Mick and his staff.

The drains are doing their job which is great. A massive Well Done ! to Dave Hiskens and all those with Dads Army who put in over 2,000 hours of volunteer work to get the job done.

The Drains and the Bridges have and will make a big change to the way the course plays and aesthetically they look great.

Well Done.

The ProSkills challenge starts this Saturday. A new competition, and new club Sponsor, so I urge members to support this event as well as all of our Club Sponsors.

#### **Specials-**

Mizuno Clearance Sale  
Selected Shoes up to 50% off

Taylor Made Rocket Ball Clubs  
New R11 S Driver  
Bushnell GPS \$169.00

**Jeffrey Reid**  
**Club Professional**

*2012 Driving Range Membership Now Open. See staff at the Range or the Pro Shop for Details*