



Newsletter

Autumn 2018

Welcome to the autumn edition and we can look forward to some cooler day temperatures for more comfortable golfing.

New captain and vice-captain

On Tuesday 20th March, the management committee appointed Todd Blocksidge and Tony Cole to fill the casual vacancies on the committee. They will hold office until the AGM in September, at which time elections will be held. Congratulations Todd and Tony and welcome to the management committee.

Please talk to them if you have any issues relating to Captain's business.

Yet more nostalgia



How open the course was 30 years ago!



Looking back to the second tee.

The photos are very yellow with age and no doubt they can be photoshopped to correct the colour if I knew how.

Helloworld golfing cruise to NZ, December 2018

Ten deposits have been paid already to Grahame Kent and a further eight more members are likely starters. We are all looking forward to playing on five courses across NZ, particularly the Tane brothers who are anticipating playing on some of their old stamping grounds. Non-golfers can also travel with the group.

There are brochures in the clubhouse, otherwise call Grahame Kent on 07 5580 4020.

Greens renovation – Monday 16th April

Please note that the course will be closed for three days. The photo shows the way we used to do it using

volunteer manpower, but now we have machines. Yes, the machines **are** taking over.



Information corner

1. A quick note to let you know that the budget approved at the 2017 AGM is broadly on track at this stage of the financial year.
2. For those who are interested, of the \$63.80 collected by the club as part of your annual subscription, \$19 goes to Golf Australia, \$32.80 goes to Golf Qld and only \$12.80 remains in our District, the Gold Coast District.
3. New rules of golf are coming – see page 4.
4. World Handicap System (WHS) will not be introduced until January 2020.
5. Interclub details are on the GDGA website. Briefly, TMGC will play against Emerald Lakes, Sanctuary Cove and Gainsborough, commencing on 8th July. If you want to play this year, chase up the Captain or the various grade captains to be announced soon.
6. Trainee Professional Nev's, Pro am day, Monday 26 March. This event will be a great day and is fully booked out. Just waiting for Nev to hold the trophy aloft!
7. Friday Fusion/happy hour attendance is growing so come along and join the fun.
8. Golf Australia is proposing to centralise some functions currently run by the State bodies under the theme of One Golf.

Special requests

The committee seeks your cooperation in:

- a. Not swearing in the clubhouse
- b. Not practising by hitting many balls to the 5th green
- c. Not chipping high balls onto the putting green

- d. Not use long clubs in the warm-up nets. The net material will wear out even faster if everyone belts balls into the netting.
- e. Repairing pitch marks on the greens and also in filling divots on the fairways and in the rough too.

Ceiling refurbishment

As we go to print, the ceiling refurbishment using the \$28,000 grant from the State Government Gambling Community Benefit Fund is almost complete. One of the conditions of receiving such a grant is that the club undertook to acknowledge the generosity publicly

Therefore, I wish to express to the State Government the club's gratitude for the money which has allowed us to modernise part of the clubhouse, which, otherwise, we would not have been able to afford.

Moreover, I would also like the club members to acknowledge the magnificent job that Kev Arnold has done in effecting the building work. He has done so much in coordinating the various components necessary to bring it all together. Many thanks Kev, you're a gem

Thanks also go to Tony, Ralph, and Roger and the Vets who helped lift the tiles into place.

Here are two of the contractors, Michael and Dirck who did a very professional job in installing the ceiling. It was fascinating to see how they used the lasers to square off the framing.

Thanks boys.



President's vs captain's cup

Guess which team won? To those stalwarts who chose the winning team, many thanks and let's see if we can repeat the win next year. To those who didn't, then there is the chance to change next year.



New steps at the 5th tee



Kev and Keith are busy installing the steps at the 5th tee. The spaces between the treads will be closed over. Note that Kev has his usual can of "lemonade" in hand.

Many thanks to you both.

Roughs mowers

While we are on the thank-you trail, many thanks to Keith, Ross and Mark for the sterling effort in keeping the grass in the roughs down to a

manageable level. They are on the roughs mower every day sharing the load.

Wayne's holidays

John Halpin very ably substituted for Wayne who took a well-earned break for two weeks. You would have noticed John's humorous sign on the first tee.

News from the Pro shop (Andrew's words)

I'm sure everyone is aware of our upcoming trainee pro am event on Monday March 26th. We have a full field playing with 42 trainees who have also registered. Neville has asked me to remind everyone that the morning field will tee off at 7am sharp and the afternoon field at 12.15 sharp, so please don't be late. Lunch will be held for everyone from 11.30.

A quick reminder that payment (\$25) for the event should be paid at the pro shop no later than Friday the 23rd. Neville would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors as well as all the supporters of this event which is sure to be a success.

Nev's news

Nev has got off to solid year with four top-five finishes on his Monday trainee matches plus hopefully a good finish on the 26th. Don't forget that on the Monday April 9th we will be telecasting the US Masters live from 7 am. For \$15 you will get a bacon & egg roll, tea and coffee as well as entry to the nine-hole competition at the completion of the telecast...please book through the pro shop.

Clubhouse news

We haven't been to lucky with the weather of late however that has not stopped us from kicking off with our Friday Fusion event each week. So, please spread the word...the members' jackpot draw is worth waiting for.

Range news

Correcting the dreaded slice!! This is probably the shot that I spend most of my time correcting. The error of a slice is often caused by an incorrect path to the ball (downswing) which is often exaggerated by allowing for the shape (aiming

further left for a right hander) Then at the point of impact and soon after the clubface is left open which then imparts a left to right spin on the ball (for a right hander) so therefore the more you allow for the slice the more spin you impart which means the bigger the slice!!

If that doesn't make a lot of sense to you, then pull me aside and I'll explain in more detail.

We are also running a promo and that is if any member introduces a function of 30 people or more (i.e., birthday, wedding etc.) to the clubhouse we will reward them with \$50 credit to be added to their card which can be used throughout the facility.

Social corner **Happy birthday Bev!**



New rules from the R&A and the USGA

I have greatly condensed the new rules so you can get an impression of what is coming on 1 January 2019. More information will arrive later in the year.

The aim is to modernise and make the rules simpler and easier to understand and to make the game more attractive and accessible for newcomers.

The rules will rely more on player integrity and "reasonable judgment" when estimating or measuring a spot, point, line, area or distance.

In summary players will:

1. Drop balls from knee height.

2. Use the longest club in the bag to measure one club-length or two club-lengths, depending on the situation.
3. Take no penalty for a double hit.
4. Have the option to speed up play by dropping the ball in the vicinity of where the ball was lost or out of bounds (including the nearest fairway area), under a two-stroke penalty instead of going back to replay under stroke and distance.
5. Search for only three minutes instead of five minutes for a lost ball.
6. For ready golf, take no more than 40 seconds to play a stroke.
7. Take no penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the putting green or in searching for a ball; and a player is not responsible for causing a ball to move unless it is "virtually certain" that he or she did so.
8. Take no penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits an unattended flagstick in the hole, i.e., players may putt without having the flagstick attended or removed. Players may repair spike marks and other damage made by shoes, animal damage and other damage on the putting green (not just pitch marks) and there is no penalty for merely touching the line of putt.
9. Take no penalty for moving loose impediments in a bunker or for generally touching the sand with a hand or club except right next to the ball. An extra relief option is added for an unplayable ball in a bunker, allowing the ball to be played from outside the bunker for a two-stroke penalty.
10. Take no penalty for moving loose impediments or touching the ground or water in a penalty area. In addition, there will be relaxed rules for "penalty areas" (currently called "water hazards").

We all look forward to their introduction.

Technical corner

Why do the greens sometimes look poorly over summer?

Bent grasses are tolerant of cold but suffer under the summer heat. Whilst Southern Queensland has a sub-tropical climate, the elevation of Tamborine Mountain provides a somewhat milder climate which allows bent grass to thrive and provide the excellent putting surface we are used to.

Mind you, the hot and dry westerlies cause Wayne some nervous times. We have seen patches turn purplish before our eyes and they then brown off overnight. A very sad sight for all to see next day. Damaging conditions include, hot weather burn off, dry patch, brown patch, dollar spot and recently seen, algae (really blue-green algae even though they look black). If algae develop fully they can form a crust, which when dry, acts as a barrier impeding the entrance of water and nutrients in the soil. This can significantly impact on turfgrass uniformity and appearance.

The conspicuous, slimy mats of surface algae are usually found on wet, poorly drained and low-lying compacted areas of greens that receive partial shading during the day. Poorly drained areas of greens are an excellent habitat.

Cyanobacteria synthesize and secrete large quantities of polysaccharides from their cells and this protective coating enables them to withstand stress brought about by lack of water and high temperatures. Many cyanobacteria are “extremophiles” capable of surviving environmental extremes in deserts, Antarctica and even on the surface of shingle roofs.

Cyanobacteria are considered to be the most ancient of all photosynthetic organisms. Initially classified as blue-green algae, scientists later correctly placed these organisms into a distinct group of unique photosynthetic bacteria. However, the habit of calling them “algae” still persists. Interestingly, cyanobacteria readily form oxygen during photosynthesis using the same chlorophyll molecule found in higher plants and after billions of years on earth, cyanobacteria may have produced most of the atmospheric oxygen we depend on today.

The most appropriate control method is to improve turf growing conditions, so that excess moisture is limited. This can be undertaken in most circumstances by improving the drainage capacity of the soil, increasing air movement and improving

irrigation scheduling. Heavy rainfall complicates the process of course.

However, despite these measures, algal crusts can remain a tough problem and sometimes chemical control is necessary.

The new club website

This should be live soon so please take the time to check it out.

Regards, best wishes

and see you on the course one day.

Leon Radunz

President

TMGC

Under the regulations of the Office of Fair Trading the management committee is required to inform the membership that the club has a public liability insurance cover of \$10 million.