



# Newsletter

Winter 2018

Welcome to this winter edition of the Newsletter. A chilly time of the year for sure but the beautiful crisp days make golfing a joy.

## **Annual Subs renewals**

Most members are now financial, having paid their annual renewals. Thanks for that as it allows the committee to continue providing services for you.

You will have noted the fee is now \$725 which is an increase of \$15 over the 16/17 subs to cover slight cost increases, remembering that the committee did not have to raise the fee last year.

## **AGM on Saturday September 29**

This is a very important meeting in the life of a club and I hope as many of you as possible will be there. There is a number of positions to be filled on the management committee, noting that the Constitution stipulates that elected officers hold their positions for terms of two years.

Positions vacant will be:

President  
Treasurer/Secretary  
Captain  
Vice captain

and four committee members

Please note that Vice President Harry Howard and committee member John Young will continue in their positions for the second year of their two-year terms.

Information with the meeting details and nomination forms will be emailed to all members in August. If you think you would like to contribute to the club by way of involvement on the committee, please nominate on the form. But be prepared to work for your supper as there is a lot of work needed to keep the club functioning properly.

The committee would like to thank the three officers Paulette Legge, Maurie Payne and Owen Achterberg who resigned from their positions earlier this year. Paulette was instrumental in setting up the computers for MiClub, Maurie, as well as his captaincy duties, worked hard behind-the-scenes in an administrative role and Owen contributed significantly to the refurbishment of the facilities last year. Many thanks.

## **What is happening in the golf world?**

Courses continue to close, first the Gold Coast Country club, then Helensvale. Which club is next?

News from the Gold Coast District is that paid-up player numbers have dropped significantly over the last ten years from 11,500 to only 7,500. There are several reasons: an ageing population of a previous generation of golfers, time poor current generation (too much time spent on mobile devices if I might say so!), and a burgeoning increase in social players.

Social players can get a handicap without having to be a member of a club. Selfishly, those players enjoy the well-presented courses but contribute nothing by way of annual fees to the ongoing maintenance of the clubs they frequent. And golf clubs unfortunately have pandered to those players – witness the manifold “specials” of reduced packages on offer at most courses. It has been a downward spiral to my mind but irreversible unfortunately.

It is clear that worldwide, this trend is recognised, resulting in the radical reform next January of the rules of golf. Those rules are being substantially simplified, mainly to speed up play, so those supposedly time-poor Millennials, or GenY, might be enticed to play a sport.

#### **How is our trainee Pro Nifty Nev going?**

Very well indeed and he was instrumental in running a fabulously successful Trainee Pro-am. The weather was great and all Neville’s hard work came to the fore when over 40 apprentice professionals turned up.

Winners in the net event were, Ladies: Ligouri Kent, A grade: Phil Fahey, B grade: Dion McRae and C grade: Ian Millar. The best of the professionals was Dean Jamieson from Cairns who won with a 3 under par 67, our very own Neville Hogan overcame a horror start, (3 over after 3 holes), to finish the day at even par, a great effort on a day when his mind would have been as much on running the day as it would have been on his golf!

Once again Fred, who was also MC at our open in November, had us in stitches at the

presentation, closing out a wonderful day, and we are all looking forward to doing it all again next year. Well done Nev.

#### **INTERCLUB**

The Interclub competition commences on Sunday July 8 at Emerald Lakes with the remaining two teams in the “Orange” section being Sanctuary Cove and Gainsborough Greens. Those who have nominated to play (six in each team for A, B and C grades) are really looking forward to the forthcoming competition. Shirts have been provided to all players, courtesy of Richard Pickering of RBP Bobcats and Kevin Arnold of HPP. Many thanks go to you both from the club for your generosity. Good luck to all our competitors and we hope you play well.

#### **The Ray White Open October, 12, 13 and 14**

Well it’s on again. How good is the Open Committee and how successful have the previous events been!

#### **The new club website**

This is now live so please take the time to check it out.

**Friday Fusion/happy hour** attendance is growing so come along and join the fun.

#### **Changes since the autumn Newsletter In the clubhouse**

You would have noticed the new ceiling, the new signs on the old lattice work, the front deck has been reiled (more painting of the rails to come), new water pump for the water tank, refreshed front gardens and potted plants around the clubhouse etc. New front entrance signs are ready for installation on the brick pillars.

As well, Kev has installed new stainless-steel bench tops in the kitchen and the committee has plans for more improvements so watch this space.

#### **On the course**

The greens have come back beautifully from the renovation, new cart directional signs have been purchased, new pitch repair signs have been installed at strategic places on the course, the 5<sup>th</sup> bunker has been re-modelled, new sand has

been purchased and the course is looking just an absolute picture. Again, the committee has plans for using the free pile of dirt near the machinery shed, plus other ideas and we are applying for a grant for a second machinery shed to house the machines that currently sit out in the weather.

There is a demand for some more cart sheds and the committee will look at this too.

### **New fence behind the first green**

Idiots on trails bikes have been damaging the course so the committee has been forced to install more fencing to stop the bikes entering between the large barrier rocks that were placed to prevent vehicles from entering onto the course.



Just a working on the chain gang!

On top of that we have installed a state-of-the-art camera on the pole that will record in great detail anyone who wants to damage the green. Of course, these items came at a considerable cost but due to the extremely generous donations

of \$2,000 from an unnamed member and \$5,000 from Kevin Arnold, the valuable infrastructure was not a drain on club funds. In total, the club has spent \$30,000 of scarce funds to protect the course.

To Kev, Max, Terry Tony and Jimmy for the hard work in installing the fence, many thanks.

### **Andrew's NEWS FROM THE PRO SHOP**

- ***Some of you may have noticed some of the online advertising that we have been promoting in regard to FREE function hire. The offer of a \$50 credit to any member referral still applies. So, if you know of anyone who has an upcoming birthday, wedding or party please consider letting them know that the club could be a great option.***
- ***You may also start to notice that we are promoting an event that we are holding on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of August known as "FOOD ON THE FAIRWAY" This event will include a variety of food trucks, kid's activities and entertainment. The idea behind this is to showcase what our fantastic club has to offer. We will also be needing some volunteers to help us out, so if you have the afternoon free we would really appreciate your help!***
- ***Friday evenings have been a great success so thanks to those who have supported this weekly event and those of you who haven't had the chance to drop down it would be great to see you.***

### **TRAINEE & JUNIOR NEWS**

- ***Neville recently competed in his 2018 trainee championship. Although Nev wasn't impressed with his performance he rallied well by bouncing back in his final 2 rounds finishing in a respectable 22<sup>nd</sup> place. Neville has also been nice enough by donating 1 free 30 min lesson to the ladies, Vets and Saturday club (monthly medal) to go towards his training.***
- ***Congratulations goes to two of our juniors Coco and Saya Iritani by***

**finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively in their division at Toowoomba City Golf Club. Also, congratulations to another one of our juniors Mitchell Revie by being selected in the district school team who will go to Kingaroy to try and qualify for the State school team.**

### **SHOP NEWS**

- **Check out our new range of jumpers sure to keep you warm and comfortable during play.**
- **Keep in mind we do our best to keep all our prices competitive, often our deals are better than those off the mountain.**

**Stay warm and good golfing!**

### **LESSONS**

Please note that Andrew's lesson rates are now \$65 per session, or a package of four lessons for \$230. As a 2<sup>nd</sup> year trainee, Neville can now teach and will offer his lessons for \$50.

**Regards  
From Andrew and Team**

### **How is One Golf Progressing?**

For the background to the change, click on this link.

<http://www.golf.org.au/site/content/document/00040514-source.pdf>

It now seems unstoppable as the administration of golf in Australia moves towards supposedly a more streamlined, cost-effective model, despite some interested parties having reservations. One Golf will effectively bring all participating state and territory governing bodies under the Golf Australia umbrella.

The ultimate plan is to have One Golf operating in every jurisdiction in Australia and for golf to have the most efficient, streamlined and unified governance structure in Australian sport.

### **THE 2018 GOLD COAST STABLEFORD CHALLENGE**

The Gold Coast District Association has put together a new event that allows members to play some of the best courses on the coast for a cost of only \$20 per person at each club played, which includes competition fees. TMGC will host the final in November.

ROUND 1: BURLEIGH GOLF CLUB  
DATE: MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY  
PHONE: (07) 5572 8266

ROUND 2: CANUNGRA AREA GOLF CLUB  
DATE: MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST  
PHONE: (07) 5543 4620

ROUND 3: ARUNDEL HILLS COUNTRY CLUB  
DATE: TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
PHONE: (07) 5573 9404

ROUND 4: SURFERS PARADISE GOLF CLUB  
DATE: MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
PHONE: (07) 5575 1666

ROUND 5: TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN GOLF CLUB  
DATE: FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER  
PHONE: (07) 5545 1788

POINTS ALLOCATED FOR BEST 20 SCORES AT EACH EVENT TO DECIDE THIS YEAR'S CHAMPION.

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.