

# COOLANGATTA & TWEED HEADS

## VETERAN GOLFERS

| News and Views for Veteran Golfers |

### News

Dear Vets,

Winter is here which hopefully means plenty of crisp mornings followed by sunny days - the perfect formula for golf on the Tweed!



### 2018 Oculus Foursomes Championships

Congratulations to Rob Ind and Bill Wiseman who took out this year's closely fought event. Ray Hiles and Bob Lendrum were the net winners on the day.

### Bunkers

Please think of your fellow players by raking the bunkers after you have been in them - even if your impact was light. There have been many instances lately where players have had to contend with footprints, and other depressions from thoughtless players ahead of them in the field.



## VETERANS' INVITATION DAY

### Friday 11th MAY 2018

The course was presented in immaculate condition with fairways freshly mowed, bunkers raked and greens in excellent condition; I sent an email to Peter Lonergan complementing him and his staff on the presentation of the course.

We had pretty much a full field of 142 players on the day, 30 from Windaroo and 28 from Redland Bay with 84 from CTH which included 24 ladies who supported the event. The support from our veteran members is somewhat disappointing to say the least.

For the record, Redland Bay retained the John Clune Shield by a comfortable margin and while we lead Windaroo by 62 going into the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Jack Creevey Shield in November it will be a challenge, but not impossible, if we can attract some good players. The game will be played on a Tuesday so hopefully the support will be there.

Bob Murdoch  
Vets Captain

## Vets Committee Update

### Week of Golf August 06-10 2018

The week of golf is our biggest event of the year and provides a source of funding to enable us to subsidise our activities.

Currently we have 206 entrants in the main draw and 52 in the complementary field. Our vets do not play in this event but support it by volunteering their time to ensure its success. Bunker raking, spotting and marshalling are some of the ways you can help out during that week.

### Slow Play

Once again this was a topic for discussion and once again a number of ideas which might improve the speed of play were put forth. The Vets Committee shares the frustration of many members and will be monitoring the situation over the next few weeks. Please remember that it is **your duty to try to keep up with the group ahead of you.** We are a veterans group and acknowledge that some players find this a physical challenge

### Nearest the Pin

Please ensure that you mark any **ntp** as soon as you leave the green and before moving on to the next hole Failure to do so will result in you forfeiting your prize.

### Membership

Currently 306 as at May 30th.

## Player Profile: John Heckscher

John was born in Launceston in 1931 and before retiring worked with various electricity supply authorities, including the Sydney County Council as an electrical engineer.



He joined and first played golf at Bega Golf Club in 1957 and subsequently joined Gulgong Golf Club (1959), Bowral Country Golf Club (1960), Asquith Golf Club, Ocean Shores Golf Club (1979) before joining CTHGC in 1994.

He joined Coolangatta and Tweed Heads Veteran Golfers around 2007 and has served on the Committee for the majority of his time here.

His lowest handicap held was (8) at Bowral Country Golf Club and as anyone who has played with him can attest, he still hits a mean ball.

**Hole in One 10<sup>th</sup> Hole River 11/11/06**

## Sponsors

Many sponsors are club members who like to give something back to our Vets Group. Thanks go to **Phil Neck, Andrew Gregory and Ray Hiles** for their sponsorship over the next few weeks.

If you or your group are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Tony McLean or Ken Brodie.

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## Rules of the Week - if only!

### Changes to Golf Rules for Senior Golfers Aged 60+;

- **Rule 1.a.5** – A ball sliced or hooked into the Rough shall be lifted and placed on the Fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the Rough with no penalty. The senior player should not be penalised for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.
- **Rule 2.d.6 (B)** – A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed NOT to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it had not hit the tree, and play the ball from there.
- **Rule 3.B.3(G)** – There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, thereby making it a stolen ball. The senior player is not to compound the felony by charging himself with a penalty.
- **Rule 4.c.7(h)** – If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The Law of Gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.
- **Rule 5.** – Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the Hole. No one wants to make a mockery of the game
- **Rule 6.a.9(k)** – There is no penalty for so-called “out of bounds.” If penny-pinching golf course owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The senior player deserves an apology, not a penalty.
- **Rule 7.G.15(z)** – There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float. Senior players should not be penalised for any shortcomings of the manufacturers.
- **Rule 8.k.9(S)** – Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new golf equipment. Since this is financially impractical for many senior players, one-half stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment.

## Some helpful links:

If you are searching for some help to fix your game, the Internet is the way to go. There are literally hundreds of sites providing free videos which you may find helpful. Here are a couple for you to get going: Bunkers! Click on the links below!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L369REdqdFc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C4LijkfyjMo>

## Upcoming Events

June 07 2018	Monthly Medal S/Ford - River	Ingwersen & Lansdown
June 14 2018	Single Stableford	<b>Phil Neck</b>
June 21 2018	2BBB v Par River	<b>Andrew Gregory</b>
June 28 2018	Single S/Ford - River	<b>Ray Hiles</b>

Regards,

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