

# COOLANGATTA & TWEED HEADS

## VETERAN GOLFERS

| News and Views for Veteran Golfers |

### News

Dear Vets,

I'm a bit late with this edition of the newsletter as I've been away sampling the golf and wine delights of the Hunter and the Blue Mountains - a very enjoyable trip indeed! I must say that it was a pleasure putting on bent grass greens, although both my wife and I still believe that we have the best course here at Coolangatta!



We are only just over a month away from the annual Vets Week of Golf, so we are busily preparing for the onslaught of visiting golfers from around the country. As you may or may not be aware, CTH Vets do not play in this event, choosing to host it instead. This has contributed to the popularity and success of the event as visiting golfers do not feel disadvantaged by local players dominating the leaderboards. We have received very positive feedback from our visitors in this regard.



### 17th ANNUAL WEEK OF GOLF

The 17th Coolangatta and Tweed Heads Veterans' Week of Golf will run from Sunday 5th August until Friday 10th August with 260 visiting golfers from all over Australia competing. Considered by many to be one of the best of the 52 Veterans' tournaments run under NSWVGA auspices each year, it has only attained this status because of the assistance CTH Vets have given the tournament over the years.

As a result, your Committee has been able to provide a range of services to all members which have enhanced the enjoyment we all get from playing Veterans' golf. Some of these are:

- Free Christmas lunch.
- Subsidised shotgun start lunches.
- Improved prizes and bigger rundowns.
- Transport support for away trips.

With full fields in both the Main and Complementary competitions this year, your Committee will again need member support throughout the Week to start fields, direct players around the courses, spot on holes, rake bunkers, call-up at par threes, check cards, distribute rundowns and keep fields moving. In return for your assistance we will provide food and drink to all workers.

Check out the volunteer sheets for each day of competition available in the Riverside Lounge and add your name where you can help.

Ross Lever  
President

## Greg Piper

Congratulation to Greg Piper on achieving an 'ace' on the 10th River on the 21st June. According to Greg, "The ball launched with a perfect sub-orbital trajectory, that reached its zenith above the target, then gently fell back to earth, landing on the green and snaked its way into the hole." In reality, his mates had played their shots while Greg was talking to some friends on the practice putting green. His playing group told him to get a move on, so he hurried onto the tee and whacked the ball on to the green. Little did he or his partners know that the ball had actually gone into the hole, believing that his shot had run off the green. The lesson learnt - don't over-think your shots!

## Membership

Currently 306 as at June 30th.

## Communication

A special thanks to Ron Sammons for giving up his time to hand out info sheets on the first tee. These info sheets reflect discussions from committee meetings and I'm sure that you appreciate these updates!

## Player Profile: Gary Rose

Gary is a relatively new member of the Vets having joined us 4 years ago. He has taken a keen interest in what we do as a group and he put his hand up to join the committee last year, to which he has brought some fresh ideas and has become a valued member.



He was born in UK, back in 1956 and the family migrated to Australia at the end of 1959 as part of the 10 pound Poms program, arriving in the antipodes in 1960. He grew up in Canberra and at the ripe old age of 15, decided he wanted to join the Navy. He completed 20 years of service and reached the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He trained as a Gunner and transferred to the military police and was the Master at Arms on many of the ships in which he served. In 1992 he settled in Brisbane with his family and in 1996 Joined the Qld public service and was employed as a vessel traffic operator for the commercial movement of ships within the port of Brisbane and retired in December 2015. He started playing golf in 1981 playing in Sydney at Fox Hills, Ryde/Parramatta and later joined Redland Bay and then Pacific golf club in Brisbane. "My highlights at the game are not that outstanding, I've managed to win 3 monthly medals, no HIO's but have made some very genuine friendships at the various courses I belonged to. My fame when joining CTH 4 years ago, my wife and I went for dinner at Danny's on a Wednesday 2 weeks after joining and they had a members draw on that night and my number was drawn out and proudly accepted the prize of \$6000, not a bad night for not wanting to eat at home. I am thoroughly enjoying the vets at CTH and meeting some very interesting members."

## Sponsors

Many sponsors are club members who like to give something back to our Vets Group. Thanks go to **Gary Bowdidge, and John Cusack** 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.

## Corporate Sponsors:

**Ingwersen and Landsdown, McGrath Real Estate and Oculus Financial** are our major sponsors, who generously provide prizes for our monthly medals, championships and Open Days.

## Rules of the Week

After the last newsletter, I was asked when the new rules for Seniors were coming into effect? I answered, tongue-in-cheek, that some of our guys have already adopted them!

Back to the real stuff..

### **Relief in a bunker.**

Because a bunker is a hazard, the Rules for playing from a bunker are similar to the Rules for playing from a water hazard. The main differences are encountered when taking relief from immovable obstructions, abnormal ground conditions and under the unplayable ball Rule (Rule 28).

#### **Movable Obstructions: Rule 24-1**

A movable obstruction can be removed from any part of the course, including a bunker or water hazard. Movable obstructions are artificial objects such as rakes or drink cans which can be moved without unreasonable effort, without unduly delaying play and without causing damage. CTHGC has a local rule allowing for the removal of stones in bunkers, without penalty!

More on this next newsletter!.....

## Thanks Russ

As Russ Davies has indicated in his newsletter, his time operating the Pro Shop, after 21 years, is coming to an end. On behalf of the Vets I thank him and his staff for providing a wonderful service to members and visitors alike. Many of our Week of Golf visitors have commented glowingly on the manner in which our Pro Shop has been run, especially in regard to the friendly face to face interactions that they have had. Our own Vet members have made similar comments and our committee has been grateful for the support that Russ has given us. "I have seen many Pro Shops over the years and would struggle to name many that would provide better advice, support and carry the range of stock that Russ has!" He will be missed!

## 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 more for you to get going: [Chipping vs Pitching!](#) Click on the links below!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijSB37X5GNA>

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

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

## Upcoming Events

July 05 2018	Monthly Medal S/Ford - River	<b>Ingwersen &amp; Lansdown</b>
July 12 2018	Single Stableford	<b>Gary Bowdidge</b>
July 19 2018	Single Stableford, West S/Gun	<b>McGrath Real Estate</b>
July 26 2018	Single S/Ford - West	<b>John Cusack</b>

Regards,

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