

COOLANGATTA & TWEED HEADS VETERAN GOLFERS

News

Dear Vets,

The Week of Golf has come and gone and we now commence planning for the 2019 event. We had 266 visitors from 105 clubs across the country and all were blessed with beautiful weather conditions. The courses, as usual, were presented in superb condition, thanks to Peter Lonergan and his team, and



proved challenging for most of our visitors. Yes fellows they too struggle with their putts! Having 260 players join us for the week there were the odd logistical issues but these were quickly overcome. The guys and Julie in the pro shop did their usual terrific job in organising buggies and making our visitors feel welcome! Similarly the bar and catering staff were fine ambassadors for the club with their friendly service.

17th ANNUAL WEEK OF GOLF

From Sunday August 5 through Friday August 10, 260 visiting golfers from 105 different clubs all over Australia enjoyed near-perfect weather and traditional Coolangatta and Tweed Heads hospitality as they competed in the 17th Annual Veterans' Week of Golf.

The week commenced with a 2BBB Medley event for all 260 participants with shotgun starts at 6.54am and 11.55am. On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, separate Men and Ladies Stableford events were conducted across both courses for 208 players, while 52 "oldies" who choose to play with their partner throughout the Week competed in the Complementary competition

Presentation of prizes was conducted on Tuesday evening for Monday and Tuesday events while Thursday and Friday event winners were acknowledged at the Presentation Dinner on Friday evening. The courses were presented in magnificent condition by Peter Lonergan and his ground staff and the work of the 70 plus Vets who came along throughout the Week to start fields, rake bunkers, spot balls, rescue balls from water and generally get the large fields through the days in good time was highly valued by all participants. In fact, the high rating this tournament enjoys throughout New South Wales as one of the highest quality would not be possible without the support of all the workers who turn up each year to do the hard yards out on the course.

As a result of the success of the event again this year, your Committee will be in a position to once more offer to all members the many advantages this tournament provides - Christmas lunch, subsidised lunches at shotgun starts during the years, subsidised trips away, subsidised attendance at Northern Rivers Open Days, improved run-down prizes for our weekly competitions - to mention but a few.

A special thank you to the 13 Vets members who volunteered the use of their motorised buggies during the Week. Without their generosity we would not have been able to satisfy the requests for buggy use in the Week.

Without the support and generosity of our major sponsors we would not be able to conduct the event. Tweed City Shopping Centre, Travelmasters, The Travel Studio, Oculus Financial, Jayco Gold Coast, On Course Golf, Surfers Paradise Brochure Service, Destination Tweed, Scales Seafoods, Danny's Restaurant, Phil and Judith Neck and, of course, Coolangatta & Tweed Heads Golf Club.

Many thanks again to all who contributed in any way to what was again a very successful Week.

Ross Lever
President

Volunteers

AS we have said so many times, we would not be able to run this tournament without the help of our own members. Once again so many of you answered the call for help and your efforts were greatly appreciated by the committee and the visiting golfers. It was also pleasing to see the number of 'newer' members who gave us some of their time.

A few of the chaps put in some long hours over a number of days which was an extraordinary effort. Other fellows gave what they could and it was so appreciated!

Unfortunately there were others, who were conspicuous by their absence!

Remember:

'Many hands make light work' - old Chinese proverb!

Membership

Currently 306 as at June 30th.

Open Days Nomination Procedures

To ensure that your request for nomination in an NRVGA Open Day is correctly submitted to the respective golf club, would you please ensure that you complete your nomination as follows.

Please, clearly provide the following, on the nomination form, on the notice board in the River View Lounge.

- (1) Your name & Golf Link number (name & 09876).
- (2) Preferred AM/PM if applicable.
- (3) Clearly indicate the partner with whom you wish to play.

In the **envelope provided** for these events please,

- (1) **Clearly** write your name & Golf Link number on the envelope.
- (2) Place your nomination money in the envelope.
- (3) Put envelope in the open day box provided.

Gentlemen, if there is no nomination money in the nomination box at the time of nomination closure there will be NO NOMINATION.

Thank you
Keith Linnane

Communication

A special thanks to Ron Sammons for giving up his time to hand out info sheets on the first tee. Here he is advancing his communications campaign on some un-suspecting visitors during the Week of Golf.



Player Profile: Alfred Linecker and Sandy Walker

These guys play a lot of golf together so I decided to combine their profiles!

Alfred was born in 1952 at Altheim, Austria a small town 60km N-E of Salzburg on the Bavarian border.

After finishing his chef's apprenticeship and compulsory army service, he was given the opportunity of a working contract with the tourist Hotel Corporation in New Zealand in 1972. Two years later he migrated to Australia where he met and married Beryl. After a 2 year working honey moon in Europe they came back and settled in Tweed Heads in 1978. They operated Desmond's Restaurant and Reception for 14 years, then started next door at the Tweed Heads Bowls Club as Sous Chef (that means 2nd in charge) where he is still working two days a week and enjoying semi retirement and playing more golf.

His golfing days started back in 1980 at Terranora Lakes Country Club until its demise in 1997. Alfred joined CTHGC 1998.

Sandy was born in St Andrews just a short drive and a seven iron from the Swilken Bridge. Hence his mild addiction to golf. From here he migrated with his family to Mount Isa where they should have got their 10 pounds back. However, the town turned out to be a great sporting place to grow up in and golf was available to everyone. The course was so hard that taking a divot risked two broken wrists and a bent shaft. To this day he still carries a sand bucket but has never needed to use it. Like Greg

Norman, he left town at a young age to seek his fame and fortune elsewhere. Apart from both shooting 82 in a tournament, being the same age and both having the hots for Chris Evert Lloyd, this is where the similarity ends. After a short stint in Brisbane he moved to Adelaide and joined the Gawler Golf Club where he played for 4 years. Work opportunities took him to the "shire" in Sydney where many a happy game was enjoyed with the Miranda RSL Men's social club.

From here the next step was to join Cronulla Golf Club which was another short drive and a seven iron from home. This also included joining the Vets. This was a great learning curve watching many of the vets as they rarely make poor golfing decisions and play to their respective capabilities. A few years later he moved to Tweed Heads and has now been a happy member for six years. He enjoys travel which includes golf and has recently travelled to Oregon and Portugal on organised golfing trips. This August, he will do the same in South Africa. The plan is to gain as much experience and cunning as the majority of the readers.



Corporate Sponsors:

Ingwersen and Lansdown, 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 Month

Continuing on from last month.....

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).

Immovable Obstructions: Rule 24-2

Immovable obstructions are artificial objects such as pipes, drainage grates or wooden steps which cannot be moved without unreasonable effort, without unduly delaying play and without causing damage.

If you have interference (as defined in Rule 24-2a) from an immovable obstruction, say a pipe, in a bunker, you have two options if you decide to take relief under the immovable obstruction Rule - see Rule 24-2b (ii):

You may drop the ball in the bunker, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief, or

You may drop the ball outside the bunker, under penalty of one stroke, keeping the point where the ball lay directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the bunker the ball may be dropped.

More on this next newsletter!.....

Pro Shop

Russ will definitely finish his time at the Pro Shop on the 31st of this month. If you have an outstanding account, now is the time to reconcile it. If you are looking for a bargain on clothing or equipment, a reconnaissance visit sooner than later would be advisable!

Thanks again Russ and good luck for your future. More news regarding staff changes will be published when it comes available!

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: [Putting](#) Click on the links below!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmdr40mk00c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75BzaJkGjSI>

And one for the lefties on International Left Handers Day.....and others!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMv01fSULRQ>

Upcoming Events

August 16, 2018	S/Ford - River	Stuart Barnes
August 23, 2018	Single Stableford	
August 30, 2018	Single Stroke, River - Round 1 Vets Championships	Ingwersen and Lansdown
September 6, 2018	Single S/Stroke, West - Round 2 Vets Championship, M Medal	Ingwersen and Lansdown

Regards,

Grant Evans Vice Captain grevans@me.com





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*When you refer anyone who sells their home with Tim
from McGrath - We service Ballina to Broadbeach.
Call Tim on **0419 730 932** to discuss

A portrait of a man, Tim McGrath, is shown on the right side of the advertisement.

A few pics from the Week of Golf!

