

COOLANGATTA & TWEED HEADS

VETERAN GOLFERS

News

Dear Vets,

It's a nice change to not focus on the *Week of Golf* in our newsletter!

September 01 has ushered in a new era in the pro-shop and I take the opportunity to welcome Simon Houston to Coolangatta Tweed. Simon will have plenty on his plate over the next months, organising the shop to his liking. Make sure you drop in and say g'day and make him feel welcome - but don't expect him to remember your name just yet! Simon will be supported by Craig, Russ and Jai.

As we move into Spring with warmer weather just around the corner it is good to remind all to drink plenty of fluids whilst on the course and to be Sun-Smart. Sunscreen is provided by the club and is available on the first tee of each course.

We have just completed the Vets Championships and there have been some interesting scores returned. Congratulations to all our winners and well-played to everyone else!

VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

Veteran Champion: Rob Ind 167

Nett Winner: John Boulter 144

DIVISION 1

Gross Winner: Ron Sammons 169

Nett Winner: Roy Stephen 146

DIVISION 2

Gross Winner: Magnus Watson 189 C/B

Nett Winner: Michael Menken 148

DIVISION 3

Gross Winner: John Dobson 200

Nett Winner: Stuart Barnes 151

**Foursomes Champions:
Rob Ind & Bill Wiseman 90**

**Foursomes Nett Champions:
Bob Lendrum & Ray Hiles 71**

NOTE

In view of the different slope rating for each course you may have played off a different handicap in the 2nd round but you remained on same handicap applicable to the 1st round and also remained in the same division for the championship.

Gross and Nett Divisional winners and runner-ups are decided on count-back (last 18 holes), playoffs only for the Veteran Champion when required.

The Vets have a 'one major prize per winner' policy in our championship events. Had this not been the case, Bob Ind and John Dobson would have taken the Gross and Nett trophies in their divisions - well played fellows!

New Members

Welcome to the following new members. We hope that you enjoy your golf and above all the camaraderie:

John Steele, Greg Mather,

Bird deterrent

The scarecrow at the halfway house on the West appears to be doing its job in discouraging birds.....



Thanks Mike Hogan for the image!

AGM

Our AGM will be held on October 18 after the shotgun start. All committee positions will be available for nomination. If you would like to nominate for any position, we welcome you to do so. Nomination forms will be available in the Riverside Lounge from Thursday, September 20. Nominations will close 4pm, October 11, 2018.

Open Days

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

Birthdays

Best wishes to the following fellows who recently lit, or about to light, candles on their cakes:

John Allison, Peter Barns, Greg Bilson, Eddie Burrows, Lindsay Campbell, Michael Carra, John Chesher, Pete Francis, Ray Gillies, Andrew Gregory, Graeme Hausler, Mike Hogan, Ron Hope, Bob Ind, Ian Kazicch, Bruce Kelly, Chris Lyndon, Dave Mallett, Rod Marshall, Bob Martingoles, Ray Matlock, Bill Paxton, Graham McLennan, Warren McRea, Brian Meredith, Peter Mitchell, Tony Murphy, Don Naylor, Russell O'Connor, Neil Oliver, Tab Paenga, Greg Piper, Peter Rushbrook, David Stenhouse, Michael Styles, Tony Trim, Anthony Walker, Sandy Walker, Ron Webb, Cec Webster, Bruce Westwood, Robert Wilson, Len Winkworth,

Player Profile: Roy Stephen

Roy was born in Lismore in 1945. After school he went to University of NSW to study Electrical Engineering and graduated at the end of 1966 as well marrying Judy. Rather than looking for a job he was conscripted into the army for two years and spent most of his time in Bulimba, Brisbane. He was almost sent to Vietnam on two occasions but it did not eventuate.

In 1969 Roy commenced employment with Sydney County Council as an Electrical Engineer working in the City and the Eastern Suburbs. They had long wished to move to the country, so in 1980 they moved to Armidale where Roy was the Deputy Engineer for New England County Council until 1987 when he was appointed the Chief Engineer.

After opting for early retirement in 1996 they moved to Kirra on the Gold Coast where they bought the management rights to a holiday complex which they managed until 2001

For most of his working life Roy only played the occasional game of golf on annual work picnic days. However he did join the Coast GC for about two years around 1975 and Armidale GC for one year. The Coast GC at Little Bay in Sydney did teach him to hit the ball straight or pay the penalty of losing a ball in the sea. Roy remembers one par 3 where the shot to the green was 100 m across the ocean and gorge, with no hope of recovering a short ball. Many balls were lost to the sea!

After playing golf for only one year in Armidale he took up sailing near Guyra (very cold place) and sailed competitively for twenty years including about five years at Southport Yacht Club.

When he retired completely in 2006 Roy joined Banora GC until moving to CTHGC in 2014 because Banora GC had been reduced to 9 holes. Now he is hooked on Golf playing twice a week, loves playing with the Vets and like everyone is trying to improve his handicap. Also last year Roy was elected to the Vets Committee and has really enjoyed his time with the committee particularly helping out with the running of the WOG annual event.



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).

Abnormal Ground Conditions: Rule 25-1

An “abnormal ground condition” is any casual water, ground under repair or hole, cast or runway on the course made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird.

If you elect (or are required) to take relief from an abnormal ground condition, such as casual water, in a bunker, you have the same options listed above under the Immovable Obstruction Rule; i.e. you may drop the ball in the bunker without penalty or drop the ball outside the bunker under penalty of one stroke.

However, there are times when full relief may not be available from casual water in a bunker.

The bunker may be flooded to the extent that there is nowhere in the bunker that the ball can be dropped no nearer the hole without interference from the casual water.

In these circumstances, you may drop the ball without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole, on a part of the course in the bunker that affords maximum available relief from the casual water.

There are two occasions when relief from GUR or casual water in a bunker may be taken outside the bunker without penalty:

When the bunker is known to be flooded before the competition starts and the committee deems the bunker to be GUR and through the green (Decision 33-8/27), and When the bunker is being renovated and the committee defines the entire bunker as “through the green” (Decision 25/13).

In all other cases, relief by dropping outside the bunker is under penalty of one stroke.

More on this next newsletter!.....

Some more helpful links:

Here are a couple more for you to get going: [Playing out of firm sand](#) Click on the links below!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QECw8u1Y1ic>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSxQ7QueK8U>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iP3gQofjsq4>

Upcoming Events

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| September 13, 2018 | S/Ford - West | |
| September 20, 2018 | Single V Par | Jon Glosko |
| September 27, 2018 | Single Stableford | |
| October 4, 2018 | Single S/Ford, West - Shotgun Start Am/PM NRVGA Open Day | Ingwersen and Lansdown |
| October 11, 2018 | 2Man Ambrose, River | Dick Bentley |
| October 18, 2018 | Single S/Ford, West - Shotgun Start, followed by AGM | McGrath Real Estate |

Regards,

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