



Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the February Newsletter.

Two months of the year have already rolled around and time waits for no one. With summer coming to an end hopefully the weather will cool down a little making our rounds of golf a little more pleasant.

The third green is just about ready to play and Brian is hoping to bring it back in for the March monthly medal. No more long walks up to the 4th tee. With the new raised green it will be a tougher hole. Thanks to Brian and his team for all their hard work in redesigning the surrounds and green. The Board's priority for this year is to add more cart paths and look at some of the bunkers. Members seem to be comfortable with the new golf rules. If unsure the golf club staff will help explain them to you.

The new golf club cart fleet will arrive at the end of March. New golf carts will roll out to continue the service to members and guests. All the new golf carts will have lithium batteries which charge quicker and have a longer life. We will have a fleet of 30 carts for use.

We now have two disabled car parks for the use of members and guests. Please use them wisely and ensure you have your disabled sticker clearly visible.

The Board continue to work through our options for further car parking spaces. This will be a long process but will be beneficial to the club in the future. We are also looking at providing more space for cart storage as once again all space are occupied.

The member's draw of a Friday night continues to grow so if you are looking to enjoy yourself and win some money be in attendance. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for a chance to win a meat tray. The club is open every day of the year (except Christmas Day) so as a member please use all the facilities provided for you. Enjoy a quiet drink on the deck with family or friends, a meal at the Hot Wok and Grill, hit some golf balls on the driving range or a cup of coffee or tea and cake. These facilities are yours for your use and convenience so enjoy.

Good Golfing and see you at the club.

Chairman
Graham Rosenbaum



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FREE WINDOWS!!!!

Free working windows and frames. If you are interested in taking these, please see Secretary Manager Gary Thatcher ASAP!



Manager's Report

Congratulations to Damien Boyle for taking home the second chance Badge Draw of \$500 in cash on Friday 8th February. Simply by being present in the clubhouse at the time of the draw.



A reminder about Club Rules for Visitors.

A visitor can enter the Club and sign in as a temporary member if they meet the following criteria:

1. They reside more than 5 kilometres from the Club, or
2. Are a member of another golf club, or
3. Are a member of another club and invited to attend an organised sporting event, or
4. Can sign in as a member's guest if they are signed in by a member and stay in the company of that member.

If you reside within 5 kilometres of the Club and do not meet the criteria we need you to join as a social member. The cost is \$5 for one year or \$10 for three years. There are many benefits of being a member of the Club including loyalty points for all of your purchases at the Bar or in the Golf Shop, as well as, entry into all Club promotions and birthday vouchers. Membership forms are available at reception, the bar and on the Club web site.

Gary Thatcher
Secretary Manager

Hilarious Signs and Notices

Spotted in a toilet of a London office:
TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.

In a Laundromat:
AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.

In an Office:
WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.

Notice in health food shop window: CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a Safari Park: ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.

Seen during a conference:
FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR.

Notice in a Farmer's field:
THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

SCHOOL.....

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time", she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk!"

Struggling Golf Clubs Selling “The Farm”

Golf Clubs across Australia are selling “The Farm” to keep themselves afloat financially.

With golf numbers in decline and around half of Australia’s 1500 Golf Clubs in financial distress, many clubs see residential developers on Golf Course land as a saviour.

Over the past few years we have seen golf courses shortened, assets offered for sale, golf course land sold and course swap deals offered.

Recently, the golf industry was forced to digest official figures from Golf Australia’s 2017 National Golf Club Participation Report, which details numbers, playing trends and general participation.

It shows club membership decreasing in all states except for South Australia.

Club like Burleigh Golf Club on the Gold Coast have moved to secure their future.

Recently Retire Australia received development approval for new retirement village at Burleigh Golf Club.

At the time of printing, Toowoomba Golf Club was awaiting approval for a retirement living development.

In 2015, Strathfield Golf Club in Sydney decided to unlock the value of golf course land to sell off for residential purposes in order to stay financially afloat.

The Club sold 20,000sq/m (Clubhouse and practice fairway) for a reported \$50 Million for luxury townhouses and

apartments.

It allowed the golf club to re design part of the course and build a new award-winning clubhouse, which is near completion. And Chatswood Golf Club, 11 kilometres from Sydney CBD, has sold its clubhouse and carpark to a developer.

As part of the agreement, the developer will provide the Golf Club with a new clubhouse, that will include a restaurant, bar, health and wellness centre, pool, gym and a cinema.

Last month it was reported North Lakes Golf Club, resort-style course will close in 2019.

Located 30 km north of Brisbane, Village retirement Group has a two year option to purchase North Lakes Resort Golf Club.

It plans to build 240 retirement living units and a 100-bed aged care facility on the site.

The Golf Club is facing spirited opposition from residents within the community, but the general club manager says the club is no longer financially viable.

“We had a 22 per cent decline in membership,” he told ABC radio.

“It’s a significant financial impost and we are losing money.”

Less than 2 per cent of the adult population in our postcode use the golf course.”

Simpson has assured residence that the developer plans to only use a small footprint—15 per cent—of the golf course for the building. “With this proposed 85 per cent of the green space is

going to be preserved and will be made available to the community, where currently it is only available to the members.” he added.

Still the locals have come together and created a “Save the North Lakes Golf Club” facebook page.

At the time of writing they had railed well over 3000 members. But where were they when the Club needed them? Had half of them joined and supported the Golf Club, the club arguably would not be closing it’s doors.

Meanwhile, the Greg Norman-designed Pelican Waters Course and a permit-approved development are up for sale.

The “Lakes Edge” will potentially have 211 residential lots over 20 hectares.

Large scale residential complexes have enveloped all recent major golf course developments.

Mostly, developers use high-profile course designers like Greg Norman to promote a residential complex incorporating a golf course. Once the land around the course is sold, the club is on it’s own.

Last year, Sanctuary Lakes in Victoria sold off parcels of land to keep afloat financially after the developer handed over the course to the members along with significant seven figure debt.

-David Newbery
(Inside Golf)
2018

Golf Shop Report

It has been another successful month for the golf shop with considerable green fee numbers and large competition fields. Amazingly our competition and social player numbers remained consistent even through the extended period of oppressive heat..... There were some positives to come out of the hot weather which included the increase in cart hire and drink purchases along with record sales of ice creams!

The golf shop was involved in the running of the 2019 Mustangs golf day on Sunday 10th February in a joint effort with the Mustangs Football club. The day was a massive success which was mainly due to the detailed planning executed in the lead up to the event. 123 players filled the golf course in a shotgun start format playing a 4 Person Ambrose.

Plenty of refreshments were purchased during and after the round and a great day was had by all.



I would like to congratulate everyone involved in the organising and running of the day and thank everyone who participated for creating the atmosphere we envisioned. I have already spoken to the organisers and we have discussed ideas to make next year's event bigger and better. A special thanks to the golf shop staff for their hard work which ensured the event ran smoothly.

<<< Pictured to the left Jamie Lyon gets an eagle on the 15th!

The qualifying rounds for the Single Handicap Match play competition have been completed and the draw for the top 64 players has been assembled. The response from members was overwhelmingly positive with the majority happy to see new events being proposed. The draw is available on the club website and in the golf shop and competitors are urged to complete their matches before the set cut-off date. Players can contact the golf shop for their opponents contact number to help organise matches and a reminder to competitors that matches may be played at anytime agreed to by both parties and are not restricted to competition rounds.

See you in the shop,
Adam Causley
Golf Operations Manager



See the half price sale

On now at Beverley's!





NEXT EVENT - Our next big event coming up is our Country and Western themed night.

Join us Saturday 9th March 6pm onwards.

There will be FREE mechanical bull rides for the kids.

Live music by country sensation Jessica Emily.

Prizes for best dressed "county style" and a mega meat tray raffle.

TRIVIA - is on this month 6th and 20th March. Trivia starts at 7pm and is free to join.

Teams 2-8 people welcomed. With a general knowledge round, music round, speciality round, picture round and current events round, there is plenty to rattle your brain.

MUSIC - We have Michael Hickey back on Sunday, 10th March. 1-3pm out on the deck. We had Michael playing here back in December and he is very talented and back by popular demand!!!! Be sure to check him out!!!! **We also have Fairway Sessions** (5 piece musical band with guests) playing the fourth Sunday each month. This month it lands on Sunday, 24th March and runs from 1-4pm.

A very busy month is coming up. We also have **St Patricks Day which lands on Sunday 17th March.** We will be having Guinness cans for only \$5.50 and two delicious Irish cocktails as well.

Our Easter display will be out shortly near the bar. Every time you make a purchase swipe your card and you will automatically get a ticket into the draw. Plenty of egg hampers to win!

Natasha Bolden—
Promotions
Coordinator



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Peter Thomson, "Insights with Steve Perkin"

1A .WALKING GAME

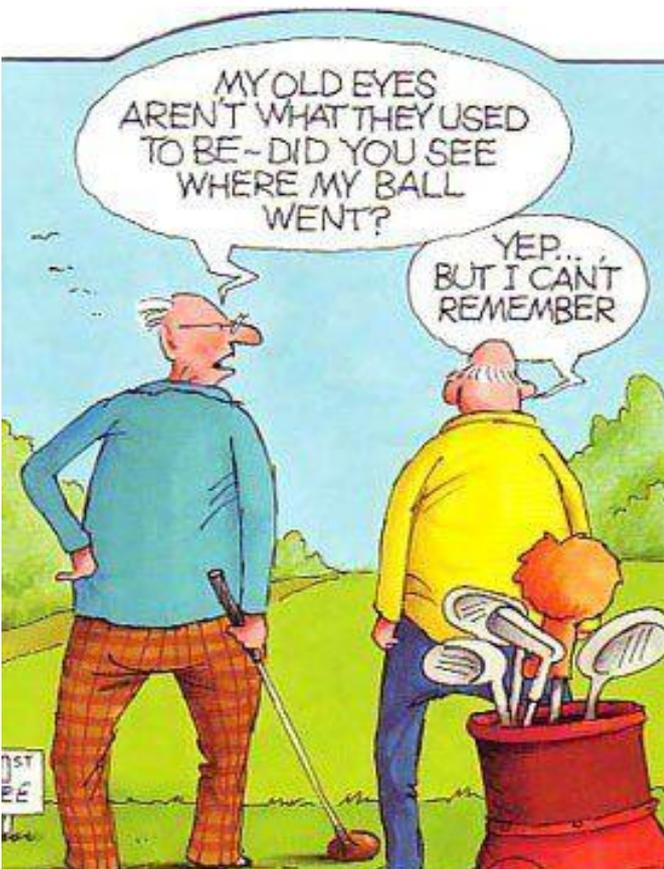
ANYONE WHO CAN WALK can play golf. It is a walking game. To be a good golfer you must be a good walker. You must condition your legs.

2A. LOOK AND LEARN

I LEARNED something from everybody, even the bad players, because if you observe them closely, you can see exactly what they do wrong.

3A. SILLY ADVICE

TOO MANY PEOPLE absorb weird theories such as keeping your left arm straight or the foolish notion that you must keep your head down. That's what stops them hitting better. It's also silly to say, "keep your head still". If you keep your head still, you'll hit a poor shot. Your head has to rotate and move and your face has to turn with your shot to eventually face the target. And it's almost physically impossible to keep your left arm straight. If you can't, it doesn't mean you can't play golf.



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Top 3 winners get loyalty points
and the loser gets a keno ticket!

**EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY NIGHT!
6TH AND 20TH MARCH 7PM START.**



JOIN OUR FOOTY TIPPING COMP

SEE THE BAR STAFF FOR MORE DETAILS

SEASON STARTS 14TH MARCH!!!

Fairway sessions

***Sunday 24th
March 1-4pm***



Golf Fixtures March

Friday 1 st	Blue Marker Day
Saturday 2 nd	Monthly Medal stroke in 4 Grades
Sunday 3 rd	Open Day Individual Stableford
Monday 4 th	Social Golf Day. Veterans Individual Stroke in grades.
Tuesday 5 th	Women's Single Stableford—the Monthly Mug
Wednesday 6 th	Individual Stableford with 4. B.B.B Stableford in Conjunction 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 7 th	Women's Single Stroke & Putting in 3 Div
Friday 8 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 9 th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 10 th	MEMBERS FOURSOMES
Monday 11 th	Social Golf Day. Veterans Single Stableford in Gardes.
Tuesday 12 th	Women's Single Stableford
Wednesday 13 th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades & 4ball Multiplier. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 14 th	Women's Irish Fourball & Mufti Day
Friday 15 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 16 th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 17 th	Junior Open Day
Monday 18 th	Social Golf Day. Veterans Single Stableford in Grades plus team event—Irish 4ball
Tuesday 19 th	Women's Single Stroke
Wednesday 20 th	Individual Stableford. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 21 st	Women's Single Stableford
Friday 22 nd	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 23 rd	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 24 th	Open Day Individual Stableford
Monday 25 th	Social Golf Day. Veterans Single Stableford in Grades
Wednesday 27 th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades
Thursday 28 th	Women's Open Day Single Stableford
Friday 29 th	- Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 30 th	- Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 31 st	- Open Day Individual Stableford Medley BUSINESS WOMENS PENNANTS



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RSL Social Golf Club upcoming events for March are:

- 03/03/2019 Single Stableford – (Sponsor RSL Social Golf Club)
- 10/03/2019 March Monthly Mug – (Sponsor Tony & Libby Varela)
- 17/03/2019 4BBB, Pres. at M'Bah RSL club – (Sponsor M'Bah RSL club)
- 24/03/2019 Single Stableford at Byron Bay – (Sponsor Shannon & Sam)
- 31/03/2019 2 Person Canadian – (Sponsor RSL Social Golf Club)

All visitors are welcome to come and play, 6am tee off every Sunday.

