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NEARLY every day, I read or hear reports concerning slow play in golf. Having played the game for nearly 50 years, I can attest that slow play is indeed one of the most frustrating parts of the game. And over those years, I have discovered the many causes (and many solutions) to this bane of the game.

THE CLUB

Golf clubs/courses themselves are to blame for many aspects of slow play. Specifically, decisions made by the Board/Committee/Superintendents.

ROUGH TOO LONG: In an attempt to mimic/reproduce the challenge of some of the world-famous "As seen on TV" tracks (or to create a visual spectacle), courses will grow their rough to ridiculous heights. As a result, lost balls take much longer to find (or re-play). It also slows down play as golfers try to hack their way out. Yes, it's ok to have rough (especially if it is the main defence of your course) but keep it to a level where your golfers can at least find the ball.

GREENS TOO FAST: A five-year research project by the USGA found a correlation between green speed, pace of play, turf health and overall round enjoyment. An increase of one foot in Stimpmeter reading resulted in an increase of 6.39 seconds per green per player. In some instances, the increase in time spent per player per green resulted in an increase of as much as 30 minutes per round for a one-foot increase in green speed (25 seconds per player per green). Overall, playing experience ratings decreased as green speeds increased. So keep your greens at a playable speed.

COURSE TOO LONG, TOO HARD: Courses have gotten longer over the years. So, setting up your course from the tips not only makes it longer to walk, but also more difficult for the average golfer—thus resulting in more swings/shots required. Placing your pins/holes in ridiculous locations, adding unnecessary hazards/obstacles and narrowing your fairways can all lead to longer round times.

TOO LITTLE REGULATION: There are a variety of tools available to manage slow play. From a good old-fashioned marshal, to Tag/Swipe systems, to GPS trackers to tee-time interval software, there is no shortage of ways to manage course flow. They are all worth investigating.

THE GOLFER

While some golfers assume that it is always "someone else" who plays too slowly, in reality, many of you are actually part of the problem.

Here are some ways that you can speed up your round.

BE EARLY TO THE TEE: Make it a point to be at the first tee at least 5-10 minutes before your scheduled tee time.

PLAY WITHIN YOURSELF: When given the choice (on a non-comp day), play the set of tees that is most suited to your game. Dispose of the ego, and skip the Tiger Tees. You will have more fun, lose fewer balls, and play a lot quicker.

PLAY READY GOLF: Except in Match Play, "honours" are a thing of the past. If the fairway/green is clear ahead, then someone in your group should already be hitting. After hitting, walk briskly to your ball. On the way, think about the next shot. Estimate the distance or club selection. Be ready to hit immediately. Limit your practice swings/pre-shot routine to a reasonable level. If you are ready to play (and others are still walking to their ball), and it is safe to do so, then hit.

WATCH EVERY SHOT, UNTIL IT STOPS: Lost balls are a main contributor to slow play. So, when you hit your ball, watch the ball UNTIL IT STOPS MOVING. This guarantees that you will never have to say "I thought I saw it go here somewhere." Then, do the same for EVERY BALL IN YOUR GROUP. You will be amazed how much quicker it is for your group to find a ball when there are eight eyes tracking it. If a wayward ball finds the rough/trees, etc, then immediately pick a landmark (small bush, tree, discolouration, rock, etc) and note it aloud to your playing partners. And if there is any doubt, never, EVER say "Ahhh, we SHOULD be able to find it...". Just hit a provisional.

PARK YOUR BUGGY/BAG APPROPRIATELY: When sharing a cart, don't wait for your partner to hit before going to your ball. Hop out with a few clubs (and a rangefinder, if you have one) and walk to your own ball while they play. When on or near the green, you should always park your cart/buggy on the side of the green which is closest to the next tee. Never leave it at the front of the green, or on the wrong side. The goal should always be to get to the next tee as efficiently and quickly as possible. If necessary (i.e. in a bunker), take multiple clubs with you (i.e. a wedge and your putter, etc.)

BUNKER PLAY: If your partner needs to play from a bunker, it may be advantageous to let them play first, as the rest of you can then play while he/she rakes up. If two players are in the bunker, then it may be quicker if one offers to rake up for both. If a partner skulls a shot over the green, then offer to rake the bunker for them while they move to their next shot.

READ THE GREEN: Begin estimating the slopes/breaks for your putt BEFORE you reach the green. Then, when putting, determine/confirm the speed/break, and begin your pre-shot routine while your partners are playing their shots. When it is your turn, you should be ready to putt immediately. If you miss a putt, don't stand there fuming. Watch the ball as it goes past the hole (to determine the break for your next putt) and quickly prepare for your next shot.

KEEP UP: The old rule rings true: keep up with the group ahead, not just ahead of the group behind. If you fall behind, have a player in your group putt out, then hurry to the next tee while the others are putting. If you are falling well behind, then let the group behind hit up or play through. And when marking the scorecard, do it at the next tee, not the current green.

PICK UP: If you are out of a hole, and the comp allows it, then pick up and move on.

HAVE FUN: Look, I'm not asking you to rush through your game willy nilly. Remember, golf is a game to be savoured and enjoyed. But if we all take some of these pointers on to the course, then we can all enjoy the game together.

As always, I'd love to hear your tips as well.

See you on the fairways

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A 'PAWESOME' DAY AT NEWCASTLE GOLF CLUB

LAST month, Newcastle Golf Club conducted its inaugural "Dog Day", following the successes of Royal Adelaide Golf Club's Dog Day earlier in the year.

Over 35 humans and 12 pups attended the event in perfect Spring conditions following the heavy downpour (nearly 100mm) in the days prior.

Golf and golf clubs are often associated with an endless number of rules and regulations, and Newcastle organisers were trying to lead the way as a progressive club, attempting to break these barriers down.

The innovative event attracted a great mix of members and their families, including children, husbands, wives, mothers, fathers and grandparents.



One of the club's strategic objectives is to "better promote a family-friendly culture", and this event assisted that objective."

The event was a 9-Hole Shootout Stableford (winner takes all), shotgun start. Drinks and a casual BBQ dinner followed golf and everyone, including a dozen tired pups, hung around to enjoy the sunset. ©

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VICTORIAN GILES ASSUMES VIETNAM ROLE

AUSTRALIAN Marcus Giles has been appointed as Director of Sales and Marketing at Vietnam's award-winning Ba Na Hills Golf Club.

The club, which is regarded as one of Asia's top golfing destinations, made the announcement in August, with



■ IGNACIO ISERN AND MARCUS GILES

the additional appointment of Spaniard Ignacio Isern as the club's Head PGA Professional.

Giles arrived from 13th Beach Golf Links in Victoria, where he held the roles of both Marketing Manager and Golf Operations Manager. Prior to that, Marcus spent over 20 years working in marketing and digital media industries and has extensive experience in both corporate and start-up environments. Marcus is passionate about using new media to engage with and offer value to customers and he hopes to continue to develop Ba Na Hills Golf Club's already sound practices in these areas.

Isern has been a golf teaching professional since 2004. He is a member of the PGA of Spain as well as the prestigious PGA of Great Britain and Ireland. In his 16 years of coaching Ignacio has imparted over 20,000 hours of coaching to golfers of all levels and age groups, both amateur and professional.

Ba Na Hills GC is managed by IMG and owned by Sun Group. The Intercontinental Danang Sun Peninsula Resort, Novotel Danang Premier Han River Hotel and Ba Na Hills Sunworld are among the other properties in the portfolio.

More: www.banahillsgolf.com

→ THERE'S NO STOPPING ELIZABETH AT GRIFFITH

ELIZABETH Graham, Handicap 10, captured an amazing 45th win in her Division (Div 1) at Griffith Golf Club's recent Ladies Club Championship. Elizabeth had her 1st Division 1 win in 1966, and 6 holes-in-one during that time, plus many other Championship wins over the years. Well done!

→ LIFELINE FOR COONAMBLE

COUNTRY golf clubs – particularly those in NSW and Queensland, have been doing it tough due to the drought of recent times.

Always relying on voluntary labour to stay afloat, some clubs have been struggling just to stay open.

Certainly, Coonamble is one of many that have struggled and besides the relentless drought have also had to endure rising business costs and insurance premiums.

The club sought assistance from the NSW Golf Foundation and last month received a much-needed lifeline in the form of a grant to replace some inefficient clubhouse lighting with a more sustainable LED system, which will save them about \$4000 a year in energy costs.

Golf NSW also sent its Club Support Team, consisting of Graeme Christian (Operations) and Martyn Black (Agronomy) to check out how they were coping and to assist the club's committee in improving its business operations.

While it may be a long road back to full 'health', Coonamble is at least heading in the right direction.

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TO ENTER:

Our man, Oliver Mulligan, has **lost six golf balls throughout the pages of Inside Golf**, and he needs your help to find them!

To begin the search, carefully examine every page of the magazine for the hidden/lost golf ball icon – which looks like our sample above (note that this one does NOT count among the six). Once you have found all six balls, which are numbered 1 to 6, simply visit our website, www.insidegolf.com.au, and note the page number of the golf ball.

Inside Golf will choose two winners at random, from the list of correct entries, and send each winner a dozen RB Tour balls!

September Winners: **John Owens** (Wagga Wagga) and **Robert Poynting** (Putney)

Good luck!

FOUND: Here's where the balls were:
September: 13, 32, 89, 54, 7, 68

ALL SMILES AT PROSPECT VALE



■ THE WINNING LADIES TEAM.

NORTHERN Golf Tasmania's Prospect Vale GC has reason to celebrate, following the 2019 Pennant season.

Their ladies Division 1 Pennant team won the Northern Golf flag for the 3rd year in a row by defeating Riverside 3/2 in the last roster match. They went on to win the State flag by defeating Smithton GC 4/1 at Claremont for the second time. Members include Lily Caelli (Capt.), Deidre Panton, Katrina Archer, Tammy Hall, Julie Berne, Lindsay French and Debbie Davey.

Their Div.2 ladies pennant won their division by defeating Mowbray GC 4/1 at home and finish on top of the ladder with 13 pts from Riverside with 10 pts. Members include Alison Archer (Capt.), Jill Bye, Julie Stearnes, Jackie Rayworth, Marg Devenoges, Janice Hatton, Elizabeth Barber, Lindsay French and Marie Myrander.

The Men's Div.1 pennant team won for the first time in the club's history by defeating Launceston GC 4/3 at home in the final round. They went into the State final at Riverside GC where they were defeated by Royal Hobart 4/3 over 36 holes. Three matches went to the 36th hole. Members of the pennant team included Bryce Gorham (Capt. & Pro), Ronan Filgate, James Fiddian, Jack Blair, Robbie Berne, Dean Slater, Adam Ferguson, Richard Deverell, Jarryd Collis, Jack Tregaskis-Jago and Matthew Battle.

→ CAPELLA GC NO.2 TEAM WINS ROBINSON CUP

IT took more than four decades, but finally Capella Golf Club has won the Robinson Cup played at Moura Golf Club in Central Queensland.

And it took the club's No.2 team to do it.

Team members George Bridgeman (69 nett), Geoff Braun (73), Selwyn Mitchell (73) and Ken Gersbach returned a combined nett score of 215.

That score was good enough to win the Cup for the first time since entering the competition in 1973.

Capella GC edged out Baralaba GC's number two team of Brian Bidgood, Allan Trail, Jim Bourke and Lawrence Carsburg.

They returned a score of 216 – one ahead of Miriam Vale GC's number two team of Steve Walker, Bill Collins, Mick Millard and Gavin Cawthray.

"That made it the closest finishes in recent years," said Golf CQ secretary Gurney Clamp.

A field of 39 teams (160 players representing 21 clubs throughout Central Queensland and Central Highlands) contested the event.

Meanwhile, Biloela's Adam Mollis won the best gross on a countback from Wowan's Daryl Myles after both carded gross scores of 75.

The Central Highlands district won the inter-district trophy with an average on 38.47 over Central Queensland (45.04) with the Capella GC's number two team winning the best combined nett outside the Valley zone.

Emu Park Golf Club, with a combined nett score of 227, won the annual Col Gill Memorial shield.

They finished three strokes ahead of Rockhampton GC.

"It was a great weekend at Moura Golf Club with everyone having a great time," Gurney said.

"There were 15 caravans parked up near the Moura clubhouse with about six tents as well which made it a great weekend.

"We'll do it all again at Mount Morgan in 2020.

"I arrived home (Yeppoon) around 10pm after the presentation of trophies and along the way I managed to dodge a number of kangaroos."

For the record, Capella is 368kms west of Yeppoon.

FOOTNOTE: The Robinson Cup was introduced in 1935 by Mr J. Robinson, the owner of a Rockhampton popular sports store of the day. He also donated the perpetual trophy. The tournament is a single stroke teams' event played over 18 holes with two teams of four players per club invited to attend with the best three nett scores counting.



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GOLD COAST GOLF EXPO FOR LINKS HOPE ISLAND

IT'S all happening at Links Hope Island on the Gold Coast this month with a busy calendar of events lined up with activities ranging from yoga to cocktail classes and everything golf in between.

The club is making the most of Golf Australia's Golf Month with the inaugural festival.

On Friday, October 4, the major golf manufacturers will be in one place so avid golfers will be able to try the latest equipment.

The Gold Coast Golf Expo will not only be the place to go if you are looking for a deal on your next set of clubs or shoes, but there'll be a unique "Chip to Shore" competition.

It's the chance for diehard golfers to win prizes by chipping into a dinghy.

Empower Golf's Ben Tullipan will make it clear that golf is for all abilities and will demonstrate his ParaGolf machine – a stand up wheelchair that is suitable to any terrain.

Children's school holiday golf camps and targeted long- and short-game clinics aimed to tune-up one's game will be available throughout the week.

That's on between 12 noon and 3pm and costs \$60 per day or \$45 when booking in for three or more days.

And golfers in the market for a golf cart can make an offer at E-Z-GO Australia's epic golf cart sale.

That too is on Friday, October 4.

A wide selection of new and used carts will be on-site for people to test drive.



■ THERE'LL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE GOLD COAST GOLF EXPO THIS MONTH.

Lovers of all things food and drink will have their fill at one of the many fantastic events through the week.

A fun nine-hole gourmet golf afternoon is the best way to play, with food and beverages able to be sampled at each hole.

Meanwhile, kids' cooking classes will be on October 3 between 10am and 1pm.

It's \$40 per person and that includes food, equipment and lunch.

The adults' cooking class is on October 4 between 10am and 2pm. It will cost \$85pp and includes a recipe book, two-course lunch and wine.

On Sunday, October 6 more than 30 selected producers will be showcasing their wines, craft beers, premium spirits and locally produced foods at the Food & Wine Trail.

If you like life shaken not stirred, cocktail enthusiasts will be able to get hands-on with

a cocktail class – and you get to drink your creations.

It's on between 11am and 3pm. Tickets are \$10 and includes tasting glass and five large tastes.

The Cocktail Classes presented by "Sweet & Chilli" is on Sunday, October 6.

Times are 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm and tickets are \$10.

There's a 45-minute class that includes ingredients, equipment and recipe book.

"The Gold Coast Golf & Lifestyle at Links will be a spectacle not to miss," Links general manager Tracey-Lea Tiley said.

"Links is again at the heart of the community and we welcome everyone to enjoy the easy, relaxed clubhouse surrounds.

"Come, be part of the party." ©

→ NOLAN GETS HOME AT DUARINGA

BILOELA Golf Club's Andrew Nolan has taken out the Duaranga Men's Open Championship.

He finished with a gross score of 106 to win the event by three strokes from Wowan Golf Club's Daryl Myles and Rockhampton's Damien Ling.

North Rockhampton's Gary Walsh captured the B grade title after posting a score of 124 – three clear of Duaranga's Josh Merlow.

The C grade went to Duaranga's Marcus Hill (125).

Hill finished 17 shots ahead of runner-up Trevor McFetridge representing Gracemere Golf Club.

Rockhampton's Damien Ling won the A grade nett from Rockhampton's Josh Antcliff.

Duaranga's Brian Saunders was the B grade nett winner and Trevor McFetridge took out the C grade nett.



■ DUARINGA MEN'S CHAMPION ANDREW NOLAN SHOWS OFF THE OVERSIZE TROPHY.



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This is memorable journey, taking you on a drive to Australia's famous oyster beds in Ceduna, then to the wheat and sheep farming districts of Penong, Nundroo and the beautiful waters of Fowlers Bay.

You venture passed the whales and the beautiful coastline at Nullarbor to arrive at the beaches of Eucla, to meet the Pirate and claim your treasure. Clutching your gold you move on to the remains of Skylab at Balladonia and the working sheep station at Fraser Range.

The Indigenous art and dance of the Ngadju people in Norseman will feature strongly in your memories of the festival. The next morning you journey on to nickel mining and land sailing at Kambalda and then finally to Australia's gold capital, Kalgoorlie.

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PARAGONIANS LINE UP FOR 35TH SUCCESSIVE CRUSADE

LATER this month, 24 predominately Old Waverlians will travel to Victoria to compete in the 35th Paragon Cup.

Played over two days, the annual golf tournament is preceded by a one-day tournament known as "Man Friday".

The Paragon Cup started in 1985 at the beautiful Katoomba Golf Course after participants enjoyed lunch at the famous Paragon Café (hence the name) and decided to make it an annual event.

A trophy was purchased and engraved along with a green jacket – both of which have become highly cherished and sought-after.

The very first drive on the first hole at Katoomba Golf Course all those years ago resulted in James Palmer McManus's clubhead spiraling down the fairway further than the ball.

This was obviously a sign of things to come.

James Palmer, affectionately known as the Sheriff, has gone on to win the Paragon Cup on three occasions – the only "tourist" to do so.

Winning the title three times has earned him the title "Paragon Pontiff".

"Most of the original tourists are still with us and most have played each year since 1985 but one tourist, Ray Delohery, has made all 34 tours to date and is chomping at the bit to once again test his swing and stamina against his fellow Paragonians," spokesman Michael Maher told Inside Golf.

"Ray also happens to be our "bookie" and holds the unique status of never losing on the "Paragon Book" despite coming mighty close to significant financial pain on many occasions.

"It's best not to mention this to his beautiful wife, Kerrie.



■ NEVER ONE TO MISS OUT, RAY DELOHERY WILL JOIN HIS HARDY "TOURIST" MATES AGAIN THIS YEAR.

"There have been far too many memories and wonderful experiences to recount, but I should reflect on a few great mates we've lost along the way including perennial runner-up Jim Costello and Mark Jagger, our bus driver and 1991 champion.

"They were significant contributors to the Paragon, its traditions and its history.

"More than anything else, the Paragon is testament to lasting friendships of a large group of young (now old) men who enjoy golf, enjoy the competition, a punt and a few beers, not to mention each other's company and humour."

Each year the Paragonians hold an AGM to appoint office bearers and organisers for the following year and to air any grievances and to put forward any suggestions for upcoming tours.

Most tourists hold board positions from the president, Mark Neill, to the duty boy, Rob Harvey.

"While they all have a role to play, a small yet discrete group of 'Black Shirts' headed up by 'The Shadow' ultimately decides on future venues and arrangements," Maher said.

"Political correctness has little opportunity in this company, but genuine friendship and respect for each other are never absent. Annual social golf tournaments like the

Paragon could not survive such longevity without these qualities.

"Our trip to the Mornington Peninsula later this month is, as usual, greatly anticipated.

"Some tourists are already lying about their handicaps and golf lessons however 'The Shadow' is across their efforts in hiding their form and will be consulting the handicapper prior to the 2019 Paragon Cup. ©

→ SET SIGHTS ON THE CUPS CLASSIC

NOVEMBER is shaping as a big month of golf for The Dunes Golf Links on the Mornington Peninsula.

The club will host two important events – The Cups Classic on November 10 and The Dunes Medal from November 26-29.

The Cups Classic is a nine-hole event and is open to everyone.

"It's one of our highlights of the year," The Dunes Golf Links marketing manager Johnny Derham said.

"The 9-hole Cups Course was opened in 1997 as part of the 27-hole Dunes Golf Links development.

"The course has been a favourite with members and holiday makers since day one courtesy of its delightful yet tricky layout."

The Cups Classic is in its 14th year.

A capacity field of 156 will again battle it out on the testing Cups layout. Entry for the tournament is open to men and women of all ages and abilities.

A registered handicap is not required to enter.

The tournament is officially handicapped for those with registered Golf Australia handicaps.

There'll be prizes on offer for the long drive comp, nearest the pin challenge, beat the pro and a putting comp.

The entry fee is \$35 (\$20 for Dunes members).

Additionally, there'll be a demo exhibition, helicopter rides and beer and wine tasting.

For more information, contact The Dunes Golf Links.

MEANWHILE, The Dunes Medal is open to elite players as it's a Golf Australia and Ivo Whitton rankings event.

The field will be restricted to competitors with a GA handicap of 3.4 or less and the field will be cut to 48 players (plus ties) after 36 holes.

Last year's event was taken out by Victoria's Blake Collyer, who finished on 282 (six-under par).

Previous competitors have included Rory McIlroy, Oliver Fisher, Jason Day and Brett Rumford.

This year's tournament is sure to be another action-packed event as once again Australia's finest amateurs strive to take out the coveted trophy.

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HISTORIC WIN FOR SURFERS PARADISE WOMEN



■ **SURFERS PARADISE DIVISION 1 PENNANT TEAM (CLOCKWISE): MARIANNE IOANNOU, SHANNON TAN, ANDREA DAVIS, VELMA HARDING, VICKI LAWS AND MAUREN GILES.**

SURFERS Paradise Golf Club's women's Division 1 and Division 2 pennant teams scored historic wins in the Women's Golf Gold Coast Mid-Week Pennant last month.

Mind you, it was a close-run thing as both Surfers Paradise teams needed to win their final round contests to make history for the club.

After the completion of the penultimate round at Coolangatta and Tweed Heads Golf Club, Surfers Paradise Golf Club's Division 1 team was the outright leader by the slender margin of one match over Sanctuary Cove.

The ladder was so tight that there was only one match separating first from second, second from third and third from fourth place.

It was the same story Division 2 with the Surfers Paradise team just one match ahead of Sanctuary Cove.

Playing on The Pines course at Sanctuary Cove, Surfers Paradise's Division 1 team won its five matches against Women's Golf Gold Coast – a composite team of clubs that do not have enough players to form a club.

Surfers Paradise Golf Club's Andrea Davis turned up with her A-game and easily swept aside her opponent 9/7.

Surfers Paradise finished the season on 35 points – a massive six points ahead of Sanctuary Cove.

Coolangatta and Tweed finished third.

"A huge thanks goes to the team's junior member, Shannon Tan, who remains undefeated in her five matches," Surfers Paradise spokesperson Dianne Whish-Wilson said.

Surfers Paradise's Division 2 team met Arundel Hills in the final round and was able to hold their nerve to win 3½ to 1½.

Surfers Paradise remained on top of the leaderboard from round one to finish the pennant season with 34 points – four ahead of nearest rivals Sanctuary Cove.

Arundel Hills finished third.

"This is the first win for Surfers Paradise Division 1 team since 2013 and the first win for Surfers Paradise Division 2 team since their only win in 1999," Ms Whish-Wilson said.

"The season was played in the true team spirit that is district pennant." 🏆



■ **SURFERS PARADISE DIVISION 2 PENNANT TEAM (CLOCKWISE): VIRGINIA OXFENFORD, CAROLYNN ROTHWELL, MARIE ROSEWARNE, JUDE EASTAWAY, YVONNE MALLORY AND THERESE BLAIR.**

TEE IT UP AT PACIFIC HARBOUR AND WIN

PACIFIC Harbour Golf and Country Club has thrown down the gauntlet to club golfers to challenge themselves on the course by contesting a number of important and challenging events this month and next.

Located on beautiful Bribie Island, mid-way between Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast, the highly-regarded Troon Golf-managed Pacific Harbour GCC tees off with the Tee off for Breast Cancer Charity Day on Friday, October 11.

In its fourth year, the club is aiming to raise a five-figure sum for breast cancer research.

"We are looking to raise more than \$10,000," the club's director of golf operations Marcus Hartup said.

"It has been a strong event for the club over the last few years and we are hoping it will be again with golfers' support.

"In the last three years we have raised over \$20,000 much-needed funds."

There'll be plenty of prizes on offer for the shotgun-start ambrose event that costs \$45 for members and \$75 for visitors.

"There'll also be an auction and raffles," Hartup added.

Then on Friday, November 1 the Harbour Cup, a teams' event open to all clubs, will be played on the Ross-Watson-designed championship layout.

It's a team aggregate stableford format event with a 9.30am shotgun start.

The entry fee is \$55 for non-members and \$28 for members.

It's going to be a fun day with lots of great prizes.

Following that is the Harbour Masters Back Tee Challenge on Friday, November 15.

It's a stableford event off the back tees and the entry fee for non-members is \$60.

"We will have prizes for first, second and third placegetters with the winner receiving \$150, second is \$100 and third \$80," Hartup said.

"We will have prizes right down to seventh place.

"For the ladies, we have a first prize of \$70, second \$50 and third \$30.

"Of course, that's determined by how many ladies enter and the prizemoney could increase."

In recent months, Pacific Harbour has been working tirelessly on a beautification program to enhance the look of the course and make it more player-friendly.

"We have opened up areas to make the course more playable," Hartup said.

"We want golfers to enjoy themselves so we are making the golf course more player-friendly.

"We have been opening up the scrub areas and clearing underneath the underbrush to make it easier for players to find their golf ball.

"Even if you do go off-line now you can still find your ball.

"People want to come out and play a championship course and have fun and we understand that."

Work is also underway to take the putting surfaces back to their original size, but the work won't affect play in any way.

Meanwhile, the hugely successful and popular Pacific Harbour amateur event was won by visiting golfer Nicholas Coggan with scores 69-77-78.

The event will be played again in August 2020.

For more information on how to enter the club's open events, visit www.phgcc.com.au or call (07) 3410-4011.

→ INVERELL CLUB CHAMPS ON A ROLL

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→ GADD GRABS NSW OPEN SPOT

HE did it the hard way but it was all worth it to secure a spot in the field for this year's A.V. Jennings NSW Open at Twin Creeks.

Josh Gadd has earned a spot in the premier NSW event for the fourth time after playing some superb golf at The Vintage golf course in the Hunter Valley last month.

Yet Gadd was forced to do it the hard way after finishing at even-par 71 alongside Hunter Valley local Brent Watson.

It took two extra trips up the testing par-four 18th hole at The Vintage to decide the outcome, with Gadd prevailing with his second par in as many attempts.

"I absolutely can't wait to get back to my home course [Twin Creeks] again," said Gadd.

"I have great family support out there and the family always come out to watch.

"I'm western Sydney grown, so they all come out."

Certainly, Gadd has shone at Twin Creeks in the past.

At the 2017 Open, won by Jason Scrivener, he was a surprise packet and was certainly right in contention after the first two rounds.

"I was running second or third at 11-under for two rounds," he said.

"I have had some success there, that course suits my game really well."



■ YEPPON GOLF CLUB MEMBERS SERGIO SOTELO, ARTHUR SIMPSON AND TERRY BULGER PUT THE CENTRAL QUEENSLAND CLUB ON THE MAP.

THE LEGENDS OF YEPPON GC

AFTER the release of the report on the 50th anniversary of the Yeppoon Golf Club, information has come to light of more golfers that have performed well in previous years while members of the Central Queensland club.

Arthur Simpson, one of the inaugural members, assisted in forming a veterans' club not long after the Yeppoon Golf Club was formed in 1969.

Arthur and fellow Yeppoon member Len Forman went onto win the Australian Veterans 70 years and over division of the Australian Veterans Open fourball stableford championships in Perth.

The pair returned a 47-point score.

In 1996, Arthur won the Queensland Veterans nett event in the 70 years and over division when he returned a nett 68 at the challenging Bribie Island Golf Course.

Then there was Terry Woodbridge.

As a member of Yeppoon GC, Terry won the 1998 Queensland over-70s division of the Queensland Veterans open championships in 1998.

Terry Bulger has an amazing record on golf courses throughout Australia.

He started his golf in 1963 at Emerald in the Central Highlands under the guidance of another champion golfer in Terry Bolton.

Terry scored his first men's open win at the former Zilzie nine-hole sand green golf course.

Over the past six decades he went onto win open championship events throughout Queensland including at Emerald, Rockhampton, Calliope, Gympie, Blackwater, Capricorn Resort and now at Yeppoon where he went on to win the 2004 Queensland Veteran Open Championship at Toowoomba Golf Club at Middle Ridge.

It was an event he won in 2001 while a member of Rockhampton Golf Club.

His biggest win was 20-under par at the Blackwater Open.

He won by 20 shots.

Yeppoon veteran member Sergio Sotelo joined the above Yeppoon members when he won the 2016 Queensland Veteran Open Championship at Bargara Golf Club.

He won with a 36-hole gross score of 158.

Sergio continues to perform well as he recently won five of the seven veterans' open championships in Central Queensland. 🇨

→ JUNIORS TO BATTLE AT CRONULLA

FORMER touring professional Ewan Porter is the brains behind an exciting new golf tournament for junior amateurs that hits off at Cronulla Golf Club this month.

Already hailed as one of the most exciting junior golf events in New South Wales, the Junior 6's Invitational will be played at Cronulla Golf Club on October 7 and 8.

Porter, who won twice on the US secondary Tour (now called the Korn Ferry Tour) and played in three US Opens, is now putting something back into the game in-between his stints as a golf commentator.

The Junior 6's Invitational is expected to feature the cream of Australia's under-8 talent.

The two-day tournament will see 36 boys and 36 girls vying for the inaugural crown, with a place in the A.V. Jennings NSW Open and Worrell's Women's NSW Open on offer for the winners.

Current Australian Junior Champions, Elvis Smylie and Hye Park will be among those showcasing their talents, as well as several other leading junior golfers from around the nation, including local favourite Harrison Crowe as well as one of Queensland's brightest female junior talents, Cassie Porter.

Competitors play 36 holes of strokeplay (18 holes Monday and 18 holes Tuesday) before the top eight boys and girls then move on to 6's matchplay on Tuesday afternoon – a format similar to the Australasian Tour's World Super 6 event in Perth.

Porter is thrilled with how the event is taking shape: "It takes a lot more than a single person's aspirations to create any golf tournament, let alone the unique nature of the Junior 6's Invitational," he said.

"The support shown from all of our Industry and corporate partners has ensured that we have built a foundation from which the potential for this tournament knows no bounds."

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CQ/CH MEG NUNN CHAMPIONS



■ PRESENTER AND DAUGHTER OF MEG NUNN, ANN BROWN (LEFT), POSES WITH THE CENTRAL QLD/CENTRAL HIGHLANDS TEAM OF SARAH ANTCLIFF, BRENDA PHILLIPS, CHARLOTTE BRIESE, BERNIE ANTCLIFF AND LILY MCKELVIE.

MOSTLY, the seven Queensland district women's teams contesting the annual Meg Nunn Salver choose six players, with five picked to play each match, but this year the Central Queensland/Central Highlands team could only muster five players.

Still, that didn't stop them winning the tournament played at Southport Golf Club on the Gold Coast.

CQ/CH was one of the strongest teams to compete in the popular women's tournament and was represented by Yeppoon's Sarah Antcliff, her mum Bernie Antcliff, Brenda Phillips (Calliope GC), Charlotte Briese (Middlemount) and Lily McKelvie (Tier 1 GC).

Miriam Vale GC's Kate Bell was the non-playing captain and Marilyn Fletcher (Calliope Golf Club) the team manager.

What made the victory even sweeter was the team was undefeated, winning five matches and squaring one against the Gold Coast.

CQ/CH's Lily McKelvie won five matches and squared one, Brenda Phillips and Bernie Antcliff won four matches, squared one and both had one loss.

Charlotte Briese won four matches, squared one and had one loss and Sarah Antcliff won two, squared two and lost two.

The Central Queensland/Central Highlands team finished with 31½ points – seven clear of runners-up Sunshine Coast Burnett.

FINAL STANDINGS

Teams	Pts
Central Qld/Central H'lands	31½
Sunshine Coast Burnett	24½
Gold Coast	24
Downs & South Western	22½
Brisbane & District	21
Far North Qld	14½
North Queensland	9

→ GOLFERS FLOCK TO SPRING CUP

GOLF is one of the great tourist attractions of Port Stephens.

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The annual Spring Cup gave more than 100 golfers the opportunity to visit this beautiful corner of the world and test out the region's marvellous golf layouts.

Pacific Dunes hosted round one on the Tuesday of their big week, with players heading for Horizons on Wednesday, with the final round and presentation lunch held at Nelson Bay on the last day.

Former touring pro Kurt Linde, these days the general manager of Pacific Dunes was thrilled with the response from the visitors with more than 40 golf clubs from around Australia represented at the event.

"It was great to see such a fantastic response to this event," said Linde.

"The staff at all the facilities were excited to welcome our visitors to a great week of golf.

"Port Stephens is a true golfing destination and I'm happy to encourage everyone to visit and play," he said.

"I'm sure all the players walked away with new friendships, the love of the game and are ready to return in 2020."

Winners of the individual stableford competitions were awarded prizes following each event, while the four-Ball Best Ball winners were recognised on the final day.

"Next year we will look set to raise the bar even higher and ensure we put on another exciting event," said Linde.

→ JUNIORS HEAD TO BYRON BAY, OCEAN SHORES

TWO of northern NSW most popular courses, Byron Bay and Ocean Shores will share the spotlight when the NSW Junior Championships and the Jack Newton Junior Golf State Age Championships return to the Northern Rivers for the first time in more than 15 years, in 2020 and 2021.

Both clubs have put their hand up to host the best junior golfers in the land and the two layouts will provide a stern test of golf for the youngsters.

Not since Murwillumbah and Mullumbimby hosted the JNJC State Age Championship in 2005 has a junior event of this size or importance headed to the Northern Rivers.

Over the past 10 years, the NSW Junior Championship has moved up and down the coast of NSW, with the Far South Coast (Catalina/Mollymook), Mid North Coast (Coffs Harbour/Sawtell), Illawarra (Wollongong/Links Shell Cove), Central Coast (Shelly Beach/Toukley) and most recently Newcastle (Charlestown/Belmont) taking turns at hosting one of the biggest junior events in the country.

And for the next two years, the tournament will head as far north as it can.

Having successfully hosted a JNJC Junior Masters event at Ballina GC for the last five years, an event which will remain on the JNJC Junior Masters Calendar in 2020, the Northern Rivers District gives juniors and parents the chance to not only go away for a week of golf, but enjoy a family holiday at the same time with so much to do and see in the surrounding areas.

Players can fly directly into Ballina Airport or the even bigger Gold Coast Airport which has direct flights from all over Australia, less than an hour up the road.

The tournament will be held in the first week of the 2020 and 2021 NSW school holidays, which will once again overlap with the Queensland and Victorian school holidays, to give juniors from right across the eastern seaboard a chance to take part in the tournament.

Byron Bay will be the main host club in 2020 and host the Cup, with Ocean Shores hosting the main event the following year.

DECLAN, OSCAR EDGE OUT FAVOURITES

GLADSTONE Golf Club's Declan Corke and Oscar McBean scored a comfortable win in the Central Queensland's Junior Medley four-ball open championships.

The pair returned a 78 gross score at their home club to win the event by three shots from the event's favourites, Yeppoon's Isaak Jensen and Cruz Warner.

The 13-hole division went to Boyne Island Golf Club's Xander White and Jaydon Hodgson who returned a score of 71.

Gladstone Golf Club's Paul Marsh and Zander Setiawan won the nine-hole division on 59 with Gladstone's Jett Hourigan and Ryan Fenton winning the six-hole division with a gross score of 39.

MEANWHILE, Declan Corke backed up his victory with another when he took out the Rockhampton Junior Open.

Declan carded a four-over par to take out the championship from Yeppoon's top junior Isaak Jensen who finished one stroke back on 77.

Rockhampton's Caitlyn Cox shot a 94 to win the girls championship.

She finished six shots clear of Gracemere's Makayla Fraser.

Rockhampton's Lincoln Beckett (80) scored a six-shot win over Nathan Beauchamp in the boys B grade and Boyne Island's Tayla Colley (100) took out the girls' event from Taylah Rideout (107).

Rockhampton's Kobe Kirkman (105) won the boys C grade from Gladstone's Cody Anderson (108).



■ DECLAN CORKE AND OSCAR MCBEAN AFTER A WIN IN CENTRAL QUEENSLAND.

CABARLAH SHINES AT DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHRISTINE Tannock from Cabarlah Golf Course competed in the D&DSWLGA District Championships at Charleville in August. Approximately 80 players from the Downs and District travelled to Charleville to compete over 3 days. Christine was successful in winning the Division 1 Gross with a score of 178 over 36 holes. She also won the Best Overall Nett on Tuesday with a score of 65 and was also the winner of QSLGA Championship. Monday the ladies played the Foursomes Championship and Christine paired up with Cathy Merker from Chinchilla and were Division 2 Runners up. Congratulations to all the winners.



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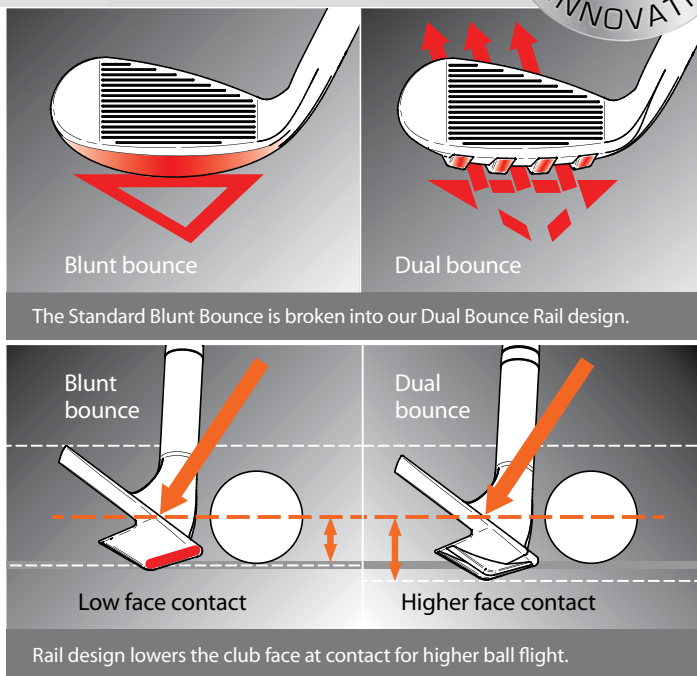
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There will be prizes for best under-12, girls and boys, and money runs to 8th place.

Last year had players from Auckland, Adelaide, Ballarat, Brisbane Dubbo, Sunshine Coast, and members of the Australian Legends Tour. The defending champion is Brent Thomas from Kooindah Waters.

More: www.thornleighgolfcentre.com.au

→ CHARLIEGH MAKING MOST OF SCHOLARSHIP

WHEN McLeod Country Golf Club offered Townsville junior Charliegh Robinson a junior scholarship she didn't think twice about moving to Brisbane.

"I was lucky enough to be successful in obtaining the junior scholarship," said Charliegh who made the move at the start of the year.

Well, it seems the move has paid off as she has reduced her handicap by seven shots to 12.6.

"I have enjoyed the challenge of playing in bigger fields when competing in junior competitions which has also led to me qualifying for the Greg Norman Junior Masters in December," Charliegh said.

"The course is challenging and well maintained along with spectacular scenery, especially in the early morning.

"The highlight for me this year was winning my first A grade monthly medal along with playing in my first club championship and qualifying for the A grade matchplay."

Since arriving at the club, the 15-year-old has represented McLeod in pennant.

"I have also had the opportunity to be part of the Brisbane district junior ladies team for the Sarah Jane Kenyon challenge," she said.

"The scholarship is a wonderful way for the club to promote the next generation of golfers.

"I have found all the members to be both friendly and welcoming with both men and women generally interested in my ongoing achievements whether this be on the course or in the clubhouse.

"The club is proactive when it comes to the junior program ensuring that women, juniors and men have access to the course.

"Golf, unlike most sports, can be either an individual or a team sport."

Now Charliegh is telling everyone that golf is definitely a game worth pursuing.

"I would highly recommend playing golf as it teaches the player patience and control and is a great outdoor exercise that can continue for life," she added.

"Being a member of a golf club can bring a sense of belonging as you are a part of a community with something in common."



■ CHARLIEGH ROBINSON ON THE PUTTING GREEN WITH MCLEOD CGC PROFESSIONAL DREW MCLELLAN.

CHARITY BEGINS AT MT COOLUM

IT'S fun on the fairways when it comes to the annual Legacy Charity Golf Day at Mt Coolum Golf Club on the Sunshine Coast.

The event also adds novelty to the club's fundraising efforts, raising money for Legacy.

There's betting holes, but the usual long drive event has been scrapped in favour of an accurate drive competition.

The club says long drive events favour A graders while the accurate drive comp gives everyone a chance.

All proceeds raised go directly to Legacy Sunshine Coast.

The accurate drive event was hotly contested and even Lance Davitt, although indecisive, took part.

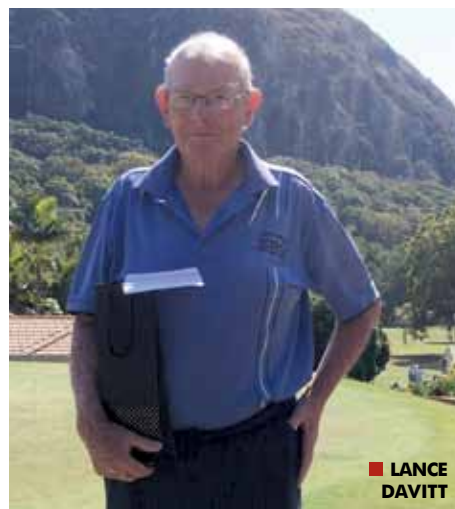
Approaching his 80th birthday, Lance wouldn't have even entertained the thought of entering a long drive comp and thought about not entering the accurate drive comp given that he couldn't even see where the line started.

But being Legacy Day, Lance threw in his gold coin figuring he was just going to be donating it to the Legacy Charity anyway.

"My shot off the tee was a beautiful, controlled slice that started left and swung back towards the centre of the fairway," Lance chuckled.

The "controlled slice" bought the ball back beautifully and it came to rest just inches from the line and only a metre from the start of the line.

"Poor Joe (Quang) had to run 100 metres up the fairway to collect the marker," Lance laughed.



■ LANCE DAVITT



■ KR SMITH

It was the most accurate (and shortest drive), but Lance put the distance he hit the ball down to the conditions.

"It must have been the 40km/h headwind blowing when I hit the tee shot."

For his effort, Lance won a bottle of wine.

"This year we raised almost \$4500 through the various fundraising activities, which will add to the now more than \$100,000 the club has donated since this concept began back in 1990," golf manager Nathaniel Fuller said.

MEANWHILE, Kevie Smith has won the Felix Parry Cup for the second consecutive year.

Smith had the best gross score on Legacy Charity Golf Day by a past or present member of the Defence Force.

He has won the event 13 times in 19 years.

Played concurrently with the stroke (gross) event is a stableford competition with the best stableford score by a past or present member of the Defence Force being awarded the Diggers Cup.

Bequeathed to the club by members of the 2nd/1st RAE, the Diggers Cup is in memory of past and present members of the RAE.

Morrie Barnes returned 38 points to win the Diggers Cup. 🏆

→ 2019 HARTFIELD CLUB CHAMPION

CONGRATULATIONS to Hartfield's 2019 Club Champion Paul Chappell who defeated Steve Edwards in the final. The victory gives Paul his 11th Club Championship award. A magnificent feat. Paul was 1st qualifier after 2 rounds of stroke that led to match play.

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→ **STAGE 3** OF THE MAROOCHY RIVER GOLF CLUB PROJECT



EXCITEMENT is building at Maroochy River Golf Club as the final phase of the club's miniature golf course, designed and built by an expert team from Mini Golf Creations (MGC), takes shape.

"The final phase of production of the miniature golf course includes the final concreting of holes, the important grass installation and the landscape and course furniture," golf course designer Richard Chamberlain told *Inside Golf*.

"The initial phase of concreting by the Royale Concrete crew created the first 11 golf holes and some of the waterways.

"The second leg included the remaining seven golf holes, the lower pond and also the entry path."

In the previous issue, Chamberlain likened the work of the five-man concreting crew as mimicking a choreographed dance with each team member knowing precisely the timing and roles of workmates.

Well, nothing changed in the preparation for the final stage of the project.

Not only must the expert team produce a smooth surface but, under the watchful eye of course designer Richard Chamberlain, the subtle changes in direction must also be recognised.

"The concrete is pumped in at a fairly rapid rate and there is no time to be careless with the shapes," Chamberlain said.

"As you can imagine going back and trying to correct errors would be very difficult.

"Apart from injecting interesting playing strategies into each golf hole, the movement of water in rainfall events is also high on the list of items to check off.

"Of course, on a miniature golf course, wherever the water wants to run usually means the golf ball is trying to head in the same direction and the skill in the entire process is to achieve both results without the golf ball continually running off into landscape zones.

"The final phase of concreting was wrapped up in three days, which was a result of great planning and some brilliant Sunshine Coast weather."

Grassing: The installation of the synthetic grass is an extremely painstaking and time-consuming process.

When it comes to cutting out the rolls of synthetic grasses, there aren't too many straight lines meaning there are many finicky and awkward angles to cut it in.

"A green glue is applied to the concrete surface before the grass is overlaid," Chamberlain explained.



"The job certainly demands both the fine skills of cutting in and also the brute strength to lift heavy rolls of grass and be positioned accurately over the glued sections."

A six-man grassing team, led by team leader Harry Day from Mini Golf Creations, was used at Maroochy River.

The amount of grass wastage on site is staggering because the golf course is made of up constant curved lines with few straight edges.

It's akin to a jigsaw puzzle because putting it down on the ground creates many off-cuts.

"Some of these larger pieces can be re-used but many end up in the rubbish pile," Chamberlain said.

"With just over 1000m² of grass earmarked for the golf course almost half of that amount ends up in the bin.

"There is also a grain in the synthetic grass and each small piece can only be added if the angle of grain is consistent.

"It's not simply a matter of finding a piece that fits and laying it down.

"This adds to the difficulty of installation and also to the amount of wasted material."





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Landscaping: It was all hands on deck when it came to landscaping the project.

“In this project it was sensible to utilise the skills of the Maroochy River GC maintenance staff and have the team install the irrigation and landscape,” Chamberlain said.

“Once the MGC crew finish off the grassing of a few golf holes the MRGC staff can come through and begin installing pipe work and planting vegetation.

“They have a large nursery of plants and the initial impact of the landscape will be good.

“Of course, over time these plants will grow and strengthen and the golf course will certainly add another dimension in the years ahead.

“It’s also a great initiative for the local team and to provide a break from the normal routing in maintaining the golf course.

“There is no doubt their artistic skills will be flowing and the great golf holes will be surrounded by beautiful plants.”

Members’ anticipation: After eight weeks of construction – which at times resembled a scene from the Flintstones with the visuals of rock, concrete and timber – the golf club’s members were finally excited to see the emergence of a green colour.

During construction there is always a constant flow of members looking through the fence to follow the progress of construction.

“But these numbers certainly increased when the grass began to be laid and they were able to see each golf hole come to life,” Chamberlain said.

At one stage Chamberlain filmed the on-site progress for social media and was amazed at the activity around the site. (view it here: youtu.be/UcRxsMfR2Zk)

“A five-man team put the finishing touches to the entry path while another six installed the synthetic grass,” Chamberlain explained.

“In addition to this, another couple of MGC staff members were working on the rockwork

in the waterways while another two staff members installed lighting and two more fellows were pumping concrete.

“Little wonder anyone walking past the site would have been amazed at the size of the production team for a miniature golf course.”

Mini Golf Creations only use the best staff and sub-contractors for their projects and the results will be unveiled on opening day.

Meanwhile, the team at Maroochy River Golf Club continue to work away in the background in anticipation of opening day.

Then it will be on for young and old.

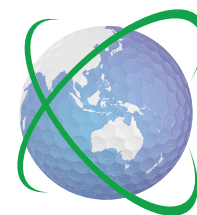
“The golf club is ready to hit the ground running for both social play and corporate bookings,” Chamberlain said.

“Everyone can’t wait for the gates to open so they can play that first hole.”

The Maroochy River Golf Club mini golf facility will undoubtedly be a breath of fresh air for families and visitors to the Sunshine Coast.



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CLUB CAR NAMED PRESIDENTS CUP GOLF CAR OF CHOICE FOR THIRD TIME

CLUB CAR, a world-leading manufacturer of golf cars and lightweight utility vehicles is again the preferred golf car supplier for the Presidents Cup, one of golf's premier global events. Club Car will provide team vehicles, utilities, broadcast vehicles, and patron transportation solutions for the December 9-15 event, which will be held at Royal Melbourne. This is the third time that the Presidents Cup will be played at Australia's highest-ranked golf facility, which also hosted the event in 1998 and 2011, and the third time Club Car has been designated golf car of choice.



"Presidents Cup is more exciting each time it comes to town," said Kevin Gates, Club Car Vice President. "Our commitment back in 1998 was a little over 100 cars; in 2019 the required fleet has grown to more than three times that number."

In addition to the Presidents Cup returning to Royal Melbourne, Club Car has successfully launched new products in both golf and utility and has partnered locally with InGolf and Utility. The company's engagement with the PGA Tour and the Presidents Cup replicates its long-standing association with Ryder Cup, which now also stretches back decades.

"Over that time, we've supplied several thousand cars to some of the most exciting golf events in history. We love playing our part in these moments," said Gates.

According to Matt Kamienski, Vice President and Executive Director for the Presidents Cup, selecting a golf car supplier for this event wasn't difficult. "Club Car and the InGolf and Utility team always engage with us early in the process. The product is of a quality befitting the Presidents Cup and our global relationship with Club Car is strong.

"We've partnered with Club Car at each of the Australian events and a number of those held in other parts of the world. It's comforting for us to know that the Club Car team is on board each time we come to town."

Presidents Cup 2019 will cap a successful year for Club Car in the Melbourne area. In addition to Royal Melbourne, other courses including The National, Sandhurst Club, and Huntingdale have joined or returned to the Club Car family, while existing Club Car facilities including The Dunes and Eagle Ridge are among those that have renewed their relationships.

With over 60 years of experience of innovation and design in producing small-wheel vehicles, Club Car is a leading manufacturer of gas and electric golf, utility and personal transportation vehicles. Founded in 1958, the Club Car product portfolio has grown to include much more than golf cars, now encompassing vehicles for commercial and consumer markets, built with an uncompromised desire for superior performance. As an industry leader in electrification and sustainability, Club Car is proud to be on the forefront of environmentally responsible Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) technologies. For more information, visit www.clubcar.com

→ NEWBOLD TAKES GOLF AUSTRALIA REINS

ANDREW Newbold is the new chairman of Golf Australia.

Mr Newbold has taken the reins from John Hopkins, who has stepped down from the role having held the position for more than eight years as part of more than 30 years involvement with golf administration at club, state, national and international levels.

"John has been exemplary in his service to the sport and has overseen a period of great change in the Australian golf landscape," Mr Newbold said.

"He has been at the forefront of many key decisions and has always done himself – and the country he represents – proud.

"I look forward to continuing the good work that John and his board have driven."

Mr Hopkins will retire from the board when his term expires in November this year but remain active in golf administration at the international level. He is Australia's representative on the board of the Asia Pacific Golf Confederation and the chairman of its championship committee.

Mr Newbold, like Mr Hopkins a lawyer by profession, is regarded as one of the most progressive sports administrators in Australia.

A keen golfer and entrepreneur, he is also a board member and chairman of several other companies, a commissioner with the Australian Football League and former Hawthorn Football Club president and life member.

Mr Newbold said he was excited by the task ahead.

"Golf Australia has an incredibly important role in the sport's future and I'm delighted to be able to help steer the ship," he said.

"There are some great people involved at all levels of the game and we've already begun implementing a series of long-term programs to engage all those passionate and interested in golf.

"I look forward to working with our board and chief executive Stephen Pitt and his team to fulfil the promise we all know golf has within our community."

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Australia's more than 1,300 golf clubs can each spend upwards of \$100,000 a year on electricity bills in the process of managing their greens and running their clubhouses.

AEES Group are a proud and exclusive partner with Golf Management Australia (GMA), providing customised energy-efficiency audits and solar solutions that can reduce clubs'

carbon footprint, and their grid-derived energy by as much as 60%. With some 365 GMA member clubs, AEES Group are offering a range of services including cost-benefit analysis of solar installation, financial modelling, support with tendering for a renewable-energy system, as well as system monitoring and maintenance.

GMA aims to utilise AEES Group's expertise in energy management solutions including solar power, battery storage and related energy efficiency initiatives to support the ongoing sustainability of golf clubs in Australia.

"I've had many discussions with General Managers over the past 12 months regarding their contemplation of solar energy, hence we were keen to partner with an organisation who we knew would be able to deliver an outstanding product and service to those clubs keen to explore this path. AEES's most recent project in our industry is the successful installation of a 160kW Solar Embedded Generator system at Ballarat Golf Club in late 2018."

AEES Group's proprietary Cost Benefit Analysis Tool has provided financial modelling that allowed Ballarat Golf Club to make an informed decision on installing a 160kW solar PV system. The 406-panel rooftop system is designed to reduce electricity bills by an average of 40% over each 12-month period.



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Richard Martin, Managing Director of AEES Group says the community-based committees running sporting clubs are "always vitally interested in solar", but as with any business, the decision to install a PV system should be preceded by an energy-efficiency audit, which can result in initial savings that also reduce the size of the optimal solar system for that facility.



He says the largest electricity use for golf clubs is usually in heating, ventilation and cooling (HVAC) systems, followed by lighting, and then the pumps used to power irrigation systems on the course.

Changes such as switching to LED lighting and improving insulation and glazing in the clubhouse, updating master switchboards and upgrading pumps in the workshop are the easy shots in a strategic approach to improving club sustainability.

With guidance from AEE Group, Ballarat Golf Club fully financed its system of SunPower P19 395-watt smart modules with SolarEdge inverters and DC Optimisation, via a bank loan which is being repaid out of savings made on electricity.

Both grid-side and solar-side electricity consumption of the Ballarat club are monitored remotely in real time with live data to confirm their savings. This panel-level monitoring is achieved using SolarEdge DC Power Optimisation and the interactive SolarEdge Monitoring Platform.

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AEE Group cost-benefit analysis considers existing and emerging solar and supporting technologies, such as battery storage. "Batteries are still expensive for commercial-sized solar," says Martin. But prices are coming down and "any system should be designed to cater for a limited further capital cost of adding batteries at the point when their cost is sufficiently reduced."

He says a club's decision to immediately include batteries might also be influenced by the localised demand cost of electricity. "In Queensland the network demand cost is around 40% to 60% of your bill," says Martin. "Some areas in Queensland charge as much as \$20 to \$30 per kVA of demand, whereas in Victoria it's as low as \$10 or \$12 per kVA. The higher the kVA unit cost, the greater the business case for battery installation."

With its 160kW installation of solar PV, Ballarat Golf Club has, in addition to cutting electricity costs, reduced its annual greenhouse gas emissions by 181 metric tonnes of CO2.

Gary Fry, General Manager of Ballarat Golf Club, says he was impressed by the level of personal service provided by AEE Group and the project management tools shared.



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"It has been a pleasure dealing with Richard Martin and the whole team at AEE Group," says Fry.

"They are highly qualified professionals, experienced and organized. They've done an excellent job from start to finish, with no hidden costs and great savings dialled into our new system."

"AEE Group have a genuine love of renewables, and excellent long-standing knowledge of industry trends and regulations. They understand the wide product range and are not exclusively wedded to any brands."

"I recommend AEE Group to all our members"

Martin says he looks forward to providing golf clubs in Australia with a "road map to zero net carbon facilities delivered within the triple framework of financial, environmental and social objectives"

AEE Group will be attending the 2019 GMA National Conference at the MCG in Melbourne and will have a presence at selected golf days and state business meetings.

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PGA GOLF EXPO A SMASH HIT

TAKING the biennial PGA Golf Expo to Royal Pines Resort, current home of the Australian PGA Championship, in the first week of spring made perfect sense.

For three days, hundreds of professionals and retailers from all corners of the country enjoyed the Gold Coast's idyllic weather (around 30°C) playing golf, listening to a wide range of speakers including Australian Paralympic Games gold medallist Kurt Fearnley, former Brisbane Lions champion Simon Black and Titleist golf wedges designer Bob Vokey.

Dr Sue Shapcott from the PGA of Great Britain and Ireland was there to talk about developing loyal golfers and how to create an effective coaching environment.

A question and answer session with Jason Day's coach, mentor and former caddie Col Swatton, Phil Scott (Adam's dad) and Dale Lynch (Geoff Ogilvy's coach) proved popular, particularly with club and teaching professionals.

The major-winning coaches enlightened club professionals and industry folk on what's required to get a player to reach his or her full potential in the professional ranks.

Swatton and Lynch also performed live lessons for the benefit of teaching professionals.

Swatton also did a talk on coaching and mentoring for success.

On day 2, professionals and industry leaders looked over the newest equipment that golf's manufacturers and retailers had to offer.

The representatives of the many companies did their best to convince, cajole and coerce them into buying.



INSIDE GOLF ATTENDED THE PGA GOLF EXPO ALONG WITH ALL THE INDUSTRY'S HEAVY-HITTERS.

The PGA of Australia's CEO Gavin Kirkman and his team must be given credit for taking the expo to Royal Pines Resort.

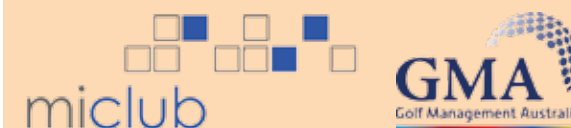
The expo outdid itself in terms of exhibitors and guest speakers.

PGA of Australia chairman Rodger Davis said the PGA Golf Expo had been a "great success" and he thanked the PGA's many supporting partners.

Some of the new equipment and innovations that will undoubtedly benefit club golfers can be found in pro shops around the country.

Men's and women's apparel, too, is changing as you'll discover when visiting your local golf shop.

→ MiCLUB & GMA SIGN NEW TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT



GOLF Management Australia has announced a new two-year agreement with one of their long-term partners, MiClub.

As part of the new agreement, MiClub will return to the GMA National Conference this month to showcase new technology to delegates.

"This year we will be releasing two exciting new products and showcasing our popular Northstar solution," said MiClub Managing Director, Peter Maddison. "We look forward to sharing our new technology and hearing industry feedback."

MiClub's involvement at this year's conference will mark their 10th consecutive GMA conference appearance, connecting with Australia's best in golf management.

In addition to their upcoming conference involvement, MiClub will be the proud supporting partner of a new GMA Podcast series currently under development. The Podcasts will be available to GMA members through a new app, hosted by MiClub, and free of charge to all members. The GMA Podcast series will focus on interviews with GMs, case studies around new initiatives, golf club management issues and challenges, latest industry and partner news, and other relevant topics.

"We are very appreciative of the support and loyalty GMA members provide MiClub. It is a pleasure to be able to return value to the industry and help improve golf through an organisation such as Golf Management Australia. We are very happy to renew our GMA sponsorship and exhibit at this year's conference in Melbourne. MiClub has enjoyed a valuable, long-term relationship with GMA," said Maddison.

Details about the GMA Podcasts, proudly supported by MiClub, will be made available to GMA members in due course.

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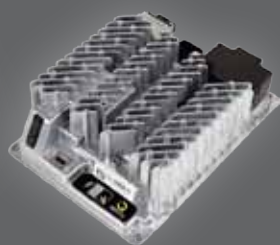
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GM JACQUI SETS HIGH BAR AT GISBORNE GC

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WHEN she was installed as the boss at Victoria's Gisborne Golf Club a few months ago, Jacqui Flinn didn't dilly-dally while familiarising herself with the surroundings.

She immediately started planning and made a promise to herself and anyone who would listen that she would elevate the status of the facility to new heights.

"This is my first role as a general manager and my vision is to make Gisborne the best regional golf club in Australia," said Jacqui, who honed her managerial skills as golf operations manager at Royal Sydney, Yarra Bend and Sanctuary Lakes golf clubs.

"I was lucky enough to get my first job in golf at Royal Sydney Golf Club, first as a casual before working my way up the ladder to golf shop manager.

"Working at Royal Sydney taught me so much and set me up for a career in golf."

Born and schooled in Melbourne, Jacqui spent 15 years in Sydney after studying business management at Deakin University.

She also owned and operated her own successful health club and sports coaching business in Melbourne.

A sports fanatic, Jacqui played state level netball and basketball and was introduced to golf by her father and grandfather.

"At first I found golf difficult but I'm a very competitive person and I was driven to want to be a good golfer," she said.

"I soon became hooked on the game and got my handicap down to two, but I had to work hard at it and decided to pursue golf management rather than a playing career."



■ JACQUI FLINN IS ON A MISSION AT GISBORNE GOLF CLUB.

A few years ago she made the bold tree-change and moved to the picturesque Daylesford with her young family (partner and two daughters).

Jacqui said she was excited to be working at Gisborne Golf Club.

"I feel honoured to be in a position to lead the club into its next chapter alongside the dedicated committee," she said.

"The club has an impressive and long-standing culture of amazing volunteers and

committee members that literally get their hands dirty for the greater good of the club.

"Recently I appointed a new course superintendent, Ricky Mether, and we believe we can take Gisborne to another level."

Plans are already in place to upgrade the fourth green.

The short par-3 plays downhill and is the club's signature hole.

With a tenacious attitude and an engaging personality, Jacqui also hopes to improve

participation and inclusion of the game of golf across all demographics in the local community.

"My motto is 'if it was easy, everyone would do it,'" she said.

"I'm a believer in putting in the work and doing what other people are not willing to do – not just talk about it but executing it.

"I'm about empowering my staff because it's about the team – not me.

"I'm fortunate I have great, capable staff working for me."

Jacqui says Gisborne, a town in the Macedon Ranges, is a special place.

"When you come to Gisborne it feels like you've been here before – a sort of home away from home," she said.

"The golf course is picturesque with the Macedon Ranges as a backdrop and the nature is magic.

"We even have people come to the golf course just to see the kangaroos.

"Gisborne is a friendly, welcoming golf club and we enjoy showing off our facility to visitors."

A 10 marker, Jacqui is taking lessons from club professional Mat Duncan and manages to sneak out for a game "once a month".

Away from the rigors of work, she enjoys playing and watching tennis, squash and Tai Chi.

"I also like going to the gym and walking my golden retriever," she revealed.

Oh, and she's also an ardent Bombers (Essendon) fan.

FOOTNOTE: Gisborne Golf Club is a 40-minute drive from Melbourne's CBD and 20 minutes from Melbourne Airport. ©

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GMA CONFERENCE SET FOR SUCCESS



Andrew Gay

THIS month, the 2019 GMA National Conference takes centre stage. After many months of planning, scheduling and effort by the GMA team, I am pleased to report to members that this year's conference is set to be a great success.

A broad mix of local and international keynote speakers has been locked away, covering a variety of topics and issues, not only relevant to the golf management industry, but to your own personal and professional development.

The social program will offer a variety of enjoyable experiences, including golf at the redeveloped Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club, the Schweppes National Conference Dinner in the MCC Dining Room, and a networking session across a range of venues including Melbourne Park, AAMI Park and the MCG.

On a sadder note, it was with great disappointment that we recently received news of **Jim Cail's** resignation as GMA Executive Officer.

Jim's contribution to the organisation over the past 20 months has been nothing short of exceptional. His passion, dedication and belief in the benefits of a truly unified GMA model led to all states agreeing to the successful formation of a single GMA management and administrative model, which officially began on 1st January this year.

Under Jim's guidance, the formation of this national model has seen a uniform approach to educational and development opportunities for GMA members, including the establishment of the Australian BMI Program, and an increased professionalism in the way GMA hosts events and, more importantly, engages with its corporate partners.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Board and members, to thank Jim for his contribution to GMA and wish him all the best in his new role with Bendigo Bank.

Finally, in an industry with high turnover rates, it is nice to be able to recognise our GMA members who have been successful over many decades of service.

Congratulations to one of our former EOs and industry stalwart, John Stamp, on his induction into the Victorian Golf Hall of Fame. John has had a remarkable career in the golf industry and his induction is definitely well deserved.

And, to one of my fellow South Australian GMA members, Barry Linke - congratulations on 30 years of continuous service at The Grange Golf Club.

I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible at the MCG in October.

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Inside Golf is proud to be, officially, the only golf media company supporting this month's GMA Conference. With over 300 managers attending, the event represents the largest GMA conference in the southern hemisphere, and will see the country's most qualified General Managers gathering at the Melbourne Cricket Ground to share knowledge, network with fellow industry professionals, and generate new ideas to drive success at their courses and clubs.

We are extremely proud and honoured to be supporting this conference once again. Inside Golf have supported GMA state bodies around Australia for over 10 years, as well as dedicating space each month for informative columns written by GMA itself. It's a pleasure to invest massively in the most powerful management group in golf. This is our biggest sponsorship investment by far each year, and we can't wait to meet with all the GMs and other exhibitors at the world-famous MCG.

As the vast majority of newsstand golf magazines are either slowly disappearing, heading to online-only versions or cutting print circulation by huge numbers, Inside Golf is quietly bucking the trend, going from strength to strength by supporting over 420 golf clubs around Australia each month, and reaching hundreds of thousands of golfers via a variety of channels.

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CHANGING THE GAME VIA COURSE MAINTENANCE OUTSOURCING

WHEN it comes to course maintenance, Australian golf clubs and courses are usually faced with two options: A) do it all in house, or B) outsource to a maintenance partner. While option A has been the more common/traditional choice, there are an increasing number of facilities choosing to outsource their maintenance, as it can often provide better value for dollar.

"With the high cost associated with clubs maintaining their own golf course, it can be hard for each club to get the efficiencies required in today's challenging economy. That's where we come in," says Peter Schumacher, General Manager Golf and Sports Turf for Landscape Solutions, a 'full-service' landscaping company.

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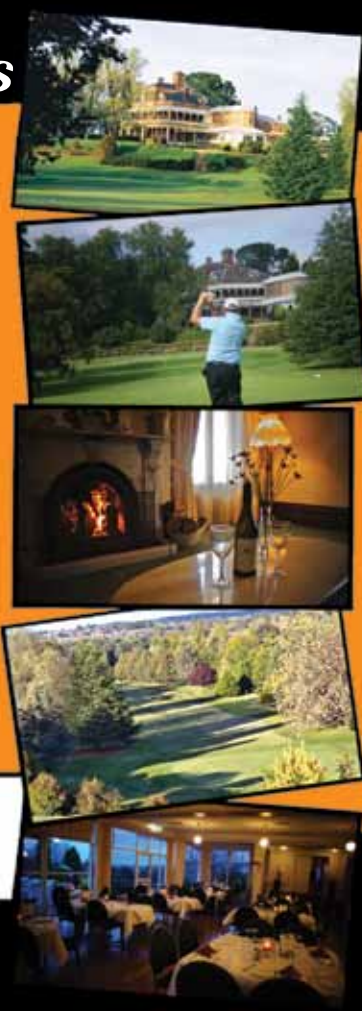
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VALE JOHN NELSON

Rob Willis

AUSTRALIAN golf lost one of the good guys recently when Sporte Leisure founder John Nelson passed away at his home base of Port Douglas.

If you don't know what Sporte Leisure is, you've likely never worn a golf polo shirt with a club, tournament or company logo on it. John and his wife Margie identified a niche in the market, taking a risk and kick-starting a golfing apparel company back in 1991 that continues to set the standards for others to emulate.

Originally operating out of modest premises in Botany in Sydney's east, producing quality garments and offering on-the-spot branding and embroidery, Sporte Leisure fast became the leading golf leisure wear supplier and producer in the country.

Sporte Leisure clothing and caps dominated pro shops shelves around the country, as the brand became known for a product range of shirts, sweaters, caps and an assortment of merchandise items featuring customised embroidery.

Under the guidance of John and Margie Nelson the business diversified, expanded and remains one of the major players in the golfing industry to this day.

However, John, with Margie keeping him on track, was much more than someone who set the benchmark for golfing apparel in this country – even though he did it very well.

I met John when an amateur golfer and Editor of Golf Australia Magazine.

After some reasonable results, the magazine Sales Manager set up for a meeting with John while he was distributing the Tommy Armour brand in Australia.



JOHN NELSON WITH SAM ARTHUR, PUBLISHER OF INSIDE GOLF

John had me fitted for clubs, threw in a bag and some bits and pieces to go with it. I was chuffed at the attention and appreciative of his generosity.

It would be the beginning of a relationship that endured throughout my golfing career.

I turned professional and had a measure of success. As a young golfer rising through the ranks, a lot of people ride your coattails; John rode you in a different way. He wanted me to achieve, wanted me to strive to be better.

Now I look back, they were pretty much the principles which drove him and the Sporte Leisure business to the lofty heights it enjoys today.

I would visit the Sporte Leisure warehouse and leave with a box full of clothing, usually selected by Margie who had superior taste, and not having to dip into tournament earnings to buy clothes was a bonus, but the

highlight of my trips into Botany was more about sitting down, chatting and getting a dose of his special brand of honesty.

Following a couple of missed cuts, rather than allow self-pity, in his unique way John would critique, yet encourage, while after a good run of form he was amongst my most ardent and vocal supporters.

Others followed me into Sporte Leisure in those early days and were spoiled by John and Margie. Nick O'Hern, who went on to play on the USPGA Tour, was another brand ambassador, with the Nelsons always proud of the achievements of all those they assisted.

While the content of my wardrobe might not remind me of John anymore, my collection of Sporte Leisure apparel long gone, every time I walk into a pro shop and see racks of shirts on display, I'll remember a

man who may not have realised it at the time, but who had a big influence on my life.

I largely moved out of golf and into rugby league media around 2002, probably roughly the same time that due to an illness John headed for the warmer temperatures of North Queensland, which meant we weren't in regular contact. That said, I still looked forward to meeting up with John whenever the opportunity presented. In the years that followed those meetings didn't happen often enough.

Upon hearing the sad news that John had passed and asked by Richard and Sam at Inside Golf to write an obituary of sorts, I warned that my time was short and my fear that whatever I could produce would struggle to do him justice.

They encouraged me to write from the heart, so while I apologise for not writing about his life in more detail, for not speaking to industry types, to his Sporte Leisure colleagues, his mates from The Australian and Port Douglas golf clubs, friends and family, hopefully my respect and admiration for John, as well as the legacy he will leave, is clearly evident.

The full story might have to wait for the book. If and when written the bio would be a fascinating read. John certainly had an opinion, had plenty of stories, came into contact with countless people in golf, could mix with the top end of town as well as the weekend golfer.

My thoughts and prayers go to his family, to Margie, son Josh and daughter Bianca and the entire team at Sporte Leisure.

He might be gone, but Sporte Leisure will live on and golf in Australia is better for the contribution made by John Nelson. He will be missed by many. ©

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WELCOME TO MOOK'S HOUSE OF PAIN

'Tour Talk'

With Steven Jeffress

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BEAUTIFUL Yamba was my next Pro-Am stop and it's a course that I have always loved playing. If you've never been to Yamba or played the course, you should.

The course is right next to the ocean, is tight off the tee and every time I've been there, the greens have been excellent.

Both technically and mentally I was heading in the right direction, so I was looking forward to testing myself before my next Asian event. But day 1 didn't work out as well as I would have liked. My whole game was off, and I shot 3-over 75 to be way back in the field and earn a morning time day 2. The fans were on day 2 and to be honest, I didn't play any better than day 1. I actually only played 17 holes as I had a funny incident happen next to the green. I won't go into details but all I can tell you is that it was something that I haven't done in my golfing career. If you see me and want to hear a story of professional frustration, ask me to tell you!

My first Asian Tour event was the Sarawak Championship, played on an island in Malaysia, a two-hour flight from Kuala Lumpur. It's an interesting course with some good holes, it just lacks condition. There is a heap of buffalo grass around the greens which makes the short game difficult, and the greens are a little slow and bumpy. My body felt a little average after the flight so I went and saw the Asian Tour Physios. Mook is from Thailand and is the head physio. She and her team always do a great job and you walk out feeling better, even if they put you through a little pain. I've labelled the physio room "Mook's house of pain"!

I played solid day 1, shooting 3-under-par on a course where the scoring was low. My only blemish came on the 17th hole where I had a three-putt from about 15ft. What made it worse was that I had actually hit a great



first putt that lipped out so my 3-under score could have been five quite easily. Day 2, I was cruising around all day until once again my old mate the flatstick decided to abandon me. I three-putted 8 and 9, which put me right on the cut line. I birdied the 15th before a snap-hooked 3-wood off the 16th tee led to an unplayable lie and a double bogey. I missed the cut by a shot and, to add salt to the wound, Malaysian Airlines wanted to charge me \$700 to leave early. I told them what I thought about that. I decided to ring back the next day where it had dropped to \$280. That, I could handle!

My next trip was to Darwin for the NT PGA Championship. The Palmerston Golf Course is a place that gets better every year, and it's great to see. Not just for us, but the members that play it day-in and day-out. I stay with some great friends of mine, Doug and Nicole that look after me every year. Doug loves his golf and has a net out the back of his house, which is where we normally end up, with a beer, trying to fix his game. Darwin is a place of mixed emotions for me. I ran 5th the first year the event was on but I've missed the cut the past two years. This year, however, I got off to a nice start, shooting 4-under day 1.

The wind was up, and it was one of the better afternoon rounds that day. I had an early start day 2 and things were going a little slowly through nine holes with nine straight

pars. Birdies on 10 and 11 got me moving in the right direction and I managed to add one more for a round of 3-under and a two-round total of 7-under in 8th position. As most of you know, this game is all about giving yourself a chance to win on the weekend which is what I had given myself. The front 9 on day 3 once again was slow, turning in even par. Once again, I managed to rally three birdies around the back 9 to sit at 10-under for the event, and in 7th position. Day 4 felt like the last two with one bogey, one birdie and the rest pars around the front 9 so I was hoping for another solid final 9. However the 10th hole decided that it would punish me. It's not my favourite hole and I actually hit two good shots that got absolutely hammered. I tapped in for a triple-bogey 7 and now was 3-over for the day. I kept grinding and managed to pull two birdies back but shot a 1-over-par 73. A tie for 18th was the best I could do and even though the final day score wasn't great, I was still fairly happy with the way I played over the week.

A 3am alarm went off the following Monday morning as I had an early flight to my next event, The Indonesian Open. I was looking forward to this week as I felt my game was on the improve and I was staying with my mental coach, Lawrie Montague. I have worked with Lawrie for nearly 20 years and I always love listening to the bits of advice that he has.

Pondok is a great track, with quick greens and really thick rough. If you miss a fairway, sometimes you are lucky to advance the ball 50m. After a solid preparation and a couple of visits to Mooks, I had a 6.30am tee time day 1. The conditions were perfect, just a pity that the guy holding the club wasn't the same. I made two bogeys in my first three holes which put me on the back foot straight away. When you start like that, you know you're in for a grinding day. And grind I did! I made two late birdies to shoot 1-under which was respectful after my start.

I hit it like a dog at the start of round 2 but lucky my short game held me in. On the 18th tee, the scenario was simple, birdie the 18th to make the weekend. The 18th was a tight par-5 with the second shot over water. I hit a nice drive and had 215 metres to carry the water and reach the green. Don't worry, this is a Jeffro story with a happy finish. I nailed my 2-hybrid to about 15 feet and two-putted for birdie.

Days 3 and 4 were much like the 1st and 2nd. Not much happened and I finished the event at 1-under par for the week, and in 57th position. It was a disappointing finish but upwards and onwards.

As I finish writing this, I am sitting in a hotel room in Taiwan as my next event is the TPC Yeangder on the Asian Tour. The end of the year is closing in, so I need a couple of solid finishes to break into the top 60 on the order of merit. **CG**



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TITLEIST'S BOB VOKEY THE PLAYERS' GO-TO MAN

By David Newbery

TITLEIST master craftsman Bob Vokey believes wedges are the low hanging fruit in a player's bag and that's why many of the world's best players opt to carry Vokey Design wedges.

For the past 15 years they have been a favourite among tour players with close to 50 per cent of all sand, lob and approach wedges in play on tour each week.

While the PGA Tour is the ultimate proving ground, Vokey always has the amateur in mind when he goes to his design table.

The 80-year-old's philosophy has resonated in the marketplace where Vokey Design wedges are among best-sellers with golfers of all skills levels.

Last month Vokey attended the PGA Golf Expo at Royal Pines Resort where Inside Golf caught up with him to find more about the man and his craft.

Titleist has a long history of success with iron/wedge design. What are the main reasons for this success?

Well, all the Acushnet/Titleist employees have a passion for what we do and that is to allow the players to play the best possible golf they can. We all want to help them enjoy the game a little more. When you love your job you never work a day in your life. That's why I'm still working but for me it's not work – it's a passion and I love it. I think I got this from my dad. He told me many times – 'if you don't love what you are doing, quit or you'll never be a success.

Bob, how did you become so passionate about your craft?

My father was a precision tool and die maker and I assisted in his club creations.



■ TITLEIST MASTER CRAFTSMAN BOB VOKEY (RIGHT) AND INSIDE GOLF'S DAVID NEWBERY AT THE PGA GOLF EXPO.

I played golf, but when I realised my golf talent was only going to take me so far I started tinkering with golf clubs. Because of my dad I had a knack of working with my hands. It was a hobby that became a passion, and I just turned it into a livelihood. As much as I wanted to play the game, I realised my strength was in learning about golf clubs, re-shafting them, designing them, and making them.

Why do you think it happened that you became a master craftsman?

It started with Gary Adams, who started the TaylorMade company. He came in to my shop in 1979 and asked me to assemble clubs. They were TaylorMade metal woods. I said, 'Mr Adams, you have to be crazy. They will never replace persimmon woods. They are driving range clubs, but I will put them together for you'. A few years later I was working for Gary at TaylorMade.

When did you join Titleist and what was your first project?

I joined Titleist in 1996 and my first project was assisting with the final specifications of the Titleist Titanium 975D driver.

Is that when you started to specialise in wedges?

Titleist wanted to get into high-performance wedges and I was asked to do them. I was given the resources and away I went.

You've designed wedges for the best players in the world. Is there anything that keeps you awake at night?

What keeps me awake at night is trying to create that perfect wedge. It may be perfect for you, but it's not perfect for everybody. I want to make the game fun because golf is a tough game.

Tell us about your golf game.

I haven't played for 15 years. I've had four knee operations, two shoulder operations, double hernia, cancer and I had a kidney removed. That laid me low for quite a while. I couldn't practice, but I've just turned 80 and I'm starting again and I reckon I can shoot around 80.

Give us a glimpse into the future: where do you think club design is going and where will the growth be?

The biggest growth will be in custom club-fitting – it's the way to go. If you take a club off the rack you are not going to get the ultimate performance compared to being fitted by an expert custom-fitter. That's the ultimate and that's where the business is going.

How many wedges should a club golfer carry?

The minimum is three and you must have anywhere between 4-6 degrees. Of course, that will depend what your pitching wedge is. If your pitching wedge is 48, then go 52, 56 and 60 – keeping four degrees difference is great. If the pitching wedge is 44, then go four degrees from there.

I heard you say that the wedge is the most important club in the bag.

It is, especially for the high handicapper. Let me say, players like Pádraig Harrington and Adam Scott hit about 12 greens per round. That's why they spend hours a day on their short game and that's why they make par or better when they miss a green. But the weekend golfer is out there trying to hit that 300-yard drive. I hate to see people hitting drivers at the driving range. You look over at the short game area and putting green and there's nobody there. I say this: Wedges are the low-hanging fruit in a player's bag. With these little guys, and a proper fit, you can save a heck of a lot of shots around the course. 🏌️

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HANNAH SHOWS HER CLASS TO CAPTURE 2ND LPGA TITLE



Karen Lunn
→ CEO – ALPG

WEST Australian star Hannah Green proved that her major championship victory at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship back in June was far from a fluke, after surviving a back-nine battle to win the Cambia Portland Classic on the LPGA Tour in late August.

Hannah had built up an impressive five-shot lead at the halfway mark of the Cambia Portland Classic, she backed up her opening round of 64 with a second round 9-under-par 63 to sit at -17, a 36-hole score only bettered in LPGA history by Annika Sorenstam when she became the first woman to shoot 59 in the second round of the Standard Register PING in Phoenix.

Most professionals will tell you it is really difficult to back up a really low round the next day, let alone two of them, and the 22-year-old struggled to find the magic of the previous two days shooting a disappointing third round one-over-par 73.

In a way, Hannah's poor third round may have been a help rather than a hindrance in terms of her winning the tournament, as it put the pressure squarely back on the leader, rookie Yealimi Noh, looking to become just the third player in the history of the LPGA tour to Monday qualify for a tournament and go on to win.

In the final round, Hannah bounced back brilliantly, and once again was rock solid under pressure at the pointy end of the tournament when it mattered, playing the last four holes in 2-under-par to shoot a final round 5-under 67, sealing a one-shot victory.

I have played that same tournament in Portland a few times (many years back!), and the final four holes at Columbia Edgewater are some of the toughest holes on the golf course, and Hannah just cruised through them, calmly rolling in a tricky downhill 2-metre putt to secure her second LPGA win.

In the history of both the LPGA and the PGA Tours, there have been a handful of "one-hit wonders" or players who many have judged



to have "fluked" a major championship. I am sure that there are few people who witnessed Hannah's impressive win at KPMG Women's PGA who thought that was a fluke or a one-off, but in golf you never ever know when your next win will come.

Any given week you have to beat 143-155 players who have all earned their way onto the tour and can clearly play.

Winning a professional golf tournament is hard, very hard.

If you look at the careers of professional golfers and look at the ratio of wins to events played, most have had to make a career out of losing, and losing often.

In this respect, golf is different from most other sports, where you might at least win a game, a match, or a race here or there; in golf most players just keep losing every week and in fact some play for decades and never get to experience the joy of winning a tournament.

In my opinion, that is why some players find winning difficult as it is not familiar territory for them, a win is the equivalent of the holy grail to a professional golfer and the pressure to win when you get that rare opportunity often proves too much for some.

In Hannah's case, she is a winner. She was a winner as an amateur, she won three tournaments in her rookie year on the Symetra Tour, and there is just some part of

her which intrinsically knows how to get the job done under the most intense pressure.

In saying this, I am sure that Hannah is actually quite relieved that her second LPGA win came so quickly after her first, especially given that her win at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship was considered by many (especially in the USA!) to be such a big surprise.

The monkey is definitely off her back now, in a way she and many others probably feel that the win in Portland has validated her KPMG Womens PGA Championship win.

Those closest to Hannah will I am sure see things a little differently. For her "team" the win at the KPMG probably wasn't really that much of a surprise, understandably, as she has a fantastic all-round golf game, is a great putter and is wise beyond her 22 years.

What has really struck me from watching Hannah is how calm she seems to be under pressure. I am sure that there are many sports psychs out there who won't agree with me but I don't believe you can teach what I see in Hannah.

She is naturally a cruisy, laid back person, very calm but self-assured, some might say an old soul, and what these traits equate to is such a rare gift and one which is absolutely priceless to any professional golfer.

In her post-round interview in Portland Hannah actually credited her calm

personality and ability to move past the bad moments as keys to her new-found career success.

She said "I guess I'm pretty good about not dwelling on past results, which is obviously really key in this type of job I guess, I actually really enjoy Portland, as well. So pretty much not really think at all about golf once I leave the golf course, which I think is really important, too."

While the celebrations on the 18th green in Portland immediately after Hannah's win were quite subdued in comparison to the tumultuous scenes on the 18th at Hazeltine back in June, it was great once again to see Su Oh, Hannah's travel buddy, be the first on the scene to congratulate her mate.

It is fantastic to see this level of camaraderie still exists on the LPGA tour, and having a close mate to travel with on tour has clearly helped Hannah after she admitted to struggling with being away from home for long periods in her first year on the LPGA Tour last year.

At the Canadian Open the week prior to Portland, Hannah and Su had shared a house with fellow Aussie, LPGA rookie Robyn Choi, and her caddy for the week, Golf Australia's National Female pathway manager Stacey Peters.

The three also played a practice round together that week and it is really awesome to see that the culture created by Australia's senior players over the years in always having the back of your younger Aussie mates continues on with Greeny and Su, even though in my eyes they are only really kids themselves!

Su herself is one to keep a close eye on as the LPGA heads into the back end of 2019, she has also been playing really well in recent weeks and there is no doubt in my mind she is very close to getting that first LPGA win under her belt.

Look forward to catching up next month!

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DREAM 18 – THE WINNERS!

Your votes are in, and Australia's favourite 18 holes have been named

EARLIER this year, Inside Golf put out a call to Australian golfers to identify your favourite 18 holes in the country. Our goal? To create a "Dream Course" that includes Australia's very best 18 holes. But not just any 18 holes...we wanted your picks for the best 1st hole, the best 2nd hole, etc.

Now, after more than 20,000 individual votes, spanning many months of nominations and voting, the Australian golfing community has spoken!

Congratulations to the 18 winners below, as well as the runners-up, who beat out hundreds of nominees and finalists from across Australia. In truth, many of the races were extremely tight, with a few dozen votes separating some of the winners from the runners-up.

On a State/Territory basis, Victoria proved to be the big winner, with a total of eight holes making it to the scorecard. Queensland was next best with four, New South Wales and Tasmania grabbed two each, with Western Australia and South Australia nabbing one each. (It should be noted that the percentages of overall votes were of a similar geographic spread, thus Victorian golfers were slightly more active in their nominations and finalist voting, etc.)

Interestingly (perhaps amazingly) the 18 individual holes somehow managed to add up to a par of 70. To be honest, when we created this project, we had expectations that the course par could be anywhere from the mid-sixties to the mid-eighties, so for it to fall within two shots of the par-72 norm was quite exceptional.

In terms of course length, the "Dream Course" falls towards the shorter end of the spectrum, with a total measurement of just over 5700m (Note: measurements/yardages were taken from the Blue tees, as listed on various club websites or GolfLink, so the numbers may vary from the course's actual scorecards).



■ THE CUT (WA)



■ BONVILLE GOLF RESORT (NSW)



■ FLINDERS GOLF CLUB (VIC)

■ LINKS HOPE ISLAND (QLD)

The front and back nines are also, surprisingly, extremely balanced in total distance, with each nine tipping the scales at just over 2800 metres.

The individual holes' designers also revealed an interesting insight. Proving that he truly created some timeless designs, Dr Alister Mackenzie's name tops the list of architects with the most individual wins, with no less than five holes attributed to the great course designer (in whole or in part via consulting/visits). This includes a four-hole stretch on the front nine. The late Peter Thomson, with partner Mick Wolveridge, grabbed three gongs, while Michael Clayton received two awards.

Interestingly, the front nine is populated with holes that feature higher course/stroke indexes – with six of the nine holes indexed at 11 or above. This could mean that most golfers who voted enjoy courses/holes that are slightly easier (or more fun) as they begin their rounds.

The back-nine of the Dream 18 shows more teeth, however, with six holes rated below nine, though the inclusion of three par-3s on the nine could offer a bit of relief to the club golfer.

There were also a few surprises/upsets that grabbed our attention. The devilishly short 112m par-3 7th at Barnbogle Dunes pipped the spectacular Par-3 7th at The National. The highly underrated/unsung Port Fairy Links

nabbed a gong with their picturesque 408m Par-4 14th hole, which received more votes than the 14th at The Grange – West (SA). In the true nailbiter of the competition, the par-3 16th at 13th Beach pipped the 16th at Commonwealth by a single vote! We should also note the appearance of smaller courses like Victor Harbor (SA), Warburton (Vic) and Ballina (NSW) on the runner-up lists. Congratulations to these Aussie battlers! 🏆



■ YARRA YARRA GOLF CLUB (VIC)



■ CAPE WICKHAM (TAS)

→ SCORECARD: DREAM 18

Hole	Club	Par	Metres (Blue)	Stroke Index	Designer (Originals and redesigners)	Runner-Up
1	Brookwater Golf Club (Qld)	4	380	4	Greg Norman	Victor Harbor Golf Club (SA)
2	Bonville Golf Resort (NSW)	4	346	12	Terry Watson and Ted Stirling	St Andrews Beach (Vic)
3	Royal Adelaide Golf Club (SA)	4	266	17	H.L. Rymill, C.L. Gardner, Dr Alister Mackenzie	Kingston Heath Golf Club (Vic)
4	Flinders Golf Club (Vic)	4	255	15	David Maxwell, Dr Alister Mackenzie	Kooyonga Golf Club (SA)
5	Royal Melbourne GC - West (Vic)	3	161	6	Dr Alister Mackenzie	Kooralbyn Valley Golf Course (Qld)
6	Metropolitan Golf Club (Vic)	5	470	16	J.B. Mackenzie, Dr Alister MacKenzie, Dick Wilson	New South Wales Golf Club (NSW)
7	Barnbogle Dunes (Tas)	3	112	12	Tom Doak, Michael Clayton	The National Golf Club - Old (Vic)
8	Twin Waters Golf Club (Qld)	4	379	1	Peter Thomson, Mike Wolveridge	Eastern Golf Club (Vic)
9	Yarra Yarra Golf Club (Vic)	5	479	11	Alex Russell	Metropolitan Golf Club (Vic)
OUT		36	2848			

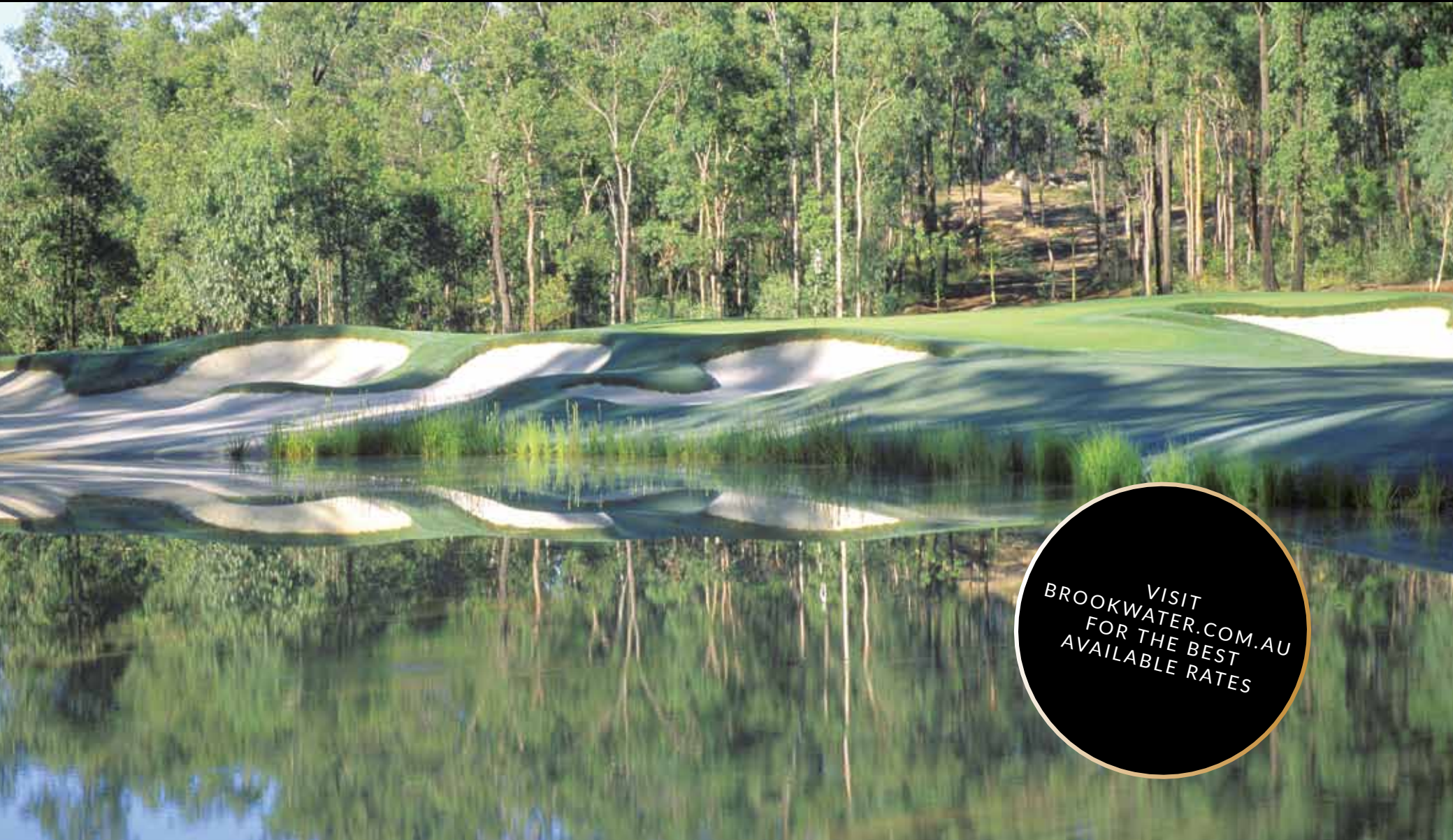
10	Sanctuary Cove Golf and CC - The Pines (Qld)	4	391	1	Arnold Palmer	Kingston Heath Golf Club (Vic)
11	Sorrento Golf Club (Vic)	5	489	13	JD Scott, Peter Thomson, Mike Wolveridge; Paul Mogford	Ballina Golf and Sports Club (NSW)
12	The Cut Golf Club (WA)	4	381	3	James Wilcher	Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort (NSW)
13	Ocean Shores Country Club (NSW)	4	368	3	Bruce Devlin & Robert von Hagge	Mornington Golf Club (Vic)
14	Port Fairy Golf Links (Vic)	4	408	1	Kevin Hartley, Michael Clayton	Grange Golf Club - East (SA)
15	Kingston Heath Golf Club (Vic)	3	157	12	Dan Soutar, Dr Alister MacKenzie	Bonville Golf Resort (NSW)
16	13th Beach GC - Beach Course (Vic)	3	104	17	Tony Cashmore	Commonwealth Golf Club (Vic)
17	Links Hope Island GC (Qld)	3	188	5	Michael Wolveridge, Peter Thomson, Ross Perrett	Grange Golf Club - West (SA)
18	Cape Wickham (Tas)	4	395	5	Mike DeVries, Darius Oliver	Warburton Golf and Sporting Club (Vic)
IN		34	2881			
OUT		36	2848			
TOTAL		70	5729			

Note that the designers listed are pulled from historical records for the main course, and do not reflect changes or alterations over time.



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT: 13TH BEACH



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AND you thought 13th Beach had it all! Well, it definitely has now, with the highly-rated course about to unveil its 'piece de resistance' – 16 luxury rooms contained within 4 golf lodges overlooking the course and the perfect place to play and stay.

While the Bellarine Peninsula-based 13th Beach is renowned for its two award-winning golf courses, the new golf lodges are the perfect addition to the property, which is on track to become one of Australia's leading – and most accessible play and stay golf resorts.

Situated next to the 13th Beach clubhouse are 16 spacious and well-appointed rooms not only overlooking the stunning golf course, but also Lake Murtnaghurt and beyond to the dunes of 13th Beach.

Each room has been expertly designed and features a luxurious king bed or twin bedding, modern furnishings and an outdoor patio to immerse yourself in some of the spectacular surrounds.

So 13th Beach can now rightly boast the ideal location to stay on the Bellarine Peninsula, while playing golf on both championship courses.

There is also direct access to Thirteenth Beach, so you can also wander down for a beach walk or if you prefer it, go surfing.

This unique corner of the world, the Bellarine Peninsula has much more to offer than just golf too, there's local wineries, the Bellarine Rail Trail or you can explore nearby towns like Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove, Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff – all are within 30-minute drive of 13th Beach.

All, that is, naturally after you play golf.

That's because 13th Beach's two courses offer year-round golfing luxury.

General Manager Craig Skimming explained: "We firmly believe the golf lodges

will be the ideal offering to complete what we have here at 13th Beach.

"Of course there's the two golf courses, strong membership and we think these lodges are an ideal addition to what we have here."

Skimming says the lodges were always part of the plan and the time was right to add them to the resort.

"Short-stay accommodation was always earmarked for this location adjacent to the Clubhouse," he said.

Skimming agrees there would be few golf resorts in this country that could offer the complete package such as they do.

The club plans a soft opening at the end of the year with bookings being accepted from 1st January 2020. Bookings are already streaming in.

It will also host the Vic Open early in February and then it's straight on into their peak times in March and April, 2020.

"I think it's ideal for anyone to stay but more particularly for groups as there are double beds and single beds so the flexibility is there for up to 32 people to stay there on a twin share basis," he said.

"It's 80m from the front door of the clubhouse and overlooks the first tee of one of our courses.

"We offer breakfast every day and we'll be offering dinner as well.

"It's therefore the complete destination, you can come here and you really don't need to leave the resort.

"And there is beach access as well, if you want additional activities."

Naturally the golf courses are the top attraction.

The first and oldest of the two layouts, the Beach Course, opened in December 2001 and was designed by Tony Cashmore.



A challenging and natural links-style layout, it has received numerous accolades in the golfing world and has continuously ranked in the top 20 public-access courses in Australia.

It's an unusual design because the first four holes play away from the clubhouse winding through the majority of houses.

The fifth tee is the beginning of what Thirteenth Beach has become famous for, its' wonderful links land.

It rolls through a series of dramatic and natural golf holes that look and feel like they were there long before a golf development was planned.

But perhaps the key feature of The Beach Course is its wonderful set of par-threes.

The fun starts at the demanding 180m third hole to the dainty, yet sinister, 113m 16th, the par-threes of The Beach Course offer golfers of all levels a true test of their iron play.

The Beach Course is playable to golfers of all levels with beautifully-manicured fairways, greens and bunkers and a strategic design that offers the ultimate in risk/reward golf for all levels of player.

And then there's the newer and vastly different Creek Course which was designed

by Cashmore in conjunction with six-time major championship winner Sir Nick Faldo.

Certainly it is a wonderful complement to The Beach Course.

It was ranked the 74th best course in Australia by one publication and the 21st best public accessible course by the Golf Course Guide of 2017.

Regulars compare the Creek Course to some of Melbourne's best sandbelt courses with its gently undulating couch fairways, and deep bunkers filled with yellow sand.

It has firm greens surrounded by interesting bumps, swales and hollows, all closely mown.

There is also plenty of greenside bunkering that cuts into and helps mould the slopes of the putting surfaces.

This mirrors the best traditions of Melbourne's sandbelt courses, which were so admired by Faldo.

Beyond the fairways there is generally a wide zone of maintained short rough prior to either long pasture grasses or the residential areas.

There are some quirky elements too, like the 'square cut' tees and the creative use of a few remaining pines in hole strategy.

As word seeps out about the golf lodges at 13th Beach, golfers are bound to come rolling in.

And to accommodate them the club has come up with some tempting golf packages.

All who stay at the Golf Lodge receive:

- * Preferential golf arrangements including guaranteed tee times and preferential green fee rates;

- * Stunning views of the 1st hole, Lake Murtnaghurt and the dunes of 13th Beach;

- * Convenient access to the Clubhouse for dining;

- * Complimentary Wi-Fi.

And in a grand opening special at 13th Beach you can be among the first lodge

guests to experience, first-hand what the club has to offer.

Included in this great package is:

- * Two nights' accommodation in the brand-new golf lodges;

- * Breakfast for two each morning;

- * A welcome glass of wine in the stunning clubhouse restaurant

- * Guaranteed access and preferential green fee rates

- * And all this is available for a mere \$479!

This incredible offer is only available until January 31, 2020.

So if you're thinking of a golfing break to remember, make your booking now.



BELIEVE it or not, 13th Beach began life as an asparagus farm.

That's right... in the early 1920s the Australian Jam Company purchased 405 acres on the Bellarine Peninsula, at what is now 13th Beach Golf Links and established an asparagus farm.

The original diesel pump which provided water for irrigation is still beside the fifth tee of The Beach Course.

The early 1970s saw the end of asparagus farming when the property began producing beef cattle.

It was then that the property grew to over 830 acres.

In 1999 a joint venture was established to create a premium golf and residential precinct on 520 acres. The master plan allowed for 27 holes of golf, clubhouse facility, 150 residential allotments and 150 condominiums.

The Beach Course (designed by Tony Cashmore), the first 18 hole course measuring 6,420 metres, is set along the property's 2.1 kilometres of surf beach frontage.

The course opened for play on November 30, 2001.

The Creek Course (designed by Sir Nick Faldo and Tony Cashmore), spanning 6,401 metres has 18 holes and was opened for play on January 1, 2004 to wide acclaim.

And even the professionals have fallen in love with 13th Beach.

The Club has hosted the ISPS Handa Vic Open since 2013 and will do until at least 2023.

In 2018, Golf Victoria welcomed the announcement by Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews MP of a \$12 million funding boost over four years.

This makes it the richest golf tournament in Australia; and it is set on the Bellarine Peninsula.

In August 2018, Golf Victoria announced the co-sanctioning of the Vic Open with the men's European Tour and the LPGA Tour. It is a unique tournament in that men and women play together at the same time, over the same courses and for the same prizemoney.

This ensures the men's event will be one of the landmark stops in both the European Tour and PGA Tour of Australasia seasons. It is also timely for the women, who will play in the Women's Australian Open in Adelaide the following week, also co-sanctioned with the LPGA.

The men's champion will earn an exemption on the European Tour until the end of the 2020 season. They will also receive playing rights on the ISPS HANDA PGA Tour of Australasia through 2021.

YOU just never know who you are likely to bump into on a golf course.

Now this may be fact or it may be a fable but golfers at 13th Beach will tell you it actually did happen.

Sir Nick Faldo, of course, co-designed the Creek Course at 13th Beach with Tony Cashmore – so it's no surprise that Faldo might be on the site, inspecting it and making sure all his ideas were put to bed.

Well, one intrepid golfer, and he may even have been playing with Cashmore, knocked it over the green on one of the course's signature par-threes.

As he approached the steep backdrop behind the green he was heard to utter 'gee, I am going to have to be Nick Faldo to get up and down from there.'

And as he crested the hill he got the shock of his life when he saw Sir Nick Faldo standing there – in the flesh.

"Here, let me show you how to play the shot from there," Faldo is rumoured to have remarked.

So the ball is expertly flicked up the hill and lands softly near the pin.

"Nick Faldo could not have played that any better," was the comment from one of our intrepid golfer's playing partners. Again that may [or may not] have been Cashmore.

"As a matter of fact he did... Sir Nick did hit that shot," said the grinning golfer.

Faldo himself then appeared from down behind the green – much to the delight of the players.

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CLUB OF THE MONTH ›

PENNANT HILLS

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It wouldn't be fair to say it's business as usual at Pennant Hills Golf Club these days.

That's because it's a heck of a lot more than that, following major construction works to the tune of around \$7.0m, giving the whole club a new, much-more-modern look.

The old pro shop, down near Copeland Road, for instance, is gone. There is now a new pro shop, complete with indoor cafe, at the southern end of the clubhouse, not too far from the iconic ninth hole.

And there's great news, membership is currently open at this most revered and popular private club on Sydney's northside.

General Manager Barnaby Sumner is six months into the role, after stints at such elite Sydney clubs as Oatlands, Elanora and Concord and after a cutting his teeth working in hospitality in hotels both locally and internationally, he brings a steady hand to the ship and is looking forward to introducing new membership options and attractions to one of Sydney's premier private clubs.

Boasting about 1300 playing members, Pennant Hills has introduced nine-minute intervals between tee times and time-poor golfers will be relieved to know they should expect to complete their rounds at this course in about four hours and twenty minutes.

Those who join at a young age will also be amazed by the value on offer with a very competitive fee structure.

Seven-day membership is open and there's also a six-day category for ladies and another category, Flexible Membership, which is available for the under-40 age



group. The Club, importantly in this modern day, also allows the Joining Fee along with subscriptions to be paid through a payment plan.

The club also offers a fantastic junior program.

A new 'Get Started' program is also gaining traction but is mainly being aimed at women with the first class already sold out and bringing about 16 new golfers through the ranks and hopefully onto become members.

"Women seem to prefer learning the game in groups," says Sumner.

"Men tend to want to do it and learn on their own but women are much more comfortable if they are coached in a group environment."

While the clubhouse itself has retained the 'L-shaped' layout, there are a lot of changes which will appeal to members, both new and old.

The front door now sits at the southern end of the clubhouse with the left passage leading to the pro shop and the right stairs leading to the new look lounge and bar areas, including a lovely outdoor setting which is already a hit with the membership.

While the ivy was a feature of the front verandah outside the Beecroft Room, it had run its race and its removal has enabled those who are waiting to start their rounds and indeed, those who have already finished, a place where they can watch players tee off on the challenging 10th hole or enjoy the view

of players finishing their rounds with a testing tee shot on the par three 18th.

Even the locker rooms have been re-located to a much more accessible part of the club and the area which once served as the members' locker room is now an attractive bar in a quieter part of the club with a cosy fire providing the perfect place to escape from it all.

The main events space can cater for up to 260 for a formal function, an area that was put to the supreme test at the official opening of the new clubhouse when members welcomed the much-needed changes.

There are also long-range plans to use the rather extensive old pro shop and convert it into an indoor golf learning centre.

Sumner says there are future plans to upgrade some areas of the course as part of the master plan and they will be looking at some internationally-acclaimed designers to perhaps make those changes. Even the front gates to the club are being moved into Burns Rd South in the nearer future.


"Functions and weddings are also a priority," he said. "The Club presently has special introductory offer across a range of products"

"After about 18 months of the membership having to put up with all the drilling and construction, they now have a facility to be proud of.

"We certainly feel that Pennant Hills is the premier golf club in The Hills area.

"And we know we need to embrace change – to the game and to our club itself.

"We want something that our grandchildren's grandchildren can enjoy.

"And as one prominent person once suggested... you cannot sell today tomorrow – you need to take advantage of what is there – now." 



LADIES' PROGRAM A WINNER

PENNANT Hills' resident professional Rachel Bailey is the brains behind the Getting Started Ladies Program which is proving a winner at Pennant Hills.

Bailey runs an eight-week course which provides ladies with the basics in a fun and relaxed atmosphere which will soon have them ready to get out there and play.

Week one starts with a morning tea and a chance to meet Rachel and the other ladies in the program as well as becoming familiar with the Pennant Hills Golf Club before learning a few basics to the swing.

Week two sees players continue to work on the swing, learn all about the grip, posture, aim and alignment, swinging the club, making contact and gaining a feel for it.

Week three is pitching, including half-swings and approach shots.

Week four is spent on chipping, including short shots.

Week five sees players heading into the bunkers to learn how to get the ball out and onto the green and technique in strange surfaces.

Week six is putting – rolling the ball on the green, judging pace, gaining feel and alignment.

Week seven is an introduction to golf equipment and the full golf course.

Week eight involves a review of what you've learned, including questions and answers and morning tea with Rachel and your fellow players.

Then you're ready to go.

JUNIOR JOY AT PENNANT HILLS

The Pennant Hills Junior Golf Academy is regarded as second to none in the Sydney area.

It began in 1999 and has since developed into a full academy which offers a variety of programs to young people between the ages of eight and twenty.

The Academy is subsidised, in part, by the Kendal Binns Foundation, which is supported by members to assist the development of young golfers.

The aim of the academy is to provide programs for all levels of junior golfers, from beginners wanting to try a new sport to advanced juniors wanting to play tournament golf.

There is also the club's Beginner Program with a goal to provide a fun and safe environment where players can learn the basic skills of golf while engaging with other players to complete drills and games.

This is regarded as an enjoyable fun program and perfect for someone with little to no golf experience.

All players starting the program are entered at the Beginner Level One stage and if they decide that golf is for them, they can advance through the various levels that the Academy offers.

Then there's the Intermediate and Advanced Training program designed for those golfers who have developed proficiency in the basic skills of golf and are ready to take their game onto the golf course.

Players will begin learning how to apply the skills learned during the clinics into on-course scenarios while learning the rules and etiquette of the game.

Players will begin on a short course and as they progress, their skills will move towards playing the full course.

Players in this group, over time, are working towards gaining an official Gold Australia handicap and entrance into the members' competitions.

The Academy also has a program tailored to players who are more advanced.

The goal of the Advanced program is to teach more specific skills such as mental skills and training, course management, specialty shot creation in both long and short game as well as learning proper practise techniques.

This program is aimed at players who play tournament golf.

The advanced program meets on a monthly basis with players given practice plans to complete in between sessions.

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Even the rest of Sydney envies those lucky enough to live in an area most refer to fondly as 'the shire'.

This exciting project not only offers an idyllic shire lifestyle it includes a golf course membership at Cronulla as part of your package.

And with two car spaces for each residence there is a fair chance there'll be room for your golf clubs as well.

Cousins Nick (the builder) and Ben (the architect) Vitale sourced this terrific site with a vision to create something special and introduce the first of its kind to the area.

What they've come up with is an architecturally-designed boutique development of just six residences offering exceptional quality and detail, obviously created with the discerning buyer in mind.

Each property is as big as your average house, with an ideal northerly aspect and uninterrupted views over the seventh tee at the highly-rated Cronulla golf course.

Situated within walking distance of the new Woollooware Bay precinct, it is only a few minutes to Cronulla beaches and amenities.

Yet it still enjoys the secluded feel of a private, serene location.

"We wanted to give this community something special," says Ben.

"We're proud that our name Vitale Developments, is on this product.

"Our plan has always been to build quality projects and offer more than just a sale.

"We'd like to think The Greens delivers that."

Certainly every aspect of the beautifully-crafted interiors focuses on open contemporary living which flows seamlessly onto either a level lawn or an oversized sunlit entertainment terrace.

It's pretty impressive...and a classic palette of stone, timber and neutral tones creates an elegant backdrop.

There's added extras such as quality fixtures and fittings, including Miele-appointed kitchens and stunning bathrooms with under-floor heating.

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I HAVE worked with many golfers who do not seem satisfied with anything less than a perfect shot or a perfect swing, whatever that is.

Some of these very same golfers who are striving for perfection are stuck in a rut of scoring 20-something stableford points, which as all golfers know can be both distressing and embarrassing.

The good news is that golfers can have improved scores without learning to hit longer, straighter, or higher. Every single golfer despite swing faults, mobility issues, flexibility issues, etc., have their very own swing capable of hitting good shots.

Lowering your perfectionistic expectations will most likely increase your chances of earning a prize in the local competition, improving your enjoyment and making your post round Diet Coke (or adult beverage) taste much sweeter.

Here are some ways of to get away from the technical and perfectionistic thoughts when playing


- Make a genuine practice swing. Not a half-hearted waggle of the club, but a true representation of your own good swing. Make sure you hear the swoosh of the club sweeping over the grass. Practice makes permanent, a sloppy practice swing will increase the likelihood of a sloppy swing.

- Relax your hands; a tight grip may feel like you are in control, but it is hampering your ability to 'swing' the club.

- Hold your finish position, take just a few seconds to assess your balance. Is your weight on your lead/ front foot? On the backfoot? Do you take an entire backward step?



It will not take long for you to notice a strong correlation between finishing with your bodyweight on your lead foot and shot quality. Subconsciously (hopefully) you will start to transfer your body weight more effectively through impact.

These are three simple ways to disengage the mental handbrake and bring out the best in your own swing. These thoughts may not produce a perfect swing, but sometimes in golf near enough can be good enough. 

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→ ON COURSE GOLF – PRO TIP OF THE MONTH

Lee Hunt



EVERY month, we answer your questions, and share quick, practical, usable tips to help you with your game.

Question:

Hi Lee,

I was after some short game tips. Specifically: how to beat the doubt monster?

I find there are times where I'm in the groove and then the doubt creeps in and takes a hold of my game. Any tips on how to stay in charge of my short game? I'm thinking pre-shot on pitches, chips and putts.

- Wayne from Brisbane

Answer:

Hi Wayne,

Thank you for your question. The first thing you need to realise is that you're not alone, it happens to the best of us. You only need to think back to Tiger when he was struggling with his chipping and pitching. Without having the luxury of seeing your technique, I would suggest 3 words...

Routine, Routine, Routine

If you have a solid pre- and post-shot routine, you will stop thinking about the results and stay in the moment. The mind can do funny things if you start worrying about the result and it takes you off task. Here's a breakdown:

1. Pick a target (small)
2. Select a club that best suits the shot needed
3. Take two practise swings (looking at target)
4. Set-up and place your club behind the ball
5. FIRE!

If you stick to this simple process when playing, I'm positive you will be better equipped to play at your best for the full round.

Regards,
Lee Hunt

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Hi everyone.
It's commonly accepted that performing consistently requires a nutritionally adequate diet and sufficient hydration. Sure, you can get away with not eating well for a short while, but keep that up and both your health and performance will suffer.

Several studies indicate that soil degradation has lowered the quality of food production. Meaning you might think you're eating healthy, but in actual fact you aren't getting everything you need. Dietary supplements are common-place for high performance athletes looking to perform at their best, but may also be helpful for general health support.

There are hundreds of supplements on the market. Some may be a passing fad and some are considered "ergogenic aids," in that they claim to improve performance in areas such as strength, endurance or intense training. When it comes to these supplements, I suggest you do some research before using them.

Micro-nutrient supplements have been on the market for a while now. These are associated with health and wellbeing and have been found to be inadequate in the average diet.

It's argued that taking supplements is just making an expensive trip to the bathroom, but research and evidence is suggesting supplementation is helpful for optimal health and improved mental and physical performance.



It has also been suggested that just taking the recommended daily intake is not enough and higher dose are needed to improve health and performance.

Here are some of the supplements, which are suggested to improve health and performance.

Vitamin D:

Acts on more than 1,000 different genes and serves as a substrate for hormones like testosterone, human growth hormone, and oestrogen.

It also assists in controlling immune function and inflammation as well as calcium metabolism and bone formation.

Can be produced from direct sunlight exposure, however if you're working in an office, you're probably not getting enough.

Recommended dose: 1,000 IU for every 11-12 kg of body weight

Type recommended: D3

Time to take: Morning

Magnesium:

Improve resilience to stress. Symptoms of low magnesium can include; heart

arrhythmias, headaches, muscle cramps, nausea, metabolic syndrome and migraines. Also associated with cardiovascular disease, diabetes, asthma, anxiety disorders, and PMS.

Recommended dose: 600 to 800 mg per day

Type recommended: Citrate, malate, aspartate, glycinate, threonate, or orotate
Time to take: Before sleeping at night

Vitamin C:

It is estimated around 20% of the population does not get enough vitamin C. As well as enhancing the immune function and helping prevent free radical damage, Vit C is required for the formation of collagen and connective tissue within the muscles and joints.

Recommended dose: 1 to 2 g per day (more if you are sick or recovering from an injury)

Type recommended: Ascorbic acid crystals or time-release capsules

Time to take: Morning and evening

Vitamin B-12 and Folate:

Crucial for brain function

Dose: 5 mg methylcobalamin or hydroxycobalamin and 800 mcg folate (5-MTHF or folinic acid, NOT folic acid)

Recommended form: Capsule

Time to take: Any time

Copper:

Required for good vascular and heart function. Poor copper levels in a diet has been linked to increased risk of heart attacks.

Recommended dose: 1 mg per day

Recommended form: Capsule

Time to take: Any time

Vitamin A:

Important for a variety of metabolic reactions and bodily functions

Recommended dose: 10,000 to 15,000 IU per day

Recommended form: Retinol

Time to take: With meals

The information provide here is recommended from researchers and experts in the field. As with any dietary changes, it is recommended you speak with your health specialist beforehand.

Happy golfing. 🏌️

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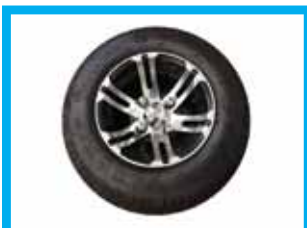
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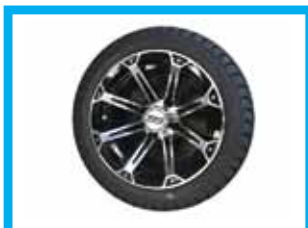
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New for November 2019 with Ascent Power Systems, a new lithium battery pack is now available. This 90amp/hr size is comparable to other international golf cart brands but, being a direct importer, Carts N Parts can offer this new package at an affordable price. What is the major advantage? Quick 4 hr charge time; several rounds of golf per charge and no maintenance in terms of checking water or dealing with unwanted acid corrosion. Most of all, the entire pack only weighs approximately 50kg in comparison to 200+kg with normal battery banks. This means less wear and tear on your new golf cart as a whole.

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The Golf Pride MCC Plus4 Align: Tour-inspired larger lower hand design simulates the feel of four extra layers of tape for lighter grip pressure and more power. Patented ALIGN® Technology now available in this hybrid grip is the first with a raised ridge, assisting hand alignment to square the clubface and improve your swing consistency.

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The Golf Pride TOUR SNSR Contour Putter: Is an evolution of the classic tapered pistol profile, which allows golfers to "lock in" their upper hand for consistent hand placement that translates to more confidence in every stroke. The proprietary soft-tuned SNSR rubber promotes lighter grip pressure and better feel and feedback.

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CALLAWAY JAWS MD5 WEDGES



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LAST month, I hit the course with the new Callaway Jaws MD5 Wedges. Regular readers will know that Callaway Mack Daddy (MD) wedges are already my favourite wedges on the market, with two of them already holding pride of place in my bag as “gamers”. So I was extremely excited to test the latest models of these high-performance wedges.

According to the company, the new MD5, built by Callaway Chief Designer and master wedge maker Roger Cleveland, features a new JAWS groove, which is designed to boost spin and control. Taking grooves a further step into the future, these wedges also feature Callaway’s Groove-In-Groove Technology; milled grooves placed in the flat parts of the face for added surface roughness and grip. In addition, three raised micro-ridges are featured between each groove, adding grip to the ball’s cover to increase spin on a variety of shots.



ONLINE READERS: Click here to watch “Callaway Talks: The New JAWS MD5 Wedges with Roger Cleveland”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKZVc6YoFvs>



Essentially, there are grooves all over the face of these wedges; and as we all know, grooves equal spin and control. These sharper groove grip the ball more firmly upon contact, elevating the spin to a crazy-good level – from all sorts of lies.

I sampled the Jaws MD5 56-degree and 60-degree lofts (S Grind) as well as the 60-degree (C-Grind) in a variety of lies throughout the course. And to say that these are versatile is an understatement. From the fairway to the thick rough, these wedges provided levels of spin and control that I haven’t seen from any other wedges. Ever. My chips and pitches made the ball do some



amazing things around the green – sitting quickly or spinning back on even some of the toughest-to-hold greens at my home course. Throughout the round, these wedges proved, time and time again, why Callaway and Roger Cleveland are so revered in the industry. These wedges are, in a word, awesome. (And they look spectacular, too.)

Crafted from 8620 mild carbon steel, the feel is incredible. And they feature five grinds to give you a variety of options: S-Grind (10 degrees of bounce, medium-width sole), W-Grind (12 degrees, wider centre and toe), an updated C-Grind (8 degrees, increased relief on the heel and toe), X-Grind (12 degrees, narrow, high-bounce), and a new low-bounce version of the W-Grind (8 degrees, tapered from heel to toe, created

from Tour player feedback for increased versatility around the green). They also come in two finishes: Platinum Chrome and Tour Grey. Stock shaft options include True Temper 115 in steel and Project X Catalyst 80 in graphite, as well as Lamkin UTX Grips. There is also a dedicated JAWS MD5 Women’s line available.

Callaway surprises me every year – just when you think they can’t improve their clubs any further, they bust out with a club that takes your game to another level. So if you’re looking to boost your short game performance, then look no further than the new JAWS MD5 from Callaway.

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GEAR NEWS

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ELITE vehicles have quickly risen above the rest, making E-Z-GO the industry’s technology leader, with many of their customers singing their praises.

Dee Healey, GM of Howlong Golf Resort said “The Howlong Golf Resort could not be happier with the service provided by Augusta Golf Cars when purchasing our new fleet of E-Z-GO ELITE Lithium carts. When you couple the strong performance of the new E-Z-GO ELITE Lithium carts with the fact they are virtually maintenance free, it makes compelling case to move away from petrol or the old lead battery carts.”

Margie McDonald from Mount Isa Golf Club says “The Mount Isa Golf Club decided to upgrade to the new E-Z-GO RXV Elite golf cars almost a year ago. Being a one-person-run golf club, having the Lithium battery has reduced the time spent on maintenance. The cars get 3 to 4 rounds of 18 holes allowing us to service the needs of our players especially on a busy day, and the charging time to fully charge these cars is quick saving on power and time. The new cars are a bit higher off



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the ground which suits the environment of our course here in the outback, and they have come at a very affordable price for our club. Overall, we are very happy with the new Elite car and so are our members.”

Paul Orchard from Surfers Paradise Golf Club had this to say: “The new EZGO Elite Lithium Cart is by far the best I have ever driven and more importantly had as a club fleet. After having 8 fleets of carts in the last 32 years if there is a better cart out there, I haven’t seen it. I welcome anyone to come to Surfers Paradise Golf Club And drive the EZGO Elite Lithium and see the difference.”

Kieran McLaughlin from Heritage Golf and Country Club said “We have been using the new Ezgo ELITE Lithium golf cars for almost a year now and we couldn’t be happier. The biggest advantage we have found with this car is they require almost zero maintenance from my staff. We have a large fleet of carts and keeping the old-style batteries topped up all the time required staff to stick to a maintenance schedule which is sometimes difficult to do. So far, we have had zero break downs on course and the fact that the carts can easily do 36 holes is also a great advantage.”

We encourage you to keep reading and learning about E-Z-GO ELITE at www.ezgo.com.au

> KRANK WINS AGAIN

Team Krank and the Formula X Driver have dominated the 2019 World Long Drive season, winning all but one major Long Drive event.

Big-hitting Kyle Berkshire (Orlando, Florida) took top honours in winning the 2019 World Long Drive Championship, held in Thackerville, Oklahoma. The world number-1 Long Driver hit a 406-yard bomb in the final to defeat fellow Krank loyalist, and World Number 2 Long Driver, Tim Burke.

“This feels awesome,” Berkshire said after clinching the win. “It’s validated a lot of the hard work and sacrifice I’ve put in to be the best, and I am the best right now. I look forward to raising that bar,” he added.



ONLINE READERS: Click here to watch a super-slow-mo video of Kyle Berkshire smashing a long drive



Berkshire, whose non-traditional driving style features a unique back and forth rocking motion, will head home with a winner’s check worth \$125,000. Berkshire dominated the year, with a total of 5 wins, while Burke has also had a fantastic season, winning two World Long Drive Pro Tour events.

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■ KYLE (LEFT) AND TIM (RIGHT) AT THE WORLD LONG DRIVE CHAMPIONSHIP.

FASHION ON THE FAIRWAYS

From the early days of the plus-fours and ruffled cravats, to today's bright colours and plaid ensembles, golf and fashion have long been intertwined.

Looking good both on and off the course is becoming easier and easier these days, with a massive variety of styles on offer. Here are some of Australia's top products, services and shops to help you get your wardrobe looking top notch!



GOLF CLOTHING FACTORY OUTLET

With the golf season now upon us and with major events such as The Presidents Cup visiting Melbourne's Sandbelt this December, there has never been a better time to refresh your golfing outfits with a visit to The Golf Clothing Outlet in Braeside.

You or the golfer in your life can now look great on and off the course with great deals on tops, bottoms, caps, shoes and accessories from brands like Green Lamb, Calvin Klein, Cutter & Buck, Greg Norman and more.

Robbie Brown has been a fantastic addition and now has a cult following with the fantastic designs, fabrics and size offerings from size 8 to size 24.

Golf Clothing Outlet's size offering has been extended to between size 8 and size 24 in tops, size 4 to 20 in pants and size 4 to 22 in skirts and quite an extensive range with over 2500 ladies items for sale.

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Discover Sherry, the latest collection from Jofit. This collection features Jofit's first ever printed mesh. A kaleidoscope of colour, Jofit's Sherry print is whimsical, flattering and most importantly - fun.

Look out for this season's hottest colour: confetti pink. A subtle pop of colour that fits, flatters, and looks fabulous on every skin tone.

The Sherry Print is a swirl of watercolour-like drops in shades of midnight, confetti pink, lime green, and white, making it easy to pair with core colour items in your closet.

The new Sherry Stripes that angle downwards towards the centre of your body draw the eye in to create a slimming illusion and creating a classic and flattering on course look.

Jofit is true to a woman's body. Tops are longer for a full swing and bottom garments are fit for comfort and movement with a

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> VANITY FAIRWAYS

VANITY FAIRWAYS is excited to announce and share an exciting new golfwear range from the USA: Bermuda Sands.



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Features of this great range include:

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Vanity Fairways have established themselves as the best place to shop for all the popular labels but they are always on the lookout for new ranges with styles, designs and colours that you aren't going to see in every Pro Shop near you. That's one of the reasons they have decided to

add BERMUDA SANDS to their range. They also believe that we all want to look good on and off the golf course so when they are sourcing ranges, they also consider that a lot of their customers travel and not just on golf holidays. You want your wardrobe to be easy to pack, launder and wear ... some of the first things that go into the suitcase is golf gear... even if you aren't going on a golf holiday.

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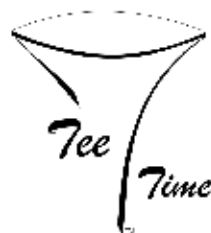
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> TEE TIME GOLF APPAREL

In August 2018, Ally Jones introduced her new brand of ladies' golf clothing, Tee Time Golf Apparel. Since starting the business, she has travelled all over the state and parts of Queensland, promoting and selling her first collection. The response and sales to date have been way beyond what Ally ever expected. She believes the success of her first collection is because she didn't follow the trend of other brands, but decided it was time to give lady golfers something new. Tee Time styles are for all ages and capabilities. Her fabrics are second to none and Ally is told regularly that the quality and fit of her garments are fantastic. She accredits this quality to her expert manufacturers, Scandinavian Textiles & Apparel Bangkok, in the industry 23 years. Styles, colours and fabrics are not only classy in their appearance, but the comfort factor is fantastic. The fabrics are designed to just throw in the washing machine with no fuss. Travelling with Tee Time Golf Apparel is just a breeze. Moisture Wicking, UV Protection, Easy Care Fabric, is so good that you won't need



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Look out for the new collection coming in November with all new designs, colours and prints.



Their slogan is: "Look Like You Can Play"

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NEW PUTTING AID TO SHAVE STROKES OFF YOUR HANDICAP

By David Newbery

RECENTLY I spotted Aussie professional Brad Kennedy on the putting green at Sanctuary Cove Golf and Country Club.

He had his self-training putting aid with him and I was keen to find out more about it: how and why it works.

A three-time winner on the Japan Golf Tour, Kennedy invented the simple, yet effective, putting aid to help both professional and amateur players, especially juniors.

"With 20 years on Tour, I believe how you putt is a direct reflection of your score. I want to share my putting knowledge which is why I created *ProjectOnePutt*."

ProjectOnePutt will help club golfers reduce their handicaps and give them the tools to maximise the chance of making more putts.

"I have been working on a self-training putting aid for 18 months and gone through various prototypes and feel I now have the product that can help people with their putting," he explained.

"Putting is an art – it is part of the game that sits on its own.

"For me, technique takes a backseat when it comes to putting because if you can't read a green then your chances of making the putt decreases.

"If you have a six-foot putt with two inches of break you can have a perfect stroke but due to the contour of the green the ball will miss on the low side. It's just a fact."

Kennedy then drops a ball six feet from the hole and challenges me to read the putt.

I tell him it's a right-to-left putt with a two-inch break.

"Spot on," he says.

"But how good is your speed control, how good is your distance control, can you determine where the ball is going to roll, can



■ LEFT: THE LEVEL 1 CUP INSERT SHOWING THE ENTRY POINT TO THE CUP.
RIGHT: THE TOUR EDITION (GREY) AND THE ELITE EDITION.



you pick the right entry point to maximise the size of the hole."

And that's one of the keys: entry point.

"There are three things that I look at with putting – entry point (where the ball will enter the hole); where the apex point is (the high part of the green where the ball is going to start to roll towards the hole) and then the aim point one to two foot in front of the ball (your start line)," he said.

"By breaking the putt down, all of a sudden you start to say 'okay, I want to start it on that spot, the apex is going to be there and the entry point is going to be there'.

"So you start to create a visual line. Then all you do is run it off."

When the entry point is determined, Kennedy placed one of four cup-size inserts in the hole and on the low side.

The half moon-shaped insert is a third of the size of the hole making it easy to rotate after determining the entry point to the hole.

"When you have a six-foot putt, all you see is the centre of the cup, but by putting the insert in the hole you are shutting down the low side," he explained.

"This automatically forces your eyes to look higher than you normally do, so straight away you have learnt."

Once you have determined the break you can start the drill, which is based on sinking putts from two to nine feet.

"If you can make 75 per cent of putts inside two to nine feet your score is going improve," Kennedy said.

"If a player is off a 12 or 13 handicap and is having 36 to 40 putts per round they could easily get down to single figures just by working on their putting.

"Get down to 30 putts and suddenly you are playing off six without doing anything but working on your putting drills using the inserts.

"I know when I have even-par or one- or two-over-par my putting will be 30 to 34 putts.

"If I have a good putting day, I know I'm not going to shoot over par.

"If I can break 110 putts in a four-round tournament (under 27 per round) I will be in contention to win the tournament.

"Professionally, that's the level you have to get to – 25 putts a round."

Kennedy says golfers don't take putting seriously enough especially when it's 40 per cent of the game in terms of scoring.

They go to the range, pull out a driver, but in 18 holes you only hit your driver about 10 times."

Kennedy's colour-coded putting aid has five inserts starting with Level 1 and increases to Level 4, the fifth is all about speed control. Each level issues more challenges.

Once you reach Level 4 you'll be putting like the pros.

The putting aid challenges the player every step of the way, but it's also fun.

"The more fun you have the more you learn," Kennedy said.

"This putting aid challenges you and raises your intensity when practising."

The cup inserts simplify putting because it forces golfers to focus on entry point, apex and a starting point.

The colour-coded steel or plastic inserts come in a compact box. The aid comes with online instructions (written and video).

Kennedy will continue to add putting drills to the website and will respond personally to any questions.

"I want *ProjectOnePutt* to be a platform for learning and performance, not just a putting aid."

Two versions can be purchased at www.projectoneputt.com.au or emailadmin@project1putt.com.au, [facebook-@project1putt](https://www.facebook.com/project1putt) and [Instagram-@projectoneputt](https://www.instagram.com/projectoneputt).

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WOODLAND AND D7 IRONS HELP FUEL WILSON GOLF'S RESURGENCE

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GARY Woodland's victory at the US Open earlier this year, Wilson Golf's 62nd major victory, and the unveiling of its newest product line, the D7 irons, is helping reinforce Wilson Golf's resurgence in the market.

Doug Wright, Wilson Golf's global commercial director of golf, said the Chicago-based company was in the midst of making a strong golfing comeback.

"We have been rebuilding the brand over the last 10 years," Wright told Inside Golf at the PGA Golf Expo at Royal Pines Resort last month.

"We have focused on Wilson Staff irons and golf balls that throughout history players have won major tournaments using Wilson."

For the record, Wilson-sponsored players have won majors in every decade dating back to the 1922 when Gene Sarazen won the US Open, an original Wilson Staff player who later collaborated with Wilson to invent the sand wedge.

Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer, Bernhard Langer, John Daly and Padraig Harrington are some of the other players who have won majors using Wilson equipment.

"The credibility of some of the tour success, particularly in the last 12 months, has not come by accident," Wright said.

"It's been something we have been working on over a period of time – investing in R&D and getting the best products and innovations we can bring to market.

"Ultimately, Wilson is backed up by having some of the best players in the world using the brand.

"As a brand, Wilson is currently focusing on the D7 irons and Duo Soft golf balls.

"We have had huge global success with the D7 irons due to the unique power hole technology that helps increase ball speed and distance by 5-10 yards."

The power holes are designed to provide extra ball speed combined with a thin face for extra distance.

The D7 is a sleek-looking club that should have wide appeal due to the generous-sized head with a mid-sized top line.

It's forgiving, the feel off the face is explosive and it gets the ball up in the air easily.

"The D7 has been such a strong seller for us and having Gary Woodland win the US Open brings a lot of credibility to the brand as well as a lot of energy," Wright said.

"We are enjoying double digit growth in the Australian market this year and we are seeing that repeated on a global basis," Wright said.

And when it comes to golf balls Wilson claims to have the softest and longest golf balls on the market.



■ WILSON GOLF'S GLOBAL COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR GOLF DOUG WRIGHT PICTURED DURING A VISIT TO THE PGA GOLF EXPO AT ROYAL PINES RESORT.

"For the last 20 years our engineers have been working to keep the distance with the two-piece golf ball, but ultimately make it softer and softer," Wright said.

"We were the pioneers with that technology and now virtually every two-piece packaging says soft on it.

"We are focusing on having the world's softest golf ball, but also putting as much speed in as possible.

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WATCH THE BEST PLAYERS ATTACK THE KEPERRA BOWL

RIGHT now, Australia's best male amateur golfers, and some from overseas, are working overtime on their game in preparation for the 15th playing of the Keperra Bowl.

The Australian and R&A world amateur ranking event will be contested at Keperra Country Golf Club in Brisbane from October 15-18.

Like past champions, this year's winner will have to manage his game until the final putt drops on the undulating 18th green.

For the elite amateurs in the field, the 6056-metre, par-72 challenging layout is not overly long but if they lose concentration for a second, bogeys come into play.

For most players the par-5s (460m, 466m, 471m, 433m and 500m) are reachable in two, bringing birdies and eagles into play.

But it's the shorter holes that can and will bite.

The 161m sixth and the 135m eighth can be tamed but the fourth (189m), 12th (199m) and the 182m 17th (index 1) need to be shown enormous respect throughout the tournament.

Without doubt, the event is a thorough examination of skill and mental toughness and can be a springboard to the professional ranks.

Last year's winner Doug Klein carded 16-under par to win the 72-hole tournament and immediately turned professional.

PGA Tour player Marc Leishman won the inaugural Keperra Bowl in 2005 and that gave him the confidence to turn pro.

Other winners include Andrew Dodt, Daniel Nisbet, Anthony Quayle and Matt Griffin.



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As top amateurs, Cameron Smith and Jason Day tested themselves against the best – and the championship golf course – but were unable to lift the Bowl.

As in previous years, many in the field will have plus handicaps, however, the

tournament is open to all male golfers with a Golf Australia handicap not exceeding 4.4.

Irrespective of handicap, these amateurs are seriously good and definitely worth watching.

"It's going to be another good event with a strong field," said Keperra CGC general manager Gavin Lawrence.

"The golf course will be set up to championship conditions and it will be a good challenge for the players."

If you want to watch the very best amateurs work their magic then make your way to Duggan Street, Keperra from October 15-18. Entry is free.

Some of the names might be unfamiliar but these players are definitely worth watching. **10**

→ MICHEL MAKES HISTORY WITH US MID-AMATEUR WIN

AUSTRALIAN Lukas Michel will play in the 2020 Masters and US Open.

Michel, 25, pulled off a remarkable comeback to become the first international winner of the United States Mid-Amateur Championship at the Colorado Golf Club.

A member at Metropolitan and a key component of the past three triumphant Victorian Interstate Series teams, Michel toppled Mississippi's Joseph Deraney in a pulsating final.

The 2&1 victory in the 36-hole decider punched the Aussie's ticket to two of next year's major championships – a prize he's yet to wrap his head around.

"Unbelievable ... almost too good to be true," Michel said when asked how the title sounded.

"I guess it will sink in in the coming hours or days. But, yeah, I mean, I'm looking forward to what comes with it in the future for my golf."

Remarkably, Michel became the second Australian this year to win a USGA event, following fellow Melburnian Gabi Ruffels, who won the US Women's Amateur crown in August. Another Victorian, Sue Wooster, was also runner-up in the recent US Senior Women's Amateur.

Victory will mean an invitation to play Augusta National in April's Masters, and also a berth in the US Open at famous Winged Foot in New York, the site of Geoff Ogilvy's 2006 major triumph.

"I wore a Winged Foot sweater for the first nine holes today. Played there last year. Just a casual round with a member ... so I guess I've got an early look at the course there," Michel said.

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DREAMS TO COME TRUE AT ESSENDON FIELDS KING ISLAND GOLF CLASSIC

ESSENDON FIELDS and Air Adventure have announced details of the 2020 Golf Classic to be held again on two of King Island's most prestigious golf courses, Cape Wickham and Ocean Dunes on 22 and 23 February.

With both courses consistently rated in Australia's top bucket-list golf destinations, this is a great way to celebrate some of the best links golf experiences in Australia while also raising funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Essendon Fields and Air Adventure created this event to offer a special experience for golf lovers, highlighting the ease of flying to Australia's best courses direct from Melbourne's first airport, whilst also providing much-needed funds to Make-A-Wish. With a comfortable and convenient 45-minute flight direct from Essendon Fields Airport to King Island the weekend includes overnight accommodation, Island transfers and a group dinner for all participants.

On the weekend, golfers play 18 holes at the Ocean Dunes course on Saturday, followed by another 18 holes at Cape Wickham on Sunday, before an awards ceremony and transfers to King Island Airport for a direct flight back to Essendon Fields. Throughout the trip, participants enjoy the added benefit of no queues for flights, no baggage hassles and room to bring their own clubs.

Since the first Essendon Fields Golf Classic in 2018, more than \$33,000 has been raised to assist critically ill children to achieve their special dreams, thanks to help of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Make-A-Wish CEO Sally Bateman is again grateful to be the charity partner for the 2020 Essendon Fields Golf Classic.

"A big thank you to Air Adventure, Essendon Fields and all the golfers who attended the Essendon Fields King Island Classic over the past two years. We are so looking forward to the 2020 Golf Classic. Because of support like this event, over 10,000 life-changing wishes have been granted in Australia since 1985 and we are one step closer to achieving our vision and making the wish of every child with a critical illness come true," she said.

"Thank you for helping us make a lasting impact. We are so excited to see you all in 2020 to help make more wishes come true."



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Proceeds from this year's event were targeted to support a number of special children and pay for future dreams organised by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, including Gaiba-Jean, a 10-year-old, whose wish to see dolphins and go swimming with them was brought to life.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation was able to pay for Gaiba-Jean to travel to the Gold Coast to achieve her dream at Sea World, and also visited Movie World and Dreamworld.

Essendon Fields is delighted to formally launch the 2020 Golf Classic.

"Essendon Fields values the contribution that its business partners like Air Adventure and its sponsors make to ensure

the Golf Classic is so successful. We are one big community at Essendon Fields and that shows in events like this," said Nadia Salajic, Marketing Manager, Essendon Fields.

"Essendon Fields Airport offers regular services that fly directly to King Island and it is one of our most important aviation markets. We know there are many reasons to visit King Island and playing golf on magnificent courses is just one of them, but to enjoy playing golf while supporting an event that raises so much money for Make-A-Wish is extra special," she said.

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MENTION Thailand to any group of golfers at your home club or course, and you'll be virtually certain to hear some amazing and memorable stories about a recent boys' (or girls') golf week, couples escape or family golf holiday in a number of regions/cities, from Pattaya, to Hua Hin, Bangkok, Phuket, Chiang Mai and others.

Once considered an “undiscovered, secret destination” by a few intrepid golf travellers and those in the know, Thailand has truly burst onto the golfing scene over the last decade. At the most recent count, over 700,000 golfers travel to Thailand each year, choosing to play from over 300 stunning courses with comparatively low green fees and high professional standards.

Over the past few years, Thai golf courses and destinations have achieved international recognition, with the resort towns of Pattaya and Hua Hin voted as the Golf Destination of the Year for Asia and Australasia by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO) in 2012 and 2014 with Hua Hin winning the award again in 2019. The World Golf Travel Agents Association recently named Thailand as the “Best Up and Coming Destination for Golf Vacations,” while Chiang Mai was voted The Next Golf Destination of the Year Asia & Australasia 2017 by IAGTO.

Indeed, it appears that the “secret is out” about one of Australasia's most exciting golf destinations.

Last month, Inside Golf made the trek to this wondrous and exciting golf destination, and sampled some of the golfing gems along the way.

And boy, did we have fun.

→ THE FOUR GS

Many golf travellers choose Thailand because it offers what some call the “Four Gs”. The first G, **Golf**, is self-explanatory. With so many good courses dotted throughout the landscape (see below), you are spoiled for choice when it comes to your favourite sport. Of course, a good day of golf is highly dependent upon the weather, and this is where Thailand's second G excels, with a pleasant year-round climate providing plenty of **Good Times** to play. After golf, there's nothing better than a good meal, and in Thailand, **Gastronomy** is world-renown—whether it's the exotic and delicious hand-made street food from the many day/night markets, or the high-end delicacies at the five-star restaurants across the country, there is something delicious for all tastes. Finally, as we all know there is more to life than golf (I guess), and in Thailand there are a bounty of **After-Game** activities to enjoy (ok, so that last G is a stretch, but just go with it.) From shopping, to visiting ancient temples, to getting a famed Thai massage, to exploring the beaches, wilderness and wildlife, the options are endless.

And then there is the famous Thai hospitality. From the moment you arrive at any course, hotel or business, you are made to feel welcome with attentive service and a smile. And let's not forget value! From \$2 beers, to a \$15 one-hour massage or a massive dinner for less than \$20, your holiday dollar stretches a very long way in Thailand!

→ FIRST STOP: BANGKOK

For most travellers, Bangkok will be your first port of call. And while some first-timers will opt for the musically-notorious “One night in Bangkok” option (using the city as a quick layover or a transfer hub to other cities) many seasoned travellers (and golfers) know that Bangkok is home to some truly amazing experiences.

Upon arrival, we checked in to our hotel; we were fortunate to stay at the **137 Pillars Suites & Residences Bangkok**. A truly luxurious, spacious and upscale facility, the property consists of 179 residences and a 34-suite hotel on the top 6 floors. It houses the brand's signature Baan Borneo Club, the exquisite Nimitr specialty restaurant, and the Nitra Spa and Wellness (which offers a range of spa treatments including a separate yoga and meditation sala with yoga, tai chi, reiki and dance).

There are two magnificent pools, including the stunning 18-meter rooftop infinity pool on the 35th floor (the highest infinity pool in Bangkok), with 360-degree panoramic views of the city.

Best of all, the facility also includes a golf practice putting green and chipping area, as well as hitting nets, and new golf simulators.

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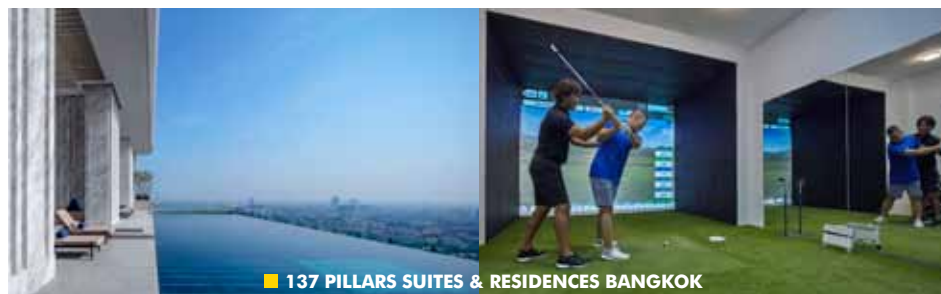
Thai Country Club

Located one hour southeast of Bangkok, Thai Country Club is an exclusive private members club which offers tee times for visitors. Notable for Tiger Woods' Honda Classic victory in 1997, the course is a fun, wide and open layout that provides playability and challenge for golfers of all levels. The fairways are well contoured, with the many elevated greens well-protected by bunkers. The rough and surrounds can be a bit grabby, so bring your best short-game skills. The greens were true and smooth, though a bit tricky to read (note: listen to your caddy, and be sure to note the grain of the grass, as it affects the speed greatly). There is a lot of water to avoid, but the course offers plenty of bail-out areas, so the average golfer can still enjoy themselves immensely. And during our visit the course was in immaculate condition, with superb service at every corner, especially from the well-trained, professional caddies, who will quickly get to know your game better than you do!

Standout holes include the par-3 6th, once voted the best in Asia, a 180m monster which demands respect. With bunkers in front of the green and water on the right, it is certainly no pushover. The par-5s on the front were also a lot of fun, as they are reachable in two for the longer hitters.

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Foot and The Belfry. And that's just the front nine! Then, dream you are playing the final round of the US Masters as you tee it up on a replica back-nine from Augusta National, including the famous Amen Corner.

This entire course is truly something special, and it deserves to be placed highly on any golfer's Bucket List.

While the holes aren't 100 per cent exact (i.e. there is no "Old Course Hotel" guarding the tee shot on the St Andrews Road Hole, the TPC Sawgrass island green has a walkway on the

right side versus the left on the original, the green speeds throughout are considerably slower (and far more player-friendly) than the super-slick originals, etc), these tiny inconsistencies are a fair trade-off for playing these amazing holes. Playing a teeshot onto the tiny island green of Sawgrass, or trying to clear Rae's Creek on Augusta's famous 12th, are equally intimidating and as nerve-racking as if you were playing the originals. The experience will give you memories that will last a lifetime!

And during our visit, the conditioning of the course was as good as you'll find anywhere in the world, with lush well-manicured fairways, soft and true greens, and immaculate surrounds that show just how much care is put into the course. The course staff, caddies, pro-shop team and clubhouse attendants are all extremely friendly, knowledgeable, and make for a truly world-class experience. Highly recommended!

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Other Bangkok attractions

One of the more popular tourist destinations in Thailand is the **Jim Thompson House**, a museum in central Bangkok that houses the diverse art collection of American businessman and “Thai Silk King” Jim Thompson, who famously disappeared without a trace in 1967. Built in 1959, the museum is composed of multiple Thai-styled houses, constructed of wood, and various old Thai structures, and surrounded by jungle foliage in the heart of the city. It features Buddhist statues and traditional Thai paintings made of wood and cloth, as well as Thompson’s collection of white and blue porcelain from China. The facility also houses a gift shop teeming with some of the great silk products bearing the Jim Thompson name.

www.jimthompsonhouse.com

For dining, we highly recommend **Saffron**, located on the 52nd floor of Banyan Tree, an amazing and elegant hotel. Here, you can spoil yourself in the best of Thai signature dishes. And while there, be sure to check out the highly-revered rooftop “Moon Bar”, which provides excellent views of Bangkok City.

www.banyantree.com/en/thailand/bangkok/dining/saffron

For a dining experience with a bit of a twist, be sure to check out the **Thai Bus Food Tour**, the First High-end Double Decker Bus in Thailand that combines touring with a gourmet experience. You can enjoy authentic, world-class Thai food—sourced from some of Bangkok’s most celebrated and in-demand restaurants/vendors (and avoiding the long queues!)—while taking in some of the sights of Bangkok and surrounds. It’s a unique and enjoyable experience that is fun for the whole family.

www.thaibusfoodtour.com/

For a bit of shopping, look no further than **ICONSIAM**, the ultimate shopping destination on Chao Phraya River. We grabbed a quick ferry across the river, and landed right on the doorstep of this shopper’s paradise. The massive, all-inclusive complex features the main ICONSIAM, the glamorous riverside ICONLUXE, and street-facing side Siam Takashimaya. There are also special zones inside, with one, SookSiam, a unique indoor shopping “village”, complete with indoor floating market, that houses some of Thailand’s best gifts, art and food—from freshly-made noodle dishes, to sweet treats to exotic delicacies like fried grasshoppers! Definitely worth a visit!

www.iconsiam.com/en

→ CHIANG MAI

A short one-and-a-quarter-hour flight from Bangkok, Chiang Mai, the city known as the “Rose of the North”, was our next stop. Known for a more “traditional” way of life, Chiang Mai is a mountainous region that features beautiful landscapes and a rich history. Chiang Mai (which means “New City”) also houses the “Old Town” square, which is surrounded by city walls, as well as a moat. It is definitely worth spending the day wandering around the old city to take in its many sights, including markets, museums, monuments, shrines and shopping.

And of course, Chiang Mai also has some truly international-standard golf.



■ CHIANG MAI HIGHLANDS

Chiang Mai Highlands

One hour east of Chiang Mai, the relatively young Chiang Mai Highlands is considered one of the best courses in the region. Surrounded by the beautiful northern Thai countryside, with gorgeous mountain views throughout, the 27-hole course has won a host of awards over the years, including being named among the “The Top 3 Golf Resorts in Asia” By the 2015 Asia Golf Awards. It is also regularly voted among the top 10 courses to play in Thailand. Like the other courses we visited, the fairways and greens at Chiang Mai Highlands were in immaculate condition, and a true pleasure to play. But beware, there are over a hundred bunkers throughout the layout, so it’s critical to navigate your way around them if you want any chance of a good score (hint: as we’ve said before, listen to your caddy!). The rough is another place of true hardship, as the grass is extremely grabby. So you must...repeat

MUST...hit the fairways whenever possible. The greens were true, with many being elevated and sloped, so a key here is to stay below the hole whenever possible.

That said, it is an amazing golf course, and a tremendous amount of fun to play.

The Thai-styled clubhouse features some excellent food, as well as a relaxing spa and swimming pool to help unwind after your round.

www.chiangmaihighlands.com

Alpine Golf Resort

Just 30 minutes east of Chiang Mai, the 27-hole Alpine Golf Resort is one of the top golf courses in the north of Thailand. Like other courses in the region, Alpine Golf Resort is a lush, beautiful course that features cooler temperatures, and some serious views throughout.

The course has played host to the Asian Tour on more than one occasion, so it also features some amazing challenges, especially if you take on the full 7,500 yards from the back tees! There are many blind approaches, and the course itself is quite hilly. But the fairways are also wide open and soft, giving you plenty of “Safe” options to navigate the course.

The newest nine opened in 2016, and features Thailand’s only rice paddy green, which is as challenging as it is beautiful. It’s the kind of hole you want to play again and again.

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ROYAL CHIANGMAI

Royal Chiangmai

Designed by the late Peter Thomson, Royal Chiangmai is noticeably more “Old School” than the other Thailand courses we visited, but no less fun or challenging. The course features Thomson’s signature mounds and bunkers, with unique hole layouts to keep you thinking about your next shot—especially on the par-5 5th hole, a 543yard monster with a fairway that feels narrower than the cart path! But it is a real beauty. So too is the signature hole, the beautiful 160yard par-3 3rd, a downhill gem that features a ball-grabbing lake on the right, and bunkers on the front and left. The 13th is a quirky favourite, which features a tree smack dab in the middle of the fairway – you have to go over or under – there isn’t room to go around. And the par-3 17th was also impressive—a 173yarder over a big lake. Beautiful and challenging.

www.royalchiangmai.com

Other activities around Chiang Mai

A highlight of our tour was the **Patara Elephant Farm**, a private, family-run farm honouring elephant conservation and rescue. Considered one of the best elephant sanctuaries in the area—both in terms of visitor experience and care/welfare of the animals—this farm gives you the chance to get up close and personal with the majestic and beautiful Thai elephants, in an ethical, beneficial manner. Their interactive “Elephant Owner for a Day” experience gives you the chance to learn and interact with these gentle giants, including how to properly approach your elephant, determine its temperament/mood, communicate/speak with it via verbal commands, feed it and check its health, bathe it and more.

We absolutely loved the experience, and highly recommend it. But as it is such a popular program (with a 1:1 ratio of visitor to elephant, thus very few visitors are allowed each day), we recommend booking well in advance.

www.pataraelephantfarm.com

Another elephant sanctuary highly recommended is ChangChill, only 1.5 hours drive southwest from town. ChangChill is endorsed by the World Animal Protection; the elephants’ welfare is their top priority.

www.changchill.com

If you’re looking for some more good family “elephant” fun, the **Elephant Parade Land** in Chiang Mai is a must visit. Featuring a museum dedicated to the world-famous Elephant Parade (A global event dedicated to protecting the endangered Asian elephant), the facility showcases a collection of elephant statues and models all painted by famous celebrities and artists for the event, which was founded by a father and son in 2006, after they met a baby elephant named Mosha, who had lost part of her leg after stepping on a landmine. The facility also houses a movie room and library, production studio and the garden filled with colourful life-size baby elephant statues. You can even paint your own model elephants in one of their many workshops!

www.elephantparade.com/elephant-parade-land/

Food throughout Chiang Mai was wonderful during our visit. But one place that really stood out was **The House by Ginger**, a quirky and casual mix of restaurant and bistro. The food here was absolutely divine, and we highly recommend that you make it a priority to eat here at least once!

www.thehousebyginger.com/

One of the biggest challenges for any Australian traveller is finding good coffee when overseas. Luckily, there is some amazing, world-class coffee to be found in Thailand. We were lucky enough to visit **Aka Ama Living Factory**, which cultivates, harvests and processes sustainable coffee, and was selected for The World Cup Tasters Championship 2011. It’s worth a quick visit if you’re in the area, to see how coffee is roasted and processed, and sample some of their fine varieties.

www.akhaama.com/category/blog/

Another top bean we discovered was courtesy of **Long Doo Cup**, which features 23 different outlets, and supplies coffee to the Princess and Royal Family. A fairly nondescript little coffee shop, the coffee was simply AMAZING, and is definitely worth a visit when in Chiang Mai (Be sure to leave room in your baggage to bring back a bag or two.)

www.facebook.com/pages/Long-Doo-Cup/1270593326409994

Our accommodation for the week in Chiang Mai was courtesy of **Sibsan Luxury Hotel Rimping**, about 15 minutes from Chiang Mai city centre. A stark contrast to the ultra-modern feel of our Bangkok accommodation, Sibsan presents a more traditional 5-star experience, with gorgeous wooden doors/floors, traditional furnishings and a very warm and welcoming atmosphere., it also features a spa and swimming pool. The beds were extremely comfortable, and the overall feeling of the hotel was relaxing and calm.

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Golf: Black Mountain, Banyan, Springfield, Majestic Creek

14-20 June – Avani Pattaya 2 Ball

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Golf: Siam Old, Siam Waterside, Siam Plantation, Laem Chabang

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Golf: Siam Old, Siam Waterside, Siam Plantation, Laem Chabang

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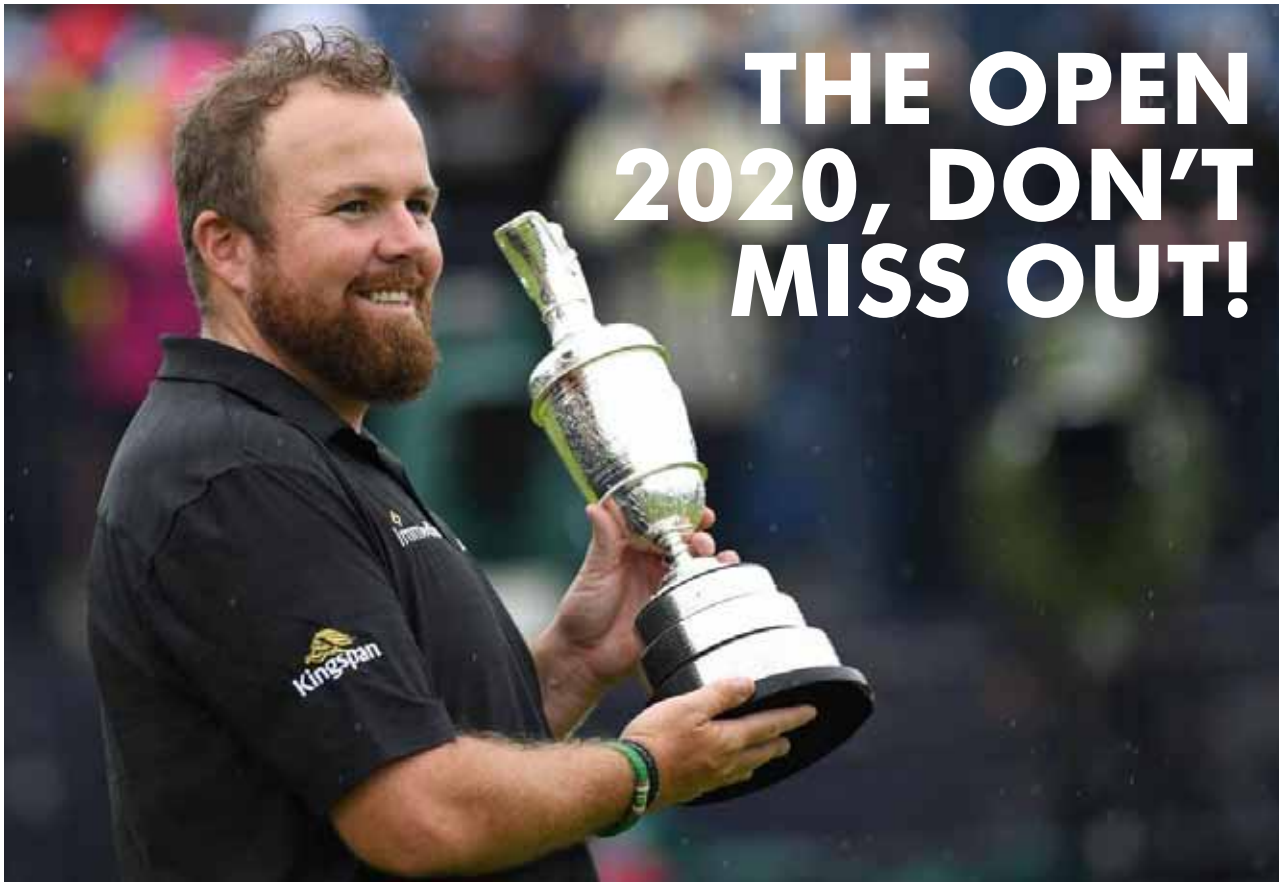
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→ HOIANA SHORES GC WELCOMES FIRST GOLFERS

VIETNAM'S Hoiana Shores Golf Club, near Hoi An, welcomed its first players last month, who got a sneak peek of the recently-completed, 18-hole design from architect Robert Trent Jones II.

The 985-hectare, US\$4 billion Hoiana complex is the most ambitious resort development ever undertaken in Vietnam. Its first operational phase, which is nearing completion, will eventually integrate more than 1,000 rooms, suites and villas, 4 kilometers of pristine beach, a suite of beachside pools and restaurants, a stand-alone beach club, an entertainment facility managed by Suncity Group, and a wide array of retail partners.

"Golf occupies a very exciting place in Vietnam right now and I'm so proud and honoured to be a small part of the development and evolution of the game here," said Ben Styles, Vice President of Golf for Hoiana. "What we have tried to achieve at Hoiana Shores GC — with help from the design team at Robert Trent Jones II — is something specific and nuanced: a traditional links that proudly builds on local traditions, which, if we are honest, is what all great golf courses do."

Hoiana Shores Golf Club began construction since late 2017, under direction of Hong Kong-based course builder Linksshape, led by Australian, Stuart Stone. "It's been an amazing experience to be entrusted with this extraordinary piece of land," Stone said, "almost the dictionary definition of what 'linksland' should be."

The Grand Opening event will occur in early 2020, in concert with the unveiling of other Hoiana Phase 1 facilities. Until that time, the newest golf course in Vietnam will be available for limited "preview play", with all proceeds donated to local charities.

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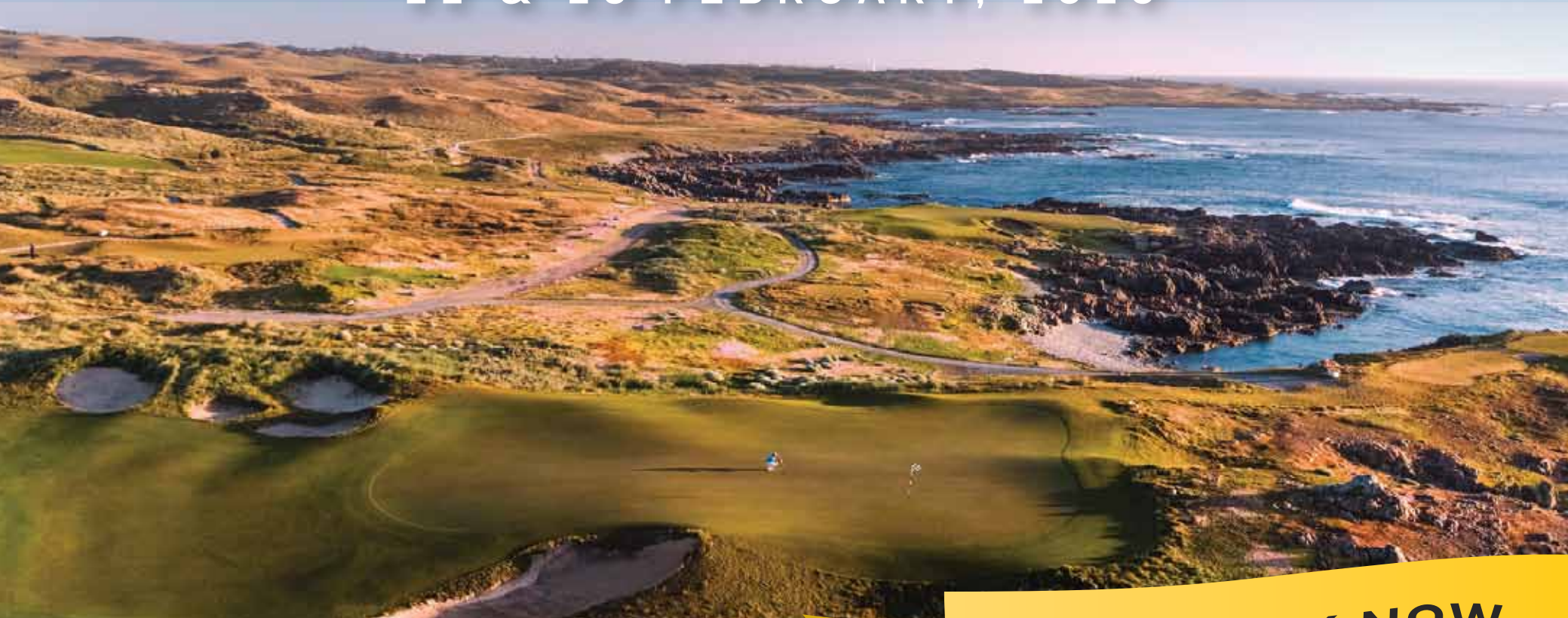


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RICHARDS' DYNASTY AT WARRINAGH

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MENTION the name 'Richards' on Sydney's Northern Beaches and Warringah golf course normally comes up in the same sentence.

The family have been something of an institution at one of Sydney's busiest golf courses for, well, at least two 'dynasties'.

Bob Richards was the head pro there for several decades and since his retirement his son Robbie has kept the 18-hole course ticking over as busy as ever.

Now with the relief of knowing the Warringah layout would remain 18 holes for at least the next 20 years following a new lease agreement, it is onward and upward for Richards, whose two sons are now showing a distinct liking for the game as well and could follow their father and grandfather into the business.

And even at the age of 80 Bob retains a keen interest in the game and frequently strolls in to see what Robbie is up to.

He has so many special memories working and teaching at Warringah.

He once watched this reporter hit his first tee shot at Warringah and chased me down the fairway to hand me a cap, which I still treasure to this day. On it were the words 'Bob Richards DIDN'T teach me'.

And that has what has prolonged him for so many years ... a quirky sense of humour.

"In my time we were actually busier than Moore Park. We'd have 400 players on the course in one day," says Bob.

"When [Greg] Norman was coming through they would line up to play here on the first tee.



■ STAYERS: ROBBIE AND BOB RICHARDS AT THEIR BELOVED WARRINAGH GOLF COURSE.

"And colour TV also created a boom in the game before that.

"People would come from everywhere."

Bob admitted when good players began to shine at Warringah the more elite clubs on Sydney's north shore usually lured them away.

"Jane Suckling was a member here and so was Gillian Rae – she's at Manly now, but they started their golf here," he says.

Robbie agrees: "We think we are now the busiest in Sydney because you can get on

and play nine holes here and finish back at the clubhouse – so we may be even busier than Moore Park," he said.

"We probably do 75,000 rounds a year."

Richards (junior) says golf is on the up-and-up at Warringah these days.

"We've got that \$100 membership so that keeps the young kids coming through," he said.

"It's an easy walk, we have an active board and the president Scott Campbell is very keen and active as well.

"Without him we may have lost the race (to keep 18 holes). Thankfully he's a golfing nut."

The club does a Skins event, a Presidents Cup event and several other events as well.

"We haven't been running any scrambles because, frankly, we can't squeeze them in," he said.

"There's the Swingers, or beginners club we started, the numbers are coming right up on that now.

"We also attract all the under 12 and 13-years players; then there's the super seniors, Dad's Army – there's all these little satellite groups that have formed as well.

"Even younger women – the 25-45 age group have been piling up. It's structured, but it's casual.

"And times are flexible – they can play nine or 18 and the green fees are fairly inexpensive.

"We've had 15 juniors join in the past month – we've put a little promo on where you get the first three months for nothing – and that has swung a few over.

"And we have not been looking at taking them from other clubs, which we feel is a good thing.

"It doesn't take long for us to encourage them by pairing them up with someone to help get them around the course."

Warringah has competitions five times a week – men and women – a mixture and about 75 % of the time sheets are allocated to casual play.

"And that is the perfect recipe.

"It's a nice mix and I reckon in 10 years' time we could actually be looking for more holes.

"We could probably service 27 holes now.

"So I think golf is coming back around here, for sure." 📍

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LIFER LEN HAVING A WHALE OF A TIME IN RETIREMENT

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ONE of the nicest head club professionals in golf in Queensland has always been Len Beck.

Len, the personable club pro at Redland Bay Golf Club in Brisbane's east for more years than even he may care to remember, was given life membership by the bayside club.

In fact, Len was the club's head pro for 37 years before retiring, but our spies report he still turns up to put in the odd shift.

If you pick the right day, you just might find the popular figure there helping son Gavin who has been appointed director of golf.

When I rang Len to congratulate him on receiving life membership my call went to a message bank.

"Hi, I'm either out fishing or playing golf, so leave a message and I'll call you back as soon as possible," Len's soothing voice said.

True to his word, Len did return my call to tell me that he and his wife Robin had been out whale watching in Morton Bay.

"Robin won two tickets to go whale watching so that was nice surprise," Len said.

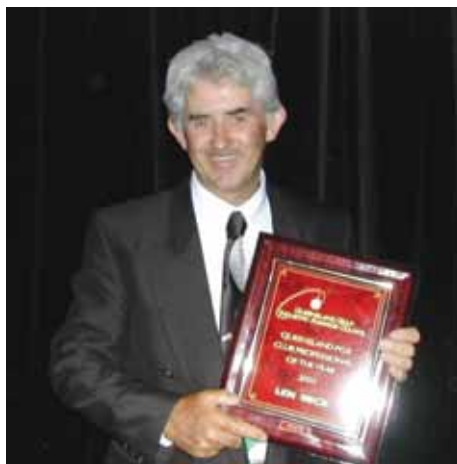
"But I'm doing a couple of shifts a week in the shop to help out."

He said he was delighted and honoured to receive life membership.

"It's nice to be rewarded for what I have done for the club over the years," said Len, who in 2002 was named Queensland PGA Club Professional of the Year.

"Robin and I used to look after the trainees and we were always promoting the club.

"I was the trainees chairman for six years and Queensland chairman for nine years and only stood down because I was asked to stand for the board of the PGA of Australia.



■ **FLASHBACK: LEN BECK SHOWS OFF THE QUEENSLAND PGA CLUB PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD HE PICKED UP IN 2002.**

"I was elected for three years, but I am still on the national appeals committee.

"I enjoy keeping my finger in the pie."

Len, 73, has been a member of the PGA for 53 years.

He started his traineeship at Ryde Parramatta Golf Club in the mid-1960s and worked under the guidance of Alec Wilson, the winner of the 1928 Swiss Open.

"I worked for him for five-and-a-half years and never saw him hit a ball," Len said.

"Billy Dunk was the trainee there before me and I caddied for him in a few tournaments."

In 1969, Len was appointed head pro at Leonay Golf Club in Sydney where he spent 13 years before taking on the role as head pro at Redland Bay in 1982.

"In June, Leonay Golf Club invited me down there for a 50th year reunion," Len said.

"They asked me to talk about how I got the job and my experience at the club.

"So, it was nice to be invited back there after all those years."

Over the years Len has rubbed shoulders with some of the best players in the game.

One of his highlights was having dinner with the Big-3 – Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Gary Player.

"Going back, Slazenger was the main company and we used to sell a lot of Slazenger and Dunlop gear so I would get invited to events at The Lakes or The Australian dinners," Len said.

"In fact, Jack rang me in the pro shop at Redland Bay a few years ago.

"We used to have pre-qualifying for the Palm Meadows Cup.

"Gary Nicklaus teed it up in the pre-qualifier at Redland Bay and I was in the shop when the phone rang.

"The person calling wanted to know how Gary went so I told him I would find out.

"He said 'great, it's Gary's father here' so that was exciting chatting with Jack."

On the playing side Len has teed it up with the likes of Kel Nagle, Peter Thomson, Tony Jacklin and others.

He continues to enjoy playing the game he loves but he has been slowed down, particularly in winter, by rheumatoid arthritis.

"Some days I can't even bend my hands or wrists so my handicap has drifted out to nine," he said.

"Robin and I have nine grandchildren and I'm enjoying retirement.

"We live on a small acreage and that keeps me busy. It takes me an hour-and-a-half to just do the edges.

"But I loved my work in golf. It's been my life since joining the golf industry in 1966."

Today Len Beck's shingle says: "GONE FISHING OR GOLFING."

Well, why not? After all he's provided a significant service to the golf industry and club members. **16**

→ NSW SENIOR MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP AT MOLLYMOOK

MOLLYMOOK Golf Club is set to host the inaugural NSW Senior Masters Championship this month—Friday 18th and Saturday 19th of October—at its award-winning Hilltop course.

Golf Manager Barry West described the announcement as an important milestone for the club.

"The NSW Senior Masters Championship will attract some of our sport's most talented and recognised players, while showcasing our 18-hole championship course to a wider audience among the golfing community."

The event comes off the back of Mollymook GC hosting the NSW Senior PGA Championship for the past five years along with the Australian Senior PGA Championship in 2016, which resulted in industry recognition at the 2016 PGA Awards for "Tournament of the Year".

Mr West added that an important aspect to the club's success in attracting such celebrated events was the effort made by the club's members.

"We have over 100 members who volunteer their time to help us attract such big-ticket competitions and they should be incredibly proud of themselves, because we certainly couldn't have secured this event without their tireless commitment."

The NSW Senior Masters Championship will boast one of the strongest fields on the Legends Tour including Peter Senior, Rodger Davis, Peter Lonard, Mike Harwood, Peter O'Malley and Terry Price, to name a few. Spectators are welcome.

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CHRIS WILSON THE SUPER GOOD GOLFER

By David Newbery

WHEN Chris Wilson walks onto the tee box, people take notice.

You see, Wilson, the assistant course superintendent at Caloundra Golf Club on the Sunshine Coast, is not only good at his job, he's also a fine player.

The 42-year-old joined Caloundra GC in 1994 and over the years has won 15 club championships and a stack of other tournaments.

Wilson also holds the course record 63, which he set during a pro-am in 2000.

Caloundra GC's assistant manager Katherine Beasley told Inside Golf Wilson was a hard-working, humble man who loves his work as much as his golf so Inside Golf decided to find out what makes him tick.

Chris, what do you love more – your work or playing golf?

It's pretty much on par these days. It used to be more golf, but now it's about even.

Tell us about the course record 63.

It was in a pro-am in 2000 and I beat all the pros and beat Kyle Woodbyne by one shot over the two-day event.

Tell us about some of your other golfing highlights.

I won the Sunshine Coast Open at Headland three times, the Noosa Lakes event five times, the Sunshine Coast South Burnett championship about six or seven times, the club matchplay about 15 or 16 times and my brother Robert and I won the club foursomes 10 or 11 times.

Did you ever consider turning pro?

I did, but I couldn't afford to, so greenkeeping was the next best option.



■ CALOUNDRA GOLF CLUB'S ASSISTANT SUPER CHRIS WILSON IS A RECORD-SETTER.

When it comes to championship events, do you think your work and knowledge of the course gives you an advantage?

Not really because you still have to hit the golf shots.

What's in the bag?

I have a TaylorMade M5 Driver, a Callaway 3-wood, a Titleist 5-wood, a set of Srixon blades and a PING putter.

What is your handicap and what's the strength of your game?

I play off +1 and I have a good all-round game. I don't hit it as long as some of the younger players, but I hit it pretty straight. I can make all the par-5s in two with my driver and the 3- or 5-wood. I'm not too bad at chipping, I'm a pretty good putter and handy out of bunkers.

You were a member of the Queensland state squad. Who were some of the players in the squad at that time?

Yes, that was in the late 1990s early 2000s. I was in the squad along with Stephen Bowditch, Tom Arnott (now the pro at Caloundra), Richard Moir, Travis Johns, Ryan Haller, Wayne Perske and a few others.

What attracted you to greenkeeping?

I enjoyed golf and did some work for the dole at Caloundra a couple of days a week and when a part-time job came up it went from there. That was in 2003.

How long have you been assistant superintendent?

It's been about five years.

What's the one thing you'd like to see golfers do more of?

Rake the bunkers properly. It can be very annoying when they don't.

What don't people understand about your job?

I think golfers don't understand how hard it is to maintain a course every day to get it to a standard they expect. They want the course to be perfect all the time, but it takes a lot of effort and time to prepare the course and have it in good nick all the time.

What's the biggest challenge?

Dry weather.

What part of your job do you most enjoy?

I enjoy rebuilding bunkers. That's always a challenge to come up with something new and different. It's fun doing that, but I still enjoy doing all the other jobs on the course. And I love working at Caloundra – it's a fantastic club.

How would you describe Caloundra golf course?

It's a challenging, parkland course. Peter McWhinney used to play here and he reckons if you can shoot even par around Caloundra you can shoot even par on any golf course. That's because every hole is different. If you hit it in the trees you are in trouble and all the greens are different due to the different undulations.

How often do you play golf?

I play every Saturday and practice two or three times a week if I'm not working.

What is your practice routine before a major club event?

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ASHGROVE ALBATROSSES LAND FOR RICHARD AND STEPHEN

THE pro's tip for the 254m par-4 18th hole at Ashgrove Golf Club in Brisbane is "take driver and go for it".

Well, that exactly what club member Richard Braithwaite did and to his surprise he landed a rare albatross – a one on a par-4.

"That's my short-lived claim to fame," Richard laughed.

"It was a monthly medal and I stood on the tee and measured it out at 265m to the pin.

"I thought I should be able to reach the green off the tee more often because I am a pretty long hitter, but I didn't expect the ball to go in the hole.

"When I hit it, I thought that should be good although I couldn't see the flag because the trees were blocking the line to the flag.

"Then the guys in the group ahead, who were on the green, came running out with their arms raised and one of them had his hands about a foot apart.

"I said to my playing partners 'I think I have hit it to about a foot'.

"When we got to the green I couldn't see my ball and I asked the group in front where my ball was and they said 'it's in the hole'."

Richard, who was playing off nine (now eight), had a day out winning the monthly medal after he fired a 71 off the stick – four-over par.

The 50-year-old high school teacher plays golf fortnightly and recently joined the club's senior pennant side.



■ RICHARD BRAITHWAITE POINTS TO THE PAR-4 18TH GREEN TUCKED IN BEHIND THE TREES ON THE LEFT. INSET: STEVEN ASCOUGH POSES WITH HIS TRUSTY 5-WOOD THAT HELPED LAND HIS ALBATROSS.

Richard, who in his younger days played off a one handicap, once had a hole-in-one as a member at Cairns Golf Club.

"I was playing with a mate in a practice round when I had a hole-in-one.

"Mind you, I did witness a mate's albatross on a par-5 – that's a rare bird.

"I thought I'd never see one again and now I've had one."

MEANWHILE, Ashgrove Golf Club's treasurer Steven Ascough too scored an albatross at his beloved club.

Playing the 494m par-5 14th hole, Steven's second shot found the bottom of the cup.

The hole is a testing, tight par-5 with a tree-lined fairway.

If you get a good drive away it then becomes decision time – lay-up or go for the green.

The pro's tip says: "Avoid going left at all times."

The green is cut into the mountain and leaves steep slopes on either side of the putting surface.

That didn't worry numbers man Steven, who plays off 11 and used his driver and 5-wood to score his albatross.

Steven's two cracking shots were witnessed by playing partners Michael Ronan, the golf club's operations manager, former president

Neal Thompson and current president Paul McLennan.

"It was an amazing feeling just knowing you have had a two on a par-5," Steven said.

Mind you, he almost gave up hope of finding his ball.

"On that hole you can't see what the ball does when it reaches the green," he said.

"I was 205 metres out and I hit a pretty good shot and when we got up to the green there were two balls on the green and I assumed one of them was mine.

"Neither was my ball so we thought it might have gone long and into trouble and I started to get frustrated because I thought I had lost my ball.

"Then Neal checked the hole, called me over and there it was.

"The celebrations erupted and Mick gave me a big bear hug."

Steven's albatross on the hole is arguably the first in the club's history and members are still talking about it.

"Funnily, they asked what I did the next time I played the hole," Steven said.

Well, it was funny because I was a foot away from the hole for eagle the next time I played it.

"I go pretty well on that hole," added Steven, who plays less than once a month.

"I don't play much golf and spend more time doing admin in the office.

"I barely play 10 games in a year."

BATHURST GC GIVES WOMEN A GO

ANEW South Wales Government Local Sport Grant provided the catalyst for Bathurst Golf Club to run an extremely successful program titled "Give Golf a Go."

The program is designed to attract more women to golf.

Bathurst club professional Matt Barrett, general manager Brad Constable and women's captain Jane Mitchell worked together to design and deliver an attractive package for women interested in learning to play golf.

Key parts of the "Give Golf a Go" program included: Six group lessons; Three-month trial membership at Bathurst Golf Club; Guided practice sessions with experienced players; and Social interaction with members throughout all stages of the program to create a strong and friendly support network for learning to play golf.

Constable said the program needed to address expense of membership, equipment needs, concern about not being good enough and the difficulty in making the transition from lessons to regular golf.

The program sought to make golf more accessible for women by offering a free three-month trial, use of BGC golf clubs at no cost, group lessons and mentoring by experienced golfers.

The three-month trial membership was a significant in-kind contribution made by the club management.

"It demonstrated a major commitment to the program and to promoting women's golf," Constable said.

"This form of club contribution was important to the success of the grant application.

"The program also sought to enhance the accessibility of golf by offering the group lessons at a range of times – Saturday mornings, Wednesday mornings and Wednesday late afternoons.

"Once the message about the program went out, we waited for the enrolments to start coming in hoping we would get 25 participants.

"Two weeks before the closing date we had 15, one week before the closing date we had 23 and by the closing date we had 46 enrol.

"This was way over our expectations and a testament to the value of good promotion," Constable added.

Club professional Matt Barrett has considerable expertise as a teaching pro and has run numerous clinics for women of all ages.

The lessons enable participants to build their skills in a supportive and friendly environment.

"After each lesson women members provided morning tea or drinks and nibbles (depending on the time of day)," Constable said.

"It's an opportunity for participants and members to socialise.

"It's proved to be not only very enjoyable, but also a chance to build momentum within each group for learning to play golf.



■ MORE WOMEN ARE GETTING INTO GOLF AT BATHURST GOLF CLUB.

"To conclude the series of lessons, and provide a boost to playing regular golf, we held two events.

"The first was a Give Golf a Go graduation.

"At this session participants received their trial membership card and a golf start-up pack comprising golf balls, tees, etc.

"The most popular item in each start-up pack was a set of counting beads made by one of our members.

"The second event was a 'Swing and Sip' six-hole Ambrose competition held on a Saturday afternoon.

Teams of four were appointed a member as a mentor who guided them around the course and kept score.

"On completion of the round all involved were treated to platters of cheese and a

glass of wine. Everyone was a winner on this day."

So far, the club has attracted 21 new members and all now play golf regularly.

That's a 20 per cent growth in women's membership.

"The Give Golf a Go program has provided a wonderful vehicle for joint action between our club professional and his staff, the women members and club management," Constable said.

"Along with the support of the NSW Government Local Sport Grant, we have combined our best resources in order to present learning to play golf, and club membership, in an extremely positive light.

And, most importantly, our goal to increase the number of women playing golf at Bathurst has been met."

TOUR SEASON BEGINS IN EARNEST WITH ANNUAL ASIAN SWING

Three-event stretch from South Korea to China set to establish early FedExCup contenders

RORY McIlroy's FedExCup title defense officially kicked off last month, when the PGA TOUR's 2019-20 campaign began at A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier in West Virginia. And though every week of the season is critical in securing points for playoff qualification, the schedule truly kicks into high gear with the annual Asian Swing, a three-tournament trip this month that stretches from South Korea, into Japan and finally to China. The trio of events often serve as a launching pad for successful seasons, and this year looks to be no different. As the anticipated fall stretch begins, learn everything you need to know about this essential portion of the schedule as well as the candidates who might soon take home the tournaments' trophies.

THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES

When: Oct. 17-20

Where: Nine Bridges, Jeju Island, Korea
Defending Champion: Brooks Koepka

How he won it: Koepka shot a final-round 64 to claim a four-shot win over Gary Woodland, who rallied from five strokes down at the start of the day to pull even on the back nine. Woodland bogeyed the par-3 17th to give Koepka the cushion he needed to close out the victory.

What's at stake: So, you want to win a World Golf Championships event, qualify for the TOUR Championship, win the Player of the Year award and climb to the top of the world ranking? Perhaps a win at THE CJ CUP would help. Both winners in the tournament's brief, two-year history went on to win three times that season, and neither was a fluke. In the event's debut, Justin Thomas beat Marc Leishman on the second playoff hole to claim his first win of the 2017-18 season. He then added additional victories at The Honda Classic and World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational. A year later, Brooks Koepka cruised to a four-shot win despite Gary Woodland making a brief run on the back nine. Koepka would go on to win the PGA Championship and World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational. Will this year's winner go on to record a similar season?

Player to watch: How will Sungjae Im build on such a promising rookie campaign? Fans will get their first good look at THE CJ CUP, when the local resident and fan favorite returns to South Korea in search of a strong second year on the PGA TOUR. Im was the only rookie to advance to the TOUR Championship in 2018-19, and though he didn't claim a victory, he managed to garner seven top-10 finishes, including three top-five results—at the Safeway Open, Arnold Palmer Invitational and Valspar Championship. Im's return to Korea will come at a critical time for the former Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year, as Presidents Cup captain Ernie Els will select his four captain's picks at the conclusion of the Asian Swing. A strong showing in front of his hometown



■ **TIGER WOODS** (PHOTO BY ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY IMAGES).

fans will go a long way in determining whether Im will receive the chance to face off against Tiger Woods and the U.S. Team. In his CJ CUP debut a year ago, Im tied for 41st, at 4-under 284.

They said it: "I am excited to participate in THE CJ CUP once again. I was awed by the excellence of The Club at Nine Bridges golf course when I visited Jeju Island last year. I will try my best to gain a second consecutive victory at the upcoming tournament." — Brooks Koepka

ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP

When: Oct. 24-27

Where: Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club, Chiba, Japan
Defending Champion: First-time event

What's at stake: Tournament firsts are up for grabs at the debut of the ZOZO Championship, the second leg of Asia's three-tournament swing. The event—and its Japan-record purse of U.S. \$9.75 million—replaces the CIMB Classic, previously held in Malaysia. So, what's on the line? For one, a place in the history books. After all, who doesn't want to be the first-ever winner of a PGA TOUR event? Or better yet, how about an early stamp on a win in Japan before golf returns next summer to Tokyo for the 2020 Olympics? And for Tiger Woods, his own personal history and a shot at a record-tying 82 TOUR wins. About that...

Player to watch: Augusta National Golf Club was an appropriate locale for Woods to claim his 81st PGA TOUR victory, as he memorably

captured the Masters this past April for his 15th major championship. But few likely would have guessed his potential 82nd—and record-tying—win coming across the globe in Japan. But if Woods is to finally match Sam Snead on the all-time PGA TOUR wins list this year, it will come here at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, which likely represents the 43-year-old's lone fall start of the 2019-20 season. His appearance will not only put history on the line but perhaps give him his final chance to determine whether he is capable of joining the United States team as a playing captain for the Presidents Cup in December. A lot is on the line for the sport's most famous player at Japan's inaugural PGA TOUR event.

They said it: "As somebody that's been to Japan quite a few times, it's cool to finally see the PGA TOUR logo there now and that we're going there to grow the game. We're going for the right reasons. And going to a country that's embraced golf the way they have... it's been a huge part of their culture for a long time. To be able to showcase the stars of the game there is going to be really special." — Brandt Snedeker

WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-HSBC CHAMPIONS

When: Oct. 31-Nov. 3

Where: Sheshan International Golf Club, Shanghai, China
Defending Champion: Xander Schauffele

How he won it: Schauffele closed with three straight birdies, the last one coming from 30 feet on the par-5 18th, to edge Tony Finau in a sudden-death playoff. Finau began the day with a three-shot lead and led Schauffele by a stroke until the latter made an 18-foot birdie on No. 17 to pull even and eventually force extra holes.

What's at stake: A win at any of the three events that comprise the Asian Swing would prove fruitful for its champion. But perhaps at no other event is there more up for grabs than at the WGC-HSBC Champions, the season's first of four World Golf Championships events. With 550 FedExCup points on the line—more than any tournament outside of the majors—and a total purse of more than \$10 million, capturing "Asia's Major" will be a life-changing event for the tournament winner. That player will also join a veritable pantheon of past champions that includes Dustin Johnson, Hideki Matsuyama, Phil Mickelson, Francesco Molinari, Justin Rose and Bubba Watson. The Asian Swing draws to an epic conclusion at this high-stakes event.



■ **HAOTONG LI** (PHOTO BY SAM GREENWOOD/GETTY IMAGES).

Player to watch: The 2019-20 PGA TOUR season is already expected to be a memorable one for Haotong Li, who will become China's first Presidents Cup representative in the storied history of the event. But before that trip to Royal Melbourne, Li will tee it up in his home country alongside the world's best players. He has played in the WGC-HSBC Champions each of the last six seasons, but the results have been mixed: The Hunan native tied for 11th in 2018, and he tied for seventh in 2015. But he's finished no better than a tie for 35th in any of his other four starts. The 24-year-old narrowly missed out on Special Temporary Membership to the PGA TOUR last season, but a strong start in his home country—or better yet, a victory—would almost certainly propel him into TOUR membership for the 2019-20 campaign.

They said it: "It means a lot to win here. I think a lot more of it is that I was comfortable being out here in China. It's a long stretch, the three weeks in Asia, starting in Korea. I think it just helps make me feel more comfortable and hopefully attracting some more Chinese fans." — Xander Schauffele. ©



■ **SUNGJAE IM OF SOUTH KOREA** (PHOTO BY JARED C. TILTON/GETTY IMAGES).

AUSTRALIAN TOUR RESULTS AROUND THE WORLD

PGA TOUR - A Military Tribute at the Greenbrier

The Greenbrier Resort (The Old White TPC), White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
Purse: \$7,500,000 (\$1,350,000 to the winner)

Player	Result	Earnings	FedExCup Standing	Notes
Steve Allan	CUT (+2)	--	--	Has not made a cut on the PGA TOUR since a T69 at the 2018 Sony Open in Hawaii.
Cameron Davis	CUT (+4)	--	--	
Rhein Gibson	T57 (-4)	\$16950	T57	
Matt Jones	T10 (-12)	\$189375	T10	Earned his second top-10 finish at A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, following a T2 in 2013.
Marc Leishman	WD	--	--	Withdrew following the first round with a back injury.
Rod Pampling	CUT (-2)	--	--	
Cameron Percy	63rd (-3)	\$16425	63rd	Made the cut for the fifth time in his seventh appearance at A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier. Best finish at this event is a T30 in 2013.
John Senden	CUT (+3)	--	--	
Cameron Smith	T24 (-8)	\$59732	T24	Made his tournament debut at A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, where he recorded his 35th career top-25 finish.

DNP: Aaron Baddeley, Jason Day, Adam Scott

PGA TOUR - TOUR Championship

East Lake Golf Club, Atlanta, Georgia | Purse: \$60,000,000 (\$15,000,000 to the winner)

Player	Result	Earnings	FedExCup Standing	Notes
Marc Leishman	T24 (+2)	N/A	24	Made his third consecutive trip to East Lake Golf Club and fourth overall. Has finished inside the top 30 in all four starts at this event, with T21 in 2018 as his best finish. Ended the season at No. 24 in the FedExCup, recording seven top-10s, highlighted by a win at the CIMB Classic.
Adam Scott	6th (-8)	N/A	6	Finished inside the top 10 in all three FedExCup Playoffs events (THE NORTHERN TRUST/5th, BMW Championship/T9) to finish the season at No. 6 in the FedExCup standings. Recorded his sixth top-10 at the TOUR Championship in his 11th appearance.

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS - The Ally Challenge

Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club, Grand Blanc, Michigan
Purse: \$2,000,000 (\$300,000 to the winner)

Player	Result	Earnings	Charles Schwab Cup Standing	Notes
Stephen Leaney	T26 (-5)	\$17800	54	
David McKenzie	T41 (-2)	\$9000	47	Made his second tournament start at the Ally Challenge, following a T17 in 2018. Has carded a score of even par or better in 14 of his last 16 rounds.

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS - Boeing Classic

The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge, Snoqualmie, Washington | Purse: \$2,100,000 (\$315,000 to the winner)

Player	Result	Earnings	Charles Schwab Cup Standing	Notes
Stephen Leaney	T7 (-10)	\$61320	51	Recorded his best finish of the season, finishing inside the top 10 for the second time in nine starts. Finished T8 at the American Family Insurance Championship in June.
David McKenzie	T25 (-6)	\$19582	46	Notched his third consecutive top-25 finish of the season, after a T5 at the Senior Open Championship and a T24 at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS - Shaw Charity Classic

Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Purse: \$2,350,000 (\$352,500 to the winner)

Player	Result	Earnings	Charles Schwab Cup Standing	Notes
Stephen Leaney	T53 (+1)	\$5522	53	After opening with a 3-over 73 in the first round, rebounded with consecutive rounds of 69-69 to finish T53 in his Shaw Charity Classic debut.
David McKenzie	T12 (-6)	\$47783	45	Carded his fourth consecutive top-25 finish of the season.

PGA TOUR CHINA - Haikou Classic

Mission Hills Haikou, Haikou, Hainan, China | Purse: ¥1,600,000 (¥288,000 to the winner)

Player	Result	Earnings	Order of Merit Standing	Notes
Charlie Dann	T6 (-12)	¥51800	38	Earned his best finish of the season and recorded his second top-10, following a T7 at the Chongqing Championship. With rounds of 70-68-65-69, marked the first time Dann recorded all four rounds under par at a single event this season.
James Grierson	CUT (+7)	--	154	Missed his fourth consecutive cut this season.
Bryden Macpherson	T14 (-9)	¥28800	48	Marked his third top-25 finish of the season and climbed five spots to No. 48 in the Order of Merit with the showing.
James Marchesani	T3 (-13)	¥83200	27	In his 20th career start on PGA TOUR Series-China, earned his best finish with the T3. Notched his second top-10 of the season, after finishing solo fifth at the Haikou Championship earlier this April.
Max McCardle	T30 (-5)	¥9920	52	
Tim Stewart	CUT (+3)	--		
Hayden Webb	CUT (+4)	--		
Aaron Wilkin	CUT (+5)	--		
Christopher Wood	13th (-10)	¥33600	31	Carded his fourth top-25 finish of the season.
Kevin Yuan	WD			



Korn Ferry Tour - Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco

Hillcrest Country Club, Boise, Idaho
Purse: \$1,000,000 (\$180,000 to the winner)

Player	Result	Earnings	Finals Standing	Notes
Jamie Arnold	CUT (+3)	--	18	
Brett Coletta	CUT (E)	--	34	
Cameron Davis	T25 (-11)	\$7946	34	Made his second Korn Ferry Tour start of the season, following a T56 at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. Currently sits at No. 34 with 75.6 points in the Finals standings. The projected threshold to earn a TOUR card through The Finals 25 is 200 points.
Rhein Gibson	CUT (E)	--	--	
Curtis Luck	CUT (-2)	--	15	Missed the cut following a T7 finish at last week's Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship.
Cameron Percy	T11 (-13)	\$18666	12	Secured his return to the PGA TOUR for the 2019-20 season with the T11 finish. Notched his seventh top-25 finish of the season.

Korn Ferry Tour - Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance

Victoria National Golf Club, Newburgh, Indiana | Purse: \$1,000,000 (\$180,000 to the winner)

Player	Result	Earnings	Finals Standing (excluding The 25)	Notes
Jamie Arnold	CUT (+1)	--	36	Retained his Korn Ferry Tour membership for 2020.
Brett Coletta	T33 (-6)	\$5475	66	
Cameron Davis	T13 (-11)	\$20000	21	Played his way into The Finals 25 by finishing his last nine holes in 4-under to finish T13. Reclaimed his PGA TOUR card for the 2019-20 season after two consecutive top-25 finishes in his last two Korn Ferry Tour Finals events.
Rhein Gibson	CUT (+2)	--	N/A	
Curtis Luck	CUT (+1)	--	29	Fell from No. 15 to T29 in the Finals 25 after a missed cut in Indiana. Fell short of reclaiming his PGA TOUR card for the 2019-20 season. Will be fully exempt on the Korn Ferry Tour.
Cameron Percy	CUT (+3)	--	18	Already secured his return to the PGA TOUR with a T11 finish at the Albertsons Boise Open.

EUROPEAN TOUR

KLM Open

The International, Netherlands
Won by Sergio Garcia at -18 by one shot

Australians:

T27 – Jake McLeod, -7, 70-68-73-70
MC – Adam Bland, -1, 72-71
MC – Deyen Lawson, -1, 71-72
MC – Dimi Papadatos, -1, 70-69-72-71
MC – Nick Cullen, E, 73-71
MC – Brett Rumford, +3, 75-72
MC – Scott Hend, +4, 75-73
RET – Harrison Endycott, +2, 75-67-68

Omega European Masters

Crans-sur-Sierre GC, Switzerland
Won by Sebastian Soderberg (-14) in a five-way playoff

Australians:

T8 – Lucas Herbert, -12, 70-67-67-64
T8 – Wade Ormsby, -12, 66-64-67-71
T58 – Sam Brazel, -3, 67-69-73-68
T63 – Nick Cullen, -1, 70-69-70-70
T69 – Deyen Lawson, E, 69-70-72-69
MC – Jason Scrivener, +1, 67-74
MC – Jake McLeod, +1, 70-71
MC – Min Woo Lee, +2, 71-71
MC – Brett Rumford, +8, 74-74
MC – Scott Hend, +12, 75-77

Scandinavian Invitation

Hills Golf & Sports Club, Sweden
Won by Erik van Rooyen at -19 by one shot

Australians:

T5 – Wade Ormsby, -13, 62-71-65-69
T20 – Jason Scrivener, -10, 69-63-70-68
T53 – Deyen Lawson, -5, 72-67-70-66
T3 – Brett Rumford, +1, 70-68-70-73
T75 – Adam Bland, E, 70-69-71
82 – Nick Cullen, +3, 71-67-75
83 – Min Woo Lee, +4, 67-72-75
MC – Dimi Papadatos, +1, 69-72
MC – Sam Brazel, +1, 72-69
MC – Lucas Herbert, +2, 73-69

Porsche European Open

Green Eagle Golf Courses, Hamburg
Won by Paul Casey at -14 by one shot

Australians:

T22 – Lucas Herbert, -2, 69-75-73-69
T36 – Scott Hend, +1, 73-71-73-72
T36 – Min Woo Lee, +1, 73-72-69-75
T60 – Dimi Papadatos, +5, 74-72-74-73
63 – Jake McLeod, +6, 72-74-75-73
T64 – Harrison Endycott, +7, 72-71-78-74
T66 – Adam Bland, +9, 71-76-74-76
MC – Deyen Lawson, +4, 73-75
MC – Brett Rumford, +8, 77-75
MC – Sam Brazel, +9, 75-78

PGA TOUR OF AUSTRALASIA

NT PGA Championship

Palmerston Golf Course, NT
Won by Brett Rankin at -20 by three shots

Australians:

1 – Brett Rankin, -20, 65-68-68-63
2 – Taylor Macdonald, -17, 66-69-66-66
3 – Lawry Flynn (a), -16, 68-66-67-67
T4 – Kade McBride, -15, 65-70-67-67
T4 – Adam Burdett, -15, 66-68-67-68
6 – Andrew Martin, -14, 66-66-66-72
7 – Scott Strange, -13, 68-71-66-66

ASIAN TOUR

Indonesia Open

Pondok Inda Golf Course, Indonesia
Won by Miguel Carballo at -17 by three shots

Australians:

T6 – Daniel Fox, -10, 70-68-70-70
T10 – Jarryd Felton, -9, 70-72-69-68
T22 – Jake Higginbottom, -7, 68-68-75-70
T22 – Zach Murray, -7, 70-66-71-74
T29 – Andrew Dodt, -6, 71-70-73-68
T29 – Aaron Pike, -6, 68-75-71-68
T48 – Darren Beck, -4, 69-71-71-73
T56 – Andrew Martin, -2, 71-71-73-71
T62 – Josh Younger, -2, 70-73-70-74
T62 – Steven Jeffress, -1, 71-72-71-73
T69 – Daniel Nisbet, +1, 72-68-73-76
78th – Jason Norris, +5, 70-71-71-81

Yeangder Tournament Players Championship

Linkou International G&CC, Taiwan
Won by Yikuen Chang at -21 by three shots

Australians:

T32 – Daniel Fox, -6, 73-69-70-70
T32 – Jake Higginbottom, -6, 71-69-72-70

CHINA GOLF ASSOCIATION TOUR

Hangzhou International Championship

Fuchun Resot, Zhejiang Hangzhou
Won by Haimen Chao at -6 by one shot and Weiwei Zhang at -14 by seven shots

Australians:

MEN
T4 – Kevin Yuan, -2, 68-73-69-68
T4 – Cory Crawford, -2, 72-72-66-68
T8 – Maverick Antcliff, -1, 74-69-71-65
T11 – Kade McBride, E, 69-70-73-68
T27 – Bryden Macpherson, +5, 73-71-75-66
40th – Jackson Dick, +24, 75-69-81-79
MC – Michael Pearce, +10, 79-71
WOMEN
MC – Paige Stubbs, +10, 72-80
MC – Tahnia Ravnjak, +13, 78-77

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Hunan Taohuayuan Open

Taohuayuan International GC, Changde Hunan
Won by Huilin Zhang at -16 by four shots

Australians:

- 3 – Kevin Yuan, -9, 68-70-70-68
- T4 – Maverick Antcliff, -8, 66-75-69-70
- T4 – Kade McBride, -8, 67-70-72-71
- T20 – Bryden Macpherson, -2, 70-68-71-77
- T33 – Jackson Dick, +5, 75-80-72-66
- T41 – Cory Crawford, +7, 72-81-73-69
- T45 – Connor Edmonds, 79-74-70-73
- 77 – Michael Pearce, +26, 82-73-75-84
- MC – Jarrod Stirling, 78-80

JAPAN TOUR

ANA Open

Sapporo Golf Club, Hokkaido
Won by Yosuke Asaji at -16 in a playoff

Australians:

- 14 – Brendan Jones, -12, 73-66-71-66
- T26 – Dylan Perry, -9, 70-71-70-68
- T26 – David Bransdon, -9, 73-68-69-69
- T26 – Won Joon Lee, -9, 73-68-65-73
- MC – Anthony Quayle, +6, 71-79

RIZAP KBC Augusta

Keya GC, Fukuoka
Won by Kazuki Higa at -26 by five shots

Australians:

- T16 – Brad Kennedy, -14, 69-66-70-69
- T24 – Brendan Jones, -10, 68-71-68-71
- T35 – Matt Griffin, -8, 69-69-72-70
- T42 – David Bransdon, -7, 70-69-70-72
- T60 – Anthony Quayle, -4, 69-70-72-73
- MC – Won Joon Lee, -1, 74-69
- MC – Dylan Perry, +5, 77-72

Fujisankei Classic

Fujizakura Country Club, Yamanashi
Won by Sang Hyun Park at -15 by two shots

Australians:

- T24 – Dylan Perry, -2, 71-68-74-69
- T40 – Brendan Jones, +2, 69-72-72-73
- T50 – Won Joon Lee, +4, 72-72-73-71
- T50 – Matt Griffin, +4, 71-71-76-68
- MC – Davis Bransdon, +3, 72-73
- MC – Anthony Quayle, +6, 72-76

Shigeo Nagashima Invitational

North Country Golf Club, Japan
Won by Ryo Ishikawa at -20 by four shots

Australians:

- T6 – Anthony Quayle, -13, 73-67-69-66
- T26 – Matt Griffin, -8, 72-71-67-70
- T46 – David Bransdon, -5, 70-70-71-72
- T46 – Brad Kennedy, -5, 70-70-72-71
- T52 – Won Joon Lee, -4, 72-70-71-71
- MC – Dylan Perry, +2, 73-73
- MC – Brendan Jones, +2, 70-76

STAYSURE SENIOR TOUR

The Sinclair Invitational

Hanbury Manor Marriott Hotel & CC, United Kingdom
Won by David Shacklady at -11 by one shot

Australians:

- T13 – Peter Fowler, -3, 69-75-69

EUROPEAN CHALLENGE TOUR

KPMG Trophy

Millenium Golf, Belgium
Won by Dale Whitnell (-23) in a playoff

Australians:

- MC – Ben Eccles, -3, 72-67

Open de Bretagne

Golf Bluegreen de Pleneuf Val Andre, France

Won by Sebastian Heisele at -13 by two shots

Australians:

- T55 – Ben Eccles, +4, 71-70-71-72

CHINA GOLF TOUR

Huangshan Open

Anhui Huangshan Golf, China
Won by Kieran Muir at -9 by one shot

Australians:

- T2 – Maverick Antcliff, -8, 68-72-72-68
- T18 – Kevin Yuan, E, 75-73-70-70
- T31 – Bryden Macpherson, +6, 70-77-72-75
- T53 – Jarrod Stirling, +10, 73-69-73-83
- T65 – Jackson Dick, +15, 76-73-80-74
- MC – Troy Moses, +8, 74-78
- MC – Michael Pearce, +17, 82-79
- WD – Conor Edmonds, 78

→ **WOMEN**

LPGA TOUR

Cambia Portland Classic

Columbia Edgewater CC, Oregon
Won by Hannah Green at -21 by one shot

Australians:

- 1 – Hannah Green, -21, 64-63-73-67
- T15 – Su Oh, -11, 70-67-72-68
- T63 – Robyn Choi, -2, 71-70-77-71
- T67 – Sarah Kemp, -1, 70-71-76-70
- MC – Katherine Kirk, +2, 71-71

Canadian Women's Open

Magna Golf Club, Canada
Won by JY Ko at -26 by five shots

Australians:

- T25 – Katherine Kirk, -10, 71-69-69-69
- T25 – Minjee Lee, -10, 69-68-72-69
- T25 – Su Oh, -10, 68-71-68-71
- T64 – Sarah Kemp, -1, 69-73-71-74
- MC – Hannah Green, +7, 71-80
- MC – Robyn Choi, +8, 78-74

JAPAN LPGA TOUR

Nitori Ladies Golf Tournament

Otaru CC, Hokkaido
Won by Ai Suzuki at -11 by two shots

Australians:

- 9th – Karis Davidson, -4, 70-70-70-74

Golf 5 Ladies Pro Tournament

Golf5 Country Sunny Field, Ibaraki
Won by Min Young Lee at -16 by one shot

Australians:

- WD – Karis Davidson, +3, 75

LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR

Czech Ladies Open

Karlstejn Golf Course, Czech Republic
Won by Carly Booth at -9 by one shot

Australians:

- T18 – Whitney Hillier, -2, 74-71-69
- MC – Kristalle Blum, +13, 82-75
- MC – Amy Walsh, +13, 77-80

SYMETRA TOUR

Sioux Falls GreatLife Challenge

Willow Run GC, South Dakota
Won by Patty Tavatanakit (-13) in a playoff

Australians:

- T32 – Steph Na, E, 74-67-69-70

Garden City Charity Classic

Buffalo Dunes Golf Club, Kansas
Won by Alejandra Llaneza (-10) in a playoff over Mind Muangkhumsakul

Australians:

- T3 – Steph Na, -9, 70-69-68

2019 JUNIOR PRESIDENTS CUP TEAMS FINALISED

TWENTY-FOUR players—12 international and 12 from the United States—have qualified for the 2019 Junior Presidents Cup hosted by the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) and PGA TOUR. The event's second edition will welcome players from 10 states, Australia, China, Chinese Taipei, India, Korea and South Africa.

U.S. Team qualification was determined by the Rolex AJGA Rankings, while International Team selection was based on the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR).

Set to take place on the Melbourne Sandbelt at Royal Melbourne Golf Club, the Junior Presidents Cup will kick off Presidents Cup week on Sunday and Monday, **Dec. 8-9**. All 24 players will compete in six Four-ball matches on Sunday morning followed by six Foursomes matches that afternoon. The Junior Presidents Cup will conclude with 12 Singles matches on Monday morning.

INTERNATIONAL TEAM

Led by nine-time PGA TOUR winner and five-time Presidents Cup participant Stuart Appleby, the International Team is composed of players from Australia, China, Chinese Taipei, India, Korea and South Africa.

At No. 47 in the WAGR, Australia's **Karl Vilips** qualified as the No. 1 player for the International Team. Originally from Perth, Vilips moved to Wesley Chapel, Florida, at 11 years old and has verbally committed to Stanford. Vilips is a three-time Rolex Junior All-American and owns five AJGA titles. As a member of the 2017 Junior Presidents Cup team, Vilips recorded a 1-2 record, which included a Singles match win over Prescott Butler.

Adding to the Australian contingent at the Junior Presidents Cup is Connolly's **Joshua Greer**, who bookends the International Team as the last player to qualify at No. 12 in the standings. Currently No. 408 in the WAGR, Greer won the 2019 Western Australia Amateur, finished T17 at the IMG Academy



■ **MARC LEISHMAN, JASON DAY AND ADAM SCOTT WITH JOSH ARMSTRONG, FRED LEE AND KARL VILIPS AT THE 2017 PRESIDENTS CUP. (PHOTO BY DAVID CANNON/GETTY IMAGES)**

Junior World Championship and qualified for his first U.S. Junior Amateur Championship this year.

Martin Vorster (No. 2) of Mossel Bay qualified as the leading South African in the standings following a successful summer that included a win at the East of Ireland Amateur Championship. Vorster finished seventh in last week's Junior PLAYERS Championship at TPC Sawgrass, which was won by South African counterpart **Jayden Schaper**, who notched his first AJGA Invitational title. Schaper qualified for the Junior Presidents Cup at No. 3 in the standings behind Vorster.

Christo Lamprecht (No. 5), **Samuel Simpson** (No. 6) and **Jordan Duminy** (No. 11) round out the South Africans in the Junior Presidents Cup. Having five players represent South Africa has also occurred in the Presidents Cup, with Branden Grace, Ernie Els, Louis Oosthuizen, Charl Schwartzel and Richard Sterne competing in the 2013 Presidents Cup at Muirfield Village Golf Club.

While China is represented in the Presidents Cup for the first time in 2019 by Haotong Li, it will have two players compete in the Junior Presidents Cup, with **Bo Jin** (No. 9) and **Andi Xu** (No. 10) narrowly qualifying for their first Junior Presidents Cup.

India will have a representative in the Junior Presidents Cup for the second time with **Kartik Sharma** qualifying at No. 4 in

the standings. Sharma has already won in Australia this year, having captured the New South Wales Amateur Championship at Terrey Hills north of Sydney.

Korea's **Jang Huyn Lee**, a member of the 2022 high school graduating class, is the youngest player on the International Team. Lee has primarily competed in New Zealand since relocating there in 2015 but qualified for both the U.S. Junior Amateur and The Amateur Championship and finished T7 at the Junior PLAYERS Championship. Chinese Taipei's **Chuan-Tai Lin** rounds out the team

U.S. TEAM

The U.S. Team will be led by 12-time PGA TOUR winner and AJGA alum **Justin Leonard** and represented by players from 10 states including Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Ohio, Texas and Washington.

Maxwell Moldovan of Uniontown, Ohio, headlines the U.S. Team as the No. 1-ranked player in the Rolex AJGA Rankings following a T4 finish at the Junior PLAYERS Championship. Moldovan captured the match-play format Polo Junior Golf Classic at Liberty National in late June and added runner-up results at the Junior Invitational at Sage Valley and the Memorial Junior hosted by Sung Hyun Park.

Canon Claycomb of Bowling Green, Kentucky, sits at No. 3 in the Rolex AJGA

Rankings and qualified as the No. 2 player in the Junior Presidents Cup standings. A two-time first-team Rolex Junior All-American and University of Alabama commit, Claycomb is the only member of the 2017 U.S. Junior Presidents Cup Team to qualify again in 2019. Claycomb delivered a 2-1 record at Plainfield Country Club in 2017.

2018 U.S. Junior Amateur champion and Stanford commit **Michael Thorbjornsen** (No. 5) will make his Junior Presidents Cup debut after an eventful year that included becoming the second youngest player in U.S. Open history to make the cut. The Wellesley, Massachusetts, native was also grouped with 2017 U.S. Junior Presidents Cup Team Captain **David Toms** in the first two rounds at Pebble Beach Golf Links.

Preston Summerhays (No. 6) of Scottsdale, Arizona, followed in Thorbjornsen's footsteps by winning the 2019 U.S. Junior Amateur, which moved him into contention for a Junior Presidents Cup berth.

Duke University commit **Ian Siebers** began the Junior PLAYERS Championship at No. 16 in the Junior Presidents Cup standings, but a T7 result was enough to vault the Bellevue, Washington, native to No. 10 in the standings and punch his ticket to Melbourne.

Benjamin James of Milford, Connecticut, rounds out the U.S. Team as the only member of the 2022 high school graduating class. James is verbally committed to the University of Virginia.

The U.S. Team captured the 2017 Junior Presidents Cup with a 14-10 victory over the International Team at Plainfield Country Club in Edison, New Jersey.

Other US players include: **Brett Roberts**, Florida; **Jack Heath**, North Carolina; **Jackson Van Paris**, North Carolina; **Alexander Yang**, California; **Vishnu Sadagopan**, Texas; **Stephen Campbell Jr.**, Texas

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■ WINNERS AT YARRA YARRA, KAY BARCELON AND FRANK FOWLER.

FOWLER AND BARCELON WIN THE FIRST EVENT OF THE SANDBELT CHALLENGE, THE "RAY BARNED" SENIOR AMATEUR

Playing in his first senior event, Frank Fowler (Thirteenth Beach) won at Yarra Yarra Golf Club, after returning a two-over-par round of 74, to win on a countback. Runner-up was Colin George (Rosebud) who also carded 74. Third place was shared by John Wheeler (The National) and Graeme Buckland (Lonsdale) with 76s. In the men's nett event, Graeme Buckland narrowly won by one shot after recording a nett 70. Runner-up on a countback was Nasser Almatrah (Huntingdale) from Colin George and David Newman (Mt Broughton), who all returned scores of nett 71.

In the women's Scratch Stableford, Kay Barcelon (Patterson River) had 18 points to narrowly defeat Melinda Crawford (Berwick Montuna) on 17 points. In the women's Stableford event, Tina Cowie (Pakenham) won with 33 points from Melinda Crawford (Berwick Montuna) on 29 points.

VALENTINE AND BARCELON VICTORIOUS AT KINGSTON HEATH

Stephen Valentine (Kew) took the win in the Kingston Heath Senior Amateur after winning on a countback from Ravi De Soysa (Metropolitan), after both players returned scores of 76. In third place was Sydneysider, Doug Cullam, who is now starting to play a lot of senior events after recently retiring. Brian McRedmond (Riverside) comfortably claimed the men's nett event by firing a nett 70 and beating a host of players on 72.

Kay Barcelon (Patterson River) has gone two from two at the 'Sandbelt Swing', taking home the women's scratch event with 19 points to win by one point over Helen Drake (Dorset). In the women's stableford event, it was a win to Elizabeth Alston (Winchelsea) who returned a fine score of 36 points.

TRELOAR AND CRAWFORD TOPS AT COMMONWEALTH

Only two players broke 80 in a tough day at Commonwealth GC with Paul Treloar (Gisborne) beating Stephen Valentine on a countback after both returned scores of 79. Doug Cullam (Monash) continued his good form, ending up in third place after finishing one shot back on 80. In the nett event, Stephen Pettyfor (Eastwood) won on a countback from Phillip Jeffery (Bowral) after both returned 74s.

In the women's scratch stableford event, Melinda Crawford (Berwick Montuna) had an easy win with 19 points and finished eleven shots ahead of runner-up Juliana Savage (RACV Cape Schanck) on 8 points. In the women's stableford event, Saowapa McDowall (Growling Frog) won on a countback from Elizabeth Alston after both players finished with 24 points.

MCCLEARY AND CRAWFORD TAKE THE HONOURS AT HUNTINGDALE

Huntingdale GC showed its teeth and didn't let any golfer master the course. Scoring was very difficult on a very windy day with some holes proving too long from the back tees in the strong winds. Ian McCleary (Koorringal) was the only player who bettered 80, after carding 79 to win by three shots from Ravi De Soya (Metropolitan). Equal third place went to talented South Australian senior, Kenneth Parker (Kooyonga) and Donald Parsonage (Monash) on 83. In the nett event, John Sist (Koorringal) won on a three-way countback from David Cheeseman (The Ridge) and Donald Parsonage (Monash) who all finished on 75 nett.

Melinda Crawford's (Berwick Montuna) great run continued as she won the women's scratch stableford event with 21 points from Cheryl Disher (Rossdale) on 16 points. In the



■ WINNERS AT KINGSTON HEATH, L TO R, RAVI DE SOYSA, BRIAN MC REDMOND, STEPHEN VALENTINE, KAY BARCELON AND ELIZABETH ALSTON.

stableford event, Jen Le Cerf (Clifton Springs) won with 30 points from Lisa Kent (Cerebus) on 24 points.

GERRARD AND STOETTRUP BRAVE BRUTAL CONDITIONS AT VICTORIA GC

What was possibly the worst of the weather for the Sandbelt week, all players who finished deserved a medal as they survived the rain, very strong winds and cold. William Gerrard (Tocumwal) off a handicap of eight, played a superb round, finishing with 74.



■ WINNERS AT METROPOLITAN, L TO R, TINA COWIE, CHRIS GRAY, DONALD PARSONAGE AND MELINDA CRAWFORD.

One shot behind was Michael Douch (Woodlands) who also posted a great round of 75. Equal third place went to Kenneth Parker (Kooyonga) and Mark Abeyaratne (Peninsula-Kingswood) on 78. In the nett event, Marcus Padley (Yarra Yarra) won with a fine score of 70 from three players, Jun Zhang (Yering Meadows), Ken Bruton (Glen Waverley) and Donald Parsonage (Monash) who all finished on 72.

In the women's scratch stableford event, Marianne Stoettrup (Gisborne) won with 21 points from Kerrin Biddle (Thirteenth Beach) on 18 points. In the women's stableford, it was a win to Colleen Warfield (Safety Beach) with 32 points from Linda Fredricson (Safety Beach) on 31 points.

GRAY AND CRAWFORD CAPTURE METROPOLITAN PLATE

On a cold day around 5 degrees and with an expectation of lightning, the foul weather missed the field and the temperature rose to 12 degrees but accompanied strong winds. "Beware of the sick golfer" was the order of the day as Chris Gray limped around the courses the previous week, but not this day. Gray pulled out a strong round to win the 2019 Metropolitan Plate with 79 to beat the top golfer of the Sandbelt Week, Stephen Valentine on a countback. Gray's birdie on 16 gave him the win on a countback.

It was Valentine's second loss on a countback in a week, however it was enough to see him move into first place on the 2019 Doug Bachli Order of Merit with an impressive week's work with one win and two seconds on a countback. Tied for third on 80 was John Owen (Barwon Heads), Donald Parsonage (Monash) and Frank Fowler (Thirteenth Beach).

In the men's nett event, Donald Parsonage won with 73 from Thomas Hislop (Sanctuary Lakes) on 75.

In the women's scratch stableford event, it was another win to Melinda Crawford (Berwick Montuna) who had an outstanding Sandbelt week, winning on three occasions. Crawford's 21 points was enough to win from Marianne Stoettrup (Gisborne) on 17 points. Also continuing a good patch of form was Tina Cowie (Pakenham) who won her second women's stableford prize for the week.

EDWARDS AND MORGAN WIN AT ROYAL MELBOURNE

David Edwards (Pennant Hills) has been crowned the Royal Melbourne Seniors Classic Champion for the second year running, after returning a seven-over-par score of 79. Two birdies from Edwards on the back nine were enough to separate him from Michael Douch (Woodlands) to take home the trophy for the second year in a row. Edwards has played little senior golf these last few months and excels on fast paced greens which are the norm for Royal Melbourne.

In the nett event, there was a three-way tie between John Hoare (Pakenham), David Edwards and Steven Graham (Qantas) on nett 73, with Hoare winning on a countback.

In the women's event, Jacquelin Morgan (Monash) scored 28 scratch stableford points to win by fifteen shots over Lei Cai (Spring Valley) on 13 points. Lei Cai picked up the women's stableford with 26 points.

More: www.golf.org.au



■ WINNERS AT ROYAL MELBOURNE, L TO R, LEI CAI, JOHN HOARE, DAVID EDWARDS AND JACQUELIN MORGAN.

→ **QUEENSLAND**

DOWLING AND GRIFFITH DOMINATE AT NUDGE MASTERS

The first event on the 2019-2020 PresCare QSOOM calendar, the Nudgee Masters was played over 36 holes. Brad Dowling (Southport) returned to the winner's circle with his win at Nudgee after retuning scores of 77-72 to finish three shots ahead of local player John Costello, who returned scores of 75-77. In the men's nett event, it was an easy win by another local, Grahame MacDonald who returned two great rounds of 68-67 to win by eight shots over runner-up, Scott Nambour (Nambour) on 143.

In the women's scratch event, Kathleen Griffith (Hervey Bay) won with scores of 79-82 to finish three shots ahead of Wendy O'Connell (Wantima) with scores of 84-80. In the women's nett event, two local Nudgee players battled it out over the 36 holes. Betty Kaluschke won with scores of 71-77 from Deniese Vera on 70-80.

HALAM AND O'CONNELL TAKE THE WIN AT GAILES

A field 64 players played Gailes GC which was presented in pristine condition. Col Halam (Redcliffe) won on a countback from Brad Dowling (Southport) after both players carded 75s. In the nett event, Graham Coutts (Nudgee) had a superb round, amassing 43 points to finish three points ahead of Noel Godbold (Nudgee) on 40 points.

In the women's scratch event, it was another win to Wendy O'Connell (Wantima) with a fine score of 78 with Josie Ryan (Headland) finishing second with 81. In the nett event, Theresa Tatham (Twin Waters) posted a fine score of 38 points to finish one shot ahead of O'Connell on 37 points.



■ **WINNER AT GAILES COL HALAM.**

CURREN AND BELONOGOFF TOO GOOD AT PALMER GOLD COAST

Sean Curren (Redcliffe) was too good at Palmer Gold Coast after he fired an even-par round of 71. Runner-up was the consistent Brad Dowling (Southport) who carded 74. In the nett event, Terry O'Keefe (Redcliffe) won on a countback from Eugene Nix (RACV Royal Pines) after both players posted 36 stableford points.

In the women's scratch event, it was another win to Alex Belonogoff with 85. In the stableford event, Marie Voorma (Laidley) was too good on the day and won with 36 points.

More: www.golf.org.au

→ **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**



■ **WINNER AT MANDURAH IAN MCPHERSON.**

MCPHERSON WINS THE MANDURAH SENIORS

Veteran Ian McPherson (Joondalup), played great golf to shoot 72 and win the Mandurah seniors. Ian had four consecutive birdies on the front nine to turn in 33 which set up the win. Second was John Ryan (Mt. Lawley) with a very good 73. Third place was shared between John Banting (Royal Perth) and local Barry Squires.

Another local, Graham Bowen won the best nett. The Mandurah course was in good shape, played on a beautiful winter's day. Thanks to Mandurah Country Club for again hosting the final event of the season.



■ **WINNER OF THE 2019 WA SOOM TREVOR HUGHES.**

TREVOR HUGHES AND SHARON DAWSON WIN THE WA SENIOR ORDER OF MERIT FOR 2019

Trevor Hughes has edged out fellow Hartfield member Mike Dunsmore to the win the WA SOOM. Trevor finished 5th in the Mandurah Seniors which gave him enough points to move past Dunsmore who was overseas. John Ryan finished third and John Banting fourth.

The WA team for the Australian Seniors to be played at Maroochy River, Queensland from the 8th to the 10th October is Trevor Hughes, Mike Dunsmore, John Ryan and Evan Sewell. Evan was the leading WA player in the WA Seniors played back in April.

Sharon Dawson (Denmark) took out the WA Women's Seniors Order of Merit from Carmen Palframan (Lake Karrynyup). In third place was another Karrynyup member, Robyn Lamb with Janine Northrop (Melville Glades) finishing fourth with Jo Jones (Bunbury) rounding out the top 5.

The WA women's team for the Australian Seniors to be played later in the year will be Dawson, Palframan and Lamb.

WA reports by John Banting

More: www.golfwa.org.au

→ **NEW SOUTH WALES HARVISON NABS THE NEWCASTLE SENIORS**

Greg Harvison (Grafton) playing off a handicap of one, lead a star-studded field with his victory in the Newcastle seniors with a good round of 77. Overall, the course was the winner with only five scores under 80 in difficult conditions. A good wind was blowing along with tricky greens and diabolical bunkers that bordered on being unfair with many plugged lies being the order of the day.

Warren Gorton (Hawkes Nest) was runner-up on a count back from the evergreen senior, Greg Stanford (Mona Vale), after both players carded 78s. Equal third place went to Peter Good (The Lakes) and Clifford Fallan (Nelson Bay) on 79.

In the nett event, Peter Good won on a countback from Greg Stanford on 74. Greg Geise (Charlestown) and Warren Gorton were next with 75's.

GORTON BACK IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE IN THE HORIZON SENIORS

Warren Gorton (Hawkes Nest) has continued his good form, winning the Horizons seniors with an excellent round of 73. Warren was runner-up the previous day at Newcastle. Fresh from their recent Master Pennant victory, Mona Vale members Greg Stanford and John Karren were next, with Greg runner-up with 74 and John taking out third with 75 on a countback. Ken Brewer (Lynwood) was fourth on 75. Stanford is having a great 2019 in senior events, with Horizons being his third runner-up finish, together with three wins.

In the nett event, local member Ken Gibson, won with a wonderful score of 69. Runners-up in the nett event were Gorton and Stanford on 70.

The Horizons course was presented in wonderful condition with quick, smooth greens together with couch fairways of great quality. This is the second year Horizons have sponsored a senior event and the number of participants has grown due to the outstanding quality of the course.

More: www.golfnsw.org

→ **UPCOMING SENIOR AMATEUR EVENTS**

- Oct 01 SOOM Camden Seniors (NSW)
- Oct 03 SOOM Monash Seniors (NSW)
- Oct 03 Brookwater PresCare QSOOM (QLD)
- Oct 04 Lang Lang Senior Amateur (VIC)
- Oct 08-10 The Australian Men's Senior Amateur at Maroochy River, Qld (GA)*
- Oct 13 South Pacific PresCare QSOOM (QLD)
- Oct 14 SOOM Windsor Senior Foundation Shield (NSW)
- Oct 14 Wanneroo Senior Open (WA)
- Oct 15 Warwick PresCare QSOOM (QLD)
- Oct 16 City PresCare QSOOM (QLD)
- Oct 17 Middle Ridge PresCare QSOOM (QLD)
- Oct 22 SOOM Dunheved Seniors (NSW)
- Oct 22 Melville Glades Senior Open (WA)
- Oct 26-27 SOOM Moruya Senior Open (NSW)
- Oct 28-29 Melbourne Senior Classic (VIC)
- Oct 31 SOOM Twin Creeks Seniors (NSW)
- Nov 04-06 ACT Seniors (GA OOM) *
- Nov 17-18 SOOM Mollmook Seniors & SOOM Presentation (NSW)
- Nov 26 SOOM Cromer Seniors (NSW)
- Nov 19-20 Warrnambool Senior Amateur (VIC)
- Nov 21-22 Moyne Senior Classic (VIC)
- Nov 04 Virginia PresCare QSOOM (QLD)
- Nov 26 McLeod PresCare QSOOM (QLD)
- Nov 15 Lake Karrynyup Senior Open (WA)
- Nov 26 Joondalup Senior Open (WA)

*Part of the Golf Australia Order of Merit (GA OOM) previously known as the Australian Amateur Ranking System.

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CALENDAR

→ SEPTEMBER

HARBOUR MASTER 'BACK TEE CHALLENGE'

WHERE: Pacific Harbour Golf & CC

INFO: Phone (07) 3410 4011, or email: golfadmin@phgcc.com.au

To be played in a stableford format the Harbour Master will give the opportunity for you to challenge the Pacific Harbour layout and contest for some great prizes.

In conjunction with the 8 events for the year there will also be an Order of Merit Prize.

Members: \$13, Guest: \$60 (Incl shared cart)

EVENT DATES:

Round 8: Friday 15 November



SHARK ATTACK 2019 QUALIFYING DATES

"The Shark Attack" amateur golf event at Brookwater Golf & Country Club is a back-tee event open to both men and women. The overall winner will win an all expenses trip to Hawaii and Manu Lani resort. Enter now via the website or also via the golf shop. Winners of each qualifying round will win an overnight stay in a Westin King Room Suite with buffet breakfast, plus a Mercedes Benz for the weekend! Good luck!

Final round commences 27th October.

Entry: \$109 non-members, \$49 members

www.brookwater.com.au



Handiskins

www.handiskins.com.au

Handiskins the ultimate game of skins for club golfers. Handiskins is a five-qualifying-round stableford competition. A player's best three rounds count towards their final score. Players don't have to play all five qualifying rounds if their scores are good enough. The top four players with the best scores at the end of the qualifying rounds go into the 'skins' format final and have the opportunity to play for \$1,200 in club or pro shop vouchers.

UPCOMING HANDISKINS EVENTS:

Nelson Bay Golf Club

Dowling Street, Nelson Bay NSW 2315
5th Qualifying Round 26th October 2019
Final 9th November 2019

Nanango Golf Club

Millis Way, Nanango QLD 4615
5th Qualifying Round 9th November 2019
Final 24th November 2019

Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club

2-8 Twin Creeks Dr, Luddenham NSW 2745
Final 19th October 2019

Leeton Golf Club

Acacia Ave, Leeton NSW 2705
Final 13th October 2019

Oxley Golf Club

290 Boundary Road, Oxley QLD 4075
Final 2nd November 2019

Proserpine Golf Club

Anzac Road, Proserpine QLD 4800
5th Qualifying Round 19th October 2019
Final 3rd November 2019

Templeton Golf Club

Pound Road, Templeton NZ 7676
4th Qualifying Round 5th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 19th October 2019
Final 23rd November 2019

Glenelg Golf Club

James Melrose Rd, Novar Gardens SA 5040
4th Qualifying Round 16th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 13th November 2019
Final 27th November 2019

Cowra Golf Club

Mees Road, Cowra NSW 2794
4th Qualifying Round 12th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 9th November 2019
Final 1st December 2019

Waimairi Beach Golf Club

460 Bower Ave, Parklands Christchurch NZ 8083
5th Qualifying Round 5th October 2019
Final 19th October 2019

Northbridge Golf Club

Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge NSW 2063
5th Qualifying Round 5th October 2019
Final 9th November 2019

Macquarie Links Golf Club

Macquarie Links Dr, Macquarie Links NSW 2565
Final 30th November 2019

Griffith Golf Club

Remembrance Drive, Griffith NSW 2680
3rd Qualifying round 12th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 2nd November 2019
5th Qualifying Round 16th November 2019
Final 30th November 2019

Weedons Country Club

McClelland Rd, Templeton Rolleston NZ 7675
3rd Qualifying round 12th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 26th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 30th November 2019
Final 14th December 2019

Blackwood Golf Club

611 Cherry Garden Road, Cherry Gardens SA 5157
3rd Qualifying round 26th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 9th November 2019
5th Qualifying Round 23rd November 2019
Final 1st December 2019

Royal Hobart Golf Club

20 Regal Court, Seven Mile Beach TAS 7170
3rd Qualifying round 5th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 9th November 2019
5th Qualifying Round 16th November 2019
Final 7th December 2019

Urunga Golf Club

Morgo Street, Urunga NSW 2455
3rd Qualifying round 12th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 26th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 9th November 2019
Final 24th November 2019

Devilbend Golf Club

Loders Road, Moorooduc VIC 3933
4th Qualifying Round 5th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 12th October 2019
Final 26th October 2019

Ryde Parramatta Golf Club

1156 Victoria Road, West Ryde NSW 2114
5th Qualifying Round 5th October 2019
Final 12th October 2019

Queens Park Golf Club

150 Queens Park Road, Highton VIC 3216
3rd Qualifying round 5th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 12th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 19th October 2019
Final 26th October 2019

Rosebud Country Golf Club

207 Boneo Road, Rosebud VIC 3939
2nd Qualifying round 5th October 2019
3rd Qualifying round 19th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 9th November 2019
5th Qualifying Round 30th October 2019
Final 14th December 2019

Bribie Island Golf Club

Links Court, Woorim QLD 4507
3rd Qualifying round 12th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 2nd November 2019
5th Qualifying Round 30th November 2019
Final 21st December 2019

Burleigh Golf Club – Thursday Competition

Cnr Albion & Bardon Ave, Miami QLD 4220
3rd Qualifying round 3rd October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 10th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 24th October 2019
Final 7th November 2019

Meadow Springs Golf & Country Club

23 Meadow Springs Drive, Meadow Springs WA 6210
3rd Qualifying round 5th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 12th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 26th October 2019
Final 16th November 2019

Pine River Golf Club

245 Narangba Road, Kurwongbah QLD 4503
3rd Qualifying round 12th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 19th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 26th October 2019
Final 9th November 2019

Secret Harbour Golf Links

271 Secret Harbour Blvd, Secret Harbour WA 6173
3rd Qualifying round 6th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 20th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 3rd November 2019
Final 10th November 2019

Burleigh Golf Club – Saturday Competition

Cnr Albion & Bardon Ave, Miami QLD 4220
2nd Qualifying round 5th October 2019
3rd Qualifying round 12th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 26th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 2nd November 2019
Final 16th November 2019

The Eastern Golf Club

215 Victoria Road, Yering Vic 3770
2nd Qualifying round 2nd October 2019
3rd Qualifying round 16th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 30th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 13th November 2019
Final 27th November 2019

Box Hill Golf Club

202 Station Street, Box Hill Vic 3128
1st Qualifying Round 3rd October 2019
2nd Qualifying round 10th October 2019
3rd Qualifying round 17th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 24th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 14th November 2019
Final 21st November 2019

Heidelberg Golf Club

8 Main Road, Lower Plenty Vic 3093
1st Qualifying Round 5th October 2019
2nd Qualifying round 12th October 2019
3rd Qualifying round 19th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 26th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 2nd November 2019
Final 9th November 2019

Northern Golf Club – Saturday Competition

97 Glenroy Road, Vic 3046
1st Qualifying Round 5th October 2019
2nd Qualifying round 12th October 2019
3rd Qualifying round 19th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 9th November 2019
5th Qualifying Round 7th December 2019
Final 14th December 2019

Northern Golf Club – Sunday Competition

97 Glenroy Road, Vic 3046
1st Qualifying Round 13th October 2019
2nd Qualifying round 20th October 2019
3rd Qualifying round 10th November 2019
4th Qualifying Round 17th November 2019
5th Qualifying Round 8th December 2019
Final 15th December 2019

Commercial Club Albury Golf Club

530 North Street, Albury NSW 2640
1st Qualifying Round 5th October 2019
2nd Qualifying round 12th October 2019
3rd Qualifying round 19th October 2019
4th Qualifying Round 26th October 2019
5th Qualifying Round 2nd November 2019
Final 9th November 2019

Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club

86 Stonecutters Drive, Colebee NSW 2761
1st Qualifying Round 5th October 2019
2nd Qualifying round 12th October 2019
3rd Qualifying round 16th November 2019
4th Qualifying Round 23rd November 2019
5th Qualifying Round 30th November 2019
Final 12th December 2019

Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club

86 Stonecutters Drive, Colebee NSW 2761
1st Qualifying Round 5th October 2019
2nd Qualifying round 12th October 2019
3rd Qualifying round 16th November 2019
4th Qualifying Round 23rd November 2019
5th Qualifying Round 30th November 2019
Final 12th December 2019

CALENDAR

→ NOVEMBER

BENALLA GC 48TH ANNUAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEN: 8-12 NOVEMBER

WHERE: BENALLA GOLF CLUB

PROGRAM OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY 8th November, the Peter Grubb Memorial Mixed Pinehurst - Shotgun Start - 11.30am Assembly. Sponsored by Millers Department Store Benalla. \$12 per player (Includes Afternoon Tea)

SATURDAY 9th November - Men's and Ladies' 4BBB Stableford. Sponsored by Jenny Milner-Marsha Watson Pharmacies. Benalla Tourist Park. Ladies' 4BBB Stableford - 18 Holes (City Cup) \$12 per player. Men's 4BBB Stableford - 18 Holes (City Cup) \$12 per player.

SUNDAY 10th November - Open Stroke Events. Sponsored by Ray White Real Estate and Les and Joan Robins. Men's Graded Handicap - 9, 18 & 27 Holes. John Lilley Trophy, Junior 27 Holes. Best nett. Men's Open Championship, 27 Holes (McKenzie Cup). BBQ Available

TUESDAY 12th November - Ladies' Open Stroke. Sponsored by Jenny Milner - Marsha Watson Pharmacies and Les & Joan Robins. 18 Holes \$12 per player.

Entries to: Wayne Hocking, Benalla Golf Club P.O. Box 205, Benalla 3671. Enquiries and cart bookings: Phone: 03 57622404, Email: hock@benallagolfclub.com.au

JOSHUA PETER CROOK MEMORIAL GOLF DAY

WHEN: 29TH OF NOVEMBER

WHERE: KOORALBYN VALLEY GOLF COURSE ②

The Joshua Peter Crook Memorial Golf day, on behalf of Guide Dogs Queensland, has come about due to the unfortunate passing of Joshua at the age of 31. The Crook family have sponsored the event in Joshua's name for this wonderful cause, of which he would have proudly put his name to.

Kooralbyn Valley golf course was the only choice to hold this event, for Joshua loved the course and the natural ambiance of the valley, even when he wasn't into golf as much as before he would still be out to play and enjoy the peacefulness.

Joshua was on a mission to help people by supporting causes close to home and abroad with his great ideas. The loss of his partner was what propelled him on his mission to help those in need. Unfortunately, he passed away soon after.

Organisers hope this day will continue on in Joshua's memory as a yearly memorial that aims to make a difference in everyone's lives especially those who need to support from Guide Dogs Queensland.

Tournament prizes include: Two \$50,000 prizes for Hole in One competitions at signature holes 5 & 17 (prize money shared among winners); \$1,000 for 8 metres Putting competition with 4 metres playoff for a guaranteed win; Trophy and many other great prizes.

www.ramadaresortkooralbynvalley.com.au/events/joshua-peter-crook-memorial-golf-charity-day/

→ DECEMBER

LIONS CLUB OF MOORABBIN CHARITY GOLF DAY AT KINGSTON HEATH

WHERE: KINGSTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

WHEN: TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

TIME: SHOTGUN START 8:00AM

COST: \$275

The event will be individual stableford. Entry includes range balls, breakfast and lunch. Many rounds of golf at top-rated courses will be auctioned at the prize presentation ceremony.

There will be a hole-in-one competition with \$2,500 on offer to each person who aces the 5th hole.

Event Partnerships and Hole Sponsorships are available.

All proceeds from this charity golf day go toward local hospitals, schools, and other Lions community based projects helping people in need.

Players may register via the link at www.moorabbin.vic.lions.org.au

Please contact Gary McInnes on 0417 055 731 or garymci50@gmail.com for further details.

TEE IT UP AT THE NSW LEGENDS TOUR

Steven Aisbett

THE NSW swing of the Australian Legends Tour is up and running with some great events, and everyone is welcome to play.

You might think "what am I going to learn of a bunch of old geriatrics?" Well, consider that in our last five events, Peter Senior won at Lakelands with 15-under, Terry Price at Boonah with 7-under, Michael Long 6-under at Royal Queensland, David Fearn 8-under at Concord and Michael Harwood a great 6-under in a gale at the first pro event in years at Strathfield Golf Club. The same guys who beat us 30 years ago are shooting lower today, with the odd club pro getting up.

The South Coast swing starts with us catching up with Lindsay Sharp and Chris Hearn at the picturesque Bermagui Golf Club on the 7-8th of October. A great event where everyone is made welcome. Plenty of amateur spots open, so ring the pro shop and you could be drawn with Rodger Davis, Mike Harwood or Terry Price.

Next off to Batemans Bay, week-in week-out one of the best conditioned courses in the country, amateur spots available Thursday 10th of October.

Sunday the 13th of October we welcome the first ever professional event at Gerringong Golf Club, a true links course overlooking beautiful Walkers Beach. If you have a low ball flight, ring the clubhouse now and reserve a spot; we have 70 Legends pros confirmed already hoping to be the inaugural winner.

Tuesday and Wednesday 15th-16th of October we play the tight and demanding St Georges Basin event; with a sponsor like Tooheys putting a tent on the 18th green, it makes for a great afternoon, sipping the sponsor's product and watching past champions show their skills. If you ever have an overseas visitor and you wanted to see hundreds of kangaroos up close have a game here you will see hundreds off roos up close.

Wednesday the 17th of October, Worrigeer Lakes also makes its debut on the Legends Tour, a wonderful course with fine greens on the outskirts of Nowra.

The South Coast swing finishes at Mollmook GC, 18th-19th of October at the magnificent Mollmook Hilltop course where the NSW Senior Masters championship is up for grabs. Hitting off the 1st or 10th tee and seeing the Pacific Ocean in the distance, with the magnificent trees and undulations makes Hilltop a tremendous venue for a tournament.

Those in Canberra might want to join us at Fairbairn 21st of October, or one that I won't miss, the Furphy Murrumbidgee Legends Pro Am on the 22nd.

The Tour swings to Thurgoona for the NSW Senior Open, with a field that looks like an Australian Open field of 1988. Last year Peter Senior came within a whisker of shooting 59.

Then back to Sydney for some major events. Please check our website and the PGA LEGENDS TOUR Schedule, and feel free to contact any of the clubs to inquire about getting a game with a PGA Legend; with over 40 years of playing this great game they have some great stories and knowledge to pass on!

"JUICY" WINS AUSTRALIAN OPEN BLIND GOLF, PERTH



QUeensland B1 golfer, Glen Niciejewski (known as "juicy") scored a phenomenal 135 nett in last month's ISPS Handa Australian Open Blind Golf tournament at Collier Park Golf Club, Perth.

The 36-hole stroke competition was the 30th annual Australian blind golf tournament, which began in Perth in 1989.

Glen is a B1 player (nil sight) and has learnt to play golf post sight loss. He is taught and caddied by Peter Harrington, teaching Professional from Palm Meadows Golf Club on the Gold Coast.

Glen said "Blind Golf is my life. I don't know what I would have done if I had not found blind golf after I lost my sight in a car accident. Thanks to Peter my coach and caddy I have learnt a sport that I can play with no sight and has enabled me to meet lots of other blind golfers and caddies from Australia and other countries."

Glen and several other Australian blind golfers competed in last month's Japan Blind Golf Open (Results not available at time of print)

Results: Australian Open Blind Golf, Perth

B1 Net Winner: G Niciejewski

B1 Gross Winner: G Niciejewski - 233

B2 Net Winner: G Coulton

B2 Gross Winner: J McCullum - 217

B3 Net Winner: M Eschbank

B3 Gross Winner: J Ellis - 208

Days 1 & 2 Net Scores

G Coulton - 64 & 74 = 138

J Ellis - 65 & 80 = 145

J McCullum - 67 & 84 = 151

G Niciejewski - 69 & 66 = 135

D Minicuillo - 69 & 79 = 168

R Curtin - 70 & 83 = 153

M Eschbank - 71 & 73 = 144

B Carver - 76 & 74 = 150

P Heinrich - 77 & 83 = 160

M Watts - 78 & 80 = 158

D Burrows - 79 & 82 = 161

N Herdegen - 80 & 85 = 165

J Abela - 81 & 85 = 166

R Anderson - 82 & 86 = 168

D Wheatley - 86 & 82 = 168

D Martin - 87 & 79 = 166

D Sloan - 89 & 85 = 174

P Durry - 91 & 80 = 171

C Reid - 91 & 83 = 174

A Stevens DNF

Australian Blind Golf: www.blindgolf.com.au

INVESTING 101: WHERE TO PUT YOUR SQUILLIONS



Larry Canning

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MY God, I'm getting old! I reckon my forehead resembles a 1986 Titleist Balata, my nostrils look like two echidnas mating and I could tell my mates some great yarns if only I could remember their names. The reason I'm having this epiphany is I'm finding myself becoming more than a little cynical in print and on air about the FedEx Cup. I'm struggling to watch multi-millionaire tour players becoming "multi-er" millionaires. I had a conversation with one of my sons the other day, who is half my age, and he saw it through less sarcastic eyes.

"It's a Grand Final of sorts. It keeps us interested until the last event of the wrap-around year, Dad... particularly now that the last major is played in July."

I hate when your kids grow up and become sensible!

The upshot is, I've accepted there is a commercial need for the Fed-Expensive-Cup.

So what's this column going to be about, then? I figured being a financially more grounded colleague who mixes in slightly different social circles, I might be in a good position to offer some financial advice on how best to invest some dosh. Not that I'm suggesting they are all about to lose their games but you just never know when you start missing a couple of shorties and suddenly it feels like you're putting with a 34-inch Frill Neck Lizard.

Rory McIlroy: I think step one should be buy yourself a pint of Guinness. Maybe even shout the whole bar a Guinness! In fact, buy Guinness itself!! Who better to promote the brand all over the world than maybe Ireland's favourite (well, tied with Shane Lowry), sporting hero. The only issue I see is that your exciting, free-flowing golf game isn't exactly matched to the painful 19 minutes it takes to pour a bloody pint of the dark stuff.

Xander Schauffele: Hey Xand, you're probably aware you have a beautiful golf swing, simmering good looks and a bank account rivaling Colonel Sanders, but did you know you also have a magnificent

name? I reckon you should whack some not-so-hard-earned into a chain of Patisseries across the USA. The signature dish would be Almond Encrusted Lemon-Xander-Nut-Schauffele.

Brooks Koepka: Well, something to do with brute force and intimidation? Despite her approximate 50kg weight, my wife Sandra possesses very similar traits. She only ever reveals these characteristics with her husband or one of our "6-foot-3-plus" naughty sons. In her other life she works in the medical industry so maybe something along those lines perhaps. Nursing? No that's just being silly there's no way you could fit those biceps into a nurse's outfit. Invest in hospitals? Mainly targeted for the poor Tour Players who have tried to land their ball somewhere near yours or hold you up.

Justin Thomas: I know your dad is a club professional in America and if that's anything similar to being an Australian club professional like me then he might need some psychological help. Perhaps an investment in some nice sanitariums in places like "Happy Hills" or "Paradise Plateau". Why not make them golf-specific with a driving range and a putting green? Troubled club professionals could keep teaching through the day. It wouldn't matter if no-one turned up, they (we) could pretend. You might need a TAB and a halfway bar as well.

Patrick Reed: Just buy some friends, mate.

Bryson Dechambeau: Shares in Rolex.

Tony Finau: I'd definitely be taking a serious look at throwing some Benjamin Franklins at prosthetic limbs targeting the ankle region.

Matt Kuchar: Well, you'll just hang onto it won't you?

Can I just slip in one borderline cynical but positive reference now? Of course I can I'm writing this, not my son. Did anyone notice what happened on the "We play for about 5% percent of what they do but the pressure is 500% tougher" Tour? Commonly known as the Korn Ferry Tour. (What is a Korn Ferry, anyway?)

While Rory was winning enough to trump the US President's offer to buy Greenland, some very talented Aussies were in a far more perilous battle for their careers in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals. Whilst there was a couple of hard luck stories it was great to see Cam Percy and Cam Davis join compatriot and fellow "Cam" Smith on the Big Stage for 2020 season.

The name "Cam" would actually look pretty good on the FedEx Cup don't you think? 🍷

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

Some recent winners from Inside Golf's website and our Facebook page:

Motocaddy M1 Electric Trolley: **Gary Petersen**

Cobra KING F9 Driver: **Jesse Philpott**

Wilson Irons: **Dom Caldwell**

Golf on Murray Trip: **Jason Schuck, Ron Gallaher, Katrina Valkoff, Merissa Forsyth, Wayne Thomas, Anne Nash**

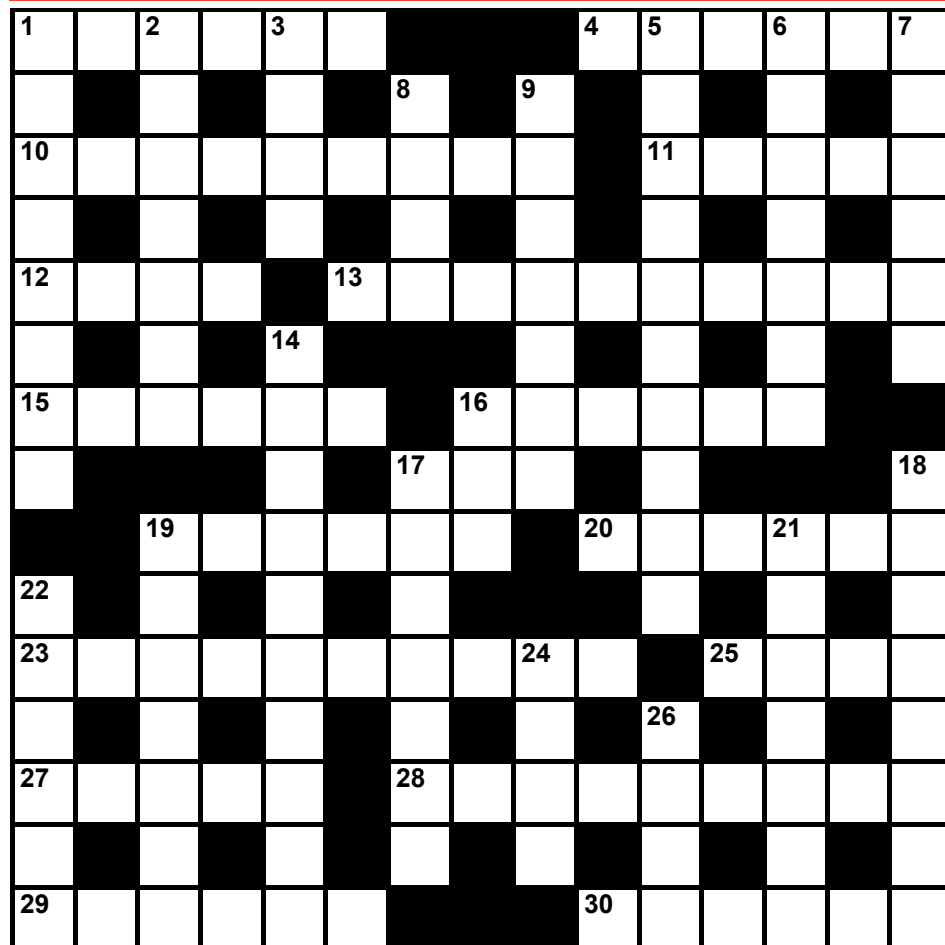
Rich River Escape: **Lisa Pires**

Rosebud Country Club & Fairways Resort Golf Package: **Nicole Thorpe**

Mornington Peninsula Golf Classic Entry: **Jean-Claude Guerit**

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ACROSS

- 1 Subdivision (6)
- 4 Useful gadgets (6)
- 10 The top player in golf in a general sense (6,3)
- 11 Marshals keep this down when a golfer swings (5)
- 12 Off course (4)
- 13 Royal County Down, Augusta National or Royal Melbourne, for example (4,6)
- 15 Winner of the 2019 Portland Classic on the LPGA Tour, _____ Green (6)
- 16 Highest-finishing Aussie at the 2019 Scandinavian Invitation, Wade _____ (6)
- 17 Top edge of a cup (3)
- 19 Equipment needed to mark a scorecard, perhaps (6)
- 20 Propel with force (6)
- 23 One-on-one competition, like matchplay (4-2-4)
- 25 Spoken (4)
- 27 Come together (5)
- 28 Not custom-built; off the shelf (5-4)
- 29 Hot and humid (6)
- 30 Registers for a golf event (6)

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- 1 Catch some rays (8)
- 2 Member of the 2019 Presidents Cup International Team, _____ Smith (7)
- 3 Describing a golf tournament accessible to all (4)
- 5 Winner of the Masters Tournament in 1991 (3,7)
- 6 Winner of the FedEx Cup in 2019, Rory _____ (7)
- 7 Home country of 2018 French Open winner, Alex Noren (6)
- 8 Company emblem often seen on a golfer's clothing (4)
- 9 Execute as expected (7)
- 14 In accordance with what is normal or standard (10)
- 16 Lubricant (3)
- 17 Two-time winner of the Joburg Open, _____ Sterne (7)
- 18 Australian winner of the 2014 Australian PGA Championship, Greg _____ (8)
- 19 A treeless grassy plain (7)
- 21 Provide commentary (7)
- 22 Winner of the 2019 BMW Championship, Justin _____ (6)
- 24 Highest-finishing Aussie at the 2019 Tour Championship, _____ Scott (4)
- 26 Top NZ golfer, _____ Fox (4)

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NOEL NABS A PAIR OF ACES

THE odds of a hole-in-one in your average golf round are around 12,500-1.

So what are the odds of two aces in the one round?

Well, according to the mathematicians in the game, they're about five billion to one.

Yet, amazingly, that's what 12-marker Noel Moran did in a recent round at Terrey Hills Golf and Country Club during the club's regular Wednesday competition.

Moran achieved the almost impossible feat of acing the club's 12th and 15th holes.

Maybe those odds are a bit too long because this amazing feat has actually been done before – not once, but three times – that we know of.

Former Roseville golfer Phil Joshua (these days a Royal Sydney member) did it on the front nine at the north shore course in 2014.

Joshua remarkably aced the fourth and the ninth at Roseville and according to Geoff Timmony, who was one of his playing partners that day, he was about a foot away from a third ace on the seventh as well.

And we cannot even begin to dream of the odds of three aces in one round.

Timmony says a former club captain at Roseville had achieved a similar feat at Roseville about a decade before Joshua's feat.

Throw in Shelley Beach golfer Greg Wall, who also had two aces in one round in 2017, and suddenly those odds do seem a bit too lucrative.

CHIPS AND SHANKS WITH DAVID NEWBERY

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SKINS AND FREE BEER

IT'S free beer for the winner of the Ralph Theobald Memorial Skins Trophy.

Rob Theobald, who plays out of the Surfers Paradise Golf Club, came up with the idea of the skins event as a way of remembering his late twin brother Ralph.

Rob told *Chips and Shanks* the challenge was proving to be a big hit with the group of four players.

"The format is like stableford," he said.

"If one player's scores a three-pointer on the hole and no other player squares it with another three-pointer he or she wins a skin.

"If a hole is squared, the skin jackpots until there's a winner.



■ ROB THEOBOLD POINTS TO HIS "FREE BEER" JUG.

"I have played with a few single markers and they have had to play their butt off.

"We have had some great tussles with the highest score thus far of 12 skins at Southport Golf Club with the winner getting free beer from the three losers.

"My brother Ralph passed away in 2005 so to keep his memory alive I designed an engraved glass mug.

"When my playing partners turn up on the tee I say 'we are playing skins today' and all of a sudden it's a full-on tournament.

"What's so good about it is you know where you stand and know if you are going to win or lose at the end of the round.

"I haven't had anyone say 'no, I don't want to be involved'.

"It's a fun event and the players are more worried about winning the skins than the daily comp.

"It's a way of getting a free beer, I suppose," said the retired news agent.

"My brother was a good golfer and I just want to keep his memory alive and I drink out of that glass every night.

"He's always on my mind."

LONG DRIVE FOR SHOW

HE'S 6'3", weighs 90kg and virtually hits the golf ball into the next suburb.

Kyle Berkshire recently won the World Long Drive Championship with a massive 406-yard (371m) blow at WinStar World Casino and Resort in America.

The 22-year-old American edged out two-time champion Tim Burke (374y) to win his first world title.

Berkshire's driver is a Krank Formula 7/Formula 6 with a 2-4 degree loft.

The shaft is a Paderson Kinetix with a flex XXX/Fujikuri XXXX Groove.

In comparison, the long-drive leader on the PGA Tour, Cameron Champ, averages 317.9 yards (290m).

Rory McIlroy is next best with an average of 313.5y (287m).

Meanwhile, South African Chloe Garner won the women's long drive title, beating three-time champion Phillis Meti of New Zealand.

Garner won with a 347-yard (317m) drive and finished just three yards ahead of Meti.

SHOULD THE LADY SHOUT?

NORTHERN Golf Club's Michael Church came across an interesting snippet dating back almost a century.

The following yarn appeared in *The Herald* (Melbourne) on March 26, 1923.

It read: A nice question arose at the Glenroy Golf Club on Saturday (March 25, 1923).

All the world knows what happens to a mere male golfer who holes out in one; but what of the woman who does the same thing?

This point exercised the minds of all and sundry in the clubhouse when it was discovered that Miss Nell Morgan had driven the wee white ball from the 4th tee with such

good effect that it did not stop until it found the hole in the 4th green – a distance of 122 yards.

As this is not the first time the lady had performed the feat, there must have been a large element of skill in the matter.

After exhaustive and exhausting discussion as to whether or not the "penalty" was to be exacted, the lady herself overcame the difficulty by distributing cigarettes – in lieu of the more usual whisky – to all concerned.

One suggestion was that as this performance was made in "mixed foursomes" the lady's partner should shoulder the responsibility of the deed.

The gentleman in question failed to see the sanity of the suggestion.

He concentrated his attention upon the tea and scones – for verily there was a great multitude gathered together.

FOOTNOTE: Nell Morgan was an 11-time club champion at Northern Golf Club (1914-29). It's interesting to note the hole-in-one was considered a "penalty".

The question is: do golfers lucky enough to have an ace shout the bar these days?

IRRITANT OF THE MONTH

Golf cart drivers who park on the "wrong" side of their playing partner's ball leaving them little room to swing the club. Note: If the player is right-handed, park to the right of the ball and vice versa.

QUOTE – UNQUOTE

"That was a great shot – if they'd put the pin there today."

– Golf television commentator **David Feherty**

INJURY COULDN'T PREVENT PAUL WINNING TRIP OF A LIFETIME

PAUL Davis, a Noosa-based engineer with a modest history of golf achievement, defied his doctor's advice not to play and scored a remarkable win in the Noosa Springs Open last month.

He had recently returned from a skiing trip to New Zealand where he'd seriously injured his right shoulder, limiting his ability to swing a golf club and causing him considerable pain.

But it mattered little.

Playing off a handicap of 36, Davis played one of the best rounds of his life to return 42 stableford points and win the men's division of the Noosa Springs Open by three strokes.

With the win came an all-expenses-paid trip to Dubai in March for the 36-hole final of the GEC Open – the world's biggest corporate golf tournament.

Remarkably, Davis's wife Deb went within a shot of claiming the women's division of

the Open, which offered the same stunning prize.

She notched up 39 points to finish runner-up to Sydney visitor Sandy Chapple, who plans her family's annual caravan trip to Noosaville to coincide with the Noosa Springs Open.

Paul and Deb Davis moved to Noosa about four years ago, though Davis's work as a structural engineer specialising in high rise buildings often takes him back to Sydney.

He joined the Noosa Golf Club in Tewantin, while Deb opted to become a member of Noosa Springs.

"I don't get much time to play golf, though I'm working towards spending more time at home and on the golf course," he said.

"I've had some lessons with Peter Heiniger and Hamish Robertson, who's been working on my chipping and putting," he said.

"I think I owe this win to them.

"I just played really well. I had to take a shorter backswing because of my injured shoulder but I think it actually helped my game. It still hurt, though."

Davis said he and his wife were looking forward to travelling to Dubai in early March for the GEC Open, which will see national qualifying winners from all over the world competing at one of the world's most renowned golfing destinations.

Sandy Chapple, a 22-handicapper at Sydney's Beverley Park, and her husband have been competing in the Noosa Springs Open for the past few years.



■ SYDNEY'S SANDY CHAPPLE TOO HAS WON A TRIP TO DUBAI.

She'd previously finished second and third in the event.

"We always come up and stay in our caravan at Munna Point at this time of the year," she said.

"I love playing at Noosa Springs – it's such a lovely course."

Sandy, too, is already planning her trip to Dubai, which she says will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play in an international tournament.

Noosa Springs golf manager Warren Ellis said this year's Noosa Springs Open had been the resort's most successful, with 37 golf clubs in Australia and New Zealand represented in the near-capacity field. ©



■ VICTORY AT NOOSA SPRINGS MEANS PAUL DAVIS IS OFF TO DUBAI.

THE QUICK NINE QUIZ

POTENTIALLY, there are 21 stableford points up for grabs on the front nine. How many can you get?

with David Newbery
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- Who was the first left-hander to win a major? (2 pts)
- Who won the US Open first, Aussie Geoff Ogilvy or Kiwi Michael Campbell? (2 pts)
- Who was ranked world number one on the Sony world ranking at the end of 1986, '87, '89, '90 and '95? (2 pts)
- In what Australian state or territory will you find Devil Bend Golf Club? (2 pts)
- Can you solve the following anagram – *Typical rank act?* (He's playing Presidents Cup in 2019). (4 pts)
- True or false: Six-time major winner Lee Trevino turns 80 in 2019. (1 pt)
- Who is the boss of Australian Ladies Professional Golf? (3 pts)
- What nationality is Australian Open champion Abraham Ancer? (2 pts)
- What do the following courses have in common – Hoylake, Musselburgh, Royal Cinque Ports and Muirfield? (3 pts)

ANSWERS: (1) BOB CHARLES; (2) MICHAEL CAMPBELL; (3) GREG NORMAN; (4) VICTORIA; (5) PATRICK CANTLAY; (6) TRUE; (7) KAREN LUNN; (8) MEXICAN; (9) ALL HOSTED THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

THIS MONTH'S WINNER!

This month's Prize:
1 dozen Volvik S3 balls



BREAKING DOWN THE GENDER BARRIER

I agree with your comments in recent times (including August 2019) concerning golf administrators, both nationally and within State and Territory organisations, who persist with the traditional policies and lack of initiative that seems to run with a number of Australian sports. It appears golf in Australia could be a leader in this field!

Golf Australia's Vision 2025 - "The Future of Women and Girls in Golf" is at least a strategy that endeavours to move clear of the "same-old, same-old" scenario and is a catalyst for producing more female golfers, provide high-quality events for emerging and elite female players and enhances perceptions for females in the sport.

Recently our private club in Western Australia, Melville Glades Golf Club (Inc.), expressed a concern at the dearth of potential elite female juniors in our Perth-based clubs, and one assumes this would be the case across Australia. The success of Minjee Lee and more recently Hannah Green on the LPGA tour in the United States is a great advertisement for young females to "get on board" with golf, but are we doing enough?

We don't think so!

We have the situation in Perth where some of most talented female junior golfers are denied the opportunity to play Pennant golf against their peers because many of our more prestigious clubs cannot field a team of 5-7 juniors to make up the required numbers for a club team. Seven or so clubs this year failed to provide a Division One Girls Pennant team as there were insufficient club juniors available, notwithstanding these clubs boasting individual extremely low-handicap female golfers.

So our Club believes the time is right to inject a new initiative into the game and provide competition between genders at Pennant level...apart from the novelty of such a situation we are of the view that, as you stated in your editorial last month, 'sharing the fairways' between men and women (and boys and girls) provides a fresh look at how we are playing the game of golf!

We have sent a proposal to Golf WA, detailing our request for a "Mixed Junior Pennant team/s competition". Here are some of the points we made:

The acceptance of a Mixed Junior pennant team's in 2020 supports Golf Australia's Vision 2025, highlighting 3 of their pillars as follows:

**Produce more female golfers with the potential to compete on the International stage*

**Provide high-quality local events for emerging and elite female players*

**Enhance perceptions in golf as accessible and inclusive among women and girls.*

MGGC has in 2019, established a "One Club" policy which promotes mixed events into its weekly programmes and fixtures and the suggestion of a "mixed" elite junior pennant teams/s supports this Club's strategic direction and plan.

The World Swimming Championships held in Gwangju, South Korea this month featured a Mixed Medley Relay (2 males, 2 females) for the very first time at any National Swimming event - Australia won Gold and this event appears destined for inclusion at future Championships, including the Olympics.

If it is good enough for swimming to take the lead on an International scale, it should be open for golf to start leading by example.

Ken Norquay

Vice-Captain MGGC (Inc.) & Chairman of the Junior Committee

Your Voice

Have you got something to say? Then tell us! Write to us via email at ed@insidegolf.com.au. Tell an interesting story or something funny about golf and you could win a great prize, like this month's one dozen Volvik balls!

NOT HAPPY...JAN

A letter in the September issue took me by surprise. 'Ready...Set...Wait', as it is from another Jan Stewart. I agree with her theory that "Ready golf is being ready when it is your turn"... but not so much with the other comments made.

So just wanted to set the record straight that it was not Jan Stewart from Anglesea who wrote that letter.

Do you think in future you could include a place name and state to go with the name of each letter writer? Letters in our newspapers always include the suburb or town after the name.

Jan Stewart, Bellbrae, Vic

Editor's Note: Ack! Sorry about that, Jan! Your point is noted. Keep in mind, though, that all submissions come in via email, and not everyone is mindful to include their suburb. Heck, not everyone remembers to put in their full name! And also keep in mind that some of the submitters request to keep their club name hidden (for obvious reasons). But I will aim to keep an eye out!

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BOARDS BURYING THEIR HEADS

I just read your column from Sept issue, and I wholeheartedly agree.

Can you tell us again what your thoughts are on slow play and its effects on Club membership?

Rule 5.6 (b) (3) Committee Pace of Play Policy states: To encourage and enforce prompt play, the Committee should adopt a Local Rule setting a Pace of Play Policy.

Do you think his should be changed to read "MUST" adopt a Local Rule setting a Pace of Play Policy?

Most golf club boards are just burying their heads in the sand about this; too afraid they'll lose members if they enforce a policy encouraging a reasonable pace and put policies in place to penalise those who don't comply. They ignore the stats that see more and more people leaving the game or club because they are fed up with 4.5+ hour rounds

of waiting on every shot and the knock-on effect this has on the rest of the field.

Reg Alderson

Editor's note: Thanks for the email Reg. My thoughts on slow play are similar to nearly everyone else's: It's a bane on the game. Personally, my regular foursome can usually finish our round in 3.5 hours if we are unencumbered by a slow group in front. But that isn't always possible, for various reasons. And some courses take longer to play than others... especially the harder ones!

Regarding the placement of a "MUST adopt" policy onto clubs...well, while it is certainly a good idea, I doubt very much that it is feasible/realistic. Even if a restriction like that were somehow placed onto clubs, I can only imagine that there will be club boards/committees out there that would find a way to make a mockery of it. But it's worth further investigation.

COURSE SET-UPS

I read your article on how courses have been set up too hard for the average club golfer. I found it very interesting and it made me think about all the times I have walked off my course saying "that was hard work". Then I thought about all the golfers that I speak to and it's the same old answer 90 % of the time... how hard it was. So, I emailed my club and urged the powers-to-be to read the article and consider what you spoke about because

it made sense to me. If the course is set up easier and most members are scoring well, they will be happier and may consider having a drink to chat with their partners rather than going straight home (more money spent at the club). Everyone's a winner. Unfortunately, I didn't receive a reply from my club.

Thanks for your articles.

Les Dick

WHY MEMBERSHIPS ARE DECLINING

Re: Your Starters Box September 2019. You make some very valuable and relevant points, and private golf clubs need to embrace your thoughts to reverse the very dangerous trend of golfers not joining, or foregoing club membership.

Your ideas on making the game more fun and less harrowing are on point, and certainly needed.

However, I would like to provide my thoughts of why memberships have declined, and will so into the future unless changes are made, which I basically attribute to the younger generation golfer who is looking for "added value" to the current Membership proposition. They want more and they want greater value.

Our current Membership mix is dominated by "Baby Boomers" who currently represent about 40% to 50% of our current club membership and within the next 10 years, there will be a significant number of these golfers exiting the sport. Who is going to replace them?

I was recently involved in merger discussions and the overwhelming support for the merger to proceed came from the younger members of the club who sought the opportunity to diversify their playing opportunities.

The current model of club membership with reciprocal rights interstate and overseas

does not satisfy the new generation of players that clubs are keen to attract.

These potential members are seeking the opportunity to play a number of different courses within their own state whilst only paying the Membership fees of one club.

For example, private golf clubs need to make arrangements with other neighbouring or metropolitan located private golf clubs that enables their membership to access tee times on certain days of the week and the weekend as well as increasing the number of course swaps clubs currently have in place.

There has been some action in this area just lately, but a great deal more needs to be done.

Variety of golfing experiences is a very simple way to enhance membership offering which will then entice the younger generation to move into private club membership.

Mergers need not be the answer but affiliations would be a great way to start and will definitely appeal to the younger prospective Member, indeed any new golfer looking to take up the sport.

Our sport is in real danger of a major decline in playing numbers and all sections of the golfing industry need to get together and create a masterplan to "Grow the Game".

Graeme Mathers

Barwon Heads Vic

ONYA JOHN!

Congratulations to John Mossa (Your Voice, September). This is the best letter for ages. He has really exposed much of the double standards and muddle-headed thinking prevalent amongst many golfers. An important example is recognising that if you want a quality course, frequent access to it and not having to share it with non-members, then there is a significant price to be paid. I

believe that the typical 7-day subscription for a group 1 private club is generally good value if you can afford it. A pity that John isn't a member of my club.

On the other hand, I'm glad that Ms "rude golf" isn't. Her attitude to ready golf is outmoded, thoughtless and selfish.

Frank Simper

WHAT'S WRONG WITH GOLF...ERS?

(IT'S TIME FOR SOME OF US TO TAKE A HARD, LONG LOOK AT OURSELVES)

As someone who works in the Golf Industry, I spend quite a lot of time reading industry-related articles and information from a number of media sources. There is a great deal of information, feedback and opinions published out there from industry associations (Golf Australia, PGA etc) and golf media, golf journalists, professional players, coaches, Club members, social players and others. However, a section of the industry that I believe is mostly sadly under-represented in published feedback and opinions is the one which includes those that spend 100% of their working time focused on making the experience of golf the best that it can be for those that play – this being **Golf Club & Golf Course Staff**. The size and stature of a Club will determine the breadth of staff which work at a Club, however, a “standard” Club/Course will generally have staff in Management/Administration, Course Maintenance, Pro Shop and Food & Beverage departments.

Whilst reading industry articles, I come across numerous opinions on “What is wrong with the sport and/or game” i.e. declining memberships & participation, slow play, Clubs’ financial woes, time-poor players, declining numbers of juniors and women... and on it goes. I suspect that if Golf Club/ Golf Course staff were asked more often for their opinions on what is ailing the game and the industry they would add another major factor being... golfers!

Ok...so maybe not all golfers (or thankfully...not even the majority). Basically, I am referring to those golfers that espouse a certain type of attitude, approach and language about all things golf. Ones that seem to **never** have a positive or encouraging word to say about the game, their Club and/or Course or anything! I’m sure most staff (and many members) know the types I’m talking about. They can be seen huddled around their normal table each time they play, nodding to each other as they take turns waxing lyrical about all that is wrong with their Club and also the rest of the industry, state, country, world etc. These types generally join Clubs on their own but quickly find, befriend, play and socialise only with those of the same ilk (as people with a more realistic and positive view of the world quietly escape these playing group/s.) Occasionally these types fly together in their small flocks between Clubs every couple of years. Many have been members of a number of Clubs over their lives. Their explanation for numerous moves would be due to each Club vacated “not being good enough” or the quality of the Club/course declining below their “standards”. In reality, the reasons are more likely to be that the members, committee and/or management have had enough of their behaviour and found a way to successfully encourage them to move them on.

Generally, these groups are no larger than four (sensible people don’t want to be near them) but occasionally the flock can extend its negative wingspan across a table of eight (hopefully for the Club’s sake...no more than that). A General Manager colleague of mine calls a particular group at their Club the ToAK (Table of All Knowledge). Those that inhabit these types of tables think their “group view” of the world is the right one and the only one that matters. At my Club, we have two different such small groups (different people



who play on different days but interestingly choose to sit at the same dark corner table!). I call it the ToDaG (Table of Doom and Gloom). They use words and phrases like “the greens are pathetic” and “the bunkers are an absolute disgrace”.

When I hear that sort of language, I immediately know that whoever’s mouth it has come out of doesn’t have or ever seek to have a balanced and educated view of what they are talking about. They are mostly just letting out their three-year-old toddler type tantrum behaviours after having a bad round, having two or more in a particular bunker

or missing a few short putts. When challenged or asked to explain in detail or describe exactly why everything is “a disgrace” they become tongue-tied or change the subject. These types are Class-A bully (or bully-hanger-on) personalities and those normal

people amongst the majority know that bullies on the inside are mostly actually gutless cowards who believe that, to make themselves feel good, they must put down others. Pathetic, really. These types never admit that their golfing woes may have something to do with their poor technique, poor mental approach and/or lack of ability. Their constant state of grey mood is always something or someone else’s fault.

Pro Shop staff have to cop this sort of language a lot. Given their role is to help and assist members and players with their every need to help them play and enjoy the game to their best (with a smile), the constant negativity that flows from these types does have an effect on their enjoyment of the role which most of them love and are extremely dedicated and passionate about. Pro Shop staff have also probably got up at 5am to get to the shop to open up and get clubs, carts, buggies etc ready rain, hail or shine.

The types that inhabit the ToAK/ToDaG tables are the ones who, when they do wish to share their complaints outside their inner circle, do so in sarcastic-tinged verbal barrages (never in writing...as they cannot back up their arguments or make suggestions for productive solutions) at the General Manager

or (even worse) the President/Captain or unsuspecting Board Member as they walk through the bar or just before they are about to hit off for their game!

A couple of articles in the Inside Golf September edition caught my attention and I’m going to reference them to support my argument.

Firstly, Richard Fellner’s editorial and comments in relation to the motivations for the modern golfers to participate in the game as being heavily slanted toward FUN/ Enjoyment. I agree 100% and also believe that this extends to the entire Club environment as a whole.

Secondly, John Mossa’s *Letter of the Month*. I couldn’t agree with John’s comments more. He “hits the nail on the head” in a number of his comments including “I wonder if Australian golfers appreciate what we really have”. The answer is no, unfortunately a lot don’t. Especially those with the negative attitudes and outlook described above. In a reasonably short letter, John uses references to golfer **complaints** eight times. The attitudes John describes would come as no surprise to golf club staff all over Australia. Most of the complaints I hear, particularly about course conditions, are from those with unrealistic expectations, uneducated views and are basically just frivolous whinging which is mostly more related to their inflated egos and/or lack of skill rather than actual real problems with course conditioning. They are also showing no appreciation or respect for the course staff.

We are privileged in Australia to have a large number of well-educated, passionate, dedicated, hard-working and industrious course maintenance staff (working on much tighter budgets than those in the US and other countries) that produce course conditions each day that should be applauded, not criticised.

For those golfers that sit at the ToAK’s and ToDaG’s of our Golf Clubs (yes...you know who you are) I have a few challenges for you to change your attitude, approach and

language next time you play and hopefully forever. Try all of these at least once. Who knows, you may even feel a change around you and your general aura?

For general attitude/approach to golf (and maybe life!) adjustment read Bob Rotella’s books “*Golf is not a Game of Perfect*” and/or “*Life is not a Game of Perfect*”. Also read Chris Helder’s short but influential and thought-provoking book “*Useful Belief*”.

Next time you see a course maintenance staff member on course at your Club, don’t pass him/her and gruffly remark “the greens are too bumpy” a few days after coring. How about saying “thanks for getting up at 5am and spending all your days preparing the course so that I can come here and play in my leisure-time – I really appreciate all that you do”. Better still, put your name down as a course maintenance volunteer to get a reality check of the work that actually goes on to prepare a golf course each day.

When you pass a Management/Admin, Pro Shop or F&B staffer and they smile and ask how your game was, don’t give them a sour-faced response detailing all that is negative in the world, how about smiling back (yes... this is allowed and even appreciated) and say that, although you may not have played well that day, you enjoyed being outside breathing the fresh air, playing the game and the social contact that golf provides in spades.

After your game, as you take your place at your rightful seat at the ToAK/ToDaG etc, after others in the flock have gone through their normal negative rants... chastise them and ask them to each detail 10 positive things about the day (ok... this is stretching reality but give it a try!)

I will conclude my 10 cents worth by reflecting back again on my observations from the September issue articles. I ask the question...if we are trying to attract new players to the game and new members to Clubs, and those potential members came into a Club and sat at a table next to the ToAK/ToDaG for half an hour, do you think they would still join? Would they think the game is (actually what most of us golfers really believe it is) a fun, enjoyable, social, healthy past-time? The golfers with the permanently negative attitudes and approaches as described above have to realise that **they** are actually a big part of the current problems with our game in attracting and retaining new players and Club members.

In closing, I’ll just repeat John Mossa’s final sentence as I can’t say it any better...“Maybe if we complain less we might enjoy the game more!”



“The Undercover GM”

Editor’s note: The above letter was written by a very knowledgeable, successful General Manager, who is doing some great things at their club, courtesy of a strong passion and positive attitude (and a great staff and board). Their name is being withheld, by request, for obvious reasons.

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Thornleigh Golf Centre *	Tuesday	Oct 01	4 - 7pm
Roseville Golf Club * **	Wednesday	Oct 02	8am - 1pm
Monash Country Club * **	Friday	Oct 04	9am - 2pm
Drummond Stanmore *	Tuesday	Oct 08	1 - 6pm
The Australian GC * **	Wednesday	Oct 09	9am - 1pm
Tempe Driving Range *	Thursday	Oct 10	4 - 7pm
Oatlands Golf Club * **	Thursday	Oct 10	1 - 6pm
Branxton Golf Club *	Friday	Oct 11	1.30am - 4.40pm
Coolongatta Tweed Heads *	Friday	Oct 11	1 - 5pm
Tamworth Golf Club *	Monday	Oct 14	8am - 1pm
Forster Tuncurry Golf Club *	Tuesday	Oct 15	10am - 3pm
Penrith Driving Range *	Tuesday	Oct 15	1 - 6pm
Queanbeyan GC *	Thursday	Oct 17	10am - 3pm
Goulburn GC *	Friday	Oct 18	10am - 3pm
Shelley Beach Golf Club *	Friday	Oct 18	1 - 6pm
Penrith Driving Range *	Wednesday	Oct 23	4 - 7pm
Tura Beach Country Club *	Friday	Oct 25	9am - 2pm
Moore Park GC *	Tuesday	Oct 29	4 - 7pm
Penrith Driving Range * **	Thursday	Oct 31	4 - 7pm
Queensland			
Vic Park *	Tuesday	Oct 01	5.30 - 7.30pm
The Brisbane Golf Club *	Wednesday	Oct 02	10am - 1pm
Surfers Paradise Golf Club *	Thursday	Oct 03	2 - 5pm
Links Hope Island * **	Friday	Oct 04	2 - 5pm
Windaroo Country Club *	Wednesday	Oct 09	2 - 5.30pm
Sanctuary Cove Country Club *	Thursday	Oct 10	12 - 3pm
Golf World Townsville *	Thursday	Oct 10	10am - 2pm
Tropics Golf Club *	Thursday	Oct 10	3 - 5pm
Cairns Golf Club *	Friday	Oct 11	1 - 5pm HOG Hervey Bay
Middle Ridge Golf Club *	Friday	Oct 18	8am - 12pm
Virginia Golf Club	Friday	Oct 18	1 - 4pm
Noosa Golf Club	Tuesday	Oct 22	9.30am - 1pm
Golf Central *	Thursday	Oct 24	3 - 6pm
Royal Queensland *	Friday	Oct 25	2 - 5pm
Palm Meadows Driving Range	Friday	Oct 25	1 - 4pm
Caloundra GC *	Tuesday	Oct 29	2 - 5pm
Wolsten Park GC	Wednesday	Oct 30	2 - 5pm
Victoria			
HOG Mildura	Thursday	Oct 31	4 - 8pm
South Australia			
Mt Barker GC *	Friday	Oct 25	3 - 7pm
Mt Osmond GC *	Saturday	Oct 26	10am - 4pm
Western Australia			
Capel	Thursday	Oct 10	10am - 4pm
Fremantle Public	Friday	Oct 18	12 - 4pm
Marangaroo	Monday	Oct 21	10am - 2pm
Pinjarra	Saturday	Oct 26	10am - 2pm
Tasmania			
Devonport Golf Club *	Tuesday	Oct 22	9am - 1pm
Tasmania Golf Club *	Wednesday	Oct 23	9am - 3pm
Drummond Cambridge *	Wednesday	Oct 23	4 - 6pm
Royal Hobart Golf Club *	Thursday	Oct 24	9am - 3pm
Launceston Golf Club *	Friday	Oct 25	8am - 12pm
Bryce Gorham Golf Centre *	Friday	Oct 25	1 - 5pm

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New South Wales			
St Georges Basin ≈	Thursday	Oct 17	11am - 5pm
Gosford ≈	Friday	Oct 18	11am - 5pm
Tura Beach ≈	Thursday	Oct 24	12 - 5pm
Goulburn ≈	Friday	Oct 25	10.30am - 4.30pm
Moore Park ≈	Tuesday	Oct 25	3 - 8pm
Queensland			
Ballina Golf Club ≈	Tuesday	Oct 01	1 - 5pm
Pelican Waters ≈	Wednesday	Oct 02	9am - 2pm
Meadowbrook GC ≈	Thursday	Oct 03	3 - 6pm
Links Hope Island Expo ≈	Friday	Oct 04	10am - 3pm
Sanctuary Cove GCC ≈	Tuesday	Oct 08	12 - 5pm
Cabulture Golf Club ≈	Wednesday	Oct 09	12 - 4pm
DG Underwood Ladies Charity Event ≈	Friday	Oct 11	3 - 7pm
Carbrook GC ≈	Wednesday	Oct 16	9.30am - 1pm
DG Underwood ≈	Thursday	Oct 17	2 - 6pm
Coolangatta/Tweed GC ≈	Friday	Oct 18	1 - 5pm
Victoria Park Golf Complex ≈	Tuesday	Oct 22	5 - 7pm
Pine Rivers GC ≈	Wednesday	Oct 23	11am - 2pm
Dalby GC ≈	Thursday	Oct 24	10am - 2pm
The Golf School ≈	Friday	Oct 25	2 - 5pm
Windaroo Lakes GC ≈	Wednesday	Oct 30	2.30 - 5.30pm
Parkwood GC ≈	Thursday	Oct 31	2 - 5pm
Victoria			
Melbourne Golf Academy ∞	Wednesday	Oct 02	4 - 7pm
Drummond Golf Traralgon ≈	Friday	Oct 04	3 - 7pm
Churchill-Waverley Golf Club ≈	Saturday	Oct 05	10am - 2pm
Midlands Golf Club ≈	Thursday	Oct 10	9am - 12.30pm
Neangar Park GC ≈	Friday	Oct 11	10am - 2pm
Kew Golf Club ≈	Friday	Oct 18	9.30am - 2pm
Albert Park Driving Range ≈	Sunday	Oct 20	12 - 4pm
Traralgon Golf Club ≈	Thursday	Oct 24	1 - 5pm
Latrobe Golf Club ≈	Friday	Oct 25	10am - 2pm
Leongatha Golf Club ≈	Saturday	Oct 26	10am - 2pm
South Australia			
Barossa Valley GC ≈	Friday	Oct 10	5.30 - 7.30pm
Victor Harbor GC ≈	Friday	Oct 10	11am - 2pm
Grange GC ≈	Thursday	Oct 17	9am - 2pm
Vines of Reynella GC ≈	Thursday	Oct 18	3.30 - 7.30pm

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Location	Day	Date	Time
New South Wales / ACT			
EastLake Golf Club ≠ *	Tuesday	Oct 08	8am - 1pm
Armidale Golf Club ≠ *	Thursday	Oct 10	12 - 5pm
Tamworth Golf Club ≠ *	Friday	Oct 11	9am - 2pm
Randwick Golf Club ≠ *	Monday	Oct 14	1 - 5pm
Golf Paradise ≠ *	Tuesday	Oct 15	3 - 7pm
Oatlands Golf Club ≠ *	Thursday	Oct 17	1 - 5pm
Mona Vale Golf Club ≠ *	Friday	Oct 18	8am - 1pm
Asquith Golf Club ≠ *	Monday	Oct 21	1 - 5pm
Bankstown Golf Club ≠ *	Tuesday	Oct 22	1 - 4pm
Manly Golf Club ≠ *	Wednesday	Oct 23	8am - 12pm
Springwood Country Club ≠ *	Thursday	Oct 24	9am - 1pm
Richmond Golf Club ≠ *	Friday	Oct 25	3 - 7pm
Tura Beach Country Club ≠ *	Monday	Oct 28	9am - 3pm
Pambula Merimbula Golf Club ≠ *	Tuesday	Oct 29	9am - 2pm
Narooma Golf Club ≠ *	Wednesday	Oct 30	1 - 4pm
Mollymook Golf Club ≠ *	Thursday	Oct 31	11am - 3pm
Queensland			
Victoria Park Driving Range ° *	Tuesday	Oct 01	5.30 - 7.30pm
Sanctuary Cove Golf & Country Club ≠ * **	Wednesday	Oct 02	8am - 1pm
Keppera Golf Club ≠ *	Thursday	Oct 03	9am - 12pm
Links Hope Island ≠ *	Friday	Oct 04	1 - 5pm
Toowoomba Middle Ridge Golf Club ≠ *	Friday	Oct 04	9am - 5pm
Tewantin Noosa Golf Club °	Tuesday	Oct 08	9am - 1pm
Gailes Golf Club ≠ *	Wednesday	Oct 09	10am - 2pm
Yamba Golf Club ≠ *	Thursday	Oct 10	8.30 - 11am
Golf Central BNE ≠ *	Thursday	Oct 10	3 - 6.30pm
Coffs Harbour Golf Club ≠ *	Friday	Oct 11	10am - 4pm
Coffs Harbour Golf Club ≠ *	Saturday	Oct 12	10am - 4pm
Bundaberg Golf Club ≠ *	Wednesday	Oct 16	2.30 - 5.30pm
Drummond Golf Underwood ≠ *	Thursday	Oct 17	2 - 5pm
Maroochy River Golf Club ≠ *	Friday	Oct 18	1 - 3pm
Carbrook Golf Club ≠ *	Wednesday	Oct 23	10am - 1pm
Royal Queensland ≠ * **	Thursday	Oct 24	1 - 5pm
Redcliffe Golf Club ≠ *	Thursday	Oct 24	12 - 4pm
Palm Meadows Driving Range °	Friday	Oct 25	1 - 5pm
Redland Bay Golf Club ≠ *	Wednesday	Oct 30	2 - 5pm
McLeod Golf Club ≠ *	Thursday	Oct 31	9am - 12pm
Victoria			
Medway Golf Club ≠ *	Wednesday	Oct 09	9am - 3pm
Anglesea Golf Club ≠ *	Friday	Oct 11	9am - 1pm
Barwon Heads Golf Club ≠ *	Saturday	Oct 12	10am - 2pm
Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club ≠ *	Wednesday	Oct 16	9am - 3pm
Rich River Golf Resort ≠ *	Friday	Oct 18	9am - 3pm
Wodonga Country Club ≠ *	Wednesday	Oct 30	1 - 5pm
Tasmania			
Devonport Golf Club ≠ *	Tuesday	Oct 22	9am - 1pm
Seabrook Golf Club ≠ *	Tuesday	Oct 22	3 - 6pm
Tasmania Golf Club ≠ *	Wednesday	Oct 23	9am - 3pm
Drummond Golf - Cambridge ≠ *	Wednesday	Oct 23	4 - 6pm
Royal Hobart Golf Club ≠ *	Thursday	Oct 24	9am - 3pm
Launceston Golf Club ≠ *	Friday	Oct 25	8am - 12pm
Country Club Driving Range ≠ *	Friday	Oct 25	2 - 4pm
South Australia			
West Lakes Golf Club ≠ *	Tuesday	Oct 01	2 - 5pm
Kooyonga Golf Club ≠ *	Wednesday	Oct 02	9am - 4pm
The Golf School ≠ *	Thursday	Oct 03	9am - 4pm
Royal Adelaide Golf Club ≠ *	Friday	Oct 04	8am - 12pm
Glenelg Golf Club ≠ *	Friday	Oct 04	1 - 5.30pm
Mt Osmond Golf Club ≠ *	Saturday	Oct 05	8am - 12.30pm
Blackwood Golf Club ≠ *	Tuesday	Oct 08	3 - 6pm
Northern Territory			
Alice Springs Golf Club ≠ *	Saturday	Oct 26	9am - 2pm
Darwin Golf Club ≠ *	Sunday	Oct 27	9am - 12pm
Flight Path Driving Range ≠ *	Sunday	Oct 27	2.30 - 5.30pm

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Location	Day	Date	Time
New South Wales / ACT			
The Royal Sydney Golf Club Ltd √ * **	Thursday	Oct 03	10am - 2pm
Moore Park Golf House √	Tuesday	Oct 08	4 - 7pm
Newcastle Golf Club Ltd √ *	Wednesday	Oct 09	8am - 12pm
Coffs City Golf Centre ≠	Friday	Oct 11	1 - 5pm
Drummond Golf Stanmore √	Tuesday	Oct 15	11am - 3pm
Roseville Golf Club Ltd √ *	Wednesday	Oct 16	8 - 1pm
Mollymook Golf Club Ltd √ *	Wednesday	Oct 16	9am - 1pm
Drummond Golf Albury √ *	Friday	Oct 25	10am - 5pm
Golf Exchange √ *	Tuesday	Oct 29	10am - 2pm
Canterbury Golf Course √ *	Wednesday	Oct 30	10am - 4pm
Drummond Golf - Taren Point √ *	Thursday	Oct 31	3 - 7pm
Queensland			
Links Hope Island Ltd ≠	Friday	Oct 04	1 - 4pm
Victoria Park Golf Complex ≠	Tuesday	Oct 08	5.30 - 7.30pm
Virginia Golf Club √ *	Friday	Oct 18	1 - 4.30pm
The Golf School ≠	Friday	Oct 25	2 - 5pm
Victoria			
Melbourne Golf Academy Pty Ltd ≠	Wednesday	Oct 02	4 - 7pm
ADP Golf Management √ *	Thursday	Oct 10	10am - 3pm
House Of Golf Mildura (Trade Day)	Thursday	Oct 10	3 - 8pm
Morack Golf Course √ *	Wednesday	Oct 23	4 - 7pm
Mansfield Golf Club √ *	Thursday	Oct 24	9am - 3pm
Drummond Golf Shepparton √ *	Saturday	Oct 26	9am - 2pm
Tasmania			
Royal Hobart Golf Club √ *	Wednesday	Oct 02	9am - 2pm
M-D Golf Pty Ltd √ *	Wednesday	Oct 02	9am - 2pm
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6 Dozen

Srixon Z H45 Hybrid (Right Hand)

Regular or Stiff Flex ~~\$269~~
16° - ②
19° - ③
22° - ④
Kurokage Shaft
Includes Cover
Sorry no number ②
Regular or ④ Stiff

\$109

Odyssey Putters White Hot RX

No. ① Blade Style
No. ⑨ Half Mallet Style
V-Line Fang Face balanced
Mallet (similar to No. ⑦)
Right Hand only

~~\$199~~

\$139

Includes Cover

Callaway Super Soft Yellow Balls

\$69
FOR 3 DOZEN
Sleeves 3, Superceeded Model



Srixon Soft Feel Balls (White Only)

\$24 DOZ
INDIVIDUALLY BOXED
Mens or Ladies White Balls



Cleveland Fairway Wood Sale (Including Cover)

Classic XL Right ③ 15.5° Regular or Stiff **\$89 EA**
Classic XL Right ⑤ 18° Regular + Cover **\$89**
Classic XL Left ③ 15.5° Regular + Cover **\$89**
Launcher DST Right ⑤ 19° Regular Mens + Cover **\$79**

CG Model Ladies Right Hand Graphite Shaft

23° - ⑨ Wood **\$89** with Cover
15° - ③ Wood **\$69** with Cover



Callaway Wide Waterproof Shoe

White/
Black
Balboa
TRX



\$89
~~\$139~~

2E Wide Fitting 12, 11.5, 11, 10.5, 10, 9.5, 9, 8.5 & 8 US Sizes

Cleveland Hybrid / Irons (6)

5, 6, 7, 8, 9 &
Pitching Wedge
Launcher HB
Regular Flex
Graphite Shafts
Easy use Hybrid / Iron

\$590

SET OF 6

Black Maxfli Towel

Hook
to Bag
50cm x
30cm

\$5

EACH

Maxfli Pin High Explosive Distance Balls

White
2 Piece
Loose
Inside
Dozen Boxes



\$54
6 DOZEN

Cleveland Set & Bag Package Deals

Graphite Shaft Woods
Bag & Putter

\$689 STEEL

\$749 GRAPHITE

Mens Right Hand Only

TaylorMade Shag Bag

Holds up
to 90
Practice
Balls

\$39

Callaway Golf Towel

53cm x 40.5cm
with connector
to bag
Black or Grey

\$12
~~\$20~~

TaylorMade RBZ Soft Balls

60
Compression

\$111

FOR 6 DOZEN

INDIVIDUALLY BOXED

Left Hand Only Cleveland RTX 2.0 Tour Satin Wedges

60° or 58° Lob
56° or 54° Sand
(All Matching)

~~\$129~~
\$59

EACH
Dynamic Gold Wedge Flex

Deluxe Driving & Chipping Mat by SLX



2 Lengths of
Synthetic Grass
Long & Short with Rubber Tee
2.5kg
60cm x 30cm

\$39

Deluxe Putting Mat by SLX

2.6 Metres

\$59

Large Synthetic
Putting Mat Great
For Home or Office



6 Dozen Lady Pinnacle (Superceded)

White Balls
Individually Boxed
Great for Ball Competitions

\$66 FOR 72 BALLS

16 DOZEN CARTON = \$176

Callaway Caps

Tour Authentic Rogue
White S/M or L/XL
Black L/XL
Fitted Cap
(not adjustable)



\$20

EACH

Callaway Driver XR

Project X Shaft
10.5° Loft
Regular
9° Loft Stiff

FULLY ADJUSTABLE

\$299

Includes Cover & Wrench



⑤ - 26° Hybrid Cleveland Launcher HB

Regular Seniors
or Stiff Flex
Miyazaki
Shafts
Right Hand
Only

\$179

Includes Cover



Callaway Cabretta Leather Apex Tour Glove

Mens Left (Right Golfer)
S, M, M-L, L, XL
Mens Right M, M-L, L, XL
White Only

3 FOR
\$54

\$7 Postage Anywhere in Australia



Callaway Super Soft Balls Individually Boxed

Low Compression
Durable Cover
White

2019 MODEL



\$159

6 DOZEN

TaylorMade Premium 19 Cart Bag

14 Dividers
Full Length
Oversize Putter Holder
Cooler Pocket
Black/Blue/Charcoal
Black/Charcoal/Red
Navy/Charcoal/White
Black/Charcoal

\$229

2019 MODEL



Srixon Q-Star Balls



White or Yellow Balls

\$24

DOZEN OR
\$138 FOR 6
DOZEN

Bridgestone B330 RX & RXS Balls

Moderate Swing Speed
Urethane Cover



2 DOZEN FOR
\$70

PGF Chipper

37° Loft
Chip n Run
Mens Right
or Left
Ladies Right
Stainless Steel Head



\$45

Srixon Soft Feel Yellow Balls

\$54
INDIVIDUALLY BOXED
FOR 3 DOZEN
(\$18 PER DOZEN)



PGF Wide Sole Up n Down Wedge

60° Lob (Right or Left)
56° Sand
(Right)
50mm
Wide Sole

\$49

EACH

GPS SWAMI by IZZO

Simple, Fast and Accurate
Front, Middle and Back
Measurements
USB Charging
30,000 Pre Loaded Courses
(no subscription fees)

\$99

Grey, Yellow, Green or Orange



Srixon Distance Balls

\$15
DOZEN

or \$180 for 144 Individually Boxed Balls
Great for ball competitions (can be mixed)



Optima Xtra Soft Feel Balls

\$15
DOZEN

Optima
TS Plus
Balls





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To attack the pin, your ball has to bite. So we designed Jaws MD5 with the most aggressive groove in golf.

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