



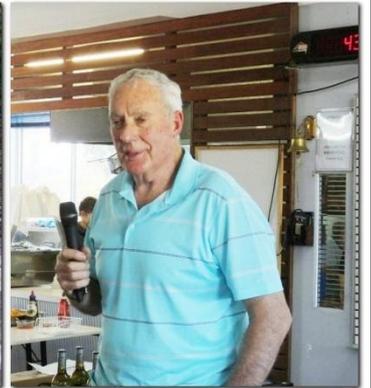
In The Rough

Newsletter

Affordable golf in a friendly, relaxed hinterland village setting

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10 year Commemoration – Opening 18 Hole Course

Welcome to new members:

Graeme Meade
Brian Jones
Chris Nielsen
Keith Harkins
Robert Hutchinson
David Horn
Terence Magill
Adam McLaughlan
Robyn O'Neill
Wade Greer
Cameron Tuesley-Vidulch
Geoffrey Edwards
Jason Egan
Dianne Benghamy

If you would like to know more about the history of Cooroy Golf Club read the full Club History under the About page on the website.

Give me golf clubs, fresh air, and a beautiful partner, and you can keep the golf clubs and the fresh air - Bob Hope

Cooroy Golf Club celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the opening of its 18-hole course on Saturday 25 July 2015. The 9-hole course opened on 29 June 1936 while the last 9-holes were officially opened on 28 June 2005.

President **Rob Powell** welcomed the invited guests – Patron **Jim Dunstan MBE** and the members of the Management Committee of 2005 (*above left in photo*). He thanked past committees for their foresight to plan for the extension of the course to 18 holes. **Bill Galvin** (*above right*), President in 2005, was invited to speak.

Bill reminisced about the Opening Day in 2005 when the heavens opened up and everyone came in from playing golf saturated and muddy. He spoke of his committee at that time, in particular the late **John Reilly**, an outstanding Finance Director, who guided the club down the right financial path.



The celebrations were tinged with a touch of sadness as we farewelled **Diane Payne** (*left*), who has worked behind the bar for 35 years. **Jim Dunstan** read a poem that he had written – apparently not the first.

Wayne Patston, manager of the club for 11 years, thanked **Wayne Brogden** for his great work as Project Manager for the completion of the new 9 holes. He thanked **Di** for her dedication and it was noted that a tear or two welled in his eyes.

Di was presented with a watch and a bunch of flowers. She thanked everyone for the memories she will take away. She then cut the decorated cake.

Many thanks to **George and Karen Hall** (*Sew Direct*) who sponsored the golf on the day and to all those who organised the golf and the celebrations afterwards.

Buy a ticket in the Weber Q1000 RAFFLE - \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Tickets available at bar - drawn September.



The older I get, the better I used to be - Lee Trevino.



Project News

The **Cart Assembly Area Project** (Project 4) is now complete with an enhanced capacity for golf cart and buggy parking and new landscaping creating a much improved visual presentation of this area of the course. As we move into *Spring* we expect to see the new gardens flourish.

Orderly parking of golf carts and buggies in this new cart assembly area will allow us to take full advantage of the extra cart parking space created without compromising free flow of traffic through the area.

Congratulations to **Brad Lavender**, *Greens Director*, his team and volunteers for an excellent job.

New decking planks have been fitted to the bridge adjacent to the 18th tees completing the **18th Tee Bridge Project** (Project 11).

Meet our Green Keepers

In this edition you meet **Terry Costello** (left) - *Groundsman*.

- ♣ Joined the greens staff at *Cooroy Golf Club* in 2014 as Groundsman.
- ♣ Born in Newcastle between 1925 and 1975.
- ♣ Married to Liz.
- ♣ 3 children and 5 grand children.
- ♣ Interests are golf and fishing.
- ♣ Likes a bet and cold beer. Loves a fish meal on Friday so happy to take all the snapper fillets you've got.

From The Green Keepers Shed

August saw some sporadic falls of rain although it felt like more with water pooling in some areas. Please avoid these areas when they are wet.

There are a few broad leaf weeds in greens with the 11th, 12th and 13th being the worst. These greens have had a blanket spray of herbicide *Kamba M* and *Trinox* as well as some hand weeding. All the tees have had a spot spray with *Kamba M* to deal with *Bindii Eye* and *Oxalis*.

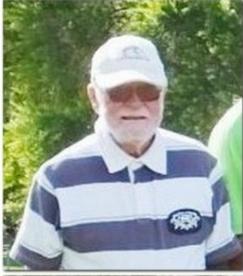
Greens have also had granular calcium and magnesium applied using the walk behind spreader.

A drain pit has been installed near the 4th Tee to address water pooling in this area. The path and cart parking for the 4th Tee have been asphalted.

Stimpmeter

Created by *Edward Stimson*, a banker by trade and fine golfer, the *Stimpmeter* is an incredibly simple, low tech device for providing a consistent measure of the speed of a putting green. Although conceived in the 1930's it took until the 1970's to become the accepted standard for measuring green speed.

The *Stimpmeter* (left) today is a 36-inch strip of aluminium with a groove running down the centre. You lay it flat on the green, put a ball in a notch at one end, and then raise that end until the ball rolls out of the notch, down the groove and onto the green. The distance the ball rolls -- *in feet* -- is a measure of the speed of the green. This is typically done 2 or 3 times on a level area of the putting green to record an average speed.



New Cooroy Vets Golf Shirt



The Vets

Over 260 players from 11 clubs participated in the *2015 Vets District Carnival and Championships* at the new *Maroochy River Golf Course* on Monday, 31st August 2015....a very strong field compared to recent years.

David Reid, *Peregian Springs*, claimed the title of *District Champion* with 75 gross.

A strong contingent of 36 *Cooroy* players participated and, we are pleased to report, with considerable success.

A great effort by early starter **Brian Flynn** (*top in photo*) saw him take out the *District C Grade Champion* title with 41 points – a memorable result as it was *Brian's* first experience on this new course. A great effort also by **Michael Loe** (*2nd in photo*) saw him claim *District Runner Up* in *C Grade* with 39 points.

Solid driving and steady putting saw **Ian Mulhall** (*3rd in photo*) claim 3rd place in the *D Grade Championship* with 39 points.

Russ Rylance (*4th in photo*) finished our best in *A Grade* – 6th, with a nett 71 on count back. **Andrew Dick** finished our best in *B Grade* - 9th with 36 points.

Congratulations to all participating *Cooroy Vets* players – a great day and an excellent result all round for *Cooroy*.

Women's Golf

Once again it has been a busy time for women golfers.

On July 7 we held our *Invitation Day* which saw a field of over 50 players. The weather and course were perfect and saw **Kate Sawrey** (*Cooroy*) and **Keryn Jessen** (*Gympie*) winning the event. Many thanks to our major sponsors **Cooroy Supa IGA**.

During July our *2015 Single Match Play* competition was held. It was wonderful and encouraging to have 16 women qualifying. After many close matches the final was held between *Louise Taylor* and **Sue Piggott** (*left in photo*) with **Louise Taylor** (*right in photo*) winning the competition.

2015 Club Championships have just been completed. Many thanks to all players for their commitment to sportsmanship.

2015 Club Champion - **Bronwyn Woolbank**

Division 2 Champion - **Maz Gray**

Division 3 Champion - **Wendy Morse**

Division 1 Nett Champion - **Shay Zulpo**

Division 2 Nett Champion - **Colleen Sykes**

Division 3 Nett Champion - **Jan Galvin**

Congratulations to all players.

Wayne's World

By popular demand *Wayne's World* is back.

On behalf of *Cooroy Golf Club* thank you to *Cooroy Vets* for their generous contribution of **\$10,000** towards funding the *Cart Assembly Area Project* which has transformed this area of the course.



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Unfortunately it has been necessary to discontinue food and drink services at *Marty's Hut* on Saturday due to lack of volunteers. We thank **Maz and Col Gray** for their past efforts in providing this service however they are no longer in a position to continue. We are looking to provide a roving drinks cart service on the course on Saturday between **10:00am and 2:00pm**. If you are interested in volunteering speak to *Wayne*.

Support from *Sponsors* is critical to the success of any club. A list of people and businesses that support us is provided at the end of this Newsletter. Before consulting the Yellow Pages or internet why not check out if one of our sponsors can help. Don't forget to mention *Cooroy Golf Club*.

Cooroy has been voted best value for *Social golfers*. We have just released our **Spring Golf Special**. Play some afternoon golf in great **Spring** weather – **\$15.00** for 9 or 18 holes every day after 3pm.

Located just a short drive from the popular northern beaches of the Sunshine Coast **we are a great venue to host social groups, corporate golf days and charity golf days**. We understand how to make these days a success and can assist with planning and management of requirements to suit both needs and budget. We can offer attractive packages with 22 Electric carts and golf equipment available for hire.

Looking for a new golf shirt? We have a great deal on quality golf shirts – **Members \$40.00, Non Members - \$50.00**.

The Club website has had a makeover to provide a new look and feel - check it out. The new site is *mobile friendly* so you can view it on your smart phone.

The website has reached some noteworthy milestones – over **31,000 visits, 20,000 unique visitors** and **100,000 page-views** providing exposure to a very wide geographic and demographically diverse audience. Great exposure considering we are located in one of *the premier holiday destinations* in Australia and the world.



Want to learn more – speak to Cyril about lessons and improve your golf.

Trist's Tips (try saying that quickly 3 times!)



The lesson continues – **Posture**.

Good posture establishes the spine angle that you are going to turn your body around and how far from the ball you should stand.

Flex firstly from your hips so your backside sticks out allowing your arms to hang down. Even if your arms hang down vertical that would not be incorrect.

Then flex at the knees but not excessively.

The top golfers learn good posture from an early age. Watch their posture on television and try to emulate it.

Notice your club head will not necessarily sit flat on the ground but understand that this not incorrect.

Men's Golf

Congratulations to **Grathan Leatherbarrow** for taking out the **2015 Club Championship**. **Pat Carroll** finished Runner Up.



Posture



Strange creatures known to frequent the 11th Tee at certain times of the year.



Ron Bourne (right) – Hole-in-One on 12th Hole (his first ever) during Vets September Monthly Medal.



John Sutcliffe – Hole-in-One on 15th playing with the Vets on 24th August 2015

Hole by Hole

This edition we feature **Hole 11**. Index: Men – **1**, Women - **3**

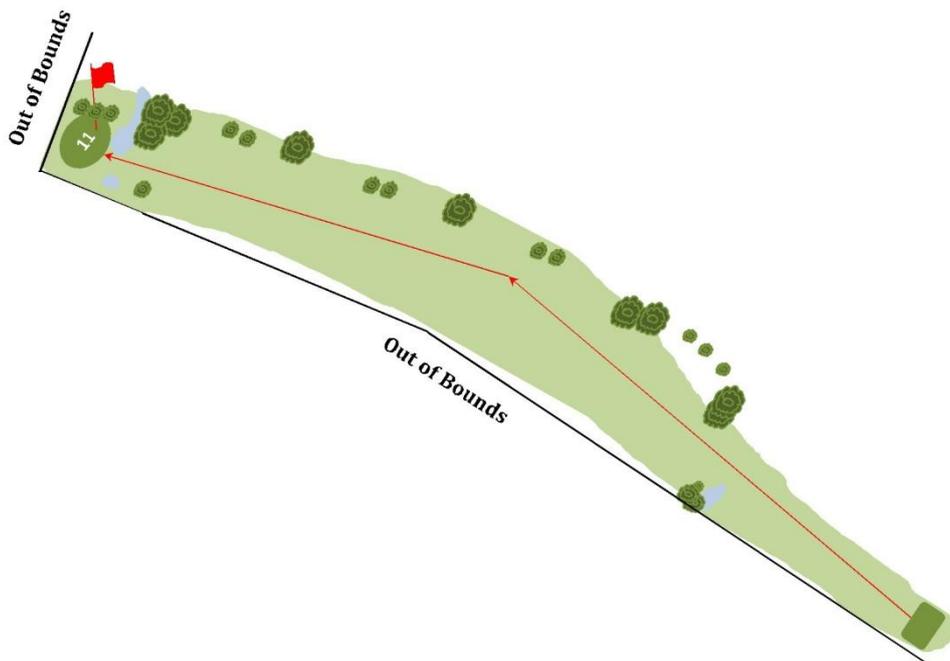
Blue Tee: 482m, **White Tee:** 474m, **Red Tee:** 430m

Long par 5 with pond and depression off front of tee. Moderately tree lined sloping fairway with out of bounds running full length of hole. Generous bail out area on right of fairway. Blind 2nd shot to layup short of the green. Water hazard in front of green with deep exclusion area front left. Out of bounds at rear of green. Medium size green with medium surface contour.

PRO TIP: Favour right of centre of fairway off tee. An accurate layup shot takes pond out of play - too bold a shot will find long grass outside fence.

AMATEUR TIP:

Time your drive to coincide with one of the regular freight trains heading south. Shape your drive so the ball lands on top of a box container, rattles around for some 200m then flips off back over the fence around 100m up slope from green. Simple chip in and 2 putts – easy birdie!



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