



# In The Rough

## Newsletter

*Affordable golf in a friendly, relaxed hinterland village setting*

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### **Cooroy Vets – 2015 A Year in Review**

**Welcome new Cooroy Golf Club members:**

**John Cairns  
Terri Cairns  
Ethan Druce  
Trent Hartshorn  
Lynne Hall  
Colin Jones  
Joshua Kenzler  
Ben Mander  
Gayle McConville  
Deborah Nelsen  
Lyn Potter  
Craig Price  
Tye Sclater  
Hans Schinkel**

In case you haven't noticed the Vets have adopted a new logo shirt with over 100 being purchased by our members. The new high visibility colour has drawn quite a lot of favourable comment. There is certainly no problem now identifying the 'Cooroy Boys' on the course according to our *District Veteran Golfer* colleagues – you can't miss us!

2015 has been another very successful year for the Vets with this success evident in levels of participation and activities and flowing through to our financials. We finished the financial year with \$8,378 in the bank.

Male membership currently stands at 134. 17 new Male Members joined the Vets this year which is particularly pleasing as the majority of these *Junior Vets* are now regulars each week and at Host Days. This has also added a bit of 'youth' to our ageing membership profile and helped keep participation levels and field numbers at record levels all of which augurs well for next year.

Fields averaged 80 with a total of 4,655 rounds played this year, up about 4% on last year in real terms.

The weather has been kind again this year with effectively no days lost but we believe our success has more to do with *Members* enjoying the supportive and friendly social atmosphere we have worked hard to foster whilst at the same time participating in some competitive but friendly golf.

With great support from our external sponsors and generous prize donations from our members we were able to increase *Direct Member Benefits* in the form of free catered events. Some 12 Sausage Sizzle and *Marty's Hut* events were held during the year as well as a mid-year lunch catered by Thai Tong Restaurant. We plan to continue these events in 2016.

We spent \$14,854 funding 3 initiatives under our *Funding Initiatives Program* with *Cooroy Golf Club*.

**10<sup>th</sup> Tee Project - \$4,254  
Scorecard Printing - \$600**



**Vets – enjoying Marty's Hut Hamburger stop with Marty in attendance.**

## Cart Assembly Area Project -\$10,000

In addition we paid \$48,524 to *Cooroy Golf Club* for *Green Fees* and purchase of *Goods and Services* such as prize credits, golf prizes, golf balls, raffle prizes etc.

Fund raising efforts saw us donate \$2,000 to Prostate Cancer and \$758 to Legacy.

Our thanks to *Wayne* and staff for maintaining the course in good shape and keeping the hospitality flowing before and after game days.

The *Vets* program for 2016 is looking busy with opportunities for our members to participate in some 75 competitions and events.

## Meet our Green Keepers

In this edition you meet **Brendan O'Brien** (left). *Brendan* is our newest staff member.



- ♣ *Brendan* is married with a 4 year old boy starting Prep next year.
- ♣ Has experience in sports ground maintenance, cricket wickets etc
- ♣ Worked at Proserpine Golf Club for 3 years.
- ♣ Interests are golf and fishing.
- ♣ Likes watching cricket and most sports and fishing.
- ♣ Favourite overseas destination is Bali.

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



The lesson continues – **Triggers**.

To start your backswing engage your core muscles - your pelvic floor, abdominals and associated muscles.

Most top flight tournament players have a 'trigger' movement that sets their core muscles rotating. It may be a forward press (*Stenson*), a waggle (*Dufner*), a slight kick in of the right knee (*Speith*) a shoulder shrug (*McIlroy*), a turn of the head (*Nicklaus*).

So develop a 'trigger' move of your liking and let that be the key for your body to engage your core muscles to get your backswing going.

Want to learn more? Speak to *Cyril* about lessons and improve your golf.

## President Report – Rob Powell

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity and the honour of being your President for the past year.

I would like to congratulate the Management Committee, on their hard work and commitment. Congratulations to Greens Director *Brad Lavender* and Vice-President *Bob Read* and their team of volunteers gave unselfishly of their time and workmanship on major projects throughout the year.

Our Club Manager, *Wayne Patston*, and his staff, maintained a professional approach and created goodwill in the everyday running of the Club– well done!

Our Course Supervisor *Paul Dawson* and his team, in spite of staff changes, coped well the changes in weather patterns during the winter months which created some issues to the greens – job well done!

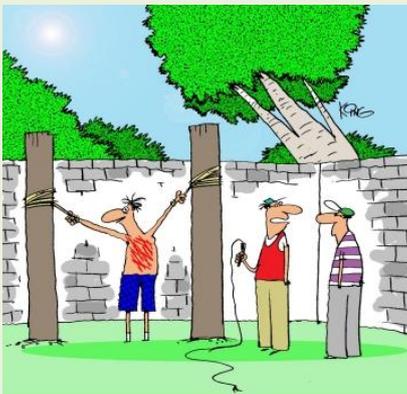




**New cart assembly area**

**Taking advantage of the latest technology we have commenced a weekly email NEWS UPDATE providing regular news on what's happening @ Cooroy.**

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**"He forgot to fix his divots, he plays too slow and he left a beer can on the course. He knew this was a tough country club when he joined."**

Our Club is in a sound financial position for a number of reasons:

- a) Good weather
- b) Cost controls
- c) Budgeting

Thanks to Past President *David Jones* for steering us in the right direction. I believe with another year of good weather we have a solid platform in place to be able to continue to show further growth over the coming financial year.

To all the volunteers at *Cooroy Golf Club*, I want you to believe that at the end of the day you have really made a huge difference. It is like-minded people like you that make the club a better place. Our volunteers assist in every aspect of our Club: Management Committee – sub-committees – administration – catering – maintaining the golf course – maintaining the gardens – building cart paths – building projects – painting.

Over the past year there have been some major projects undertaken and completed by our volunteers, greens staff and outside contractors:

- Concrete and beautify the 1st tee area (Veterans assisted with \$10 000).
- New additional cart paths.
- Commenced planned upgrade of all tees.
- Repair 18<sup>th</sup> fairway bridge.
- Repair and erect fence at approach to 11<sup>th</sup> green.
- New screens on course toilets.
- Reduced a number of large and hazardous trees throughout the golf course.

Thank you to all our sponsors who have committed their support over the year. I hope we can continue these partnerships into the future.

I look forward to a successful and progressive future for *Cooroy Golf Club*.

## **Men's Golf - Graeme Finn**

Many thanks to my committee consisting of *Brad Jordison* (Vice Captain), *Kelvin Brittain*, *Cyril Trist*, *Andy Stewart* (for the early part of the year) and *Rob Sirett*. A special mention also to our General Manager, Mr *Wayne Patston* for his assistance.

The hard work and dedication of *Andy Stewart* and *Cyril Trist* have given us a Practise Area – nets and bunkers which all members can now enjoy.

All honour board events have been contested although numbers for the Club Championships have again not been as expected. The format for the foursomes over 27 holes was successful with an increase in participants in this event. The Cooroy Open was won by *Ash Grovesner* with *Andy Stewart* being the Nett winner.

The introduction of the Orange Stakes, although initially causing some concern, seems now to be adhered to by Motorised Cart users and the approaches to the greens have improved as a result.

The continued use of graded pin shots as well as the pro-pin and sweepstakes has again been well received as well as the change to providing balls for the N.T.P's and run-downs.



There is still concern that numbers for the Saturday competition have not improved from last year's figures and in some instances have declined. Member participation is critical to the prolonged benefit of our Golf Club.

The Men's Pennants Teams have increased in participating member numbers. Again both Masters and B Grades have performed extremely well. Special mention to *Marc Bright* for making the Zone and District sides.

The R & A have introduced a few new rules for the commencement of the 2016 year. Please avail yourself of a Rules Book and check these changes.

## Women's Golf - Wendy O'Hare

I would especially like to thank my committee members - *Assunta Easton, Carmel Clark, Wendy Morse and Desley Walker* - for all their help and support. It has been a wonderful team.

Our wins in 2015:

- North Coast Zone Nett Pennants - Northern Division
- North Coast Zone Match-Play Pennants - Bronze Division
- Noosa Rose Bowl

Thanks to all our members who participated so willingly in all our club and inter-club events.

Thanks to our sponsors:

- **Sunday Social Club** for sponsoring our Pennant Teams.
- **Adina Watches** and **Cooroy Guardian Pharmacy** for sponsoring our Open Day.
- **Cooroy Supa IGA** for sponsoring our Invitation Day.



**Cooroy - Nambour Challenge**

In October we held our Tee-Off for Breast Cancer Research charity day. We were able to raise over \$1 300.00. Many thanks to our major sponsors, **Noosa River and Canal Cruises** and **J & G Bisset Electrical**. Earlier in the year the Tuesday Group held a very successful Oncology charity golf day raising over \$900.00.

## Winners 2015

### Club Champion

B Grade Champion

C Grade Champion

Bronwyn Woolbank

Maz Gray

Wendy Morse

### 72 Hole Nett Champions

B Grade

C Grade

Shay Zulpo

Colleen Sykes

Jan Galvin

### 4BBB Match Play Champions

### 4BBB Stroke Champions

### Single Match Play Champion

### Medal of Medals 2014

Carmel Clark and Kate Sawrey

Jan Galvin and Louise Taylor

Louise Taylor

Kaye Gilmour



I especially wish to thank all the women golfers who have helped to make 2015 a great year. Your support, help and patience have been wonderful.

## House - Maz Gray



**Wayne - there is time for golf!**

The new paved area at the side of the hire cart sheds, the lovely gardens, and the timber screen make a huge difference. Many thanks to all who were involved in the beautification of that area.

We have hosted some big days at our club this year and the feed-back was all positive – love the course – it makes you think – some of the greens are tricky – the club members and bar staff are helpful and friendly.

Many thanks to all the staff and volunteers who have put *Cooroy Golf Club* into its present positive position.

We would like to thank the entire bar staff – *Raewyn, Cyril, Graeme* and *Andrew*. We have had a couple of bar staff changes this year with *Steve* moving to Hervey Bay and *Dianne* retiring after 30 years. *Raewyn* has stepped up into *Di's* place and makes those lovely fresh sandwiches, cakes and slices that you can purchase from the bar.

*Wayne* has started a new 18-hole competition open to both men and women with a GA handicap on Fridays – the *Cooper's Challenge*. This is as well as the usual chook run.

Our thoughts are with those who have not been well during the year. We wish you a speedy recovery. Welcome back to *Terri* and *John Cairns* on their return after their trip around Australia.

*Col* and I would like to thank all the members who supported the barbeque at *Marty's Hut*. We enjoyed doing it but unfortunately we were unable to continue.

We would like to take this opportunity and wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Thank you all for making this club the wonderful Golf Club we have to-day.

### **Greens Director – Brad Lavender**

2015 has certainly been a busy year during which we completed a large number of projects. Many thanks to all who assisted – without our volunteers we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Thanks too to *Paul Dawson*, our Greens Supervisor, and his capable assistants for continuing to maintain the course under sometimes trying circumstances.

The projects we have completed throughout the year are listed below:

- Organisation of concrete cart assembly area, drainage, screens and gardens;
- Completion of new cart shed at northern end of club house;
- Concrete path to rear cart sheds;
- Screens around rubbish bins;
- Removal of tree from neighbour's property (causing problems)
- Paths to side of 18<sup>th</sup> fairway;
- Re-instate paths with bitumen;
- Temporary repair of 18<sup>th</sup> bridge;
- Fence around hazard at 11<sup>th</sup> green;
- Removal of trees and stumps on various parts of the course;
- General maintenance of course;
- Picking up debris by volunteers;
- Installation of ball washers and rubbish bins donated by Horton Park Golf



**Improvements at rear of clubhouse.**



**Col Gray – Marty's Hut**

Club;

- Improvement to the Bar area of the Club House
- Raising of floor, re-sheeting and installation of roller door to store room.

Thank you to all for the support I have been given during the year. I trust that 2016 will be equally as successful.

### **Junior Co-Coordinator – Cyril Trist**

This year numbers for our Junior coaching programs (usually run in Autumn and Spring) have been quite poor. The club needs to seriously re-think how it recruits juniors of all ages, how it coaches them and what competitions it then provides for them.

Thank you to *Carole Clancy* and *Andrew Champion* who helped earlier in the year with coaching. For the time being, I am trying to satisfy the needs of enquiring parents by coaching any kids interested on a one-to-one basis pro bono.

Thank you very much to those members who gave me pretty good used balls and clubs they no longer wanted. I was able to pass them on to deserving kids who were thrilled to receive them.

### **All Abilities Golf 2015 Annual Report – Marc Bright**

*Cooroy Golf Club* was lucky enough to obtain a grant from the Queensland Government Department of Sport and Recreation to finance a program run by a member, *Marc Bright* of *All Abilities Golf*.

*Marc* has provided his clients with a large number of events at *Cooroy Golf Club*.

The Eat, Laugh and Play Event – a modified short version of the Foursome event has been well received. They have had a number of Golf Picnics at the Yarning Circle near Marty's Hut with up to 28 members attending.

25 players proudly wear their AAG Team Golf Outfits (purple logo shirts and white logo golf hats worn with maroon socks).

Many thanks to the Management Committee of *Cooroy Golf Club*, General Manager *Wayne Patston*, Men's Golf Director, *Graeme Finn* and all those members who have mingled with and supported AAG members.

You can read more about *All Abilities Golf* in Newsletter No 2.

### **Women's Tuesday Club – Juanita Langford (Coordinator)**

Sadly this year we lost one of our much loved members, *Margie Brown*. *Margie* was a member for many years and was a vibrant and happy person and will be missed by many people.

A happier event this year was our very successful fund raising day for the *Noosa Hospital Oncology Unit*. This was our best year ever raising \$907. The CEO of the hospital was so impressed with our efforts over several years that the hospital contributed funds as well and finally the unit was able to purchase their vein-finder thus ensuring their patients the least amount of injections and discomfort. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this amazing result.

This year has been very successful. We have gained 6 new members; many people have been really improving with their golf with some players moving up



***Cyril listen, all I want you to teach me is how to drive the ball 300m – okay!***



***All Abilities Joyology Group enjoying a golf excursion at Cooroy.***

***“The rough should have high grass. When you go bowling they don't give you anything for landing in the gutter, do they?”***  
**Lee Trevino**



**2016 Ladies Tuesday Club  
Committee: 1 to r - Aileen Morton,  
Eve Hunt, Juanita Langford (Co-  
ordinator), Leith Barr, Susie  
Thompson (front) .**

to playing in the Thursday Women's Competition. In addition I am sure much of that has been achieved by the expert tuition from *Cyril* – Thank you *Cyril* for all your efforts.

We are very lucky to have so many *Vets* volunteering to improve our course. Nearly every Tuesday we see them toiling away on the course and I would like to thank them for all their hard work. It is much appreciated.

Once again the *Vets* hosted us and in return we hosted them to a 4 person Ambrose. Both days were hugely successful and what we lacked in trophies was made up by a sumptuous morning tea provided by our ladies. Thank you for everyone who helped on those two special days.

I would also like to thank *Wayne* for his support of the *Tuesday Club*. Without his help we would not have so many things done for us. Thank you *Wayne* for all that you do.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank my amazing committee. Without them I would be lost. I never have to ask them to do anything – they just step up and it's done. Sadly *Carole* is stepping down next year as she has so many other commitments. *Carole* has worked tirelessly behind the scenes and will be missed greatly. Thank you *Carole* for your amazing efforts. I will be eternally grateful to you. In addition to thanking *Carole* for her committee work I would also like to thank her and *Margie Lucas* for all their hard work in creating our beautiful gardens. They are spectacular.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you here in 2016.



*Merry Xmas and Happy New Year  
Good golfing in 2016*