



In The Rough

Newsletter

Affordable golf in a friendly, relaxed hinterland village setting

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Welcome new Cooroy Golf Club members:

Barry Adler
Eli Breen
Brian Clemow
Helen Coogan
Tony Doughty
Stuart Gee
Simon Hands
Dalton Harry
Lester Hoare
Nigel Irwin
Michael Joseph
Mark Kennedy
Jacob Mander
Ron McCarthy
Paul McMaster
Craig Moul
Allan Murmane
Barry O'Leary
Callun Sirett
Andre Smit
Jake Smith
Bettina Thomas
Alexander Uhlich

Men's Golf – Graeme Finn

This is the first edition of *In The Rough* for 2016 so it is only right that the Match Committee be introduced: *Brad Jordison, Cyril Trist, Kelvin Brittain* and *Rob Sirett*. These people do a terrific amount of work to assist you to enjoy your golfing experience. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Firstly the *Opening day* was a huge success with 120 members of all categories participating in a three person Ambrose, with the winning Team consisting of *Shane Scanlan, Sara Brogden* and *Peter Ziff* winning a Titleist Golf Stand Bag each - just shows that you do not have to have three burly male golfers to win.

February's Monthly Medal Winner in "A" Grade was *Rob Sirett* 65 C/b, "B" Grade - *Tony Bernhagen*, "C" Grade - *Ethan Greer* and our first "D" Grade winner was *Alex McKinnon*. All Monthly Medal winners win a Club shirt as well as a Club Logo divot tool – congratulations!!

Pace of Play is an important consideration when we are enjoying and participating in our round of golf. It allows for the smooth flow of players around our golf course and it also allows our golf course to be utilised at certain time for our social golfers. It is recommended that a maximum time of 4 hours be your target to complete your round of golf.

It is hoped that the speed of the greens will become more consistent in the coming weeks throughout the year, with the general speed of the greens to be around the 8.0 on the *Stimpmeter*.

The "Orange Pegs" – Motorised Cart restriction areas – it seems still being adhered to by the majority of our members – this is a benefit to all of our members and guests.

VISITOR SPECIAL - play in our 18 Hole Competitions for just \$20.
Visitors must have an official GA handicap.

The 'Saturday Men's Golf Survey - Results Report' is available under Noticeboard on the website or from the bar.



"Red" Lateral Hazard pegs have been placed on either side of the NEW extension to the drain at the side of the first fairway.

The Golf survey has been completed and a response will be forthcoming. Thank you to all members who participated. It is prudent to remember that Golf is a simple game compounded by a lot of rules- irrespective what form of golf you play the challenge is to hit the ball, go find it and hit it again until you put it into the hole. The most important part of this surely is the challenge itself!!

With the current temperatures and rain fall the golf course is at this present moment in great condition thanks to the hard work of our Greens Staff. The definition on some fairways is as good as you would get anywhere.

Best of luck for the remainder of the year.

From The Green Keepers Shed - Paul Dawson

Purchase of a new **John Deere 2653 B Precision Cut Tee Mower** has greatly improved the quality of cut on Tees. With this new mower we are back to doing one lap width mow of the Green surrounds. A big thanks to **Ray Leslie** for doing some major welding repairs to the old tee mower which is now available for emergencies.



Thank you also to the regular volunteers who help out each week.

Most of the major storms have missed us with our total rainfall this year standing at 282.5 ml which was much needed as the creek was very low. The reshaping of the drain that cuts across the 18th fairway is working well allowing the rain water to drain away much faster.

A new grass mound and path way at the right of the 2nd green has been added to improve this area. Previously grass wouldn't grow in this area no matter how long it was rope off due to poor soil, nearby trees, cart traffic and no fairway water. This new work adds interest to this hole.

Also a new path has been put in on the left off the 6th fairway. Please use this new path especially in the wet weather.

By the time this Newsletter is published we will have completed, or substantially completed, our first major renovation of the greens for 2016. Coming into the colder months there is a fine line between renovating too hard and not enough keeping in mind the colder overnight temperatures and shade issues on the greens when the angle of the sun starts to lower.

The couch grass goes dormant when temps hit 15 degrees.

Thank you to all members and visitors for your patience.



"I'VE NEVER SEEN A COURSE MARSHALL SO STRICT ABOUT BRINGING YOUR BAG ON THE GREEN."



The new garden in the cart assembly area continues to flourish through the efforts of Carole and Margie.

Vale Heather Johanson

Heather Johanson was born on 14 December 1942 and died on 19 February 2016. For most of her life she lived on what used to be her parents' dairy farm on Ferrells Road where she took great delight in raising African violets and bromeliads.

She was a dedicated teacher and spent most of her teaching career at Cooroy State School. She would often meet up with her past students who were now playing golf. There were times when players came up to remind her that she taught their mum or dad.

She was a long-term member of *Cooroy Golf Club* (over 40 years) and would often talk about the good old days. Apparently on Saturdays women had to wait until every male member who wanted to play had teed off, before they were allowed on the course. This truly rankled! Earlier on she was involved in some golf committees.

Once she retired from teaching *Heather* was able to participate more fully at the golf club. She was on the Women's Golf Committee from 2004 until 2014 when her illness made it impossible to continue. During that time she took on the role of Women's Golf Director in 2011 and 2012.

She was always a private person, but if you wanted to know what was happening about Cooroy, or who was related to whom, you just had to ask *Heather*. She had a good network of friends who kept her in the loop. She played cards regularly and she and her husband, Ron, were members of Probus.

We will miss *Heather's* depth of knowledge about golf and her love of Cooroy Golf Club. We will also miss her inquisitive nature and her dry and sometimes wicked sense of humour.

Rest in peace.

Women's Golf - Wendy O'Hare

The recent wet weather has affected player numbers on both the Saturday and Thursday competitions, but with the weather improving we are looking forward to an exciting year.

We have two Weekday Pennant Teams this year that will have new shirts kindly donated by the Sunday Social Club. Players will travel between Caboolture and Tin Can Bay.

Eight committee members had a wonderful day at Pacific Harbour Golf Club on February 19. We had 2 players winning a ball, though the rest of the players appeared to have lost many.

After winning our division last year players were keenly looking forward to the 1st Pennants match of 2016 at Noosa. Noosa won the day with Cooroy finishing with 4 points – a great effort by 15 Cooroy players.



Lavinia Hill & Aileen Morton all fired up and ready to go – Pennants Noosa



Committee Day at Pacific Harbour



Assunta's Birthday presentation



Tuesday Club relaxing after golf.

The Vets major sponsors are continuing their support for 2016 - thank you.

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Con Russell about to enjoy a free hamburger at Marty's Hut with cook Jimmy Henderson at BBQ.

Veteran Golfer talking to mate. I always hold my wife's hand when we go out. If I let go she shops.

Terri Cairns and Wendy O'Hare received balls in the run down with Wendy also taking out a NTP on the 12th.

It has been a time of celebration with one member having a special birthday – Assunta Easton and a time of sadness with the death of Heather Johanson.

Heather was a long term member of the Cooroy Golf Club (over 40 years)

The Vets

The *off program* Holiday Season Aggregate Stableford event run over the Xmas break proved very successful with 297 rounds played and fields for each of the 4 competitions only marginally below our typical Wednesday field. *Paul O'Hare* took out the major prize with a very consistent effort.

With 7 competitions at Cooroy, including 3 Host Days, February was a very busy month and a great start to 2016. 598 rounds were played.

The visit by Mt Coolum saw a record field of 101 with Mt Coolum bringing 61 players. Whilst we were outnumbered for the first time in a Host Day we were able to take out most of the prizes – home course advantage!

We also achieved a milestone on 24th February with a record field of 101 for a Wednesday. We are aiming to again exceed the ton for the ***Irish 4 Ball Stableford*** on 16th March sponsored by *The Leprechauns*.

Hopefully *Paul O'Hare* will give us his impression of an 'Irish Jig' again this year.

Marty's Hut compulsory stop for a free hamburger and cold drink and the free sausage sizzles have kicked off again and continue to prove very popular.

Vale Alex Lowe



Alex Lowe, late of Ridgewood and Cooroy, passed away peacefully on 28th February 2016, aged 84 years.

Alex, a long time member of *Cooroy Golf Club*, was awarded Life Membership in 2014 for service to the club.

Alex was also a long time member of *Cooroy Veteran's Golf Club*.

Alex will be remembered by his friends at *Cooroy Golf Club* and *Cooroy Veterans' Golf Club* for the great work he did around the course and for his cheeky sense of humour.

It came as no surprise to players to regularly see *Alex* cheerfully clearing out the water culvert running across the 18th fairway even in the stifling heat of summer.