



Newsletter 2021/1

April 23rd 2021

From the President

A lot has been going on at CGC lately and so a newsletter is timely.

The Club communicates with members via the Noticeboard on our website, via our Facebook page and via the occasional newsletter. We would like to produce newsletters more regularly, so if there are any budding journalists amongst our members who would like to contribute in any way please let Wayne know. The Club management would greatly appreciate any help that it can get on this venture.

Regards,
Greg Michael.

Finance Director

Geoff Edwards has recently resigned from the position of Finance Director due to family reasons. The Club management thanks Geoff for his excellent service during the past 2 ½ years. He has guided the Club through its financial difficulties of 2019 and the extra burdens of dealing with COVID-19 and Job Keeper. He leaves the position having helped place the Club in a much sounder financial position than when he entered it. Thanks Geoff – a job well done!

The position of Finance Director is now vacant and can be filled by a temporary appointment until the next AGM in November. If any member with an appropriate business, accounting, finance or similar background would like to contribute to the management of the Club then please let Wayne or a Management Committee member know.

GemLife Update

As you are probably all aware, the Noosa Council has rejected the Development Application by GemLife to construct an over-50s active lifestyle resort on vacant land adjacent to the golf course.

GemLife will possibly lodge an appeal with the Qld State Govt. CGC management are not yet familiar with their

intentions but expect to be updated at a meeting with GemLife in early May.

COVID-19 Temporary Rules Lifted

When the Qld Govt lifted the temporary COVID-19 restrictions on 15th April it seems that they also removed the requirement for outdoor sports to operate under a Covid Safe Plan. According to Golf Australia, all on-course golf play can return to normal. So for now, all temporary golf rules have been lifted and play is back to normal.

However, please be reminded that all the current clubhouse restrictions remain in place.

Volunteers

The temporary ban on volunteer work on the course will end soon. The Club has completed its review of our insurance cover, has purchased PPE for use by volunteers and is establishing a volunteer induction program. A meeting of all current and prospective volunteer has been called for Tuesday 27th at 10:30am in the clubhouse.

Further information is available on the Noticeboard of the CGC website.

Wayne's World

Some changes are afoot in the clubhouse.

The Club is updating all the IT systems in the clubhouse to the latest version of MPower. This will include new software (including member portal), a card printer, 2 card readers, 2 touch-screen kiosks, screens with scrolling scores, a new POS system etc. This is a major project and will probably not be fully implemented until the end of the year. Please be tolerant of any inconveniences that the changeover may cause.

The Club's cart fleet has been increased to 30 by the recent addition of 8 lithium-ion-battery carts.



Stone and Wood beer is now on tap.

Todd's Turf Talk

The course was closed for 4 days this month due to extreme wet weather. We were very lucky with limited damage to cart paths and playing areas. Bunkers are always a major concern when we have wet weather. Drainage lines and outlet pipes are not working efficiently, causing water to puddle on the bunker floor.

The garden bed between the 8th and 9th fairways has been completed. Soil and mulch has been spread over the exposed tree roots, making the area safer for players and beautifying the tree area.



Some other recently completed tasks include: 12mm solid tyne applied to tees; Round Up applied to garden beds, tree bases and creek banks; fairways sliced, gypsum and fertiliser applied to greens and tees; spot spraying of greens surrounds to control carpet grass and crowsfoot.

The renovation of some of the ladies tees is progressing well. The 16th is completed, the 17th is nearing completion and work on the 3rd will begin soon. If the budget permits, the men's 17th tee will also be included.



Men's and Women's Golf

Saturday competitions. Finding volunteers to do the starting for Saturday competitions remains a problem. The workload is falling on the shoulders of those who are already contributing heavily to the Club. The President, Vice President, House Director, Men's Captain and Women's Captain have enough to do without having to do the starter's job on a Saturday morning as well. Please consider volunteering to help. If we get enough volunteers you will only have to commit to 2-3 hours once every couple of months. If volunteers are not forthcoming then the Club will employ someone to do the starter's job and the Saturday competition fee will be increased to cover the cost of wages.

The new garden bed under the trees between the 8th and 9th fairways is part of the general playing area. It is not a penalty area, nor do players take relief from it. Unless there is a local preferred-lie rule in place, golfers are to play their ball as it lies.

Cooroy Ladies Open Day. This will be going ahead on June 1st. It will be a shotgun start but the field will be

limited to around 80 due to the Covid-19 restriction on clubhouse patron numbers. Sponsors for the event include: Live Life Pharmacy and Cooroy Country Wear and Jeanery.

Men's Cooroy Open. The date and format of this is still under consideration. Potentially, it might be held in November in the hope that limits on patron numbers in the clubhouse may be relaxed by then.

Veterans' Golf

The Cooroy Veterans' Golf Club continues to have very strong fields every Wednesday morning. A record field of 101 hit off last Wednesday for the ANZAC Day 4-person ambrose.

The Sunshine Coast District host-day program is up and running again this year after a break last year due to Covid. Home and away competitions will be played between all 11 Sunshine Coast member clubs.

The Vets Newsletter is emailed out each week- you can subscribe by completing the online subscription form on the CGC website.

Staff

Kelvin Brittain has now retired and we will not be seeing his smiling face behind the bar in future – however expect to see him out on the course more often. Kelvin has been replaced behind the bar by the equally capable and smiling Jenny Haimes. Please make her feel welcome.

After 12 years at CGC Paul Dawson resigned in January and has taken up employment at Palmer Coolum course. This is much closer to home for him and he will save a lot of commuting time and expense. We wish him all the best in his new job. Alex Delbridge completed his green-keeping apprenticeship at CGC last year and after a short absence is now back working at CGC as a casual greenkeeper. Tom Huxley is also doing some casual hours on the course as a groundsman.

Money Matters

The CGC financial position is currently sound. The balance of our bank accounts currently sits at approximately \$300,000. However because this is largely due to Job Keeper and increased visitor fee income during the Covid-19 sports restrictions in 2020, and with losses incurred in the last 2 months due to wet weather, the Club will have to continue to be financially prudent.

Membership subscription renewal notices will hopefully be sent out in late May or early June.