



From the General Manager's Desk

March 2009

EXCITING TIMES

With another golfing season in full swing, the golf club is beginning to focus on the opening of our new restaurant, *nineteen*. This should all begin in early May, once all the preparations are completed. Keep an eye out for an opening date.

The restaurant is a long term trial for approximately 1 year, so we will need the membership to support us to make it a success. We will also be marketing *nineteen* to the local community to try to generate a feel for a Twin Waters local restaurant. A series of dinner trials will happen when Dr Yamaji next visits in April.

Happy hour has begun in the bar on a Friday night between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Come down after work or after nine holes and enjoy a discounted beverage.

Global economic doom is getting closer to home as there has not been a new member join since January. Let's hope that this is a trend that does not continue. Remember the referral program is still ongoing for all members, if you have a prospective new member call in to the office and pick up the forms to receive your referral bonus.

Cyclone Hamish and course renovations have seen members competition player numbers down slightly but we hope that will grow with the better Autumn weather.

Good Golfing!! *Steve Hutchison*

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Inside the Ropes

The fairway maintenance program was completed just in time for the arrival of Cyclone Hamish but unfortunately the heavy rainfall usually associated with a cyclone did not eventuate. To date Hamish has only produced 20mm of rain and the high winds have only caused minimal damage to trees on the course. Application to Council is currently underway to remove several ficus trees on the north eastern side of the clubhouse to prevent further structural damage from roots and to improve the outlook from the Restaurant terrace area. This work will commence as soon as approval has been received.

Our works program for winter is:

1. Removal of trees and turf area to n/e side of restaurant terrace
2. Resurface bitumen cart path to 2nd and 17th tees

3. Removal of woody weeds adjoining residential areas
4. Upgrade drainage in selected bunkers
5. Remove wintergreen couch from selected greens and collars.

Tim McCormick, our Assistant Superintendent, resigned in January to start his apprenticeship as a sheet metal worker with Ergon Energy. His position is to be filled by our current Irrigation Technician, Garry McClymont. Garry has been with us since 1994 and will take up his new position in April. His vacancy will be filled by our original Irrigation Technician, Michael Styles, who returns from Qatar in early July. Congratulations to Garry and we look forward to welcoming Michael on his return to the Sunshine Coast.

Competition Handicaps

If you have entered a competition and do not hand in your scorecard, your handicap record will show a "No Score Recorded" or NCR which will automatically adjust your handicap by plus point 1. (+0.1)

If you do not enter the daily competition, please ensure that you advise the Pro Shop staff that you have not entered the competition, as an "NCR" may inadvertently be recorded.

A Question of Rules

Question: Is a player allowed to repair (pushing down with finger) the hole made by a ball marker that is placed behind a ball on the putting green?

Answer: Golf Australia confirms that a player shouldn't repair a hole made via the removal of a ball marker as it is considered that you are improving your lie. If the player is concerned about the damage caused, they may want to consider using a coin.

Course Etiquette

Carts on the Course:

Please ensure that carts are

- Not taken within 5 metres of greens and tees, unless on established pathways
- Not driven through newly planted or sensitive areas of rough
- Not driven through roped off areas
- Not parked in front of greens. This also applies for pull buggies

Courtesy on the Course:

Whenever you have hit a ball onto another fairway and there are other players on that fairway, you are required to extend the right of way to the players on the proper fairway. Playing your shot in a hurry just to get out of the way should not be done unless the group on the proper fairway has indicated for you to do so. Your co-operation with this practice will be appreciated by all.

Fore! Fore!

Whenever you hit an errant golf ball please call "Fore!". Yelling "Fore!" is simply a shorter way to yell "watch out ahead/behind". It allows golfers to be forewarned. It is becoming increasingly observed that the call of "Fore!" is not practiced as often as it should be and there have been instances where players have been hit by a golf ball or been involved in a near miss.

In the interests of safety for all on the golf course and in observance of proper etiquette, always call "Fore!" if you consider that your golf ball may hit someone or is to land in an area where you cannot see ahead and where there is even the slightest chance someone may be present. And remember when calling "FORE!" yell it out as loud as you can. It is meant to be a warning!

Ball Marks on Greens:

To repair ball marks on greens, commence at the back of the ball mark, gently push the turf inward, continuing around the entire mark. Pat down with your putter to smooth the surface. Please try not to bring soil to the surface at any time during the repair.

Membership Matters

Limited Playing Members are reminded that they must present a voucher to the Pro Shop staff prior to play, even for a non-competition round. If a voucher is not presented, the applicable green fee will be charged.



LADIES "GRADE 2" PENNANTS

The Ladies are competing extremely hard but have unfortunately not had any success in their 3 Pennant matches to date. Come and offer your support when Twin Waters are to host the Ladies matches on Tuesday 14th April. "Grade 1" matches are about to begin.

MENS "B GRADE" PENNANTS

The men have played 5 fixtures without success however have played some tight matches. The finals are to be played at Gympie Pines on Sunday 26th April.

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Friday Night Happy Hour

5.30—6.30pm

Selected wine and beer \$3.00

Member's discount

will apply for

all other beverages

Come and bring your friends and family



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Open for Lunch Daily

New Lunch menu available soon

Dinner on Friday & Saturday nights
from 6pm

(May Opening date to be advised soon)

BYO Wine (evening dining only)

Competition Results

February Monthly Medal Winners

Barry le Claire 70

Jenni Davis 71

March Monthly Medal Winners

Angus Caldwell 66

Rosie Glasson 71

MEMBER'S GUEST DAY

Change of Date

Saturday 30th May

Limited to 100 players

4BBB Stableford

12 noon shotgun start followed by
presentation of prizes

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Congratulations to member, **Brian Stehr**, for being named "Advanced Sports Sunshine Coast Coach of the Year 2008" at the Awards ceremony held in February. Brian was rewarded for many years of hard work with rising swimming stars on the Sunshine Coast including Melanie Schlanger and Nick D'Arcy.

CONGRATULATIONS!! CONGRATULATIONS!!

Our congratulations and best wishes to our Operations Manager, **Cameron Clark**, on his marriage to Nadine on 14th February.



VALE

RON SPIERS passed away in New Zealand on Wednesday 4th March after a long illness. Our thoughts are with his wife, Pat, and their extended family. Ron created lots of happy memories for many of our members. He will be sadly missed.

Upcoming Events

DATE CHANGES

Please note these changes in your Fixtures Book

Members Guest Day

18th April now 30th May

Also, due to the scheduling of the Holden Scramble Championship Final and the PGA Championship at Hyatt Coolum, the **Members Pay and Play Day & Dinner**

will now be held on

Saturday 19th December 2009

and the

Ladies Christmas Lunch will be on

Monday 14th December 2009

U.S. MASTERS BREAKFAST

Monday 13th April

Masters Breakfast &

9 hole Competition



Watch the golf on the big screen while having breakfast, followed by golf.

Members \$20.00

Non Members \$42.00

Includes great prizes

Please Book in the Pro Shop