



Club News

June/July Update 2018

Welcome to the June/July Club News Update. It has certainly been a busy few months with Opens and Major Club events and our members have excelled with their golf achievements especially our juniors Sam Harrison, Finn Couper, Gabby and Jacinta Downward who have been playing awesome golf, certainly our future stars!!!!!! And congratulations to Shae Carnes being selected in the NQ Meg Nunn Salver Team to play at Rockhampton in September..... well done Shae.

August and September months are also full on with events, Women's Closed Club Championships, Rowes Bay Shootout, Charity Day, Scramble, Men's Open, Men's Closed Club Championships and Foundation Day.....wow! Good luck to all contesting these events!

We are saddened to hear of the recent passing of Fred Edwards and Bill Jones, both long time and supportive members of our club. Vale Fred & Bill.

COURSE UPDATE

Things have been fairly busy on the course as we are in the busiest time of year for golf with all the major events and corporate days. The answer to everyone's question when 12 green will be in play is, by the open. It will most likely be preferred lie within a pegged area to start with. We are in the process of trying to improve the condition of some green surrounds. You would have noticed the ropes we have erected around some greens which is making a big difference and it is very much appreciated that everyone has been following these directions.

We have just installed some extra irrigation on the surrounds of the 4th green. Hopefully this will help the grass grow better particularly around the back left. Irrigation has been quite a big part of things the last couple of months with some major leaks occurring. We have also just completed converting another few valves around the clubhouse to electric which will lighten our manual water load a little as these valves were not working through the program previously.

Crows foot spraying has been a big part of the last few months and we have had some very good results. We are finally beginning to see less and less crows foot these days as we do have an extensive program to combat it which also includes very costly pre-emergent herbicide.

There have been 3 new staff start in the last 3 months and they are going very well so far. Braydan Millar is our new assistant superintendent, William Van Hattam is our new machinery maintenance person and Karl Neilsen is our new apprentice. Braydan has experience on quite a few different courses and has also worked on some top courses in the USA. He has brought some good ideas already & has a very good work ethic.

I must thank Bill Howell and the Sporter's Club for another generous donation to the grounds staff by purchasing a new moisture meter for us costing \$2000.

With all the events coming up our main priority will be course presentation. Once we get through this we will be looking at some of the tees that are desperately in need of some upgrades. I hope everyone has been able to take advantage of the good golfing weather we have had, and good luck with the upcoming events. **Jason Bushell - Course Superintendent**

MATCH NEWS

Conditions of Competition

Now that the Mi-Club scoring system has been in use for a reasonable time the Match Committee has decided that it is now time for the conditions of play to be altered to reflect the changed form of scoring. There are still players that are filling out their scorecards incorrectly. Not checking their scores before scanning into the system or scanning their card but not hitting the confirm score button on the screen. This means that the score is not saved to the computer. Since inception of the new system the Match Committee has been prepared to allow some time for players to learn how to use the system but we believe that enough time has passed therefore in line with GA recommendations we will be putting in place new conditions of competition. These conditions will be put in place as of 24/7/2018. These are :

1. The Gross score for each hole must be written on the card in the player 1 column.
Only placing the dots on the right hand side of the card is not acceptable
2. Stableford points should be marked in the results column for player 1. Whilst there is no requirement under the rules for players to total up their stableford points or to mark down the markers scores we suggest that this should be done so that you can then use them to check that the score on the card and the score scanned into the computer are the same and correct.
3. It is compulsory for players to scan their score into the computer after finishing their round

Not abiding by these conditions of play MAY/WILL result in the player being disqualified from the competition. **John Brown—Captain**

Handicaps

Our Club Handicapper has asked that you ensure that you return your score cards in all competitions. Many of you may not be aware that five NCR's not approved over 20 games will downgrade your handicap to a provisional handicap. You will then need to play further games to upgrade your handicap. Also while you are on a provisional handicap you will not be entitled to win any competitions until you get your handicap back.

Also, please if necessary update your email address, home address and phone number.

2018 Mixed Foursomes Championships

Rowes Bay Golf Club played their Mixed Foursomes Championships on Sunday 24th June and congratulations to Bradley Toplis and Jacinta Downward convincing 2018 Champions. Rodney Downward with daughter Gabby came in runners up. Popular juniors Finn Couper and Briana Bedson won the Nett with Gary & Wendy Winton taking the runners up prize



MATCH NEWS continued.....

Men's Foursomes Championships

It took a playoff against Brad Toplis and Shane Kennedy for Norm Sillay and Ian Penrose to take out the 2018 Rowes Bay Men's Foursomes Championships contested on Saturday 14th July 2018. Congratulations Norm & Ian (photo).

Max Haste and Jack Bloice were the Nett winners with R/ups Finn Couper and Steve Robinson.

A special thank you to sponsor Combined Metal Fabrication for their ongoing loyal support of this event.

Congratulations to all winners.....another great day at the Bay.



Battle of the Bays

The first round of the "Battle of the Bays", interclub event between Rowes Bay and Magnetic Island was played at Magnetic Island on the 10th June with the Magnetic Island boys well in front. The second leg of the event was contested at Rowes Bay on Sunday 29th July. The Bay won by 52 points after coming back from a thirty point deficit after round one, the best ever home performance!

Congratulations to Wayne Greatorex winning the coveted Mark Massoni Shield.

Photos below the Rowes Bay winning team and a very happy Wayne Greatorex.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER:

Women's Closed Club Championships—4th and 11th August 2018

Rowes Bay Shootout—Friday 10th August 2018

Scramble—12th August 2018

Rowes Bay Charity Golf Day—Thursday 16th August 2018

40th Rowes Bay Men's Open - Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th August 2018

Men's Closed Championships—1st, 8th and 9th September 2018

Foundation Day—"celebrate 53 years"—Saturday 22nd September 2018



Don't forget to pick up the Inside Golf Magazine each month, it's a good read, and we always try to have an article featuring Rowes Bay Golf Club in each edition!



WOMEN'S NEWS

Women's Open

What a fabulous day at Rowes Bay for the 40th Rowes Bay Women's Open, and a huge thank you to the team at the Bay for their exceptional effort in putting on a great event. Thanks go to sponsor Hyundai and we can't thank Jewellery by Design Castletown enough for their wonderful support.

90 ladies played the Open and congratulations to Tara Jenkins (photo) from Ayr the 2018 Rowes Bay Women's Open Champion.

A Grade Gross went to Ayr's Laura Anderson after a 6 hole playoff which included Townsville's Julie Laslett and Jacinta Downward.

Nett winner Pricilla Tehana, R/up Chris Barkle.

Mary Overell won the B Grade Gross with a one hole playoff from Tropic's Kerrie Doolan. Nett winner Gene Murdoch, R/up Pam Lyons.

C Grade played a stableford event with Leanne Du Rietz the winner, Mary Harris, R/up, Pam Malone 3rd and Ann Sharp 4th. Tara ended the day by cutting the Celebration 40th Year cake.

Once again congratulations to all.



Magnetic Island Open

Once again the Rowes Bay ladies supported the Magnetic Island Open on the 16th June, it is always a great day and congratulations to Jane Bragg, Jane Dalton, Freddie Baynes and Kay Carbis all bringing home prizes.



Rose Bowl

The Rowes Bay and Townsville ladies played the final leg of the 2018 Rose Bowl at Rowes Bay on the 25th June. The final result a tie—8 all. A huge thanks to both clubs for their support of this inter-club event.

Photo with Women's Captains Julie Laslett and Marg Schultink with the much coveted "Rose Bowl".



Ingham Open

Twenty plus ladies travelled to Ingham for their Ladies Open on the 30th June and congratulations to Shae Carnes, Priscilla Tehana, Wendy Winton, Maya Reddy, Joyce Valenti, Mel Stevens and Leanne Du Rietz all taking honours on the day

2018 Women's Foursomes Championships

A good field of ladies played the 2018 Rowes Bay Women's Foursomes Championships on the 14th July, with some great scores recorded.

Congratulations to Jacinta and Gabby Downward the 2018 Women's Foursomes Champions. Karen Verney and Simone Campbell were close R/ups. Nett winners were Gail Mosch and Elaine Greenwood with Priscilla Tehana and Charlene Borninkhof the R/ups. Thank you to our generous sponsors Jewellery By Design and Betta Home Living.

2018 NQ Women's Pennants

The 2018 NQ Women's Pennants was played at Ayr this month Silver, Bronze and Copper teams contesting the event. After last year's wonderful success sadly the news isn't good for Rowes Bay this year, they were certainly outplayed by Mackay, Ayr and Proserpine in all divisions.



WEDNESDAY SPORTER'S CLUB

The Sporter's Club Christmas in July function was enjoyed by all players. Snacks for everyone who participated in the Chicken Run Down were provided by the bar staff and were appreciated by everyone and everyone has reverted back to their Club Handicap. The Sporters' Champion Golfer for the 6 months ending June was Ray Wilkinson (photo) very closely followed by Mary Overell, Don Campbell, Mal Sheehan, Ian Christensen & Des Jackson. Due to an unexpected source of income since the beginning of June we have been able to repay the Golf Club the final \$ 1000 for the Humidity Tester for the greens.



VETERAN'S NEWS

2018 Veteran's Open

123 Veteran's contested the 2018 Rowes Bay Veteran's Open on the 12th June with visitors from Western Australian, Hawkes Nest NSW, Wynnum, Ingham and local Golf Clubs.

Rowes Bay took out the majority of prizes with Trevor Hartwig winning the Div 1 Men's trophy, Gary Colledge the r/up prize. Div 2 Men went to Bob Saunders with Frank Percival r/up.

Jill McGrath secured the Div 1 Ladies prize with Kerrie Doolan the r/up.

Div. 2 ladies went to Freddie Baynes with Ann Sharp the r/up.

A huge thank you to sponsor North Queensland Wealth Management for their continual valued sponsorship of the Veteran's Open.



Captain vs President—Tropical Coast Visitors Day

Twenty three visitors joined our veteran members for the Captain vs President Day on the 3rd July which resulted in the Captain's team marginally winning by one point.

Veteran's Shield Match Rowes Bay vs Townsville

A large field contested this event at Rowes Bay on the 17th July with 42 players making up the visiting Townsville team. Rowes Bay men won by one point 28/27 with the Rowes Bay ladies winning 38/17.

2018 Veteran's Championships

Seventy five veterans contested the two day event of the Veteran's Open on the 24th and 31st July. Ross Fieldsend is the 2018 Veterans Men's Champion with Margaret Schultink the Ladies Champion.

Division 1 Men's winner Sam Holmes, with John Coope the Div. 2 winner.

Ev Hopkins took out the Div. 1 ladies with Freddie Baynes the Div. 2 winner.

Congratulations to all winners.



JUNIOR NEWS

Our Sammy

I am sure you have heard by now how proud we all are of our Sammy Harrison . After contesting the 2018 Australian Junior Age Division Championships at Yeppoon earlier in the year and winning his age division Sam was invited to play two junior tournaments in the USA.

Sam has thoroughly enjoyed his experience in the USA and played some outstanding golf finishing 4th place in the Junior World Stars Championship in Las Vegas.

Sam then played the AAU Junior Olympics in Southern California. He took out 2nd place (by 1 shot) over all in the 15-18 Year Age Division. Then he brought home the gold 1st Place Medal for the 15 Years Age Division. Congratulations Sammy!



2018 Junior Jug

Congratulations to the North Queensland Junior Jug team of Gabby Downward, Tara Jenkins & Kasey Sorohan winning the 2018 Queensland Junior Jug played at Virginia Golf Club in Brisbane during the recent school holidays.

Over the three day event the girls only lost two matches. Well played girls. It has been 10 years since NQ won a Junior Jug event. You have done North Queensland proud! Final score North Queensland 15 & 1/2 points to R/ups Sunshine Coast 14.



2018 Qld School Championships

Rowes Bay juniors Finn Couper, Lachlan and Ryan McCarthy were selected in the North Queensland Team (photo) to play the QLD School Sports 10-19 year old Boys and Girls Golf State Championships at Kingaroy late July.....and congratulations to Finn Couper shooting under his handicap everyday in some tough and cold conditions. Finn was named the Nett State Champion in his Division 13-19 years. Congratulations Finn!



Club Visitors

We do love it when international stars choose to play golf at Rowes Bay when visiting Townsville. I'm sure many of you will remember Kevin Sorbo who is best known for his starring roles as Hercules in the Hercules series during the early 90's. Kevin was visiting Townsville recently with work commitments and enjoyed his game of golf with his two sons early in June at the Bay.

