



ASHGROVE GOLF COMMUNICATOR

MAY 2015

INTRODUCTION.

Last month we expressed our appreciation of the favourable response to the application to the Lord Mayor's Community Sustainability and Environmental Grants Program for assistance with the re-vegetation of various parts of the Golf Course, particularly the area of the 7th, 8th, and 9th holes.

During April The Council had their inspector visit the course to ensure the work, we claimed had been done had been carried out to their satisfaction. The inspector chosen to carry out the job, turned out to be a previous Golf Club Greens Superintendent who expressed his amazement at the transformation of the course by the work done by our green staff and volunteers and his report highly commended our efforts.

This is how Sue Moller, who initiated the application for the grant and was instrumental in the planning and execution of the work program, summed up the day and the inspectors review of the effort:

The Council Inspection...Wed 22nd April.



Dedicated to a better Brisbane

There was movement at the Club for the word had passed around

The Council inspector was due at Ashgrove today.

To see our planting, mulching and weeding and note if the creek banks were now green?

Had we completed the re-vegetation scheme?

The volunteers gathered early last Wednesday morn, scribbled their names in the book, and waited....

With a shuffling of feet and a nervous cough here and there.

"Have we done enough?" one asked, with a worried look that creased his weathered brow,

"It's too late now" was the reply, "we have done our best - that's all I know."

Week after week, we've planted lomandra, juncus and crinums, with jute mats and tree-guards,

Some have perished that's for sure, but most have survived.
Oh no! There he is with his clipboard and a friendly wave – don't let his looks deceive...
He's here to check the money's well spent - to acquit the Lord Mayors Grant.
"Let me see these creek-banks you mention and the mulched swathes you are so proud of,
I'm from the Council – you have nothing to fear if all is in order".
With shafts of morning light just appearing and dew lying wet on the grass,
He rode across Bennett Road to see the quality of our work.

"Wow – You've done well, wherever you look, so much has improved, the efforts been huge
This part of the Course looks great – what a sight.
The rockery on 8, the turn-around on 9, the banks below 7 – too many sites all are thriving
This is truly a credit to all.
"I visit many sites, golf courses as well, all manicured and maintained, but I can truly say
Here is so much better - it looks as if you really care".
Ill note: "Ashgrove has excelled, the Lord Mayors Grant was well spent". It's thanks to
the course staff and praise for that motley crew – the Wednesday volunteers.

GOLF SMALL TALK

Leety and I were talking the other day, and both agreed how time poor we all seem to be these days. Possibly one of the reasons why it's a struggle to find time to work on your golf game!

So here's an idea to maybe help improve your game. How about a quick lesson on 'The Net'? Apologies, I meant 'IN' the net. The fitting and teaching bay that sits along side the golf shop. Starting this month, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, between 6.30 am and 8.30 am, we will be offering quick, 20 min private sessions in the driving net, for just \$25. Rack rate anywhere these days for a half hour lesson is \$45, so at these times and price, this may be a great chance to get a quick tune up at a time that suits? Appointments will be necessary at this price, so give us a call in the Golf Shop on 33663438 if you would like to make a booking.

Legends' Pro-Am, at Ashgrove.

On July 29th (Wed) this year, Ashgrove golf club, thanks to the Retire Australia group, will be hosting the first of many (we hope), ' Retire Australia ' Legends' Pro Am. The ' Legends' Pro Am tour is sanctioned by the Australian PGA, and holds events in all states through Australia, along with a stretch through NZ. To have the Legends (over 50s) scheduled in to play our club is certainly exciting, and will give our members the opportunity to play with the stars of the past. Players such as Wayne Grady, Peter Fowler, Roger Davis, Lindsay Stephen and Terry Price are just a few of the regular players to frequent the events on the PGA Lends tour. I was lucky enough to compete a

few events last year, and they really are a lot of fun. I only played reasonable at best at the Mt Warren Park event ,where I tied 8th with Lindsay Stephen, but at my age on this tour, I'm still considered a rookie , which makes me feel good!

So if you are keen to have a hit with the Legends on Wed July 29 , keep an eye out for the time sheet coming out in the Pro Shop over the next few weeks.

See you on the course.

Gareth.

SPORTSMAN'S LUNCH.

Following a very successful and popular Sportsman's lunch last November, the next big event is set for Friday 22nd May.

The star studded cast includes Buddha Handy (Wallaby and well known entertainer on the speaking circuit), Ben Ikin (former Kangaroo, QLD State of Origin player and Bronco and now a TV and radio personality), Anthony Herbert (world cup winning Wallaby and local hero mentoring GPS rugby) and Henry Epstein (former touring professional and well regarded showman).

The function will commence at 1:00 in the main clubhouse. Included is a tantalising 2 course lunch by Zegatos, special selection of premium wines by Treasury Wines and an assortment of award winning local and international beers.

Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased direct from the office, for tables of ten as well as individuals and smaller groups. If you are unsure about the event please speak to any of the attendees from last year who will whole heartedly recommend it.

PRACTICE TEE RENOVATION.

Renovation and reseeding of the practice tee area will commence during this May and members using the practice tee are asked to ensure, before the job is commenced and after renovations, in using this facility, to restricted their practice to the area between the two rope lines.

Once the reseeding of the new grass commences, the area will be closed off and be unavailable for practice until the grass growth is established and the rope barriers around the area are removed.

Your cooperation in this way will enable the practice facility to be reinstated with a minimum of delay to provide you with the best of practice facilities.

RUSTY'S ROAD TO PROFESSIONALISM.

Once again it has been a busy few months for me both playing and assignments wise.

So far this year, I have completed assignments on, Responsibilities of an Elite Athlete, Performance Level One, Conditioning for Golf, Tactics – Strategies and Rules and lastly Sponsorship. These assignments are very relevant to what I am doing within the traineeship.

In terms of playing I have played at Vic Park, Surfers Paradise and Jindalee. Maybe my old pennants experience came back to help me because I managed to pick up \$100 at Jindalee and a N.T.P. This hopefully is a positive lead into the next few events.

In the next few months I will be able to start coaching and I'm currently thinking of ways to incorporate myself with the members, so stay tuned for discounts and information on that, in the near future.

Rusty

YOU NEVER KNOW WHO IS WATCHING.

When to play a Provisional Ball is a frequently debated situation with many players.

Rule 27-2 states 'If a ball may be lost outside a water hazard or may be out of bounds, to save time the player may play another ball provisionally in accordance with rule (27-1), (as nearly as possible from the spot at which the original ball was played.) The player must inform his opponent in match play or his marker or fellow competitor in stroke play that he intends to play a provision ball and must play it before he or his partner goes forward to search for the original ball.'

If the original ball is lost (outside a water hazard), or out of bounds, the provisional ball becomes the ball in play under the penalty of one stroke and distance.

In the absence of knowledge or virtual certainty that a ball struck towards a water hazard, but not found, is in the hazard, the ball must be treated as a lost ball and replayed from the spot where the original ball was played. (A provisional ball can be played in this situation.)

If a Provisional ball has been played and the original ball is found, through the green, or in a hazard, within five minute of a search for it, the provisional ball must be abandoned, as the original ball is the ball in play.

For example: On a Par three hole player (A) hits a drive into the rough and believing, the ball to be lost, plays a provisional ball to within a metre of the pin. He chooses to play

the provisional ball declaring the original ball to be lost. Before playing the next shot, his opponent finds the original ball, in an unplayable position, before the five minutes of search time has elapsed. Player (A) must abandon the provisional ball as the original ball is the ball in play. (Having played a provision ball the player cannot choose to play the preferred ball.)

JUNIOR COMPETITION AND COACHING.

Hope you all had a great Easter break. The term 2 clinic is starting next Sunday the 26th April. There is a small change to the start time which is now 10.00 A.M. to allow the juniors competing in the junior comp to complete their rounds before the clinic.

Other details are as usual:

6 weeks duration, starting Sunday 26th April, from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M.

Equipment supplied

\$90 per student

Unfortunately there are only a couple of spots left for this clinic but for the kids who miss out on the clinic are welcome to join the junior competition which is every Sunday from 8.00 A.M. It is free to join and a lot of fun. For more information regarding the junior competition please contact Rachel Thomas at paulrachel98@hotmail.com.

Thanks

Tony

JUNIOR COMPETITION

With a very successful participation in the junior comp we now play every Sunday morning at 8A.M. It is wonderful to see the children enjoying being out on the course and displaying so much talent and enthusiasm.

We have seen some very impressive shots from a number of our juniors over the last few weeks, with some extremely worthy winners of our 'shot of the day' prizes.

Well done to all the children for also displaying such great manners on and off the course and a special thank you must also be made to all our volunteers for giving their time on Sundays to walk around with the children and impart their golfing knowledge. We could not make the comp a success without such assistance.

COURSE IMPROVEMENTS.

With the expertise of skilful volunteer tradesmen and enthusiastic members of the Wednesday Working Bee and the financial support of some members who prefer to remain anonymous, the following major course improvements have been achieved over the past few weeks:

The clean up and stabilisation, of the dry creek run-off behind the 15th green.

The completion of the rock wall, to define the garden, developed by the ladies on the lower tee area of the 4th.

The rebuilding of Col's Crossing on the 18th fairway to provide improved utilisation during periods of heavy rain and increased water flow through the drainage system.

The Club would like to thank all those who purchase Course Improvement raffle tickets on Saturdays. This raffle is now being extended to Thursday to allow those 5 day members the opportunity to

From The Captain....

Bunkers at Ashgrove Golf Club – A New Approach

The Board of Directors has spent far too much time on the issue of when bunkers should be in and out of play and handicapping and has also run out of patience with the views (often incorrect) by some members.

As a result, bunkers at Ashgrove will always be in play except when there is a major renovation or repair of an individual bunker. This will mean there will be times when the condition of bunkers will be very poor or filled with water.

Currently many of our bunkers are badly damaged from the weather last weekend. The majority of these bunkers should be in a playable condition again by Monday. Once the majority of bunkers are playable then the new approach for bunkers will begin.

The current local rules allowing the removal of stones and allowing a free drop, in the bunker, from a “wash out” will still apply. This will include “wash outs” in the floor of the bunker as well as the face. The course staff will endeavour to have bunkers in a reasonable condition as often as possible within the constraints of weather, time, staff numbers and budget.

Here are the rules of golf that will provide options if the bunker is filled or partially filled with water or your ball is unplayable in a bunker.

Abnormal ground condition: Rule 25-1b (ii)(a) or (b)

If you proceed under (a) then you must drop in the bunker.

If you proceed under (b) then you must drop outside the bunker, under penalty of 1 stroke, basically keeping the bunker between where you take the drop and the hole.

Ball unplayable: Rule 28 (a) or (b) or (c)

If you proceed under (b) or (c) then the ball must be dropped in the bunker.

Members playing from Blue Tees for Social Games

The Match committee has become increasingly frustrated by Members who don't believe that Ashgrove Club rules apply to them and continually play social rounds from the blue competition tees.

Members who are found to breach this Club rule will have their names added to a list. If there is a second offence then that Member will be asked to show cause to the Board of Directors as to why they should not be suspended from the Club for a period of time.

Call for Sunday Course Marshal Volunteers

The Board has put out a call for any member of the club who would be able to assist in volunteering their time to serve as a course marshal on Sundays from 9am – 1pm. If anybody is interested or would like further information, please approach a member of the Board or enquire at the office.

ZEGATOS.

Zegatos' Famous Breakfasts are back.

Enjoy your Sunday Mornings with a fantastic breakfast, while admiring our splendid view of the golf course. Available from 8 A.M.

Mothers' Day

Breakfast from 8 A:M to 9:30 A.M.

Lunch from 12 Noon

Be sure to book on 33661842.

MAJOR GOLF EVENTS FOR MAY.

- Saturday, May 2. Ladies' and Men's Monthly Medal.
- Sunday, May 3. Commencement of Ladies' Weekend Pennants.
- Tuesday, May 5. Ladies' Jug Final.
- Tuesday May 12 Ladies' Monthly Medal,
- Thursday, May 14 Thursday Cup Round 1.
- Tuesday, May 19 Back to Ashgrove Ladies' Open.
- Thursday, May 21 Thursday Cup Round 2.
- Thursday, May 28 Thursday Cup Round 3.
- Saturday, May 30 PRESIDENT vs CAPTAIN TEAM DAY.

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Fish Creek Fishing Club

The annual general meeting of the F.C.F.C was held at the AGC on 13 March 2015.

Election of office bearers for 2015 was held and the results were as follows –

Commodore: David VenDerLinde

Trips Coordinator: Terry Bandino

Committee: John Rinder

The ‘Club Champion’ trophy was awarded to Kevin Cosgrave for 2014. Species trophies for 2014 were awarded to various members.

Our “30th Anniversary Year” was celebrated in 2014 and special thanks was recorded to A.G.C. PGA Professional Gareth Small for sourcing 25 anniversary F.C.F.C. Dress Shirts for our members. Thank You Gareth!!

On conclusion of the AGM an excellent dinner was provided by Zegatos Restaurant.

Thank you Tony!

Peter Wissler

Life Member F.C.F.C..