



Out of the Rough

MAY 2015

Presidents Message

From Wal Harrison

April was a big event month for the club with the Pro Am, the Masters breakfast and the visit from New Brighton.

The Pro Am was a great success and let me thank all the sponsors that got behind this event. Special thanks to Greg Cummins (Guns 'n' Hoses) and Mick Higgins (Black Fox Kitchens). We hope to form a long term relationship with all the sponsors and encourage our members to support those who support us.

BK and his team did a fantastic job in preparing a course that received rave reviews from the professionals. It was a great advertisement as to why Queanbeyan is the best course in the district.

My thanks also go to Jake and his crew for their efforts and the professional way they promote the club.

The event would not have been the success it was without the tireless work of our CEO Glen.

Glen's efforts over the past twelve months have been inspirational considering the financial position of the club.

Anyone who missed the Masters breakfast should pencil in next year now so as to not miss a great day. BK did get booed from the balcony because of his pin placements. 😊

As we move into winter the over sown grass is starting to take hold and has produced a much better playing surface so get out there and enjoy the course.

Good golfing

- **Mother's Day Raffle 8/5**
- 'Jake the Joker' is back
- **\$4 Schooners from 20-27 May – usual happy hour 5-6**
- 2015-16 Membership Info
- **Reward Points Expiring**
- **Trees - the impact they have on a golf course**

See the forest for the trees

From Inside Golf - Richard Fellner

GRANDFATHER and his grandson are playing golf, when the kid's shot lands behind a giant tree. The boy asks his grandfather: "How would you play this shot?"

The grandfather replies: "When I was your age, I'd play right over the tree."

The boy hits the ball, but not high enough. It bounces off the tree and lands out of bounds. The boy asks his grandfather how he ever hit a ball over that tree.

The grandfather replied: "Well, when I was your age, that tree was only four feet tall."

While this old joke (and its many variations) often gets a chuckle at the 19th Hole, it also highlights a severe problem that affects many courses these days: maintaining a course's integrity.

First, let's all assume that, by and large, most top-level golf course architects/designers know exactly what they are doing. They lay out a course which is challenging and fun, while also taking the natural topography into account. Their intent is often to develop a layout that will stand the test of time. Once the course is built, it is generally up to the club to maintain the course according to the way it was designed. Not just mowing and turf maintenance; you also need to ensure that the trees, bushes, bunkers, hazards, rough, etc, are all maintained in the best interests of the original design (barring, of course, some occasional "growing in" adjustments at a brand-new course, if needed.)

Now, many courses spend a lot of time and money on mowing and maintenance, etc. But few courses, it seems, will consult with, say, an Arborist or other specialists to ensure not only the ongoing

playability of a course, but the safety to the players as well.

For example, I frequent a course here in Melbourne that, for the most part, is lovely and challenging. The problem is that, over the decades, the members, committees, Boards, etc, have effectively made many parts of the course almost unplayable.

These people were probably well intentioned. 20 years ago, someone may have suggested "Why not plant a pretty tree or two over here?" or "Why not add a bunker or two over there" or "what if we grew the rough really long," or "how about a forced carry off the tee to add some challenge?"

While many of these changes/suggestions are doubtless a result of trying to emulate the tricky/challenging venues seen on the US Tour (i.e. see my online article about "The Augusta Effect"), these changes (if not thought-out for the long-term) can fundamentally alter the playability of a hole. Trees, as we all know, tend to grow. Not just up, but out (with branches that encroach into the "air space" of the fairway). In time, they can effectively "choke" your playable area into a small window, or completely eliminate the preferred line of play that the designer intended.

One hole that I regularly play has a severe sloping fairway from right to left, with a tree line on the right and a hazard on the left. The ONLY play off the tee is to hit it as far right as possible (along the tree line), and hope for a good bounce and roll into a generous fairway beyond.

In the past (like the grandfather joke above), the trees on the right were sparse and short, giving golfers a good margin for error. However, over the decades, more

trees have been planted (or have grown naturally, without any culling/clearing) on the right hand side. Their branches have encroached out into the fairway area, thus eliminating the ability to play any decent, safe shot to the right. In essence, most middle handicap golfers now have really no chance at playing the hole the way it was designed. They either get stuck in the trees on the right, or in the hazard on the left. That hole is but one example of many throughout golf. And trees are only one bit of the equation. Ill placed "added" bunkers are equally hole-destroying, as they can take out the architect's "bail-out area". Or creating 150m forced-carries over rough/obstacles (which will affect the short-hitting seniors/women/juniors more than anyone else).

Over time (as the trees get thicker, the rough gets deeper and the forced carries longer), more golfers will avoid playing this course (and courses like it). Eventually, it may either close, or the current Board may decide it needs a redesign.

And if a redesign is chosen, there is no doubt that the new designer will start the proposal similarly to the countless other proposals we read about almost every month: "The redesign will begin with the clearing of 75 percent of the trees throughout the course," and include lines like "...which will bring the course back to the way the original architect envisioned."

If and when all that happens, maybe our grandchildren could have a chance to experience the "same" wonderful course that we all enjoyed "back in the day" As always, we welcome your feedback.

COURSE NEWS



Course Super – Bryan Kelly

The 2015 Guns n Hoses Pro-Am was conducted last week and was a huge success. Many thanks to Greg Cummins for his ongoing generosity.

Conditions were very testing and the course played at its brutal best. Some interesting comments from the Pros ranged from the tightest golf course in the world to the best presented course in the district so thanks must go to all that assisted from a dedicated group of green staff and a long list of devoted volunteers. Thank you to all for a great effort and a most enjoyable day.

The fairway oversow continues to improve both the playability and aesthetic aspect with a leading pro suggesting it's the best the course has looked in 15 years. These comments are most gratifying coming from such quality players from various parts Australia.

Bunkers still remain a concern and maintaining them through all weather conditions in a playable state is time consuming, expensive and often a difficult component of course maintenance and preparation. Bunker depth and lack of drainage are the main issues. Rectification is costly.

We have experienced 2 frosts this week. It's inevitable that soon our weekend golf will be played without the greens mowed Saturday and Sunday but does allow our staff to have a welcome reprieve over the winter months. A year round sport still requires 7 day care so during this period only one staff member is required to attend on weekends.

Continue looking after this great facility of yours and enjoy your golf.



The Captain's Desk

From Gail Goiser

PENNANT

A celebration of the 2015 Pennant season is being planned but will not be held until the ladies pennant season is concluded. With any luck we will be more pennant team victories.

FOUR BALL AND SINGLE MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The four ball matches are now at semi-final stage. Top qualifiers Paul Morshead and Dom Di Campli will play against Steve Dwight and Chris Fitzgerald and 2nd place qualifiers Jack Woods and James Donnellan will be against Scott Brown and John Jewkes.

The individual Match Play Championship first qualifying round will be Saturday 2 May and the second round on 16 May. The top 16 in each grade will contest the match play rounds.

NEW BRIGHTON VISIT

The players from New Brighton enjoyed their visit and unfortunately took the trophy back to their club. We will need to fight hard when the boys visit New Brighton and bring the trophy back to Queanbeyan.

4BBB NSW MIXED QUALIFYING

Tony Quirk and Jane Grey will play in district final on 14 June and hopefully with a win travel to Bonville Golf Resort in September for the all expenses paid State Final.

FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

Foursomes Championships over 27 holes for both men and women will be held on Saturday 23 May, bookings will be as usual and groups will be of six. The competition fee will be \$15 per player.

Events & Results

2015 PRO-AM RESULTS

A successful 2015 Queanbeyan Golf Club Pro-Am was held on 21 April 2015 with 135 amateurs and 60 professionals playing.

The joint winners were Kristopher Mueck and Aaron Townsend who shot a 2 under 68, finishing 2 shots in front of Mitchell Brown and Callan O'Reilly.

The 2 ball best ball aggregate Amateur results were:

- Winners Dom Di Campli, Peter Solway, John Bull and Pro Anthony Brown who had 84 points.
- Second Michael Kennedy, Paul Morshead, Phil Chynoweth and Pro Larry Austin with 82 points.
- Third Mark Duncan, Grant Jones and Scott Bawden and Pro Jake Nagle on 81 points.
- A big thank you to all the sponsors players and helpers who made the day a success.

The 2015 Pro-Am was sponsored by:

- Guns and Hoses
- Coca Cola
- Zambreo's
- Paint Place
- Pedemonts
- ACTEWAGL
- Living Turf
- DJ Homes
- IOBA
- Walmsley Homes
- Black Fox Kitchens
- Murrell Distributions
- Carlton United Breweries
- Organo Gold
- Clean Machine
- Solar Gain
- Power Saving Centre
- Bellchambers Barrett
- Absolute Outdoor Constructions

A couple of notes from the Pros:

Jake & Glenn,

Thanks so much guys for having us at your fantastic course, your greens and fairways were immaculate, thoroughly enjoyed it and look forward to coming back next year!

Kind regards,
Kristopher Mueck

Hi Jake,

Just a quick note to say thanks for your efforts during last week's Queanbeyan Pro Am they are greatly appreciated. The course was a good test and presented in great order and I look forward to playing there again should the opportunity present. Best of luck in your future endeavours and hopefully I will see you out playing a few events again soon.

Regards
Anthony Summers

MEMBERSHIP & GOLF PASS

The club currently has two packages available for golfers, a \$195 membership til 31 July 2015 or 20 social rounds for \$270 valid til 31 December 2015.

For more info go to www.queanbeyangolf.com.au



BAR REWARD POINTS

Bar reward points will expire on 31 July 2015. All balances will be reduced to Nil.

When you renew your membership for 2015-16 as a Full Playing Member your points will be available from 1 August 2015.

TEE TIMES

Weekend golfing numbers are at their highest point for the past 4 years so it is important that you remember to delete your name from the timesheet if you know that are unable to play.

You can also ring the Pro Shop on the day to see if spots have become available.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send contributions and suggestions for future newsletters to ceo@queanbeyangolf.com.au.

MYSTIFYING THINGS ABOUT GOLF

Etiquette

Don't walk on the line of the putt, don't stand behind someone who is hitting, get the flag-stick if you're closest to the hole, watch your shadow.

Few sports (and games) have such a long list of rules that have no direct bearing on the score.

The golf-less can barely comprehend the long and complicated rule book, let alone these extra ones that aren't even in there.

SPONSORSHIP

Members with businesses that may be interested in Club Sponsorships should contact Glen Lloyd on 6297 1669 or ceo@queanbeyangolf.com.au.

Packages can include Membership, Advertising on-course, in-club or in newsletters, tickets to special events, Corporate Golf Days and other benefits tailored to your needs.

You can get the attention of members and visitors by promoting your business through the club's channels.



"A hole in one! This is my lucky day!"

Women's News

From Captain Sue

The Women's Holden Scramble has been run and won. Fourteen teams competed this year, with a Queanbeyan team winning the event with gross 69, and 60.25 nett. The team of Joyce Hotchkis, Deb Benney, Kylie Smith and Louise Smith will now move on to the state playoff.

Our Beginner Ladies program continues to progress well, and special mention must be made of the lady members who assist each week. The program is currently running from 2pm on Sunday's.

Our CSGA Plate side qualified for the final against RCGC and was played on 1st May at Yowani. The team, Liz Clark, Sue Korth, Colleen Langi, Pam Sassella and Sue O'Grady put up a great fight but unfortunately went down 3/2. Thanks go to the caddies, and congratulations to the players on a fine pennant season. Better luck next year.



CSGA Plate team members – Pam Sassella, Deb Baker, Liz Clark, Sue Korth, Sue O'Grady, Sue Taylor, Colleen Langi.

Our Brindabella side play RCGC in their semi-final on 3rd May and hopefully will get some revenge. We wish the team the best of luck. If successful, they will then play the final on 10th May, along with the Bruce Cup side who have already qualified for the final. Go girls. I'm sure both teams would enjoy some extra encouragement, so please come out and cheer them on. These finals will be played at Belconnen Golf Club from 10.15am.

The Emily Hurt pennant season will begin on the 15th May. Queanbeyan will be hosting that day, with their first game against Yass at RMC on 22nd May.

The Women's Foursomes Championships will be played on the 23rd May, over 27 holes. The cost is \$30/ pair and nominations are now being taken. An entry form will be placed in the Ladies Room.

Ladies Come and Try

- Sunday afternoons at 2pm. No experience needed. No need to book.
- Play 8 holes in an all Beginner Women's Comp. Cost only \$7. Meet and pay at the Pro Shop.
- You will learn about golf in a friendly and non-threatening environment with help to enjoy the game at whatever level you would like.
- If you are only available on another weekday and would like to give golf a go then phone Pauline (see below) and see what can be arranged.
- Professional lessons available from Jake Nagle and his team at the Pro Shop. Ph. 6297 2542. Check for Ladies clinics and packages at affordable prices.
- Membership for women available in all categories. Get a handicap and play in the Women's competition on Tuesday, Saturday and medley Sundays.
- It's fun and you will be helped all the way.

Phone Pauline Jeffery

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GM's Update

From Glen Lloyd



Thank you to all members who took the time to participate in the club's online survey.

Your feedback is extremely important and helps myself and the board plan for the future of the club. Some of the main points to come out of the survey included:

- the need to improve the standard of bunkers
- the need to improve winter fairway condition
- a review be conducted of the annual golf fixtures
- restaurant hours be increased

Changes will be implemented where possible to improve all the main areas of concern with some already underway. Financial constraints will dictate the timing of improvements moving forward.

The club remains in a precarious financial position and will be reliant upon increased subscriptions, green fee revenue and club trade to be sustainable. Some difficult decisions will need to be made to ensure the future of the club and all members will be called upon to contribute along the way.

The Board and myself will continue to identify potential opportunities to secure the club's financial future and will communicate these as they come to fruition.

On a more positive note the recent Guns and Hoses Pro-Am held on 21

April 2015 was successful with the course receiving rave reviews from participating professionals. In tough conditions the course stood up yet again with a score of 68 collecting the winner's cheque. A big thank you to everyone involved in making the day the success it was particularly all the sponsors for their generous support.

Hit it, find it then hit it again!

Glen

GLEN TIPS TO SPEED UP PLAY

Do your pre-shot stuff BEFORE it's your turn

Get prepared for your shot while riding or walking to your ball.

Get the distance, check the wind, do a pre-shot routine ahead of time (while others are playing their shot) so that you're ready to go IMMEDIATELY after your playing partner's ball has finished moving.

Don't use the PGA TOUR professionals as a guide here, as they are often the worst offenders.

Take Multiple Clubs

If you need to leave your bag/buggy/cart away from where your ball is positioned, take a couple of clubs with you. This will save you from having to go back and forth.

If you are hitting from a greenside bunker, for example, then take both your wedge **AND** your putter.

TIP FROM THE TOUR



Putting Drill

With the success that Jordan Spieth has had lately, a lot of it can be put down to one thing.....putting.

Obviously the more we see putts go in, the more confident we get, so this drill will help in both ways.

You would have no doubt heard the commentators pointing out that Spieth looks at the hole when putting from about 3 feet, he doesn't actually look at the ball.

This obviously takes a lot of trust to do it in on the golf course under pressure, but why not try it when you do some practice putting.

My grandad gave me this drill when I first started playing, just to build some confidence, and also get your hands flowing toward the target a bit more.

Ed Note: You can also take on Matt on the putting green. His most wins in a row stands at 64.

WANT MORE INFORMATION

Speak to Jake or Mat in the Pro Shop

Contact Info: 6297 2542

CORPORATE GOLF DAYS



Call Paul Morshead on 0415 374 603 or Glen Lloyd on 6297 1669 for more information.

We have come up with a new concept **T10 Corporate Golf**:

- 10 holes of golf
- A mixture of two holes per green and big holes
- Minimum of 16 players and up to 40
- Carts included
- 3 drinks – schooner of beer equivalents
- Finger food on completion
- Shot Gun start preferred
- Mid Week only
- Cost is \$45 per person

Recipe of the Month:

Banana Cake

125g margarine spread
 1 cup raw caster sugar
 2 eggs
 2 large ripe bananas
 3 drops vanilla essence
 125g plain wholemeal flour
 125g plain white flour
 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
 1/2 cup buttermilk

1. Beat together the margarine and sugar until it's pale and fluffy. Add the eggs, banana and vanilla and beat until it's all mixed in.
2. Sift the dry ingredients into a bowl. Pour half the dry ingredients into the egg and banana mixture with half the buttermilk and mix through then add the remaining ingredients and mix again.
3. Pour the batter into a lined loaf tin and bake in a preheated oven at 180°C (160°C fan-forced) for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Check after 45 minutes with a skewer if it turns out clean it's cooked – if not cook for a further 15 minutes. Turn out onto a cooling rack after a few minutes to cool completely.
4. Once the cake has cooled completely & beat & together icing ingredients until it's light and smooth. Cover the loaf with the icing and a sprinkling of grated lemon zest to finish.



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Club's Survey

With over 100 responses to the recent survey, there were plenty of good ideas and suggestions for the Board and Management to consider. Here is a snapshot of some of them:

\$3 schooners is good. The club will be having a week leading up to 1st state of origin where schooners will be \$4 and \$3 during happy hour.

Less 4BBB/mixed Ambrose events. A few more days of ambrose, foursomes ...we only seem to play either stableford or stroke. Should have more variety. There were several suggestions along these lines. The match committee will continue to look at the program and refresh it.

I would like to see more weekday competitions. A Friday comp was tried some years ago and stopped as not enough people played in it. The Thursday night sevens has run the past couple of years and will continue in some format later this year. A Monday night Premier League was attempted earlier this year with limited interest. The club will continue to propose extra events however you the member need to support them so they continue.

Improved drainage in front of 4th green. This has been completed

Winter is a problem when the couch grass dies off. Hopefully we will see an improvement here once the rye grass seeding starts to germinate.

The sand bunkers need to be improved. This was quite a common thread in the comments section. The club will embark on a bunker improvement program over the next 3-5 years. Preliminary work has been conducted with a bunker specialist and it is anticipated that work will commence in spring.

The trees between 9th and 1st need to be top dressed to cover up tree roots and bare spots. With the growing season coming to an end work will be started in the spring to cover these areas over.

Only one concern is the large gum tree on the right hand side of the 10th fairway near the path to the green it has 4 or 5 very large branches growing straight up and looks dangerous. The club is required to go through an exhaustive process with the council on the upkeep of the trees. Trees such as this suggestion will be added to the list of trees that require attention to be submitted to Council.

I would like to see the greens quickened up a lot more. The greens have been running at approx. 11 on the stimpmeter. With the size of the greens and the way they sit on the terrain this speed is deemed to be fair. Any quicker and some of the putts become unfair in certain conditions.

Shoot the idiots who don't repair divots and plug marks in greens. All players are responsible for repairing their own pitch marks and others that you identify should also be repaired.

Provide side access to the 7th tee via stairs. Safety rail on women's tee - 7th tee. Reform 10 & 11 fairways so that shots that land down the right don't roll so easily down into the trees. Replace/repair worn out benches/seats at tee boxes. Remove walnut tree on corner of 18!!!. All good ideas that will be given appropriate consideration

Restaurant should be closed Monday Tuesday open all day till close on Sunday restaurant open on Sunday arvo. Tuesdays is ladies day so the restaurant is open. A decision was made by the catering staff to close mid-afternoon on Sundays as patronage was low after 3pm.

Presentations in the clubhouse each Saturday afternoon. This used to occur but over time less people remained in the club. At best this could be achieved by 6 pm in daylight saving and 5.30 in winter by which time most people have left the club. Live scoreboard impacts on presentations and the extended tee times in daylight savings may make it impractical.

Make the club child friendly. Children are allowed in all parts of the club except for the gaming area and within one metre of the bar.

Members back clubs that back members – don't let 40 year members die without website notice. A vale notice is placed on the clubs noticeboard when a member passes away.

Bring back the joker. Badge draw. Friday night music. Some new promos will start in May, more info in this newsletter and at the club.

Office staff should be more attentive. I called in during open hours, rang the bell twice and no one came to the counter. Every endeavour is made to have someone in the office during office hours. If the office is unattended please see bar staff for assistance.

As can be seen from the comments above they were many and varied. The Board and Management will continue to improve the course and the clubs financial position. With one important ingredient, you, our members and your friends.

MEMBERSHIP FEES for 2015/16

Platinum+	\$2995 (includes carts plus all platinum benefits)
Platinum	\$1995 (regular competition fees, \$100 bar tab, 12 guest vouchers + extras FJ Shirt, FJ Cap, Ball Marker, Bag Tag & Divot Tool)
Full Playing	\$1095 (includes \$100 bar tab + 3 guest vouchers)
6 Day	\$895
5 Day	\$795
Club 30	\$795 (30 comp rounds / unlimited social play) – comp fees additional.
Elder	\$595 – full rights (over 65 - 25 years continuous membership)
Social/9 holes	\$595 (social play and 9 hole competitions)
3 month full playing	\$395 (any 3 month period during financial year)
Junior 8-17	\$100
18-20	\$300
20-24	\$500
GA access	\$99 – administration of handicap

NB. Only full playing, life, elder and junior members are eligible to enter club championships and be considered for pennant representation.

CARTS

Member 9	\$20
Visitor 9	\$25
Member 18	\$30
Visitor 18	\$40

PERSONAL CART FEES

Visitor Cart Reg.	\$75
Member Cart Reg.	\$110
Cart Storage	\$295
Electricity	\$150

NB. All golfers and privately owned carts are covered by Australian Golf Insurance for public liability and property damage as part of Golf Australia affiliation fees.

Junior News

The Queanbeyan Junior Open was held On Sunday May 3rd with a field of 51 competitors from the local area and as far as Goulburn and Moruya.

The four divisions played were men's Under 24 Colts, Boy's under 18 juniors and Girls under 18 juniors and a Sub Junior 8 hole event. Queanbeyan was again well represented with Lachlan Tisma, Blake Christofersen, Lachlan Wall, Trent Britton, Amber Thornton, Mitchell O'Brien, and Harry Smith in the Sub Juniors Trenae Morshead and Josh De Jongh.

Congratulations go to Lachlan Tisma who defended his under 24 Colts gross title with a score of 71. Amber Thornton won the under 18 girls gross with a score of 82 well done. Full results are on the Junior Notice Board. A hearty thank you to our sponsors for the tournament John Seaborn, Pat & Helen Jeffery, Ian Wallace, Bevan Webb, Joan Kinsey, Pauline & Peter Jeffery, Brian & Fran Thomas, Gail Goiser, Jake Nagle Queanbeyan Golf Club Pro Shop for the prizes. Dumbrells Butchery kindly donated the sausages. Queanbeyan Golf Club along with Coca-Cola for the drinks.



A special mention to Arthur Walters (pictured left with the sub juniors) who founded the event thirty seven years ago. His presence on Sunday was warmly welcomed as Arthur stayed and watched all the competitors tee off and congratulated the winners at the end of play.

These events wouldn't be possible without the help of volunteers, Gail Goiser who helped organise and run the day, Malcolm Towney for cooking the BBQ, Jake Nagle for the presentations many thanks. A full breakdown of the scores can be found on the Queanbeyan Golf club WEB site.

Jerry Smith
Junior Development Committee

Junior Clinic



Mat is back and the Junior clinics will start up soon.

What's on in the Club

The Admin Team Natalie & Kris

Friday raffles Mother's Day Theme on 8/5/15

'Jake the Joker' (starting 15/5/15)

Karaoke 1st Friday of the month

Bingo 1st and 3rd Thursday every month starting at 11am

Friday night euchre starts @ 6.30pm

Poker on Thursdays starting @ 6pm

Wednesday \$11 Meals & meat tray raffles 5@5pm & 5@7.30pm

Tuesday Trivia from 7.00pm

Melbourne Cup Calcutta guaranteed \$1000 starting pool. Tickets \$1

Free Pool and Darts on Mondays

Keno & Tab Voucher drawn Sat @5.30 for \$50 drink Voucher

FREE WIFI Ask the bar staff for details

Happy Hour 5-6pm Monday to Friday

KLL Bistro

- All day Roast Beef or Pork, Roast Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables, Gravy \$12 (starting 12/5/15)

Beer of the Month



Lucky Dip \$4.50 a bottle