

# Pacific Golf Club

## Match News September 2009



### Welcome!

Welcome members & ladies to the September edition of the Pacific Golf Club match newsletter. Hopefully the information we provide will assist you with your golf in the coming months.

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#### Pennants

Once again the Pacific Golf Club pennant team has been victorious in winning the BDGA Division 1 Club flag, Open flag & Junior flag. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in succession that the boys have won the club pennant & open flag. The pennant presentation night was held in June with over 80 people in attendance. Gavin Fairfax won the Open pennant player of the year, Ian Travers Senior pennant player, Jordan McCarthy Junior pennant player & Ryan Fouche pennant player of the year. On behalf of all members & ladies, congratulations on your win & we look forward to a 4<sup>th</sup> win in 2010.

#### Course

After record breaking rain in May, the golf course is recovering slowly largely due to the slow growing winter months. The course staff has been busy rejuvenating the fairways & greens. I think that we would all agree that the greens speed has significantly increased in the past couple of weeks & hence a few more '3 putts' have been appearing on score cards!

#### Concrete Path 10<sup>th</sup> Tee

Club Patron Tom Hogan & John Lowe have been instrumental in the new concrete path surrounding the 10<sup>th</sup> tee. The path has been created to allow more room for motorised carts. Tom's next project is building a path green side of the 5<sup>th</sup> hole to allow players with push buggies access to the fairway. Most of the concrete & rock walls around Pacific Golf Club have been built by Tom. Age shall not weary him!

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### **Slow Play**

Once again slow play is rearing its ugly head at Pacific Golf Club. We have had a reasonably good year with our pace of play but in recent months it's starting to slacken off. Members & Ladies are reminded that we have a pace of play document stated in our club fixture book & please take the time to read it & be mindful of some of the penalties that can be applied. Pacific is notoriously hard especially when the course is set up for a Monthly Medal or a Blue Marker Friday. Players must keep up with the group in front & all Par 3's are compulsory call up holes. If a group falls behind due to a lost ball or hazard, please call the following group through.

### **Divots & Pitch Marks**

Members are reminded to carry sand buckets & fill in divots wherever possible. To ensure a divot recovers quickly, chip in the sides of the divot & then a light covering of sand. The Golf Office along with our major sponsor Motorline BMW, is organising new sand buckets. As our greens are over sown in winter, unrepaired pitch marks leave a significant imprint. It doesn't take long to fix more than one pitch mark on the green.

### **Timesheet Cancellations**

Members' & Ladies, there has been a significant increase in players not canceling their tee time with either the pro shop or the golf office. If you cannot make your tee time on a Saturday 'in particular', please notify me at your earliest convenience. I often have 30 people on the waitlist for which I have to find games. Please don't leave it until the last minute to cancel. Alternatively, for those who have access to a computer, you can delete yourself at anytime. Repeat offenders will be asked to appear in front of the match committee. Each Friday night, online bookings are available from 6.30pm. If you see a vacancy on the timesheet for the next day, please make a booking.

### **Staff News**

In the March edition of the newsletter, I welcomed Gary Sue See (Corporate Golf Solutions), Leanne Manning (Golf Assistant) & Tim Douge (Golf Assistant). I'm pleased to report that all has contributed significantly to the Golf Office. Gary has done wonders in enhancing Pacific's Corporate Golf creating innovative ideas & improving the general aesthetics. Gary has received numerous accolades from clients who have recently participated in corporate golf days to date, & both current and new clients have resigned for 2010. Leanne has gone from strength to strength filling in for me when I take annual leave. Leanne's knowledge of the game will leave some of you thinking that you will need to brush up on a few rules too! Leanne is a very keen learner & loves working in the Golf Office & has started playing golf on Thursday's. Tim has been a great back up for both Leanne & I working every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday calculating the competition results. Tim goes about his work quietly and is another skilled staff member of the Golf Office. Tim too is a golfer playing and can hit a 4 iron 230 metres. Anyone for a game???

**Jo-Anne Atkin**

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## Members Results

### Up Coming Events

We're about to enter our busy period with corporate golf days. Please take note of the following dates:

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August** – Christian Outreach College 12.00pm shotgun start – AM comp available

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September** – Cannon Hill Anglican College 12.00pm shot gun start – AM comp available

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September** – Crime Stoppers 8.30am shotgun start – No Ladies Sweepstakes

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – Redlands College 8.15am shotgun start – No Ladies Sweepstakes

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Central Plaza 8.30am shotgun – No competition

### Gary Player Junior Classic

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. There will be a members' comp on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October hitting off the 1<sup>st</sup> tee at 11.00am. The Ladies have organised a trip to Rosewood & the Wednesday Club will be traveling to Surfers Paradise Golf Club.

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 1<sup>st</sup> Round B & D Grades

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 1<sup>st</sup> Round A & C Grades

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2<sup>nd</sup> Round B & D Grades

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2<sup>nd</sup> Round A & C Grades

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Club Championships – Single Stableford in conjunction

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November Final Round Club Championships – Single Stableford in conjunction

### Members Competitions

Members' Foursomes Championship

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009

36 Holes Gross Winners – Davin Bailey & Phil Somerfield 158 (sudden death playoff)

36 Holes Gross Runners Up – Chris Price & Brent Ralph 158

36 Holes Nett Winners – Wayne & Mitchell Salmond 147 on a countback

36 Holes Nett Runners Up – Paul & Brad White 147

Seniors Gross Winners – Ian Travers & Mike Warren 164

Seniors Nett Winners – Karl Adam & Ross Worley 153 on a countback

## Pacific Wednesday Club News



53 Club "Trike"

We are happy to announce that the Pacific Wednesday Club's website is now "live" and published on the WWW. The Web address is <http://www.pacificwedclub.com/>

If you have not yet accessed this, then I encourage you to do so because it is easy to navigate around the site with all the primary information available to PWC members.

The committee would like to thank Gary Sue See for his wonderful contribution in this regard as well as his helpers Ken Pederson and Ron Robinson.

We are currently averaging 195 players per week although the yearly average is 177 due to the previous wet weather.

Many thanks to all the volunteer workers who operate on Tuesday mornings on the golf course. John Hall is the contact and im sure he would welcome any more workers. The Pacific Wednesday Club is right behind this great initiative and invite you to contact John for details.

Our final update for the "Golfer of the Year" is that Gary Moo is the leader as per 31/7/09. No further updates will be given until the Christmas Party which is booked for Wednesday December 2.

Our annual trip to the Tweed Coolangatta Golf Club was again successful but numbers were down. We may need to get the booking sheet out earlier next year. The Surfers Paradise trip is on September 30.

*Ken Campbell* for the Pacific Wednesday Club



Kevin sorting out the Admin stuff!



"Fees Please" ...  
Greg



Gary Moo and Graham Linn receive the Annual 53 Club Trophy on 1 April, 2009 from 53 Club co-ordinator Des James.

The 53 Club began in 1978, under the leadership of legendary member Doug Deeks, to assist older golfers who could no longer walk the course.

## Ladies News

By the time this goes to print, our Annual General Meeting will have been held and a new committee will be place. To the Committee Ladies who are retiring, I would like to say thank you for all your time and efforts during your time on committee.

Wet weather has certainly played havoc with some of the Ladies Competitions these past months. We had to postpone some events due to the wet weather in May and these events have been rescheduled in August & September. Bronze Pennants are also taking place during this time.

We have played the Pacific Cup and the winner very convincingly was Cindy Shin of Pacific who recorded a net 64. The Gross Pacific Slaver was won by Elisha Michie of Emerald Lakes with 77.

On Course Golf Shop sponsored day was held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August. We would like to thank Mark & Paul for their sponsorship. Division 1 winners were J Kollisch and L Sutton 74 and Division 2, P Cotter and H Cremer 76.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Open Day was sponsored by our Wednesday Club and there were 123 players in the field. The winners of the lovely trophies on display were Beryl Askin and Lorelle Ritchie, Marlene Lowe and Wyn Hall.

The Marcelle Dellit sponsored day will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> August which a four-ball stableford and Blackwell Catering Group are sponsoring a stableford event on the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> the Club Championships start and the course is starting to take better shape and with the weather staying fine we trust these will be well contested in all grades.

The Bus Trip this year during Gary Player week will take us to Rosewood and I am sure everyone will be welcomed by the Rosewood Ladies who are looking forward to our visit.

**Lila Carson**



## CAPTAINS CORNER

It is unfortunate that the Pace of Play has again slipped out to the dreaded five hours plus per round for the majority of stroke events and it has been most interesting to note that the majority of complaints stemming from the current pace of play seems to be coming from those Members who have been most vocal about Pacific not needing a Marshall.

As forecasted in the March Newsletter, the Pennant Team has rewritten the record books by winning the First Division Open Men's Pennant for the third consecutive year. We also won the Junior Pennant for the first time in many years which demonstrates the depth of golfing talent in your club. On behalf of the Board I thank our Sponsor (John Thorsen), the Players, the Pennant Management Team, the Coaches and the Caddies.

Our renovation and restoration plan has been put on hold due to the current economic climate. However, the Board has approved the employment of a consultant to work with our Course Superintendent to not only improve the processes and work practises of our Maintenance Team but to ensure we meet current demanding legislation regarding environmental management. There is no doubt that the consultants experience will flow onto the course and those niggling maintenance issues such as bare patches, wet patches, weeds, tree roots, soft greens and softer bunkers will be addressed.

Because some of our current fairways and greens need a maintenance overhaul, it is planned to bring the new green on the fifth hole into play from time to time. The fifth will play as a par four (5a) and a par three (5b) whilst ground-staff and volunteers safely work on hole being overhauled.

Our esteemed Patron (Tom Hogan) has been at it again. Some time ago Tom decided that the rose garden beside the tenth tee was becoming rather ragged and tattered so decided to get rid of it so that his fellow golfers would have more room to park their buggies and move around the tee proper. By the time Tom finishes this project about twenty four cubic metres of concrete will have been laid, two large palms beside the tee removed, a new freestanding sandstone garden bed built, over twenty metres of root guard installed, new tee drainage installed and a new sandstone garden edge constructed.

Whilst waiting for this work to settle down, Tom became a little bored so decided that the new pull cart track that had been designed at the end of Hogans Bridge on the fifth needed some sandstone walls to hold back the mulch and stop players from accidentally falling into the dam. It's no wonder this man is held in the high esteem that he is by those who know him or know what he does. Most people have different blood types. Tom Hogan has a special type - Pacific A Positive running through his veins.

Thank you in advance to everyone who will contribute to making Pacific Golf Club the success I know it will be over the next twelve months.

**Wayne Roberts**  
Captain

