



"The Preferred Lie!"



The Newsletter of the North Stradbroke Island Golf Club.
September 2024

Members and friends of the Straddie Golf Club, welcome to the September 2024 Edition of the *Preferred Lie*. As usual, there's plenty happening at the Club and it doesn't go without notice under the Radar Tower.

From the President's Desk

The change-over from volunteers running the Golf Club's day to day operations to undertakings by a service contractor is now complete. On behalf of the members, I extend a heartfelt thanks for your efforts in providing the labour required at the times necessary for continuity and for the disruption that your service caused in your private lives. James and Joan Nohokau are settling in and are adapting to the Island and golf community.

We were lucky enough to be invited to a Queensland Government community cabinet meeting recently held in the Redlands. We had 15 minutes with Nicky Boyd the Minister for Emergency services standing in for the tourism minister to get our message over. The thrust of that message is that the Club needs its lease conditions to be changed. The current conditions are strangling the Club's ability to expand it's financial base. With an election coming, we will await the result and then recommence negotiations in the light of the outcome.

The AGM will soon be on us. I encourage you all not to let the opportunity pass to have your say.

Spring has arrived. The plovers are providing a challenge. We have, where practicable, marked their nest sites with witches' hats and tape. Road base has arrived and will be spread as the labour and equipment allows. Further rain and warmer weather over the next month will see the growth of the fairways and the arrival of lawn grubs.

The Club requires a new tractor as the 'fencing wire and chewing gum' holding our old one together are failing.

That's it for now. See you about the course.

Peter Turner

From the Club Captain



There was near perfect weather and a near capacity field for the Borey Family memorial Golf Day and the list of winners was impressive.

Open

The open winners were Kane and Damien Lennard with 29 off the stick!



1. Kane and Damien Lennard

Ladies

The ladies victory went to Tia Kaden-Borey and Kiesha Coghill-Karklis



2. Tia and Kiesha

Runners Up

Open

Nate Manteufel and Mat Bienkie



3. Mat Bienkie with Nat

Ladies

Liz Borey, Natalie Mazzoni, Linda Gross, Amanda Padget



4. Kane, Nat and Damien

Longest drive men

Jake Lennard

Longest drive ladies

Casey Karklis

Nearest the Pin

Michael Saunders



5. Kiesha, Nat and Tia



6. Jake Lennard and Nat



8. Tony Hague, Nat and Geneve Hague



7. Casey Karklis and Nat



9. George Gray and Nat

10. And a great shot of a lot of the members of the Borey Family at the end of the day.



Now to change the subject, the Women and Girls 6 week clinic is now being successfully rolled into a month of Sunday morning games.

All participants are enjoying applying their newly developed golf skills.

The Committee has also granted clinic members a discounted green fee package for the month of September.

PGA Professional Stephen Boswell is to be congratulated for the outcome ie a group of 30 participants enjoying the golfing experience and keen to continue.

THE BEACH HOTEL STRADBROKE ISLAND MEDLEY CHAMPIONSHIP is scheduled for 2 and 3 November.

Book a spot for your team of two now at the clubhouse or ring 34099999. A timesheet will operate so book a time as well.

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SAT 4th 4 BBB

SUN 5th 2 PERSON AMBROSE

As you can see, there will be a team event on both days.

TROPHIES

Winners - SAT 4th 4BBB and R/up

Winners - SUN 5th 2 person Ambrose and R/up

PLUS, an overall winning pair when the 2 scores are combined. This pair will be 'crowned' the 2024 BEACH HOTEL STRADBROKE ISLAND MEDLEY CHAMPIONS

I want to encourage ALL MEMBERS to get out there, find a partner and register for what will be a great weekend's golf. Check out the registration details on the Club's website.

Kev Zielke

From our Contractors - Joan and James Nokokau

The joy of community and connection at Stradbroke Island Golf Club.

Joining a new community can often bring a mixture of excitement and uncertainty for James and me our recent inclusion at Stradbroke Island Golf Club has been an overwhelmingly positive experience that has exceeded our expectation.

One of the most immediate benefits we have encountered since joining Stradbroke Island Golf Club is the strong sense of community. Golf Clubs are often seen merely as venues for sports, but they are much more, they are gatherings of individuals and families who share a common interest.

At Stradbroke Island this sense of community is palpable. Each game is not just about the sport; it's an opportunity to connect with fellow members, share stories, and build friendships. The welcoming nature of their existing members has played a significant role in making us feel at home. They have willingly shared tips not only about improving James's game but also about engaging effectively within the community.

We feel the club is not just a place for golf it is a venue that caters to families and individuals alike. The regular family lunches held at the club serve as a testament to its inclusive atmosphere. These gatherings are not exclusive to members who play golf but are open to their families which enriches the community experience. It allows members and their families to bond over shared meals, celebrate achievements, and participate in club events. This inclusivity extends the role of the club from a mere recreational facility to a central part of our social life.

An unexpected yet delightful aspect of our experience has been the role of our dog Boss. Pets often have a unique way of bringing people together, and Boss has been no exception. His friendly demeanour and love for attention has made him a favourite among Club members. Watching him receive pets and cuddles from members both young and old highlights the club's warm and welcoming atmosphere. Boss's presence at the club not only enhances our personal experience but also adds to the communal spirit making the club feel even more like home.

As we look to the future, our hope is to continue welcoming new members to Stradbroke Island Golf Club, helping them integrate into this wonderful community. The club's commitment to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment is

something we not only appreciate but also wish to be actively part of.

We look forward to participating in and contributing to the club's future activities and initiatives, which promise to enhance the membership experience for all.

In conclusion, our time at Stradbroke Island Golf Club thus far has been an enriching experience that has extended well beyond the golf course. It has offered us a welcoming community, family friendly activity, and the joy of seeing our beloved pet become a cherished type of mascot to the club.

The club exemplifies how sports facilities can play a crucial role in building and maintaining community connections, making it a valuable asset not just to its members but to the wider community as well. We're excited about our future here and are eager to continue being part of this vibrant community. Also don't forget Melbourne Cup is nearly here, and we at The Nineteenth at the Stradbroke Golf Club are looking forward to welcoming members and guests to our luncheon. Call to reserve your table.

James and Joan

From the Editor

The Straddie Golf Club Annual Minjeribah Photography Awards will be finalised in the coming weeks with winners to be displayed at the Clubhouse. Don't forget that there is a Popular Choice Award for the photograph attracting the most votes from visitors and Club Members.

Our generous sponsors for the Annual Straddie Golf Club Photography Competition are listed below.

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First Prize: supported by the North Stradbroke Island Golf Club, Straddie Arts Trail and Straddie Island News.

Runner Up: donated by The Straddie Flyer – The Groom Family.

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Popular Choice Prize: donated by the Straddie Golf Club.

We say a special *thank you* to these unstinting sponsors without whose support the competition would not be possible.

Finally, another great lesson for life learnt understandably, from the great game of golf:

“Life’s a lot easier when you stay out of the rough!”

That’s it from me.

“Keep chipping away!”

Neil Dempster