



"The Preferred Lie!"

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



Members and friends of the Straddie Golf Club, welcome to the February 2024 Edition of the *Preferred Lie*.

From the President's Desk

The Committee has now taken over the complete responsibility for the management and running of the Club. You will undoubtedly notice that fact in the new faces serving you as you go about your visit and use of the Clubhouse and the course.

The new faces are those of committee members and members of the club who have the desire and found the time to serve you, and in doing so, to help the Club stabilise its operations as we source new employees or a further contractor or a variation of the above. This will take some time.

I encourage any members wanting to help, to ring or email Neil Dempster who is the labour/shift manager for this exercise. He can be contacted on:

Phone: 0417 757 924

Email: n.dempster@griffith.edu.au

Neil arranges the roster which asks those serving to set aside a half day to help out. A morning from 7.00am to Noon or an afternoon from Noon to 5.00pm.

We expect that the volunteers will run the Club for 3 months at least. This will allow us to establish the cash flow pattern and its volume.

To allow us to run the Club effectively, we need the cooperation of the members in the following areas:

1. All members are required to sign in at the bar before entering the course proper because

this will allow the volunteers to identify members from visitors.

2. We are having trouble policing the no BYO alcohol rule under our Community Club liquor license. While I hope that members are observing it, the empty cans and mini spirits bottles found on the course tell us that someone is not. The Club faces severe fines in the thousands of dollars for this kind of misuse of its licence, quite apart from the loss of sales revenue to the Club. So, if you see someone drinking foreign alcohol, report it, please. Only Club eskies are permitted on the course. There should be no private eskies.

Our club can only survive if members ensure that everybody follows the rules.

3. No riding on the sides or standing on the rear of any buggy is allowed. Again, if members see evidence of this we all have an obligation to pull the offender up for safety reasons.

I have included the standard briefing we give every visitor to the Club, for your information at the end of the newsletter.

Finally, the Saturday competition has often become a traffic jam when large numbers of visitors arrive and tee off early. To ensure that members can enjoy our course, the following procedure will take effect.

Causal players will not be permitted on the course on Saturdays before 10.00 am unless they are playing in pairs. After 10.00 am they may play in fours up to midday. After 12 Noon, they may play in larger groups. Our serving volunteers are aware of this and will record bookings accordingly. In all cases, competition players have right of way. This will allow members the opportunity to finish the first nine and turn in front of causal players before 10.00am. We will adjust this as required after seeing how the schedule works for a few Saturdays.

Finally, a good journey can only begin with the first step. A lot of good news is coming and some has already arrived. Thanks to Councillor Mitchell and Mayor Williams for funding the new water tank for the Club

See you about the course.

Peter Turner

From the Club Captain

An additional event has been added to the calendar this year following a grant to encourage participation in sport. We've called it *The Straddie Youth Ambrose*.

The **Redlands City Council** is proud to provide the funding for *The Straddie Youth Ambrose* as part of the **Activate Redlands Coast Youth Week 2024**.

It will be a 2 PERSON AMBROSE of 9 holes.

Date: Saturday 13th April.

Registration will be at 7.30am for an 8.00 am shotgun start. The event will be **FREE** to all junior members and those under 24 years who may bring a playing friend (under 24 years of course). For non-members without a handicap, a social handicap will be allocated.

All of the costs will be covered, including cart hire and playing fees. Great prizes will be on offer too.

BOOKINGS

Contact Club Captain Kev Zielke:

Email: kziel2@hotmail.com

Mobile: 0438 097 333

Now, a question for members to consider:
What constitutes a score card that qualifies for adjudication for Golfink handicap adjustment and Club prizes?

Here are the necessities:

1. On the card there must be the player's name and the marker's name, the date of the competition and the game (eg. Stableford, Monthly Medal Stroke)
2. the correct daily handicap must be recorded for each player (see handicap report posted on the notice board in members' area.)
3. the card must show the score off the stick for each hole that corresponds with the marker's record.
4. the signatures of both player and marker must appear verifying true and correct scores independently recorded for both players.

Finally, here are a couple of pictures of the next generation of Straddie Golfers. They show Steve Boswell taking the first of a series of lessons for youngsters interested in playing golf.



Learning to swing a club at the nets



Learning that essential putting stroke

We're sure that after a few more lessons we will have uncovered some talented kids for the Club.

Kev Zielke

From the Editor

Just a reminder from me even at this early stage of the year, that the Straddie Ambrose will fill up fast in the coming months. Sponsored again by *Elements Insurance*, there will be a plethora of popular prizes and a galaxy of great golfers, island, mainland and interstate. Here are the details.

**The Elements Insurance Straddie Ambrose 2024
July 12, 13 and 14**

Competition Format:

- 27 Hole Ambrose Stroke Play
- Three Person Teams
- Division 1 Open and Mixed
- Division 2 Ladies

Playing Options:

- 9 holes Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- 18 holes Saturday and 9 holes Sunday

Saturday and Sunday Shotgun starts

Prizes and Novelty Events:

- Run up from the horse's tail to the Horse's nose
- Hit the pool
- Hole-in-one

ENTRY FEE:

\$90 per player (NOTE TEAM LEADER WILL BE INVOICED FOR \$270 - SEE NOMINATION FORM)
LUNCH CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE COURSE ON SATURDAY AND IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON SUNDAY.
THE VOUCHER SYSTEM WILL BE IN PLACE FOR ALL DRINK AND FOOD PURCHASES) BOOKINGS

- Hand in completed nomination form at the Clubhouse and book a cart if needed.
- Or forward a copy of the completed form to straddiegolfclub@bigpond.com

That's it from me. Keep chipping away!

Neil Dempster

PS: Below is a copy of the Volunteers' Service Guide President Peter referred to in his message above.

Volunteer Golf Service Guide

1. Greet arrivals and ask whether they are members, playing visitors, non-playing visitors or contractors. Check membership list if unsure about membership.

2. Members:

- (a) do not pay green fees
- (b) they sign in on the time sheet
- (c) remind them that there is no BYO alcohol and the course closes at 5.00pm

3. Casual Golfers:

- (a) pay green fees
- (b) they sign in on the time sheet and sign the cart hire agreement
- (c) you show the visiting golfers the course layout from the deck
- (d) Explain and emphasise please:
 - don't misuse the carts - 3 seated and no riding on the sides or back
 - Follow the tracks and fairways – no driving in the rough – walk to the ball
 - There is **NO BYO alcohol** – drinks must be purchased from the bar – no personal eskies
 - respect for the course and fellow golfers
 - that Club members who are playing are watchful marshals on the course

Once these briefings have been completed, escort the players to the cart shed with the keys to their cart and check that no eskies other than Club eskies are evident.