



"The Preferred Lie!"

The Newsletter of the North Stradbroke Island Golf Club.
June/July 2024



Members and friends of the Straddie Golf Club, welcome to the June/July 2024 Edition of the *Preferred Lie*. As usual, there has been plenty going on, to which all of the volunteers behind the bar can attest. I think a special thank you up front for their unremitting efforts is in order, don't you?

From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

Contrary to the expectations of some, the Club has survived and has in fact thrived during the transition period required to allow us to establish the true cash flow position of the Club. This was only made possible by the efforts of members doing whatever they could to patronize the club and a special thanks to those volunteers who have manned the clubhouse during this period.

The good news is that as we are coming to the end of the transition. We are in very good shape finically and are in final contract negotiations with James and Joan Nohoku, who we hope will take up the Club's service contract offer.

The improved financial position of the Club means that the following projects can be funded and brought forward:

1. 10 stainless steel pull buggies
2. 10 sets of hire clubs
3. Replacement of the final 4 golf carts to lithium, giving us a fleet of 10 two-seaters and one family cart
4. Acquiring a further 2, two-seater carts and one more family cart
5. The purchase of road base to seal and upgrade all the course cart tracks and maintain them
6. New tractor and implements

Some of the above are being or will be funded by grants. Thank you Greg for your grantsmanship.

The course was as good as we could get it for the Ambrose. Not bad for the middle of a very

cold winter. The Ambrose was the BEST event we have ever held. Thank you, Committee members and those members who pitched in, and did whatever was required to make it a STRADDIE special. Captain Kev, well done. Not sure the members understand what goes on behind the scenes in putting this together, but my view is - no Kev no Ambrose, and that goes for all of our events.

Fair warning, just on the talk coming out of the Ambrose, we are already likely to have an oversubscribed field for next year. So, when we open the nominations in 2025, members will have 3 weeks to nominate before others. It will need to be 'first in best dressed'. Don't miss the opportunity.

As the membership continues to grow. We will have to look at introducing a member's card and other methods to ease and refine the administrative burden.

Don't forget the ARTS TRAIL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION again this year. Everybody has a phone and can take a picture of a flower, and there are some nice shots there for the taking on the course.

That's it from me. See you about the course.

Peter Turner

From the Club Captain

The Club Championships were decided on the first two Saturdays in June.

Congratulations to the winners who will have their names up on the honour board and receive a gift on break-up day in November.

Club Champion and A Grade	George Gray
B Grade	Brent Doody
C Grade	Neil Bienkie
Ladies	Juanita Forrester

The Women's and Girl's 6 week clinic is fully booked with 10 additional interested parties

registered to take advantage of future opportunities when they arrive. Coach and PGA Professional, Mr Stephen Boswell, is pleased with the response and is looking forward to commencing the clinics on 28th July and running consecutive Sundays thereafter.

The first Session will commence at 10.00am, followed by the second session at 11.00 am approximately.

All participants will be notified which session they have been booked in, prior to the event.

Now for the **Straddie Ambrose 2024.**

A little chill in the air didn't dampen the enthusiasm of a maximum field of 96 fun-loving golfers over the 3 days of the 27hole event.

Only an amazing 1.5 shots separated the first two teams; while only 4.2 separated the first 8 teams.

RESULTS

Ambrose winners J Harvey, K Smith, A Thurlow
85.4 nett

R/Up M Hamill, R Latham, M Lee
86.1 nett

Ladies' Winners Karen Peeck, Lyn King and
Maddie O'Shea

Best Gross S Hewitt, A Paterson, K Gardner
94 (count back)

R/Up Best Gross R Warnick, C Sprott , J Morris
94

1st Nine Nett J Forrester, C D'Hage-Craig , C
Mulholland

2nd Nine Nett K Zielke, M Peeck, M Andrews

3rd Nine Nett A MacFarlane, S Vince, T Vince

Congratulations to our major sponsor, Elements Insurance, and Marcus Hamill for taking out the **Splash for Cash** and R Rochford for taking out the Major Nearest the Pin on Sunday.

Thanks to Lee from 'Taste of Straddie' for making sure we had tasty and delicious food over the three days.

All in all, this year's Ambrose lived up to its reputation of being the Club's premier event and all this year's players are looking forward to next year's event which will be held on the 18th, 19th and 20th July.

And now for some pictures of the Ambrose winners taken by our regular photographer, Anthony Watego.



Winners: Geoff Harvey, Al Thurlow and K Smith



Women's Winners: Karen Peeck, Lyn King and Maddie O'Shea



Marcus Hamill (Splash for Cash) and George



Best Gross on Countback: R Arandale, George again, R Rochford, A Hoffman



Lee Moekel, George, George Gray and Dieter Moekel



M Andrews, George, Kev Zielke and Mike Peeck



The Kelly Gang: Deb and Peter Kelly with Pauline Harvey-Short and George



Wayne Broad, Pauline Shepherd and Peter Moulang with George



Peter Drake, George and Brian Short



Grumpy Old Men – Trevor Scott, Sam Catalano and Peter Hatchman



Pin Winners: Naomi Sharper and Julie Dempster



‘Chipping Chicks’ Karen, Teresa and Alison with a little chicken called Gryffin



The crowd on the deck after the game on Sunday

Thanks again all round to everyone!!

Kev Zielke

From the Editor

Rule 12 in the Players’ Edition of the Rules of Golf from the Royal and Ancient in Scotland concerns bunkers. Thank heavens we are exempt here on Straddie. That said, it could be argued that Straddie is just one big sand bunker.

That’s it from me. Keep chipping away!

Neil Dempster