



"The Preferred Lie!"



The Newsletter of the North Stradbroke Island Golf Club.

April 2025

Members and friends of the Straddie Golf Club, welcome to the April 2025 Edition of the *Preferred Lie*. As usual, the Club continues to attract people to its bushland setting, many driving up our dirt track for the first time. This still seems amazing, given the long-standing occupation of the Golf Club just below the BIG WHITE GOLF BALL high on the hill above our Clubhouse.

From the President's Desk

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

The Club continues to improve and expand as we utilise the increasing turnover and profitability of the clubs' operations. An example of this is the Clubs ability to reduce the annual membership fee by \$140 P.A. This saving is in stark contrast to yours and the Clubs other day to day bills.

The revival of the Clubs fortune has been a long and demanding task. Keeping the posterity and avoiding the pitfalls and the hubris of success are no less demanding.

The Club continues its negotiations with the state and council for our lease. I must say that the public service has been forth coming and helpful. Your elected officials Amanda stoker for the state and Peter Mitchell for the council have been instrumental in helping the club move forward towards securing its tenure. Believe me there are plenty of twists and turns to come but we are going in the right direction. The committee should be able to provide a full briefing for the membership at the AGM in November.

Another of the improvements that we have used our posterity for, is the arrival of Jason Davies to take up the position of green keeper. Jason will be a great asset for the Club. We are busy transferring my knowledge and expertise to him. When that transition period ends, you will see less of me on the end of a shovel, I hope.

The weather has changed, and winter has arrived. The red-hot pokers are flowering, the brown Kites have taken up their nesting site in the last gum tree on the left before the 2nd green and the gray falcons have arrived back and are nesting on the left of the 9th fairway. So, the routine of life continues, see you about the course.

Peter Turner

From the Club Captain

There are two initiatives I'd like to report to members in this edition of the 'Lie'. The first is the offering of ADULT GOLF CLINICS - to all.

The cost is \$130 up front for 6 one-hour lessons running from 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

The Clinic will be run on Sundays on the following dates:

MAY 18, 25

JUNE 1, 8, 15

JULY 6

The Clinic Coach is Mr Steve Boswell, a longstanding PGA Professional who has worked on many occasions with the Club and particularly with novice golfers.

If you are interested in learning more about Golf or in improving your game, bookings can be made at the Clubhouse or by phone:

Ph: 3409999

and by email: kziel2@hotmail.com

The second initiative is the offering of **FREE JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS** this year.

This Clinic is for young players AGED: 7yrs -12yrs

The first Clinic STARTS: MAY 18 at 9.00am

WHERE: Straddie Golf Club

The program then runs for a further six sessions on:
JUNE 15, JULY 27, AUGUST 10, SEPTEMBER 21,
OCTOBER 19 and NOVEMBER 9.

The leaders of the Junior Program are Mr Steve Boswell PGA and Mr Kev Zielke, NSI Golf Club Captain. Enrolment in the Clinic is easy. Just fill out the following form (available at the Dunwich State School or from the Clubhouse) and drop it in to the Dunwich State School Office by Friday May 16.

I wish to enrol my son/daughter in the **FREE** Junior Golf clinics.

Child's name

Parent's signature

Note: Please return the form to the Dunwich State School Office by FRIDAY, MAY 16.

Kev Zielke

From our Contractors –

Joan and James

Nohokau

A surprise visit occurred recently when a large group of walkers 'strolled in'. They had just finished a 24km walk and we're doing the final 8Km down to the Sealink ferry. There were around 32 of them.



Some of the walkers enjoying a rest on the deck

The course has also been seeing plenty of bucks' parties and an influx of people coming for family days out. This is especially evident with the Sunday roast luncheons doing well. Bookings are essential.



Sunday Roast Sample No. 1.

Menus vary but the quality remains just what you would expect. And the price is reasonable, so we've been told.



Sunday Roast Sample No. 2. Wow!!

On another matter, we would really like to see more members enjoying our competition days. Why not start by coming out for the Fowl Friday 9 hole comp at about 2.00pm every Friday.

Golfers start with half their regular handicap, while visitors are given a notional handicap if they are not regular players. The winner scores a frozen chook and the player with the lowest number of putts wins a new ball. All other players add a stroke to their next week's handicap to improve their chances.

However, best of all on Fowl Fridays are the afternoon nibbles awaiting golfers on the deck after they have completed their rounds.

Sunday mornings are getting busy with our women golfers having dedicated use of the course. Look at these three in the picture below, ready to take on the fairway at the first.



Lyn King flanked by two Sunday players

Finally, at the Clubhouse, we have lovely gift certificates which would be great for special days – Fathers' Day, birthdays, or anniversaries. Visit us at the Club to purchase one. While you do this, perhaps the kids can have a game of Putt Putt. It's free and it never fails to give Mum and Dad a bit of a break.



Popular Putt Putt, simply free

That's all for now folks.
Cheers,

Joan and James

From the Editor

I published a 'world first' tongue in cheek Golf Game in an earlier edition of the 'Lie'. You had to match golfing book titles to their authors – all of which were jumbled. No longer, here are the answers.

1. Chipping for beginners **by** I. C. D. Green
2. Understanding the Yips **by** Fanny Shakesalot
3. How best to use the Sand Iron **by** U. Baggit
4. Tall Tales and Preferred Lies **by** U. B. D. Judge
5. Straightening Slices **by** Ben Z. Nees
6. Managing Match Play Stress **by** I.C. Nerves
7. Female Golfing Attire **by** Ed Turner
8. Male Golfing Attire **by** Jock Stretcher
9. Favourite Ball Colours **by** Mina Pink
10. What to do in the Rough **by** Eva Stick
11. Dying for a Game **by** Laurel Wreath
12. Putting Made Easy **by** Pat D' Pill
13. Lofted Shots **by** U. Z. Wedge
14. The 19th Hole **by** Bieren Tucker
15. On Course Etiquette **by** May Waitabit

That's it from me. Keep chipping away.

Neil Dempster