



"The Preferred Lie!"

The Newsletter of the North Stradbroke Island Golf Club.

September 2025



Members and friends of the Straddie Golf Club, welcome to the September 2025 Edition of the *Preferred Lie*. The year is certainly scooting along and it will be the AGM before you know it. We still have a couple of regular events to go before the year's end and the Summer program, but more on this later. As far as Golf Australia (GA) is concerned, the change to Golf Connect for all the nation's clubs and their competitions will be bigger than Ben Hur. Our Captain Kev is getting everybody ready for the transition and for the fact that some of us will need to be dragged 'kicking and screaming' into the use of twenty-first century golfing technology. I think I'll certainly have to *sharpen my pencil* on GA's new App - to use an ancient phrase.

From the President's Desk

The year is rushing to a close. The Club's financial year ends on the 30th of September. You will shortly receive information regarding the conduct of the AGM. Please make the effort to attend the **AGM on Sunday 23 November** and exercise your right to participate in the Club's management and future.

Things are moving along in securing a long-term affordable lease from the State Government. This involves the Redlands City Council relinquishing its trusteeship of the current lease. This, the Council voted unanimously to do at its August meeting, opening the way for the State to issue a new lease to the Club. I will update the membership at the AGM on this matter among other issues. So, I hope to see a full house at the AGM.

The new tractor is performing well, and we can all see the benefits.



The new Iseki 6490

We have run out of storage space for golf carts and equipment and are a little hamstrung by where to put it and the cost involved for the required storage space.

The Club will examine replacing its older 3 lithium, two-seater carts in the next 6 months and perhaps increasing the family cart fleet by 2 additional carts. Like the family budget, the Club budget has only so much money to go round and all of the above lie outside current and foreseeable budget capacity.

The Rainbow Bee-eaters are back and they have, of all places, chosen the area between the 6th green and the ladies 7th tee to start nesting.



Photo by Pablo Sanchez Jerez visiting from Spain



The Rainbow Bee-eaters' Nesting sites



Suitable fencing will be erected in this and other areas on the course. Please take care in these places.

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

Peter Turner

From the Club Captain

The Straddie Ambrose 2025, was sponsored by Elements Insurance again this year and our thanks and appreciation are extended to Marcus Hamill and his team for their continuing support.

It was great to see the field of 93 players enjoying the competition over three days.

Results.

1. Open Ambrose winner – Straddieshack 1
Marcus Hamill , Kim Laundry , Alex Horton-
83.7
2. R/Up Ambrose - Grip It n Sip It – J Manski , T
Burnett , J. Lennard - 84.7
3. Ladies Ambrose winners – Joanne
Cochrane, Juanita Forrester, Jennifer Heisig-
98.4
4. Best Gross – Shankaholics – R Arandale, M
Hines, R Rochford - 90
5. R/Up Gross – Jimmy n Bundy – R Warnick, C
Sprott, J Morris - 95
6. 1st Nine Nett – Pandanus Punters – P
Moulang, P Shepherd, W Broad- 29.1
7. 2nd Nine Nett – The Lady's In Charge – S
Murdoch, G Robertson, J Nohokau – 27.25
8. 3rd Nine Nett – Emarati – N Dempster, K Ooi,
N Cormick - 28.7

Nearest the Pins

Juanita Forrester, Joanne Cochran 2, Leanne Moekel,
Simon Hewitt, Dieter Moekel, Marcus Hamill, Jake
Lennard

Recently the 30 **Board Riders** played together for the first time on the course. It was a great day of golf in perfect weather.

The winners were Sharon Murdoch, Jennifer Heisig and Alison Hatchman.

In yet further activity, this year's Borey Family Memorial day of fun was off to a delayed start by really heavy rain at the start – an absolute downpour which saw 72 players out and drenched for the first three holes. However, this didn't seem to dampen their spirits.

Winners - Sharon Murdoch, Grant Robertson (open men and mixed)

Ladies - Tia and Kiesha

Nearest the Pin - Desley Grose, Kiesha, Neil Bienkie, Matt Waller

Longest drive - Ash MacDonald, Natalie Borey

Coming special events.

Billy Frost Memorial sponsored by All Sports Club - December 6.

Normy Gardner Memorial sponsored by Amity Cricket Club - Dec 27.

The Annual Match Play competition is progressing well with the successful players down to the final 16.

GOLF CONNECT

Look out for the 'wave of change' to the way we play and score competition golf through Golfing Australia's CONNECT software. While Straddie has continued to use printed score cards, most clubs on the mainland have been 'digitised' for quite a while. We are now being readied to use both a Club computer and personal phones to record our scores. Information on how to download the new App is on the Club members' notice board.

To help the less than technologically savvy, members will be given information and opportunities to learn the new procedures with local help. Our club's ONBOARDING CHAMPIONS who will assist everyone with the transition are **Grant Robertson, Sharon Murdoch** and **Alison Hatchman**. They have been trained to be able to assist members in all aspects of the change.

Kev Zielke

From our Contractors – Joan and James Nohokau

September highlights from the 19th.

The Borey Day challenge went off without a hitch, and there was plenty of fun and excitement for everyone.

Congratulations from us to our winners, Allison, Jenny, and Sharon.

Boss the dog, loved all the titbits people were offering, although he's a little stiff with arthritis at the moment and prefers to stay lying down when visitors stop by. The school holidays started with a bang, with lots of people popping in for lunch despite the windy weather. We are seeing more and more family social golfers with kids appearing to enjoy what our beautiful course has to offer.

There have been quite a number of people walking the course on the lookout for a bird or two to photograph for this year's Minjerribah Photography Competition. The details of what to do and how to enter are included later in the newsletter.

Don't forget that the Nineteenth puts on a special lunch for Members and Guests on Sundays at \$18.00 for a scrumptious hot and satisfying Sunday

Lunch with a dessert for \$6.50. Give us a ring to make a booking on **3409 9999**

Looking ahead, we are excited for a **Halloween-themed Chook Run on Friday, the 31st of October.**

The club will be providing nibbles, and everyone is encouraged to come dressed in something Halloween-themed. We hope to see you there.

Cheers,

Joan and James

From the Editor

Here are the protocols for this year's Minjerribah Photography Competition. Entries are open from 1 September to 1 November and this year's theme is '**BIRDS**' on the course.

1. ALL Photo Award competitors need to sign in at the Golf Clubhouse office during opening hours which run from 7am to 5pm daily.
2. ALL Photo Award competitors need to get a ticket with a CODE from the Clubhouse and put their details - name, address, phone number, time / date on to the ticket stub. They can then use that same code for multiple entries. Photographers will need to use that one-time code when they upload their online entry form on the Straddie Arts Trail section on the iamstraddie.com.au website - here is the link: <https://iamstraddie.com.au/2025-photo-awards>
3. Photography Award competitors can hire carts by the hour - minimum 20-dollars per hour (or part thereof) for a two-person cart and minimum 40-dollars per hour for family carts. Carts should be pre-booked by phoning the office on 34099999. Preference is always given to golfers with photographers able to hire carts that are not otherwise in use.
4. Photography Award competitors who walk must stay on the tracks marked "yellow brick trail" — there is a map on the club score card and on the IAM Straddie website.

The prizes are as follows:

Overall Winner:	\$1,000
Runner Up:	\$500
Secondary School Student:	\$250
Primary School Student:	\$250
Peoples' Choice:	\$250

If last year's entries are anything to go by, we can expect a bumper crop of great photographs showing off the variety of birdlife seen on the course by members and visitors in the Straddie Spring. So, get your phones and cameras out and get cracking – I mean clicking!!

Now, a special shout out to the 18 members who volunteer for Clubhouse duties when our Contractors, James and Joan, are away. Here they are:

Peter Turner, Peter Bayard, George Khan

Jan Petherick, Ron Brook, Allan Ziirsen

Neil Bienke, Alison Hatchman, Peter Hatchman

Teresa Walsh, Skip Ruppenthal, Maureen Bristow

Marty Lambert, Amanda Wood, Jenny Heisig

Grant Robinson and Sharon Murdoch plus one

All these people do a great job, one which benefits the Club's bottom line, the membership directly and the community at large. These eighteen all deserve a badge of appreciation, but a heartfelt thank you and the end of year breakup will have to suffice.

Finally, who said that golf spoiled a good walk in the bush? How negative! Here is one of the true delights of a round at Straddie exemplifying the central rule of the game "**Play the ball as it Lies**".



Good luck with this one.

That's it from me. Keep chipping away!

Neil Dempster