



"The Preferred Lie!"



The Newsletter of the North Stradbroke Island Golf Club.
November/December 2025

Members and friends of the Straddie Golf Club, welcome to the November/December edition of *The Preferred Lie*. What a year it's (almost) been. As I've said before, once December is here, it's well known that March will be with us before you know it!!

Still the action continues. The AGM, The Photography Competition Awards and People's Choice, the Billy Frost and the Normy Gardiner Days are just around the corner and then we're well into the New Year.

From the President's Desk

As the conclusion of an exceptionally busy year approaches, the Club is quickly becoming a top destination on the Island for both visitors and locals alike. Ample evidence was evident at the annual Redlands City Council Awards this week, when our secretary, Greg Grimmett, was awarded **Administrator of the Year** at a gala presentation night. Pictured below is Greg being congratulated by Cameron Costello, Chair of QYAC, a major sponsor of the awards.



Honorary Secretary Greg being congratulated by Cameron Costello

Not to be outdone, the Club was runner up for the 2025 Best Club in the Redlands.

I would also like to thank Uncle George Khan for representing the Club at the event. Secretary

Greg is a hidden asset along with many who serve on the committee and fly under the radar, so to speak. The award is great recognition of his sterling work and his value to the Club.

I could fill pages here on the renewal of the Club but if you want the inside story you will have to attend the AGM on Sunday.

See you about the course

Peter Turner

From the Club Captain

By this time, most members will be aware that we are now served by a NEW GOLF PLATFORM - Golfink is out and GOLF AUSTRALIA CONNECT is in!

Thanks go out to our 'Onboarding Champions' - Grant Robertson, Sharon Murdoch and Alison Hatchman for assisting members with the transition to GOLF CONNECT. Members need to "get with it" by doing the following:

1. Registering with GOLF.com.au by using your GOLF ID number.
2. Downloading the scoring App to your phone. Assistance for this task is available through our *Onboarding Champions* and any other members who have mastered the process. Just ask!

While some of us may have to learn new skills, there is no doubt that Golf Australia has gone digital right across the continent and all golfers are affected.

Foursomes 2025

Congratulations to Amanda Wood and Jenny Heisig on winning this year's Foursomes event - just reward for their interest in developing a good golf game and involving themselves wholeheartedly in the Club. Your names will be up in 'lights' on the Honour Board soon.



Amanda Wood and Jenny Heisig – Foursomes Winners

Match Play 2025: Finalists, Sharon Murdoch and Anthony Watego, have gone 'head to head' to decide on the Match Play honour board entry for this year.

Both had to ward off stiff opposition to get to the final. And the winner is.....



Sharon Murdoch being congratulated by Anthony Watego after her Match Play Championship win.

MEDAL of MEDALS 2025 Result: Would you believe that the overall final of the Monthly Medal competition went down to a back nine countback between Amanda Wood and Desley Grose with Amanda having the better score and taking out this year's championship. Congratulations Amanda!

The AGM Comp: The AGM is set for Sunday 7th December and as usual. After the meeting at approximately 10.00am, the major trophy and honour board presentations for the 2025 year will take place.

Following that, all members attending are invited to play a 3 club single event in social groupings for a *Chook Run-down* followed by lunch served on the deck.

Summer and 2026 Calendars: The Summer Competition is on display, with the highlights being the Christmas Ham and Australia Day trophies. Thanks to George Khan and Joan and James for their kind sponsorship of these two events.

The 2026 Calendar is also on display. It is not too late to see me about possible adjustments.

Kev Zielke

From our Contractors – Joan and James Nokokau

It's been a busy and brilliant stretch at the Golf Club. A local wedding to remember. We were honoured to host a beautiful wedding for a local couple, and the Club looked absolutely sensational with lights and decor.



The Clubhouse awaiting wedding guests

The wind tried its best to join in on the celebrations, but it didn't dampen any spirits; if anything, it added to the laughter and memories.



The wedding party assembled

And a great night to remember was had by all.

Footwear update: Safety 1st and fashion are questionable companions. We are encouraging the wearing of enclosed shoes on the golf course as part of our ongoing commitment to health and safety. To help everyone transition, we've donated some spectacularly ugly shoes and socks for members and guests to borrow until the new requirement becomes second nature. Full enforcement across

the board will occur by Easter. Start shopping now unless you love the ugly loan-shoes look.

Welcoming new staff: A big warm welcome to Arianna and Abbey, who have embraced working at our beautiful Club and are already becoming familiar, friendly faces.

Locals supporting locals: We're seeing plenty of new local faces joining and enjoying the Club's facilities, great energy, great company, and we hope even more will come down for a hit, a bite or a social catch-up.

Group bookings are rising and getting creative, coming with all sorts of fun themes. Always feel free to reach out if you'd like to plan something. We're here for it.

The 19th food update: The 19th now offers a full lunch menu from Friday to Sunday, and tasty light options Monday to Thursday. Perfect for a bite after the greens or a casual catch-up.

That's it for now. A Merry Christmas to all from

Joan and James

From the Editor

Our North Stradbroke Island Golf Club Minjerribah Photography Competition continues to be a popular event hosted by the Club in association with the *Straddie Arts Trail*.

This year's theme of 'Birds on the Course' has produced some wonderful images as I'm sure you will agree once you have visited the Clubhouse and seen the photographs on display.

While at the display, visitors can vote for the photo they like best. This process for choosing the Peoples' Choice winner will occur during December and into January before prizes will be presented to all of the winners at the Club on a day soon to be announced. Our band of generous sponsors will be on hand to make the presentations and congratulate the winners.

Watch our social media pages for further information.

Finally, I've been working on yet another World First. See what you think.

Golfers' Occupations and their Foibles*

This matching exercise requires one to think carefully about the qualities and characteristics of golfers whose occupations yield insights about the way they play their golf. The keen eye of the lay sociologist or the qualified psychologist throws up some interesting parallels.

***Note: Foible – a weakness, a defect, a frailty, a flaw, a blemish**

1. **Q:** What did the golfing GP lack? **A:** *Patience*
2. **Q:** How did the golfing geriatrician describe his chipping? **A:** *He couldn't remember.*
3. **Q:** An entomologist was seen hopping around in circles in the rough. Why was she so agitated? **A:** *She had ants in her pants!*
4. **Q:** Why did the marathon runner give up Golf and running? **A:** *He found both 'soul' destroying.*
5. **Q:** What did the nurse give her breathless playing partner? **A:** *The kiss of life.*
6. **Q:** What did the librarian find so hard about golf? **A:** *She couldn't 'read' the greens.*
7. **Q:** What did the florist call her pathetic playing partner? **A:** *A bit of a pansy.*
8. **Q:** What did the carpenter say every time he missed a putt? **A:** *I Shoulda NAILED it!*
9. **Q:** To what did the politician attribute his golfing failures? **A:** *His clubs, the greens, the trees, the bunkers, the weather, ANYTHING.*
10. **Q:** Why was the tattooist so unpopular with the members of his Club? **A:** *He couldn't stop needling his partners!*

11. **Q:** What did Club members think of the talkative equestrian? **A:** *They thought she was a Nag!!*

12. **Q:** What characterised the playing style of the orthodontist? **A:** *His careful inspection of every hole.*

That's it from me. Keep chipping away!

Oh, and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Neil Dempster