



GGC PROSHOP TEAM NEWSLETTER

PROSHOP NEWS

SHOP SPECIALS

- This month in the pro shop when you purchase a pair of Footjoy shoes you get a pair of Footjoy socks free.
- Callaway Hex Diablo golf balls - 2 Dozen for \$50 or 3 Dozen for \$60

****If any members have any old golf clubs that we can cut down and use for juniors please drop them into the proshop.**

****Any unwanted golf shirts please drop them into the proshop as we can use them for our visitors that are not wearing collared shirts, Thank you.**

JUNIOR NEWS

This term of Junior golf was a great success with good number once again. It was great to see all Juniors improving and having lots of fun each week. As our term 3 MyGolf clinic ends, this means an exciting period as the “coaches” elect our MyGolf Term3 Junior Golfer of the term.

Term 3 recipient was Noah Price. Congratulations Noah, well deserved



All juniors can register on the MyGolf web site and register for next term.

<https://www.golf.org.au/mygolf/program-search/?locationType=POSTCODE&postcode=4076&distance=50>

STAFF PROFILE

Name: Justin McCormack

Age: 15

Daily Handicap: 0



Current Golf Clubs: Gailes GC, Brookwater GC, Brisbane GC

Main Goals for Golf: To become a Professional Golfer

Academic Qualifications – year 10 student

Memorable Golf Achievements –

- 2017 B Grade Club Champion
- 2017 Junior Club Champion
- 2019 Junior Club Champion
- 2019 Mixed Foursome's Champion
- 2019 Foursome's Champion
- 2019 QLD Nett Foursome's Champion
- 2020 Mixed Foursome's Champion
- 2020 Junior Club Champion

Current 2021 Tournament Results –

- Windaroo Junior Bowl - 1st
- Royal QLD Junior Open - 8th
- Gatton Junior Pro-Am – 3rd
- Australian Junior age division championship -3rd
- QLD Junior Amateur – t-19th
- 2-day Winter Classic – 9th
- Brisbane Junior Amateur Championship – 9th
- Yeerongpilly Cup – 17th

COURSE NEWSLETTER

As winter continues to drag on, we are finally starting to see a few glimmers of the warmer weather the course longs for. We have had a relatively good winter, considering it has been consistently cool since mid-April, and having regular rain, which helps some areas of the course and hinders others. The odd drop of rain, or heavy downpour which has been the case recently, is great for the tees, fairways and roughs but not always appreciated by the greens. As has been well documented over the years, our old greens have a heavy organic soil profile due to consistent recycled water use over the past 30 plus years, this holds moisture a great deal more than this type of plant can handle. Greens type grasses like ours need irrigation, but also needs "dry feet", which is a more common term used in growing plants, and just like some plants, it has very little tolerance to water stress. Throughout winter, even into this time of the year, we would be lucky to need to irrigate the greens more than once a fortnight, so when we get weekly rain events, it can be a struggle.

Over the past few weeks, we have been placing some heavy clay material in areas that have been washed out over many years of dry periods followed by storms and heavy rain. We are concentrating on areas more likely to be in play on a daily basis, this is to improve the golfing experience and ease wear and tear on all the carts driving through these areas. This is a slow process as we need to move the soil from the left-hand side of the 7th hole, then use a separate machine to move and compact the soil in the area we have filled, we then cover this area with a cleaner soil with a view for grass to cover when we have optimum growing conditions.

Over the past month we have continued aerating high traffic areas particularly around greens, tees, and selected fairway areas, this is to aid accelerated recovery coming into the growing season. The fairway aeration is being carried out to alleviate issues arising from trees that are near the areas in question. We will need to carry out further work in these areas to keep them in good shape, we hope to carry this out over the coming months.

Our volunteers have been kept busy with many different tasks they have taken on, some of them are weekly jobs such as filling divots on tees, marking lines, blowing down the paths, to name a few, and others are on a larger scale and more physically demanding. The main focus over the past month has been a continuation of the bunker drainage repair, which is getting closer to completion, and saves us many hours of pumping after heavy rain and the pruning and removal of dead trees.

On the subject of trees, any pruning or removal of trees is always contentious and is never carried out on a spur of the moment, knee jerk reaction, many a frustrated committee member can vouch for this. Trees are never removed if "they are in the way", pruning is always the preferred option unless the tree is dead, dangerous, causing unmaintainable damage or noxious. All trees that are worked on are fully checked for wildlife and any safety concerns, we often spend more time checking for bird nests, sugar gliders, possums and the like than we do in the actual removal. When we do remove trees, we then need to consider replacements. This is not as simple as digging a hole and putting in another tree, many things have to be considered. Why did the tree die? Is the tree now listed as a pest by the local council? Is that tree now compatible with the current flora and fauna? Will a new tree in the same position be safe, aesthetic, harmful to the playing areas or affect playability? We have selected a variety that we know grows well on the course, is acceptable to both local and state governments and looks good all year round and we have already started planting in selected areas as per the above criteria.

Hopefully the warmer weather arrives soon, and the lockdowns stay away.

STEWART POOLE - GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

PLAY GOLF WITH THE PROS

Brent plays on a Saturday at 12 noon and Bronson plays Wednesday 12 noon. So put your name down with them or ask them about when they are free.

DIVOTS

Just a reminder to fill in your divots on the practice fairway just like you would on the course. Of late we are seeing a lot of unfilled divots.

MEMBER CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to member Cody Fullerton on achieving his first hole in one, on the 12th hole in the Wednesday comp on the 18th of August. Cody said he hit a sweetly struck wedge, but his playing partners told us another story.

MEMBER FEEL GOOD STORY

Showing age is no barrier to long standing Member of Gales Golf Club, Jim Coogan. At the young age of 92 Jim had a fantastic 87 off the stick and 43 points to win the comp. of the day recently.



FROM THE CAPTAIN.

To all members a big thank you for your patience during the last month, with the lockdown imposed in early August we had to make a number of changes to the Saturday sheet in order to comply with Covid restrictions, e.g., changing fields to a one tee start then changing them back again as restrictions were eased. Many thanks also to the Pro Shop Staff and Golf Director, Andy for their work in ensuring things ran smoothly.

Slow Play

Slow play has been a hot topic of recent, this is not just a Gaires issue, many clubs are reporting fields are taking longer to complete their rounds. A Black Marker Medal event can often take a little longer than four hours to play, but we are now seeing Blue / White marker stableford events taking in excess of 4 x hours.

It is everyone responsibility to ensure you are aware of your place in the field, which is “just behind the group in front”. If you see you are falling behind, speak to your playing partners let them know that you all need to catch up. There are many ways to pick up time when playing, e.g.

- **Putting out where you can:** There is no need to keep marking your ball and lining up each time you putt.
- **Ready Golf:** Get to your ball as soon as possible and get ready to play, you don't always have to be the farthest away.
- **Keep your Pre-Shot routine Short:** 20 seconds is plenty of time.

Course

I think most would agree that our course is in better condition than it has been for some time, a combination of good weather, new equipment, works carried out by the volunteers and members ensuring divots are filled has put the course in great shape coming out of winter. You will no doubt have seen the works happening behind and to the side of the seventh hole, these works are part of a major project that your committee is planning. More information on this will be detailed at the Annual General Meeting on Sept 18th.

Club Championships

The qualifying rounds for this year's Championships have been played, we now have 8 players in each division who will begin match play beginning Saturday 11th Sept. Congratulations to the qualifiers and good luck in the upcoming match play rounds.

Results

August Monthly Medal	Alan Frost	Net 67
September Monthly Medal	Anthony Moore	Net 67

Upcoming Events

7 th September	1 st Rd Ladies Champs Grades A&B
9 th September	2 nd Rd Ladies Champs Grades A&B
10 th September	Qtr. Finals Men's Champs A,B,C grades
14 th September	3 rd Rd Ladies Champs Grades A&B
16 th September	4 th Rd Ladies Champs Grades A&B
18 th September	Semi Finals Men's Champs Grades A,B,C
20 th September	QSLGA Event Red.
24 th September	Men's Champ. Finals 36 holes A Grade / 18 holes B & C Grades.

PENNANT'S

Congratulations to the 2021 Senior Teams Mid Week Challenge Champions [Indooroopilly Golf Club](#) after beating [Gailes Golf Club](#) 5.5 to 0.5 today with an aggregate score of 8 to 4.
[#seniorgolf#qldgolf](#)



RULE OF THE MONTH

YOU CAN IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS AFFECTING YOUR NEXT STROKE WHEN FAIRLY SEARCHING FOR YOUR BALL.

You might find your ball under a pile of leaves. There is no penalty if the ball moves when searching for it (just replace it), and there's no penalty if removing the leaves by the ball results in better conditions for your next shot. This includes a ball resting in a penalty area.



COACHING

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For Bookings contact Pro Shop 3271 1045

FRIDAY GOLF

Are you looking for something to do at the end of your working week? Why not grab a few mates for a round of Golf at Gales Golf Club. Starting next Friday, 18 holes including green fees (walking), competition fees and gourmet burger for only \$40.

To book your tee time book online or call the Proshop on (07) 3271 1045.

It's time for \$40 Fridays at GAILES

This amazing deal includes: 18-hole Visitor the green fee, competition fee and a delicious GAILES GOURMET BURGER.

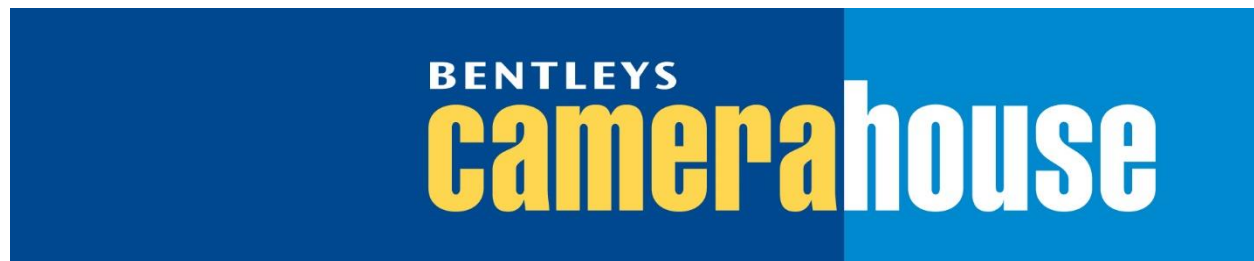
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******* Members - \$25 *******

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**Tony Hollands
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