

THE COOGANS



They come from a long line of Thomas John Coogans.

Thomas John Coogan (1886-1986) married Catharine Purtle Burns in 1920. In 1925 they lived in Dinmore and he was a miner. In 1963 they lived in Waterford Rd Gales and he was an "Attendant"

Children were:

Selwyn Thomas (1921-2001) Born Dinmore. On a few people's "Trees" he was called Richard Selwyn. Presumably because his nickname was "Dick".

Thomas John (1926-1994) Born Esk. He married Shirley. On the 1958 Electoral Roll they lived in Jutland St Oxley and he was a Male Nurse. In 1972 still in Oxley but his occupation was Pro. Golfer.

Sam is obviously Selwyn.

As you said there are loads of Coogans living in the area, all related.

Margaret Lutton (Family historian) 23 Nov 2023

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Date of joining Gales:

MEMBERSHIP LIST – in Annual Reports:

1941 – S Coogan only (20, born 1921)

1943 – S Coogan and J Coogan (17, born 1926)

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TROVE newspaper items – 1940s only - re Coogans only

TALKING GOLF CADDY TO STAR IN TWO YEARS By J. D. MULCAHY

FROM caddy to Gales Golf Club's second lowest handicapped player in two years is the record of 19-year-old **Selwyn Coogan**, who equalled the Pacific course record of 76 on Sunday. It was his first game at Pacific, and he finished with birdies on the course's testing 17th and 18th.

Joining Gales with a handicap of 10-8, Selwyn now plays off 4-3. W. Stanley (3-2) is the only player with a lower handicap.

Coogan's best at Gales is 72, three strokes outside the record established by O Pickworth, Sydney professional.

His opponent on Sunday said that he did everything required of a good golfer.

[Courier-Mail Wed 12 Mar 1941 Page 8 TALKING GOLF](#)

J. COOGAN, a 17-year-old player, won the standard scratch event at Gales Golf Club (Brisbane) on Saturday. In five months Coogan has reduced his handicap from 12 to 6.

[Guinea Gold \(Papua New Guinea\) Wed 17 Mar 1943 Page 3 Spotlight on Sportsmen](#)

SAM COOGAN ANNEXES WIDE BAY GOLF CHAMP. AT M'BORO. CARNIVAL

YOUTHFUL Sam Coogan, of the Brisbane Gales Club, maintained his consistent form throughout the tourney to win the Wide Bay Championship at the Maryborough golf links yesterday. Driving with deadly accuracy, the broad-shouldered metropolitan player went round the 36 holes in 144 — 72 on both occasions. Playing from the scratch mark, the Gales man has played phenomenal golf every day of the carnival, his worst effort being a 74 on Good Friday....

Brother Jack Coogan, playing off 2 was runner-up to Sam: with a net 149. while another Gales man, W. Stanley, took third place to his club associates.

[Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser \(Qld. : 1860 - 1947\)
Tue 23 Apr 1946 Page 4](#)

GREATER BRISBANE GOLF CHAMPION ONLY TWENTY

By JIM MULCAHY

Winner of this year's Greater Brisbane Association golf title at Gales on Monday, local member **Jack Coogan is only 20**. He took the title from his **elder brother Dick**, Gales scratch player.

The meeting was a family affair. Jack won the title, **his father, T. J. Coogan**, won the next important event, the stroke handicap, and father and son were members of the Gales combination which won the teams' match.

Jack, who plays off a handicap of one. said yesterday: 'My second round, 70, is the best card I have ever turned in— four under scratch.'

Jack's effort may put him into the select band of scratch markers.

The two brothers have a big practice programme for the State amateur title, to be decided in conjunction with the open championship....

The youthful Gailes A pennant team— Bill Stanley (capt.), Dick and Jack Coogan, Frank Kingston and Alf Grossert — have not lost a game in three matches....

[The Courier-Mail \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1933 - 1954\) Wed 19 Jun 1946 Page 6](#)

.... Another local amateur, Dudley von Nida (Nudgee), brother of Norman, finished eighth with 80, 75, 77, 77—309.

The young Gailes amateurs, **Sam** and Jack Coogan had 310 and 311.

[The Courier-Mail \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1933 - 1954\) Thu 8 Aug 1946 Page 7](#)

CHAMPIONS!--Goodna's golfing brothers, Dick (left) and Jack Coogan, who will leave for Sydney by Skymaster next week to take part as Queensland representatives in the Australian championships.

Dick is present holder of the close championship of Queensland, Wide Bay and Burnett District championship, and Gailes Club championship. In the last-named event he returned an exceptional score of 72/71-143 for 36 holes, including 9 birdies. He also has set course records at Gailes, Ashgrove, and Ipswich.

Jack ("Bub") is the present holder of the Greater Brisbane Golf Association championship (which was won by Dick last year), and was runner-up to Dick in the Queensland close championship, and Wide Bay and Burnett title.

Jack was beaten 4-3 in the final of the Gailes Club championship by Dick.

Gailes Club will honour them at a social evening on Saturday.

[Queensland Times \(Ipswich, Qld. : 1909 - 1954\) Thu 19 Sep 1946 Page 5](#)

Q'LAND AMATEUR GOLFERS BEATEN

SYDNEY, Saturday. — Queensland players were eliminated in match-play rounds of the Australian amateur golf championship at Royal Sydney to-day.

Stan Keane (Toowoomba) and Dick and Jack Coogan (Gailes) were beaten in a battle for places in the quarter-finals. In the fourth round Keane was beaten 3 and 1 by Alan Waterson, runner-up in the Australian open. Keane was 1 up at the -ninth.

The margin in favour of Victorian amateur champion, R. S. Brown, was only 1 up against Dick Coogan. The former Canberra star D. W. Bachli (Victoria) had the same margin to beat Jack Coogan.

Jack Coogan beat Ivo Whitton, five times winner of the Australian championship, 6 and 5, in the third round...

[Sunday Mail \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1926 - 1954\) Sun 13 Oct 1946 Page 11](#)

Lucky Break For Young Golf Find by JIM MULCAHY

A CHANCE meeting with some players at Virginia Golf Club last February put **Noel Weston** back into golf after a lapse of five years. Now at 18 he will play for Victoria Park in the final of the Greater Brisbane Association's A pennant against Gales at Keperra on November 23. Weston caddied at Brisbane Club in 1941, but then gave up the game altogether. Weston started with a handicap of 6/5, and is now on 3/2. He has played in four A pennant matches and has not lost a game. He has equalled scratch 65 at Victoria Park, and is one of the club's most consistent players.

Gales Club, which produced the Coogan brothers, Dick and Jack, who made a name for themselves at the national championships meeting in Sydney last month, has another 'find' in 22-year-old **Laurie Howard**, who served with a R.A.A.F. radar unit.

He will play his third A pennant game for Gales in the final.

Howard learnt his golf when caddying at Gales with the two Coogans.

He caddied for Gales A pennant player, J. A. Miller, pre-war.

For four war years Howard hardly held a club, but this season he has won 15 out of 16 match-play events, including the club's two major competitions, the Western Gales cup and the captain's trophy. He has won both his A grade pennant games.

Last Saturday Howard turned on scratch golf, despite a ball out of bounds and a stymie, for the first 10 holes, to defeat the Wynnum pennant captain, Eric Smith, 5 and 4.

His wife, Thelma- follows him on most of his match-play rounds.

The Gales team for the final is Dick and Jack Coogan, Laurie Howard, Frank Kingston, and Bill Stanley (captain)...

[The Courier-Mail \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1933 - 1954\) Wed 13 Nov 1946 Page 8](#)

Gales members have planned a four-ball v. standard scratch for trophies donated by Frank Fletcher and George Cox next Saturday afternoon to close their season. This will be followed by a dinner, the presentation of the close championship cup to Dick Coogan and the runner-up prize to Jack Coogan, the G.B.G.A. championship replica cup to Jack Coogan and the club championship cup to Dick Coogan.

Other major trophies will also be presented. The presentation will be followed by the annual meeting.

[The Telegraph \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1872 - 1947\) Tue 3 Dec 1946 Page 14](#)

Coogan's New Record

NOTED scratch man, Jack Coogan, set a new course record at Gales Golf Club yesterday, with a brilliant round of 68 off the stick. Finishing six strokes better than par, his 42 Stableford points was the best individual score turned in by any one golfer.

Playing smooth, even shots throughout the round, his card read 35, 33, including four 'birdies' and 13 pars.

BEST hole of the 18 was the 15th, where he drove well over 250 yards from the tee and finished out with an 'eagle' two on his long par five.

Representing Queensland in the recent team south, Jack has greatly benefited from the trip...

[Truth Sun 7 Dec 1947 Page 20 Coogan's New Record](#)

Those two great golfers, Dick and Jack Coogan, played from plus one handicap at Gales in the week-end events. Dick finished runner-up in the distance competition, getting to the 19th fairway from his plus mark.

The Coogans are the only golfers in Queensland playing from a plus mark. Both have been on scratch for the last few years, but have won so many competitions they have been put on the plus mark.

Their new handicaps have yet to be approved by the Queensland Golf Council.

GOLFERS FOR SOUTH

Four Gales Golf Club members were included in the Queensland amateur team selected yesterday to play in the Interstate matches in Melbourne on October 6-8.

The team is: Stan Keane (Royal Queensland, captain), Dick and Jack Coogan, Noel Weston, and Keith Drage (Gales), Roy White (Oxley), Alec Colledge (Brisbane), and Ray Howarth (Cairns).

[The Courier-Mail Wed 18 Aug 1948 Page 5 GOLFERS FOR SOUTH](#)

TWEMLOW TRUMPS GAILES GUESTS

WITH the Ellerton Cup the attraction, a large field of golfers travelled to Gales yesterday. Local knowledge helped former 1937-38 inter-State rep., George Twemlow (7), to card 75:70 for a win.

Despite a heartbreaking 7 at the 13th, plus-one man Jack Coogan grossed 141 for the two round total to run into second place. 'Ossie' Walker (152) Doug. Katterns, and local pro. Arch McArthur, collected first, second and third cash prizes respectively for the purse.

[Truth \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1900 - 1954\) Sun 3 Oct 1948 Page 13](#)

Qld. Golf Colts Win in Title

MELBOURNE: Keith Drage and Noel Weston, two Queensland (Gales) youngsters, both won their first round games in the Australian Amateur golf championship at Metropolitan to-day. Weston had a big win 6 and 4 over E. A. Clarke, of Victoria, and Drage beat his opponent, H. Mitchell (Vic.), at the 19th-

Stan Keane (Royal Queensland) was one down to D.

Sharp, of N.S.W., in the second round and Jack Coogan (Gales) was unlucky in meeting the up-and-coming golfer, Peter Thomson, in the opening Round. Coogan was not disgraced. He lost two down.

S Coogan also was narrowly defeated by W. A. Higgins, 2 and 1.

[Brisbane Telegraph \(Qld. : 1948 - 1954\) Mon 11 Oct 1948 Page 11](#)

New Secretary for Gales club

Jim Philben returned to Gales Golf Club yesterday after honeymooning in Sydney to find he had been elected club secretary unopposed. He took over duties at the annual meeting at the club-house last night.

Director of the Railways Institute sports club and an all-round sportsman, Jim should be the ideal man for the job. He has captained the Gales B pennant team this year and has been a

big influence in the success of his young clubmates, Noel Weston and Keith Drage, who made the State team.

Always on hand to caddy for these boys in important matches, he has helped them a lot with good advice.

Not a long hitter, but consistent in all parts of the game, Jim was runner-up to Bernie O'Sullivan in The Courier-Mail Caddies' Cup in 1936. — KEITH BROWN.

[Sunday Mail Sun 28 Nov 1948 Page 10](#) [New secretary for Gailes club](#)

Slaughter Slew All -Comers in Gailes Golf event

COMPARATIVE newcomer to golf, Lindsay Slaughter, sensationally defeated Queensland Close champion, Jack Coogan, at Gailes lay-out yesterday when he returned a net card of 67 — two strokes better than Coogan.

From his handicap of 19, Slaughter literally ploughed around the track to collect two birdies against Coogan's five, to finish with 86 off the stick....

PLAYING golf for only the last 12 months; this is Slaughter's, first taste of victory, being many times pipped on the post....

[Truth \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1900 - 1954\) Sun 2 Jan 1949 Page 14](#)

Golf field may suffer By KEITH BROWN

HOLDING of the State close golf title at Townsville this year, for the first time, is likely to restrict the field. Brisbane amateur golfers are not keen on the idea of traveling the 1664 miles to Townsville and back for a week-end of golf.

Air travel would be the only feasible way of making the trip. This would cost £21/15/10, a big expense for a week-end.

The title will be played over 36 holes stroke play on June 13, the King's Birthday (Monday) holiday.

Holder of the title, **Gailes amateur Jack Coogan** is a doubtful starter. He is engaged to be married and is not anxious to bear the expense of the trip to defend his title....

It is also doubtful whether many Brisbane professionals will be interested in the event...

[The Courier-Mail \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1933 - 1954\) Sat 15 Jan 1949 Page 6](#)

COOGAN'S 68 AT GAILES

Queensland close champion, Jack Coogan had a 68 off the stick at Gailes yesterday. Coogan played with Gailes secretary, Jim Philben, in a 4 ball Stapleford which they won on a count back from K. and D. Drage with 45 points....

[The Courier-Mail \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1933 - 1954\) Mon 17 Jan 1949 Page 7](#)

Golf team has 2 sets of brothers By KEITH BROWN

TWO sets of brothers have been selected in the Gailes A pennant golf team to meet Wynnum in the opening matches, of the season at Yeerongpilly on Saturday. They are Dick and Jack Coogan and Noel and Keith Weston.

Gailes won the premiership in 1948 and have a particularly strong team this season.

Dick Coogan, G.B.G.A. and Gailes club champion and Jack, who is Queensland close title holder, will again be the first two in the side.

Both played for the State last season and are on plus 1 at Gailes.

Although only **21 Noel Weston** has made the State team for the last two years and is an experienced match player. He played for Queensland against the New Zealand team last season, and was the only member of the team undefeated. **Keith Weston** won the autumn cup in 1948, and has been improving over the last two years.

Nineteen - year - old **Keith Drage**, the baby of the side, reached the semi-finals of the State amateur title in .1948. and is probably our most promising young player.

He works in Ipswich and practises every day at Gailes after knocking off.

Bill Stanley, who will again captain the side, is an experienced player, and is always hard to beat.

Newcomer to the side, Frank Lindsey, has just come over from Pacific, where he is club champion. He had a 73, one over scratch, there yesterday,

Gailes club secretary, Jim Philben, is the team emergency...

[The Courier-Mail \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1933 - 1954\) Mon 28 Feb 1949 Page 6](#)

COOGANS IN ACE GOLF

Shone on wet course By KEITH BROWN

GAILES ace golfing brothers, Dick and Jack Coogan, handled the wet Wynnum course perfectly to easily beat Indooroopilly's 1 and 2 men, Budge Gill and Roley Duncan, in the A pennants yesterday.

Dick was round in 66, two under scratch to win 6 and 4 and Jack a stroke worse for a 7 and 6 win.

Gailes' powerful seven won the series five to two for their second successive win.

Although it is early in the season they already look certain South zone winners, and likely premiership title holders.

Keith Drage (Gailes) was back on his game, shooting scratch figures for a 5 and 4 win over Ken Crouch. He chipped out for a birdie 4 at the 12th.

Alan Morrow, who defeated Jim Philben 3 and 2. and Roy Carter, who downed Ken Weston 2 and 1, were winners for Indooroopilly.

[Sunday Mail \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1926 - 1954\) Sun 27 Mar 1949 Page 14](#)

DICK COOGAN OUT OF GAILES PENNANT SIDE By KEITH BROWN

GAILES No. 1 pennant player Dick Coogan is out of the side to play Oxley in the fourth round south zone fixtures at Indooroopilly to-morrow.

Coogan will be playing in the West Moreton championships at Ipswich, over the week-end.

He holds the mixed title with Gailes and Ipswich associate champion, Mrs. L. A. Thomas.

They will defend it to-morrow.

Former State country champion Ron Hertrick is also out of the Gailes team and will be playing at Ipswich.

Nev Mellwain and Jack Mewing will take the places in the team.

Bill Stanley will captain the side with Jack Coogan as No.1....

Though Gailes side is weakened with Coogan and Hertrick out, they are confident of beating Oxley, the weakest team in the zone.

[The Courier-Mail \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1933 - 1954\) Fri 29 Apr 1949 Page 9](#)

FURTHER pennant results from yesterday's golf indicate keen rivalry for the forthcoming final. At Indooroopilly, Gailes downed Oxley in their usual workmanlike manner, only this time more so, the score being seven matches to nil....

Jack Coogan, leading the indomitable Gales, snipers, was out in 35 (two under par), at Indooroopilly, and when he finally accounted for Don Adams at the 11th, he was still cruising along two under.

NOEL WESTON, hitting them better than ever, was out in the same brilliant figures, and Frank McKone had no chance with him, being downed 7/6.

Bill Stanley, however; had to down a 'long-un' on the 18th to finish off Charlie Thompson, 1 up...

[Truth \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1900 - 1954\) Sun 1 May 1949 Page 22](#)

Jack Coogan, of Gales, one of the fancied entrants in the Brisbane amateur golf championship, at Indooroopilly, sends a drive straight down the fairway.

[Brisbane Telegraph \(Qld. : 1948 - 1954\) Sat 2 Jul 1949 Page 13](#)

Golf final family fight

By JACK REARDON

Gales Golf Club championship final seems likely to develop into a family battle between two Coogans, two Westons, or a Coogan and a Weston.

Only fly in the ointment is young Nevil McIlwain, who has reduced his handicap from 12 to 3 in 14 months at Gales. He will play Dick Coogan in the last quarter-final, the winner of which will play Noel Weston in one semi-final. The other semi-final will be between Ken Weston and Jack Coogan.

[The Courier-Mail Thu 22 Sep 1949 Page 8 Golf final family fight](#)

Coogans to meet for club title

By Jack Reardon

Gales Golf Club championship final will again be fought out this year by the Coogan Brothers, Dick and Jack. Jack is the present club champion, having defeated Dick in the final last year....

[The Courier-Mail Mon 17 Oct 1949 Page 7 Coogans to meet for club title](#)

CLUB CHAMPION COOGAN SUPER PLUS AT GAILES

WITH a list of 'birdies' reading like the barrier positions in the Melbourne Cap, Gales Golf Club champion, Jack Coogan, swept his way to victory in the A Grade event there yesterday from his **plus one handicap**, carding a dazzling 'off-the-stick' knock of 69.

Coogan was out in 36 including 'birdies' at the 1st and 9th, and then turned on the heat with 'birdies' at the 13th, 15th, 17th and 18th for a four under par 33.

With his handicap added on (instead of subtracted, brother!) his score was 70, and this left him two strokes ahead of the field.

[Truth Sun 4 Dec 1949 Page 25 CLUB CHAMPION COOGAN SUPER PLUS AT GAILES](#)