



# GAINSBOROUGH BULLETIN

## FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome to the final edition of the Gainsborough Bulletin for 2007. This year surely has flown by and a lot has transpired.

As I'm sure everyone is aware Gainsborough Greens hosted the City Pacific – Mirvac Qld Open Golf Championships in late October, from all the managers, staff and myself, I would like to thank all the sponsors, volunteers and the team from JD Sports Agency for the work and support they put in to make the event such a success. Justin (course superintendent) and all the groundstaff also need to be congratulated on their fine effort to bring the golf course up to a standard that was well praised by all players and officials. Scores for the week were very low as expected, Ryan Haller was the eventual champion with fantastic rounds of 66,70,67,65 for a total of 268 (20 Under). I had the pleasure of spending some time with Ryan after the event and he was very impressed with the standard of event

that we were able to produce with such a short lead in time, he was also very thankful to all people involved who helped out for the week and made special mention to the members who gave up their course for a week to allow them to play the event. We are currently in talks with City Pacific, Mirvac and JD Sports to finalize a contract to keep the event here for a further 3 years, we are hopeful of finalizing things in the coming weeks. Keep an eye out in December for the Qld Open TV coverage on Fox Sports and NBN, I can confirm that it will be shown on NBN on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>, the exact time is yet to be confirmed, but keep an eye out in your T.V. guides.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November we had a course layout change which incorporated the New 5 holes to the west of the driving range, again Justin and his team need to be congratulated on a job very well done. We were given the go ahead to reinstate these holes in late February this year, at that time the grass was about 5 feet high and there were no greens, tees or bunkers, we had to endure the coldest winter in many years and add the extra workload for the Qld Open, what the team have been able to produce in a little over 8 months has been astounding, and a credit to all. I have been told by a few players that the new holes have made the overall course a

Jim	(A)	68	74	79	85	296	FAIRFAX, Gavin	QLD	71	75	78	82	MC
Wayne	VIC	71	74	78	79	292	ECOB, Matthew	NSW	70	70	76	76	ME
Simon	NSW	70	69	75	71	275	EPSTEIN, Henry	QLD	71	75	74	79	MC
Ben	NSW	70	69	75	72	286	FURNEAUX, Simon	NSW	74	71	75	75	KE
Rupert	QLD	69	68	73	76	286	FOWLER, Brenton	QLD	72	73	75	75	KA
Matthew	(A)	67	70	71	70	268	FARAONE, Michael	VIC	73	73	74	78	MA
Anthony	QLD	69	70	71	78	288	GRAY, Chris	WA	64	63	73	70	MA
LD, Benjamin	(A)	67	68	73	70	278	GARDNER, Charles	QLD	70	71	74	74	MC
Wade	NSW	67	68	73	70	278	GUYATT, Matthew	QLD	75	72	74	75	LAI
David	NSW	75	75	75	73	298	GARNETT, Adrian	QLD	73	73	76	76	LIG
Richard	NSW	74	73	73	78	298	GALLICHAH, Richard	NSW	72	70	74	72	MC
TH, Steve	QLD	64	70	70	64	268	GEMMELL, Adam	(A)	67	70	74	77	MA
ER, Gary	NSW	70	70	70	78	288	HALLER, Ryan	QLD	64	70	70	64	MA
Wesley	QLD	70	74	74	74	292	HODGETTS, Robin	TNS	70	70	70	70	MC
Ray	VIC	75	74	74	75	298	HUNT, Lee	QLD	70	74	74	74	MY
Michael	NSW	75	75	75	73	298	HAMMOND, Ryan	VIC	75	74	74	75	MCI
Timothy	NSW	75	75	75	73	298	HOLTEN, Mathew	NSW	75	72	74	77	MCI
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little tougher, the only advice I have for you there is a few lessons with either Anthony or Brad.

Our new fleet of Clubcar Golf Carts is due for delivery in the coming weeks. They arrive in Brisbane on the 30<sup>th</sup> November and should be delivered here 2 weeks after. We have changed from our traditional white colour to a dark green and they are the latest model coming out of America, so be sure to beat the summer heat and hire one of our new clubcars from the cartshed.

Our Air Conditioning system is very close to running at 100% capacity again, in late October we had a new \$30000.00 cooling tower installed and the internal compressors and A/C units will be fixed or replaced in the 1<sup>st</sup> week in December. This should make going upstairs to enjoy a beer or meal a whole lot more appealing once you have finished your round in the hot summer sun.

A friendly piece of advice for all, you would have noticed the road works that the council has started along Yawalpah Road, a few people have been caught at stop signs the last few weeks, so I suggest you leave 10 minutes earlier than you normally would, just to ensure you are on time for your tee off.

We have just installed a new computerized booking system in the golf shop, members can now log into the Gainsborough Greens website and book into competitions online, all you need is your member number and password and you book yourself in from home or work, we hope you enjoy this new service as this is something that we have wanted to provide for quite sometime.

I hope you all have had a very enjoyable 2007 out here at Gainsborough Greens, I thank you all for the on going support you have shown all of us and trust that 2008 is bigger and better again. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Good Golfing

Michael Pimm  
General Manager

## **COURSE UPDATE**

Well the last few months certainly have been very busy on the Golf Course, with the Queensland Open and the opening of the New Holes, and some much needed rain I think we had almost forgotten what it was like to have to be out there constantly cutting as it has been a bit of a novelty during the last 12 months.

The new holes are playing quite tough and still have a lot of maturing to do, a couple of the fairways on the new holes have quite a lot of weed due to the seed bank in the soil as do most of the existing fairways. We are intending to begin a weed eradication programme in all fairways from the 1<sup>st</sup> of December so there will be some discolouration and patchiness for a while but hopefully the rainfall keeps coming and helps push the recovery along, this programme will result in much more consistent fairways and better lies in the future. The greens on



the new holes are still very immature and have a bit of settling to do before the surface begins to improve.

For all of the lawn proud members, some of you may have noticed crowsfoot weed popping up in your lawn lately especially in any shady / bare areas, we also currently have quite a lot in the fairways that suffered badly from crowsfoot due to the drought. The best way to remove it on a small scale is to just dig the weeds out and try and remove any problems areas such as shade and compaction as these are things that help the weeds do well and desirable turf struggle.

Also keep an eye out for lawn grub as they can attack at any time.

Justin Kelly  
Golf Course Superintendent

## **CORPORATE GOLF UPDATE**

Firstly I would like to thank all members and their guests for their patience this year regarding the Corporate Golf Days. I am aware you are unable to always get your desired tee times, however we are doing our utmost to ensure tee times are available on all days. There will be the odd exception but we will be doing our best to keep those to an absolute minimum.

This year we had a record 78 corporate golf days which was an increase of 13 from the previous year. Without hosting these corporate days, events like the Qld Open, improvements to the clubhouse and the reinstatement of the new 5 holes wouldn't be possible, as they generate a lot of the income needed to achieve these things.

Hopefully you would have noticed by now the new booking system we have installed in the Pro Shop and online. You will be able to from now on see and book around the Golf Days from your own home.

Gainsborough Greens has signed on again in 2008 as Official Partners of the Brisbane Bronco's. You might bump into the likes of Darren Lockyer and Tonie Carroll around the traps who are both keen golfers and we will be giving away 2 tickets to each home game next season for a lucky member.



With only a handful of golf days left, the corporate season draws to a close, I would like to wish all members a Merry Xmas, good golfing and a safe festive season.

Kind Regards

Mark Stagg  
Corporate Golf Manager

## **FROM THE KITCHEN**

Seasons Greetings to all our members and guests. Firstly lets me introduce myself, my name is Leslie Tims and I have recently been appointed your new Chef in Charge. (What a beautiful place). Myself and the team in the kitchen have great new plans for 2008; it's going to be an exciting year with new fresh menus.

We are going to introduce daily lunch specials which will be posted in the main foyer and on all golf carts. We are also going to offer a tasty range of foods you can share together after your

game. Turkish bread and dips and Asian mixed Platters are just a couple we will be providing.

We now have a new drinks cart that we will be supplying assorted hot pies and sausage rolls and for the summer, fresh fruit salad and sandwiches.

I hope you all have a safe and happy holidays and I look forward to meeting you all in the coming months.

Best Wishes

Les Tims  
Head Chef

### **Recipe for 3 x 1 Litre Xmas Plum Puddings**

350g Currants  
350g large seedless raisons  
350g shredded beef Suet  
350g fresh white bread crumbs  
350g dark soft brown sugar  
250g Mixed Peel  
50g Blanded Almonds Chopped  
350g Plain Flour  
2 tsp Mixed spice  
½ tsp Freshly grated nutmeg  
½ tsp Salt  
4 Beaten Eggs  
400ml Ale or Beer  
100ml Brandy or Rum  
Melted butter for greasing  
Extra 75ml of Brandy or Rum for serving

1 Hour preparation  
24 Hours standing  
8 Hours cooking

1 month storage before eating  
although straight away is good

### **19<sup>th</sup> Hole**

There have been quite a few things happen since the last installment of the Gainsborough Bulletin. The major

event being the City Pacific/Mirvac Queensland Open. The course was presented in top condition and the players and PGA all commented on the great tournament that the staff of GG had put on.

Corporate days have also been prevalent at this time of year with many weddings and functions keeping us rather busy.

We have updated our drinks cart with a brand new one that is able to carry hot food (pies & sausage rolls) as well as all the usual cold beverages! It is a beast of a thing and being a 4x4 it can go everywhere which is good for when the development starts. Look out for the drinks cart on the course, but looking like a mini Hummer you can't really miss it!

December's Beer of the Month is St. Arnou which was the beer sponsor for the City Pacific-Mirvac Queensland Open, we will be selling them for \$5.00 each a saving of \$2.00.

Everything is going quite smoothly at the moment, but the festive season is fast approaching and I'm sure it will be a hectic period.

On that note, all the staff here would like to wish all our Members and guests a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you out here enjoying the golf and having a beautiful lunch and drink in the clubhouse!!

All the best and good golfing,  
Trent (Bar manager)

### **Drinks Tip: The Cointreaupolitan**

30ml Cointreau  
60ml Cranberry juice  
15ml Lime juice

Mix ingredients in a shaker with ice.  
Pour into a martini glass to serve!

## **FROM THE PRO**

### New Five Holes

The new five holes have been all the talk of recent weeks. Leading up to their unveiling, I heard many delighted reports of not having to play the 11<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> again. Little did we know that we were to receive five replacement holes of equal or greater challenge! As we get to play them more we shall work out their particular nuances.

### New Competitions

With the new course coming into to play after the Qld Open, a review of current competitions has been made.

As from the 4<sup>th</sup> of November the **Open Mid Week** competition has now being held on **Tuesday ONLY**. It will remain a Single Stableford played from the White Tees. Playing the midweek competition in the previous continuous 6-day format contravenes the R & A Rules of Golf. It is hoped then that members can start penning Tuesday's in their diary to play the Open Tuesday Comp and we can start generating a good size field and atmosphere.

The **Bridgestone Masters** event (single stroke from the blue tees) will continue being held on the first Tuesday of the month with the Open Tuesday competition being held on every other Tuesday.

With the old 9<sup>th</sup> Hole now becoming the new 13<sup>th</sup> Hole, we will be starting a new informal competition – a 13 Hole Friday Competition “**The Friday 13 Comp**”. It will be a single stableford competition. It is not necessary to finish playing on the 13<sup>th</sup> though, just the first 13 hole points will be recorded. Playing 13 holes might allow

some members to nip out for a quick round before work or get an early mark from work and play after.

### New Booking System

Most of the regular members would be aware that we have moved with technology in the Pro Shop and now have a computerised booking system. It has many advantages and allows members more access for themselves to make bookings and look up particular details including doing so online. Members are no longer required to swipe their Golflink Card to enter the daily competition; simply paying your comp fee automatically enters you into the competition. The ‘Members Kiosk’ computer allows members to book themselves and friends into competition rounds up to two weeks in advance, check current Golflink handicap, check Prize Ledger (i.e. vouchers and balls) and any messages we might have for you.

### Online Booking and Member Login

The Members Login feature is now up and running. It has a lot of great features. Not only can members book in for Comps online, but check handicaps, ball ledger, alter address and contact details and even save a list of your regular playing partners to speed up the booking process. To login into your personal website, go to [www.gainsboroughgreens.com.au](http://www.gainsboroughgreens.com.au) and on the left you will see Member Login. Click on that link and you will be prompted with Login and Password. Your Login is your four digit member number and your Password is your date of birth in the four digit format – DDMM. If you are having problems with your login, please don't hesitate in giving myself or other golf shop staff a call. We aren't supergeeks, so if we can't sort it out we can follow it through with our tech support team.

### Pro Tip

Having putting woes? One of the biggest killers in putting is a decelerating stroke. Putting the brakes on during downswing causes distance problems and also missing the shorties. There are two schools of thought for putting stroke lengths -1) an accelerating stroke and, 2) a pendulum stroke. Both infact are accelerating but the difference is in the length of the backswing compared to the follow through. I like the backswing to be shorter than the follow through as this guarantees the putter head is under control and accelerating through the ball (as with all shots in golf). The Pendulum stroke is equal part back and equal part through. Either way, have a look at your practice swings or better still get someone to watch you putt comparing your back and through finish points. If it's longer at the back than the front then I'll guarantee you are leaving a lot of long putts short and missing shorts regularly. It's like driving a car; you have more control when accelerating than braking, so take control of your putter and hole some putts.

### Merry Christmas!

On behalf of the Golf Staff I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Best wishes,

Anthony Newey  
PGA Professional

### **FROM THE OWNERS**



On behalf of Mirvac & City Pacific I would like to thank everyone at Gainsborough Greens for their tireless efforts over the last 12 months. The QLD Open was a great success especially considering the short amount of notice to put the event together. The feedback from the players, officials and spectators was that the Gainsborough Greens staff and JD Sports had delivered an outstanding event and we hope to announce shortly a commitment for future tournaments at Gainsborough Greens.

In November 2007 the Gold Coast City Council approved the Gainsborough Greens planning application to allow the first stage of the project to commence.

This milestone was achieved by Mirvac Pacific working successfully with Council to determine how this sensitive site can be developed. Only approximately 30% of the Gainsborough Greens property and the adjoining Clarks land will be developed for residential homes with the balance remaining as open space, golf course and the retention of existing vegetation.

Ross Watson has been commissioned to commence the design work for the new golf course, with five new holes open for play to ensure that at all the times the golf course remains operational throughout the life of the project. Construction of stage 1, located to the east of the old 11<sup>th</sup> green, will commence in early 2008 with the first homes expected to be completed early in 2009. Should you wish to register your interest in this exciting project please contact Mirvac on 3859 5888.