



# GAINSBOROUGH BULLETIN

## FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Gainsborough Greens Bulletin for 2008. The rain has been quite constant since our last edition and I know this has been frustrating to all members and social golfers.

We have had 337mm or just over 13 inches in the old scale of rain in December and January alone; I know we have had at least another 100mm on top in February. All this has contributed to a lot of course closures and some very wet and muddy greens and fairways. Believe me when I say, I hate the closures as much as anyone, but I can tell you that Justin and our greenstaff team have been working tirelessly through these periods to get the course back into top shape as quickly as possible. The only positive we have had out of this wet season is that we have plenty of irrigation water now, which will come in very handy coming into the drier winter months.

I have had a few members come up to me in the past few months and express their disappointment at the loss of the old 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> holes. Unfortunately these holes are to be used as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of the new development surrounding Gainsborough Greens. They have also stated how much tougher the overall layout has become since the inception of the new 5 holes. Once holes 2

through 6 become a little more mature, the greens and bunkers will settle down and they will become a lot more player friendly and more conducive to lower scores, or as I have stated in previous bulletins, catch up with Anthony for a lesson and they should become really easy. Just for the record, I couldn't wait for the old 11<sup>th</sup> hole to be decommissioned, in my 12 years here at Gainsborough I could count up on one hand how many times I had hit that green for my 1<sup>st</sup> shot. I say good bye to my nemesis hole, now all I have to do is conquer my new nemesis the 4<sup>th</sup> hole and I should be all good.

You may have or may not have noticed the beginning of the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of the Gainsborough Greens development to the right of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> holes. It has been great to finally see the start of the next chapter in Gainsborough Greens history. I know personally a lot of planning and time has been put in by Mirvac Pacific to make this development unique and environmentally friendly. I'm sure all members, staff and management of Gainsborough Greens will be very proud of what is happening here over the next 5 to 10 years and it will be exciting to see Gainsborough Greens evolve as the new development takes shape.

We have had a few staff changes over the past few months, most have moved

onto bigger and better jobs. Trent and Keiron from the groundstaff, Sean and Russ from the Cartshed, Brad from the Golf Shop, Breanna, Emmalee and Nathan from the Bar and Mark who was our Corporate Golf Manager have all left us. I would like to thank all these staff for their great efforts and wish them all the best for the future. We have been able to replace a few of the positions so I'm sure you will see a few new faces around next time you come down for a game. Most notably Martin Weir has taken over from Mark Stagg as the new Corporate Golf Manager and I am very confident Martin will keep up the great efforts Mark had put in for the past 3 years. I look forward to another great year with corporate golf with Martin's leadership and enthusiasm keeping Gainsborough Greens at the fore front of the corporate golf market in South East Qld.

Our new fleet of Clubcars arrived a couple of weeks before Christmas; they are the latest Precedent model coming out of America. You will have noticed we have gone away from the traditional white cart we have always had and gone with a dark green colour. Why not try out one of our new carts next time you are down for a game, I know you will enjoy the ride.

I can finally confirm that the air conditioning in the Lounge Bar is working. It has taken a lot longer than 1<sup>st</sup> expected. Due to the age of the units in operation, parts have been hard to come by for our Air Conditioning contractor. The buffet area and VIP rooms are still not operating properly but at least you can now enjoy a cold beer in the comfort of a nice Air Conditioned Lounge Bar.

I would also like to advise all players to give way to golfers hitting off the 7<sup>th</sup>

tee when walking from the 1<sup>st</sup> green to the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee. We have had reports of walkers not looking and almost being hit when you walk off the 1<sup>st</sup> green, for safety reasons I would advise all players to walk along the path across the bridge to the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee, that way you don't get in anyone's way at all.

Finally I would like to welcome Ken Young back to the member's executive committee after an absence due to growing work commitments. Ken has been a long standing and loyal member at Gainsborough Greens for over 15 years and I know he will serve you all very well as the president of the Members Committee. Welcome Back Kenny.

That's about it from me, thank you for your support and understanding through this extremely wet season and trust your games are in good shape for the rest of the year.

Good Golfing

Michael Pimm  
General Manager

## **COURSE UPDATE**

Well the last few months certainly have been very busy on the Golf Course, with some much needed rain and a lot more that was not needed. 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 large amounts of rain have caused us to postpone Greens Renovation for a couple of months and has forced us to lift the height of cut of the greens, therefore the greens are a bit slow and grainy at the moment. During the next couple of weeks we will do some light

grooming to help remove some of the grain and get the cutting heights down to improve the surface, then weather permitting we will core the greens to air out the soil and freshen the greens up before winter. The weed eradication programme in fairways has been very successful with approximately 90% kill of target weeds, whilst this has left some bare areas they are recovering quickly with the warm wet weather. As previously mentioned crowsfoot weed is still a problem and as soon as the weather allows we will begin an eradication programme for it.

Some of you may have noticed some soil disturbance on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes; this has been caused by the all too frequent visits from the local wild pig population. We are currently working with the Gold Coast City Council to remove them, a job which is proving challenging to say the least. If you should come across any pigs which is highly unlikely as they mostly feed at night, do not approach them as they can be very aggressive and dangerous, this goes for all wildlife around the course as in the end they are all wild and wary of people.

During the next couple of months we will be continuing removing as many weeds as possible preparing the course for winter, whilst hoping the weather



gives us a break, but if the long range forecast is correct we are in for quite a bit more wet weather for the next 4 to 6 months.

For all of the lawn proud members, most of you would have had trouble keeping you lawn cut during the wet weather, if you miss cutting for a couple of weeks and the lawn gets very long lift the height of the mower for the first cut and the slowly lower it to the desired height over the next couple of cuts. A golden rule is not to remove any more than one third of the length of a leaf blade at any one time. If you have noticed crowsfoot weed popping up in your lawn again lately especially in any shady, wet bare areas. The best way is to remove it on a small scale is to just dig it and try and remove any problems such as shade and compaction as these are things that help the weeds do well and the desirable plants suffer.

Justin Kelly  
Golf Course Superintendent

## **CORPORATE GOLF UPDATE**

Welcome to the first edition of the GG Bulletin for 2008. As you may or may not be aware, our previous Corporate Golf Manager, Mark Stagg, has left Gainsborough to pursue other career opportunities. This has allowed myself, Martin Weir, to assume the role of Corporate Golf Manager. I hope to meet many of the members that I don't already know, over the coming weeks and months.

Corporate Days are starting to book up as a lot of our days are repeat business, so if you haven't already booked your day, please consider booking soon to ensure you get a suitable date. If you are looking at having a corporate day in the future, or would just like some information on corporate days, please feel free to contact me or organize a meeting where I can fully explain and

show you why we are considered one of the best in the business. Remember, nothing is too much trouble for the team here at Gainsborough Greens.



With the Rugby League season only a couple of weeks away, you Bronco fans might be pleased to know that we have renewed our agreement with the Broncos for season 2008. This means that we will have 10 free tickets to every Broncos home game to give to our members (you don't have to be a bronco fan to get these). All you have to do is see the staff in the golf shop to register your interest.

That's about it from me for this edition of the bulletin but I would like to add this, Corporate Days are an important component of Gainsborough Greens' income and through this income we are able to keep membership fees at an affordable price. I know that certain days, Fridays in particular, seem to be heavily booked with corporate days. This is unavoidable; however I will try as best I can to ensure that the timesheet is updated and accurate to allow play wherever possible.

Thanks

Martin Weir  
Corporate Golf Manager

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

Welcome once again to all members and visitors for the New Year from the Bar at GG. With such a wet start to the beginning of 2008, it has been pretty slow going for all concerned.

There has been a couple of new staff changes in the bar area, with the recruitment of Bianca and Sofie, whom

you may see around the place, so don't be afraid to go and say hi to them. We wish Breanna, Emmalee and Nathan all the best for the future and will be missed by many of the members and staff here.

Beer specials are back again, and with all the focus now being put on the environmental aspect of things, we too, care about being green friendly.

With a brand new product launch coming out in March, we have teamed up with Fosters to bring you a beautiful, clean, crisp and refreshing full flavoured beer. (Without the carbs or preservatives!)

New **Cascade Green** is 100% carbon offset and will be available from the bar with a very attractive price of only **\$5 each** for the whole month of March.

## Beer of the Earth.

There's been a lot of talk about the environment. Everyone seems to be making the green claim. But here at the Cascade Brewery we're actually doing something about it.



**Introducing Cascade Green.  
100% carbon offset beer.**

### Product profile:

- 100% carbon offset
- Produced with Recycled and Recyclable materials where possible
- Made from 100% pure Tasmanian ingredients
- Preservative free
- 1/3 less carbohydrates than regular, full strength beer
- Clean, crisp, refreshing, full flavoured, premium lager, 4.5% ABV

### Breaking new ground in the beer category means:

- Low cannibalization of existing beer sales
- Higher margin return – eco-aware/ 'green' consumers are prepared to pay a premium to do their bit for the planet
- Added excitement in the beer category offers consumers a new experience
- New news and demand for existing Cascade products



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With the weather back on track, cold beers are the order of the day & combined with the Lounge bar air-

conditioning and view, there is nothing better than to kick back and enjoy a cold one before or after your game. So come on in and be the first to try this great brand new beer, we would love to see you up there soon!!

Enjoy your golf, play well, eat, drink and be happy!!

All the best,

Trent Ashton  
Bar Manager

### **Drinks Tip: EN AMOR (Cocktail)**

A silky fusion of flavours, combining sophisticated Skyy vodka with Cointreau and sweet pineapple juice topped with lemonade.

30mL SKYY VODKA  
15mL COINTREAU  
60mL PINEAPPLE JUICE  
LEMONADE

In a rocks or short glass, simply add ice, pour in ingredients, gently stir and serve. Garnish with a pineapple leaf.

### **FROM THE KITCHEN**

Well it certainly has been a wet start to the New Year, but here's hoping we get some fine weather and you can come out here and enjoy our new and improved menu. So far I have received some very positive feedback on the new menu, our vegetarian pasta, the Caesar salad, the Asian platter and the design you own sandwich has been our most popular meals, but come in and experience all the options next time your in for a game.

Gainsborough Greens has assembled a dedicated team to arrange weddings and functions, if you would like some info on functions here at Gainsborough

Greens don't hesitate to contact Denise in administration or ask for myself at the Bar, I would be more than happy to design a menu to suit your needs.



With Easter fast approaching, I have put together a recipe for Hot Cross Buns; I know you will love it.

Warm wishes  
Les Tims  
Head Chef

### **HOT CROSS BUNS RECIPE (1 Dozen)**

Ingredients  
4 Cups Plain Flour  
14g Dried Yeast  
½ Tsp Fresh Grated Nutmeg  
½ Tsp Cinnamon  
½ Tsp Pimento  
¼ Cup Caster Sugar  
1 Cup Mixed Peel  
½ Cup Currants  
300ml Milk  
40g Butter  
Pinch of Salt  
2 Eggs



Step 1.  
Combine all ingredients down to the ½ Cup

Currants into a large bowl

Step 2.

Warm the milk and add butter in a small pot, once warmed add this to other ingredients. Add 2 lightly beaten eggs to the mix and knead to form soft dough. Knead for at least 6 Mins

Step 3.

Cover with glad wrap and keep in a warm place (room temp) for approx 1½ hours to double in size

Step 4.

Knead dough again on a floured surface until smooth. Divide into 12 balls and place on a greased and lined tray and sit aside in a warm place for 30 mins to double in size

Step 5.

Set oven to 190°C

Step 6.

Make a paste with flour and water to make the cross on the buns. Put into a piping bag and place x's across each bun.

Step 7.

Place in oven and cook for about 20-25 mins.

Step 8.

Once cooked take out of oven and brush tops of each bun with melted Jam

## FROM THE PRO

### Demo Days

We have a number of demo days booked in the next month or so. On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March come out and ask questions, get advice and test drive the latest from **Bridgestone Golf**



# **BRIDGESTONE**

from 10am – 1pm. Also you may have noticed the new Nike apparel in the shop. All Nike clubs

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are now also available to order. On Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> April we will also have the **NIKE** van

out on the driving range for members to try out all the latest in their range.

Remember that even though we can't stock the full range of brands and models in the shop, we can get most in and will be keen to look closely at the price for you. Brands include all Bridgestone, Precept, Nike, Titleist, Adams, Wilson, Footjoy and more.

### Online Booking System

By now most of you are becoming familiar with our new booking system. To refresh you on how to login, go to [www.gainsboroughgreens.com.au](http://www.gainsboroughgreens.com.au), click on the left "Golf" screen, then Member Login. Your **Login** is your 4-digit member number and your **Password** is your date of birth (if we have it on file) in the 4-digit form of **DDMM**. If you are having problems accessing the Member Login section, please give the guys in the shop a ring and we will do our best as the GG Tech Support Team! A new addition to the Timesheet bookings is that we can now put a message/reminder particular to that day's bookings. We are getting regular updates and improvements from the software company, so we'll also keep you updated.

### Website Upgrade

You might have also noticed extra features on the Members Login Page. We now are uploading the competition results and have a Notice Board for any general notices we want to bring to your attention.

### Pro Tip

Do you have a Pre-shot Routine?

The first distinguishing point between a club golfer and a golf pro can often be identified before a swing is made; it's the Pre-shot Routine and there is no reason why club golfers shouldn't use one and every reason why they should. It helps control the distractions of outside influences and also the demons within! Here are a few pointers to build your own routine.

1. Stand behind your ball look at your target and picture the

ball's flight required to get there. If there is some danger i.e. bunkers/hazard it is important to acknowledge that it is there but then refocus on your target and NEVER re-look at that danger.

2. Walk to your ball keeping a constant focus on your target. Don't worry; you won't step on your ball.
3. Address the clubface to the ball and target first and then build your stance around that.
4. Have one or no more than two waggles moving focus from your ball to your target. The longer you stand over the ball the more likely the demons will get at you.
5. Then pull the trigger and start your backswing with a smooth, slow motion.

Remember the key word here is 'Routine', so regardless of whether you're playing you're tee shot from the 1<sup>st</sup> or a fairway shot on the 7<sup>th</sup>, it should take the same time to perform. The faster you perform this the better (Aaron Baddeley is a fine example of this). Try to limit your practice swings prior to your shot and be preparing your shot before it's your turn to play. So prepare, be positive and execute that routine.

Best wishes,

Anthony Newey  
PGA Professional

## FROM THE OWNERS



## City Pacific Limited

Since the last update from Mirvac Pacific we have been busy fine tuning and amending our overall master plan

for the development. We want to ensure that under the existing approvals granted by the Gold Coast City Council in November we deliver the very best development possible on this magnificent site.

No stone is being left unturned in our quest to ensure that the Gainsborough Greens residential golf community creates a new benchmark in terms of the environment, quality, design and lifestyle.

Central to this work is the re-designed golf course which Ross Watson and his staff have been busy working on.

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thought is going into the re-design of the course. Gainsborough Greens already has a sound reputation and is considered a high quality golf course and it will form an integral part of the entire future development. We want to ensure that the changes add to its already broad appeal. The brief we have given Ross Watson and his team is to make changes which give us more of the same 'Gainsborough Greens' feel, but at the same time improving on the experience and addressing issues such as drainage. In addition, Ross's brief has been that 18 top-quality holes must be available for play at all times. While the course redevelopment may take some time to complete, Mirvac Pacific recognises that members and their friends must be able to continue to enjoy their 18 holes of golf at all times.

As part of our exciting new plans for Gainsborough Greens Mirvac Pacific is also looking at a brand new club house. Our planning is in the early stages, but the new clubhouse will be an exciting, high quality venue and the

perfect place to meet not only after a round of golf but also with family and friends for a relaxing meal and a few drinks. And, as with the golf course, our plans are that there will be a fully operational club house open at all times while the new one is constructed. The new venue will be completed before the current clubhouse is closed. We expect that work on the new clubhouse should start within the next two years.

Members, players and visitors to Gainsborough Greens may also have noticed recently that site works have started with clearing of some vegetation in what is known as Precinct 2, east of the club house (between the old 12th and 14th holes).

This precinct will accommodate our first stage and will contain 119 high quality Mirvac built homes and a resident's recreation centre consisting of a swimming pool, BBQ facilities and a fantastic park.

It is an exciting time for all at Mirvac Pacific and we are sure that members and local residents who know the golf course will be equally excited to see new development now underway after many years of planning. It is anticipated that the first of the new Mirvac homes will be released to the market in mid-2009.

The selective clearing that has taken place in the area of our first stage has been carefully controlled and managed by Mirvac Pacific. In total across the whole of the Gainsborough Greens site only 35 percent of the available land will be used for housing with the remainder being retained as parkland and open space.

After extensive consultation and the completion of wildlife management plans expert wildlife carers were on

site full-time during the clearing process to ensure the safe relocation of all wildlife. The work has been undertaken so that there is alternative habitat for all bird and animal species and while they have been encouraged to move to the other areas of the site currently it is anticipated they will return to the area when we complete the extensive re-vegetation program that is planned.

Other activity which can not be missed by visitors to Gainsborough Greens is the current work on Yawalpah Road. This work is being carried out by Gold Coast City Council and we are hopeful that before too long Yawalpah Road will feature at least two new lanes for its full length from the rail line to Kerkin Road.

In another major plus Mirvac Pacific is also working closely with Gold Coast City Council in the provision of trunk sewer infrastructure for the entire Coomera area. We have agreed to allow the Council's contractors to build the sewer through the site and in coming months you will see work started around the current holes 15 to 17. We apologise in advance on behalf of the Council for any disruption that may occur, but we again stress we will ensure that 18 holes will remain in play at all times.

As you can see it is exciting times for Gainsborough Greens and for Mirvac Pacific and we hope exciting times for members and others who regularly visit this magnificent facility. If you have any queries or wish to register your interest in the Project please contact Mirvac on 07 3859 5888 or go to our web site [www.mirvac.com.au](http://www.mirvac.com.au).

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