

JULY NEWSLETTER.

The Bargara Veteran Golfers Association is to be sincerely thanked for two very generous donations. They have purchased a Heart Defibrillator machine. This machine will be stored in the Pro Shop and some training has already been undertaken. They have also donated \$3430 to be used to irrigate the 7th fairway. This is a project that Kevin has proposed and costed and will be completed over the next few months. This irrigation system will consist of two banks of ten sprinklers and cover an area of 110 metres down the fairway.

Also during the next few months Kevin and his staff will undertake a program to remove the common couch from some of the greens. The first, ninth and the fourteenth greens will be the first ones to receive this maintenance. The common couch will be spot sprayed, then removed by using a Turfing spade and then replaced with grass from the greens nursery. The 10th Green has had some issues for a while and recent soil tests have indicated high levels of salt. It is believed that the lack of rain in recent times with a complete reliance on irrigation has caused this to occur. A new maintenance program is to commence. Over the next few weeks our volunteers will be concentrating on golf cart path maintenance.

Our course is very busy with some exceptional numbers on most competition days. If for some reason that you find that you are not able to play, it would be appreciated that you notify the Pro Shop who may be able to slot in other player to fill the vacant space. It is pleasing to report that there were 943 more rounds of golf played for the period July 2016 / June 2017 than the same period in 2015 / 2016.

The use of motorised golf carts is increasing and members and visitor should be aware of Rule 11(m) in the Rules of Play Page 10 of the 2016/2017 Programme of Events booklet. The rule states—**“Passengers are not permitted to stand on carts while the cart is in motion.”**

There are currently 29 names on the list for members wishing to have access to a shed in which to store their motorised golf cart. The Board has decided once again to ascertain interest from members who may wish to assist with the funding the building of a shed by contributing 3 years fees in advance. We are also considering the installation of solar panels on the roof. A separate letter will be sent to members to ascertain interest in this proposal.

The club house bar and bistro will be become even busier over the next few months. The two for one meal deal on Wednesdays is proving very popular so please book in advance . Bingo on Mondays is also be-coming well accepted within the Bargara Community. Sky channel and UBet are now fully operational, a white goods package raffle promotion to commence on the 1st August, Pro Am sponsors Day 13th August, Pro Am Dinner 22nd August with Pat Welsh (Channel 7) as guest, weddings on the 16th September and 7th October, and a new menu to commence in September.

The Board has again met with Richard Butler from Rubicon and has agreed in principle to a staged development approach to a club house foot print and activities which we are

planning to complete in the short term. Richard will present a proposal on the 28th August which will include conceptual scope of works, budget costings, re-development program and milestones.

Many thanks to our volunteers who work diligently to present the course and surrounds in pristine condition. A well attended working bee, organised by Janine Smith has successfully cleaned all the gardens around the club house and also continues to plant low maintenance plants in gardens near the Pro shop and the pathways leading to the 1st and 10 Tees and also the 12th Tee. It does appear that the dry times are going to continue into the near future. Last year ending June 30th we used 70 megalitres of water from Sunwater to irrigate the course. The Board has recently purchased an additional 13 megalitres of water. Kevin has been experiencing some irrigation issues in the last few weeks as he attempts to improve the watering efficiency and effectiveness of the tee watering systems.

Good health , good golfing.

Don McKewen, President for and on behalf of the Bargara Golf Club.