

JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

Board members met again with Richard Butler from Rubicon on Saturday 30th June, to review costs and drawings for the proposed refurbishment of the front part of the club house. Some progress has been made, however more investigation is required. It is now obvious that this work will not commence this calendar year and will now be scheduled for February 2019 which has been traditionally one of the lower activity months of the year.

It is great to see the number of visitors who return to the club each year, many of whom have now been coming here for 15 consecutive years. We value their friendship and their input into our club.

The Queensland Amateur Junior Championships will be held over 4 days from Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th of July. This will be followed by the Legend Pro Am on Tuesday 17th and 18th July and two weeks later the Men's Club Championships will be held over two weekends.

Prior to the State Championships the club runs a separate competition for Nippers-- girls and boys under the age of 10 years who do not have an official GA Handicap. Val Bazley and Dave Wilkinson run and organise this event with sponsorship provided by J&R McCracken and we thank Graham for his continued support of our club. It is quite enlightening to watch these young players who demonstrate great skills, dedication (particularly their parents) and above all the courtesy and etiquette they extend to each other.

Congratulations to Kevin and his greens staff for successfully installing underground automatic sprinklers on the 10th fairway. The spray heads deliver water almost to the tree line, will be programmed for night time usage and are more efficient than the travelling irrigators. The time taken to irrigate the 10th fairway with the travelling irrigator was 14 hours, whereas the new system irrigates the fairway in 40 minutes albeit at a reduced water usage rate. Some spray head modifications have been carried out on the 7th fairway and this fairway can also be irrigated in 40 minutes. In August, Kevin (Head Green keeper) will take the 15th green out of play for a period of up to 3 months so as to fumigate the soil to eradicate the foreign couch from this green. The nursely will also receive the same treatment. New stolons will be purchased from an external supplier. The old 14th green will come into play and the 15th will be played as a par three for this period.

I have been recently reading some April and December 1997 and February 1998 club newsletters. This was also a very dry period with water only available for tees and greens and the committee worked diligently to ensure a more reliable source of water. It is obvious that with the building of Paradise Dam that there is much more water available for irrigation now than in previous years. Match Committees then also experienced similar issues that occur currently.

- Bunker Rakes. The match committee requires bunker rakes to be placed on a flat area in the bunker, prongs down and the rake pointing in the direction of play.

- Motorised Carts. Drive on paths where possible. Maximum load of 2 persons per cart. Buggies must remain a minimum of 6 metres from greens and are not to be driven on tees and surrounds. Some more recent additions which have been in the program booklet for many years. Clause 11 (k). Members are required to only use two carts per playing group. (group of four). Clause 11 (m). Passengers are not permitted to stand on carts while cart is in motion. I do receive many comments from new members and visitors concerning motorised cart usage on our course and they are not all favourable.

The Corporate Packages Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze have been re-vitalised and revamped with a degree of flexibility so as potential sponsors can select options that better suit their needs. Several members assisted with this process and we thank them for their contribution, and to date the new packages have been well received. It is intended that previous corporate sponsors will be individually visited to gauge their interest in again becoming sponsors of our club.

Good health and good golfing.

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