



Out of the Rough



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Ocean Hotels & Tourism Monthly Medal

This Saturday is the Ocean Hotels and Tourism Monthly Medal. Once again it is a huge thank you to our sponsors for the great prizes. If you don't manage to win one of the great prizes don't panic as Ocean Hotels and Tourism have some Locals Specials at the moment. Sunlover Reef Cruises are offering 2 for 1 local rate. More information about the services provided by this company can be found by visiting their website: www.oceanhotels.com.au . Please remember to support our major sponsor where possible.

Challenge Cup

Our annual challenge against the Cairns Golf Club is on again in March. Full details are on the notice board. Get your nominations in early. A big thank you to our Sponsors for this Event, The Blues Club, Redlynch Electrical and Seismic Asia Pacific.

Fixture Book

We have had some changes to our Fixtures Book as always happens each year. All Member's are reminded to check the Fixture Book on line regularly to keep up with changes.

FNQGA Executive Committee

The Far North Queensland Golf Association are looking for nominations for Committee Member's. If you are interested please contact the office and we will let you know what is involved.

Snippets from the Super

Welcome to another edition of "Snippets from the Super". The last half of 2009 was extremely dry, how quickly things can change. The club received nearly 800mm of rainfall in the first month of 2010.

Due to the amount of rain and bursts of hot sunshine, the growth over the entire course is keeping the ground staff very busy; mowers are working overtime to keep up. These ideal growing conditions have helped the turf to recover on the greens surfaces and as a consequence we have now introduced the 4 newly re-surfaced greens back in play. They will improve over the coming months with regular top-dressing and fertiliser applications.

Some greens (1, 3, 5 & 11) still have some bare areas evident on the putting surface. The salt that is contained in our irrigation supply is accentuated where water is allowed to pool or pond. When time permits it is my intention to raise these areas and plant solid turf so water is able to shed from these problem areas.

Through the wonderful efforts by the various hand weeding teams' that regularly scour the putting surfaces for the invasive pest known as 'crows foot', we are slowly winning the battle. I will now begin some spray trials on the perimeter cut of the greens in an attempt to remove the pests in high traffic areas. The Blues Club has donated \$1400 to allow the purchase of a 2 meter wide hand operated boom. This will greatly reduce the wear of heavy machinery when treating these sensitive areas. The first trials will occur on the areas between green

surface and bunkers on holes 1, 2, 10, &17 in the coming weeks. Thanks again to the Blues Club.

In finishing, I would to mention the use of motorised carts. It is my intention to keep them on the course as often as possible. We now have rope and hoop barriers to guide users to the best possible access point when cruising the course. Please follow these guidelines to allow us to keep the motorised cart on course for the longest period possible.
Happy Golfing,

Mark Davis
Course Superintendent

The Captains Report

Hello to all HMBGC members. This article is the first of its kind in the monthly newsletter and I hope that I will be able to include an article monthly or bi-monthly. The idea behind this article is to provide the Golf Committee an avenue to inform the members what decisions are being made and reasoning behind some of these decisions. If any members have any queries or suggestions they wish to pass to the Golf Committee, please feel free to approach me at the Club, or any other member of the committee. If you cannot find any committee member my contact details are available on the Club website or please feel free to leave a note in the Captains Office and I will reply to your query as soon as possible.

The Golf Committee is also in the process of liaising with the Cairns Golf Club regarding the HMBGC & CGC Challenge Cup. This will be third year that this cup has been played with HMB unfortunately never having won the cup. Nomination Sheets are now up on the board for all three grades. The Challenge Cup is played using a format similar to the Presidents/Ryder Cup. Each Grade will have 6 players.

Everyone will have seen the amount of rain we have had in the past month. When the committee makes the decision to revert to the 'Dry Nine', a lot of factors are taken into account. We need to keep as many members on the course as possible for income into the club, plus allowing carts on the course for people that cannot walk. It was pleasing to see that the January Medal was postponed for only one week.

Yours in Golf,

Mark Hegarty
Captain HMBGC

Trinity Beach Quality Meats October Birthday Draw

The winner of the Trinity Beach Quality Meats Birthday Draw for the month of January is Graeme "Kingy" King. Thanks again to Russell and the rest of the team for the support

Pro Shop Specials

Rob and them Team have a fantastic offer for Member's this month which is 20% off all hardware in store. Get in quick and get what you need to improve your game.

Birthdays

We will shortly be starting up a free birthday drink promotion. If we don't have your correct birthday on file could you please update your records on the website.

Good Golfing