



Out of the Rough

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Nov / Dec 2011

A word from the President...

First up congratulations to all the Pennants Teams. It was a great effort with all three men's team and the ladies team all into the finals, with three of the four emerging victorious. Well done to all the players, captains and caddies. Brian Campbell's win on the 20th hole of the last grouping is already 'HMB Legend', and there's a heap of other great stories from the day that are only going to get better with age!

Well done also to all the Championship winners from throughout the year. We recognised most of them at Presentation night earlier this month with the best prize-winner turn out since we changed to this format a few years back. It was another good night had by all, with a great meal from Ferntree and great music from Vicki Cussack.

The next social event on the calendar is another Trivia Night on the 26th November. Please book in at the bar as soon as possible. The first one was a huge success and we'd like to host a few more over the wet season, as long as we get your support. Remember it's not just for members - you're most welcome to bring along your non-golfing friends, neighbours and workmates.

The AGM is set for 9.30 am, Sunday 11th December. We'll post the Committee Reports to the Members Area of the website in the next few days and the final figures for the year will go up as well as soon as we get them back from the auditors. We'll let everyone know via the Friday email when they're posted. Hopefully this will give everyone more time to read and digest the information before the AGM. If you have any questions regarding any of the reports, please submit them in writing before the AGM, so the Committee member responsible can have the right information available on the day.

An information page is attached at the end of this newsletter for the Cairns Community Enterprise. This is an initiative of Bendigo Bank as an alternative to traditional sponsorship. It applies to new and existing accounts, and cost you nothing. Please check it out if you have any accounts with Bendigo, or you're considering any sort of changes to your existing banking. A couple of our Members have already flagged their existing accounts to HMBGC, and they're now generating a small ongoing gratuity to the Club, so a big thank you to those people! A few other sports clubs in the region have had their members get behind them on this, and they're now generating several thousand dollars a year through this scheme - no expense or effort required by the members or the club - so it can be quite substantial. Please consider ...

A final request is that you try to bring your non-member friends, workmates or neighbours out for a social hit some time! With the holidays fast approaching, it's a perfect time to invite one or two of your non-golfer friends out for round. The weather is still (mostly) good and the course is looking fantastic, so take this chance to show it off to your friends. Remember to ask for 'mates rates' at the Pro Shop: your friends will get a discount and the club will get some much needed social rounds!

Matt Brading

Events

- Sat 5 Nov - Ocean Hotel's Monthly Medal ind stroke
Club Presentation Night
- Sun 6 Nov - Mens Pennants Final at Sea Temple
- Sat 12 Nov - Ind stroke Medal of Medals
- Sat 26 Nov - Trivia Night
- Sat 3 Dec - Ocean Hotel's Monthly Medal ind stroke
- Mon 5 Dec - 9am Ambrose friendly \$2 members Jap/Aust

Sun 11 Dec - AGM 9.30am

- Fri 16 Dec - Blues Club Xmas party and Calcutta day
- Sat 17 Dec - Xmas Breakup Day Beer Cart challenge 4 person Ambrose 7.30am and 12.30pm BBQ from 5pm
- Sat 7 Jan - Ocean Hotel's Monthly Medal ind stroke



Contributions to the newsletter are welcome by 26th each month.
Email: admin@halfmoonbaygolf.com.au

Out of the Captains Office

Ocean Hotels Monthly Medal

Congratulations to our Oct monthly medal winners.
Mens Division 1: Roger Matthews nett 65
Mens Division2: Steve Florimo nett 64
Mens Division 3: Bill McCarthy nett 66.
Mens Division 4: Mark Girdler nett 69
Womens Division: Sally Horwood nett 63

Congratulations to our Nov monthly medal winners.
Mens Division 1: Scott Pickard nett 63
Mens Division2: Steve Florimo nett 63
Mens Division 3: Raymond Sharp nett 66.
Mens Division 4: Graham Laurie nett 65.
Womens Division: Clare Hopper nett 73

Medal of Medals Playoffs 12th November



Congratulations to our winners this year, Terry Travis (nett 67) and Cathy Smithson (nett 71).

Mens and Womens Club Eclectic Winners 2011

Well done Ned Prior (42) and Cathy Smithson (43)

Joan Cross Memorial Cup

Darren Cripps with an impressive average of 40 pts.

Men's Inter Club Pennants 2011

Congratulations to all the players of the A, B and C Grade Men's Pennants teams who made it to the final held at Sea Temple on Saturday 5th November. As far as we are aware this is the first time it has been achieved. Congratulations to the A & B grade teams who brought home the flags for our club. Commiserations to C grade who just couldn't quite get over the line.

The David Sloss Matchplay competition, which is a mixed matchplay this year will commence on the 28th of November and you will have 3 weeks to play your first round.

The Xmas Breakup ambrose and Beer Cart Challenge to be held on Saturday 17 December is popular once again and the timesheets are filling up fast so don't delay putting your name down!

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the other members of the golf committee. Andrew Wolf, Jeanette Gilliver, Darren Cripps, Larry Crawl and Mark Ironside, thanks to all of you for your support through the year.

Mick Rogge (Capt), Brian Campbell, Garrett Senia, Richie McCullaah, Keith Tov, Oliver Duncan, Josh Stewart



2011 Golf World Cairns Inter Club Pennants A Grade Winners
Half Moon Bay Golf Club

Shane Vale, Roger Matthews, Mark Black (Capt), Bob Chitham, Jake Hopper, Dog Westerman. Missing Barry Tait, Mike Burnett.



2011 Golf World Cairns Inter Club Pennants B Grade Winners
Half Moon Bay Golf Club

A special mention has to go to Mark Black. Mark's contribution to HMB is incredible and the smooth running of all our championships is a testament to the enormous hours that he puts in. Thanks Blacky.

A final thank you to Mark Davis and all his staff for the presentation of our golf course over the playing season. Our greens have come a long way over the last couple of years and are now ranked amongst the best in FNQ. Brilliant job Mark.

Have a great Christmas everyone.
Adam Rust

and remember: Rule 1: Play the ball as it lies!





**XMAS GIFT IDEA
Discount Golf Vouchers**

Great for family or friends

**5 x 18 hole vouchers
\$120.00**

**5 x 9 hole vouchers
\$60.00**

These special packages (min 5 vouchers) available for purchase from the office, only by members, until 24 December 2011.

Non members purchase is minimum 10 vouchers.

**AGM Sunday 11 Dec
9.30am**

Thanks to the 2011 Officers of the Club

President	Matt Brading
Vice President	Brougham Clarke
Vice President	Cathy Smithson
Treasurer	Greg Browne
Greens Director	Peter Lazarus
Captain	Adam Rust
Vice Captain	Larry Crawl
Junior Director	Mark Ironside
Ladies Coordinator	Jeanette Gilliver
Men's Coordinator	Andrew Wolf
House Director	Darren Cripps

Some of these positions will be vacant for 2012. Nominations are currently being called.

Players Golf Insurance

All club members, social players and spectators are covered by the club's third party liability insurance when playing at HMBGC.

Our insurance does not cover you when playing at other clubs. Always check at the club you are going to play at or take out your own Personal Golf Insurance.

Greg Ferry at The Manager's Desk

I will be on annual leave for parts of Nov/Dec. It has been a pleasure working with you all this year in what has been an extremely difficult time for the Club. We have faced many challenges including Cyclone Yasi, the continuing effects from the Global Financial Crisis and the general downturn in golfing in the region. The majority of our members have rejoined the club in the past two months, however, we do have plenty of room for more! Thanks to Mark Davis and his team our course is in wonderful condition – the best we have seen. To help us have the funds available to maintain the course in such good condition, if members could bring one guest a month to the Club for a game at \$25 for 18 holes, mates rate, our bottom line would improve dramatically! We also have special Discount Golf Voucher booklets available for social golfers – so buy these for Christmas gifts and tell all your friends.

Terry Stevens is running a friendly Ambrose comp every first Monday of the month at 9am. A small group of our Japanese members play and would like other members to join them. I urge members to take part in this to help foster Japanese/Australian member relations and encourage our Japanese members to play in more comps. The next day is Monday 5 December, only \$2 fee.

To all committee members I congratulate you on maintaining your enthusiasm and doing such a good job for the Club and its members. To the new Committee members this past year, thanks for putting your hand up. It is essential to have new people and fresh ideas at Committee level. There are some committee positions vacant for the coming year so please step up to make a positive contribution to your club. I encourage members to attend the AGM on Sunday 11 December.



With views like this - the best job in the world! And new groundsman "Swainey" couldn't agree more. He recently joined the team after Grant moved on to Gordonvale to take on the chief greenkeepers role there. Welcome Swainey.

The Ladies LockerRoom

Congratulations to the October Monthly stroke winner, Ali Watson with a score of Nett 70. Our Pink cancer fundraising event was held on 11 October and was a great success. Ali was also the winner on that day.

The FNQDLGA 4BBB Championships were held at Mareeba on Sunday 30th October. HMB ladies Tanya Maynard and Kate Steel were the winning gross pair.

Throughout the year the ladies play for some Golf Qld and FNQ awards and on Tuesday 15th November many of us gathered for a break up dinner and presentation of awards at Dundees Restaurant. Those awards are detailed below.

Congratulations to all the ladies who played good golf to earn their individual awards. Well Done!

We had a mix of Saturday and Tuesday Ladies entering in the Golf Qld Brooches this year (International Bowl and Golf Qld) these brooches are entered into in each State and is quite an achievement to win. Hopefully there will be more interest from the Saturday Ladies next year. We pay for entry and the Brooches ourselves always under \$10 and the more entries the less it will cost. This event will be posted on the Locker room board early 2012 for any Ladies interested.

Our team events this year also were successful with the HMB ladies winning the Inter Club stroke competition and our HMB Ladies Pennants team coming in third.

We are looking forward to another challenging time next year, so keep up the practicing throughout the summer.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Good Golfing
Jeanette Gilliver (Ladies Coordinator)



INTERNATIONAL BOWL BROOCH

(Best nett 18 hole round played over 3 pre selected stroke rounds)

Div. 1	Cecily Atkinson	74
Div. 2	Buzz McKay	66
Div. 3	Cathy Smithson	64

GOLF QLD BROOCH

(Best 3 nett scores of Monthly Brooch/Medals)

Div. 1	Marion Wright	222
Div. 2	Deb Westerman	213 play off
Div. 3	Cathy Smithson	207

BETTE JACKSON BOWL

(Best nett 18 hole round over 2 pre selected Tues stroke rounds)

Carolyn Callender	63
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MONTHLY TUES BROOCH CHAMPION.

(playoff by winners of Tuesday monthly brooch rounds)

Cathy Smithson	72
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CAPTAINS TROPHY

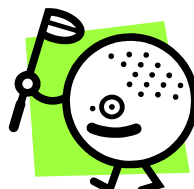
(Best nett of 3 Interclub stroke rounds, must have played 4 rounds)

Lorraine Matthews	137
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Clubhouse News

Come along on Friday nights for the members draw and meat raffles after the Chook Run about 6.00pm. Leonie Silverman won \$600 2 weeks ago and in October George Rapley walked away with \$1200!

Hole in One .



Andrew Wolf on the 11th.



Snippets from the Super

Welcome to another addition of "Snippets from the Super". The weather is warming up and gives the feeling summer has finally arrived. Fortunately we are receiving some welcome rain and this is greatly helping the course presentation.

The greens and surrounds have again been sprayed to eradicate crows-foot and other problem weeds. As mentioned in my last report, I have sprayed a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent further weed germination. I intend to repeat this spray programme every 6 weeks in an effort to minimize future weed germination.

The greens have been lightly aerated and fertilised. They will also be lightly scarified and top-dressed. This will keep the surface soft, receptive and well grassed. The height of cut is still 4mm. I am also applying a growth regulator to prevent upright growth and promote lateral growth; this will keep the greens rolling at a reasonable speed.

I have been approached about the possibility of installing a step in the retainer wall at the 2nd green. The wall is the reason the turf quality has greatly improved and installing at step at a fixed point will create a bare area. Therefore it is my preference not to install a step and request that golfers that can't use the existing opening take the time to walk around the front of the wall.

Over the next month I am installing a root barrier around certain greens in an attempt to prevent foreign grass's encroaching onto the greens surface. This will involve cutting a trench around the perimeter of the green and laying a plastic strip vertically in the ground to a depth of 600mm. The plastic strip will prevent roots and stolons from entering the green. A lawn edger will then cut a vertical slice on the surface following a similar contour to the plastic strip and this will cut the surface runners preventing them from encroaching onto the green. If nothing is done to stop the invasion of these grasses, our already small greens will become even smaller.

I would like to thank Dave Sloss for his efforts with the retainer wall improvements outside the cart shed. Dave performs countless hours each week and is an extremely valuable member of the ground-staff team. Also a huge thanks to Bob Chitham, he has installed a new floor in our trailer and assisted greatly in securing some coppers logs in front of our upgraded retainer wall to prevent cars bumping into the wall.

Finally, I would like to wish all members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mark Davis
Course Superintendent



Titleist 2011 Summer Golf Ball Promotion

Purchase a dozen new Titleist golf ball and enter into the draw for a chance to win.

The promotion offers Australian golfers an opportunity to win a luxury trip to Cape Kidnappers in New Zealand for themselves and 3 golfing friends. Drawn 20 Jan 2012

In addition, golfers have the opportunity to win a Limited Edition Titleist Staff Bag at each participating golf shop, drawn 7 Jan 2012.

Full details at the Pro Shop

You are invited to view the Summer 2011 Collection of Fayde golfwear, exclusively available from Robert Brydon's Golf Shop.

Tuesday 22 Nov: 9am – 12 noon





The Blues News

The Blues Club is a social club that plays Stroke rounds only. We play at HMBGC every Monday and Thursday at 12:00 midday. There is no need to book just turn up around 11:30-12.00 and we will draw up cards and off we go. The only condition of Membership is that you have a current AGU membership and handicap somewhere, not necessarily at HMBGC. Our Membership is \$40 per year, for that you will get 2 fully free functions, food, drinks and entertainment per year, plus frequent bus trips away to other clubs, where all you pay is your green fees. Our cost per game is \$20 this pays your green fees, skins, Calcutta contribution and social fund accumulation.

We always welcome new members, so come and join us. You may come and try for the first time for the usual \$20 fee and if you would like to continue to play the joining fee is payable.

The Blues HUGE End of Year Function is happening on FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER. It includes a Calcutta and round of golf, followed by the Presentation night, AGM and then Party Party Party! So keep the whole day and night free. Food, drink and entertainment is all included. Promises to be a big night.

Full details will shortly be on the Blues Club noticeboard outside the men's locker room.

Good Golfing,
Mark Black President The Blues Club.

Trinity Beach Quality Meats Birthday Draw



The winners of the Birthday Draws for October, November are:

Ross Bird and Brian Snape

who win a voucher kindly donated by Russell Perkins and the crew at Trinity Beach Quality meats

9 Hole Competitions

Our weekly 9 hole competitions are proving popular. These competitions allow members who are short on time or can't organise work hours to suit normal competitions the chance to play competitive golf. You will be handicapped on these events.

Saturday 9 hole competition 2.30pm to 3.00pm sponsored by Trinity Beach Quality Meats.

Tuesday 9 hole competition 2.30pm to 3.00pm sponsored by Brumbys at Smithfield.

Friday Chook Run from 2.00pm sponsored by Lenards at Smithfield.

NEW AMBROSE COMPETITION Next event Monday 5 December

1st Monday every month 9am
\$2 fee for members
A fun way to start the week.

No bookings needed, Just turn up before 9am and teams will be drawn up.

Enquiries: see Lita at the bar, Greg in the office

*Sunshine is delicious,
Rain is refreshing,
Wind braces us up,
Snow is exhilarating,
There's really no such thing as bad weather,
Only different kinds of good weather.*

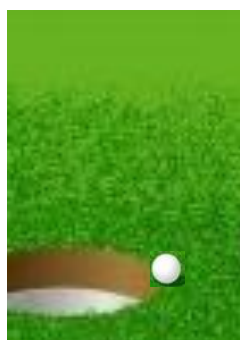


Enjoy the Wet Season!
and remember our Dry Nine is the driest wet weather course in the region.



Mid Week Mud Runners Returns in January 2012

A new team format for this wet weather event will be advised towards the end of December.



A golfers dream: a 15inch Hole round of golf

sometime over summer!

Watch this space...

Getting to Know You.....

Lita Stevens



Lita moved to Cairns over 12 years ago from Ayers Rock with husband Terry. Since she began working at the club in 1999 Lita has seen quite a few changes including the completion of the extra holes to make the 18 hole course in 2000. She has only started playing golf these past two years and is still undecided about its worth! Lita is a keen gardener and grows many herbs and vegetables and is more than happy to share some of her plant cuttings. She likes nothing better than entertaining at home with friends cooking up a feast with many ingredients from her garden. Her cheerful happy face greets the tired and often despondent golfer at the end of their round and she will have your drink on the bar before you have to ask. She'll get you smiling retelling jokes in her own special way. And what happens at the bar.....stays at the bar!!!!!! Cheers Lita!



SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 7pm start
Happy hour drinks 6-7pm
Snacks included

Table of six \$50
Reserve your table at the bar
Pay on the night



Jingle Golf (Jingle Bells)

*Dashing off at eight,
What a gorgeous day!
O'er the course I'll go
Laughing all the way.
Mustn't move my head,
Keep my arm in tight
Oh what fun this day will be
If everything goes right!*

CHORUS

*Hook the ball, slice the ball,
Dribble off the tee,
Thought that was a super shot
Whoops, it hit a tree-ee!
Hook the ball, slice the ball,
Drop it in the lake;
Was sure I had an easy par,
Oh Darn! I had an eight.*

*Wish I'd stayed in bed.
What an awful day!
O'er the course I go,
Missing all the way.
Must finish eighteen holes,
Try not to lose my cool.
Why do I play this silly game?
I'm just a crazy fool!*

CHORUS (at 18TH Hole)
*I hit the ball! I hit the ball!
Gosh! It's long and straight
It isn't such an awful day,
Glad I was here at ei-eight.
I hit the ball! I hit the ball!
It really had some zing.
I knew that if I tried real hard
.....I'd finally find my swing!*



HAPPY WINNERS -



2010 Club Champion Keith Toy
Event for 2011 to be played off early 2012



2011 B Grade Champion Roger Matthews



2011 Golf QLD Brooch winners
Deb Westerman, Marion Wright, Cathy Smithson



2011 Ladies Div 1 and Senior Champion Pam Shay



Happy winners



2011 A Grade Champion Richie
McCullagh



Ladies Captain Trophy
winner Lorraine Matthews



2011 C Grade Champion Greg
Browne



2011 Ladies Div 3 Champion
Dorothy Yaltema



2011 Int Bowl Brooch winners
Cecily Atkinson, Buzz McKay, Cathy Smithson

CCE was established in May 2009 because of the high number of sponsorship requests being received that Bendigo was not able to support. CCE gives not-for-profit groups the ability to generate ongoing income streams without having to seek renewed support from the bank each year.

Since then CCE has paid out considerable sums to 49 local non profit organisations;

6/2010 Financial Year:	\$24,735
6/2011 Financial Year:	\$83,671
6/2012 Projected	\$130,000

Half Moon Bay joined the program in September 2010 and since then a number of our Members have 'flagged their accounts to the Club, which will generate ongoing revenue for the Club for the life of the loan or investment, at no expense to the Member.

How it Works:

Basically we encourage our Members to **consider** Bendigo for loans, investments, credit cards etc. If you decide that the Bendigo product is competitive and you go with them, you simply tag the account to HMBGC.

Bendigo pays us benefit equivalent to 0.12% of the business. So a \$250,000 home loan would generate \$300 a year for HMBGC, a \$100,000 term deposit would generate \$120 a year, a \$5,000 credit card balance transfer generating \$6 a year.

While these aren't huge amounts on their own, they are recurring for the life of the loan/deposit. Given the size of our membership, we could turn this into a substantial passive revenue stream for the club over time.

You can tag your account after you're secured the best deal you can, so it in no way affects the interest rate or cost of the banking product.

We aren't given any of your personal details, we're only told 'someone' has tagged an account to the Club.

How You Can Get Involved...

Existing Bendigo customers, ... just contact your branch and ask to direct the CCE component of your banking product to Half Moon Bay Golf Club. They'll give you one small card to sign, and you're done.

Non-Bendigo customers ... just consider Bendigo next time you're in the market for financial services, and if you find Bendigo stacks up, just ask them to direct the CCE component to HMBGC.

Any questions, please contact the office or a Committee member,

Thanks in advance for your support!