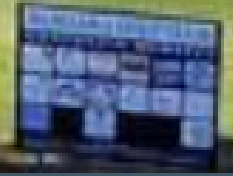


JUNE 2025

VOICE OF THE VETS



Presidents Report

Welcome to our second edition for the year.

Commitment. This word embodies what so many of our members do every day to assist in various ways around the club. None more so than our Life Members, who become Life Members, because of their commitment to our club over many years.

Dell Barrett, Bill Gerhardt, Fred Houlahan and Don McKewen – on behalf of all of the members of the Vets Association, thank you for all you have done for our club. Unfortunately Bill was unable to be with us on this Life Members Day but will be a special guest on presentation night in December.

The Vets Championships have recently been held and although I was not able to participate or be there, I have followed the results and there were some great scores coming in. Congratulations to the winners of course, but also to everyone who played in the competition.

Enjoy your golf everyone

Shirley
President

Photos from
Life Members Day





Captains Report

The golfing year is quickly passing us by and here at Bargara we are experiencing warm winter conditions as we welcome our visitors from the south to our region. Please make these visitors welcome, some of whom have been coming for over 25 years as they are an important part of the Bargara community throughout this time of the year.

Thank you to those few members who have decided to travel to Vets clubs close by and support the open days. These are great social events and I was happy to hear that some players are heading to Calliope for their golf day soon. Recently the group of players who went to Gin Gin came home with all the major raffle prizes. Well done guys – pass the message around.

Round 2 of the Bungara Shield will be held at Bundaberg on Tuesday 22nd July. Bargara currently leads this competition - Bargara 30.16. Bundaberg 27.33.

Round 1 of the competition against Hervey Bay will be held at Bargara on Tuesday 15th July and Round 2 at Hervey Bay on Monday 18th August.

The change to Mi Score has been well received by everyone with 97% of players now using the system. The match committee is rapidly gaining confidence and experience and many thanks to Sue for the hours she gives to our club and for the assistance she gives to members as we progressively move forward. Thank you and well done, Sue.

The Wide Bay Spring Carnival is rapidly approaching with 180 nominations to date. Nominations are also being received for the QVGU State Carnival to be held at Bargara on the 20th and 21st October.

Many thanks again to Rod, the green staff and the volunteers for their work in course presentation and the many improvements that have been made.

Good health and good golfing.

Don McKewen.

Date Claimers

Maryborough 36 hole Vets Open

Mon 7/8 & Tues 8/8

Bungara Shield *(Bargara vs Bundaberg)*

Bundaberg Tues 22/7

Bargara vs Hervey Bay

Bargara Tues 15/7
Hervey Bay Mon 18/8

QVGU State Carnival **Bargara**

20/21 August

Wide Bay District **Spring Carnival**

28/8 & 29/8
Bargara



Carolyn Mary Mason

29/3/49 - 13/5/25

Carolyn has been an integral member of the Bargara Golf Club and could always be found assisting wherever needed.

Whether it was taking ownership of "her" garden near the pro shop, mentoring newer players who joined or helping out with veteran days and chicken run afternoons she was always there lending a hand.

Her infectious laugh and friendly nature will be sorely missed by us all.

R.I.P. Carolyn



She is Gone

*You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love you shared
you can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday*

*You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on*



Out and About

Our Bargara veteran golfers have so many interesting stories about life, travel and golf courses played all around the world.

Following is another fascinating and interesting tale as told by Bob and Kaye Nicholls.

For any die-hard golfers visiting Tasmania this experience is a bucket list must do.

Ratho Farm is near the quaint village of Bothwell located 181 km south of Devonport and 80 km from Hobart. This historical sporting venue is the oldest continuously used golf course in Australia and the oldest outside of Scotland. It was established in 1822 by the Reid family who emigrated from Scotland.

This golf course is a time capsule, among the best preserved of all the world's early golf courses. Its most apparent uniqueness is the sheep, which graze and keep the playing areas short and fences to keep them from the **square** greens. The first hole for men is a 164m Par 3. If you look carefully at the photo you can just see the tip of the flag.

Can you imagine hitting over sheds, fences and hedges.... you are guaranteed for a lot of laughs and certainly a unique experience.

The farm house is charming and you can share a communal two course dinner in the main dining room with other guests staying at the farm. They also have an extensive wine collection. The accommodation is rustic but modernised and very comfortable.





Out and About (contd)

It has been great to hear of many of our golfers attending competitions outside our Bargara area.

Gayndah hosted their carnival earlier in the year and two of our lady golfers had a successful meet:

- Robyn Edgar winning the best 9 holes
- Leanne Spruce winning the most accurate drive



Six ladies attended the Queensland Country Veteran Championships held in April at both Surfers Paradise and Southport courses. Day 1 was a foursomes event and Day 2 & 3 an individual event.

Although no major winners, our ladies managed to traverse the courses that were very soggy underfoot which made for interesting games and many stories!

A much needed dinner and refreshments was had at the end of the carnival.



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Results - May Open

MEN

DIVISION 1

WINNER	Ian Bloom	Bargara	39
RUNNER UP	Keith Horne	Bargara	38 c/b
2nd RUNNER UP	Des Fraser	Bargara	38
3rd RUNNER UP	Ray Brown	Bargara	37 c/b

DIVISION 2

WINNER	Mark Rixon	Bargara	40
RUNNER UP	Stephen List	Bargara	38
2nd RUNNER UP	Rory Jackson	Bargara	37
3rd RUNNER UP	Michael Pett	Bargara	36

DIVISION 3

WINNER	Chris Norris	Bargara	41
RUNNER UP	Alan Chappell	Bargara	40 c/b
2nd RUNNER UP	Kevin Williams	Bargara	40
3rd RUNNER UP	Paul O'Neill	Bargara	39

DIVISION 4

WINNER	Ross Hunter	Bargara	38
RUNNER UP	Erik Hobson	Bargara	36 c/b
2nd RUNNER UP	Adrian Serra	Bargara	36 c/b
3rd RUNNER UP	Raymond Sparkes	Bargara	36

LADIES

DIVISION 1

WINNER	Shirley Flanagan	Bargara	43
RUNNER UP	Nola Chappell	Bargara	36 c/b
2nd RUNNER UP	Robyn Edgar	Bargara	36
3rd RUNNER UP	Babs Beh	Hervey Bay	34 c/b

DIVISION 2

WINNER	Patricia Cahill	Bargara	39
RUNNER UP	Julie Narduzzo	Bargara	38
2nd RUNNER UP	Di Baker	Gayndah	37
3rd RUNNER UP	Ann Johnson	Bargara	34 c/b





Results - Monthly Medals

APRIL MONTHLY MEDAL

MEN	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3	DIVISION 4
WINNER	Ian Bloom	Peter Germein	Brian Drinkwater	Scott Loader
RUNNER UP	Greg Cahill	Dennis Somers	Peter Marschall	Brian Scanlon
GROSS WINNER	Ian Bloom	Peter Germein	Brian Drinkwater	Scott Loader
PUTTS	Larry Lipscombe			

WOMEN	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2
WINNER	Chris Algie	Geraldine Collins
RUNNER UP	Pat McKewen	Jenny Hampson
GROSS WINNER	Kathy Nelson	Barb Studholme
PUTTS	Kathy Nelson	

MAY MONTHLY MEDAL

MEN	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3	DIVISION 4
WINNER	Greg Cahill	John Antrobus	Kevin Williams	Allan Muncey
RUNNER UP	Keith Horne	Mike Donnelly	Mike Reed	Geoff Loveday
GROSS WINNER	Keith Horne	Mike Donnelly	Kevin Williams	Geoff Loveday
PUTTS	Colin Lovett			

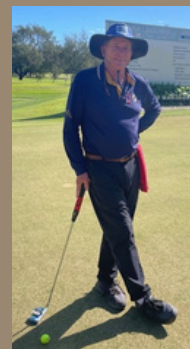
WOMEN	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2
WINNER	Julie Brown	Jenny Hampson
RUNNER UP	Robyn Edgar	Marion May
GROSS WINNER	Julie Brown	Fiona Weeks
PUTTS	Bernie Fitzgerald	

JUNE MONTHLY MEDAL

MEN	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3	DIVISION 4
WINNER	Ray Bown	Peter Marshall	Keith Atkins	Lou Pace
RUNNER UP	Scott Beyer	John Trude	Gary Ogg	Graeme Mogridge
GROSS WINNER	Gary Hallam	John Trude	Paul O'Neill	Graeme Mogridge
PUTTS	Frank Millar			

WOMEN	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2
WINNER	Jackie Hart	Gayle Ryan
RUNNER UP	Fran Taylor	Chris Redshaw
GROSS WINNER	Leanne Spruce	Chris Redshaw
PUTTS	Leanne Spruce	

Competition Days & Presentation Afternoons





SPOTLIGHT

DELL BARRETT

Having just played in Life Members Day, I thought it fitting to spotlight Del in this edition by outlining her history with Bargara Golf Club and our Vets.



Dell joined the Bargara Golf Club in 1971 in the era of John Jones being the Pro and then later that year Norman Hobbs taking over who I am guessing some of you may remember. Her handicap back then was 36 and it took her 15 months to break it. On 11 June 1972 her handicap decreased by 5 shots to 31. On 10 May 1973 she was down to an 18 handicap which put her into A Grade. With still more shots to be lost, January 1985 saw her handicap at 9 with her lowest ever being a 7. Wow.. this is something most of us only dream of!

Dell's major golfing successes included:

- Bargara club champion twice
- Hervey Bay zone champion
- 2 x hole in ones - one at Bargara and one at Bundaberg
- Vets champion 1995 and 1996

Dell served on the golf committee 1973/74/75 and was Vice Captain in 1978/79 and then Captain in 1980/81/86/87.

Her playing career commenced with the Tuesday girls in 1972 and then the Mothers Club on a Thursday and Saturday. In 1988 Dell joined the Vets at age 50. After the death of her husband Clive in 2004, Dell joined the Vets committee and served for the next 12 years. In 2014 she was made a Life Member and in 2017 Patroness.

Dell's last game of golf was on 5 September 2017 but as we all know she has still kept a keen interest in the club and helps anytime she can. She laughingly calls herself the "Treasurers Offsider" when she assists Brian Durnford - she says, "so he can enjoy his beers when he comes in from his game". When the bell chimes on a Tuesday, we know it is time for Dell to announce the raffle winners and members draw. (Prior to this she has always organised money, prizes and set up for the afternoon.)

Thank you, Dell, for all you have done and continue to do to make the Bargara Vets a friendly, welcoming and enjoyable group. Your dedication and commitment is invaluable to us all.