



DECEMBER 2025

VOICE OF THE VETS

Presidents Report

It seems incredible that another year is almost over.

Presentation Night last Wednesday was a very successful evening with a great time had by all who attended. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Club staff for the meals as well as the bar service on the night. It was a very busy night, and the staff were efficient and very cheery and helpful.

Congratulations to all of the winners throughout the year and also to all who participated in various major events and competitions. It was a shame that many of the winning recipients were not in attendance on presentation night to receive their award

2025 has been a very busy year with the QVGU State Carnival being held here along with our signature events. Our match committee worked very hard to facilitate all requests as best they could, so another huge "well done" to them.

We continue to have many visitors throughout the year especially in the winter months. This makes our Vets Association one of the biggest in Australia – if not the biggest. The quality of our course – thank you Rod and staff - and our mostly very temperate weather is a drawcard for visitors.

On behalf of the Vets Committee, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and safe New Year and see you back in 2026.

Shirley Leacy
President



Captains Report

Thirty -nine years ago from very humble beginnings and with the foresight of eight members, the inaugural Bargara Veteran Golfers Association came into existence.

Throughout these thirty -nine years the success of the organization is largely due to the dedication of the various committees and the support received from its members. Next year will be forty years — quite an achievement.

The annual presentation night was again well patronized by members. Prizemoney was increased by 25 per cent, however it was unfortunate that the vouchers from Woolworths were not the usual cards which have access to the entire Woolworths product range. There was a change in the way these cards were processed, and I was not aware of this at the time of purchase. For the next large competition event we will return to the gift card that has access to the entire Woolworth product range.

I urge all players during these hot playing conditions particularly during the next few months, to carry additional water to ensure you remain adequately hydrated.

Thanks to Rod and his green staff and the volunteers for the excellent course presentation.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year to you all.

Kind Regards
Don McKewen
Vets Captain.



Date Claimers

Opening Day for 2026

6 January
(Stableford)



March Classic
2/3/26 & 3/3/26
Bargara



Life Membership - Brian Durnford

At our recent Annual General Meeting, Brian Durnford was awarded Life Membership of the Bargara Veteran Golfers Association.

Nominated by Don McKewen and seconded by Dell Barrett, Brian more than met the criteria required for life membership.

Minimum of 12 years membership

Brian has been a member of the Bargara Golf Club for 16 years and has given at least 10 years of outstanding service. This has included being Treasurer of the Bargara Veteran Golfers Association on two occasions 2014-2016 and 2021 to current day.

Leadership

As Treasurer, Brian has demonstrated financial expertise and leadership in ensuring that the finances of our club have been properly accounted for and managed. His monthly finance report to the Vets committee is concise and easy to understand.

Administration

At the end of each financial year, the accounts for the year are presented to the Honorary Auditor for audit purposes.

Each Tuesday Brian can be seen counting the cash, balancing the daily income/expenditure, conducting raffles, taking membership fees as well as tournament nomination fees.

General Contribution

Brian has spent many years as a volunteer of the golf course which included planting, trimming and watering of trees throughout the course.

Brian has been a tireless worker for the Bargara Veteran Golfers Association primarily with his financial expertise ensuring the association is secure financial and thus able to allocate surplus funds to facilitate projects for the benefit of the members.





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QVGU State Carnival

The recent QVGU State Carnival played at Bargara was a huge success with 223 players from over 54 clubs participating.

Congratulations to the following Bargara players who were successful over these two days:

MEN

Keith Horne - Carnival Champion - 36holes

Stephen Jameson - A Grade Winner - Gross - 36 holes

Mark Liddelow - C Grade Winner - Stableford - 36 holes

John Trude - A Grade Winner - Net - Monday

Raymond Sparks - C Grade Winner - Stableford - Monday

Colin Lovett - B Grade Winner - Stableford - Tuesday

Wayne Coote - C Grade Winner - Stableford - Tuesday

Geoff Barlow - R/Up - B Grade - Stableford - Monday

Kevin Matthews - R/Up - C Grade - Stableford- Monday

John Sajko - R/Up - C Grade - Stableford - Tuesday

Des Fraser - 2nd R/Up - A Grade - Net - Monday

Michael Pett - 2nd R/Up - B Grade - Net - Monday

Ross Hunter - 2nd R/Up - C Grade - Net Tuesday

LADIES

Tracey Liddelow - Carnival Champion 36 holes

Chris Arnold - Winner - Div 2 - 36 holes

Robyn Edgar - R/Up - Div 1 - 36holes

Ann Johnson - Winner - Div 2 - Monday

Kerrie Rixon - Winner - Div 2 - Tuesday

Jo Malone - R/Up - Div 1 - Tuesday

Trish Cahill - R/Up - Div 2 - Tuesday

Jackie Hart - 2nd R/Up - Div 1 - Monday

Jenny Tooth - 2nd R/Up - Div 2 - Monday

Presentations





Out and About

Robyn Edgar continues to represent our Bargara Veteran Golfers Association at many carnivals throughout the state. She participates at more carnivals or open days than most of us are aware.

Robyn most recently competed at the Vets carnival sponsored by Ord Minnett at the Maroochy River Golf Club on 15 and 16 October. There were over 200 competitors playing over these two days, many from various other clubs. Robyn was successful in placing Runner Up in the Thursday daily competition for B Grade. Robyn also tied for Third Place in the overall competition for B Grade but unfortunately was beaten in a countback to receive the prize. *Well done Robyn!*

A group of our Bargara Vets members and partners travelled to Queenstown on 25 October for an 8 day golf and travel experience. The group comprised - Sue & Dennis Gaylard, Ray & Sheree Brown, Kevin & Sheryl Matthews, Don & Pat McKewen, Ann & Trevor Johnson as well as Robert & Kay Craig from Mackay who are "regulars" at Bargara.

Millbrook, Queenstown and Jacks Point were the three courses played and everyone agreed that the courses were challenging but most enjoyable especially with the beautiful scenery. Dont ask any of these golfers about the GPS guided golf carts, especially on the Queenstown course. Should you venture slightly out of the area of the course where the GPS tracker has identified as being accessible, your cart will mediatly come to an abrupt stop and your only option is to drive backwards, sometimes for quite a distance. This caused much frustration on the course but many laughs at the end of the day.

Other activities for the group included a trip to Arrowtown on the local bus and a trip to Milford Sound. Another great day out was with a cruise across Lake Whakatipu onboard the iconic steamship RSS Earnshaw to the Walter Peak High Country Farm. Once there, a gourmet lunch was served in the Colonel's Homestead restaurant which was followed by sheep shearing and sheep dog exhibition before a return back to Queenstown.

A great trip with a great group of people.





Men Dont Listen...

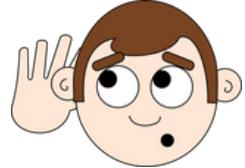
A funny story recently about six Bargara Golf Members who played a charity day at Bundaberg Golf course. The competition was a three Person Ambrose so two teams from Bargara were playing together.

Before the competition started, the organizer made an announcement over the microphone saying that there was one hole which was marked where the players had to tee off the blue markers. Suffice to say, our **two Bargara teams** only heard the words "*tee off the blue markers*".

After 16 holes they noticed other teams teeing off the white markers and suddenly realized that they had been playing off the wrong markers.

One of the teams came Second in the competition, so imagine how much better their score would have been had they listened to the instructions and teed off the corrects markers!

Names are withheld to protect their dignity.



The stories we hear

On a recent trip to Brisbane with friends we stopped off at a ladies fashion outlet. Needing a morning coffee, we stepped outside the store where we found some ladies and a couple of men having morning tea. Pleasantries were exchanged and after asking where we were from and hearing I was from Bargara, one of the men asked me if I played golf - to which I replied Yes. He and his wife said "Oh, well you would know Shaun and Nat" A few minutes passed with general chatter and then the man said "Well I just have to tell you this story".....

After speaking with Shaun and verifying this all happened, he provided the actual full story:

Earlier this year, I won a trip to Chicago. While there, I was invited out for drinks. I went to the bar and asked the bartender for a round. When she heard my accent, she was surprised to learn I was an Aussie, not an American. She thought I was from Texas because I was wearing my North Queensland Cowboys shirt. She kept asking questions about why I was in Chicago and what I did for a living. I told her I would take some drinks over to my table first and then I would tell her, but it would make her cry.

After returning, she insisted I tell her what I did before getting my final drinks. I warned her, "Brace yourself." ... I went on to "explain" that I worked for the council in Sydney and my job was to sit on the sidewalk of the Harbour Bridge and stop koalas from crossing. She started to cry, but I reassured her that after you pick them up, they cuddle into you and are quite cute. Once she wiped her eyes, she said - "that would have to be the best job ever".

I then asked her for the bill for the five drinks I had just bought. Her reply was that the shout was on her! Later, another guy went up to the bar and ordered the same round of drinks. He didn't tell the bartender what he did for a living, and his shout was \$96 USD!!!!

The moral of the story is that if you can't tell a good yarn in a foreign country, you'll always have to pay



Presentation Night Results

36 HOLE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Ladies

Division 1	Gross Winner	Christine Parkinson
	Net Winner	Fran Taylor
	Gross Runner Up	Leanne Spruce
	Net Runner Up	Jackie Hart

Division 2	Gross Winner	Gayle Ryan
	Net Winner	Jessica Williams
	Gross Runner Up	Christine Redshaw
	Net Runner Up	Jenny Hampson

36 HOLE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Men

Division 1	Gross Winner	Gary Halam
	Net Winner	Ray Brown
	Gross Runner Up	Keith Horne
	Net Runner Up	Scott Beyer

Division 2	Gross Winner	Ted Clark
	Net Winner	Stephen Hancock
	Gross Runner Up	Don Gordon
	Net Runner Up	Ken Whan

Division 3	Gross Winner	Robin Lerch
	Net Winner	Paul O'Neill
	Gross Runner Up	Jeff Phillips
	Net Runner Up	Leo De George

Division 4	Gross Winner	Wayne Brown
	Net Winner	Graeme Mogridge
	Gross Runner Up	Stewart Flanagan
	Net Runner Up	Lou Pace

4BBB 18 HOLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ladies	Gross Winners	Julie Brown & Barb Brabon
	Net Winners	Barbara Studholme & Di Collins
Men	Gross Winners	Alan Forster & Keith Horne
	Net Winners	Greg Lewis & Brett Morris





Presentation Night Results (contd)

MIXED AGGREGATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – 18 HOLE

Winners	Dawn Clements & Graeme Brown
Runners Up	Sylvia Sparr & Hans Kunz



AGED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ladies 50-67	Winner	Donna Pett
	Runner Up	Kathy Nelson
Ladies 68-72	Winner	Barb Brabon
	Runner Up	Zari Austin
Ladies 73-79	Winner	Margaret King
	Runner Up	Ros Savidge
Ladies 80+	Winner	Jo Oxer
	Runner Up	Barbara Charters

Men 55-67	Winner	Mark Donghi
	Runner Up	Ian Bloom
Men 68-72	Winner	Paul O'Neill
	Runner Up	Alex Avery
Men 73-79	Winner	Peter Hoffmann
	Runner Up	Des Fraser
Men 80+	Winner	Graham Mogridge
	Runner Up	Adrian Serra

MEDAL OF MEDAL WINNERS (MONTHLY MEDALS) 2025

Ladies

Division 1	Kathy Nelson
Division 2	Trish Cahill



Men

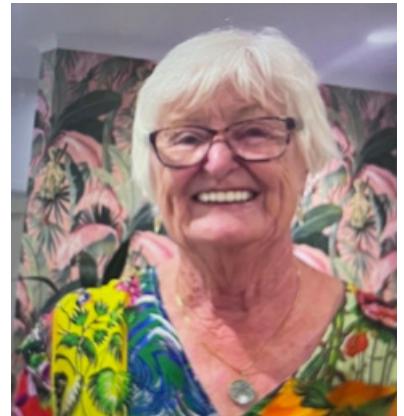
Division 1	Rob Whitford
Division 2	Rory Jackson
Division 3	Paul O'Neill
Division 4	Alex Avery



SPOTLIGHT

BARBARA CHARTERS

Barbara or Barb as she is fondly called, was born and raised in Glen Innes in NSW. After completing her schooling, she worked at the local pharmacy for 5 years before heading to Sydney to live.



It was there that she met Rod in 1961 and they married a year later in 1962. In 1966 they relocated to Bundaberg to assist Rod's father with his insurance business. Barbara worked part time in the business after Rod took over the business after the death of his father. Together they had four children - 2 boys and 2 girls who as you can imagine kept her very busy.

Barbara decided she needed a little time to herself and after seeing an advertisement "Learn to Play Golf" signed up for these lessons under the pro at the time - Norm Hobbs. She enjoyed her "me" time immensely and that was the beginning of her keen golfing pursuits.

Barbara joined the Bargara Golf Club in 1972 and has been a continuous active playing member since then. Throughout her 53 years at the club, she has represented the Club at numerous District Club Open days and Country Week events as well as Midweek Pennants for over 30 years.

When her four children all played with the Bargara Junior Club, Barbara was on hand to help with the organization of their competitions. The Bargara Belles was a competition started by Professional, Norm Hobbs to cater for women players just joining the club. Barbara was on hand to play with these beginners and help them understand the rules and etiquette of playing golf.

In the late 1980's Barbara joined the Women's Match Committee and in 1988 was elected Women's Vice Captain a position she held the next year. Barbara then stepped up to the roll of Women's Captain in 1990 and then held this position for the next two years. In 2003 Barbara was again elected to the position of Women's captain for one year. stepping down as Women's Captain in 1993 Barbara represented Bargara Golf Club on the Wide Bay Zone Committee where she was President for two years.

In 2024 Barbara was elected Patroness of the club and has run and donated all the trophies for the Patroness Day that year. In 2025 Barbara was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Bargara Golf Club.

***Congratulations Barbara on this Award and
your many years of commitment to our Vets Club.***