



MARCH 2026

VOICE OF THE VETS

Presidents Report

What a few weeks we have had with very unpredictable weather here in Bargara. Although the course will be the better for the huge amount of water that it has received, it has hampered our weekly competitions because of course closures and the inability to use carts due to the very wet fairways.

However, we were successful in hosting the March Classic which had mostly fine weather. The work put into coordinating this is massive and our Match committee must be given all of the accolades they deserve for their many months of work.

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the formation of the Bargara Veteran Golfers Association. It is quite a milestone and our Vets association is one of the largest in Australia. Given this, it was quite disappointing that very limited response was received to the survey sent out by your committee regarding celebrating this milestone.

Now the cooler weather is approaching and the visitors will start arriving it is important that you get in early with your bookings to ensure you obtain your preferred tee times.

Happy golfing everyone.

Shirley Leacy
President





Captains Report

A successful two- day March Classic was well supported by Bargara players and visitors. There were 215 players – 94 from Bargara and 121 visitors from 20 different clubs. The event which first started in 1993 receives great support especially from Yeppoon, Caboolture, Hervey Bay, Wantima, Woodford and Headland Vets Clubs.

MI Score from a player perspective is working well and is well supported by players. Thanks to the Pro Shop personnel for their assistance and advice to players. From an administrative perspective the system is quite cumbersome and clunky and requires constant checking to ensure the daily competition parameters are correct. To conduct the Aged Championships over two weeks, sixteen separate competitions need to be entered into the system.

Some weeks ago, the committee sent an email to members advising that the Bargara Vets would celebrate 40 years in August this year since its foundation. The email was seeking comments from members on how to celebrate this occasion. To date we have received only two replies. Surely there must be some interest to celebrate this occasion from our base of 370 members.

Could you please ensure that when your ball is hit out of the bunker, take the time to rake the sand and then place the rake in the bunker with the head of the rake pointing towards to the flag.

Good health and good golfing.
Don McKewen.

Date Claimers

**Bargara
Aged Championships**
Rd 1 - 7 April
Rd 2 - 14 April

**Maryborough Veteran
Open Day**
7 April

**Gayndah Veteran
Open Day**
14 April

**Hervey Bay Veteran
Open Day**
27 April

**Queensland Veteran
Golfers State
Championships**
11 & 12 May
Maroochy River Golf Club

**Bargara Veteran
Open Day**
30 June



General Information

At our AGM, all current sitting members of the Bargara Veteran Golfers Association re-nominated for another year. For any new players, you can find up to date information for our Bargara Vets on the Bargara Golf website. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of our committee should you have any queries, thoughts or ideas. Alternately, you can email to:

bargaraveterangolfers@outlook.com.

We have had an overwhelming response for new shirt orders. 175 shirts have been ordered and we should receive this first order within the next couple of weeks. Once these arrive, an email will be sent out regarding collection for those who have placed an order. Please remember to bring money if you have not as yet paid for your shirt/s.

A further order will be placed once this initial order has arrived so should you require a shirt please contact Ann Johnson - 0417 500 012 so that your name and size can be added to the order.

Reminder...

Do you have any thoughts on how best to celebrate our 40 year Anniversary this year? We are keen to hear from you with your ideas.



2026 Vets Committee





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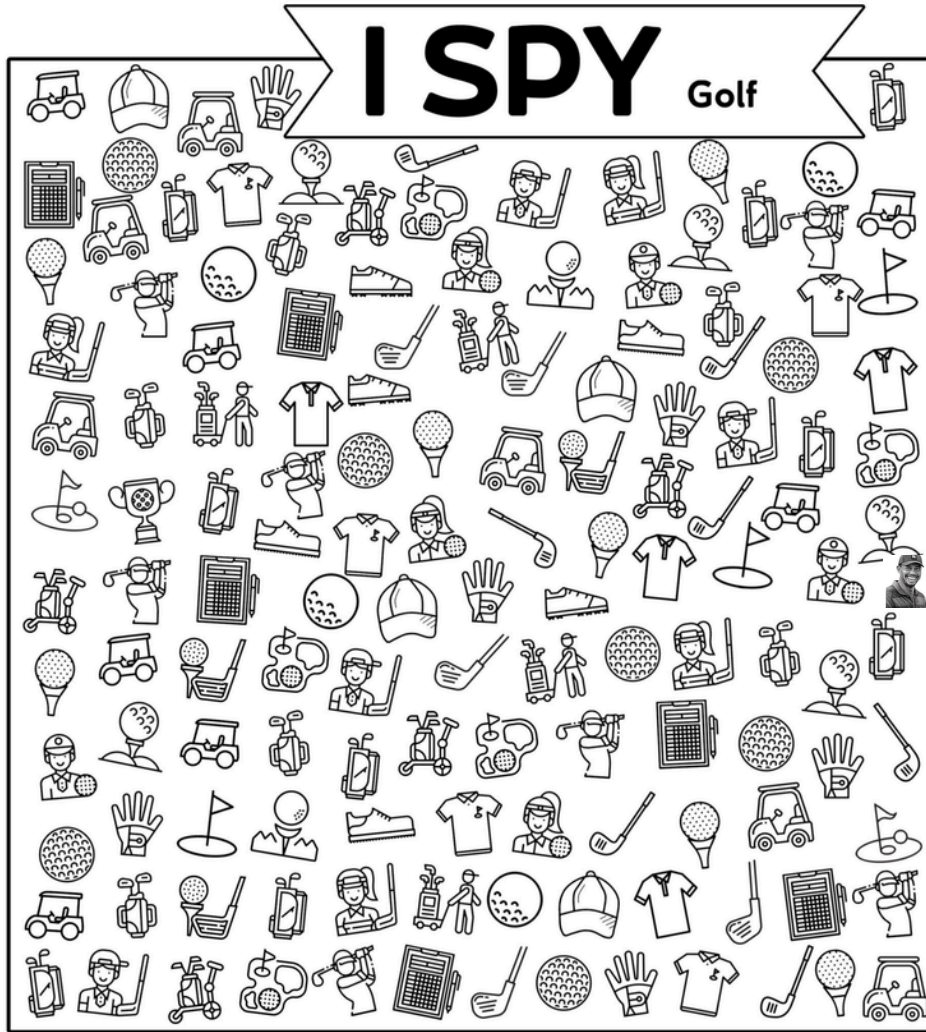


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Wheres Woodsy?!



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Test your skills and see if you can find the relevant number of symbols + Tiger Woods!!!



Out and About

Round 1 of the Bargmary Trophy was held in Maryborough on 10 February. Many thanks to those players who travelled to Maryborough to represent our club in this competition.

Results:

Bargara 843 points with 26 players - score 32.423.

Maryborough 1957 points with 62 players - score 31.564.

Kingaroy Open was played on 17 & 18 March. Bargara was represented by Don and Pat McKewen.



Don and his partner Oliver were net winners of the 36 holes event played over Monday and Tuesday.





March Classic

MONDAY 2/2/26

MEN - 18 Hole Gross STROKE

	<i>Division 1</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Alan Forster	Bargara	76 c/b
RUNNER UP	Steve Jameson	Bargara	76

MEN - 18 Hole NETT

	<i>Division 1</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Chris Sielaff	Sandy Gallop	70 c/b
RUNNER UP	Michael Brett	Bargara	71 c/b

MEN -18 Hole STABLEFORD

	<i>Division 2</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Stephen List	Bargara	36
RUNNER UP	Bob Nicholls	Bargara	33 c/b
2nd RUNNER UP	Paul Barlow	Coral Cove	33

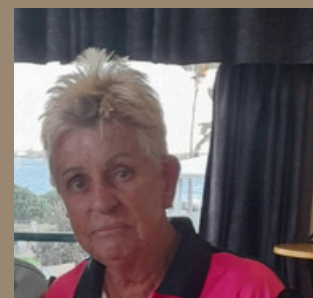
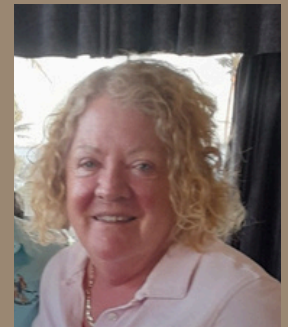
	<i>Division 3</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	John Berry	Bargara	37 c/b
RUNNER UP	Michael Anderson	Bargara	37
2nd RUNNER UP	Stu Finlen	Bargara	34 c/b

	<i>Division 4</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Fred Houlihan	Bargara	38
RUNNER UP	Ian Stewart	Yeppoon	36 c/b
2nd RUNNER UP	Vinnie Whelan	Hervey Bay	36

WOMEN -18 Hole STABLEFORD

	<i>Division 1</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Sally Wake	Bargara	42
RUNNER UP	Ros Savidge	Bargara	37
2nd RUNNER UP	Elaine Stewart	Yeppoon	34

	<i>Division 2</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Gayle Ryan	Bargara	37c/b
RUNNER UP	Betty Dann	Yeppoon	37
2nd RUNNER UP	Gloria Day	Coral Cove	36





March Classic (contd)

TUESDAY 3/2/26

MEN - 18 Hole Gross STROKE

	<i>Division 1</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	David Neill	Bargara	77
RUNNER UP	Derek Pettigrew	Beerwah	80

MEN - 18 Hole NETT

	<i>Division 1</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Des Fraser	Bargara	73 c/b
RUNNER UP	Malcolm Bell	Hervey Bay	73

MEN -18 Hole STABLEFORD

	<i>Division 2</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	John Baly	Rockhampton	34
RUNNER UP	James Browne	Wantima	33
2nd RUNNER UP	Ted Howell	Woodford	32 c/b

	<i>Division 3</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Dave Brummitt	Bargara	37
RUNNER UP	Dennis Gaylard	Bargara	35 c/b
2nd RUNNER UP	John Sajko	Bargara	35

	<i>Division 4</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Mark Liddelow	Bargara	40
RUNNER UP	Shane Austin	Bargara	35 c/b
2nd RUNNER UP	Jim McLaughlin	Bargara	35 c/b

WOMEN -18 Hole STABLEFORD

	<i>Division 1</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Jill Marrinan	Caloundra	36
RUNNER UP	Sue Harper	Hervey Bay	34 c/b
2nd RUNNER UP	Pat McKewen	Bargara	34

	<i>Division 2</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Colleen Reeve	Yeppoon	39
RUNNER UP	Trish Houchin	Caboolture	38
2nd RUNNER UP	Jenny Hampson	Bargara	37





March Classic (contd)

36 HOLE WINNERS

MEN – Gross STROKE

	<i>Division 1</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Keith Horne	Bargara	146
RUNNER UP	Peter Cocking	Bargara	149

MEN – NETT

	<i>Division 1</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Scott Beyer	Bargara	138
RUNNER UP	Ray Brown	Bargara	143

MEN – STABLEFORD

	<i>Division 2</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Ian McCloskey	Bargara	68 c/b
RUNNER UP	Rod Salmon	Bargara	68
2nd RUNNER UP	Dave Ryan	Bargara	65

	<i>Division 3</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Geoff Barlow	Bargara	71
RUNNER UP	Bill Taberer	Bargara	69 c/b
2nd RUNNER UP	Jeff Phillips	Bargara	69

	<i>Division 4</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Ray Sparks	Bargara	86
RUNNER UP	Bob Visentin	Hervey Bay	77
2nd RUNNER UP	Brett Morris	Bargara	72

WOMEN – STABLEFORD

	<i>Division 1</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Fran Taylor	Bargara	77
RUNNER UP	Di Collins	Bargara	72
2nd RUNNER UP	Priscilla Bennett	Bargara	71

	<i>Division 2</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Score</i>
WINNER	Carmel Pearson	Bargara	79
RUNNER UP	Fiona Weeks	Bargara	74
2nd RUNNER UP	Barb Studholme	Bargara	72

Thank you to Mark Rixon who assisted Don and Sue with cards and also with the raffle. This was greatly appreciated.





Monthly Medals

JANUARY MONTHLY MEDAL

MEN	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3	DIVISION 4
WINNER	Chris McNamara	Alan Benson	John Berry	Charlie Gee
RUNNER UP	Greg Lewis	Larry Lipsombe	Ray Bennett	Scott Loader
GROSS WINNER	Keith Horne	Allan Benson	Ray Bennett	Scott Loader
PUTTS	Robert Craig			

WOMEN	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2
WINNER	Jessica Williams	Trish Cahill
RUNNER UP	Margaret King	Tracey Donghi
GROSS WINNER	Leanne Spruce	Trish Cahill
PUTTS	Tracey Donghi	

FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEDAL

MEN	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3	DIVISION 4
WINNER	Des Fraser	John Antrobus	Ray Bennett	Graeme Mogridge
RUNNER UP	Mark Haster	Michael Pett	Kevin Williams	Ross Sturwohld
GROSS WINNER	Stephen Jameson	John Antrobus	Ray Bennett	Graeme Mogridge
PUTTS	Michael Pett			

WOMEN	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2
WINNER	Priscilla Bennett	Barb Studholme
RUNNER UP	Barb Brabon	Julie Narduzzo
GROSS WINNER	Alison Jackson	Barb Studholme
PUTTS	Trudie Lawes	

MARCH MONTHLY MEDAL

MEN	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3	DIVISION 4
WINNER	Alan Forster	Michael Anderson	Ray Sparks	Erik Hobson
RUNNER UP	Ian Bloom	Stuart Finlen	Dave Brummitt	Noel McNamara
GROSS WINNER	Alan Forster	Michael Anderson	Ray Sparks	Noel McNamara
PUTTS	David Neill			

WOMEN	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2
WINNER	Leanne Spruce	Julie Narduzzo
RUNNER UP	Christine Parkinson	Wendy Ricketts
GROSS WINNER	Michelle Marsden	Julie Narduzzo
PUTTS	Leanne Spruce	



SPOTLIGHT

RAY BROWN



Ray was born in Taree NSW on 19 February 1956. At the age of five, Ray and his family moved to Cardiff in Newcastle and then in 1968, after another work transfer for his father, the family relocated to Muswellbrook in the Hunter Valley. In 1970 the family again relocated, this time to Brisbane where Ray completed his high school education at Cavendish Road State High in 1973.

After leaving school, Ray commenced working in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) with the Queensland Public Service. Except for a period of 18 months in 2000-2001 when he joined an ICT startup, he worked in various departments until his retirement in 2014. During Ray's working career he worked as a computer operator and progressed through to computer programming, systems analyst and design, project and program management and then into senior and executive ICT and departmental management roles. His last two roles were as Director - Information Management Division for Queensland Police and as the Chief Information Officer for Queensland Health reporting directly to the Director General and Minister. Ray's state wide responsibilities centred on the acquisition and implementation of software and infrastructure to support integrated and mobile systems for police and for health.

It was whilst at high school in Muswellbrook that Ray first started playing golf. He always loved sport and played soccer, athletics, squash, basketball, touch football and golf at graded levels. He also coached junior soccer for many years when his sons were playing. Ray has been a member of three golf clubs Muswellbrook - 2 years as a junior, Pacific in Brisbane for 38 years and Bargara for 7 years. Ray has been a member of our Vets since joining the club and also served on the Board at Bargara Golf Club for 4 years.

It was whilst in high school in Brisbane that Ray met Sheree and in 1978, they married. Sheree qualified as a Registered Nurse in 1978 and after marrying they lived in Brisbane. Their three children completed their schooling at Mansfield State High in Brisbane.

Ray and Sheree moved to Bargara in 2019 after two of their three children and five of their seven grandchildren moved to the Bundaberg area.

Besides the weekly golf games for Ray, he and Sheree enjoy spending time with family and travelling both within Australia and overseas, with much more travel definitely on the agenda they say.

HAPPY EASTER

