



Welcome to our special edition newsletter

We had a wonderful field of 100 players at the RACV Royal Pines Golf Course for our inaugural Ladies Day and had a record number of ladies attending the day! 34 ladies playing which well and truly smashed our old record of 28 ladies at a Queensland Chemists Golf Day!



All ladies were presented with a beautiful pink cap which we hope to see at many of your up-coming games and the men did their part with most wearing something pink to celebrate the day.

Your club is putting a lot of emphasis on increasing the numbers of ladies playing at our games, and for good reason. Females continue to account for an increasingly high percentage of the pharmacy profession and we want

to encourage more females along to our events to participate in our golf days and to ensure we make them feel very welcome and an important part of the club.



Our thanks to Anthony Greer from Medi-Ice Pak and to Bec Trinder from X50 who were co-sponsors on the day.



We are very grateful to our sponsors for their wonderful support and Medi-Ice Pak being great supporters of our club for many years.

X50 are a new sponsor and Bec Trinder and her team at X50 have provided the club with wonderful support starting with the Johnny Munro day in December last year with the wonderful sample bags and then



again for the ACGC carnival which we hosted from March 21st to March 26th.

Thank you also to Peter Marshall and Bob Rose from Pharmacy Solutions Australia for their continued sponsorship of the Bridgestone balls for our challenge holes, run downs and special spot prizes on the day.



Our next game is on May 17th at the fabulous Bribie Island Golf Club and our sponsor on the day will be Pitcher Partners.



Bookings are open NOW so get in early to avoid any disappointment from missing out playing one QCGC's favourite courses on the calendar.

We look forward to seeing you at Bribie Island Golf Club on Monday 17th May! The course is an easy to walk and there are only 23 carts available and reserved for those who genuinely find it difficult

to walk. So please, leave the carts for those who need them!

Bookings for the carts will only be available online through the booking sheets.

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Australian Chemist Golf Association Carnival Report

John Neilson- Secretary

Every 4 years the QCGC hosts the annual ACGA carnival and we hosted the event from Sunday 21st March until Friday 26th March.

We were sent many challenges including a 1 in 50 year weather event which brought flooding which resulted in the first three days at Indooroopilly, Brisbane and Brookwater being cancelled due to course closures!

The starting event involved all jumping on board the MV Lady Brisbane to enjoy the sites of Brisbane City from the unique perspective of the river.

Unfortunately the rain was torrential and the visibility was not the best, but everyone enjoyed their time on board catching up with friends from



interstate. There was also the special “Garbage Bag” sprint event held at the end of the cruise... very spectacular.

The opening dinner at the Stamford on Sunday night was sponsored by Symbion and our special guest was one of our life members of QCGC, Peter Castellaro, who was Treasurer for an amazing 35 years. The dinner was an outstanding success.

On Monday 22nd March, with the three courses closed and what was a lot of planning ending up going down the drain with the rain, this is when the strength and resilience of the committee and the club came to the fore! We organised a day at Topgolf for Tuesday and everyone had a fantastic day hitting golf balls at targets and even enjoyed participating in an organised golf tournament for the day!

Although Monday and Tuesday were absent from playing golf on the scheduled courses, we were still spoilt with some fantastic dinners at Indooroopilly on Monday and the Brisbane Golf Club on the Tuesday and it was a great opportunity to catch up with attendees from all around Australia and enjoy the

With the cancellation of the Brookwater golf club for the Wednesday, many thinking caps were put on to see if we could possibly play golf at an alternate course. Using some of our great connections here at QCGC, Matt Newman and his dad, to our amazement, were able to organise a day of golf at the City Golf Club in Toowoomba. A fantastic feat at such short notice to accommodate the entire ACGA field of players, bus them up to the venue and get them back to Brisbane for a free night out on the town.

Redcliffe Golf Club was our first scheduled club in our programme that we were able to experience on the Thursday and with inability to use motorised carts, we had another logistical exercise in borrowing enough pull carts from other golf courses. Another challenge but one met well by our brilliant logistics team led by Mark Nicholson and Robert Tucker with the aid and assistance of A.H. Beard who provided a truck to transport the buggies and golf equipment.

A brilliant day weatherwise at Redcliffe lifted everyone’s spirits and then we ventured back to the Stamford plaza for a Queensland Seafood buffet which could only be described as one of the



most amazing meal experiences anyone could imagine.

The day was sponsored by Terry White Chemmart and our guest for the night was the man himself, Terry White who interesting started his career in Redcliffe many years ago. Terry produced everyone with a copy of the book written by our other special guest, 93 year old Keith Smith who flown in from Victoria especially for the night and was bestowed the honour of having the Veterans Trophy named the "Keith Smith Veterans Trophy" in recognition of his service to the ACGA.

Friday was our final day and another glorious day at the beautiful course of Royal Queensland. What a great way to complete a wonderful and successful carnival week.

The closing night was also the time to announce the major trophy winners. Queensland Chemists Golf Club excelled by winning both the Fripp and Founders Teams Trophies, Matt Newman was the winner of A Grade, Chris Owen won the Yellow Jersey for best aggregate points score for the week. And finally; Ian Dempster won C Grade, the Keith Smith Veterans Trophy and the Shepherd Shield!! Can you believe that!? Even more unbelievable,

he was presented 3 times as the recipient of a total of 3 beautiful Adina watches! So whenever you see Demo at one of our games, please ask him what the time is!!

Looking back on the whole week we dodged a bullet or two! We beat the weather by pivoting and innovating and we just beat the last crazy COVID lockdown which occurred in the week after the event finished!

My thanks to the outstanding work done by Peter White and to all of our committee who worked so hard to make the event a great success.

Thanks also to our wonderful sponsors!

Treasurer's Report

Peter White

It gives me much pleasure to announce our trading surplus for 2020 was \$18,929. The 2020 year was, as everyone knows, a difficult year to manage with lost days through weather and Covid19. We were fortunate to be able to complete most of our planned events and with the support of our sponsors, provide quality courses, food and beverage packages for our members and guests. The Balance Sheet



at the end of December showed a healthy equity position of \$81,716 leading into hosting the 2021 Carnival. The Financial Statements will be presented at the AGM to be held at Bribie Island at 10.15am.

Whilst the Carnival in March presented many challenges, our finances were able to cope with the programme changes thrust upon us. The end result was well ahead of budget and will allow us to plan further improved services to members in the coming years.

The Committee is committed to producing positive results to enable it to provide benefits to the membership through strong fields on good courses with a variety of food and beverage choices. Many thanks to all of our sponsors who help make our days so successful and request all members to support them as much as they can. I wish to thank all our members for changing your payment practices to pay prior to each game. With our increasing field sizes, it makes life much easier for all if we don't need to collect fees at registration.

Captain's Report

Matthew Doherty

Captains Report Royal Pines 19th April 2021



QCGC Ladies day at Royal Pines Resort was remarkable day of golf. It was only fitting that we had such beautiful weather for our inaugural Ladies day game. A field of just under 100 turned up in plenty of pink to enjoy Royal Pines Gold and Green course presented in brilliant condition. The Texas Stableford format proved once again to be very popular and enabled some of our newer and part time golfers a better chance of enjoying the wonderful game of golf. The course was set up with difficult to access pins but that did not stop the incredible scores from rolling in.



Our winners for the day were as follows

Ladies Winner

Stephanie Nicholson, 43 pts

Ladies R/Up

Samantha Harrison, 41 pts

4BBB Winners

Bob Rose and Robert Harries, 54 pts

4BBB R/Up

Steve Dunne and Matthew Newman, 53 pts

A Grade Winner

Andrew Lathouras, 42 Pts

A Grade R/Up

John Martin, 41 pts (Welcome to A Grade)

B Grade Winner

Tom Garde, 46 pts

B Grade R/Up

Garth O'Flynn, 46 pts

C Grade Winner

Tai Nguyen, 44 pts

C Grade R/Up

George Psaltis, 41 pts

I would like to recap the results from the ACGA Carnival held in Brisbane in March. Even though we had a few days washed out we managed to get in 3 great days of golf. The people who managed the restructuring of the week deserve plenty of kudos as it involved a lot of hard work and creativity. I will list the notable **QLD achievements** below, of which there are many, so congratulations.



The QLD Fripp and Founders Team win both trophies this year, a feat not achieved very often by any state.

A Grade Champion – *Matt Newman*

C Grade Champion – *Ian Dempster*

C Grade R/Up – *Jackie Keily*

Veterans Champion – *Ian Dempster*

Brian Shepherd Shield – *Ian Dempster*
(Best cumulative Single Stableford and 4BBB score)

Mick Bissaker Cup R/Up – *Chris Owen*
(Highest aggregate 4BBB score)

Yellow Jacket Winner – *Chris Owen* (Best cumulative Single Stableford and 4BBB score – shots owed apply).



The next event will be held at the fantastic Bribie Island Golf course. It is Mates Day, so time to scroll through the phone and think of someone you have not had a game with for a while and give them a call. I hope to see you all there and remember to bring a pull buggy with you if you have one as it is an easy walking golf course.

President's Report

Robert Bosworth

Well this certainly is a jam packed newsletter full of great information, fun memories and some great photos of beautiful smiling faces all enjoying the great company of fellow members and guests at our golfing events.

Unfortunately, I could not make it to the RACV Royal Pines day, but from what I could see, a fun time was had by all in what was a very successful promotional day to encourage more women to attend our fantastic QCGC events.

As already mentioned, the ACGA carnival, held in our capital city of Brisbane, was certainly an amazing and challenging event. It will be forever remembered as a carnival full of crazy and wonderful surprises that was managed extremely well by the fantastic teamwork of our committee and volunteers. The initiatives and directions that were put in place has led to one of the most successful and enjoyable carnivals of all time.



When we first launched our proposal to the Australian Chemists Golf Association to hold our carnival in Brisbane, one of the focal points was on simplicity! Well, it was certainly far from that!

Our committee performed an extraordinary feat in adapting the carnival on the fly to provide alternate entertainment to keep all of those chemist golfers in a positive and fun frame of mind.

Congratulations to everyone... QCGC should be very proud.

After the success of the Brisbane carnival, its back to business as usual as we continue with our busy calendar of events for QCGC in 2021 and we have some further exciting developments to come in the near future all aimed at improving our days and the chemists golfer experience.... *So stay tuned...*

Thank you to everyone that supports our wonderful social club and especially the continuing support from our sponsors who stick with us through rain, hail or shine.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next event at Bribie Island.







