



### Winners are Grinners

Every week a winner !! The medals for April were won by June Kuhn with 72 net and Col Hoey who struck a day that golfers dream about with a 63 net that included 6 birdies. (Also 1 over the fence and 1 in the dam)

Will Bailey also hit a purple patch and a severe handicap reduction after winning Troy Hughes' trophy and also shooting a 55 net the following Saturday.

The Golfworld Day saw Trevor Grant win the main trophy with 47 points. Juhn Kuhn and Cec Logan were also in the major prize list.



The Elgas Day was won by Col Butler with a score of 43 pts. Great day with a long rundown of trophies. Pictured with sponsor Brian Oakhill are Lyster Rickert 4th, runner up Troy Hughes, winner Col Butler and 3rd Julia Ritson. Many thanks Brian.



### Upcoming Events

#### April

- Sat 21st** Saturday Cup 2nd Rd. 18 Hole Stab.
- Sun 22nd** 18 Hole 4BBB Tiger Stableford  
**Garry Meara & Ty Maher Trophies**
- Sat 28th** CBH Challenge 2nd Rd.  
Sponsor: **Clifton Bobcat Service**
- Sun 29th** **Wippells Open Day**  
3 person Ambrose. (Choice)



#### May

- Sat 5th** Best 9 hole Stableford
- Sun 6th** Monthly Medals
- Sat 12th** CBH Challenge 3rd Rd.  
Sponsor: **Clifton Foodworks**
- Sun 13th** 18 Hole Flag Competition
- Sat 19th** Saturday Cup 3rd Rd. 18 Hole Stableford
- Sun 20th** **Clifton Open 4 Ball Carnival**



The CBH Challenge has commenced for 2012. A great field of 26 turned out in force to compete for the NAB sponsored first round of the CBH Challenge. John Keleher and Greg Andrews had a great day shooting 5 under on the back nine to win. All players received a memento from the NAB. Special thanks to Jenny Meara from the Clifton Branch for getting the CBH under way in fine style. Plenty of rounds left for the year.

#### Annual Reports

The last two pages this month contain the Ladies and Club Presidents reports from the annual meeting. The Captains report rounds out this edition.



**CLIFTON GOLF CLUB**  
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### Queensland Golf Volunteers Award

Ruth Hungerford was honoured at the recent Golf Queensland Awards for outstanding service to golf in the Darling Downs and South West.

Ruth has certainly given a lifelong commitment to the game and the honour was deserved.



### The Big Stage

Nowhere bigger than Augusta in early April. Bubba Watson triumphed at the second play off hole with a miraculous shot from the trees to beat Louis Oosthuizen from South Africa. See the pic below to follow the shot. Decidedly brilliant to achieve, but Clifton members attempt this on a regular basis!!! How many succeed?



### AGM

The AGM is over for 2012 and the following positions are now filled.

**President:** Gary Riddle

**Vice President:** Warren Williams

**Secretary:** Julia Ritson

**Treasurer:** Ruth Hungerford

**Captain:** Colin Hoey

**Committee:** Gloria Moore, Troy Hughes, Paul Millard, Kev McCaffery, Rob Imhoff, Lyster Rickert.

Great to see some new faces and we can look forward to a positive future with people willing to take their turn to commit to our club.

Sincere thanks to departing committee members Ian Jones, Dick Wright, Greg Dalgleish and Grant Humble for their outstanding service.

Has anyone seen a missing pitching wedge??? There is a spot in Lyster Rickerts' bag which is vacant at present. Club was last seen doing a trial for the diving team at Palm Meadows. Elevation was good but too much splash!!!



Wippells Day on the 29th of April.  
Parkhouse Cafe Clifton Open 4 Ball  
Carnival May 20th.

### Life Memberships

At the AGM Honorary Life membership was bestowed on Mrs. Daph McGee and Mr. Kevin Meara. Both are well deserving of the recognition following many years of outstanding service to the club where their hand is always up to give a hand. (Daph snuck out before the camera was found) Kevin in a familiar pose below.



### SMALL TALK.

The US Masters saw a new title holder with Bubba Watson surviving a tense final day to win in a playoff. Interestingly Bubba does not have a coach and works things out himself. Few golfers have this ability and often a lesson can make a difference. I don't suggest wholesale changes but often a few simple suggestions will be enough for players to work on and improve.

I am always available for lessons so please give me a call.

### THE SPECIAL.

Wilson have just released a new driver called the DXi Superlight which is aimed at the golfer increasing in age. The lightest driver Wilson have produced. I have these in stock and they are a great looking club.

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Cheers Gary Small.

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## President's Report 2011

First I would like to thank all who contributed to make my job easier; your efforts have been greatly appreciated. I feel very fortunate to have had such a band of committed, enthusiastic people around me.

To Tom our greenkeeper I would like to thank you, not just for the way you prepared the course throughout the year but also for the way you accepted the changes I have asked of you. This club functioned for 13 weeks in 2011 without the services of Tom our greenkeeper due to sick leave and while we may have questioned a few pin placements, games were played, championships won and lost. It was business as usual. It is a credit to the volunteers who made themselves available.

2011 saw the end of draft beer when it was found a whole new system was required at considerable expense, a decision some of you may not have liked but a decision that was made after careful consideration of the facts. I believe this decision has been vindicated by the profit improvement from the canteen while writing off \$1000.00 worth of out of date unsaleable kegs when the cold room failed. Also contributing has been the ending of a long standing reliance on Campbell's for alcohol in favour of 1<sup>st</sup> Choice and grabbing specials when available. While Campbell's offered delivery with a smile, the smile came at a considerable cost. The advantage to you as members is prices have stayed the same as last year while profit is up.

Another achievement was the purchase of the carts. Their usage since purchase only highlights just how desperately they were needed. While we acknowledge the money the old carts have earned us over twenty years we should also acknowledge the fact that they have also cost us revenue in recent years because we didn't move sooner to replace them.

While my committee and I accept the accolades for their purchase it would be remiss of me here today not to acknowledge previous committees for leaving the club in such a strong position that made it possible for my committee to purchase \$21500.00 worth of carts. No small feat for a club this size.

### FINANCE

While I don't wish to dwell on the financial position I will leave that to the treasurer I would like to comment that the decisions made I have talked about plus the increase in player numbers I am sure Col our captain will be reporting to you has left the club in the enviable position that we have been able to purchase the carts, run the club, keep cost very similar to last year and finish the year with \$14000.00 extra in the bank.

2011 saw the passing of Val a life member, past president and was a current committee member at the time of her death. Her passing left a hole in the daily running of the club, but also an opportunity, an opportunity for others to step up and help fill the void, an opportunity to look at the way we do things to see if what we are doing now, best suits the times and the personnel available. The most obvious example of this is the bar, while the bar roster is not quite there yet, it is work in progress. Committee members and others have all stepped forward as required.

Friday Hackers has had it's first full year of running and I am proud to report it is still a scmozzel, but we wouldn't have it any other way or maybe we can't do it any other way. BUT IT WORKS. We didn't know if it would work at the time, some were of the opinion it would hurt sporter's numbers, but this hasn't been the case. It is the short form of the game, both hackers and sporter's that is increasingly making it possible for us to be able to play the long form of the game on Sundays. Without them it would be a meagre existence indeed.

The Course. 2011 was no different to others in that we are constantly looking at ways to improve. Chook manure was again spread on the fairways. Now that we have been doing this for a few years we can look back and see the vast improvement made year on year from this simple exercise and small inconvenience to our play. Long may it continue.

A grooming program has been instigated to the greens and a fertilizer and maintenance program is in place to take us forward into the future. A new second and fifth tee for the men was constructed with a view to player safety and an extension to the back of the seventeenth tee. The road fence and scrub were removed to make the area more presentable. Gravel was put in the car park to allow for more parking.

A cleanup of the storerooms and under the bar was undertaken to remove unwanted clutter and while causing a little pain at the time has improved our available storage space and work environment immeasurably.

2011 has seen our web site being upgraded and professionally managed thanks to Jen Marriott. It has brought business and new members to the club in the past and will do more in the future. It is an area we have only just begun to scratch the surface of and it costs almost nothing. If you have not had a look I urge you to do so, it is after all your window to the world.

### THE FUTURE

The time has come, we have something special. We have greens the envy of most, fairway grass we have never seen before. It is time to tell the world we are here.

We need to attract more players and more new members. More players equal less cost per player. More new members to replace us all, as we all eventually drop off the other end. This I believe is the biggest challenge facing this club at the moment. 66 men and 20 women is barely enough to sustain the club. Whether it be volunteers, regular comp players or committee members to run the club. We need a bigger pool to draw from. As individuals we need to promote our club to friends, and acquaintances. On days like CBH CHALLENGES we should use these days to invite someone from outside the club to join us for a round. I started playing golf because a member invited me to come and have a hit at sporters, I had never been on a course before, so this form of promotion worked on me and I'm sure it has on others as well. Looking back now when Greg Anderson asked me to have a hit at sporter's, little did either of us know at the time not only would he get me as a member but would also get my two sons as playing members and my wife as a member as well. Not a bad investment for the club on Greg's behalf.

From a club perspective we need to look at not necessarily always what members want but also what is most likely to attract new members. Social players who use our course on weekends mostly only play nine holes at a time. Juniors and their mothers are sadly missing from this club. We also have members who find 18 holes a little daunting. Perhaps we need to offer these people a competition on Sundays.

We are here today as one club to receive one set of financials and elect one management committee to administer this club with one goal, better facilities for all. Sharing the effort and growing the membership is everyone's responsibility. UNFORTUNATELY IT IS THE WAY OF THE WORLD, GROW THE BUSINESS OR PERISH.

Gary Riddle, President Clifton Golf Club.

## Clifton Golf Club Lady Members 58<sup>th</sup> Annual President's Report

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Clifton golf club lady members. As this is my first experience as a president of any club, please bear with me if there are any mistakes.

I am enjoying the position and would like to sincerely thank my committee, our late secretary Val, captain Ruth, Vice Captain Mavis my vice president Agnes who filled in for me whenever I was absent, and members Lyn, Jenny, Gloria, not forgetting our treasurer Mary, for their help during the year. At present our lady members No 21

During the year, we held and catered for – 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Day, Ladies Open Day, Men's Veterans, 7sD charity Day, Forbes Batteries, Wippells Auto, Ladies Guest Day, Burstows Invitation Day and the Backhouse Open Day. Our interclub Competitions, the Clifworth Shield, AllClif, and Clifworth Shields are always enjoyable and competed for during the year.

I wish to thank all ladies who travelled and played for Adam Falconer Pennants, and went to the numerous Open Days, including the Executive Challenge. Also our club was usually represented at the mixed Veteran Day's.

Thanks must go to the ladies and men who provided afternoon tea for the President's Day. Captain's Days and our Patron Noel's Day for the days also held of a Wednesday. Many thanks to Captain Ruth and Vice Captain Mavis for putting out the fields and doing the cards when the games are finished, weekends and midweek. We also enjoyed a visit from the Rosewood Ladies and good game of golf with them and a nice lunch after play.

We made donations to Clifton Hospital Auxiliary, Blue Care, Qld Medical Research, Walter & Eliza Hall Institute, Care for Kids. I wish to say it is great to see the table of goodies the ladies bring of a Wednesday for our raffles to raise money for the club.

A big thank you to green keeper Tom and the management Committee for keeping the course in such great condition, also to the members who volunteer their time and machinery when working bees are needed. Our club celebrated 3, hole in ones this year, a golfer's dream.

On conclusion congratulations to our club champions, mixed foursome champions, and foursome champions. Finally thanks to the Clifton Courier, and the Toowoomba Chronicle for publishing our results every week.

Thank You.

June Kuhn.

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## 2011 Captains Report

I am honoured to present this report to members. I was elected captain after the Annual Meeting last year after deciding to give something back to the club that has given me so much enjoyment over last 28 or more years. I would like to sincerely thank the previous incumbent Troy Hughes for the great job as my predecessor and in the first months of 2011.

Congratulations to everyone who turned up to play golf during the year. Whilst we all strive to play our best and reap the rewards which come from this at times frustrating pursuit, golf is a sport and usually there is only one winner so to be able to enjoy the challenge should deliver sufficient enjoyment. Disappointment from not winning should be quickly forgotten and the fellowship and odd good shot we hit long remembered. Golf is one of the few sports where the destiny is entirely in your hands. The Clifton course continues to evolve, is very well presented and rarely to blame for poorly hit shots. Comments from visitors are extremely positive and given reasonable weather conditions more improvement can be expected.

2011 saw a new name delivered to the honour of Club Champion. Congratulations to Greg Andrews for winning the men's section. The ladies division was won again by June Kuhn for a 14<sup>th</sup> time. Congratulations June. The lower grades are just as important to those who compete and were won by Gary Riddle in C grade and myself in B grade.

Greg Andrews and June Kuhn were also the successful Veterans Champions. Will Duff won the Junior Championship and his brother Ben the sub-junior. Matchplay delivers another facet to the game and in 2011 the champions were as follows.

Single Matchplay Champions: Vicki Brewer and Warren Williams. Four ball Matchplay : Ladies: Julia Ritson and Gloria Moore

Men's: Warren Williams and Rob Imhoff Mixed: Julia Ritson and Colin Hoey

Local golfers won both of our carnival days. Troy Hughes and Malcolm Cox won the Parkhouse Cafe 4 Ball Carnival in May and Julia Ritson and Will Duff prevailed in the Backhouse Cup and Rosebowl held in August. The Backhouse Open Carnival was not well attended and steps have been taken by the committee to move this event to November in the hope for greater attendances.

Monthly Medal final winners for 2011 were Mavis Wright and Graham Riddle.

The Patron's Trophies generously donated by Noel Saal were won by Gloria Moore and Gary Riddle. Congratulations to all players.

Throughout the year there have been 4,307 competition rounds played by members and visitors on 241 days of golf averaging 17.9 players per day. Totals are as follows. Sundays 1320, Tuesday Sporters 868, Friday Hackers 805, Saturdays 688, Wednesday Ladies 466. Other days contributed 160 rounds. The challenge for the club is to build on these good numbers. Better attended days for the year were 19<sup>th</sup> Hole 80, Men's Veterans Day 77, Ladies Open Day 72, Forbes Batteries 64, Wippells 63, Clifworth Shield 52, Beston Day 46 and Backhouse Cup 45. Each time we step up on the tee we have a chance at stardom and this year club members Ray Chant, John Dagleish and Col Hoey hit hole in one's. Visitor Yvonne Pinington was also successful.

The men's pennant team was triumphant with a gripping 3 to 2 win on the final day over Allora at Borneo Barracks. Well done to the 9 members who competed through the rounds. Further changes to the handicapping system were implemented by Golf Qld during the year with a reduced number of cards counting and a lower multiplier. This does not seem to have had a great effect at our club. The variation from week to week is less under this system. After compiling evidence of over 400 single rounds the men's index was altered on the new cards which have been used since the start of 2012. It now reflects more closely the ability of our members in relation to the course.

A newsletter has been introduced to promote our club and has been well received. I have also commenced sending weekly upcoming event emails to communicate with all who wish to receive them. Considering the wide area from which our members now reside this communication is important. Both forms of promotion also give us the opportunity to acknowledge sponsors who are so vital to our club.

Thank you so much to all of the individuals, companies and local supporters who have donated trophies in 2011. Special thanks to the Parkhouse Cafe for sponsoring the 4 Ball Carnival in May and to the City Golf Club for the Backhouse Carnival held in August. Long standing supporters Forbes Batteries and Wippells Autos again programmed great days for our club. To our own generous members and local business houses which have sponsored golf at Clifton, you know who you are and we appreciate immensely your contribution to the club in 2011 and look forward to continuing involvement.

In conclusion, thank you to Ladies captain Ruth for her great contribution at the Captain's desk and also to vice Captain Troy for his valuable support. Thank you to Past President Ian Jones, President Gary Riddle and the committee for their work during the year in review. With the diligence and cooperation of all who play at Clifton we look forward to an exciting 2012.

Colin Hoey