



"The Preferred Lie!"

The Newsletter of the North Stradbroke Island Golf Club.
April 2024



Members and friends of the Straddie Golf Club, welcome to the April 2024 Edition of the *Preferred Lie*. I hope that you feel well-served by the willing band of volunteers providing golf and bar services right across the week. They've been hard at it over the last two months. They are a dedicated lot whom it is hoped will be relieved of their duties in the not-too-distant future. That said, see the notes below inviting qualified people interested in contracting services with the Club to express their interest.

Background to Expressions of Interest

The North Stradbroke Island Golf Club is a not-for-profit community-based organisation that operates a nine-hole golf course and putt-putt on leasehold land.

1. Golf is the major interest pursued at the Club. While preference is given to members' interests in using the course, visitors who play are welcome as are casual non-playing members.
2. The Club is currently operating from 7 am to 5 pm seven days a week using a combination of volunteers.
3. The Club holds a Community Licence for the sale of alcohol from the Queensland Licencing Commission enabling it to offer beverage services in keeping with its licence conditions. It also sells a small selection of snack foods and golfing accessories.
4. The clubhouse has extensive views over Moreton Bay and the city and our facility houses an operational commercial kitchen with two large refrigerated cold-rooms for the storage of food and beverages.
5. The Club owns 10 electric golf buggies that are rented to members and visitors, a storage shed for members to house golf buggies, a minibus to transport customers, and necessary equipment to maintain the course. Accommodation is available on the island through the Club.

The Opportunity

The Club wishes to reduce its reliance on volunteers to staff the clubhouse and to maintain the course and its facilities. The Club is interested in engaging the services of a contractor to add value to the Club. The Club anticipates making appointments on

mutually beneficial commercial terms, leveraging individual skills and experience to undertake activities such as managing the clubhouse, maintaining the course and the Club's assets (currently undertaken by volunteer members) while utilising the Club's facilities to attract additional custom consistent with the Club's operating licenses. While previous experience in a golfing environment is desirable, it is not essential. The Club is interested in procuring the services of an independent contactor (and is not considering engaging employees as part of this process). The engagement of a diligent, ambitious and entrepreneurial contractor is an essential precursor to ensuring that the Club continues to generate the income necessary to maintain and enhance the Golf Course and its capital assets for the benefit of the local community.

Expressing Interest

Anyone interested should email the Club Secretary at Straddiegolfclub@Bigpond.com outlining a brief **Expression of Interest** showing the potential Contractor's capability and areas of interest, including a description of the services which would be offered and listing how these would add value to the Club. Potential Contractors will be given the opportunity to tour the club's facilities on:

Monday morning at 10.00am on 29/04/24

or

Friday evening at 5.30pm on 03/05/24

At these meetings convened by the Club President, interested parties will have time to ask any questions regarding the Club's present needs and future aspirations. The steps in selection that the Club will take in leading to an appointment will also be explained.

Selection

During this stage the Contractor will have access to Club officials to discuss the services planned to be offered and how these would add value to the Club. Feedback will be provided by the Club to assist applicants in preparing a more detailed Proposal. The Club will issue a separate document setting out the requirements for inclusion in the Proposal.

The Club will evaluate the Proposals and based on the Club's selection criteria, select one or more potential Contractors to enter into the final stage –

Terms and Conditions Development. The Club will work collaboratively with potential Contractors to develop mutually agreed commercial terms and conditions for inclusion in a non-binding **Terms and Conditions Statement**. At the end of this stage, a preferred Contractor will be selected and the Club will work exclusively with the preferred Contractor to develop a **Services Contract** to be executed by the parties on mutually satisfactory commercial terms.

From the President's Desk

The Club is also seeking bar staff for short-term casual employment. Depending on the circumstances there may be an opportunity for more permanent employment in the future. The Club is initially wanting to engage someone for 20 hours in total per week over two days. If you are interested, please contact me on:

Ph: 0428 180 844

Appropriate training will be provided with onsite supervision and support available. A minimum requirement of the position is a *Responsible Service of Alcohol* certificate (RSA).

Now for something different. When you drive up to the Clubhouse, you will see the new tank, provided in a grant from the *Redlands City Council* in place. Like all large projects, it required the help of a small group to ensure that the work could be carried out successfully and safely. Thanks go to Russell Borey for the use of his 4-wheel drive vehicle and his expertise in moving the 30,000 litre tank from the mainland to the island. If you need one yourself, just let us know and we'll tell you how to go about it.

And a reminder. Please be aware that this year's Straddie Ambrose is likely to be oversubscribed if present indications are anything to go by. The only way to make sure you get a start and a cart is to fill out the nomination form and get it to the Treasurer via the Club. You will then be invoiced for payment. The allocation of carts will be finalised 6 weeks before July 12.

Finally, on a very positive note, Saturday mornings have become much less troublesome. Social players have been restricted in tee off

times and in playing numbers thus allowing members to complete their rounds without impediments. Good news all round.

That's it for now. See you about the course.

Peter Turner

From the Club Captain

On Saturday the 14th of April, the "oldies" (members of the club) hosted the "youngies" (12 to 24 year-old aspiring golfers) in what was the inaugural YOUTH AMBROSE, planned to become an annual event. The important fact to note is that the youngsters were playing in their very first competition. Going around with an experienced 'oldie' provided an opportunity to share golfing knowledge easily across the generations.

The event was part of the **Redland City Council Activate Youth Week**. Council coordinators, Jess Sattler and Ally Reid were present to help give out the many prizes. Their presence also gave the Club a chance to thank them directly for their assistance in organising the event. The day was well received by both young and old alike which this comment from a very youthful player capturing what we hoped would be the outcome. He said:

"It was great! There should be more of them."

A collection of photos of winners on the day taken by the Club's photographer, Anthony Watego follows.



Overall Winners with Ally Reid and Jess Sattler: James Eugarde, Dave Shing and Allan Ziirsen

As you can see below, each hole had a meat try prize provided by the Stradbroke Butchery. No wonder the winners all look so happy.



Ally, Ash Jenner, Gabe D'Haige Craig and Jess



We acknowledge again, the generosity of DJ at the Stradbroke Butchery for his meat tray prizes

Kev Zielke

From the Editor

Well, you won't believe it!! Treasurer Peter Bayard tells me that we've cracked the 100 on our membership list!! And better still, the majority of recent applicants have been juniors. Now that bodes well for the future of the Club, doesn't it.

As the person responsible for the Volunteers' Roster, I would welcome one or two more people willing to stand behind the bar for half a day, once or twice, over the next 10 weeks, as we head towards the end June. Having a couple more people 'on the bench' gives us the capacity to 'fill in' when a regular volunteer has been called away for whatever reason. Just drop me a line at n.dempster@griffith.edu.au or give me a call on 0417 757 924 if you can.

We'll see you are well trained for golf and bar service duties at the Club. If you would like to talk about what to expect, you can chat with any of the regular volunteers when you see them around the Clubhouse or on the course.

Here they are:

George Khan, Peter Turner, Peter Bayard, Jan Petherick, Ron Brook, Neil Dempster, Allison and Peter Hatchman, Teresa Walsh and Neil Bienkie.

That's it from me. Keep chipping away!

Neil Dempster



Ally, Zayden Surawski and Jess



Ally, Cohen Surawski and Jess