



the OneShot Wanderer



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB OF QLD, Inc
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Club moving forward with new initiatives.

Your Committee has approved the development of our own Internet Web Site.

This facility will give greater access to all our Members to the very latest News, Views and other Club and Golf related items of interest.

Our own OneShot Wanderer Newsletter will continue for those Members without Computers, or who are otherwise "challenged" by this modern day technology, but on a lower Mailing frequency.

Our own WebSite will also raise National and WorldWide awareness of our unique Club.

The new Site will contain Club History, Games Diary and Results. All Latest Pictures, which can be viewed, downloaded and printed if desired.

We hope to have "For Sale" and "Wanted" in there somewhere as well. Details of what some of the wonderful characters in our Club have been up to lately will be there as well, together with a Column by our great Patron, Charlie Earp, where he will hopefully inspire us to greater Golf feats.

Stay Tuned!!!

Our Motto should be "*Imagine If*" because thoughts and ideas lead us to make better things happen.

Townsville???

Here We Come!!

The Hole-In-One Club of Qld. Inc has initiated what promises to be a huge Golf Weekend at Townsville Golf Club on the weekend of 1st and 2nd August.

Townsville Golf Club is the oldest golf club in Queensland and the fourth oldest in Australia, celebrating its Centenary in 1993

The Purpose is to help nurture people's interest in Golf as a healthy pastime and pursuit and also to help raise much needed funds for this magnificent old Club which is hosting this important event.

We are using this opportunity to also assist Junior Golfers achieve their playing potential.

As part of our Club's contribution to Golf, we approached Charlie Earp about going there for that weekend.

He didn't hesitate (Bless him!) and accepted the date immediately!

All the Juniors will get special Clinics and coaching by Charlie (what a thrill?) and they will be playing a 9 Hole "Shootout" on the Sunday, the young Winner will be taken South to play in the PGA. (How great is that?)

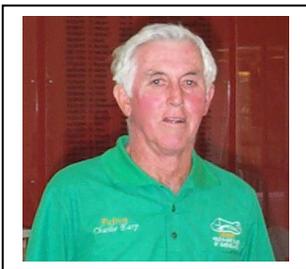
Our North Queensland HIOQ co-ordinator, Nola Oultram, together with Narelle Anderson, (Townsville Pro.) Greg Moffat (Captain), The Australian PGA, The Greg Norman Golf Foundation, and many Local Businesses have been putting in a big effort to welcome us and Charlie Earp and his Northern Region Administrators.

Gary Player once said... The more I play, the luckier I get...

Of course to be a great Golfer like Gary Player, he should have added that he practices.... A LOT!!

Past HIO Club President, Steve Vardy, scored his latest Ace almost 17 years to the day since his previous Ace...

Well done Steve! Now don't get too greedy!



Earp's Edicts

The Setup

Good Grip

Good Stance

Look at back of Ball

Good Swing

Equals GOOD SHOT

Happy Golfing

Charlie Earp

Competition News

Virginia Game.

There were more than 60 Members who tee'd up to take on this brilliant layout.

As usual, the Virginia management made us very welcome.

The day was hideously hot and made playing Golf a really uncomfortable task.

Our Members, being the "stoic" bunch that they are, brought in some amazingly good scores in the very hot conditions, many of them a few shots under their Handicaps.

Virginia asked us to come back as soon and as often as we would like, which speaks volumes for the esteem in which we are held. Not surprising really, because we are proud to be able to boast some of the most proficient and able Golfers in Australia.

Beerwah Game.

We always look forward to playing at Beerwah up on the Sunny Coast.

The Glasshouse Mountains and surrounding State Forests make for one of the most magic Golf experiences anyone could imagine.

76 Members were tee'd up on two Tees and the Game was on (for the first three Holes anyway!) There was a huge rainstorm which dumped all over us! Many of our players found it a bit much and pulled out to go home and get warm and dry again. At halfway, several others understandably also pulled out. So, the day wasn't the happy success we had hoped for! Oh well? Maybe the Golfing Gods will be kinder to us next time? Caboolture in August... With our AGM.

New Members..

We are growing at a steady rate, and we had 4 new Members play their first game with us at Virginia and 7 new Members played their first game with us at Beerwah. Many of them travelled long distances to be with us. I am sure you will join me in extending a very warm welcome to them all and also all the other new Members, who couldn't be with us on those days. Our Townsville project has also created a surge in new Members up North. Great!

Competition Calendar?

As many of you will know, we have been running up to 7 Games per year in recent years.

Last year, it became clear that our Fields were smaller than we, and the Host Clubs had hoped for, so we cut the Games for this year back to 4.

Quite a few Members have said that this is too few, so we are looking at restoring perhaps one or two additional Golf Dates for 2010, which also happens to be the year when we celebrate the Club's 70th Birthday.

Next year at Gailes, at our 70th, we will try and emulate the fantastic day we arranged for our 60th Birthday in 2000.

WANTED...

Assistant Club Games Organiser to help with arranging our Year 2010 Games Calendar.

Our wonderful Secretary, Judy Atkinson, who has been a Member of our wonderful Club for almost 40 years, would really love someone to give her a bit of a hand in this important job.

Judy has been doing the job for more than ten years now. We all know how fantastic she is too, so we would love someone to put up their hand at or before our next AGM at Caboolture on 23rd August.

Personality and capable phone manner are very important, together with an ability to get on well with various Clubs and their Managers.

Ability to take phone Game bookings and to record and allocate Tee Times is a must.

We will pay an honorarium to the person who takes on this crucial, (but not too arduous), job, so that they are not financially out of pocket.

Someone in the Brisbane general area would be ideal.

Please consider?

Phone Judy on 3396 8234 for information.

And so ends another year!

My personal thanks to the Committee for their help and support during the past year, and a very special thank you to Charlie Earp for being such a wonderful and supportive Patron.

Best Wishes to all. John Tiplady
President