



COOLANGATTA  
& TWEED HEADS  
**Golf Club**

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## “What’s happening at Coolie Tweed”

### Course Matters

Nearly 300mm (or 12 inches in the old language) of rain fell on the course in January and rain was recorded on 22 days as at January 30<sup>th</sup>. The run of rain being recorded on 23 consecutive days from Christmas Day also has the Weather Bureau searching their records to see if such a run is a record. Despite this volume of rain the courses have remained virtually fully playable.

Once again late January and February see the start of our major course works program and the following is a summation of what to expect in the coming weeks.

- Concrete buggy paths will be installed at the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> West area. This area acts as a drain for a large part of the West course and quite a bit of drainage work will also be involved. The tight corners, high traffic concentration and potentially soft ground conditions in the area will also make maneuvering trucks difficult, not to mention golf buggy movement. Please watch out when you are in the area and follow the information / buggy signs and please stay off the wet concrete!
- As part of the buggy path installation works, the Ladies 9<sup>th</sup> West tee will be moved away from the dam to a more central position. The length of the hole and rating will not change.
- The dam to the right of the 7<sup>th</sup> River fairway will have a rock wall installed in similar fashion to the 6<sup>th</sup> River that was completed last year.
- As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, a different bunker sand will be trialed in two of the fairway bunkers on 6<sup>th</sup> River.
- Three of the Bentgrasses that were planted in the nursery green area have been removed as their performance was quite inferior. The two remaining Bentgrasses, Penn G2 and Penn A1 will be kept for further trials. In conjunction with the Queensland Department of Primary Industries Turf Division, the Club has been given access to four new varieties of putting green Couchgrass for assessment. These varieties are yet to be released commercially in Australia although are in use in the USA. The varieties we have been given access to are “MS Supreme”, “Mini Verde”, “Champion Dwarf”, and “FloraDwarf”. These varieties are part of the new range of “dwarf” couchgrasses that have been developed specifically for use as putting green turf. Plots of “328” and “TifEagle” will also be planted in the area to assess their establishment against the new varieties.
- The 16<sup>th</sup> River fairway has had an intensive weed control program carried out this season with good results. The remaining bare patches that will not cover before winter will be turfed in the coming weeks.
- This time of year also presents the optimum time for weed control particularly Crabgrass and Kikuyu so there will be times on both courses and in various locations that some of the turf will be browned off which is just a leaf tip burn to the desirable grasses which soon recover.
- The 17<sup>th</sup> West green has progressed well and although temperatures have been lower than normal for summer, the disease pressure caused by the prolonged rainy period has been severe to say the least and the green has survived well, as have the other West greens.
- The River greens took a long time to recover from their renovation as explained in the previous Newsletter due to the weather. As part of the follow up to a renovation, greens need to be sanded on several occasions to restore the level surface. The River greens have now been sanded three times since their renovation and on each occasion the sand has been washed away by excessive rainfall so yet another sanding will be applied shortly, weather permitting.

The buggy path, bunker sand and rock wall installation works mentioned above will require a range of temporary teeing grounds and access routes to allow for a smooth flow of work and also ensure the safety of the various contractors and Club staff involved in the projects. Members co-operation in following temporary playing conditions signage and conditions will be greatly appreciated.

### **MILLER KINGSTON 4BALL MATCHPLAY KNOCKOUT - CALCUTTA**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008, Golfers Lounge from 7pm DST

Food and Drinks will be available. Tickets to be sold until 7.30pm DST, Draw from 8pm DST

Please remember Members that non-conforming equipment cannot be used in any official golf competition so it would pay to check if your current driver conforms before teeing up in your next comp. Why not check with Russ Davis in the Pro Shop if you are not sure or simply go to the site at [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org) click the rules tab, then equipment, then driving clubs.