



COOLANGATTA & TWEED HEADS Golf Club

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“What’s happening at Coolie Tweed”

2007 Twin Towns Open

A successful day for most of the 96 players who played 36 holes on the River course. Scott Smith from Pacific GC was the overall winner with great scores of 71, 70 with our own Club Champion Ben Gazal runner up after shooting scores of 73, 73.

This was the first time the event has been played on one course only, this being a bonus for the Members who like to play in a competition on a Sunday, as it was the first time they could in 55 years!

As a golf club we are also obligated to hold Gold Coast & Northern Rivers Pennants at our club and we sent them off before the member’s competition. We will be revising the tee times for Pennants next year to hopefully improve the pace of play for all concerned. Congratulations to all the trophy winners and to the volunteers who assisted on the day. Thank you also to Superintendent Peter Lonergan who organised for the holes to be changed after the morning round to give the players a different challenge in the afternoon.

Speed of Play

Please note some Wednesday and Saturday competitions are to be timed in an attempt to improve the pace of play, as the groups identified as causing the slow play will be asked to quicken their pace and keep their place in the field.

Do you repair your pitchmarks?

Do you carry a sand bucket and do you use it?

The courses have been suffering from a huge number of unrepaired pitch marks, unfilled divots and unraked bunkers recently. In this photo there are nearly 500 golf balls placed on pitchmarks on only the front portion of the 8th West green that were either poorly or totally unrepaired and resulted in turf damage. Please remember to repair your pitchmarks! With virtually no growth on the fairways, divots don’t recover, making the use of a sand bucket even more important. As we all know hitting out of an unrepaired divot is not only annoying but a difficult shot too!!



QLD Senior Matchplay Championships

Dave and Lyn Morrison who are fairly new members have had some great results in this event recently. Played at their old home track Townsville GC, Dave won the QLD Senior Matchplay title with his wife Lyn competing in the ladies final and eventually placing Runner up. Congratulations to you both.

Up Coming Golf Events

- Tuesday 21st August – Lady President & Captains Day, Shotgun
- Monday 27th August – West Course closed-Greens Renovations
- Sunday 9th September – Combined Captains Day 9am Shotgun
- Thurs 13th September – Ladies Annual Dinner
- Mon 17th September – Lady Veterans Golf Day
- Tue 25th September – Pennant & Caddy Day
- Sun 30th September – Mixed Foursomes Championships
- Mon 1st October – NSW Labour Golf Day Holiday



The day Jack Frost came to Coolie!

Earn More Points

Don’t forget members, if you purchase items from the Pro Shop you have “one month” from the date of purchase to put the points on your membership card at Reception.

Course Matters

As per the Golf Programme book the West greens are due for their annual renovation on Monday August 27. Whilst this is always an unpopular event amongst golfers it is very necessary for the turf and in particular to prepare the Bent greens for the summer months. At Coolangatta Tweed the greens on both courses are only given one major renovation a year, compared to the majority of other courses who have two. One of the main reasons for this is to limit the interference to the playability of the golf courses which makes the one renovation even more important. In the West greens case, the greens have had no aeration since a deep solid tine in April and following the dry winter we have experienced and the very busy golfing calendar, the greens have been subjected to a very high level of preparation involving mowing and rolling which results in severe compaction. Indeed the greens are currently so compacted, that even a light shower of rain will render them unplayable due to water pooling on the surface. Such compaction is very helpful in providing the firm fast surface that has been evident lately but it doesn’t help grass growth very much. The compaction leads to a build up of gasses in the rootzone that can inhibit root growth and also prevents water infiltration into the rootzone.

This year’s renovation will consist of hollow tyne coring using 5/8 inch tynes, followed by the application of fertiliser and granular calcium and then the sand top dressing. The sand used for the topdressing will have organic compost mixed with it that assists the aeration, water infiltration and water holding capacity of the soil profile. The compost used also supplies and encourages existing micro organisms which help in the prevention of disease. As a matter of interest the compost used is one of the few composts that has achieved certification for use on organically grown crops.

Weather permitting the week prior to the main renovation the West greens will be de-thatched (light scarifying) and the collars of the greens will be heavily scarified. It is necessary to do this work the week prior as there is not enough time or labour available during the main week.