

## Lowood Golf Club History

The club was founded in 1962, possibly August of that year. The land, originally a dairy farm owned by the VOLLBRECHT family became available upon the death of HERB VOLLBRECHT who bequeathed the land to his sister ANNIE BICK (nee VOLLBRECHT). Mrs Bick offered the land for sale and it was obtained by the club for development into what eventually became a nine hole course, initially there were only three holes available to players.

The course was designed by TOM SOUTHCOMBE, an ex-professional golfer and was officially opened on 10 November 1963.

Pictured here is the old farmhouse, destined to become the clubhouse which was opened on 28 April 1963. Extensions and alterations occurred over ensuing years but the main structure, shown on left of picture, was largely retained. The small centre section was demolished and the structure, far right of picture, was detached and relocated to its current position between the 6th green and 7th tee. It now acts as a serviceable toilet facility for players and, with the addition of a secure compound affixed to the rear, doubles as a machinery storage area.



Noteworthy dates on the improvements made to the clubhouse are recorded as.....

Opening of Bar extension 26 August 1972  
Opening of Clubhouse extension by Dr A. THOMSON 20 September 1980  
Opening of Clubhouse extension by Esk Shire Mayor JEAN BRAY 19 May 2001

No further clubhouse extensions are planned at this time.

The club had 46 foundation members who are listed here and only two have maintained continuous membership of the club to the present day. These two are cousins N.C (NEV) & D.R (DES) SIPPEL

Allen N.	Anderson J.A.	Beduhn R.	Brennard S.
Burns H.R.	Boudette E.D.	Beutel C.	Crilly P.L.
Comino V.	Dunn J. A.	Fraser C.	Hine W. E.
Hine G. H.	Hastingden K E.	Holm T. B.	Jensen G. G.
Kelleher K.	Kleimeyer F.	Kracht R. C.	Kracht S.
Kraschnefske R. E.	Lewis R. T.	Lewis C. E.	Lewis G. J.
Lun R. W.	Ogg T. D.	Prairie H. N.	Parslow J.
Pieper C. A.	Reichert F.	Scott P. H.	Scheiwe I. L.
Sippel D.R.	Sippel E.N.	Sippel N.C.	Thomson Dr. A.W.H.
Wieland H.	Wieland J.W.	Walther D.	Willman F.W.
Willman G.F.	Wieland R.		

On 16 March 2002 the club's 40th anniversary was celebrated with an Open Single Stableford competition being played and contested in Men & Ladies A,B & C grade, followed by a Foundation Member's dinner in the evening.

### Competition Results

Ladies: A Grade Narine FRAWLEY, B Grade Val LITZOW, C Grade Leandra NIEMEYER  
Men: A Grade Terry ROSSITER, B Grade Greg SIPPEL, C Grade Brady SCHULZ

Attending Dinner: Foundation Members....Alister THOMSON and wife Sean, Norm ALLEN and wife Mary, Ray BEDUHN and wife Elizabeth, Doug GRANT and wife Olive, Robert LEWIS and daughter Leslie, Fred REICHERT and wife Allison, Harold PRAIRIE and wife Lorraine, Neville SIPPEL and wife Lorell, Elwyn SIPPEL and wife Joan, Eddie BOUDETTE, Des SIPPEL and wife Lorraine.  
Also attending were Life Members Mick CONLAN, Cliff BICHELL and wife Val, Bevan VICTOR and wife Noelene.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations were planned for 10 November 2012 and included a 4 Person Ambrose golf competition, to be sponsored by the Lodder Family. The event was named the Tim Lodder Memorial, recorded a morning field of 32 players and an afternoon field of 68 players. Unfortunately, due to wet weather the event had to be cancelled and the anniversary celebrations now centred around evening dinner, with entertainment provided by Rheanna Leschke and Band.

Members of the Lodder family devised a "phantom" 9 hole golf competition, proceeds of which helped recover revenue which would otherwise have been lost to the club as a result of the golf cancellation. All trophies provided by the Lodder family were awarded to winners in the "phantom" competition.

A total 111 guests attended the evening dinner and included:-

VIPs. Sean CHOAT MP, State Member for West Ipswich. Graeme LEHMANN, Mayor, Somerset Regional Council and wife Judy. Michael(Otis) OGG, Councillor, Somerset Regional Council and wife Bronwyn.

Foundation Members. Des SIPPEL, current Club President and Life Member, with wife Lorraine. Neville SIPPEL and wife Laurel. Herbert WIELAND and wife Pam, Ed BOUDETTE. Fred REICHERT, Past President with wife Allison.

Life Members. Bevan VICTOR, Club Vice President with wife Noelene. Cliff BICHELL, Past Captain. Noel & Glennie TUTON, Club Secretary and retiring Club Function Co-ordinator respectively.

Also attending were Bevan MULLER, Retiring Greenkeeper. Carol HARRISON, Retiring Bar Person.



10 April 2013

Lowood lady golfers were joined by visitors from ten district clubs on April 10th when they celebrated their 50th anniversary. Players who attended the day came from Rosewood, Laidley, Ipswich, Boonah, Sandy Gallop, Gatton, Hatton Vale, McCleod, Sandgate and Toogoolawah golf clubs.



Luncheon was held in the clubhouse following the morning's play and guests at the official table included Scott Aurish - Officer for Sport and Recreation, Somerset Council, Mayoress Judy Lehmann, Judy Logan (representing Golf Queensland) and Margaret Bailey (representing Brisbane & District Ladies Golf Association). Representing Lowood & District Golf Club were Des Sippel (Club Presiden) with wife Lorraine and Muriel Manz (Ladies President)

May 2013

Two of our club members, Ron Roberts and Jeff Miles are off to China for the golfing trip of a lifetime in May 2013 after a second place finish at the Holden Scramble National Final held at Twin Waters Golf Club on the Sunshine Coast.

Ron and Jeff played in the Kooindah Waters team from the Central Coast of NSW. Ron's son Chad Roberts and his nephew Brad Roberts were the other team members.

Chad who is member of Kooindah Waters and Ron have been contesting the Scramble there for the past 3 years. This year the team had player drop out and "Milesy" was on the plane with a days notice.

Back Row: Dave Lulham, Adam Bland, Chad Roberts.  
Centre Row: Brad Roberts, Jeff Miles, Ron Roberts.  
Front Row: Pauline Burchill - Scorer



14 November 2013

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## Couple lands a rare twin victory

It was truly a master stroke for one Lowood couple, as they putted towards victory on the same day. Keen golfers Bill Daniel, 92 and Gertie Daniel, 86 teed off in their respective divisions for what they thought would be a normal day of golf, but some clean golfing saw the pair finish the course as winners.

Mr Daniel said it was a special feat for a couple to both win their golf divisions on the same day.

"I won the men's and she won the women's on the same day - it was quite a coincidence," Mr Daniel said. "It was unusual". Mr Daniel said he was lucky to win on the day, after being down a few strokes approaching the last hole. "I didn't think I was going to win because the person I was playing with, he was leading me by three strokes going into the last two holes," he said.

The couple only started playing golf when they were 50 but have worked hard to master the game since. "We probably started playing at about the age of 50," Mr Daniel said. "I played cricket before that and Gertie never played any sport and she just took up golf at that time".

Although they were both winners, Mr Daniel conceded his wife was the better golfer. "Gertie is a better golfer than me," he said.

"We've done pretty well in our time. I've got two holes-in-one and Gertie has got four holes-in-one!"

Mr Daniel said they would continue to play golf for as long as they could and loved the social aspect of the game. "The experience and the company," he said. "The company is terrific. You can get friendly with everyone you play golf with".



6 December 2014

### **INAUGURAL GREEN JACKET PLAY OFF SPONSORED BY HARRY MENGELERS**

Pictured is Will MacFarlane proudly wearing the Green Jacket and Harry Mengelers, sponsor of the event and donor of the jacket, congratulating the winner.

The Green Jacket will be contested in December each year. Only players who have won a Monthly Mug between December (previous year) and November (current year) are eligible to compete in this event, which will be held in conjunction with December Monthly Mug. Name of each winner will be placed on the jacket.

Total of (20) players were eligible to compete in this year's inaugural event and they are listed as follows:-

M Alcock, H Clegg, T Deary, L Gleeson, A Gowty, M Gowty, D Gray, J Harvey, S Kopelke, W MacFarlane, R Mancktelow, D McCarroll, P Mollooy, P Muller, R Newsham, J Ormaechea, G Proctor, R Russell, M Sauer, P Saunders.

#### **ANNUAL WINNERS FROM 2015 ONWARDS**

2015 Gerry Milady      2016 Matthew Bourke      2017 Matthew Bourke



September 2016

### **WINNERS ARE GRINNERS - WELL DONE CEDRIC, GERRY & RON**

On Wednesday and Thursday the 7th and 8th September 2016, three of our Committee members, namely Cedric Gleeson, Ron Mancktelow and Gerry Milady, competed in the John Deere Australasian Golf Championship event, held at Lakelands Golf Club on the Gold Coast.



Runners Up  
2016 Australasian John Deere Classic

This event has been run by John Deere for the past fourteen years, and is open to all golf clubs from around Australia and New Zealand, the final of which is held at various venues throughout Australia and New Zealand every year.

To qualify for this event, you have to first compete against other Golf Clubs within your region, and if you win that qualifying round, you are then invited by John Deere, to attend the final championship round, at whichever venue that they have selected for that year.

This year, our team from Lowood Golf Club, won the qualifying round, held at Middle Ridge Golf Course in Toowoomba, beating Middle Ridge Golf Club on a count back on the day.

Because there were more than twenty teams who competed in this qualifying round, John Deere invited two teams from this region, to play in the final round on the Gold Coast.

Our Lowood team performed very well on the day, finishing as runners up to the team from Auckland in New Zealand.

The winners will receive a Gator vehicle from John Deere, valued at \$20,000-00 for their Club in Auckland, and as runners up, Lowood Golf Club receives \$900-00 worth of vouchers, which can be used to purchase anything that we need for our Club.

To be eligible to play in this event, players must be a member of the ground staff at the Club, or on the Committee of the Club that they represent.

Congratulations to the Lowood team for their performance in this event, and they hope to go one better next year.

22 December 2016 END OF AN ERA

Due to dramatic decline in patronage the club's remaining 12 gaming machines were today turned off and the attached licenses (Gaming Machine Entitlements) sold to Queensland Lyons Football Club for the sum of \$60,000