



Sandy Gallop Golf Club



2011 Year Book

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2011 Year of The Gallop

Welcome to all our members and their families and our guests.

2011 started off much the same way as 2010 finished— wet.

The forces of nature once again proved a challenge for the club and its members with flood waters inundating the lower level of the clubhouse, the buggy shed and most of the golf course.



Twenty four hours after the water receded, many members arrived at the club and began the clean up process of cleaning the slush off the greens which really saved the greens from drowning and kick started new growth and hope after being submerged for a good length of time.

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2011 Year of The Gallop



The car park was a sea of mud and slush and the water level left its mark high on the trees.

Apart from the course and its surrounds which nature helped to heal, the loss of some memorabilia will never be replaced. Members rallied to the club and saved what could be saved from the lower level and stored in the upstairs function centre, which also doubled as the bar for the next couple of weeks.

Many old stalwarts believed it should have stayed as the bar area with its great views over the club grounds from the balcony and the welcoming home committee for those playing the 18th hole.

Most importantly the club was open despite nature's cleansing.

2011 Year of The Gallop

The team of volunteers and workers and quick response from Brett was fabulous, and we all thank those people for their time, effort and enthusiasm.

It was all back on track, albeit with some restrictions, and golf resumed the following week.

This year book is an attempt to capture the year, its trials and tribulations, its success stories and disappointments, for without losers there can be no winners.

This is our story, we hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Sandy Gallop Golf Club



2011 Committee

The Sandy Gallop Course P/L is a privately owned venture by Brett Lawton.

Brett took over the reins in November 2007.

The Sandy Gallop Club Committee is a relic of the club when it was owned and managed by the members and in its current form assists the Match Committee, and is a voice of the members.

The Match Committee with approval of Brett manages the rules of golf and the competitions.

Management Committee

President:	Mark Goodchild
Vice President:	John Brady
Secretary:	Cara Friers
Treasurer:	Ken Bray
Club Captain:	Rod Daniels
Members:	Nick Bromhead and Martin Acutt

Match Committee

Club Captain:	Rod Daniels
Vice Captain:	Randall McKeand
Handicapper:	Mark Goodchild
Members:	John Brady, Cara Frires, Troy McGuiness



Club Championships

The Club Championships kicked off the “Honour Board Events” . The “Championships” were played over four consecutive rounds, with the first round commencing on March 5. Members had to compete in all four rounds.

The big wet played its hand again and some contenders who did not read the rules put themselves out of contention. It was also disappointing as the final two rounds were also the qualifying rounds of the second honour board event the “*Graded Matchplay Championships*”, which commenced in April.



A Champion Picture (front l-r) Gibbo (Open Champion), Tahlia Condon (Ladies Champion) and Shaun Etherden (Junior Champion). And back row is Brandon Burrows (B Grade Champion) {Absent John Morris C Grade Champion}

Other winners: A Grade R/U Grant Haviland and Nett Winner Rod Turnbull ; B Grade R/U Kev Lambert and Nett Winner James Corbett; C Grade R/U Peter Egan and Nett Winner Milton Holmes and Senior Ladies Cara Frires.

MDGA District Championships

Hattonvale hosted the 2011 Moreton District Championships in August 2011.

Continuing the tradition a group of stalwart and hardened season veterans supported the host club over the weekend.

Tony Binnie won the Saturday stroke competition which kick started a great weekend of results for the Sandy Gallop members.



(L-r) Jamie Condon won the C Grade Champion with Tony Binnie winning the C Grade Nett, Tahlia Condon won the Junior Girls and Brandon Burrows won the A Grade Nett.

Will Tiley won the Junior Boys.



HANDICAP MATCHPLAY

The 2011 Handicap Match Play lured 31 competitors in the sudden death rounds.

As usual there were some missed opportunities due to members not reading the notice board and forgetting to nominate.

A number of presumed winners got rolled in the lead up to the finals.

It was a family affair with mum, playing son and then dad versus son to contend the final with Tom Booth.

At the end of the competition it was Barry Etherden winning the title of 2011 Handicap Match Play Champion.



Barry dressed up for the occasion and selected the plainest piece of his golfing wardrobe.

Well that was the belt, the rest is up to you to decide.

Maybe we could all chip in and get him a matching belt and shoes to fulfill his wardrobe.

Congratulations Barry, well done champ.

The 'MASTERS' Tradition

The Sandy Gallop “Masters” is an innovation of the club that coincides with the US Masters at Augusta.

The event is a single stroke with “Masters” decided in the open, senior, ladies and junior categories. In keeping with the Masters Tradition each of our masters is awarded the “**Green Jacket**”

Open Andrew Thompson

Senior Neil Weatherhead

Ladies Jo Etherden

Junior Tahlia Condon



“The Masters Jacket”

The ‘MASTERS’ Tradition



Tahlia Condon—Junior Master

SGGC PATRON / COMMITTEE

The 2011 Patron was our local member for Ipswich West, Mr Wayne Wendt.

Thanks again Wayne for your continued patronage of our great club.

In October members elected the 2012 Members Committee. Stalwarts Rod Daniels stood down from Captain and Mark Goodchild from the Chairperson's role. Ken Bray after many years service also stepped aside.

Troy McGuiness stepped up to Chairperson, Randall McKeand into the Captain's shoes and Tony Binnie took over as Secretary / Treasurer. Nick Bromhead is the Club Handicapper . Ben Daniels, Cara Frires, Tom Booth, Craig Frohmuller and Scott Niiemi were also elected for 2012.

Crag Frohmuller and Rod Daniels are our delegates to the MDGA.

LEGACY CHARITY DAY

Sandy Gallop supports and provides the facilities for many local charitable golf days. One annual event that has become part of the yearly events is the “Legacy Day”.

The day is strongly supported by the community and our members.

2011 saw a great competitive field (mixed with a lot of social players) contest the annual fund raiser.

The winning team this year was made up of our members and past members.



Rod Daniels, Troy McGuiness, Henry Malcolm and Marty Manning

Captain Rod Daniels led the team to victory and shows off the victorious team with their shirts and trophies for winning the day.



Graded Matchplay Championships

The Graded Matchplay Championships commenced in April 2011. To be eligible members must have qualified in the top 16 of their grade.

The qualifying rounds were the final two rounds of the club championships.

Eight only members qualified in the “A” Grade seeded draw, 12 members qualified in the “B” Grade and 16 in the “C” Grade.

The final was played over 36 holes on Sunday 29th May 2011.

A Grade was a tussle between Warren Austin (No.1 Seed) and Scott Niemi (No.7 Seed). Grabbing an early lead, Scott was always in control during the first 18. Warren showed signs of brilliance but couldn’t bridge the gap.

Scott emerged victorious to grab his first win of the year.

The B Grade final witnessed the “B” Grade Club Champion Kevin Lambert (Seeded No.3) matched against Rod Daniels (Seeded No.2). Kev grabbed an early lead and while Rod fought on gallantly, it was Kev’s day.

Peter Egan (Seeded No. 4) matched up against James Condon (Seeded No.10), A very good tussle right down to the 35th hole which seen Jamie get up 2 and 1.



CALCUTTA

The annual “Calcutta” is another innovation of Sandy Gallop to offer members another competition played in Matchplay style conditions between teams of two.

The Friday Night auction provided heaps of laughs and was well supported. This year we had 32 teams nominate for the event which is the best response to date and a great show of the club’s strength and members’ support.

Bidding was at times conducive to the evening’s theme, and the auctioneer for the night contributed much to entertaining the crowd and making the night a great success as with the participation of members and guests who turned out for the auction.

This year recorded our greatest pool to be contested in the Calcutta and our many thanks to all who assisted in making it a great night.



Chris Manuel (Auto) and Mick Crilly atuned themselves to the conditions to come away with the trophy by defeating Robert (Gibbo) Gibson and Tony Binnie (Pinky).

MIXED FOURSOMES

Sandy Gallop Mixed foursomes was held in July. The event is a 36 hole competition where male and female members share the tee shots over the 36 holes.



2011 Champions were Sel Ziebarth and Sheree Dempsey. Sel and Sheree carded a 161 Gross and recorded the best gross scores for each 18 holes in a great effort to blitz their nearest rivals by nine shots.

Milton and Tammy had the best Nett on the front 18 and Marie Bangsrove and Ken Bray the best Nett on the Homeward 18.

But they couldn't match Megan and Martin Acutt won the best Nett with a 36 hole tally of 135.

Well done to all our competitors and 2012 hopefully will have more ladies available to fill the gaps.

First Eclectic

Our first Eclectic for 2011 was run from 5th February to 28th May .

Fifty Four members competed in the first competition.



Overall Nett winner was David Hamilton (above) with Milton Holmes the runner up.

The competition is for Saturday (Men) participants.

Best overall Gross winner was Muskin with Troy McGuiness the bridesmaid on count back.

Best Nett scores in the grades were:

“A” Grade Grant Stallard	Runner Up Graeme Meertens
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“B” Grade Les Svensson	Runner Up John Guest
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“C” Grade Martin Acutt	Runner Up Nick Bromhead
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LEGENDS OF GOLF



*I*f you build they will come, and we did build it and they did come in July.

What a great day of entertainment with the Legends Tour hitting our doorstep for the inaugural City Of Ipswich Legends event hosted by our Sandy Gallop. Many thanks to the organizers, sponsors and volunteers that made the day a great success.

The Senior Pros heaped accolades on the revival of the course after the floods and the great condition the course was presented for the event.



Allan Cooper won the event with a new course record 66. Only six Legends broke par on a fine day.

Troy McGuinness won the (A Grade) amateur Gross with 72 and Tony Binnie was bridesmaid again with 44 points for the amateurs stableford.



LEGENDS OF GOLF



Troy McGuiness with a great 72, beat home a lot of the legends.

The Pro Am event on the previous day witnessed Anthony Heitt, Robert Pettoe, Aaron Gray and Krishna Singh have a win with Aggregate 94 points.

Many a tale was told during the presentation dinner and photo opportunities were unlimited.

Ossie Moore took time out to share with Jeff Haley, Randall McKeand and Troy McGuiness.

... and many thanks to all the people behind the scenes who supported the event and which has the 2012 tour returning to our friendly club.

Gwen Malcolm was among the many helpers who kept everyone fed during the day.



Ipswich City Council (City of Ipswich Legends) won the naming rights for the inaugural event.

Many thanks and congratulations to all our sponsors and members who contributed to the success of the inaugural Legends Tour Event.

Congratulations to Rod Daniels for his organisation and Brett for his support.

Malcolm Murakami Memorial

The Malcolm Murakami Memorial is an annual event contested each year for “A” Grade players.

This year the Memorial Trophy was won by Daniel Butler.



Daniel receives the 2011 Trophy from Di Murakami.



COUNTRY DAY FOURSOMES

Sandy Gallop Ladies did well at the Brisbane Districts Ladies Country Day hosted by Rosewood. Torrential rain put a bit of a damper on the day but the ladies shone through.

The Gallop team of Stella Woods, June Shiplock, Grace Borchert and



Cheryl Capwell returned a score of 99 to secure the event.

Congratulations to Sandy Gallop who proudly received the 2011 Perpetual Trophy and were keen to get it back to the Golf Club to show off!

Teams from Ipswich, Ashgrove, Laidley, Rosewood, Gales and Hattonvale and of course Sandy Gallop competed in the event.



LADIES PENNANTS

The Sandy Gallop Ladies played in two competitions in 2011.

We were represented in the Brisbane Districts and the Triple Valley (mid week) competitions.



Both teams enjoyed the competitions and experienced Matchplay in different leagues.

The photo on the left is the BDL Pennant teams members and the photo on the right is the Triple Valley Ladies Pennant Team.

The 2011 MDGA Pennant competition was scrapped due to an apparent lack of enthusiasm and commitment.

We can only apologise to our numerous members who nominated for the Open, Challenge and Junior Pennant teams in 2011.

The dates for 2012 WMDGA pennants have been sent out to the district clubs.



FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHPS

Fifteen Men's and five Ladies teams competed in the Foursomes Championships in September. The event was contested over 36 holes.

The morning 18 holes witnessed Jo Etherden and Sheree Dempsey leading the Ladies NETT with 69.5 . The early leaders in the Men's was Jamie and Tom Condon (68).

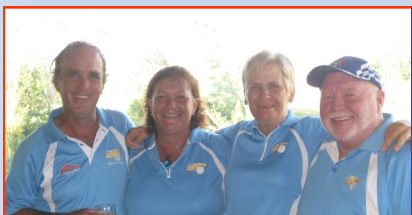
The afternoon 18 holes sorted out the players from the stayers with Shirley Luhrman and Marie Bansgrove returning a NETT 69 for the Ladies and Peter Egan and Tony Binnie storming home with a NETT 62.5.

The overall NETT winners with a score of 136 was Peter and Tony with Marie & Shirley netting the Ladies with a 139.

Honour Board fame for the GROSS winners went to Robert Gibson and Jeff Etherden (155) and Stella Woods & Maureen Hughes for the Ladies with 181.



Relaxing with Friends



HOSPICE DAY

The Gala Week of Golf promoted by Sandy Gallop in October hosts the annual Hospice 4 Person Ambrose Charity Day to raise fund for our local Hospice.



A great day was had by all as can be seen by the this unlikely team of gentlemen that dressed for the charity day in matching uniforms.



Milton & Judy amongst the winners.

The winners each received a golf bag which was donated back to raise more funds.



Friendly Club



GALLOP SIGNS UP WITH TECHNOLOGY

Sandy Gallop went on line with Golf Link technology in 2010 and after the floods put a damper on things, we got right back into the swing of things.



Mark shows John the finer points of the site

The system supports the competition rounds and updates our handicaps after each game.

This is one method of assuring our members' handicaps are current.

Many thanks to our committee who manage GolfLink for us.



Juniors' Christmas Classic

Junior golfers from South East Queensland contested the Junior Classic hosted by Sandy Gallop in December.

Emily Harris was our best placed junior girl winning the NETT with another SGGC junior Lauren Ziebarth being R/U NETT. The event was won by Cooloongatta's Sam Foley (playing off 1) and the R/U was Oxley's Sara Kobyashi (11).

The junior boys faired a little better with Matt Frohmuller (7) winning the event with Oxley's Fumiyoshi Fuji (11) R/U.

Shaun Etherden was R/U in Division 1 NETT Junior Boys. The Division 1 Nett was won by Pacific's Kango Taguchi (17). A pretty good all round result for the Gallop Juniors.

The Pee wees were catered for as well and played 9 shortened holes.



Matt left with the trophy and Pee Wee Austin Baldwin on the right.



2011 Trainee Pro Am

August hosted the inaugural Trainee Pro Am. The day was supported by 26 trainees and 27 soon to be trainees and was also supported by many amateurs.

The Trainee of the day was Tom who scored a hole in one on the 3rd hole on his way to equaling the course record of 66.

Jamie Condon won the amateur stableford with Tony Binnie again the bridesmaid.



L-r Tony , Sandy, Mitch and Tom

There were plenty of winners on the day with Matt O'Conner (had the game of his life) Grant Haviland, Rod Daniels, Tahlia Condon, Shaun Etherden and Brandon Burrows all sharing in the spoils.

Once again Brett not only supported the day but was also hard at it working the BBQ and did a great job.



Some of the field on their way to the shotgun start. Nev Austin organised the event which was supported by Golf Queensland. Brock was on hand to present the awards.



SECOND ECLECTIC

The Men's second eclectic was held from July to October. Fifty-four members competed over the competition.

Ben Daniels won the Best Gross with Robert Gibson R/U.

David Smith won the Best Nett with Kev Holland R/U.

Other Nett winners were Graham Meertens "A" Grade, Owen Spencer "B" Grade and Dave Hamilton "C" Grade.

Ball rundown went to the 10 top Nett and top 10 Gross after the winners.

Santa at the Gallop

The annual Santa at the Gallop was held in December and children under 11 years of age turned out to receive their gifts from Santa.

Apart from Santa's helpers this year there was a special helper the Christmas Kermie.



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Chris tees off his career

School-leaver joins father in the family golf business

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RUNNING golf courses is a family tradition that Brett Lawton and his son Chris are set to ensure continues for many years. Brett, the owner of Sandy Gallop





Special Thanks

To Brett and the SGGC team and all our members who make the club what it is: the friendly club.

... and we look forward to your company in 2012.

Don't forget to collect the 2012 Fixture Book and book your rounds for 2012.



***From "Kermie" Santa's
surprise little helper
Have Fun "Ribot"***