

WIDE BAY DISTRICT VETERAN GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION

28th AUGUST 2022 TO 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022

SPRING CARNIVAL OUTLINE, RULES AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY

This event is held under the auspices of the Queensland Veteran Golf Union.

The Wide Bay Spring Carnival (WBSC) is a series of **10 games** of golf played over **16 days** on **five Wide Bay courses** each year. All ten games are played as individual events. The Carnival opens Bargara on Sunday 28 August, followed by Coral Cove, Bundaberg, Maryborough, and Hervey Bay each host two (one day) games. The Carnival prize giving dinner will be held at Hervey Bay RSL on 12th September 2022 commencing at 6.30pm.

To participate and be eligible for the overall Wide Bay Spring Carnival and prizes, a competitor must play at least seven rounds of golf at four different golf courses and pay the \$60 Carnival fee as well as the \$22 entry fee for each event nominated. The best seven scores are used to award Spring Carnival prizes.

Players who nominate for less than seven games pay only the \$22 entry fee for each game and are eligible for the daily prizes only.

The Presentation Dinner at Hervey Bay RSL must be booked and paid for with your entry.

The Wide Bay Spring Carnival may only be entered by using the Spring Carnival entry form. Entry forms not completed IN FULL will be returned to the participant to be completed fully and will delay entry into the Carnival.

After the Carnival closing date, participating clubs may fill any remaining vacancies in their fields with local players and will provide a separate entry form for these players. After closing date, any requests for change of times should be addressed to the Captain of each Club.

The minimum prize pool for the Carnival is \$5500 (once 100 entries are reached). Prizes will be determined after the closing date once player numbers, grades and Carnival income are known. Five prizes are allocated for each of the six grades. A player may win only one major Wide Bay Spring Carnival prize. Should scores be tied the result will be decided by countback based on the player's best seven cards, starting from the last best to the first.

Daily prizes will be awarded for each game by individual Clubs. All players are eligible for these prizes. A Grade prizes will be awarded for NETT scores only.

Each competitor must hold a current GA Handicap, be a full financial member of a recognised golf club, a financial member of a Veteran Golf Association affiliated with the QVGU/AVGU and have played in a least three Veteran competitions in the six months prior to the closing date of this Carnival or be the holder of a QVGU / AVGU Membership card which must be produced at point of registration.

Players who hold a "travelling/country" membership, where their membership might not be full financial members of their club, will not be eligible or admitted to the carnival in 2022.

The Wide Bay District Veteran Golfers' Association reserves the right to refuse entry to any player.

The Programme/Grades: The Wide Bay District Veteran Golfers' Association reserves the right to vary the Spring Carnival programme to balance the field. The WBSC will be divided into three handicap Grades for men and three for ladies, determined by the GA handicaps on the closing date for entries. **Players will retain that grade for the duration of the Carnival.** "A" Grade men and ladies will play **STROKE**. All other Grades will play Stableford.

Daily Playing Handicaps: Daily playing handicaps will be used for each event. Since daily handicaps vary with the CCR, players may find that their daily grade differs from their WBSC Grade. This will not affect their WBSC outcome as their score will be recorded against their WBSC Grade.

A GRADE PLAYERS THEREFORE MUST PLAY OUT EVERY HOLE AND RECORD BOTH THEIR GROSS AND NETT SCORES EVEN IF PLAYING STABLEFORD IN A DAILY COMPETITION.

Tee Times: For each event players will be allocated one late and one early tee time. Players wishing a particular early or late start please make a note on your Nomination Form. **PLEASE NOTE tee off time for players hiring carts will be earliest in the morning and later in the morning to allow turnaround of carts.**

Progressive Scores: These scores for the Carnival players will be posted on the Wide Bay website (www.widebayveterangolfers.com.au/spring_carnival) after play each day, or at least before the next day's play.

Match Committee: The Match Committee shall consist of the Carnival Convenor, a nominated member of Wide Bay Veteran Golfers' Association and the Veterans' Captain of the applicable club. Decisions made by the Match Committee shall be final.

Refund Policy: The following WBSC refund policy will apply:

- Withdrawals before the closing date: 100 percent refund.
- Withdrawals between the closing date and the publication of the draw: 50 percent refund.
- Withdrawals after the publication of the draw: determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Individual clubs may have their own refund policy for non-Spring Carnival players.

Daily Events: The participating clubs will conduct the Spring Carnival Daily games. Spring Carnival players have precedence in the draw for all events. Clubs will determine Grades and balance their field based on entries.

The Rules of Golf in force at the time shall apply and these, combined with the local rules of individual Golf Clubs, shall be the "Rules of the Day". Should there be a dispute or doubt on a rule, a second ball should be played for that hole and a ruling sought later from the Match Committee.

Daily ball rundowns, pin and approach shots are at the discretion of the individual clubs. A player can win only one major prize on any day. A tie will be decided by countback. Should play be stopped for any reason by a Club Committee, the completion of nine holes by ALL competitors (excluding retirees) is the criteria. If the criterion is met, only the first nine holes are counted. If not, the trophies are allocated by a draw. The decisions made by Club Match Committees will be final.

The Draw: The Draw for each day will be posted on the Wide Bay District website and the individual club's website not less than one week before the event. Draws for the next club, will be posted on the previous club's notice board, e.g., Bargara will display the draws for Coral Cove.

Closing Date: The Closing date for the 2022 Spring Carnival is Friday 12th August 2022. Late entries will not be accepted.

ENQUIRIES:

For enquiries regarding the Spring Carnival please contact the Carnival Convenor, Wendy Mathiesen, (wbsc.convenor@outlook.com or Mob: 0401300376).

For enquiries regarding individual draws and details for each Daily Event, please contact the relevant Club Captain listed below:

VETS CAPTAINS:

Coral Cove: Bruce Maclachlan—Mob: 0408837247

Bargara : Don McKewen—Mob: 0409 024 029

Bundaberg: Averill Chalmers - 0421109776

Maryborough: Craig Botting—Mob: 0434 846 157

Hervey Bay: Sandra Kerley—Mob: 0428 243 934

CART HIRE:

Cart hire, at all courses, is the responsibility of the player who should make their own arrangements through each Pro Shop.

PRO SHOPS

BARGARA: (07) 4159 2257

CORAL COVE: (07) 4159 3333

BUNDABERG: (07) 4151 6706

MARYBOROUGH: (07) 4121 3717

HERVEY BAY: (07) 4128 4249

NO caravans or motorhomes are to overnight at Hervey Bay Golf Course on council orders.

**PLEASE NOTE: COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY AT TIME OF CARNIVAL.
RESTRICTIONS FOR EACH CLUB WILL BE POSTED ON THEIR WEBSITE WITH THE DRAW**