

# Darling Downs Golf Association Newsletter

Allora, Bell, Cabarlah, Cecil Plains, City, Clifton, Crows Nest, Dalby, Gatton, Goombungee, Inglewood, Jandowae, Millmerran, Oakey, Pittsworth, Stanthorpe, Texas, Toowoomba, Warwick.

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## DDGA Committee News

The AGM was held at Warwick Golf Club on October 12. Clubs attending were: Allora, Cabarlah, Cecil Plains, City, Clifton, Crow's Nest, Goombungee, Millmerran, Oakey, Pittsworth, Texas, Toowoomba and Warwick.

The DDGA committee for 2024 is:

President: John Taylor.

Secretary: Colin Hoey.

Treasurer: Greg Moore.

Committee Members: Shane Smith, Paul Donnelly, Peter Kleinhanns, Paul Harrison.

Jim Miller stepped down from the presidency and the committee. We all thank Jim for his time leading the association and for his commitment to golf across the Downs.

## AGM News

**Pennants:** The only change that will occur in 2025 in Pennant competition will be in the Handicap Division. Clubs voted to change from the area based model to a Promotion and Relegation model in 2025. Once nominations have been received clubs will be allotted a division based on results from 2024. There is no change to the other divisions and all Pennants that were competed for in 2024 will remain.

## TRI Series Success

The recent Tri-Series against Moreton and South East Qld was hosted by SEQLD at Windaroo Golf Club. The DDGA were successful in winning the Seniors and were close in the other divisions. We were runners up in the Open and Colts.

## 2024 Honour Board

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DDGA Championships Warwick Golf Club.	<b>Champion</b>	<b>B Grade</b>	<b>C Grade</b>	
	Mitch Fowler	Michael Hoskin	Don Iedema	
	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Senior</b>	<b>Super Senior</b>	
	Hamish Adam	Justin Shine	Jim Miller	
DDGA Sand Greens Championships Texas Golf Club	<b>A Grade</b>	<b>B Grade</b>	<b>C Grade</b>	
	Kris McLennan	Matt Bellert	Ashley Munday	
<b>Zone Championships</b>	<b>A Grade</b>	<b>B Grade</b>	<b>C Grade</b>	<b>Teams Event</b>
<b>Zone 1 Inglewood</b>	Rhys Farrell	John Slack	Graeme Shepherd	Inglewood
<b>Zone 2 Millmerran</b>	David Alderdice	Bruce Turner	Frank Pokarier	Clifton
<b>Zone 3 City</b>	Wade Edwards City	Campbell Lane City	Brian Steer City	City
<b>Zone 4 Cecil Plains</b>	Blake Cavanaugh Jan	Todd Lewis CP	Jacob Bradford O	Dalby
<b>Teams Event Final Winner</b>		Dalby Golf Club		
<b>Committee Challenge Winners</b>		Cabarlah Golf Club		

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## **DDGA Championships 2024**

The DDGA Champion for 2024 is Mitch Fowler who won the event in a very close playoff with Wade Edwards. Both are pictured below following the playoff.



Warwick locals members took out the B and C Grade events. The B Grade Champion for 2024 is Michael Hoskin who shot a great 75 and Don Iedema with 85 was crowned the C Grade winner.

Hamish Adam from Stanthorpe won the Junior title with 74.

In the Seniors Justin Shine from Toowoomba Golf Club shot 69 to beat a strong senior field and in the Super Seniors outgoing president Jim Miller defended the title won at Gatton in 2023.



## **Champion Club Final**

The Champion Club final was won by Dalby defeating the other Zone winners, Clifton, Inglewood and City.

Thank you to Warwick for hosting the championships and we all look forward to the event being contested at City Golf Club in 2025.

## **DDGA Committee Challenge**

Oakey Golf Club will be the venue for the Committee Challenge in 2025. It will be held on Saturday February 8. Cabarlah are the defending champions and will no doubt be back to try and win it again. Which club will win the major prize of \$500.00 in 2025? There is also \$200.00 for second and \$100.00 for third.

## **Inter District Competition**

A change to the format of the Interdistrict event this year by Golf Qld saw 6 players represent the DDGA in A, B and C Grade at Royal Pines. Congratulations to Grant Gillespie, Luke Kajewski, Jeff Osman, Neil Walters, George English and Terrence Kirkwood for representing the DDGA at the event.

## **Junior News**

Junior numbers are on the increase. This year we had 99 registered Junior boys. This is an increase of 25 on the previous year. Coordinator John Taylor with assistance from Shane Smith will again focus on Junior events throughout the year.

## **Junior Pennants 2024**

Junior Pennants will be on again in 2025. Girls and boys with an AGU 18 hole handicap are eligible to play. To date Dalby, Goondiwindi, City and Toowoomba will have teams. There will also be a Combined side for juniors outside these clubs. If your club has any juniors in this sector who wish to play pennants please contact John Taylor on 0412 794 331.