

Darling Downs Golf Association Newsletter

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DDGA Committee News

The AGM was held at Gatton Golf Club on October 7. Clubs attending were: Allora, Cabarlah, Cecil Plains, City, Clifton, Crow's Nest, Dalby, Goombungee, Millmerran, Oakey, Pittsworth, Toowoomba and Warwick.

The DDGA committee for 2023 is:

President: Jim Miller.

Secretary: Colin Hoey.

Treasurer: Greg Moore.

Committee Members: Shane Smith, Paul Donnelly, John Taylor, Peter Kleinhanns.

Neil Gilshenan has stepped down from the Golf Qld delegates position after many years of service. Neil has been a past president of the association and was the DDGA Delegate since 2014. We thank him sincerely for his dedication and service to the association.

The DDGA also thanks Brendon Landrigan for his input to the committee in 2022-23.

Capitation Fee. The capitation fee for 2024 has been set at the meeting at \$9.00 per player for all players with an AGU handicap.

AGM News

Zone Realignment: After much discussion at the AGM the meeting voted to realign the zones. The new zones are as follows. Clubs are listed in their new order of hosting Zone Championships.

Zone 1: Inglewood, Texas, Warwick, Allora, Stanthorpe.

Zone 2: Millmerran, Toowoomba, Pittsworth, Clifton.

Zone 3: City, Goombungee, Cabarlah, Crows Nest, Gatton.

Zone 4: Cecil Plains, Bell, Jandowae, Oakey, Dalby.

TRI Series Success

The recent Tri-Series against Moreton and South East Qld was hosted by Moreton at Laidley Golf Club. The DDGA were successful in winning the Seniors, Juniors divisions. We were runners up in the Open and Colts. This performance secured the Overall Points Trophy.

Kris McLennan from the open side shot the best round of the day. Below is a picture of the darling Downs team which competed at Laidley.



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DDGA Championships 2023

The DDGA Champion for 2023 is **Nigel Weldon**, pictured below who shot a best round on the day 70 at Gatton to win the title. This caps a fine 2023 for Nigel as he was also successful in winning the Sand Green title at Texas,



The B Grade Champion for 2023 is **Leon Oosthuizen** from Millmerran.

Local Gatton player **Gary Bachmann** won the C Grade championship.



Congratulations to Stanthorpe junior **Hamish Adam** who won the DDGA Junior Championship. Hamish shot a fine 79 off the stick.

The Seniors was won by **Mark Moran** with 74 and the Super Seniors by **Jim Miller** who shot 82, both representing Toowoomba Golf Club.

Gatton Golf Club with a home track advantage won the Zone Champion team final with a combined score of 299 net. The final was fought out between Gatton, Crow's Nest, Jandowae and Warwick.



DDGA Committee Challenge

Allora Golf Club will be the venue for the Committee Challenge in 2023. It will be held on Saturday February 10.

Inter-Association Team

Best of luck to the Inter-Association team of **Nigel Weldon, Andrew Pienaar, Kris McLennan and Mitch Fowler** who will represent the DDGA in the state wide event. The event will be held in November at Bundaberg Golf Club.

Junior News

Junior Coordinator John Taylor with assistance from Shane Smith and Brendon Landrigan has seen a resurgence in DDGA junior golf in 2023. This Sunday is the final day of the Junior League Series at Crow's Nest Golf Club. There will be a BBQ and presentations after play.

Junior Pennants 2024: Junior Pennants will resume in 2024 in the DDGA. The format is still being formulated but will be for junior girls and boys with an AGU 18 hole handicap. If your club has any juniors in this sector please contact John Taylor on 0412 794 331.