

## Welcome

Having not seen many of our golfing community members since our AGM in March we thought it timely to touch base.

What an interesting and incredible situation facing the world. Who would have thought the new decade would provide such challenges and be so confronting. Fortunately, Australia appears to have controlled the widespread and devastating effects of COVID-19. Sadly, there are still many who have lost their lives and our thoughts are with their families. Many of us have family members around the world where the results have been disastrous and living with the uncertainty of their health and well-being is extremely stressful.

However, one of the many benefits of the new isolation laws are the ability to communicate with friends and family via different media. There is a more relaxed ambience withing our communities, respecting distancing and hygiene rules but generally finding the light-hearted commentary around the isolation keeps spirits high and enables us to look forward to moving to the next phase.

A great question asked recently. "Do you think I can have a shower now? I've only been told to wash my hands!

For exercises whilst at home, don't forget to check out our website for the "Golf Physiotherapy and Performance" file by Adrian Kelly the guest presenter at the Delegate Meeting in March. Find it on the Home page of our website, under the picture of the golfer holding her club "Resources" – "Golf Physiotherapy and Performance".

As golfers, we have been extremely fortunate during this time.

Golf during the COVID-19 pandemic has been one of the few sports that has been allowed to be played, of course, providing golfers adhere to the strict guidelines as indicated by the Qld Government and also Golf Australia. An update from Golf Australia on "Managing play in the COVID-19 environment" may be found on our Website under "Latest News." We hope many of you have managed to take advantage of this and are enjoying your time on the green.

As you are aware, so far there have been few of our golf events cancelled. All Pennants, 2020 Halcyon Cup, Junior Championship, 4BBB Stableford @ Gales and the District Foursomes @ Carbrook. Further to those, the Junior Jug (July) and the Meg Nunn Salver (September) and just recently the Hills Golf Academy Camp (September) all cancelled for this year.

The BDLGA committee will be holding a video-conferencing meeting in May to discuss the future of our golf tournaments, Brooches and International Bowl. We have been in touch with Thailand Golf Tours just to update them on the status of our tournaments to date and we will work with them and other sponsors to ensure we can continue to benefit from their generosity and support.

We have taken the opportunity during this quiet time to revisit our corporate governance and members of the committee are working on the draft of our new Constitution. This document is drafted under the guidance of Golf Australia and their consultant, CPR Communications. This will subsequently be supported by by-laws which will be drafted on acceptance of the Constitution. We are also in the process of developing a strategic plan for the next five years of the BDLGA to ensure we fulfil our charter but also to have strategies in place to move the organisation forward in a planned and sustained manner.

We have commissioned our website manager, Miniwebs, to build a new BDLGA Website for us which will be easy to navigate and give the BDLGA a fresh new look. The website is currently still in construction as this newsletter goes to print, but rest assured you will be notified of the re-launch and from a quick preview, looks fresh and modern.

If any of your Club events are on the calendar and you wish to advise their cancellation, please let Laraine, our Secretary know.

And now for some personal insights from our BDLGA Committee members...

Until then, stay well and keep safe.

Meryl McKenzie

President.

### **Message from Gabriel Holmes, Vice President.**

*"Our BDLGA community remains strong and united in these challenging times. This was particularly evident on Anzac Day when so many of us joined our neighbours in a Light Up the Dawn tribute on our footpaths.*

*We also need to keep in our thoughts our international neighbours who are struggling with surviving Covid19, without the amazing medical support and facilities that we have here, in Australia.*

*It makes me so grateful that my golf Club is managing to support our game by following, and enforcing, strict rules so that we can continue to enjoy our sport and have some healthy exercise, outdoors, at the same time.*

*I am looking forward to the time when, once again, 'Corona' means ordering a beer to have with a friend on the golf course! Stay strong, fellow members of the BDLGA."*

### **Message from Edith de Groot, Committee member.**

*An update on my golf club..Wantima.*

*"There is an 18 hole competition run every day....last tee off time 2.30pm....so far, financially this has been very successful with full time slots, in fact difficult to get a time slot even though the competition isn't open on the computer until 6.00am 24 hours prior to set day....looks like the men are out in force instead of staying home doing all those jobs and helping with home schooling !!!!!*

*The ladies do not have a "blocked time slot" so have to compete against the men to get into the field....it is a mixed field.*

*Last Wednesday (which is usually "Ladies day") our Captain Leone decided to have a bit of a fun day and requested ladies to share...the day was classified as Tiara/Fascinator and Pearls dress up.....the winner won a golfing lesson donated by the Pro and the Manager provided bottles of champagne for the 2nd and 3rd place getters...Bev Eiser, Jan Rose and Di Eland."*

## **Message from Deborah Marsland, Pennants Chair.**

*Pennants Update or Non-Pennants Update!*

*"As I write this we would ordinarily have just finished the second week of Friday and Sunday pennants ...it seems so strange not to be getting emails and phone calls and to be hesitating to answer my phone just in case it's a question I don't know the answer to or how to solve the problem!*

*I can't say that I miss those early morning starts and long days waiting for results to come in so I can then do up the points tally and arrange for it to be uploaded to the website.....and as they always say....." you don't miss a good thing until you don't have it anymore!"*

*I am sure that by now (like me) all the kitchen cupboards have been cleaned out.....had no idea I had so much "out of date" stuff.....just as well Peter wasn't around....he's always complaining that I have too much in the pantry ! He forgets he almost qualifies too !*

*Luckily in Queensland we are at least allowed to still play golf and that's getting us out of the house and doing what we all love doing.....chasing that little white (or coloured) ball around .*

*So hang in there and keep smiling.....stay safe & well.....cheers Deborah"*

## **Message from Sue Strong, Junior Chair.**

*"Hi*

*Ramblings of a confined Committee member*

*Well I can't get on the booking sheet for love nor money. So I thought the News Letter idea was great.*

*It would fill in a bit of time. And it did. It got so long it ended up looking like an autobiography, So I've edited my message.*

*As you know I live in a Retirement Village and I meet lots of people while walking the dog. If only they could remember my name and I could remember theirs.*

*Still, you don't get into trouble because you don't have to remember the conversation. Strange though they remember the dogs name Angel. It appears I don't leave a lasting*

*impression. Security checks us in at the gate, take our temperature, name , unit number and ask if you have met anyone who's come back from overseas lately.*

*I'm now cooking more. Not really enjoying what I cook, even the dog runs for cover when I offer it. Still it fills in time. She doesn't care for my singing or reciting poetry either. Goes outside and cries. Perhaps I should get another dog.*

*I suppose Pacific is still there. By the time I get back I'll be twice the size and very grey.*

*It is what it is. All's well as long as you can laugh and keep the wine up.*

*Have a great day.*

*Sue."*