

AUTUMN 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to new members

ROB KING-SCOTT

HGQ would like to welcome the following people to our group:

Douglas Fisher
Mark Lawson
Dean Tucker
Peter van Eekelen
Diana Charlton
Robyn Wilson
Suddy MacKechnie
Darron Watt
Matthew Faint
Catherine Palmer

Welcome to HGQ Inc. It is exciting to see so many new members including some from across the ditch! A new member commented to me the other day that it was not only playing hickory golf that he enjoyed, but the after-round chats with members with common interests.



Upcoming events

5 MAY - MONTHLY
EVENT AT RQ

2 JUNE - QLD
FOURSOMES

CHAMPIONSHIPS

9 & 10 JULY - QLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS

4 AUGUST -
MONTHLY EVENT
AT RQ FOLLOWED
BY AGM

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Local HGQ Events



QLD Championships – New dates and new formats

Both the foursomes and stroke championships are coming up soon and we encourage members to note the dates and enter the events early. The foursomes will now be held at RQ on Friday 2 June with a 12.00pm tee off. The event will be followed by a presentation and dinner at the club. Full details to be on the website soon.

This year the 36-hole stroke play championship will be run in conjunction with a Stableford event. Any player can elect, before teeing off, to play in the stroke or Stableford event. The committee hopes the change in format will encourage people to join in what is always a great couple of days of hickory golf.

The Championship is scheduled for Sunday 9 July at The Brisbane Golf Club and Monday 10 July at Royal Queensland. Full details will be published on the website when finalised.



Monthly Events

Our regular monthly events are the bread and butter of HGQ. This year we have moved the monthly event to the first Friday of the month to try and avoid scheduling issues raised by membership. So far so good, and the number participants at each round seems to indicate general acceptance of the change.

The 4 events this year have produced 4 different winners; however, consistency is the key when it comes to the Player of the Year. 2022 Player of the Year, **Bruce Collins** (left), currently finds himself atop this year's Player of the Year [leaderboard](#).

The next event is scheduled for 5 May at Royal Queensland. If you intend to play, please nominate via our [website](#) or contact a committee member.



Toowoomba Event

Spring in Toowoomba is a spectacular time of year. The Carnival of Flowers has events running all month and we have been fortunate enough to have Middle Ridge Golf Club hosting HGQ in September.

Our normal 9-hole monthly event will run at Middle Ridge Golf Club on Friday 8 September followed by dinner at the club. On Saturday 9 September the club has set aside 20 spots in the afternoon field for members of HGQ. Members can choose to play with either hickory or their modern clubs in the Saturday comp.

This away trip gives members a great opportunity to experience the Garden City and the Toowoomba Golf Club at its best. Full detail will be distributed in due course.

INTERNATIONAL & INTERSTATE EVENTS

New Zealand Open

A contingent of HGQ members attended the recent NZ Hickory Open (below). All reports indicate the event was a great success and good friendships have been established across the ditch. There has been much talk of ANZAC competitions being arranged between the Kiwis and HGQ and we all look forward to seeing how those plans materialise in the future.

A comprehensive report of the NZ event has been prepared by HGQ life member **Andrew Baker** (front page) and is [attached](#).



South Australian Open

Talking of Andrew Baker...the aficionado of all things hickory, he recently organised the inaugural South Australian Hickory Open over two days at Victor Harbour Golf Club and Royal Adelaide Golf Club.

What a great event it was! Victor Harbour Golf Club has arguably the most picturesque first tee in Australia (below) and it was a most appropriate location to start a new State Championship.

<https://www.hickorygolfersqueensland.org/hickory-news/south-australian-hickory-championship>



From the President

ROB KING-SCOTT

We are nearing the half way mark of our 2023 golfing year. Your Match Committee has planned an exciting year of hickory golf for you including some new events. We have also been busy implementing our Golf Genius programme which will assist the Captain and Match Committee in running events. When fully up and running you should be able to enter events by paying with a credit card or by depositing a sum in a wallet and drawing on same as needed. The program will also administer your hickory handicaps. There have been a few glitches, not due to the program but rather operator error. Please be patient and forgive the duplication of emails if that occurs!

Hickory golf worldwide is very popular with regular events being held in the USA, Europe and the Asia Pacific region. There are moves to establish an international organisation, hopefully with the goal of promoting hickory play worldwide and sharing of information. I will keep you informed of developments.

The Society of Hickory Golfers (SoHG) has offered free membership to our members for the balance of 2023 which will include a monthly eNewsletter plus unlimited access to the SoHG web [site](#) including Members Area and the online version of Wee Nip magazine. If any member is interested email me president@hickorygolfersqueensland.org with:

- Full name (required)
- Email (required)
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