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Spring Carnival**



*Wide Bay District Veteran Golfers' Association
Spring Carnival*

Played throughout the Wide Bay District

Carnival Outline

The Wide Bay Spring Carnival (WBSC) is a series of **ten** games of golf played over 16 days on five Wide Bay courses in late August early September each year. All **ten** games are played as individual events.

The Carnival Outline is as follows:

- Welcome BBQ at Coral Cove
- Coral Cove – 2 x one day game
- Bundaberg – 2 x one day games
- Bargara – 2 x one day games
- Maryborough – 2x one day games
- Hervey Bay – 2 x one day games
- Carnival Prize Giving Dinner – Hervey Bay RSL Torquay Road Pialba

Players may choose to enter the overall Wide Bay Spring Carnival as outlined above, or simply enter individual daily events.

The Wide Bay Spring Carnival

To participate in the Wide Bay Spring Carnival and be eligible for Carnival prizes, a player must play at least **seven** rounds of golf at four different golf courses and pay both the game and the Wide Bay Spring Carnival entry fee for each event. The Spring Wide Bay Spring Carnival may only be entered 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 the participant's entry into the carnival.

Non-Carnival Players

Alternatively, a player may nominate for less than **seven** games and not play in the Carnival, in which case they pay only the \$20 fee for that game and not the \$6 Carnival fee. These players are not eligible for Wide Bay Spring Carnival prizes but may win daily prizes. Non-Carnival games may only be entered using the Spring Carnival Entry Form.

Local Players

After the Carnival closing date, participating Clubs may fill any remaining vacancies in their fields with local players. Clubs will provide a separate Entry Form for these players. The local Entry Fee is \$20 per game.

Wide Bay Spring Carnival Prizes

- Wide Bay Spring Carnival players may, if they choose, play in more than **seven** events in which case only the top **seven** cards will be assessed for the Carnival prizes.
- The **minimum** prize pool for the Carnival is \$5500 (once 100 entries are reached). When 150 players reached \$7500
- Prizes are indicative only and may be adjusted after the closing date once player numbers, grades and Carnival income are known.
- Should scores be tied the result will be decided by count-back based on the player's best 7 cards, starting from last best to first.
- A player may win only one Wide Bay Spring Carnival prize, with the exception of pin shots, long drives, etc.

Daily Prizes

Daily prizes will be awarded for each game, by individual clubs. Both Wide Bay Spring Carnival and Non-Carnival players are eligible for these prizes.

A Grade Prizes will be awarded for Nett Scores only in Daily Competitions.

Draw Precedence

Players in the Wide Bay Spring Carnival will have precedence in all Draws, followed by Non-Carnival players and then Local Club players.

Private Carts and Hire Carts

- Cart hire for all tournaments is an individual responsibility. Please ring the appropriate course.
- **Coral Cove course is now open to walkers.**
Players should be aware that Coral Cove is a long course, due to distances between the Green and the next Tee, on some holes. Coral Cove will endeavour to provide carts for all players requesting them, but carts are limited. Players will pay \$15 for a seat in a golf cart (club or private).
- Be aware that hire carts on all courses are used twice daily; early 6.00am to 7.00am and late 11.00am to noon and hire times are limited to these periods. Carts must be returned immediately after your round.
- Players are encouraged to bring their own motorised carts to all events.

Wide Bay Spring Carnival Rules & Conditions of Play

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

Eligibility

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

Players who hold a 'travelling/country' membership, where members might not be full financial members of a club, will NOT be admitted to the carnival in 2019. Some examples of these memberships include clubs such as Howlong, Uralla, Fraser Shores and Qantas Club.

Golf Link cards and proof of Veteran Membership are necessary and are to be presented at check-in if requested.

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

The Program

The Wide Bay District Veterans Golfers Association reserves the right to vary the Spring Carnival program, grades and handicaps to balance the field.

Grades

The WBSC will be divided into three handicap Grades for men and three for ladies.

“A” Grade men and ladies will play Stroke. All other Grades will play Stableford.

Spring Carnival Handicap

A player's Carnival Grade will be determined by their Handicap on the closing date for entry.

Players will retain that Grade for the duration of the Carnival.

Daily Playing Handicaps

Daily Playing Handicaps will be used for each event. Since Daily Handicaps vary some 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 each hole and record both their Gross & Nett scores even if playing Stableford in a daily competition. Players will retain the same handicap for both days at each club. Handicaps will be updated between venues.

Tee Times

For each event, players will be allocated one late and one early Tee Time.

Carnival Scores

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

Match Committee

The Match Committee shall consist of the Wide Bay Spring Carnival Convener (Bundaberg) and the Veteran's Captain of the applicable club. (All decisions made by the Match Committee shall be final.

Refund Policy

The following WBSA refund policy will apply:

- Withdrawals before the closing date: 100% refund
- Withdrawals between the Closing date and the publication of the draw: 50% 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. After the Carnival closing date clubs may fill the remainder of the field with local and club players. Clubs may provide a separate Entry Form for these players.
- 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.
- Clubs will determine Grades and balance their fields based on entry numbers.
- Daily ball rundowns, pin and approach shots are at the discretion of the individual clubs and will vary based on player numbers.
- For each game a player can win only one prize (pin shots and approaches are exempted). Should scores be tied, the result will be decided by count-back.
- 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 web site and the individual club’s web site 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. Coral Cove will display the draws for Bargara.

Closing Dates

The Closing date for the 2019 Wide Bay Spring Carnival is **Friday 16 August**. Late entries will not be accepted. The Closing Date for local players will be determined by each club; but will generally be two weeks before each club’s event.

ENQUIRIES:

For enquiries regarding the Wide Bay Spring Carnival contact the Carnival Convenor Miriam Newman on 0477 486 545. Miriam works, so leave a message if your call goes to message bank, and she’ll get back to you. For enquiries regarding individual draws and details for each Daily Event contact the relevant club. Club contact details are on the Wide Bay web site.

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