

Spring Carnival

Played throughout the Wide Bay District



Carnival Outline

The Wide Bay Spring Carnival (WBSC) is a series of nine games of golf played over 14 days on five Wide Bay courses in late August early September each year. All nine games are played as individual events.

The Carnival Outline is as follows:

- Welcome BBQ at Coral Cove
- Coral Cove – 1 x one day game
- Bundaberg – 2 x one day games
- Bargara – 2 x one day games
- Hervey Bay – 2 x one day games
- Maryborough – 2 x one day games
- Carnival Prize Giving Dinner – Maryborough

Players may choose to play either in the Championship Competition or as a Non Championship player.

The Championship Competition

To participate in the Championship Competition, and be eligible for Championship prizes, a player must play at least six rounds of golf at four different golf courses and pay both game and Championship entry fee for each event. Additionally, in order to meet the requirement of our sponsor, it is mandatory that at least one game be played at Hervey Bay and one at Maryborough. The Championship may only be entered using the Spring Carnival Entry Form.

Non Championship Players

Alternatively a player may nominate for less than six games and not play in the Championship, in which case they pay only the \$20 fee for that game and not the Championship \$5 fee. These players are not eligible for Championship prizes but may win daily prizes. Non Championship 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.

Championship Prizes

- Championship players may, if they choose, play in more than six events in which case only the top six cards will be assessed for the Championship prizes.
- The minimum prize pool for the Championship is \$5500 (once 100 entries are reached)
- 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 6 cards, starting from last best to first.
- A player may win only one Championship prize
- Prizes will be awarded as follows:

A grade Men Gross Winner	B grade Men Winner	C grade Men Winner
A grade Men Gross R/U	B grade Men R/U	C grade Men R/U
A grade Men Nett Winner	B grade Men 2 nd R/U	C grade Men 2 nd R/U
A grade Men Nett R/U		
A grade Lady Gross Winner	B grade Lady Winner	C grade Lady Winner
A grade Lady Gross R/U	B grade Lady R/U	C grade Lady R/U
A grade Lady Nett Winner	B Grade Lady 2 nd R/U	C grade Lady 2 nd R/U
A grade Lady Nett R/U		

Daily Prizes

Daily prizes will be awarded for each game, by individual clubs. Both Championship and Non Championship players are eligible for these prizes.

Draw Precedence

Players in the Championship Carnival will have precedence in all Draws, followed by Non-Championship players and then Local 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 may bring their own motorised carts to all events but might be required to pay a \$5.50 cart fee (includes GST) for the Coral Cove, Hervey Bay and Maryborough courses.

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 Veteran Golf Club 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.

Golf Link cards are necessary and are to be presented at check-in.

The Program

The Wide Bay District Veterans Golfers Association reserves the right to vary the Spring Carnival programme, 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. Because 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. Grade players therefore, **must** record both their Gross & Nett scores even if playing Stableford in a daily competition (this requires them to play out each hole). Players will retain the same handicap for both days at each club. Handicaps will be updated between venues.

Tee Times

For two day events each player will be allocated one late and one early Tee Time. The draw will be reversed on Day Two. For Coral Cove (one day event) you may indicate a preference for an early or late start however the club reserves the right to evenly distribute the field on the day.

Championship Scores

Progressive scores for the Championship players will be posted on the Wide Bay website, www.widebayveterangolfers.com.au after play each day.

Match Committee

The Match Committee shall consist of the Carnival Convener and the Veteran's Captain of the applicable club. All decisions made by the Match Committee shall be final.

Refund Policy

The following WBSC 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 games each day. 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 relevant Club web site not less than one week before the event.

Closing Dates

The Closing date for the 2018 Spring Carnival is Friday 17 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 Spring Carnival contact the Carnival Convenor Teeny Patterson on 0410 434 247. Teeny works Wed, Thurs & Fri, 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 event contact the relevant Club. Contact details are on the Wide Bay web site.

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