



GCSAQ MAY 2009 NEWSLETTER

Go with Globe 

2009 GLOBE AUSTRALIA EDUCATIONAL TRAINING & FIELD DAY

DATE: Monday May 19th, 2009
TIME: Commencing 8.00am.
VENUE: PEREGIAN SPRINGS GC



Warren Green will be hosting us at his Club for this important day on the GCSAQ calendar. The enclosed flyer has all the details on times and location and it looks to be a very good agenda.

The RSVP is very important for catering requirements so please call your Globe rep as listed on the flyer or Peter Lonergan to reserve your place.

These days are conducted by our sponsors and supported by your Committee in order to educate you the Members and help you become an informed and learned Superintendent.



2009

Here again is your updated yearly planner for the rest of 2009, well most of it anyway!

- Obviously mark down Monday May 19th for the Globe Australia day at Peregian Springs GC. First class information will be available from the likes of Nufarm's Peter Kirby, Barmac's Paul Jackson and Jyri Kaapro from Bayer. Jyri will be giving you information on the new fungicide that has had outstanding success controlling the dreaded "ERI Fungi". A very important day and again mark it in your diary as a must do!
- David Golf & Engineering are once again conducting their 2 IC Challenge Golf Day. The 2009 event will be played at Indooroopilly Golf Club on Monday May 11th. This year's final will then be held at Thirteenth Beach GC in Victoria on the 27th/28th May. Details are as per the enclosed flyer and all queries should be directed to Lance Coventry on 0438 662 770.
- After you have let your 2 IC play on the Monday you will be able to get to Redlands Research Station where Jon Penberthy advises a day will be held to view the turfgrass plots that are currently under cultivation. You will also get the opportunity to hear some first hand accounts of the experience some of the Supers conducting trials have had with the new dwarf Couchgrasses. So write down "ATTENDING REDLANDS RESEARCH FACILITY" in your diary now for Tuesday May 12th. A flyer with all the information for this day is enclosed in this mailing to you.
- Then the week after the Globe Peregian day, you could team up with your Manager and Greens Chairman and enjoy a round of golf at Royal Queensland Golf Club in the 2009 John Deere Golf Championships. It's on Monday May 25th and is a 3 person elimination scramble format with lunch at 11.00 am followed by a shotgun start and dinner with presentations. Give Ryan Mulcaster a call on 0409 628 316 to get more information.
- And the annual Northern Rivers Course Staff Golf Day will be held on Friday May 29th at Smithy's Yamba GC. This is always a great day and well attended and again is made possible thanks to the great support of our GCSAQ Sponsors.
- June 15th – 19th sees the Rain Bird Academy – Australia conducting their Professional Irrigation Training Camp on the Gold Coast. This is open to all irrigation customers of all "breeds" and presents a great opportunity to further either your own or your Irrigation Techs education. Check out Rain Bird's website or give Greg Smith a call on 0438 503 070.
- Of course we then prepare for the 2009 Bus Tour locked in for June 20 – 22 which this year finds us heading to the north coast of NSW and staying in Lismore on the Saturday night and Byron Bay on the Sunday night. Golf will be at Chris Haselden's Lismore Workers GC on Saturday and Monday has Shaun Cross hosting at Byron Bay GC. Yes, Skirmish will be available on the Sunday as will a game of golf at Wayne Tickle's Ballina GC. The bus will be limited to the first 36 names to book so don't wait too long. Due to increases in costs, predominantly the bus, the tour this year will cost \$150 which still represents fantastic value. And this value is because of our generous sponsors whose support ensures the success of our bus tour. Thanks again and hats off to Steve Clifford from PFG, Brendon Hill from Country Club International, new sponsor of the seafood buffet Ray Dufty from Truturf, Simplot's Tim Kennedy, Greg Smith from RainBird Australia and Matthew Holmes from Syngenta who is sponsoring the "Skirmish" event. Once again a flyer is enclosed with this mailing. Any queries could be directed to Bus Captain Brian Cox on 0412 302 056.
- July sees the 25th Australian Turfgrass Conference and Trade Exhibition taking place at Wrest Point, in Hobart - 13-17 July 2009. In recognition of the fact that Superintendents are faced with a vast array of challenges and not all of them

agronomic, this year's Conference will be exploring "achieving a healthy balance". The programme in Hobart will consist of discussion forums and lectures across the areas of turf health, financial health and physical and mental well-being. I am sure many Supers have suffered from Depression over the years with many (myself included) probably not knowing. The decision by the AGCSA to engage "Beyond Blue" to provide us with strategies that will help us to deal with the tough times should be applauded and this topic alone makes it a must attend. Of course the pre-conference tour to Barnbougle is a fair carrot too! Flights are still available and are pretty cheap at the moment to. Please direct all enquiries to Simone at the AGCSA on 03 9548 8600.

- The Australian Golf Industry Council is then hosting an industry forum at Sanctuary Cove in the last week of July. The GCSAQ has been invited to conduct an Education Day on Monday July 27th. At this stage initial planning suggests it will be an OHS/Environment theme but details will follow soon. "The Cove" is about to "go under the knife" and it could be a very interesting chance to have a peak at a large scale construction project as well.
- This years GCSAQ AGM is to be held at The Glades GC on Monday August 10th with a special guest speaker organised for the day.
- The annual Superintendent / Managers day will then be held at Carbrook GC on Monday September 14th. Royal & Ancient Director of Golf Course Management, Steve Isaacs will be the guest of honour along with AGCSA President Allan Devlin.

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THEY SAY

- That the GCSAQ Treasurer was a bit upset that his football tipping results were published in the last Newsletter and the Minutes of the last Committee meeting reflect this. Well the editor can't help it if he is a lousy tipper but we do offer a "sincere" apology for any harm caused. This is the second apology that has been forthcoming from the editor's desk....maybe he is trying to lose his job? Any takers?
- Former 2IC to Peter Smith at Tewantin Noosa GC Linc Urquhart, has been successful in securing the job vacated by Wayne Marshall at Bargara GC.
- Paul McLean is the early hot favourite for the Jacobsen Orange jacket following some fine performances for his Club pennant team and some excellent consistent scoring in recent competitions. Rumour has it that with a certain anniversary upcoming Paul may be moving to the seniors pennant tour.
- The same can't be said for Simplot warehouse manager Keith McKenzie who apparently threw more club's than he had shots on a recent golfing trip to Toowoomba.

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TRADE MEMBERS

Your Committee will be meeting with our Trade Members in early June to have a round table discussion with them to ensure that we are both happy with where we are heading and plan for the future. If you have any ideas you would like to put forward on the future of the GCSAQ please let your friendly local Committeeman know.

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FIRST AID

Another inclusion in this Newsletter is some information from "First Aid Accident and Emergency" who specialise in First Aid Courses. They have all the necessary recognitions and can tailor a package to suit the golf course situation and if you have 6 or more will do it on your premises.

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E MAIL

A number of emails have recently been sent notifying Members of upcoming events. If you haven't received them and would like to, then simply email peterl@cooltweedgolf.com.au and you will be added to the list.