

Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club Inc



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2010 Sportsman's Dinner

The Range News ensured plenty of positive reporting on the Sports Awards and Dinner recently. Maleny proudly boasts many outstanding individuals and teams who were nominated by their clubs and in turn, deservedly recognised and awarded. The evening was also entertaining; and to top it off, \$7,000 was raised during the course of the night, funds that are to be put towards the plans to build a shared club house on the Precinct, so a success all round.



Membership Drive On!

Membership of MDSRC directly supports the planning to provide mixed facilities for the community on the Precinct. Other organisations' membership and support is already extremely strong, with 29 district sporting and recreational clubs affiliated with MDSRC; there are also 250 individual members. With this in mind, committee member John Brown is determined to see as many families and individuals as possible have the opportunity to join MDSRC. "Just like all the clubs that operate successfully in the district, a strong membership base is the life-blood of our growing club. New families are moving to Maleny all the time and in some way or another, they will be involved with and enjoying the facilities that are going to be provided on the Precinct. Membership supports the work being done right now to deliver these plans in a timely and well organised manner".

So come on MDSRC members, let's all help grow our membership even more. A membership form is included with this newsletter - and for added incentive, the member who introduces the most new members will also win a delicious dinner for 2 at a Maleny eatery. (Don't forget to write your name on the top of the form) Membership is only \$20.00.

For those members who were not able to attend, it's also worth passing on some of the non headline stories that made the night even more special - such as nominee Jared Ashcroft's actions when confronted with a guest clearly in distress. (Jared pictured here with presenter from Quota, Marlene Hankinson) Jared swung into gear, organising the ambulance, the moving of a vehicle that was blocking the ambulance's access, and coordinating the speedy passage for the patient through the packed room of diners with the attending officers. His quick thinking ensured proper and immediate care for the guest who, we're pleased to report, after good care in Maleny hospital, went home in excellent health a couple of days later.

And who would ever think that bingo could be so much fun? Simon Denver's derivative (and definitely not the same game our grandmas used to play) - table bingo - proved to be such a hoot that it went on throughout the evening, and so popular that it raised \$550. But the other story here is that the eventual winning table (who also received \$550 as their prize) the Sawyer family, promptly donated their winnings back to MDSRC.



Upon hearing that there was a spanner in the works with the original plan for the table waiting, Maleny Neighbourhood Centre saved the day and in a very short space of time put together an excellent team to take care of the 200 odd guests. Just some reminders of what a can-do community we are privileged to live in when we decide to work together.

Update From the President

Another three months have come and gone with most of the MDSRC committee's time being consumed by the Precinct. I am however pleased to report that there have at last been some very positive developments.

The professional team of Gamble McKinnon Green, Council's external consultants, have put on the table a proposal that has real merit. Certainly there have been changes to the original concept and some of these are very definitely for the better, some are for topographical reasons, but sadly some continue to limit options for ideological reasons. We await a press release from Councillor Jenny McKay.

There has also been useful discussion regarding access roads and the Primary School, as the significance of the Precinct and its relationship to the broader community is at last becoming accepted. To this end, local State Member Andrew Powell has become more involved in related matters and brought another dimension to this exercise.

It is anticipated that there will be at least one more very important meeting related to governance before Council's report goes to the strategic planning committee, general committee and ordinary meeting, all scheduled for the first half of June 2010.

Whilst talk has dominated our lives, it is such a relief to see some action - we want to congratulate the Maleny Golf Club for their success in obtaining the necessary approvals for their driving range, and for obtaining the necessary equipment and balls that will make the facility operational in the near future.

Council has commenced work at Witta Recreational Club with regard to drainage of their main fields, and the installation of underground cables for the lights. There have been a few hiccups regarding layout but Council and the Witta club committee are in the process of resolving these problems.

Finally I would like to thank all the clubs and members who supported our very successful Sportsperson of the Year dinner and congratulate all of the nominees and winners. The standard of achievement in Maleny is an inspiration to all.

Mike Norman

Welcome to our new members:

Maleny Netball Association Inc.

Maleny Quota Club Inc.

Maleny RSL

Simon Denver

Rachel Jones

Robert Kirkby

Kerry Larkin



Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club

To promote sport and recreation facilities for Maleny and surrounding districts

To create, establish and sustain sport and recreation facilities on The Maleny Community Precinct

To cooperate with other similar organizations in Maleny and surrounding districts

Affiliate/individual membership: \$20.00

Membership forms available from:

John Brown

Mitre 10, Teak Steet, Maleny

or download one from:

www.mdsarcinc.com

and because we're conducting a membership drive, there is also one included with this month's newsletter

The Other Side

Drunk Batsman

It was the after-lunch session, and the next batsman in hadn't left the bar. When it was his turn to bat he confessed to the captain that he could see three of everything.

'Well,' said the captain, 'when you get out to the wicket just hit the middle ball'

The batsman made his way to the middle and was bowled first ball.

'What happened?' Asked the captain. 'Did you play the wrong ball?'

'No, the wrong bowler!'

Famous Sports Laws

Nothing is ever so bad that it can't be made worse by firing the coach.

A free agent is a contradiction in terms.

Whoever thought up "It's only a game" probably just lost one.

It is always unlucky to be behind at the end of a game.

The trouble with being a good sport is that you have to lose to prove it.

It doesn't matter whether you win or lose until you lose.

In sports teamwork is essential. It enables you to blame someone else.



Maleny Driving Range A Goer

Council's assessment officers were ready to give approval for Maleny Golf Club's temporary driving range on 23 February – in plenty of time for Doug Walters to hit the first 'official' ball on 28 February before the Sportsman's Dinner. Or so the Maleny Golf Club had reasonably planned. But as they have become accustomed to, Council 'hiccups' appeared, and approval was delayed until the 29 March.

But nothing could deter keen golfer Doug (on left) from having a few practice shots with Beerwah Club Champion Garth Bailo, in almost Scottish mist, on site before he later entertained 200 guests over dinner in the Showground Pavilion.



Robert Burns could well have had the Maleny Golf Club in mind with his immortal words "The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men, gang aft agley". Their plans certainly were not assisted by some unhelpful bureaucrats. You would think that replacing cows and their excrement with golf balls would be an environmentally simple exercise, but it was not to be. Fortunately, the club received excellent support from Council's development assessment team who steered the application through some tortuous and unnecessary red tape. It is a sad fact that unfortunately, the club has had to deal with some Council officers who have seemed determined to obstruct sport and recreational facilities on the Precinct, especially golf – and strange, when you remember that it was Council that persuaded Stephen Porter to sell his farm so that there would be ample room for an 18 hole community golf course.

However, all was not lost and the club put the extra wait time to good use. Some important principles were successfully established during the decision period with DERM and Council's own environmental technical experts, confirming that well constructed and managed driving ranges do go hand in hand with environmental protection and biodiversity conservation. All of which should now serve MGC well when they tackle the bigger challenge of securing approval for constructing and managing an 18 hole golf course.

With the continuous rain (and the armyworm invasion!) hopefully over, they can now look forward to completing the driving range/practice facility. During April, the fencing will be completed to exclude inquisitive cattle; more flail mowing is also on the cards, along with the regular mowing. Shipping containers to store equipment and provide office space and rudimentary amenities have already arrived.



With some fortuitous good timing, the Manly Driving Range in Brisbane ceased their operations on 31 March and much of their equipment was secured by MGC, including 40,000 golf balls, a superb 3-gang ball picker and prime mover, distance markers, chairs, tee dividers and more. The gear was collected and transported to Maleny on 6 April.

The last working bee was held by club volunteers on 25 October during the big 'dry'. Over the coming weeks more work bees will be organised to make the final preparations for the big opening.



It's hoped that the club will be in a position to make an announcement regarding the opening of the facility shortly, informing everyone when all this equipment and effort can be put to good use by MGC members and others keen to develop or hone their golfing skills.



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A new home for the equipment



Who said golfing doesn't keep you fit.....

Maleny Judo Club

Photo right was taken at the Maleny High School Activity Centre when the Maleny Judo Club conducted a junior training camp over the Easter week-end. Coach Glenn Cauley is rightly proud of the small club hosting such events. Three of their members, Lachlan Hollyoak (gold) Liam Franks (silver), Isaac Weddell and Harry Cauley (both bronze) all qualified in their weight categories for the Qld state team at the Qld International Open recently and will be competing at the upcoming Australian Titles in June. Well done boys and good luck in June.

The Maleny Judo Club trains on Wednesday afternoons from 4pm to 6pm at the Maleny Indoor Activities Centre, Maleny High School Enq: 5429 6650



Maleny Quota Club Quilt Show

Maleny Tennis Club

Social tennis as follows:

Monday 6.00 pm - 9-10 pm

Tuesday 1.30 pm - 5.00pm

Saturday 1.30 pm - 5.00pm

Sunday 1.30 pm - 5.00pm

contact Sylvia or Terry Harker 5499 9989 for fees

Witta Tennis Club

Social tennis as follows:

Monday 8am; Tuesday 7pm; Thursday 8:30am & Saturday 1pm all welcome.

Court hire: contact The Witta Store 5435 8697.

For further information, after hours bookings, contact 5494 4055 denishic@bigpond.com

Maleny Bowls Club

Social bowls as follows:

Every Friday - 2p.m. for 2.30p.m.

Enq: Peter Hulton 5494 2335

Bowls Club holds a Social Hour each Friday afternoon 5 - 6p.m. and all MDSRC members and their families are welcome to attend.

Special Social Hour bar prices:

Pots Beer	\$2.50
Wine	\$2.00
Stubbies	\$2.50

Maleny Singers

The Singers have been invited to sing at the Anzac Day Commemorative Service at the RSL Cenotaph - don't miss one of the most important yearly events on the Maleny calendar.



Quota International of Maleny will be holding their seventh annual Quilt Show at the Maleny State High School in Bunya Street on the Labour Day long week-end. Quota's worldwide network of service and friendship links people of all ages, occupations, and nationalities and so it will be at this year's quilt show. Quilts will be on display from the many talented Hinterland quilting groups, and a variety of merchants will tempt you with their wonderful fabrics and notions.

WHEN: Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd of May

TIME: 9.30 - 4.30 pm Saturday and 9.30 - 4.00 pm on Sunday.

WHERE: Maleny State High School

COST: \$3.00 Refreshments available.

Quota is also raffling this beautiful quilt (above). There will also be several mini-affle prizes to be drawn. The Maleny Model Train Group will have a display to entertain bored children and impatient husbands.

Enq: Jan Olde 54999435 or Rana Bartlett 0412 390 555 ranabartlett@gmail.com

MALENY DISTRICT SPORT AND RECREATION CLUB INC



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

GOALS OF THE CLUB

- To promote sport and recreation facilities for Maleny and surrounding districts
- To create, establish and sustain sport and recreation facilities on the Maleny Precinct, and
- To co-operate with other similar organisations in Maleny and surrounding districts.

**I wish to become a Member of the
MALENY DISTRICT SPORT AND RECREATION CLUB INC**

Name:

Postal Address:

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Phone:

Email:

I enclose payment for membership of \$20.

Signature:

Please send cheque to:
MDSRC, PO Box 1236, MALENY 4552
OR visit John Brown at:
Mitre 10, Teak Street, Maleny