

# WIDE BAY DISTRICT VETERAN GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION

28th AUGUST 2025 TO 11th SEPTEMBER 2025

## SPRING CARNIVAL OUTLINE, RULES AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY

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

### Overview of the Spring Carnival

- The carnival is a series of 10 games of golf played over 15 days on 5 Wide Bay courses
  - Courses in order of play (2 games each)
    - Bargara 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025
    - Bundaberg 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 & 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2025
    - Coral Cove 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2025
    - Hervey Bay 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2025
    - Maryborough 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2025
- All ten games are individual events
- All ten games are played as stableford format
- A minimum prize pool for the Carnival is \$5,500 (once 100 entries are reached)
- Prizes will be determined after closing date once the player numbers, grades and carnival income is known.
- Five prizes are allocated to each of the six grades.
- A player may win one major Spring Carnival prize ONLY.
- If scores are tied the result will be determined by a countback based on the players best seven cards starting from the last best to the first
- Coral Cove cap their field at 144 players. These games are prioritized by Overall Players games, and then date of entry of single games. Single game entries will only be given a game if cap is not reached, and then by date of entry.

### Overall Spring Carnival Players

- Must play at least 7 rounds of golf at 5 different courses
- Must pay the Carnival fee of \$50 as well as \$30 per game for each event nominated
- The best 7 scores are used to award Spring Carnival prizes
- Guaranteed at least one game at each course
- Nominations for the overall event are given priority in tee times, cart hire and groupings.
- Players who nominate for less than 7 games are eligible for daily prizes ONLY.

### Presentation Dinner

- The Prize giving dinner will be held at the Carriers Arms hotel/motel, Maryborough
- Dinner must be booked and paid for with your nomination form - \$45 per person
- Accommodation Pricing is below (this is a discounted rate)
- Bookings call 07 4122 6670 or email [motel@carriersarms.com.au](mailto:motel@carriersarms.com.au)

#### FUNCTION DISCOUNT

- Standard Room ( 1Q + 1S) - Single - \$107 Double - \$130
- Standard Plus Hotel Side ( 1Q + 1S) - Single - \$122 Double - \$137
- Suite Room Motel Side ( 1Q + 1S) - Single - \$ 131 Double - \$146
- Single is 1 Person & Double is 2 people

## Conditions of Entry

- Entries must be on the Spring Carnival Entry form
- Any forms not completed in full will be returned and could delay entry into the Carnival
- All entries must be paid in FULL to be accepted.
- Each competitor must hold a current GA handicap
- Each competitor must be a full financial member of a recognised golf club, financial member of a Veteran Golfers Association affiliated with the QVGU/AVGU.
- Players who hold a “travelling/country” membership, or are SGA Golfers, will not be eligible or admitted to the carnival in 2025.
- The Wide Bay District Veteran Golfers Association reserves the right to refuse entry to any player.
- Requests citing medical grounds must be supported by a medical certificate, so that clubs can make the best decision for players based on medical needs.
- The Rules of Golf in force at the time shall apply and these, combined with the local rules of individual golf, 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
- The Match committee will consist of the Carnival Convenor, a nominated member of the Wide Bay Veteran Golfers’ Association and the Veterans Captain of the applicable club. Decisions made by the match committee will be final

## The Program and Grades

- The WBDVGA reserves the right to vary the Spring Carnival program to balance the field
- The WBDSC will be divided into 3 handicap grades for men and 3 handicap grades for women.
- Grades will be determined by the GA handicap on **21 August, 2025**.
- Players will retain that grade for the duration of the carnival
- All grades play stableford

## Daily Playing Handicaps and Events

- Maximum playing handicaps;
  - Women will be 40
  - Men will be 36
- Daily handicaps will be used at each individual event.
- Participating clubs will conduct the Spring Carnival games
- Spring Carnival players will have precedence in the draw for all events
- Clubs will determine grades and balance their field based on entries.
- After Carnival closing date participating clubs may fill any vacancies with local players
- After closing date any requests for change in times or draw queries must be addressed to the Club Captain of each club (listed below)
- Daily ball run downs, pin and approach shots are at the discretion of the individual clubs
- A player can win only ONE major prize on any one day.

**Note 1:** Since daily handicaps vary with the CCR, players may find that their daily handicap differs from their WBSC grade. This will not affect their WBSC outcome as their score will be recorded against their WBSC grade

**Note 2:** Should play be stopped for any reason by a club committee, the completion of 9 holes by ALL competitors (excluding retirees) is the criteria. If the criteria is met, only the first 9 holes are counted. If not, the trophies are allocated by a draw. The decisions made by Club Match Committee will be final

## The Draw

The draw for each day will be posted on the Wide Bay website (below) and the Wide Bay Veterans Facebook page.

<https://widebayveterangolfers.com.au/spring-carnival/draws-and-results/>

<https://www.facebook.com/widebayveterangolfers/>

## Progressive Scores/Results

The scores for the Carnival will be posted on the below website as soon as possible after the days play

<https://widebayveterangolfers.com.au/spring-carnival/draws-and-results/>

They will also be posted on our Facebook page as below

<https://www.facebook.com/widebayveterangolfers/>

Daily prizes can be collected at the starters table of the next day's event. If an overall prize or the final day prizes are not collected personally by the winner, please provide written consent for the prize to be given to another person, or, they will be at the Maryborough Golf Club until collected

## Refund Policy

- Withdrawals before closing date 100% refund
- Withdrawals between closing date and the publication of the draw: 50% refund
- Withdrawals after publication of the draw: determined on a case by case basis by the club affected, minus the administration fee held by WBVG (\$3 per game)
- Requests citing medical grounds must be supported by a medical certificate, so that clubs can make the best decision for players based on medical needs.

## Spring Carnival Convener

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## Vets Captains

Coral Cove:	Jo Tyrrell	M: 0410 262 879
Bargara:	Don McKewen	M: 0409 024 029
Bundaberg:	Julie Wilson	M: 0429 032 632
Maryborough:	George Fallon	M: 0438 114 693
Hervey Bay:	Sandra Kerley	M: 0428 243 934

## Pro Shops

Bargara:	(07) 4159 2257
Coral Cove:	(07) 4159 3333
Bundaberg:	(07) 4151 6706
Maryborough:	(07) 4121 3717
Hervey Bay:	(07) 4128 4249

## Cart Hire:

Cart hire, at all courses, will be arranged from the nomination forms by the Captains, co-ordinating with the Proshops. **Payment will be made at the Proshops.**

**NO caravans or motorhomes are to overnight at Hervey Bay Golf Course on council orders.**

