

## AGHS (Queensland Chapter) — Fourth Annual Festival of Tropical Hickory Golf

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Australian Golf Heritage Society (Queensland Chapter) conducted hickory golfing events at three of Brisbane (and Queensland's) most historic golf courses:

- Queensland Hickory Shaft Championship — at Royal Queensland Golf Club
- Queensland Hickory Shaft Foursomes Championship — at The Brisbane Golf Club
- AGHS 4BBB — at St Lucia Golf Links.

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**QUEENSLAND**  
**2018**  
*Hickory shaft*  
*Absolutely Perfection.*  
*Championships*

**QUEENSLAND HICKORY FOURSUMES CHAMPIONSHIP**  
18 holes of foursomes stroke play  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Brisbane GC, Tenynson Memorial Ave, Yeerongilly  
7:00 am for 7:30 am tee off  
Followed by presentations and luncheon at 12:00 pm  
Green fees and luncheon: \$35 cash on day  
Period golfing attire is encouraged  
A limited number of hickory loan sets are available  
Entries close Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

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**QUEENSLAND HICKORY SHAFT CHAMPIONSHIP**  
18 holes of stroke play  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Royal Queensland GC, Curbin Ave West, Eagle Farm  
12:30 pm for 1:30 pm tee off  
Followed by presentations and dinner at 6:00pm  
Green fees and dinner: \$65 cash on day  
Period golfing attire is encouraged  
A limited number of hickory loan sets are available  
Entries close Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

## Queensland Hickory Shaft Championship — Royal Queensland Golf Club

The fourth annual Queensland Hickory Shaft Championship was contested again over Royal Queensland Golf Club's Eagle Farm links. The club's par 72 course was in perfect condition and the event was played over a layout approximating the length of the original 1920s Carnegie Clark-designed links.

The field of twenty contestants comprised regular AGHS players from local clubs Nudgee Golf Club, Royal Queensland Golf Club and The Brisbane Golf Club. This year, for the first time, we were joined by international visitors Tom and Susan Tracey from Boise, Idaho, USA. Interstate and country visitors included Greg Lawler from Devonport Golf Club, Tony Mounstephens from Pymble Golf Club, Matthew and Ryan McCarthy from Rowes Bay Golf Club (Townsville), Scott Hendry from City Golf Club (Toowoomba) and Geoff Skinner from Main Ridge Golf Club (Toowoomba).

Winner of the Queensland Hickory Shaft Championship for the second year running was former Royal Queensland Golf Club Captain Chris Cooper with a fine score of 79 strokes. In second place, just one stroke behind, was AGHS (Queensland Chapter) Treasurer Ross Haslam. This year, third place on the podium was occupied by previous two-time winner Alan Grieve with a very creditable score of 82 strokes.



AGHS (Queensland Chapter) Patron Charlie Earp presenting the winner's trophy to 2018 Queensland Hickory Shaft Champion, Chris Cooper

Winner of this year's nett event was Ross Haslam with a remarkable score of 63 off a handicap of 17. Ross is the second recipient of the Monks-Earp Shield. Jointly named in honour of the inaugural AGHS (Queensland Chapter) Captain, Peter Monks, and our Patron, Charlie Earp, this handsome trophy was made and donated last year by Ross himself.



Inaugural AGHS (Queensland Chapter) Captain Dr Peter Monks  
presenting the Monks-Earp Trophy to Ross Haslam

Drinks in the clubhouse were followed by presentations and dinner in RQGC's Silver Boomerang Room.

We thank the members and committee of Royal Queensland Golf Club for making their wonderful course and facilities available for this year's event. We also thank the club for waiving green fees for visitors to this event — our most important of the year. As always, RQGC Manager Tim Gahan and his staff ensured a faultless day of golf and joyful evening of celebration. Also, special thanks to Steve Rhind and staff of the club's golf centre who so efficiently look after AGHS events throughout the year.

**Scores overleaf**

## Queensland Hickory Shaft Championship — Royal Queensland Golf Club (Gross)

Position	Competitor	Gross score
1	Chris Cooper (4)	79
2	Ross Haslam (17)	80
3	Alan Grieve (6)	82
4	Chris Webster (13)	83
5	Scott Hendry (9)	84
6	David Klaffer (1)	85
Tie 7	Andrew Baker (11)	86
	Tom Tracy (6)	
Tie 9	Paul Adams (5)	88
	Rob King-Scott (11)	
	Greg Lawler (9)	
12	Geoff Skinner (7)	89
13	Peter Monks (13)	90
Tie 14	Ian King (10)	91
	John Trubicyn (11)	
16	Sue Tracy (11)	94
17	Kevin Tuckwell (16)	95
18	Tony Mountstephens (19)	98
19	Arthur O'Shea (18)	99
20	Bradley Tatnell (11)	101

## Queensland Hickory Shaft Championship — Royal Queensland Golf Club (Nett)

Position	Competitor	Nett score
1	Ross Haslam (17)	63
2	Chris Webster (13)	70
Tie 3	Andrew Baker (11)	75
	Chris Cooper (4)	
	Scott Hendry (9)	
6	Alan Grieve (6)	76
Tie 7	Rob King-Scott (11)	77
	Peter Monks (13)	
Tie 9	Greg Lawler (9)	79
	Tony Mountstephens (19)	
	Kevin Tuckwell (16)	
Tie 12	Tom Tracy (6)	80
	John Trubicyn (11)	
Tie 14	Ian King (10)	81
	Arthur O'Shea (18)	
16	Geoff Skinner (7)	82
Tie 17	Paul Adams (5)	83
	Sue Tracy (11)	
19	David Klaffer (1)	84
20	Bradley Tatnell (11)	90

## Queensland Hickory Shaft Foursomes Championship — The Brisbane Golf Club

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018, twenty keen hickory golfers assembled at 7:00 am for a 7:30 am hit-off at The Brisbane Golf Club to contest the third annual Queensland Hickory Shaft Foursomes Championship. Having hosted the Queensland Open on the previous weekend, The Brisbane Golf Club's beautiful and historic Yeeroongpilly links were in superlative condition. It is a rare privilege for us to play our foursomes championship on a championship-quality course as set-up for a state open championship.

Local player Alan Grieve and USA visitor Tom Tracey provided a masterclass of controlled and imperious foursomes golf. With both members of the team playing off a handicap of 6, neither played a false shot during the entire round. Having demoralized the field with a score of 75 shots off-the-stick, their score could easily have been a number of shots lower with a fraction more luck on the greens. Runners-up with a score of 81 were Ross Haslam and Bradley Tatnell. Third on the day were the local pairing Kerrod Crocker and Chris Webster with a score of 84.



Foursomes Champions Alan Grieve and Tom Tracey

The Treasurer's Trophy for the best nett score was won Ross Haslam and Bradley Tatnell with a score of 68. Runners-up with a score of 76.5 were locals Kerrod Crocker and Chris Webster and in third place was the city/country pairing of Paul Adams and Geoff Skinner.

Drinks, presentations and a beautiful lunch were held in the charming and historic clubhouse of The Brisbane Golf Club. Following presentations for the day's events, a 'special' presentation was made by Ross Haslam to our youngest participant, eleven year-old Ryan McCarthy from Townsville. The gift comprised a full set of George Nicoll hickory shafted irons passed-on to Ross by stalwart NSW AGHS member Lachie Wilson. Having a very low swing weight, these clubs are sure to bolster Ryan's already impressive game. With a field spanning generations, with ages from 11 to 84, we believe the etiquette, manners and history of the game will have a dependable custodian in Ryan.

AGHS sincerely thanks the members, committee and staff of The Brisbane Golf Club for hosting our foursomes championship for the third year in a row and also for waiving green fees for visitors. This contribution to the growth of hickory golf in Queensland is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Alan Grieve who managed all arrangements with the Club in the lead-up and during this event. Surrounded by displays of historic golfing artifacts and photographs which chart the club's illustrious history, it is hard to imagine a more appropriate venue for a hickory shaft competition.



Winners of the Treasurer's Trophy for the best nett score,  
Bradley Tatnell and Ross Haslam

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### Queensland Hickory Shaft Foursomes Championship — The Brisbane Golf Club (Gross)

Position	Competitors	Gross Score
1	Alan Grieve (6) and Tom Tracey (6)	75
2	Ross Haslam (16) and Bradley Tattell (10)	81
3	Kerrod Crocker (1) and Chris Webster (12)	84
4	Paul Adams (7) and Geoff Skinner (5)	85
5	Geoff Egar (12) and Greg Lawler (9)	90
6	Andrew Baker (12) and Rob King-Scott (12)	93
7	Matt McCarthy (16) and Ryan McCarthy (30)	104
8	Tony Mountstephens (17) and Arthur O'Shea (19)	105

### Queensland Hickory Shaft Foursomes Championship — The Brisbane Golf Club (Nett)

Position	Competitors	Nett Score
1	Ross Haslam (16) and Bradley Tattell (10)	68
2	Alan Grieve (6) and Tom Tracey (6)	69
3	Kerrod Crocker (1) and Chris Webster (12)	76.5
4	Paul Adams (7) and Geoff Skinner (5)	79
5	Geoff Egar (12) and Greg Lawler (9)	79.5
6	Andrew Baker (12) and Rob King-Scott (12)	81
Tie 7	Matt McCarthy (16) and Ryan McCarthy (30)	87
	Tony Mountstephens (17) and Arthur O'Shea (19)	



## AGHS 4BBB — St Lucia Golf Links

After playing our 4BBB event at Nudgee Golf Club for the past few years, major renovations to the South Course there necessitated the selection of a new venue this year: St Lucia Golf Links.

St Lucia Golf Links were home to Indooroopilly Golf Club for the first sixty years of its existence. Formed in mid-1925, the club's first nine holes were finished within a year and the full eighteen hole layout was in play by the end of 1926. The initial St Lucia course was designed by Scottish-born Daniel Gordon "Dan" Soutar, who emigrated to Australia in 1903. As a golf professional at Royal Sydney, Manly and Moore Park Golf Clubs, and as a foundation member of the Australian PGA, Dan Soutar had a profound influence on early Australian golf — as an instructor, club-maker and course designer.

During the much reported 1926 visit to Australia by Dr Alistair Mackenzie, during which his primary responsibility was to re-design Royal Melbourne Golf Club's much celebrated West Course, the renowned British golf course architect also made a number of local and interstate side-trips; one of which was to Brisbane. The primary aim of Mackenzie's northern excursion was to suggest improvements to the recently inaugurated Carnegie Clark-designed layout of Royal Queensland Golf Club's Eagle Farm links. While he was in Brisbane, Indooroopilly Golf Club consequently engaged Mackenzie to recommend enhancements to its recently completed course at St Lucia.

This year, a record nineteen players participated in this popular event. The winners were Alan Grieve and Chris Webster with a fabulous score of 46 stableford points. Runners-up with a commendable tally of 45 stableford points were Rob King-Scott and Andrew Baker. In third place with a score of 43 stableford points were US visitor Tom Tracy and his Brisbane friend David Mason.

Special mention must be made of Tom Tracey's round of 73 off-the-stick, comprising at least five birdies during the afternoon. It was a great pleasure for Tom's opponents to witness such a demonstration of high-level hickory play.



Rob King-Scott with winners Alan Grieve and Chris Webster

## **Thank you**

Special thanks to:

- Rob King-Scott — who coordinated all three events; liaised with Royal Queensland Golf Club... and more
- Ross Haslam — who created and distributed posters; created ball markers and bag tags; loaned and provided clubs to other competitors; arranged Ryan's gift,,, and more
- Alan Grieve — who co-ordinated everything with The Brisbane Golf Club... and more
- Peter Clark, Director of Golf at St Lucia Golf Links — whose co-operation and generosity made our afternoon there extremely pleasurable and memorable.

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### AGHS 4BBB — St Lucia Golf Links

<b>Position</b>	<b>Competitors</b>	<b>Stableford points</b>
1	Alan Grieve (6) and Chris Webster (13)	46
2	Rob King-Scott (10) and Andrew Baker (11)	45
3	Tom Tracy (7) and David Mason (27)	43
4	David Klaffer (1) and Ian King (10)	39
Tie 5	Matt McCarthy and Ryan McCarthy	38
	Bradley Tatnell (10) and Tony Cassimatis (15)	
	Paul Adams (5) and Bradley Tatnell (10)	
8	Greg Lawler (9) and Peter Monks (13)	35
9	Kevin Tuckwell (16) and Arthur O'Shea (16)	33

**Photos follow**



The field — St Lucia Golf Links



David Klafter — “The wasp”



Arthur O'Shea — in the world's smallest bunker



Arthur O'Shea — "Explosion"



Tony Mountstephens — a welcome regular visitor from NSW





Bradley Tatnell — “all style”



Tom Tracey — in “perfect form” — on his way to 73 off-the-stick



Andrew Baker — St Lucia Golf Links



19th and 18th holes — St Lucia Golf Links



The Brisbane Golf Club — 1896



The Brisbane Golf Club — 4th hole



The Brisbane Golf Club — 17th hole



Ryan and Matthew McCarthy — The Brisbane Golf Club — 18th hole





“#1 Good Guy” Ross Haslam and Ryan McCarthy — with the gifted George Nicoll clubs — ready for transport to Townsville

Dear Lachie, my  
name is Ryan and  
I am 11 years  
old. I played the  
QLD Hickory events  
and a nice man  
called Ross Haslam  
gave me a set of  
George Nicoll

clubs. He told me  
they were from  
you. They look  
good and I can't  
wait to hit them.

Good golfing, from  
Ryan McCarthy.

**See you next year at:**

**The Fifth Annual Festival  
of Tropical Hickory Golf**