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Nominations Open for the 2010 Sports Awards

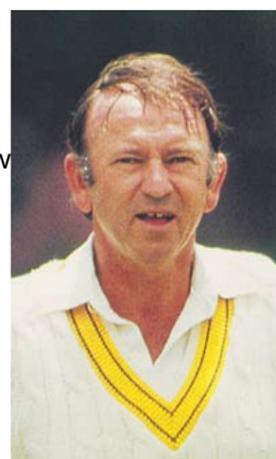
At the Inaugural Maleny Sportsmans Dinner in 2009, Vince Carbery and Len Lowe jointly won the *Sportsperson of the Year Award*. The judges awarded both for 50 years of continuous service to cricket and tennis, a mind-boggling achievement.

Due to the success of the 2009 event and to



ensure that honouring Maleny's talented club members continues every year, nominations for the 2010 Awards are now open. Clubs may nominate their members for any or all of the following four awards: *Sportsperson of the Year* (sponsored by MDSRC) *Young Sportsperson of the Year* (sponsored by Maleny Rotary) *Club Administrator of the Year* (sponsored by Maleny Quota) and *Sports Team of the Year* (sponsored by The Range News). Nomination forms and awards night dinner table bookings for the event will be officially available from Old Magnolia Lane Gift shop (next to Mitre 10) from Jan 4th or you can request the nomination form earlier via email from gail@mavmuse.com.

The Awards winners will be announced at the 2010 Sportsmans Dinner, at Maleny Show Pavilion on Saturday 27th February. Our guest speaker this year is none other than cricket legend Doug Walters, whose popularity as one of Australia's cricketing greats has continued long after his retirement from first-class cricket. Doug scored 5,357 Test runs. His highest score was 250 against New Zealand



in 1977, his average stands at 48.26 and during his career he made 33 50's and 15 100's. Doug also took 49 Test wickets. Today Doug is still very much involved in cricket - commenting on Test Matches for Channel 9, participating in most of the Toohey's Country Cup Matches in the country and conducting coaching clinics for youngsters. He is a sought after dinner speaker, with the South Australian Cricket Association having this to say about a recent function "Doug was fantastic. He held the crowd beautifully and had them laughing throughout his entire performance. I would recommend him without hesitation."

All Maleny clubs are eligible to enter and the MDSRC awards organisers encourage as many as possible to participate in this great sporting event for the Range.

Seating will be limited to the Pavilion capacity so early dinner table bookings for the evening are advised. Patrons will again be treated to a delicious dinner prepared by Sherry Wright and John Mays will entertain everyone with his music.



Ho ho ho! MDSRC committee wishes all of you a very, merry Christmas and we look forward to giving you the very latest club and Precinct news in 2010!

Early Bird Bookings!

Organisers of the 2010 Sportsman's Awards are delighted that the Sunshine Coast Daily and The Range News are to be the major sponsors of the event for 2010. This means even better coverage and publicity, prompting MDSRC's John Brown to issue the following advice "It was a full house last year and with Doug Walters as guest speaker, we expect a sell out this year too. Those clubs who are entering the awards should definitely get their table bookings organised with Gail asap, in advance of the Daily and TRN's articles aimed at the general public or they will miss out on this great evening".

For MDSRC affiliated clubs and members, there is the opportunity for early bird bookings; just contact Gail at gail@mavmuse.com to secure a table now. Tables of 8 and 10 are available, the cost per ticket is \$50.00 and for those who would like to dine with Doug Walters, there are 13 seats at his table, tickets \$100.00 each. As their major yearly fund raiser, the event raised substantial funds for the club in 09 and it's hoped 2010 will do the same. All funds raised go directly to plans for the joint clubhouse.



Update From the President

In its article of 10th December 2009, The Range News carried the official press release from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, announcing that Gamble, McKinnon & Green would be the lead consultants in master-planning work that would start soon on the Precinct. This is probably one of the most significant announcements that Council has made regarding this development and the entire Precinct Community Engagement Working Group has welcomed this appointment, looking forward to the first quarter of 2010 - when hopefully our vision for the Precinct will become a reality.

A further significant development will be the commencement by SCRC of electrical work and the resurfacing of football playing fields at Witta Recreation Club, something that has been in the pipeline for a long time, and which is now expected to commence on April 1st 2010.

In retrospect, 2009 has been a very frustrating year and to the casual observer, the development of the Precinct has hardly seemed to have moved forward. Literally thousands of man hours from many volunteers appear to have been wasted. However, real progress has been made on the development of the golf practice and driving range and Greenhills have done a lot of planning for the much anticipated walkways and riding tracks.

Following on from the very successful and inaugural *Maleny Sportsmans Dinner*, planning is well under way for the next awards night, to be held February 27th 2010, when renowned cricketer and popular dinner personality Doug Walters will be guest speaker. Winners of all four awards (as per the front page) will be announced that night and nomination forms will be going out shortly; we are looking for nominations from *all* Maleny clubs - the nominations and awards are not restricted to MDSRC members and I urge clubs to get involved!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our sportsmen and women, and club officials, both senior and junior, for their many achievements and much hard work, in running and playing for their many clubs during the year.

The performing arts have again been very busy entertaining us and I congratulate the Maleny Singers, Maleny Players, the Maleny Performing Arts Orchestra, the Buderim Male Voice Choir, and Tapestry for their great performances during the year, and want also to mention the support that all of Maleny's service organisations have selflessly given to our community, enriching the lives of us all.

I thank Andrew Powell MP, Councillor Jenny McKay, and all those people in the Sunshine Coast Regional Council who continue to support our club and its goals, and to sincerely thank my committee, who continue to work so tirelessly. Thank you Les Fawkes and Gail Denver for getting the club results and news out on time every week.

Again in 2009, the Maleny Bowls Club has shown real generosity and hospitality in allowing our club to use their facilities to conduct club meetings and socials whilst we await the opportunity to build a joint clubhouse on the Precinct.

I would like to wish them, and everyone of you a very Happy Christmas, a safe holiday season, and all the best for 2010.

Mike Norman



To promote sport and recreation facilities for Maleny and surrounding districts

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

The Other Side

Lady Golfers...

Bob and his three golf buddies were out playing and were just starting on the back nine when Bob paused, looked down the fairway and began to sob uncontrollably.

The other three gathered around him and asked "Whats wrong?"

Bob looked down at his feet, sniffed and dried his eyes some, then apologized for his emotional outburst. "I'm sorry, I always get emotional at this hole - it holds very difficult memories for me."

One of his buddies asked "What happened? What could have gotten you so upset?"

Bob stared silently off into the distance, then said in a low voice, "This is where my wife and I were playing 12 years ago when she suddenly died of a heart attack; right at this very hole!"

"Oh my God" the other golfers said; "That must have been horrible!"

"Horrible? You think it's horrible? Bob cried in disbelief "It was worse than that!!

Every hole for the rest of the day, all the way back to the clubhouse it was...hit the ball, drag Alice, hit the ball, drag Alice..."

After a 2 year study, the National Science Foundation announced the following results on recreational preferences:

- 1. The sport of choice for unemployed or incarcerated people is: basketball.**
- 2. The sport of choice for maintenance level employees is: bowling.**
- 3. The sport of choice for blue-collar workers is: football.**
- 4. The sport of choice for supervisors is: baseball.**
- 5. The sport of choice for middle management is: tennis.**
- 6. The sport of choice for corporate officers is: golf.**

Conclusion:

The higher you rise in the corporate structure, the smaller your balls become.

Maleny Driving Range Loves the Big Wet

One tangible sign of progress during 2009 was preparation of the golf driving range and practice facility. Generous volunteer effort allowed for clearing the weeds, ground preparation, slashing, mulching and finally mowing. The major helpers were Bernie and Helen Porter, Graham and Travis Sayer, Ian Busk and Steve Porter, who provided equipment, staff and time over the past six months, John Kenny, who has worked on the required MCU and surveying jobs and Kel Harding, who has tirelessly assisted with countless hours on his dingo. And it was really pleasing to see so many club members roll up their sleeves for the many working bees – the Golf Club extends their heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved. Golfing equipment was either donated or provided at great discount from other golf clubs (Royal Brisbane, Victoria Park and Horton Park). The 'ball-istics' experiment successfully completed the last working bee for 2009 (see pictures).



The club is now mainly waiting for more good rain to thicken the turf and bring it up to fairway standard. They have a sponsor for a temporary 'clubhouse', and Council has agreed to provide mains power. When that happens, an electric fence will be installed around the playing area. Issues still being finalised are insurance (with Golf Australia), completion of a Material Change of Use with Council and the operating arrangements for running the facility. With a fair share of luck – and rain – the facility should be functioning early in 2010. Master planning for the Precinct begins in earnest in January, with a report to Council due by June. The Council's external consultants include Graham Papworth, a well known golf course designer. Graham's role will be to ensure Council is mindful of the basic requirements for a good golf course; the Master Plan won't include a golf course design, once the Master Plan is approved, MGC will be responsible for the detail of the design.

It's been a long, patient slog but 2009 has seen some solid progress. MGC plans to build on that progress in 2010. President of the club Max Whitten said "Obviously golfers won't be playing on the Maleny Golf Course in 2010 but we should know in the coming year when they can expect to be playing, and what the golf course will look like. I'd like to say to all of our members - best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas; and the committee looks forward to seeing both members and visitors, with clubs in hand, on the practice facility in the next few months".





Maleny Tennis Club Renovations

The week-end's rain (thank heaven for rain!) slowed the finalising of MTC's new extension to their facility (deck plus roof) but they look forward to seeing it all done in the new year. MTC wishes their members all the best for Christmas and thanks MDSRC for publicity and support on several fronts during the year.

(Working on the roof from left to right is John Benn and Bob Eather. Jim Gemmell is on the ladder and Terry Harker standing).

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 Swimming Pool

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS OPENING TIMES

MONDAY – FRIDAY	6.00am – 10.00am 1.30pm – 7.00pm
SATURDAY:	8.00am – 10.30am 2.00pm – 5.30pm
SUNDAY:	1.30pm – 5.30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY:	CLOSED
BOXING DAY:	CLOSED
NEW YEARS EVE:	CLOSES 4.00pm
NEW YEARS DAY:	2.00pm – 5.30pm

All classes resume Monday 04 January 2010.

Junior Squad:	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Mini Squad:	3.30pm – 4.15pm
Senior Squad:	4.15pm – 5.45pm

Maleny Bowls Club

Social bowls as follows:

Every Friday - 2p.m. for 2.30p.m. followed by a social afternoon - 5.00 for 5.30 pm

Contact Peter Hulton 5494 2335

MALENY SCOUTS

FOR BOYS & GIRLS!



(WE DESPERATELY NEED
 VOLUNTEER LEADERS FOR ALL SECTIONS,
 IF YOU CAN ASSIST, PLEASE CONTACT US!)

ALL GIRLS AND BOYS ARE WELCOME
 TO COME AND JOIN
 IN THE FUN IN 2010

MEET AT MALENY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 SITE, BRYCE LANE, MALENY.

CAMPS, GAMES, EARN BADGES, FUN,
 FRIENDS AND LOTS MORE!

JOEY SCOUTS 6 - 8 YRS THURSDAY
 5.30PM - 6.30PM

CUB SCOUTS 8 TO 11 YRS THURSDAY
 5.30PM - 7.00PM.

SCOUTS 11 TO 15 YRS FRIDAY
 6.00PM - 8.00PM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 PHONE: 5494 3121 0420 317 046

COME ON DOWN AND HAVE A TRY!