

# Indooroopilly Heritage

## Champion Golfers

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**BUDGE GILL** was the son of Ernest Gill, who was the 1906 Australian Amateur Champion. His father helped establish the Middle Ridge Club in Toowoomba and Budge started his golf in that city. Budge joined Indooroopilly in 1931 during Ernest Gill's term as Club Secretary and he and Alan Morrow (the son of the club's first President, Henry Morrow) took every opportunity to play golf. Budge won five club championships between 1934 and 1949 and was a pennant representative for 31 years. In 1936 he was selected in the first Queensland team to compete in the national interstate competition. He was admitted to practice as a solicitor in the same year.



*Budge Gill – a classic swing.*

1950-51 and 1954-55 as Captain). He was a QGU delegate from 1950-70 and was Vice-President of the AGU for part of that time. In 1963 he was Manager of the Australian team which tied with Britain for the Commonwealth Teams Series at Royal Sydney. Indooroopilly awarded Budge life membership in 1971.

Budge joined the militia in 1940 and spent three and a half years as a prisoner of war in Changi Prison. Weary Dunlop praised the heroism of Captain Gill in carrying one of his soldiers who was sick with malaria during their long march as prisoners.

He returned to legal practice in May 1946 and was elected to the Indooroopilly Club committee in 1947, serving continuously for 24 years (1958-60 and 1965-66 as President and



*Budge Gill (on the left) with friend Alan Morrow (on the right). Alan was also a club championship winner - in 1935 and 1947.*



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1963 Australian team - Budge Gill (Manager) third from left.

**PETER DAVIES** was chased off the old Indooroopilly course many times when he was a small boy. His ritual after school was to jump on his bike and, with a couple of mates and the family dog in tow, ride down to a distant part of the course hoping to remain unnoticed while hitting balls. The boys were hunted off the course by the then Club Secretary, Jack Armstrong and senior member, Budge Gill.

Later he would caddy at the club and foxed balls for Ossie Walker when he was teaching. If a student did not turn up he would be given a free lesson.

He joined Indooroopilly in 1949 as a sixteen year old and his sponsor was the now singularly impressed Budge Gill. His first handicap was nine and he reduced to scratch in two years. He was Club Champion twelve times between 1953-70, played pennants for the club from 1950-82, was a State representative 1952-69 apart from two years due to illness and being overseas, Australian Universities Champion in 1953 and Queensland Amateur Champion in 1963. During this time he married, started a family and graduated as a dentist from Queensland University during the first half of the 1950s.

Elected to committee in 1959 he served 24 years straight to 1983, when he was made a life member. He served as Captain (1961-65) and President (1972-74 and 1976). Little wonder he had memories of regularly mowing lawns late into the night and finding a church close to where the pennant team was playing each Sunday so he could fit everything in.

Further service with the Brisbane District Golf Association and the Queensland Golf Union led to him being appointed President of QGU in 1993 and in 1996 he became President of the Australian Golf Union.



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*1959 Queensland team  
Standing L-R:  
N Weston, I Carrick,  
Budge Gill (Manager),  
J Coogan, S Mackay.  
Seated L-R: K Drage,  
L Maher, Peter Davies,  
D Von Nida.*



*1961 Queensland team  
Standing L-R:  
R Coogan, J Rayner,  
S Mackay, P Jackman,  
Peter Davies  
Seated L-R: B Porter,  
Budge Gill (Manager),  
R Vines, N Weston*



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**GEORGE GUNDERSON** reduced his handicap from twenty-one to six in his first year of club golf. He won his first club championship in 1962 and his second twenty-one years later in 1983 at the age of 60 when his qualifying score of 72-74 was one of the lowest on record at the time. His opponent in the final was thirty-three year old Tony Kent who was to become Secretary/Manager in 1992.



*George Gunderson in 1962.*

George spent twenty-five years on committee, four as Captain and two as Vice-President. He represented the club in pennants for 36 years and appears on the club's honour boards an amazing twenty-six times.

George Gunderson was awarded life membership in 2004.



*"Gundy" in 1999*



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**DREW TOVEY** was Club Champion in 1968, '69, '71 and '72. He was the son of Vic Tovey (pennant player, club Captain 1971 and club President 1975). Drew joined the club as a 10 year old but club rules of the time prevented him playing in any competitions. At the age of fourteen he became the first Queenslander to win the Australian Schoolboys' Championship in 1964. He went on to represent the state with distinction in both junior and senior teams.

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TELEGRAPH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1970

### DREW, star of the swinging Toveys

# ... He lives from the course

Drew Tovey, 20, lives just a chip shot away from the sunswept green of Indooroopilly golf course.

Which, as you can imagine, is a dream location for a young golf champ.

The good news came through yesterday that he'll skipper the Queensland Junior Golf Team for the prestigious Master Inter - State matches here at Oatley.

A high honour. But the young golfing star is a modest hero. Always has been. Even at home.

Back in '64 he won the national schoolboys golf title in Sydney. His father remained at the time. "When Drew returns to Brisbane, he won't have much to say about winning."

And he didn't want to give much away when I called out to congratulate him on becoming captain.

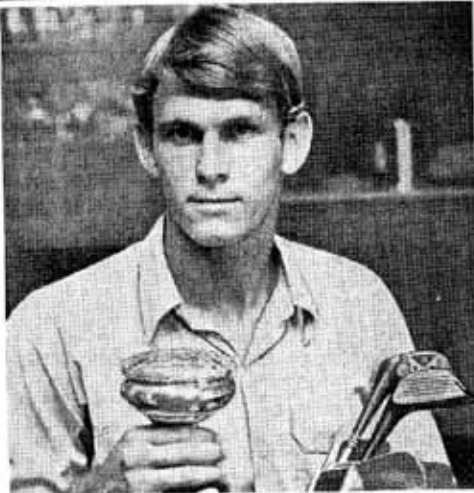
But this quality serves him well on the golf course.

He plays it cool, man. Doesn't get rattled under pressure.

His dad with his golfing skill, and you can see how he comes to have a stack of trophies scoring the Tovey lineage.

Drew is 6ft, 2 in. tall, weighs 115 to 12 stone. Fair - haired with hazel eyes. Plays off a handicap of two at Indooroopilly.

In many ways he resembles the legendary golfer, his father.



DREW TOVEY and one of his trophies ... computers are in his career sights, too.

Mum holds the record for the longest playing Tovey. Dad's been winning a club for 26 years. Unfortunately, she's been missing from the golf course lately because of a spell in hospital.

And, the Toveys, has been playing for 23 years. He's still a beginner at law at Indooroopilly.

He's taken the hat trick at the clubhouse.

Guided by pro Chas Walker, and helped by Dad, Drew went on to take the national schoolboys' title the following year.

He won with a rare display of power hitting for a youngster ... the first Queenslander to win the title.

He's taken the hat trick at the clubhouse.

Queensland University golf championship three times in a row.

And last year he tied for the Australian Universities' championship, but lost the play off.

Drew Allan Tovey was born in Brisbane on September 26, 1948. He studied at Indooroopilly High, then went to Uni.

At first he set his sights on forestry work as a career. Then the broader aspects of science captured his imagination.

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So after he gets his degree, Drew would like to go to a computer course.

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He enjoys a dip at the Gold Coast, too. "Not that I'm a beach surfer," he adds. "But I do like the surf and the beach."

Another pleasant relaxation for Drew is listening to music. "I like Bill Parson, but music and that's about it."

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"Your outlook, your temperament, is just as important as anything else," he stated.

"If you appear nervous, if you are quiet, the other fellow gains a good advantage over you."

"I suppose everyone tries to be as cool as they can."

"I discipline myself. If I drop a few strokes in a championship and know it's still in it, I don't let myself get rattled."

"I won't give up. I keep trying. That's half the battle."

"Through the year I'd play twice in the week-end and once or twice during the week."

"Last week ... and I



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**KEITH DRAGE** won the club championship in 1973, '74 and '81. A former champion of Gales and Pacific Golf Clubs, as well as winner of the Spanish and Philippines amateur titles, he was rated by many as the best swinger Queensland amateur golf had ever produced.



Keith Drage, as a member of the 1981 Indooroopilly open pennant team.

**DANNY SPENCER** won the 1971 NSW junior championship and the 1972 Queensland junior championship. Within six months of joining IGC he won the 1974 Queensland amateur championship, defeating Greg Norman 10 and 8 in the semi final.



Danny Spencer – savaged The Shark.

SEMI FINAL QLD AMATEUR ROYAL QUEENSLAND GOLF CLUB

Competition: **NORMAN & SPENCER** 23 & 17 holes

Player: **Norman** 1st 10 & 18, 2nd 18, 4 birdies; **Spencer** 7 birdies, 1st 10 & 18, 2nd 18

Player	1st 10 & 18	2nd 18	Total	1st 10 & 18	2nd 18	Total
1	261	4 16	277	398	4 17	402
2	366	4 4	370	325	4 8	329
3	483	5 7	490	369	4 1	373
4	178	3 12	190	448	5 13	453
5	457	5 14	471	151	3 11	154
6	384	4 2	386	393	4 5	397
7	358	4 6	364	384	4 3	388
8	133	3 18	141	454	4 15	458
9	347	4 10	351	349	4 9	353
10	2967	36	3003	3271	36	3307
11		36 33	3633	6238	72	6310

Spencer won 9/18

How he did it.

Norman was one under to that point. Danny played the 28 holes at Royal Queensland in eleven under, holing "every putt I looked at". He was successful in the Australian Foursomes Championship in 1975 and '77 and won the Queensland amateur again in 1979, beating Ossie Moore in the final. He won three club championships in 1976, '78 and '79. Danny represented the club in pennants until 1986 and again in 1991-93. He served on the club committee for a period in the mid eighties and again in the early nineties. He turned professional in 2002 and played successfully on the Australian seniors tour. From 2005 he played a major role in developing the area of corporate golf operations at the club.



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*Danny Spencer in 2009*

**NOTE:** The basis of the information provided has been extracted from the booklet **A Half Century of Golf 1926-1976 at Indooroopilly Golf Club** by Jack Lunn and the later update by Ian Arnold (unpublished manuscript).

