

# Indooroopilly Heritage

## Professionals



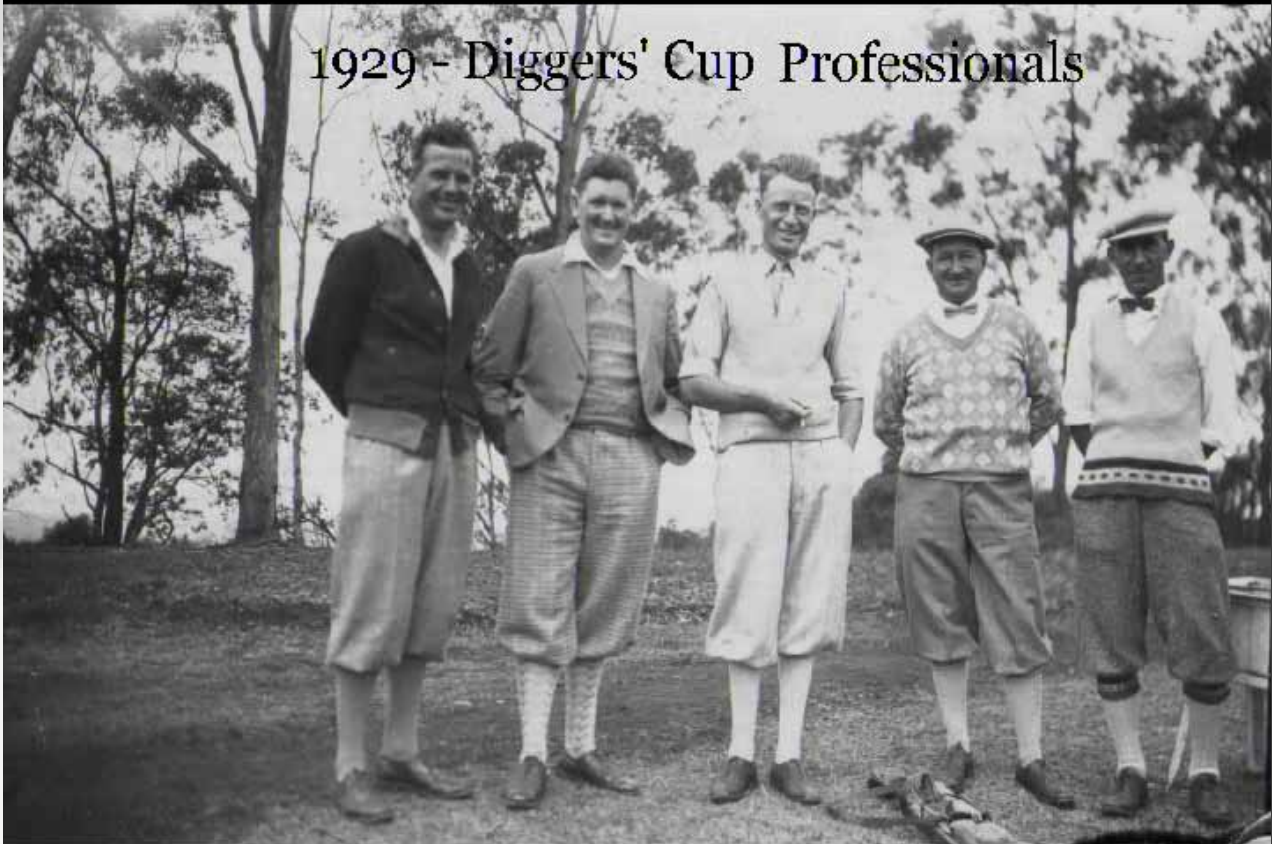
ALEX. DENHOLM,  
who will represent Queensland in

Alex Denholm

Alex Denholm was the first professional from 1926-27 and Tom Southcombe served from 1927-1937.

*Below: Tom Southcombe (far left) with fellow professionals at Middle Ridge course, Toowoomba in 1929*

### 1929 - Diggers' Cup Professionals



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*Ossie Walker as a leading tournament golfer in the 1930's.*

Ossie Walker was head professional at Indooroopilly for 34 years from 1937.

Ossie did his apprenticeship with Mick Stafford at Brisbane Golf Club.

He won the Qld Close Championship from Norman von Nida in 1934 and he had been at Indooroopilly for only 3 months when he caught the train to Sydney and almost won the Australian Open – his putt at the last ran around the lip but did not drop.

Ossie scored a 2 on every hole at the St Lucia links except the 1st and 6th, plus a hole-in-one at the 8th and 11th.

He died in 1971 at the age of 59. We are indebted to the family of Ossie Walker for donating many of the trophies won by him for display at the Club. The VO Walker trophy is awarded annually for a 36 holes nett stroke event for ladies and the winner's name is engraved on the Qld PGA Championship Cup won by him.



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1950's Slazengers function for Qld Golf Professionals:

L-R: A S MacArthur, T Stafford, F Hayes, A E Gazzard, E Stumbles, Mrs V O Walker, L O'Dwyer, V O Walker, M T Stafford



Ossie Walker  
lines up a putt at  
St Lucia in  
the late 1960's.





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Aged 18 years Rob Gibson became the youngest winner of the Qld PGA Championship when he won the event in 1966. He had been the professional at Long Pocket for five years and was only 23 years of age when appointed Senior Professional at St Lucia to replace his mentor, Ossie Walker. Twenty years later Rob left to pursue other interests and the Club took over management of the golf shop.



*Rob Gibson - Qld PGA Champion 1966.*



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Barry Vassella began duties at Long Pocket in 1971 when Rob Gibson moved back to St Lucia. Barry left to take up the position of golf pro at Mackay Golf Club in 1988

*Barry Vassella*

Brisbane Golf professionals meet Arnold Palmer in 1987  
L-R: Rob Gibson, Arnold Palmer, Merv Uhlman, Charlie Earp and Barry Vassella



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*Their last day  
at St Lucia  
in 1985:*

*L-R:  
Rob Gibson,  
Jack Surman  
(Head Green-  
keeper),  
Barry Vassella,  
Neil Surman  
(Assistant  
Greenkeeper)*



Well-known professional Ian Triggs taught at Indooroopilly from 1991 until 2004. Following a successful amateur career, Ian turned pro at 21, and after a stint on the professional circuit worked at Pacific, RQ, Townsville and Keperra (9 years).

A fine golf teacher, Ian coached State and Australian women's teams for many years. He also taught several international tournament players including Rachel Hetherington, Peter Senior, Karrie Webb and John Senden.

*Ian Triggs*





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Martin Gould had coaching positions in the UK and Germany before returning to Australia to head up our teaching programme from 2004 until 2008.

*Martin Gould*

Darren Richards was appointed Director of Golf in 2002.

Darren had been a member of the winning 1994 Indooroopilly pennant team. He was selected for teams representing Queensland Colts in 1993 and 1994.



*Darren Richards - pennant player in 1994*



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Many of the coaches at Indooroopilly have had previous links with our Club.

Lee Eagleton represented QGU in many tournaments throughout Australia during his amateur career. He was also a member of the winning Indooroopilly pennant team in 1994.

He returned to Indooroopilly in 2008 as a partner in Golf Club Innovations, operating from the golf shop.

Lee Eagleton - pennant player in 1994

Gary Calder did his traineeship with Rob Gibson and Barry Vassella at Long Pocket.

In 2008 he returned to Indooroopilly with Lee Eagleton to operate their Golf Club Innovations business from the golf shop.



Gary Calder





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Matthew Guyatt was a member of the winning 1999 Indooroopilly pennant team and joined the coaching team at the Club in 2006.

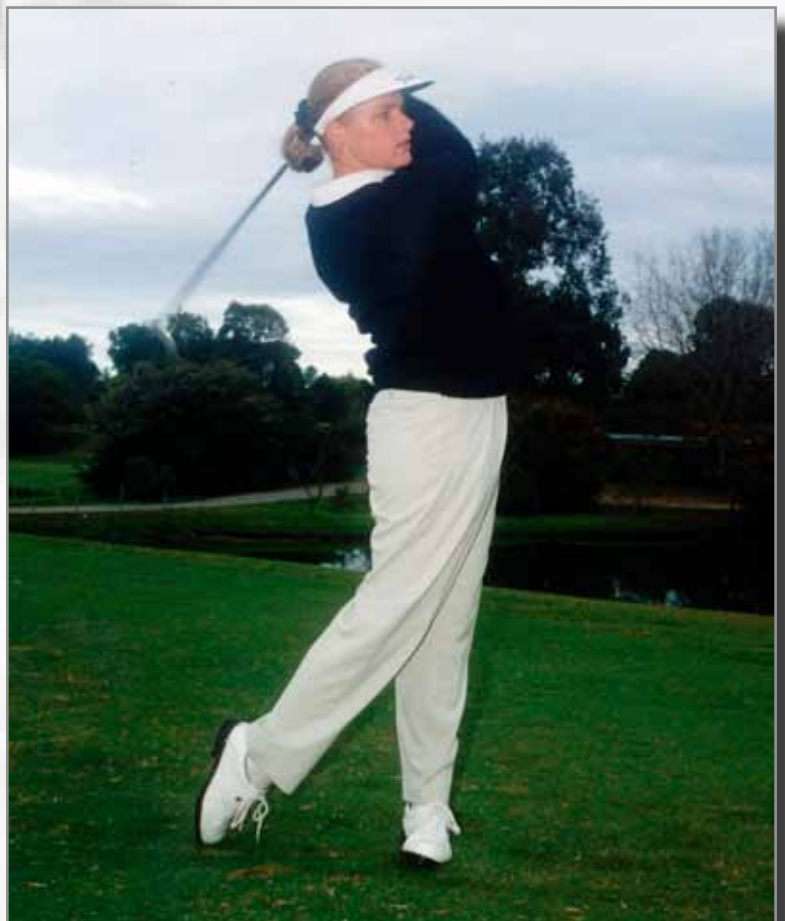
*Matthew Guyatt*

Virginia Irwin played pennants for Indooroopilly and was Club Champion in 2000.

After a fine amateur career during which she represented Australia and Queensland and won the Qld Amateur Championship in 1997 and 2001, she turned professional at the end of 2001.

She was employed initially by Ian Triggs' Golf Academy at Indooroopilly and later by the Club.

*Virginia Irwin playing in the 1998 Club Championships.*



**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).

