

Indooroopilly Heritage

Tournaments

TOURNAMENTS

Exhibition matches were organised by golf administrators to popularise the game in Australia during the 1930s through to the 1960s. Companies such as Slazengers also used matches to promote their golf equipment and showcase their contracted golf stars. Some of the major exhibitions played at Indooroopilly were -

1931 - exhibition match between American star, Walter Hagen and Joe Kirkwood. Hagen won eleven majors in his career and an enthusiastic gallery of about 1,500 turned out to watch. Junior member, Budge Gill, caddied for Kirkwood.



The gallery watch the Hagen and Kirkwood match.



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1934 - exhibition between Joe Kirkwood and Gene Sarazan against club professional, Tom Southcombe and young star, Budge Gill. Sarazan won the US Masters at Augusta the following year.



A young Budge Gill in trouble against Kirkwood and Sarazan.



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1950 - exhibition between South African professional, Bobby Locke and Club Champion, Des Perkins against club professional, Ossie Walker and Budge Gill. Bobby Locke won four British Opens between 1949 and 1957. He is regarded as one of the finest putters the world of golf has ever known.

• CLUB CHAMPION ON THE MARK

Partner's birdies

aided Locke

TWO birdie 3's by Indooroopilly club champion, Des. Perkins, at the 12th and 13th helped him and Bobby Locke to a 2 up win over Ossie Walker and Budge Gill at Indooroopilly yesterday.

It was Locke's last appearance on his Queensland exhibition tour. He won five of his seven matches.

Locke and Perkins were trailing one down when Perkins holed a chip at the 370yd. 12th to square, and an 18ft. putt at the 365yd. 13th to put his side in the lead.

Walker squared the match with a beautiful birdie 3 at the 14th, but Locke finished 4, 3, 4, 3, winning the 16th and 18th to down the opposition by two holes.

STRENUOUS TOUR

Locke, who was obviously tired after his strenuous tour, was round in scratch figures of 71.

Walker took 72, Gill 76, and Perkins 80.

Locke returned to Sydney by air last night and will leave for New Zealand on Monday.

He will later play in Sydney, Melbourne, and Tasmania before catching the Dominion Monarch for South Africa on December 2.

3 MATCHES BY LOCKE

By L. O'DWYER

Brisbane fans will be able to see world famous golfer Bobby Locke in action on all three of the city's major courses during his visit next month.

Subject to the decision of Royal Queensland Golf Club, Locke will open his Queensland tour in a four-ball match there on Thursday, October 12.

His second game will be against Norman von Nida at the Brisbane club's course, Yeerongpilly, on the afternoon of October 14, as was announced in the "Brisbane Telegraph" last Saturday, following which he will play at Toowoomba on October 15, before going north.

Then, on his return, he will stage his final match at Indooroopilly on October 20, possibly with professional Ossie Walker, club champion Des Perkins, and Budge Gill.

The social side of his visit will include a reception at Victoria Park on October 11, after he gets here from Lismore, and possibly a sight-seeing tour on October 13.

Gallery fee in the south has been 10s, and record crowds have paid it to see the champion in action.

Last match was battle

By BOBBY LOCKE

YOUNG Indooroopilly amateur Des. Perkins and myself were having a tough fight against Ossie Walker and Budge Gill yesterday until Des shot two birdies at the 12th and 13th.

Walker and Gill were combining well, and although I was out in 36, one under scratch, we were one down.

Des. then landed his chip in for a birdie 3 at the 12th, and holed a long putt for another 3 at the 13th to put our nose in front.

Ossie Walker played a really perfect iron to the 14th for an easy birdie 3 to square the game.

I then took the 16th with a par 3 and put my approach at the last within five feet for a birdie three to finish two up.

The Indooroopilly course was in excellent condition, and I did not strike a bad lie all afternoon.

I enjoyed the Queensland part of my Australian tour immensely, and there is no doubt the State has a fine future in golf.

I am only sorry I could not spend more time here.



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Early 1950s - Ossie Walker played an exhibition match with American, Babe Didrickson, the greatest woman athlete of the time. She shot 71 from the back tees and consistently out-drove Ossie.

1958 – Exhibition between Gary Player and Norman von Nida versus Queensland Amateur Champion, Jack Coogan and Club Champion, Peter Davies. Gary Player won the first of his nine major titles the following year.

1963 - series of matches between ladies teams from Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand and Queensland as part of a round-robin exhibition organised by QLGU.

Many major tournaments (both amateur and professional) have been played at Indooroopilly. These include -

1934 - Queensland Ladies Amateur Championship. It was won by Indooroopilly's Associates Champion, Miss Kath Dixon. In the ensuing years Indooroopilly has hosted many more Queensland Amateur Championships for both men and women.

1935 – Close Championship of Queensland, won by Norman von Nida.

1951 - Queensland Open. This was won by Victorian, Ossie Pickworth, who had been the Australian Open champion in 1946, '47 and '48.

1955 - Australian PGA Championship, won by Ossie Pickworth.

1956 – Queensland PGA Championship, won by D. Welch.

1958 - Queensland Open, won by Jack Brown.

1963 - Queensland Open. Two of Australia's finest postwar players, Kel Nagle and Bruce Devlin tied after 72 holes. In the 18 hole playoff on Sunday Devlin had a course record 63 to defeat Nagle who had a 71.



Bruce Devlin lines up a putt during the Open.



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Bruce Devlin holds the 1963 Queensland Open trophy.

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PLAYER *Bruce Devlin*

HOLE	YARDS	Standard Scratch Score	PLAYER	MARKER	HOLE	YARDS	Standard Scratch Score	PLAYER	MARKER
1	495	5	4		10	440	4	4	
2	395	4	4		11	185	3	3	
3	265	4	2		12	370	4	4	
4	335	4	4		13	365	4	3	
5	345	4	3		14	455	4	4	
6	480	5	4		15	415	4	4	
7	335	4	4		16	190	3	3	
8	135	3	3		17	465	5	4	
9	405	4	3		18	335	4	3	
3190		37			3220		35	IN 32	
Player's Signature		<i>Bruce Devlin</i>		3190		37		OUT 31	
Marker's Signature		<i>Ken Magle</i>		6410		72		TOTAL 63	
Date: _____									

The player is responsible for the immediate handing in of this card, correctly marked and duly signed and countersigned.

Devlin's record score card.



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1971 – Queensland Open, won by V. Bennetts.

1972 – Queensland PGA Championship was played at Long Pocket and won by Peter Barry.

1975 - Australian Ladies Amateur Championship. Victoria's Jane Lock was the winner.

1979 - Queensland Open. Amateur Jeff Senior beat Jack Newton by two shots.

1986 - Queensland PGA Championship was played at Long Pocket. Ossie Moore won from Brett Ogle and Peter Senior.

1987 - Interstate teams matches for the Gladys Hay Memorial Cup. Queensland narrowly defeated Victoria.

1993 - Australian Ladies Amateur Championship. Anne-Marie Knight from South Australia won.

1996 – Men's Australian Amateur Championship in conjunction with Brisbane Golf Club. Jamie Crow shot 67 in the first round at IGC to set up his win.

1996 - Australian Junior Girls Championship, won by Gloria Park from NSW.

2000 – Australian Junior Boys Championship, won by Mark Wuersching from Queensland.

2002 – Men's Australian Amateur Championship. The winner was Kurt Barnes from NSW.

2007 - Australian Women's 72 hole Strokeplay Championship, won by Frances Bondad from NSW.

