

Queensland Chemists' Golf Club

To Those Who Have Gone Before and To Those Who Come After by Peter Castellaro

The Queensland Chemists' Golf Club ("the Club"), as we know it, was formed as a result of a meeting held in the Pharmacy Guild Rooms, Drysdale Chambers on Tuesday, 29 November 1952.

At this meeting, Mr Jack Richardson was appointed chairman. He pointed out to those present that the object of the meeting was to form the 'Queensland Chemists' Golf Club'. All present agreed.

The election of officers then took place. Mr Jack Richardson was nominated for president by Mr. Stewie Greig and seconded by Mr A.B. (Abe) Chater. Mr Chater was nominated for vice-president by Mr Greig, seconded by Mr W. (Bill) Stanley, Mr Cliff Noble was nominated for secretary by Mr Greig and this was seconded by Mr B. Williams. All these nominations were carried unanimously and hence these gentlemen were our first office bearers. The membership fee was set at One Guinea £1.1.0 (\$2.10).

A book of rules taken from the then N.S.W. Chemists' Golf Club was submitted by the secretary for consideration. It was decided that certain amendments were required. The meeting also decided that consideration be given to the inclusion of female members and a list of potential prospects was compiled. To this end the secretary was to seek the co-operation of Miss Zena Edwards.

The meeting duly closed at 9.30 p.m.

Rad West was able to assist me with some pre-WWII information, of particular interest there is a photo in the PSA office that shows a Chemist Golf Day held at Royal Queensland on 15 November 1932. Some of the names included Jim Gillies, Gerald Nolan (Gerry), Nat Green, George Ward and JP Davies (all chemists). Cliff Noble (DHA), Eric Atchison and M Gresham (all trade). An interesting connection involves the fact that Kevin Molloy took over from Nat Green in Queen Street, Harry Burke took over from Gerald Nolan in Ipswich and Peter Castellaro took over from Jim Gillies in Fortitude Valley. As a further note, none of these pharmacies are still operating.

The JP Davies pharmacy was established in 1885 and continued in the same family until 2008 when it was sold to George Fotinos.

There is further evidence that a Chemists' Golf Club existed before World War 2. The Kenneth Mitchell Cup, which is still one of our major trophies, was won in 1938 by a Mr Al Parton. Kenneth Mitchell was a sundries wholesaler in Queensland who passed away in 1988. He was a long-time supporter of the Club. There are reports that teams of golfers, cricketers and tennis players journeyed south to engage their counterparts in sporting competitions.

The second meeting of the Club was held on 19 February 1953. At this meeting, an invitation was received from Mr Ralph Bray, hon. secretary of the N.S.W. Chemists' Golf Club, for two chemists and two representatives from the wholesale trade business to participate in the Australian Chemist Golf Carnival ("Carnival") in Sydney from the 8th to the 14th of March of that year. The following members represented the Club: Messrs Jack Richardson, Abe Chater, Jack Wheeler (all chemists) and Bill Stanley (trade). Bill Stanley, incidentally, won the Club Championship of the Brisbane Golf Club in 1950. He was a representative of Johnson & Johnson and later Helena Rubenstein.

The first golf day of the Club was held at Redland Bay Golf Club on Sunday, 17 May 1953. The fees for the day were 15 shillings 15/- (\$1.50), which covered green fees and lunch. A total of 45 men and 7 ladies attended.

A brief meeting was also held that day and a committee of six (6) was elected. These were: Messrs Jack Wheeler, Len Fogg, Bryan O'Connell, Bill O'Shea (chemists), as well as J. Gain and Bill Stanley (trade). The president again appealed to the ladies to form an associate club.

At the committee meeting held on 28 May 1953, an amount of two pounds sixteen shillings (£2.16.0) (\$5.60) was handed to the treasurer, apparently from the, by then, defunct pre-war Chemists' Golf Club. It was decided that trophies were to cost no more than ten shillings and six pence (10/6) (\$1.05) each. The Pharmacy Journal and the Queensland Dispenser were used to publicise the Club's activities. It was also suggested that consideration be given to playing mid-week.

An interesting item appears in the minutes of the committee meeting held on Monday, 31 August 1953 under the heading "Liquid Refreshments". The chairman pointed out that he was endeavouring to purchase 10 gallons of 'amber fluid'. It must be remembered that in those days the sale of alcohol was prohibited on Sundays and the restrictions

placed a severe financial burden on golf clubs and bowling clubs. Most clubs did sell alcohol to members and visitors on Sundays but there was always the danger of a police raid, although the "bush telegraph" worked pretty well.

At the annual meeting of 25 March 1954, Jack Richardson resigned as president and A.B. (Abe) Chater was elected president. Jack Wheeler was elected vice-president. Bill Dowd retired as treasurer and was replaced by Jack Dowling. The balance sheet showed a credit balance of one hundred and sixty-nine pounds six shillings and six pence (£169.6.6) (\$338.65) for the year ended December 1953.

On 16 May 1954, at a Nudgee Golf Club outing, Mr J. Gain was appointed 'captain for the day only'. He was thus the first 'captain' of the Club. The custom of appointing 'captain for the day only', was to continue for several years.

The outings were usually every two months and the courses played were: Redland Bay, Peninsular (now Redcliffe), Nudgee, Virginia, Gales, and Oxley. The second captain appointed was Bert Asprey - Bert would be remembered by the senior members of our organisation.

At the annual meeting held on 23 February 1955, Mr A.B. (Abe) Chater resigned as president and Bert Asprey was nominated for the position by Mr Mansell Lyne and seconded by Mr Max Lawton. He was elected unopposed. Mr Eric Nicholls replaced Jack Dowling as treasurer. Eric was the general manager of Fauldings which was taken over by Mayne and is now Symbion. Eric served as a RAAF pilot in the Pacific zone and during one of his flights back to Australia, he loaded his plane with cigarettes bought in the American canteen. Cigarettes were rationed and in short supply at that time and Eric was going to make a killing selling them however, he had to ditch his plane in the Torres Strait. Eric made it to shore safely but his cigarettes became war casualties. Eric has since passed away.

In 1955, the N.S.W. Chemists' Golf Club again invited Queensland to send four members to the Carnival in Sydney, commencing 1 May 1955. It appears from the minutes that five members attended being: Jack Richardson, Abe Chater, Jack Wheeler, Bert Benjamin, and Bert Asprey. The name Pat Seeney begins to appear in reports around this time.

At a meeting held on 21 February 1956, two important decisions were made:

1. To purchase a trophy called 'The Queensland Chemists' Golf Club Trophy'. This is still one of our major trophies.
2. That the Australian Chemists' Golf Club Carnival be held in Brisbane in May 1957 and that 40 interstate visitors be invited.

It was in March 1956 that a contingent from Queensland first attended a Carnival in Melbourne viz, Jack Richardson, Abe Chater, Eric Nicholls, Max Lawton, Bert Asprey, Ian Brusasco, Keith (Tiny) Bates and Pat Seeney. *The last four gentlemen journeyed to Melbourne by train and when met by Frank Montegano at the station were not in the best of health..... to say the least.*

Pat Seeney, a youthful newcomer and a boy from the bush, had just taken up the game having previously excelled as a batsman at cricket. Not owning golf shoes, he played his golf in cricket boots. He was told to wear golf shoes at the Melbourne Carnival. The new shoes caused much pain and blisters, and he had the distinction of playing the last nine holes, at none other than Royal Melbourne, in bare feet. To make matters worse, his shirt for the day was a bright zebra stripe. Approaching the 18th green, Wally Pinerua and Hymie Eizenberg, wrapped him in a coat and escorted him past the members bay window to the side entrance of that august club.

Up to this time, the Carnivals alternated between New South Wales and Victoria. At the closing dinner of the 1956 Carnival, in accordance with tradition, the club president of the other state would formally invite the host state to the next Carnival. In his speech, the Victorian president thanked the visitors for coming and made special mention of the Queenslanders. At the conclusion of his speech, it was the New South Wales president, Alan Weir (The Count), who would normally respond and formally issue the invitation to the next Carnival in his state of New South Wales. The Queensland president, Mr Bert Asprey, beat Alan Weir to his feet and responded on behalf of the Queenslanders. He thanked New South Wales and Victoria for inviting Queensland to the Carnivals. He then invited New South Wales and Victoria to attend the next Carnival in May 1957 in Queensland. This came as a complete surprise as it had not previously been made known or canvassed. Alan Weir spoke in favour and supported the addition of Queensland to the interstate Carnivals. Hence, Queensland was admitted to the Australian Chemist Golf Association in 1956.

It was also in 1956 that Mr J (Jack) Brockelhurst presented the display case which encloses the 'Queensland Chemists Golf Shield'. At that time, Jack was the state manager of Turner Tools and Turner Washing Machines Co.

At the annual meeting in 1957, Jack Wheeler was elected president as Bert Asprey felt that a chemist should be president of the Club. This decision has now been incorporated into the constitution of the Club. Bert Asprey was elected vice-president. Cliff Noble and Bill Fitzgerald were elected joint secretaries and R.S. Greig, treasurer. As yet no permanent captain had been appointed.

At the committee meeting on Tuesday, 9 April 1957, three weeks before the Carnival, concern was expressed that the 'southerners' had not yet forwarded their numbers and the secretary was to phone for the information.

1957 was to be an important year for the Club as it was the first time that a Carnival was held in Queensland. The visitors stayed at Lennons Hotel, in George Street (it was the premier hotel at the time and has since been demolished). Lennons was also the venue for the official reception.

The courses played were Brisbane, Coolangatta-Tweed Heads, a rest day (although golf was organised for those who wished to play), Indooroopilly, and Royal Queensland.

The Carnival was a great success, and many congratulatory letters were received. The cost of the Carnival was nine hundred and fifty-one pounds thirteen shillings and ten pence £951.13.10 (\$1903.39). It was recommended, at a meeting after the Carnival, that Queensland make every endeavour to stage the 1960 Carnival and thus keep its place on the Australian Carnival calendar.

In August 1957, an invitation was received from the N.S.W. Chemists' Golf Club for Queensland to send thirty golfers to the Sydney Carnival, which was to take place from 4 – 9 May 1958. This was an important measure as it placed Queensland on an equal footing with New South Wales and Victoria.

At the annual meeting in February 1958, Jack Wheeler was re-elected president and Bert Benjamin, vice-president. Max Lawton was elected treasurer in place of R.S. Greig who resigned as he was incoming president of Oxley Golf Club. At this meeting it was decided to appoint a permanent captain and Bert Asprey was elected. There were two new members elected to the committee, being Ian Brusasco and John Lehmhase. Peter Castellaro began playing with the Club at this time.

Eighteen members of the Club attended the New South Wales Carnival in May 1958, and in the Samuel Fripp Trophy, Victoria defeated Queensland 6 matches to 1. The late Bernie Cooney from Warwick being the Queensland winner.

In October of 1958, a visit to Toowoomba was arranged. The purpose of the visit was to try to encourage the country chemists to join the Club. The Brisbane chemists played the local chemists and were successful by 259 points to 234. The name Doug Moreton appears as a Toowoomba chemist at this time. Until recently Doug, who has now passed away, was still a member of the Club, attending interstate Carnivals. Doug served as a pilot for the RAAF in Europe in WWII, his trademark was his pipe which he often chewed. It was also moved that every effort be made to increase the attendance of associates.

At the committee meeting of 3 September 1959, Bert Benjamin resigned as president as he was moving to Sydney and Pat Seeney took over as president. It was also resolved that the 1960 Australian Carnival be held at Brisbane from 3 to 8 April. The courses selected were: Royal Queensland, Coolangatta – Tweed Heads, a rest day (with golf optional), Gales and Brisbane.

An interesting feature of this era was that committee meetings were held monthly at Drysdale's Chambers. Drysdale's Chambers was a two-story building at Petrie Bight and played an important role in the history of pharmacy in Queensland. The ground floor office was occupied by Drysdale's Day and Night Chemist, and it was the only pharmacy allowed to operate seven days a week, in those days, trading hours being restricted to five and a half days a week. It was also the home of a co-operative buying group for the City Chemists and was the forerunner of the Queensland Druggists Limited (QDL), which later developed into a co-operative wholesaler covering Queensland and New South Wales. It also expanded to Victoria and later became a public company and was taken over by Sigma in 1995. The top floor office was shared by the Pharmaceutical Society of Queensland and the Pharmacy Guild. Miss Dorothy Brighthouse was the secretary of both organisations, this arrangement lasted until the mid 1960's, but as the organisations grew there became a need for more space and each of the organisations then secured their own premises.

At the annual meeting held on 9 February 1960, Pat Seeney was re-elected president, Jack Wheeler became vice-president and Cliff Noble, secretary. Max Lawton was treasurer and Bert Asprey remained captain. As this was Carnival year, it was decided to increase the committee to eight in order to spread the workload. Those elected were Norm Svendsen, Ian Brusasco, Les Hood, Jack Dowling, John Lehmhase, Peter Hunt, Basil Cowan and Mansell Lyne.

At the early Carnivals, the visitors would be transported to and from the golf courses in the host state in members' cars. As parking was not allowed in front of Lennons Hotel in George Street during the morning peak hours, the Queensland members assembled at the Roma Street Railway Station and a car would leave every two minutes to pick up the visitors who would be waiting on the footpath.

An amusing story concerns the late Tom Hollingworth and Bert Asprey. Neither had met before. Bert walked into Tom's room and found Tom sitting on the toilet with his customary trademark in his mouth (a long cigar) and not a stitch on. Quick as a flash Bert's first words were, "excuse me sir, which end am I addressing".

The total cost of the 1960 Carnival was one thousand two hundred and ninety-two pounds four shillings and seven pence. £1292.4.7 (\$2,584.86). The Carnival was considered a great success.

At the Toowoomba outing on 20 October 1960, Alan Hartland's name appears. He and the late Jim Cooney won the four ball best ball trophy.

The final outing for the year was held at Gailes Golf Club on 14 December 1960, followed by a family barbecue.

Some Gailes Gold Club fairways adjoin the Goodna Psychiatric Hospital. On this final day, temperatures were over 108°F (42 C) and the residents were seen gently fanning themselves under the trees and watching the golfers go past. Tiny Bates remarked as his four trudged past in the boiling sun, "the wrong people are locked up!"

The year 1961 commenced on a sad note, with the sudden passing of Jack Wheeler. At the annual meeting held on 7 February, the members stood for one minute silence as a mark of respect for Jack Wheeler, a founding member and past president of the Club.

Pat Seeney was re-elected president and Kevin Molloy, vice-president. Kevin was the owner/manager of Nat Greens pharmacy on the corner of Queen and Edward Street (now demolished). Cliff Noble was elected secretary, Norm Svendsen, treasurer and John Lemhase, captain.

It was decided to have seven games during that year, four Sundays and three mid-week. It was no trouble getting courses on Sundays as golf was not as popular as it is now, and our fields were only small (around twenty).

1962 was, possibly, the Club's most challenging year. Eight members were listed to attend the Victorian Carnival. Only five members attended, Tom Cullum, Tom Odlum, Peter Castellaro, Kevin Molloy and Arthur Simpson. Alan Hartland, newly qualified, was to relieve for John Lehmhase although, on the Friday night, Alan was admitted to hospital with appendicitis, hence John missed out on the Victorian Carnival - such is the life of a pharmacist.

Also, around this time, Bert Asprey left the industry and Ian Brusasco entered politics, as a Labour Alderman in the Brisbane City Council and so both were lost to the Club. As often happens in a small club, the loss of key members leaves a huge vacuum. There was some concern in the southern clubs that our small numbers would affect our ability to hold future Carnivals, this concern was soon put to rest.

A new trophy was introduced in 1962, donated by the Victorian Pharmacy Students, now called the 'Founders Trophy'. Two new trophies were to be added to the Carnival in Queensland in 1963. These were for the B Grade and C Grade championships. Thus, Queensland had the honour of holding these championships for the first time.

1963 opened with the retirement of Cliff Noble including his retirement as secretary of the Club. He was made a life member - the Club's first! Garnet Matthews was transferred to DHA (Drug Houses of Australia) Brisbane from DHA Townsville to replace Cliff Noble and became the new secretary of the Club. DHA no longer exists. DHA were National Wholesalers and financed many pharmacists into business. Irwin Beck, from QDL (taken over by Sigma), was appointed treasurer. Even though our numbers were small, we still managed to run a successful Carnival. At this stage in our history, the visitors paid no capitation fee and there were no sponsors. Although at Carnival time wholesalers and manufacturers were approached for support.

The annual meeting in February 1964 was small and everyone who attended was appointed to the committee. It was decided that the annual fees be one guinea (\$2.10) and the daily fee was one pound (\$2.00). Interestingly only six days were scheduled, three at Brisbane Golf Club and three at Royal Queensland. Around this time Leon Brosnan, Bob Conn, Terry White and Graham Powell joined the Club. These members, each in their own way, had a profound influence on the viability of the Club for the next twenty-five to thirty years. In fact, at the annual meeting held on the 29 November 1964, Bob Conn and Terry White were elected to the committee. At the meeting it was

decided to discontinue mid-week games due to poor attendance. Also in 1964 Barry Shepherd, a first tripper, who had just turned 22, became the youngest ever to attend a Carnival. Barry is still an active member.

1965 saw the introduction of a printed card listing the year's scheduled golf days. This year saw a strong push to hold the 1966 Carnival on the Gold Coast. An extraordinary meeting was held to decide the issue. After much discussion a ballot was taken with the result: Brisbane 27 votes; Gold Coast 17 votes; combined, 9 votes.

Fund raising by the Club's small numbers was always a problem. An interesting motion was put by Leon Brosnan and carried - "that the QCGC will not, under any circumstances, be a party to any fund raising raffles, 200 club or the like".

At the annual meeting in December 1965, Pat Seeney was re-elected president and Terry White, vice-president.

During the 1966 Carnival, the visitors were accommodated at the Coronation Motel (since demolished and rebuilt). This was much more convenient for transport. The courses were Royal Queensland, Gales, Keperra, Coolangatta-Tweed and Indooroopilly. This was the first time there was no free day, golf was played each day of the Carnival. Derick Seaborn won the B Grade championship and was thus the first Queenslander to win a major Carnival trophy.

At the annual meeting in December 1966, Pat Seeney retired as president and Terry White was elected president. Bob Conn was elected vice-president and Leon Brosnan and Alan Hartland were elected to the committee. A presentation was made to Pat Seeney for his efforts over many, often difficult, years. The Club ended the year with a balance of \$2,890.00. This was considered an excellent result after running a Carnival.

The Carnivals up until this time were not as well planned and organised as they are today. For instance, the three captains would meet on Sunday night and do the draw for Monday. Then on Monday night they would do the draw for Tuesday and so on for the rest of the week. Currently, with the help of technology, the draw for the whole week is done in a few minutes on a computer.

In 1968, the committee decided to include 'away days' in Toowoomba, Gold Coast and North Coast, so that chemists in those areas would find it easier to join us. Also, in that year, Queensland won the Founders Trophy. This was the first time Queensland was

successful in a teams event. Tom Cullum also shared the B Grade championship with John Filgate – a chemist from Victoria.

In this year, an important decision was made regarding the 1969 Carnival. It was agreed that the Carnival would be held in June, as Brisbane weather, historically, was ideal, and it proved to be so. Also, the fields were made up of around 80 to 90 players, so that there was no problem with the field finishing in the daylight.

The visitors were accommodated at The Park Royal, which had just been completed. An interesting decision was made at this Carnival. The match committee, Pat Seeney and Leon Brosnan, introduced the "choose your own partner" for the final day on Friday. It proved very popular and is still carried on today. Also introduced - under the influence of Terry White - was the betting of a bottle. A bottle of champagne on the final day with the proviso that the bottle won or lost was drunk at the halfway house. Hence, for a while, Terry's nickname became Champagne Charley.

Another highly successful event arranged by Terry White that year was the evening visit to Baxters Restaurant (no longer existing), where we feasted on whole mud crabs. Years later, visitors were still talking about the night. It was a most successful Carnival as the weather was perfect - typical of Brisbane. Unfortunately, with the size of today's fields, it is just not possible to hold winter Carnivals.

The average number of players during the 1969 year was 24. John Thorsen began playing this year. He went on to become president of the QGU and AGU and Barry Shepherd later became president of the QGU. The average number of players during 1970 was 36.

At the annual meeting held in December 1970, Terry White was re-elected president, Bob Conn and Leon Brosnan vice-presidents and Graeme Powell, captain. At that meeting it was decided to hold the 1972 Carnival on the Gold Coast.

1972 was Carnival year again and it was Jack Andersen's first year, and he continues to be a very active member. Up until this time, the procedure at Carnivals was to play nine then have lunch then play the other nine. It was decided to have snacks at the halfway house to help speed up play. The fees for the whole week were set at \$35.

At the Carnival welcome dinner, the Club organised two guest speakers, cricket great Greg Chappell and league legend John Sattler. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and much appreciated addition to the Carnival opening night. The complete cost of the Carnival was \$4,783.

At the annual meeting in 1973, Terry White stood down and Bob Conn was elected president. Leon Brosnan was elected senior vice-president and Graeme Powell junior vice-president. Keith Thornton was chosen as captain and Roger Colley vice-captain.

To stimulate interest in the Club, Terry White moved that liaison officers be appointed in country areas. It followed that Doug Moreton took on Toowoomba, Brian Gordon, Southport, Derick Seaborn, North Coast and Ed Davidson and Barry Shepherd, far North Queensland. At this time Bob Conn introduced some regular guests from Brothers Rugby Club, some of whom went on to become Carnival regulars.

The changes to office bearers at the annual meeting in 1974 were Roger Colley becoming captain, Brian Grimmond, vice-captain and Jack Andersen joined the committee. So difficult was it to get committee members that Terry White and Pat Seeney stayed on the committee.

At a special committee meeting in 1974, Life Membership was bestowed on Garnet Matthews.

In 1975 it was Carnival time again and, in this year, it was based on the Gold Coast with much of the field staying at the Broadbeach Hotel. The courses were: Burleigh Heads, Royal Queensland, lay day on Wednesday with a boat trip and BBQ to Stradbroke Island, Tweed Heads, and Southport. At Royal Queensland, we had another mud crab dinner as the event had previously proved so popular. The event was made possible by a generous donation of \$500 by Terry White.

Planning commenced for the 1978 Carnival and there was a push for the Carnival to return to Brisbane but when put to the vote, the Gold Coast won by 15 votes to 5. Also, at this time, a contingent from Ipswich was regularly attending the Club's games. The Ipswich group was then made up of Harry Burke, Ian Creighton, Bernie Smith and Tony Wright. They invited us to visit Ipswich and this we did on a yearly basis until 1988.

At this 1978 Carnival the courses were: Burleigh Heads, Surfers Paradise, Ocean Shores, Royal Queensland and Southport. Ocean Shores was actually in New South Wales and was the first of the Resort Courses played. The highlight of the Carnival for the Club

was Queensland's first success in the Fripp Cup. For good measure, Queensland also won the Founders trophy.

After the Carnival Leon Brosnan suggested that the Club seek trade sponsorship with a limit of \$50 for each day. This was well received by the trade and enabled us to improve the quality of trophies and the day in total.

At the 1979 annual meeting Leon Brosnan became president, Graeme Powell senior vice-president and Jack Andersen junior vice-president. Barry Shepherd was captain and Richard Nixon was vice-captain. Jim Sloan appears for the first time this year.

At the 1980 Carnival in Melbourne, Queensland was successful again in winning the Fripp Cup.

1981 was Carnival time again for Queensland. This was a very wet one with rain every day. The courses were: Southport, Ocean Shores, Murwillumbah, Royal Queensland and Burleigh Heads. Leon Brosnan won the B Grade championship at Ocean Shores. The Carnival cost \$11,368. Ian Dempster added his name to the list of players.

In 1982, at the annual meeting, there were only nine attendees. All office bearers remained the same with the exception that Gary Weston becoming captain. At the Carnival in Sydney in this year, Don (Bronco) Johnston won the A Grade championship, becoming the first Queenslander to win this event.

At the annual meeting of 1983, all committee members were re-elected with the exception of Garnet Matthews (who retired), thus ending his 20 years of service. Leo Howard replaced Garnet and Alan Hartland joined the committee.

In 1984 at the annual meeting, Leo Howard resigned as secretary and was replaced by Kevin Mitchie. Bruce Kennedy and Jim Sloan joined the committee.

Peter Castrisos and George Prineas commenced playing at this time.

1984 was a historic year for the Australian Chemist Golf Association because Tasmania ran a Carnival for the first time. This was of great significance as each state would now run a Carnival every four years rather than every three. Tasmania solved transport problems by using coaches each day. This has now been adopted by every other state.

At that Carnival, Gary Weston won the A Grade championship and Queensland won the Fripp Cup.

1985 was Carnival time again and this time it was held in Brisbane with visitors staying at the Crest Hotel in the city. The courses were: Pacific, Gales, Kooralbyn, Brisbane and Royal Queensland.

With the guidance of John Gross, a colour brochure was produced and was well received, so much so it is now standard. A highlight of the Carnival was the final day and the dressing-up of some members. There were the four Sombreros: Peter Castrisos, Peter Angus, George Prineas and Jim Sloan. Also, there were the four Scotsmen: Leon Brosnan, Frank Montegano, Bob Conn and Rowley Hill - who dressed in full kilt together with a Scottish piper. The bagpipes were heard all over the course all day. It was a most successful Carnival in terms of trophies won by the home state. Don Johnston won the A Grade, Graeme Powell the B Grade, Jim Sloan the C Grade, Jack Biggs the Veterans and the teams, the Fripp Cup and the Founders trophy and Alan Hartland holing in one at Gales.

In 1985 our attendances continued to improve with our days averaging 50 players. This year, the Club also went to Warwick for the first time. The year ended on a sad note with the passing of long term and highly respected member Kevin Molloy. At the next annual meeting, held in July 1985, Leon Brosnan resigned as president and Graeme Powell was elected president and Jack Andersen, vice-president. At this meeting Life Membership was bestowed on Peter Castellaro.

1985 brought several changes for the Club. Now that each state had to run a Carnival every four years, it was decided that each president would serve a four-year term to assist with continuity and organisation. New members to commence playing were Frank Morgan, Ian Nash and John Scott with Ran MacDonald appointed captain.

In 1986 the decision was made to create a new class of membership. Henceforth, non-trade players were given the category "Fellow Member". These members would have all the entitlements of a full member except where a restriction is placed on the numbers who may attend a Carnival. However, all non-trade members who had joined before this date would continue to have full rights. This was considered fair as these members had been supporting the Club when numbers were badly needed. Numbers were not a problem at local games but, due to the larger fields at Carnival games, play was taking up to six hours.

Long standing member Ross Horton resigned due to an interstate transfer. A silver jug was presented to Ross in recognition of his services to the Club. At Jack Andersen's suggestion, a perpetual trophy in honour of Garnet Matthews was introduced. Jack was also responsible for moving the annual general meeting to the Tattersall's Club, which proved to be a very popular decision and attendances greatly improved.

The constitution was updated in 1987. The Club played seven Sundays and five midweek days with the midweek days gaining in popularity. Also in 1987, Windaroo was played at for the first time.

In 1988 Peter Castrisos became captain, Alan Hartland, vice-captain and George Prineas and Peter Angus joined the committee. It was Carnival time again in Tasmania and Don Johnston won the A grade championship for the third time and Queensland the Fripp Cup. Also in the 1988 honours list, Ian Brusasco was awarded an AM for his services to community, sport and business. During the year Kevin Mitchie left the industry and resigned as secretary. He was replaced by Bruce Kennedy. The season saw us play two new courses on the Gold Coast being Palm Meadows and Parkwood. These were the first two of the resort courses. They were very popular with the members as all rode in motorised buggies. Attendances continued to improve with an average of 56 and a maximum of 96.

The 1989 Carnival was based in Brisbane with accommodation at the Crest Hotel. The courses played were: Royal Queensland, Parkwood, Kooralbyn, Brisbane and Pacific. Don Johnson won the A grade again, George Prineas, the B grade, Derick Seaborn, the C grade, Peter Castellaro the Veterans and Queensland won the Founders. The cost of the Carnival was \$68,274. Sponsorship and capitation fees raised \$62,333. Our domestic season saw the introduction of another resort course being The Palms at Sanctuary Cove.

In 1990, Jack Andersen was elected president, Alan Hartland, vice-president, Richard Cox, secretary and Ian Dempster joined the committee. Jack served a long apprenticeship as he first joined the committee in 1975. At this time Bob Keogh first appears as a player. At the Carnival in Sydney, Don Johnston won the A Grade for the third time in succession making him only the second player since Laurie Skinner (deceased) from NSW, to make it a hat trick of wins. Doug Moreton won the Veterans and Queensland won the Fripp and Founders Trophy.

At the 1991 Carnival in Melbourne, Queensland was successful in winning the Founders Trophy for the third year in a row.

1992 saw basically the same committee. Since the 1985 decision, it had become the custom to keep the same committee between Carnivals, only replacing any member who resigned. This ensured stability and laid a good platform for the running of the Carnival. Bribie Island Golf Club was played for the first time.

At the 1992 Carnival in Tasmania, Queensland won the Fripp Cup making it seven wins in the last fifteen years. Neville Pearse, from Mackay, won the B Grade championship.

1993 was Carnival time again in Queensland and Jack Andersen's theme was, 'The Comfortable Carnival'. It was the first time we played all resort courses, the first time all players rode in motorised carts, and the first time we had shotgun starts all week. However, there was a downside as numbers were restricted and a few members missed out. The courses played were Hope Island (twice), Palm Meadows, The Pines and The Palms. It was such a relaxed Carnival that some of the visitors suggested the other states should also run their Carnivals on the Gold Coast. It was also the most expensive Carnival so far with the total cost being \$157,638. Capitation fees and sponsorship raised \$101,240. Gary Weston won the A Grade for the second time, Paul McLaughlin, the C Grade and Ron Clarke won the Veterans. Tasmania won both the Fripp and Founders Trophy for the first time. The domestic season saw a record attendance of 122 at Hope Island.

1994 saw Alan Hartland elected president, Peter Castrisos, vice-president, James Sloan, captain, John Watt, vice-captain and John Scott, secretary. New members on the committee were Ian Nash, Frank Morgan and Craig Lewis. These were the 'Golden Years' of attendance with an average of 73 - with some days exceeding 100 players. Our only success at the Carnival in Sydney was winning the Founders Trophy.

1995 began with the, now traditional, day at Hope Island with over 100 playing. Also in 1995, Bob Keogh became a new member of the committee and Barry and Brian Shepherd donated a perpetual trophy to be contested at each Carnival, and be awarded to the golfer with the best individual aggregate score for the week, it is called The Individual Aggregate Shield. Sadly, Brian has passed away. The Queenslanders to win it were John Munro in 2003, Terry White in 2005, Mal Cummack in 2006 and in 2008 Jack Andersen shared it with B. Issa and Stephen O'Donoghue in 2009.

1996 was another successful year regarding attendance with an average of 76 players and 114 at the final day at Royal Queensland.

The 1997 Carnival was once again held at the Gold Coast, chosen for its resort courses: Robina Woods, Arundel, Hope Island, Royal Pines and Lakelands. Accommodation was at the Mercure at Broadbeach, which was the old Broadbeach International site (since demolished) where we stayed for the first Gold Coast Carnivals. Ron Clarke won the Veterans Trophy, our only success. The cost of the Carnival was \$156,118. Capitation fees and sponsorship amounted to \$144,736.

In 1998, Peter Castrisos was elected president, John Scott vice-president, Ian Dempster secretary and John Watt captain. The Carnival was run by Tasmania and held in Western Australia for the first time. Queensland won the Founders Trophy.

At the Carnival in Melbourne in 1999 Robert Allan won the C Grade championship. He was the only Queenslander that year to win a major trophy.

In the very wet Sydney Carnival of 2000, Ian Brusasco won the C Grade and Queensland won the Founders Trophy again.

The 2001 Carnival was once more based on the Gold Coast. We stayed at Royal Pines. The courses played were Hope Island, Palm Meadows, Lakelands, and both courses at Royal Pines (which had two courses then). Once again it was a very comfortable Carnival. History was made at this Carnival as it was the first time the Carnival was self-funded in fact, we had a surplus. Unfortunately, the actual figures have been misplaced but the total cost was around \$190,000.

In 2001, Neil Owen our country member introduced a variation of the Tour de France where he donated a Yellow Jersey for the winner each day to wear on the following day. A bonus, though, was the inclusion of a bottle of Penfolds Bin 707. The tradition continues today.

In 2002, New South Wales moved the Carnival to New Zealand and Queensland was successful in the Founders Trophy and repeated this success in Melbourne in 2003. Where John Munro won the C grade trophy also at that carnival Barry Shepherd won the B grade trophy.

At the Tasmanian Carnival of 2004, George James won the C Grade Championship, our only winner that year.

John Scott followed Peter Castrisos as president and his new committee consisted of Tony Yarrow as secretary, Ian Dempster as treasurer, Ian Nash as Captain, George James as vice-president as well as Frank Morgan, John Watt, John Neilson, Alan Rogers and John Caris, took over the running of the Club from July 2001. Frank Morgan took over the job as secretary from Tony Yarrow halfway during the 4-year period and John Caris replaced Ian Nash as captain after Ian moved to Ireland.

During that period, members were fortunate to play at a number of new courses including, The Glades, Brookfield and North Lakes.

North Lakes was the venue for two charity days, the first of which raised over \$50,000 for the Kos Sclavos family in assisting their son during his illness. The second charity day raised over \$10,000 for the Prince Charles Hospital Foundation.

One of the more controversial occasions which occurred during this period concerned an approach by the women's and young pharmacist's organisation to include women pharmacists as members of the Club. This required a change to the constitution and an extraordinary general meeting to discuss the matter. This occurred in October 2004. The outcome of this meeting meant the constitution was changed to allow female pharmacists and female persons directly associated with the pharmacy industry to become associate members of the Club. Associate members would have all the entitlements of full members except when a restriction is placed on eligibility to attend the annual Australian Chemist Golf Carnivals, the guidelines of the Australian Chemist Golf Association would be complied with.

It is interesting to note that around this time the Rules of the Australian Chemist Golf Association were changed regarding eligibility to attend Carnivals. It was required that, participants:

- (a) belong to a physical golf club and have an Australian handicap,

 - (b) (1) must be a pharmacist; OR
(2) be with or retired from a business whose main sphere of activity is with the pharmaceutical profession, provided membership of the state body commenced before retirement,
- (this sub-clause does not apply to members who have attended one or more carnivals prior to 1988)

(c) must have an Australian handicap of 26 or less (this clause does not apply to members who have attended one or more full carnivals prior to 1999)

(d) must be male.

The term of this committee ended with the Carnival being held on the Gold Coast in April 2005. Accommodation was at Hope Harbor and the courses played were: The Palms, The Glades, Lakelands, Royal Pines and Hope Island.

It is interesting to note that on the final day of this Carnival great celebration occurred when Max McCarthy, in his 80's, had an eagle on the final day on the index one hole 16th at Hope Island. Max used his old persimmon driver and three wood to put it in the hole. At the final dinner that night Max was presented with a new Big Bertha driver which he loved. Max is a wonderful character and an extremely keen golfer.

Also in 2005, Terry White won the Veterans trophy and the Aggregate Shield – the only major trophy won by QLD at the carnival.

The total cost of the Carnival was \$193,360 and our income from capitation fees and sponsorship was \$194,060 thus making this the second Carnival to be fully funded and to provide a surplus.

Later in 2005 John Caris took over as President. His new committee were Mark Nicholson, Heyward Hunt, Chris Mansfield, James Sloan, James Prineas, Robert Prineas, Ian Dempster, Stephen Hughes, John Ross, John Munro, Alan Rogers, Alan Hartland, Richard Cox and George James became the new vice-president. This is the first year that women were allowed as full paying members. Despite concerns all went well for the ladies and any fears were allayed.

In the Australia Day Honours List of January 2006, Club member and past president Terry White was awarded an AO (Officer of the Order of Australia) for his services to Pharmacy and Parliament.

In 2006, New South Wales shifted their carnival to Western Australia, where a strong QLD contingent attended, and Mal Cummack won the Aggregate Shield.

In Melbourne in 2007, QLD were victorious in the Founders Trophy and in Tasmania in 2008, Jack Andersen won the B grade.

2009 was once again Queensland's turn and it was also the year of the diamond Jubilee of the ACGC. We stayed at Royal Pines, which is an ideal situation, centrally situated for all. The following courses were played, Hope Island, Lakelands, The Pines at Sanctuary Cove, The Glades and Royal Pines on the final day. Queensland won the Founders Trophy, Richard White won the B grade, Stephen O'Donoghue the C grade and the Veterans by Barry Collins. Once again, the Coast carnival was a great success, relaxed and comfortable, as usual.

At the annual meeting in 2009 John Caris handed the mantle over to George James and the new VP became Neil Owen who will be the first non-city based president of the Club truly bringing the country to the city and vice versa for country representation of the organisation. John was then elected to the Board of the Brisbane Golf Club and is now the current president.

George James followed John as president and his committee decided to have the 2013 carnival on the north coast. The courses chosen are Pelican Waters GC, Pacific Harbour GC, Noosa Springs Golf Resort, Palmer Coolum Resort and Twin Waters. This is the first time the North Coast has been chosen because although the courses are first class, there was not previously a venue large enough to accommodate everyone.

To finish off we had the good news to hear that our longest serving member, Ian Brusasco, was honoured with an AO (Officer of the Order of Australia) for his continued involvement in business and the charitable organisation known as Food Bank Queensland of which he is Chairman.

In 2017 the Chemists Carnival was hosted by Queensland in Queenstown, New Zealand. Neil Owen was President and did a wonderful job – ably assisted by Ian Dempster (Secretary), Robert Bosworth (Captain), Mat Doherty (Vice Captain), Matt Bellgrave (Treasurer), Chris Owen, Ian Nash, Mark Nicholson, John Moffatt and James Prineas.

Queenstown proved to be a great choice, very beautiful with great accessible restaurants. Courses chosen were Arrowtown, Jacks Point, Millbrook, The Hills and Queenstown Golf Club. Marking a change in ACGA history, three ladies, Julie Morris, Jennifer Nelson and Marie O'Loughlin from NSW, joined us for the first time.

The 72nd Carnival was held in Brisbane in March 2021. Rob Bosworth was President, John Neilson (Secretary), Mat Doherty (Captain), Peter White (Treasurer), Mark Kleimeyer, Barry Shepherd, Mark Nicholson, Ian Dempster and John Scott formed the committee.

Courses chosen were, Indooroopilly, Brisbane, Brookwater, Redcliffe and Royal Queensland. We stayed at the Stamford Plaza hotel in the city which was excellent. However, the weather was against us. It absolutely poured during the beginning of the week necessitating some quick for coping with the deluge. The committee organised a day at TOP GOLF on Tuesday which was very enjoyable and a day at The City Course at Toowoomba on the Wednesday. On Thursday it was back to normal at Redcliffe and our final day at Royal Queensland went well, although a bit wet underfoot.

We'll leave it to the next generation to continue with the history of the club.