

Wide Bay District Veteran Golfers' Association Spring Carnival 2026

Outline, Rules, and Conditions of Play: 3rd – 17th September 2026

Event Overview

The Wide Bay District Veteran Golfers' Association Spring Carnival is conducted under the auspices of the Queensland Veteran Golf Union. This annual event comprises a series of ten individual games of golf, played over fifteen days across five prestigious courses in the Wide Bay region. Each course will host two games, and all games are played in a stableford format.

Schedule and Venues

The carnival schedule is as follows, with each course hosting two days of play:

- Bargara Golf Club: 3rd & 4th September 2026
- Bundaberg Golf Club: 6th & 7th September 2026
- Coral Cove Golf Club: 9th & 10th September 2026
- Hervey Bay Golf Club: 13th & 14th September 2026
- Maryborough Golf Club: 16th & 17th September 2026

Competition Format and Prizes

All ten games are individual stableford events. A minimum prize pool of \$5,500 is guaranteed once 100 entries are received. The total prize pool and the allocation of prizes will be finalised after the closing date, once player numbers, grades, and carnival income are confirmed. There will be five prizes awarded in each of the six grades, but each player can win only one major Spring Carnival prize.

In the event of tied scores, a countback will determine the winner based on the best seven cards, starting from the most recent best score. Coral Cove Golf Club caps its field at 144 players; positions are prioritised for overall players first, then by the date of single-game entries. Single-game entries will be allocated only if the cap is not reached.

Eligibility for Overall Spring Carnival Players

- Players must compete in at least seven rounds, each at a different course.
- The Carnival fee is \$50, plus \$30 per game entered.
- The best seven scores will count towards Spring Carnival prizes.
- Players are guaranteed at least one game at every course.
- Nominations for the overall event receive priority for tee times, cart hire, and groupings.
- Players entering fewer than seven games are eligible for daily prizes only.

Presentation Dinner and Accommodation

The prize-giving dinner will be held at the Carriers Arms hotel/motel in Maryborough. Dinner must be booked and paid for via the nomination form at a cost of \$45 per person. Discounted accommodation rates are available (see below). Bookings can be made by calling 07 4122 6670 or emailing motel@carriersarms.com.au.

- Standard Room (1Q + 1S): Single - \$107.00 | Double - \$122.00
- Standard Plus Hotel Side (1Q + 1S): Single - \$130.50 | Double - \$145.50
- Suite Room Motel Side (1Q + 1S): Single - \$139.50 | Double - \$154.50

Single rate applies to one person; double rate applies to two people.

Conditions of Entry

- Entries must be submitted on the official Spring Carnival Entry form and completed in full. Incomplete forms will be returned and may delay entry.
- Full payment is required for entry acceptance.
- Competitors must hold a current GA handicap and be full financial members of a recognised golf club or a Veteran Golfers Association affiliated with the QVGA/AVGU. The QVGA Affiliation Card must be shown at registration.
- Travelling/country members and SGA Golfers are not eligible for the 2026 carnival.
- The Association reserves the right to refuse entry to any player.
- Medical requests must be supported by a certificate to assist clubs in accommodating medical needs.
- The current Rules of Golf and local rules apply. In case of dispute, a second ball should be played and a ruling sought from the Match Committee.
- The Match Committee for each event will consist of the Carnival Convenor, a nominated member of the Association, and the Veterans Captain of the host club. Their decisions are final.

Program and Grades

- The Association reserves the right to adjust the program to balance the field.
- There will be three handicap grades for men and three for women, determined by GA handicap as at 28 August 2026. Grades remain fixed for the carnival's duration.
- All grades play in stableford format.
- Strict Closing Date 14th August, 2026.

Daily Playing Handicaps and Events

- Maximum daily handicaps: Women - 40; Men - 36.
- Daily handicaps apply for each event.
- Participating clubs will conduct the games, with Spring Carnival players given precedence in the draw.
- Clubs will determine grades and balance entries accordingly.
- After entries close, clubs may fill vacancies with local players.

- Requests for changes after closing must be directed to the relevant Club Captain.
- Ball run-downs, nearest pin, and approach shots are at each club's discretion.
- Players may win only one major prize per day.

Note 1: As daily handicaps may vary with the CCR, a player's daily handicap may differ from their WBSC grade. This does not affect WBSC results, as scores are recorded against the assigned grade.

Note 2: If play is stopped, completion of nine holes by all competitors (excluding retirees) is required for the round to count. If not achieved, trophies are allocated by draw, with the Club Match Committee's decision final.

The Draw

Daily draws will be posted on the Wide Bay website and Wide Bay Veterans Facebook page:

- <https://widebayveterangolfers.com.au/spring-carnival/draws-and-results/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/widebayveterangolfers/>

Progressive Scores and Results

Scores will be published on the website and Facebook page as soon as possible after play each day:

- <https://widebayveterangolfers.com.au/spring-carnival/draws-and-results/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/widebayveterangolfers/>

Daily prizes may be collected at the starter's table at the next event. If an overall or final day prize cannot be collected in person, written consent is needed for another person to collect, or the prize will be held at Maryborough Golf Club until collected.

Refund Policy

- Withdrawals before the closing date: 100% refund
- Withdrawals between closing and publication of the draw: 50% refund
- Withdrawals after publication of the draw: Case by case, less a \$3 administration fee per game
- Medical withdrawals must be supported by a certificate to assist clubs in accommodating medical needs.

Event Contacts

Spring Carnival Convenor:

Wendy Mathiesen – 0401 300 376 – wbsc.convenor@outlook.com

Veteran Captains:

- Coral Cove: Jo Tyrrell – 0410 262 897
- Bargara: Don McKewen – 0409 024 029
- Bundaberg: Julie Wilson – 0429 032 632
- Maryborough: George Fallon – 0438 114 693
- Hervey Bay: Sandra Kerley – 0428 243 934

Pro Shops:

- Bargara: (07) 4159 2257
- Coral Cove: (07) 4159 3333
- Bundaberg: (07) 4151 6706
- Maryborough: (07) 4121 3717
- Hervey Bay: (07) 4128 4249

Cart Hire

Cart hire for all courses will be arranged via nomination forms by the club captains in coordination with the pro shops. Payment is to be made at the pro shop.

Special Notice

No caravans or motorhomes are permitted to overnight at Hervey Bay Golf Course as per council orders.