

# Indooroopilly Heritage

## Juniors

The rare distinction of the youngest member winning the club championship was achieved by Douglas Ranger in 1933. He was sixteen years old when he defeated his brother Kenneth, aged 18, in the final. They had joined the club three years earlier and at the time of the final both boys played off a handicap of three. Their father, W Ranger, was club captain from 1932 until 1933. The family returned to live in their native England at the end of 1935.

Peter Davies was admitted to membership at the age of sixteen in 1949. His contribution to the club is outlined in the Champion Golfers section.

A Junior Club was formed in 1955 and records indicate an active Intermediate and Junior Members Association (IJMA) in the 1960s and 1970s with the young people enjoying social gatherings at car rallies and movie nights.

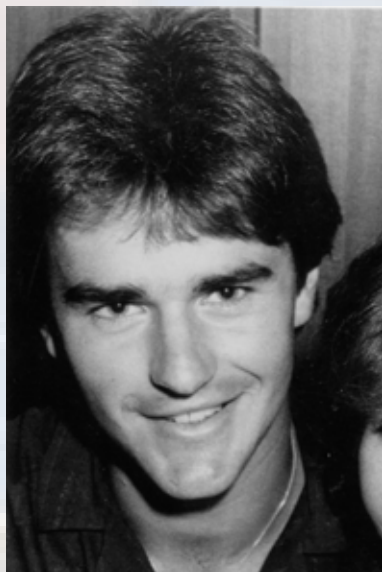
In 1964 Drew Tovey became the first Queenslander to win the Australian Schoolboys Championship. Other juniors to star in club events during that era include the Egan brothers, Paul and Peter, who were also members of the winning 1975 junior pennant team. (see *Pennants*).

Greg Norman was a member of Indooroopilly for eleven months during his teenage years, before returning to Virginia Golf Club in 1974.

In the 1980s Danny Spencer and George Gunderson were successful in attracting junior golfers from country areas to Indooroopilly. This program helped the club win their first men's open pennant for many years in 1986.



*Douglas Ranger swings his club, watched by his brother Kenneth*



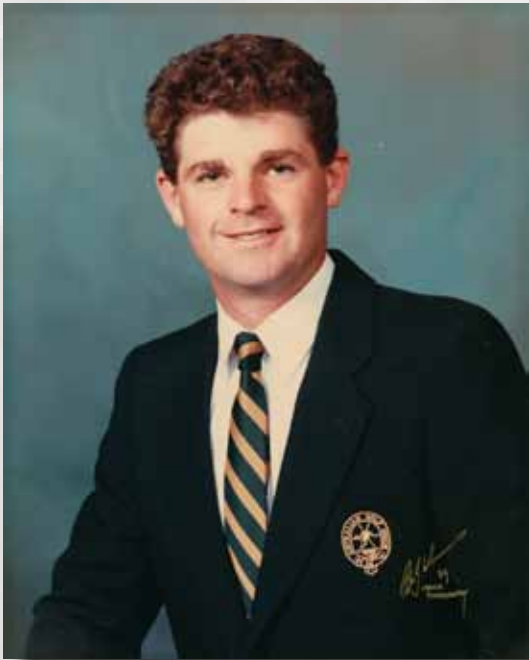
Richard Backwell played Junior World Cup for Australia in 1980 at St Andrews Scotland. He joined IGC as a 17 year old in 1981 from his home in Toowoomba. Richard had fond memories of George Gunderson who looked out for him and a couple of other young country recruits at the time. He won two club championships in 1982 and 1986 before taking up a golf scholarship in the USA. After graduating with a Diploma in Business, he turned pro golfer in 1990. Richard lived in the US for 13 years and played in many countries though mostly on the Japanese tour from 1993 to 2003 before returning to live on the Gold Coast.

*Richard Backwell*



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Marty Roberts won the Doug Sanders World Junior Teams Championship in Scotland with Shane Tait in 1988 and the following year won the Australian Junior Championship.

*Marty Roberts in his Australian blazer – 1989.*



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Some players who joined as juniors not only excelled at golf but have made administrative contributions.

- Peter Davies (twelve times Club Champion and member for 50 plus years) served 24 years on committee including as Captain 1961-65, President 1972-74, 1976 and was elected President of the Australian Golf Union in 1996.
- Rick Holzgrefe (Club Champion in 1975) joined Indooroopilly as a junior and was President of the club in 1993-94.
- Ben Cullinan (Club Champion in 1990) joined the club in 1983 and later led the junior group.
- Kunal Bhasin joined the club in 1996 and served on the junior coordinators committee.

From the time he arrived at the club in 1991, Ian Triggs actively promoted junior golf and held regular clinics for sons and daughters of members.



**1998 Indooroopilly juniors Xmas break-up:**

*L-R: Ian Triggs, Fran Poultney, Dan Poultney, Elizabeth Tucker & Andrew Roach.*



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*Our first junior girls interclub team in 1998.  
L-R: Fran Poultney, Felicity Trenfield, Kathryn Prescott*

When junior girls interclub started in 1998 Indooroopilly was one of four Brisbane clubs to field a team. This competition resulted in the later introduction of junior girls pennants administered by the Brisbane and District Ladies Golf Association.

Junior clinics and competitions are still supported at Indooroopilly and juniors continue to excel at club and representative levels.

*Cathy Hay won the Junior Trophy for Greatest Reduction in handicap in Queensland in 1999, reducing her handicap from 40 to 19 during the year.*



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*Saturday afternoon junior girls competition at Indooroopilly in 2006*

*L-R: Rosie Lowe, Ira Korenevski, Libby Teslenko.*



*Sunday morning junior clinic with club professional, Matt Guyatt, in 2008.*



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*Mary Lippiatt (member of the junior girls pennant team) won the best 36 holes nett during the Queensland Junior Championship held at Indooroopilly in 2008.*



*Sunday morning junior competition at Indooroopilly in 2009*

*L-R: James Avis, Jack McClelland, Jack Kemp.*



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*Jack Kemp - 2009 winner of the WG Duncan Trophy with Club President, Peter Robbie.*



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