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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

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.



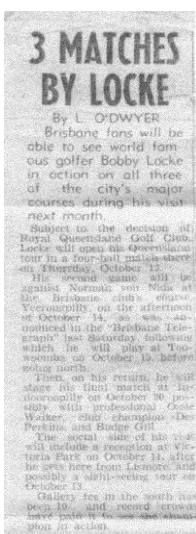
A young Budge Gill in trouble against Kirkwood and Sarazan



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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.



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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 women's 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 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.



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Bruce Devlin lines up a putt during the 1963 Queensland Open



Bruce Devlin holds the 1963 Queensland Open trophy

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

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 Women's 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 Women's 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 Wuerschling 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.

