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## PROFESSIONALS

ALEX DENHOLM 1926 - 1927



Alex Denholm was the first professional from 1926-27.

TOM SOUTHCOMBE 1927 – 1937



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### OSSIE WALKER 1937 - 1971



Ossie Walker as a leading tournament golfer  
in the 1930's

Ossie Walker was head professional at Indooroopilly for 34 years from 1937.

Ossie did his apprenticeship with Mick Stafford at Brisbane Golf Club.

He won the Qld Close Championship from Norman von Nida in 1934 and he had been at Indooroopilly for only 3 months when he caught the train to Sydney and almost won the Australian Open – his putt at the last ran around the lip but did not drop.

Ossie scored a 2 on every hole at the St Lucia links except the 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, plus a hole-in-one at the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

He died in 1971 at the age of 59. We are indebted to the family of Ossie Walker for donating many of the trophies won by him for display at the Club. The VO Walker trophy is awarded annually for a 36 holes net stroke event for women and the winner's name is engraved on the Qld PGA Championship Cup won by him.



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1950's Slazengers function for Qld Golf Professionals:  
L-R: A S MacArthur, T Stafford, F Hayes, A E Gazzard,  
E Stumbles, Mrs V O Walker, L O'Dwyer, V O Walker,  
M T Stafford



Ossie Walker lines up a putt at St Lucia in the late 1960's



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### ROB GIBSON 1966-1991

Aged 18 years Rob Gibson became the youngest winner of the Qld PGA Championship when he won the event in 1966. He had been the professional at Long Pocket for five years and was only 23 years of age when appointed Senior Professional at St Lucia to replace his mentor, Ossie Walker. Twenty years later Rob left to pursue other interests and the Club took over management of the golf shop.



Rob Gibson – Qld PGA Champion 1966



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BARRY VASSELLA 1971 - 1988



Barry Vassella

Barry Vassella began duties at Long Pocket in 1971 when Rob Gibson moved back to St Lucia. Barry left to take up the position of golf professional at Mackay Golf Club in 1988.

Brisbane golf professionals meet Arnold Palmer in 1987

L-R: Rob Gibson, Arnold Palmer, Merv Uhlman, Charlie Earp and Barry Vassella





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Their last day at St Lucia in 1985

L-R: Rob Gibson, Jack Surman (Head Greenkeeper), Barry Vassella, Neil Surman (Assistant Greenkeeper)

## IAN TRIGGS 1991 - 2004



Ian Triggs

Well-known professional Ian Triggs taught at Indooroopilly from 1991 until 2004. Following a successful amateur career, Ian turned pro at 21, and after a stint on the professional circuit worked at Pacific, RQ, Townsville and Keperra (9 years).

A fine golf teacher, Ian coached State and Australian women's teams for many years. He also taught several international tournament players including Rachel Hetherington, Peter Senior, Karrie Webb and John Senden.



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### MARTIN GOULD 2004 – 2008



Martin Gould

Martin Gould had coaching positions in the UK and Germany before returning to Australia to head up our teaching programme from 2004 until 2008.

### DARREN RICHARDS

Darren Richards was appointed Director of Golf in 2002.

Darren had been a member of the winning 1994 Indooroopilly pennant team. He was selected for teams representing Queensland Colts in 1993 and 1994.



Darren Richards – pennant player in 1994



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### LEE EAGLETON



Lee Eagleton – pennant player in 1994

Many of the coaches at Indooroopilly have had previous links with our Club.

Lee Eagleton represented QGU in many tournaments throughout Australia during his amateur career. He was also a member of the winning Indooroopilly pennant team in 1994.

He returned to Indooroopilly in 2008 as a partner in Golf Club Innovations, operating from the golf shop.

### GARY CALDER

Gary Calder did his traineeship with Rob Gibson and Barry Vassella at Long Pocket.

In 2008 he returned to Indooroopilly with Lee Eagleton to operate their Golf Club Innovations business from the golf shop.



Gary Calder





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### MATTHEW GUYATT

Matthew Guyatt was a member of the winning 1999 Indooroopilly pennant team and joined the coaching team at the Club in 2006.



### VIRGINIA IRWIN



Virginia Irwin playing in the 1998 Club Championships

Virginia Irwin played pennants for Indooroopilly and was Club Champion in 2000.

After a fine amateur career during which she represented Australia and Queensland and won the Qld Amateur Championship in 1997 and 2001, she turned professional at the end of 2001.

She was employed initially by the Ian Triggs Golf Academy at Indooroopilly and later by the Club.



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### CRAIG PARKER

Craig Parker has been teaching at IGC since 2012 bringing many years of coaching experience. Originally from Twin Waters on the Sunshine Coast, Craig has a passion for aiding golfers in raising their skill levels and golfing knowledge. He has vast experience working with golfers of all levels from those new to the game through to touring professionals.



### RICHARD HARRIS



Richard Harris was appointed senior professional coach at Indooroopilly in 2016.

Proprietor of the pro shop at McLeod Country Golf Club for many years, Richard has taught elite level tour players and was coach of the Qld Colts Team in 2007/08 and Qld Men's Team in 2010/11.



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### RODNEY HUME

Injury curtailed a promising cricket career for Rod. His father Mike (Club Captain 2015-2016) encouraged him to take up golf and he joined Indooroopilly in 2000 at 18 years of age. He represented IGC in pennants, along the way reducing his handicap to scratch. He commenced his traineeship at Indooroopilly in 2014 and after completion joined the coaching staff.



### JACKI MARSHALL



Jacki came from a golfing family and took up golf at a very early age at Redland Bay and Pacific Golf Clubs. She represented Qld and Australia as well as the University of Oklahoma whilst studying in the USA. After starting work in the IGC Golf Shop and joining the Club she was a member of the winning 2014 Division 1 pennant team and combined with Mia Martin to win the Foursomes Championship in the same year.

She completed her traineeship at Indooroopilly in 2017, and joined the coaching staff.



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DAVID SCOTT

David was a graduate of PGA's International Golf Institute programme at Griffith University and completed his PGA traineeship at Burleigh Golf Club. After a period at Riverside Oaks in Sydney he returned to Qld and was Director of Golf at Indooroopilly from 2017 – 2019.

## YIANNIS TSIUKANIS

Yiannis Tsioukanis was appointed Director of Golf in 2019. Yiannis was born in Sydney to Greek immigrant parents. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Communications) and reported for the Sydney Morning Herald after graduation. He fell in love with golf at 16 years of age as a member of our reciprocal club Pymble. Yiannis moved to the UK and undertook a PGA apprenticeship at The Wisley, an elite club near London, gaining his British PGA membership under highly regarded European Tour coach, Denis Pugh. For the next 17 years he worked as Golf Operations Manager or Director of Golf in five star facilities in Russia, Italy, Spain, Lithuania and Greece.





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STUART BOUVIER

Spent over 20 years playing on PGA Tours around the world.

Australian Amateur Champion 1988.  
St Andrews Links Champion 1990.  
Ford Open Champion 1998 (Australian Tour).  
R/U Perak Masters 1992 (Australian Tour).  
South Australian PGA Champion 1995, 2003.  
10 years in Management & Golf Operations.  
Studied Bachelor of IT.

Appointed IGC Operations Manager in 2018 and assumed responsibility for Golf Operations in 2020.

