

THE GOLDEN DIVOT NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2025



THE GOLDEN DIVOT

Celebrating 25 years

Join us for the 25th Annual Golden Divot Golf Day, a celebration of camaraderie, competition, and tradition at the heart of the Sawtell golfing community! Tee off with fellow Divot legends, relive the tournament's rich history, and compete for the coveted green jacket in what promises to be an unforgettable milestone event.

PRIZE POOL
\$4000

Friday, 28 November 2025

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Sawtell, NSW Australia

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“Where Legends are made, jackets are worn, and reputations hang on the bounce of a ball.”



TOURNAMENT



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RANKING



Picture taken 2005

THE SILVER JUBILEE AWAITS – FRI 28 NOV 2025, SAWTELL GC

Mark it. Circle it. Tattoo it if you must.

Friday 28 November 2025 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Golden Divot – the Silver Jubilee.

To honour the occasion, we're rolling out a proper celebration of our fairway folklore. Expect old rivalries, new stories, and the jacket that still doesn't fit half the blokes who've won it.

 Location: The hallowed ground of Sawtell Golf Club

 Shotgun Start: 11:00 AM sharp

 Field Status: Already half full

 Message to the masses: Tell your mates at the club. Tag the rookies. Wake the veterans.

 Book online: www.thegoldivot.com

There's never been a better year to be part of the madness. Whether you're chasing your first jacket or just here to sabotage your mate's round with casual sledging, the Silver Jubilee will be one for the ages. For the uninitiated – this isn't just a golf day, this is Sawtell's Masters. You'll laugh, you'll slice, you'll wonder how it took you 25 years to find this event.

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APPAREL, KNICK-KNACKS & THE DIVOT SHOP IS OPEN

Following on from the Silver Jubilee excitement – don't rock up looking like a weekend hack.

 The Divot Shop is stocked with:

- Limited-edition polos (including the Divot Green Classic)
- Ball markers, stubby holders
- Divot newsletters, updates, and maybe the occasional yarn we can actually publish

 Shop and stay informed: www.thegoldivot.com

Let's face it – if you're going to three-putt a green, you may as well look good doing it. The new apparel range has been designed for comfort, style, and just enough swagger to make people think you know what you're doing. Perfect for gifting too – whether it's a mate, a rival, or that bloke who still reckons his 2012 putting stroke was "career-best." Stock is limited, just like your handicap.

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RANK	FLAG	AB.	NAME	CAREER	2024	2023	2022	BEST
1		AU	Matthew Strugnell	24	7	10	7	Won: 03, 05, 17, 23
2		AU	Chris Barrow	21	5	7	9	Won: 01, 02, 09, 19, 21
3		AU	Phil Klaus	19	7	5	7	7th 2022
4		AU	Ethan Thornborough	19	7	5	7	3rd 2022
5		AU	Legs Turner	17	3	7	7	Won: 2007
6		AU	Terry Matthews	17	5	5	7	4th 2022
7		AU	Marty White	15	3	5	7	4th 2017
8		AU	Rohan McIntosh	15	3	7	5	5th 2023
9		AU	Andrew White	15	3	7	5	7th 2023
10		AU	Darren Blaikie	15	5	5	5	6th 2020
11		AU	Ash Muir	15	5	5	5	9th 2020
12		AU	Nathan Hardaker	15	10	5		Won: 2024
13		AU	Anthony Rapley	14		9	5	2nd 2023
14		AU	Glen Collin	12	7		5	13th 2022
15		AU	Charlie Bevan	12	7		5	17th in 2022
16		AU	Josh Lewis	12	5	7		8th 2023
17		AU	Danny Hill	12	5	7		6th 2023
18		AU	Chris Chapman	12	7	5		18th 2023
19		AU	Garry Hardaker	11	3	3	5	14th 2022
20		AU	Kevin Selmes	10			10	Won: 2022
21		AU	Richard Lauchlin	10	5		5	22nd in 2022
22		AU	Mike Schofield	10	5	5		Won: 2006, 2014
23		AU	Jason Oxenbridge	9	9			2nd 2024
24		AU	Simon Shipman	8	3	5		20th 2023
25		AU	Barry Dunn	7			7	Won: 2010

DIVOT WORLD RANKINGS 2024 – THE CROWN CHANGES HANDS

It's official: After six years of dominance, C. Barrow has finally been knocked off the top of the Divot World Rankings.

Taking his place? None other than Divot Immortal M. Strugnell, returning to No. 1 for the first time since 2007.

Movers & Shakers:

- ◆ N. Hardaker - From 42nd to 12th. After a sizzling win, he's the biggest leap in Divot history.
- ◆ J. Oxenbridge - Into 23rd in his debut season. One to watch.
- ◆ P. Klaus - Into 3rd. Crafty as ever.
- ◆ E. Thornborough - Now 4th. Quiet, clinical, dangerous.
- ◆ L. Turner - The Original. Still holding strong at 5th. The man is a metronome.

It's a seismic shift at the top. Barrow's reign was one of consistency, brilliance, and the occasional club toss – but now, the Strugnell name is once again etched in gold. Hardaker's charge up the rankings has turned heads, while rookie Oxenbridge's debut performance shows the next gen is hungry. With Klaus and Thornborough circling like sharks and Turner still proving you can age like fine wine, the race to Sawtell is tighter than ever. The Silver Jubilee could reshuffle it all – so sharpen those short games, lads.



A TOAST TO CRAIG BLYTH

This year, the Golden Divot says goodbye to one of its true legends – Craig Blyth. A two-time champion (2016, 2020), a competitor since 2008, and the hands and heart behind the Bar o’ Blyth, Craig wasn’t just part of the Divot – he helped build it.

He was grit, generosity, and grin all rolled into one. Whether swinging for the jacket or swinging a hammer in the Lodge, Craig brought warmth, wit, and unwavering spirit. His legacy lives in the laughs, the friendships, and the bar that bears his name.

So when the first beer is poured this year, we’ll raise it high – for Craig. For the man who gave more than he took, who built a bar and left us a home.

That’s all for this winter wrap. Keep your drives straight, your putts firm, and your stories slightly exaggerated.

See you on the tee come November.

– The Divot Committee

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