

The History of the Queensland Inter-District Match Play Tournament for the Meg Nunn Salver

During her travels throughout Queensland as Country Vice-President, Mrs Meg Nunn had often indicated she thought an event along the line of the Gladys Hay Inter-State Matches could be played between the State's districts. In her last report as retiring Country Vice-President to the QLGU Annual General Meeting in November 1982, she expressed a wish that such a tournament be established.

At the Country Championships at Goondiwindi in 1983, Mrs Peg Torrens, Country Vice President, initiated a meeting with District presidents or their representatives where it was decided to stage a handicap match play event for Silver Division players between Country Districts with teams of five and four to play each match.

A beautiful oval silver salver was given to the Gold Coast District by Mrs Pam Ranger to establish such an event. The Gold Coast District suggested it would be appropriated that the event be called the Meg Nunn Salver - Inter-District Match Play.

October 1983 saw five Districts represented by teams playing at Rockhampton in the inaugural event. Rockhampton was the venue as it was seen to be a central location in the State. Mrs Ann Alletson (Meg Nunn's daughter), who was captain of the eventual winners, Gold Coast District, had the pleasure, solely through the toss of a coin, of hitting the first ball to commence play.

In 1984, the venue club was Mackay and all six Country Districts were represented as was the newly formed Brisbane and District as suggested by Meg Nunn at the Rockhampton meeting. In Mackay there were six players to each team with five to play. Trophy badges had been designed and were presented to past and present team members.

Gold Coast held the event in 1985 at Meg Nunn's home club, Southport. This was the year the Queensland map showing District boundaries and colours was made by Mr Scott of the Gold Coast. A cedar carry case for the Salver was also made in 1985 crafted by Mr Neil McGilp of Dalby, a State shooting team mate of Meg's late husband, John.

From the South to the Far North where Cairns was the venue in 1986. In 1987, Downs and South-Western District hosted the event at Toowoomba in very cold conditions. At Toowoomba, Val Johnston, chaired a meeting of District Presidents and announced that the QLGU would establish a 'Pool of Fares' for both the Inter-District Match Play and the Junior Jug.

The sixth Inter-District Match Play was held at Caloundra hosted by Wide Bay Burnett and the final venue to complete the cycle of seven Districts was the Pacific Golf Club hosted by Brisbane and District.