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As we approach the festive season when we are all kind and tolerant, we are inclined to accept invitations for a "Chrissy drink" from all and sundry. I would advise all to think twice about accepting an invitation to a liqueur tasting that will probably be on offer. Apparently the owner of the Currimundi based Triple L Liquor has a new chocolate flavoured product ready for production and is desperate for guinea pigs to test it first.

My informant tells me he was told the base ingredients together with the flavour and colouring used (but not the distilling secrets). These were white spirit mixed with hydrated magnesium sulphate as a base, chocolate laxettes as flavouring and cascara sagrada as colouring. He says the product had an appropriate intended name of "Cleanout". Having been employed in the chemical industry I would certainly not partake of this product if he paid me.

Meanwhile back on the golf front, October was a very busy time for our members with three club days, plus one home and two away host days to contend with. The first of these was the Monthly Mug played on the 3rd with a field of 117. When the dust had cleared and thirsts were quenched, Captain John declared the trophy winners. They were Div 1 - Grant Bobridge with 39 points took first place with Ron Humphries the runner up with 37 points. Div 2 saw Keith Courts hit his straps and return 42 points to take the winner's spoils. Alf Bishop had 40 points to be runner up. NTPs were taken by John Wardle, John Fengler, John Coward, Bob Race and David Hendren. Rundown went to 32.

Then it was on to our club day of the 17th with this event being a 2 ball Ambrose culminating in the added attraction of a free barbeque. A relatively small field of 114 took part and Ron Woodbridge and Colin Hill showed the rest of the field how it's done, returning the good score of nett 59. Four shots adrift in second spot were John Fengler and Peter Ryan. NTPs went to Ian Purdy, Ernie Brackley, Richie Colwell, Neal Hobbs and John Fengler while the rundown went to 69.

After a weekend of rest it was off to Peregian Springs on Monday 20th for their Host Day. Fifty-four Caloundra Vets were allowed in the field and acquitted themselves admirably. Ross Veitch came in third in the A Grade Div with 40 points and Geoff Corbett found the course easy to the tune of 42 points which gained him second place on a count back. Jim Fox and Ian Purdy took out pin shots on the 8th and 3rd respectively. Captain John played with the day's winner, Cliff Black, who managed 42 points off a handicap of 6 – he parred the course off the stick! He told John he wasn't too happy with the way he'd hit the ball – and he WAS serious! Mention



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should be made of Alan Orchard's luck. Having bought three tickets he proceeded to win two of the three prizes on offer. Seems a bit of a waste buying three, Alan.

Another club day on the 24th saw another small field of 112. Our happy go lucky member, Ted Curtis, pulled out all stops to return 41 stableford points to take Div 1. Lloyd Brazier dropped his whip on the 14th and although he rode hands and heels over the final 4 furlongs – oops, sorry, I meant final 4 holes, he could not catch Ted and finished second with 40 points. In Div 2, Scobie Beasley kept jockeys in our minds as he returned 41 points to win and at the same time got himself back in Div 1. Runner up was John Haydock with 40 points. NTPs to Ron Woodbridge, Jim Dodd, Tony Young, Henk Reinking and Tom Jamieson. Rundown went to 35 points.

Next on the agenda was a trip to Tewantin Noosa for their 2 shotgun starts host day on the 29th. Both fields had good responses from Caloundra. I didn't get any results from the morning field but from the afternoon field three NTPs went to our members, Alan Bruce, Kevin Thornton and Lloyd Brazier, each collecting two balls for his effort. We also had four players figure in the rundown which went to 35.

The last event was a club day on the 31st when an even smaller field of 107 took part. In Div 1 Colin Andrews was a clear winner with 40 points. Keith Courts put in a strong finish to take the runner up voucher with 38 points on a count back. In Div 2 Bill Dalzell lost the handbrake and returned a well completed 41 points. Unfortunately for "the Tiger", Geoff Corbett had a day to remember turning in the magnificent score of 45 points to relegate Tiger to runner up. NTPs went to Henk Reinking, Grant Bobridge, Gary Vardy, John Flintoff and Ted "Bookie" Steed. Rundown went to 35.

That's enough, apart from Norm's exhortation to – **Play golf while you can.**

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