



**Amputees & Families Support Group Qld. Inc.
Toowoomba Sub-Branch**

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From the President



Hi there everyone.

Well it's newsletter time again. I cannot believe how quickly the months are flying. It will be Christmas before we know it.

I hope everyone is well and happy. It was a sad month with the passing of Peter MacKenzie. Our thoughts go out to Robin and family.

What a fantastic Golf Day we had on the 27th. We had a good roll-up of players and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Our thanks go to all those who helped make the day such a great fundraising event, especially Cossette, Jean and Dallas who slaved over a hot BBQ all day, Deirdre and Lynn Thomson (hope I've got the name right) who manned the tills, and Jim and Sandy for operating the drinks cart. And then to Paul, Geoff, Craig and Sandy who arranged the trophies. A special thank you to Sandy who takes care of all the bits and pieces necessary for making a day like this so successful.. Sandy always sees what needs to be done and does it.

I do hope Barb Mitchell, Ralph Cathcart, Terry Petrie and Fred Halfpapp are as well as can be expected (or better) and we hope to see them all soon.

I had a good holiday at Caloundra and am now raring to go.

Terry

Next Meeting

Our next get-together is the meeting for **Sunday 5th October** at the usual time (10 am). Those who haven't yet paid their subscriptions might find this a good opportunity.

Calendar

The remaining events for 2008 are as follows:-.

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| 2nd November | - | Social | To be discussed at the meeting |
| 6th December | - | Christmas Party | Christopher's - Blue Mountain Hotel |

This will be a short newsletter as the new committee is still a bit shell-shocked after the Golf Day baptism of fire. There is still a lot of work to do collecting money, writing thank you letters and receipts etc.etc. We were fortunate to have the support of the Queensland Amputee Golf Association, which afforded us lots of publicity both before and during the event. I did take the Chronicle to task for concentrating on individuals rather than the groups, but their reaction was "that was what their readers wanted".

The new *in Motion* magazines have arrived and this is a special issue on phantom pain and pain management. Only three copies arrived this time which is a pity because this is a subject of great interest to most of us. (Then again we only pay for one issue).

Paul Watkins
Secretary

For all those who have suffered in customer services:

A. man with a bald head and a wooden leg is invited to a fancy dress party. He doesn't know what to wear to hide his bald head and his wooden leg so he writes to a fancy dress company to explain his problem. A few days later he receives a parcel with a note:

Dear Sir, Please find enclosed a pirate's outfit. The spotted handkerchief will cover your bald head and with your wooden leg you will be just right as a pirate. .

The man thinks this is terrible because they emphasized his disability, so he writes a letter of complaint. A week passes and he received another parcel.

Sorry about the previous parcel. Please find a monk's habit. The long robe will cover your wooden leg and with your bald head you will really look the part.

The man is extremely furious now, because the company has gone from emphasizing his wooden leg to drawing attention to his bald head. So he writes a really rude letter of complaint. A few days later, he gets a very small parcel from the company with an accompanying letter:

Dear Sir, Please find enclosed a tin of Golden Syrup. Pour the tin of Golden Syrup over your bald head, stick your wooden leg you know where and go as a toffee apple.