



Chairman's Corner

NEWS FROM MARCH 2018

Welcome to the newsletter.

How good is it to stand on the deck and survey the surroundings!

Having just returned from the annual Biltoft tour, this time to Perth and Mandura in Western Australia playing on courses in immaculate condition and many rated in Australia's top 100, I can assure you we suffer not.

Major works continue with

- The new deck has been completed, opened and proving very successful in particular drawing new faces to the Club and is a major talking point around town. There are some works being completed underneath including fire proofing which is underway and once that is completed a number of additional cart parking spaces will be available for those with their names on the list. While working on the deck construction we have taken the opportunity to complete a number of other projects while machinery was available and to save costs down the track including:
 - tidy up of the first /tenth tee area
 - installation of water recycling tanks
 - car park work in front of the residence
- The 8th green renovation has proven successful with many favorable comments from members and visitors alike.
- The annual over sow of the greens has been completed with a very successful seed strike, the first mow starting Monday 23rd April with a lowering of the mower blades every day where possible and we will have a perfect surface back before we know it.
- Work on recovery of some car parking spaces lost during construction of the deck will commence shortly.

A new service to members and guests on the Deck with the Hot Wok and Grill providing an excellent breakfast at a reasonable price from 8:00am to 10:00am Sunday mornings. Not only is this an opportunity for members to enjoy a good breakfast with a great view but have some family or friend time as well, meaning for people like myself "brownie points" for later use. Vicki and I had breakfast there last Sunday and it was excellent.

With the over-sow of the greens and as we are all aware from past experience pitch marks become an issue so please repair the one you make and others if you see them.

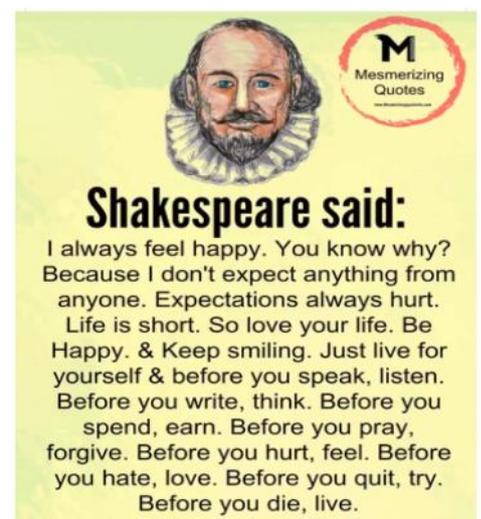
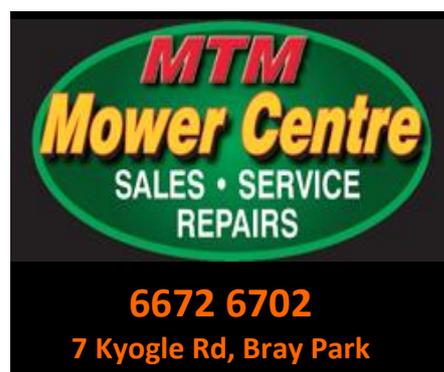
Friday night Membership draw number one continues to build with the second consolation draw available to those who stay a little longer, even if you don't win the draw there are opportunities to win meat trays and other prizes, or even just catch up with good friends and good people at the end of the week.

You must be there with a current member card in hand to have a chance to win.

At all times be safe when driving home, have a plan B, the courtesy bus is available on given days to be used by patrons, please use it and be safe to yourself and those around you.

Anyway good health and good golfing, see you at the Club.

Chairman
Keith O'Grady



Managers Report

Renovations have now reached completion on all of our greens and the golf course is looking its very best. The weather has cooled down and it's a great time of the year to be out playing golf.

Bring along the family and take advantage of the beautiful view from the new deck while having Sunday breakfast, now being served from 8.00am to 10.00am from the Hot Wok & Grill. The bar is open serving hot and cold drinks. This Sunday 29th April soulful singer guitarist Ben Hanna will be performing on the deck from 4.00 - 6.00pm. The Sunday sessions will be continuing through May. Check the Club web site for more details.

Mothers Day is just around the corner and the Hot Wok & Grill have a special two course lunch menu for just \$27. Book your table early. Eilish Ellen will be performing on the deck and we have a variety of beautiful hampers to be won as well as a huge meat raffle. Sunday breakfast will be as usual on the day.

On Friday 18th May from 4.30pm to 7.30pm Peter from Oatley Wines will be on the deck with samples of all of the wines on our new wine list. So come along and "Taste the List" with Peter and maybe even hear your name called to win the Members Badge Draw which currently is waiting to be won at \$2,800 this Friday.

A reminder about Club Rules for Visitors.

A visitor can enter the Club and sign in as a temporary member if they meet the following criteria:

1. They reside more than 5 kilometres from the Club, or
2. Are a member of another golf club, or
3. Are a member of another club and invited to attend an organised sporting event, or
4. Can sign in as a member's guest if they are signed in by a member and stay in the company of that member.

If you reside within 5 kilometres of the Club and do not meet the criteria we need you to join as a social member. The cost is \$5 for one year or \$10 for three years. There are many benefits of being a member of the Club including loyalty points for all of your purchases at the Bar or in the Golf Shop as well as entry into all Club promotions and birthday vouchers. Membership forms are available at reception, the bar and on the Club web site.

Gary Thatcher

Murwillumbah Golf Club Weather Policy

The MGC does not possess an inclement weather warning or detection system. Golfers are advised that they play at their own risk. Golfers may suspend their round at any time upon their own determination of the dangers of existing, impending or threatening weather. Murwillumbah Golf Club Ltd is not responsible for injuries or damage resulting from inclement weather.

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Golf Shop Report

It has been a steady month in the golf shop with the green renovations commencing mid month and the absence of any major events. Green fees and cart hire have been average as predicted due to the course renovations and the discounted green fee being offered. Sales in the golf shop have been good with the arrival of various new products sparking interest among members. The shop is fully stocked in preparation for the busy months ahead.

The NRDGA Pennants are fast approaching with the first game scheduled for Sunday the 20th May and finalising on Sunday 17th June. A nomination sheet has been available in the golf shop for a few weeks and will close on Saturday 21st April. This will give us enough time to organise teams and shirts by the first round of play. At this time it looks like we will have 3 teams with some players electing to nominate as reserves. In recent years we have experienced continued success particularly with the Division 1 team and I am positive the boys will be looking to bring home a few pennants once again. If you are interested in playing and haven't entered please see the golf shop.

The Earle Williams 4bbb match play will commence on Saturday 28th April with a qualification round. Teams will have the opportunity to pay a nomination fee before the round and the best 32 teams will qualify for the main draw. Once again this year we will be urging teams to play their matches in the allotted time period to allow the event to be run efficiently and on schedule.

Starting on Sunday 6th May the club along with Graeme Trew will be introducing beginner and family golf from 2pm-3pm tee off. This is a new initiative designed to encourage parents of junior golfers and beginners to come and play a round of golf in a friendly and non competitive environment. Discount rates will apply on green fees and cart hire during the allotted times and bookings will be organised through Graeme. If you are interested or know someone who would be please see the golf shop or Graeme for more details.

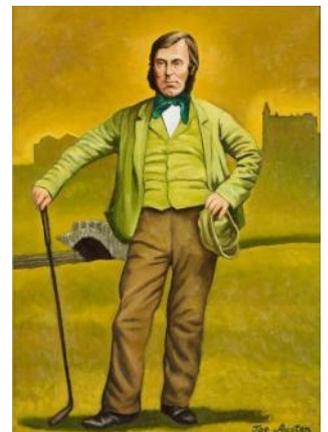
Adam Causley
Golf Operations Manager

History

WHO WAS THE FIRST EVER PROFESSIONAL GOLFER?

Although not a professional in the truest sense..... the first great player was Allan Robertson, born at St Andrews in 1815 to a family of golf ball makers. He was a skilled craftsman but his greatest achievements were saved for the links, where in 1858 he shot a 79....the first round under 80 at St Andrews and a barely believable score given the equipment of the time and the unkempt nature of the course. He was a master of the middle and short irons, and not being a long hitter, sought to beat his opponents by consistently keeping the ball in play. It must have worked as he never lost a game around the Old Course.

Golf clubs all over Britain mourned Robertson's death in 1859. One R&A member remarked:"They may shut up their shops and toll their bells, for the greatest among them is gone."




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What's ON at the Club in May



HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY

Join Us For Lunch!
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LIVE MUSIC WITH
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Don't forget to place your tickets into the barrel
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LIVE MUSIC on the Deck

**JOCK BARNES 6TH MAY
4-6PM**



**EILISH ELLEN 13TH MAY
12-2.00PM**



**MATTY ROGERS 20TH MAY
4-6PM**





Wednesday Nights
7pm, 4th & 15th May

FAIRWAY SESSIONS 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



Joke Time

Golf Handicap

Two golfers are waiting their turn on the tee when a naked women runs across the fairway and into the woods.

Two men in white coats and another guy carrying two buckets of sand are chasing her, and a little old man is bringing up the rear.

One of the golfers grabs the old man and asks, "What's going on?"

The old guy says, "She's a nymphomaniac from the asylum, she keeps trying to escape, and we attendants are trying to catch her."

The golfer asks, "What about the guy with the buckets of sand?"

The old man says, "That's his handicap. He caught her last time."

From the mouths of babes....

Nudity..... I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked!!! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5 year old shout from the back seat, "Mum ! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"

The most exquisitely satisfying act in the world of golf is that of throwing a club. The full backswing, the delayed wrist action, the flowing follow-through, followed by that unique whirring sound, reminiscent only of a flock of starlings, are without parallel in sport.

After an abominable round. a golfer is known to have slit his wrists with a razor blade and, having bandaged them, stumbled into the locker room and inquired of his partner "WHAT TIME TOMORROW?"

What's par? Anything I want it to be. This hole here is a par 47, and yesterday I birdied the sucker.



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Senior Club Member - Col Hulme

I joined Murwillumbah Golf Club in 1974 My secretary, Alice Dale, had also worked part-time for (then) Club President, Stan Cooper and I found myself partnering Alice in Stan's foursome on the following Sunday. "You'll be joining here of course" said Stan handing me a membership application. In truth, Coolangatta Tweed Golf club had been figuring prominently in my planning but I have been so thankful for so many years that I acted on Stan's invitation. I had the privilege for several years of serving on the Match committee and of coordinating our entries into both the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers Pennant Competitions. Murwillumbah Golf Club had played a role in the formation of the Gold Coast Association and for many years thereafter we were accepted as "unofficial honorary" members. I have a wonderful memory of our No .1 team defeating the hotshots Southport Golf Club in both home and away finals to win the Division 1 Pennant in 1978. The match here in Murwillumbah was in absolutely gale force winds. I hasten to add that I was an observer, not a member of the team.



For many years Murwillumbah enjoyed a very close association with the Coolangatta Tweed Club and twice annually there was fierce competition for the "Gotcha Shield". After a game at their course Mark Biltott was sounding off about the bumpy couch greens at Murwillumbah. I said, "Don't bitch Mark if you're not prepared to do something about it". Mark responded, "You're right Col" and immediately drove back to Murwillumbah to submit his application for the Board. So began 20 years for Mark as the Greens Director during which time a Master Plan for the ultimate development of the course was formulated. This resulted in the purchase of additional land which now comprises the 12th, 13th, 14th holes and the 16th green. The course is so very different now. Many holes have been redesigned and reconstructed. For example the first hole used to go through the gap between the current 1st hole and the 2nd tee to a green adjacent to the current 15th and there was a signature shot par 3 second hole over a grove of trees to an inverted saucer shaped green not far from the 2nd tee. Every visitor to Murwillumbah used to remember this hole. The practice fairway was also at various times either the 1st or the 10th and there was a "Gobble Gobble" Tree strategically placed for even the most slightly errant drive which had the capability of turning a relatively simple Par 4 into a 5 or 7???. For Many years there was a very strong 9 hole Sporter's Competition held on a Wednesday afternoon and if I could make it I would join Kevin Cahill (Principal at Uki primary School), Les Browning (Principal at Chillingham Primary School), and Lance Sinclair (Murwillumbah Primary School). Whilst it was always acknowledged that no pupil was ever kept in on a Wednesday, both principals also maintained that NO early marks were allowed either. However we never hit off later than 3.45pm.

The Monday Veterans Golf competition began in the early 1990's. The J.H. Williams Group have been wonderful supporters of the club for many years. I recall approaching Earle Williams about 1998 regarding some sponsorship for a veteran's event. As he generously agreed to provide support he (rather gruffly but good naturedly) said "ah.. What's Veterans Golf ever done for Murwillumbah Golf Club, Col". I would love for Earle to still be around so I could tell him that since then the Vets have contributed some \$28k towards improvements in and around the course. Earle was just one of many wonderful characters that fill my memory of golf in Murwillumbah. I recall partnering Peter Gielis against Earle and Stan Edwards in a 27 hole foursomes championships event. Earle said "We'll have a schooner on each nine and one on the match. Peter and I were so far ahead after 18 holes that the match was over...so Earle said..."Double or quits" and Peter and I won again. In those days it was the custom to congregate down in the locker room and the drinks would be consumed there just wearing a towel or whatever, whilst various stories were told about the day's events. I'm anon drinker but the last I remember of that day was me swinging on the shower railing...singing "Whoee". Ah, yes! What a journey and what memories. I would have missed so much if I hadn't accepted that nomination form handed to me by Stan Cooper and I had ended up at Coolangatta Tweed. I'm sure I would have enjoyed myself there but for me Murwillumbah Golf Club is HOME, there is no place like it.



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Women's Golf



Women's Golf Murwillumbah – WGGC Business Women's Pennant Team 2018.

MGC Ladies Open Day with a touch of pink.
The day also highlighted awareness of Breast Cancer.

Open Day-Thursday 22nd March was very successful. Although the weather was very doubtful at the beginning of the day, all of the visitors arrived ready to play. 94 players took the field including 50 visitors from 10 clubs and 44 Murwillumbah players. All the major prizes were won by visitors. The best Murwillumbah player, Jennifer Adsett, was 9th in the ball rundown.



Congratulations to our team and thanks for participating. The team pictured above includes Lisa Ross, Veronique Morgan, Robyn Jones, Sandy Menin, Vanessa Henricksen, Melissa Thurgood, Jodie Rockliff and Sue Reguson. We are very proud of their final day performance when they had wins from all 5 players gaining 10 points against Southport, hence putting Southport out of contention. Congratulations! 10 points was achieved by only one other team, Beaudesert, during the season. Overall, first place was taken by Coolangatta Tweed with 52 points, second by Beaudesert 49 and third by **Murwillumbah 48**. The team is keen to do it all again next year (including Jodie Rockliff and Sue Reguson from Coolangatta Tweed).



Opal Aged Care Day 43 players participated. The Opal representatives were very happy with all the attendance and very generously provided 3 umbrellas for the winners of each grade and gift bags, water bottles and hats for all players as well as the sponsorship money. Congratulations to winner ROS JULIEN

Tips from the range with Graeme Trew



Direction correction

Many golfers swing too far left when they hit the ball.

I believe its misconceptions!

1. Some golfers are trying to keep the clubface square through impact instead of allowing it to turn with the body through to a full finish with the head up (Not down)
2. Others swing left in an attempt to try and stop the ball slicing off to the right, but the problem with that is, yes it starts the ball more to the left usually however the ball slices more on most occasions but they lose power.
3. Take a 9 iron and hit small shots 40-60m swinging the club approximately half way and then follow through half way and stop.
4. Check that the club is pointing to the target and that the toe of the club is pointing up to 12.00 O'clock.
5. If the club face is open to the right then this will encourage a push/fade to the right and if the club shaft is left of the target, then this will promote pulls and slices.

Time to get to the driving range and do some work!

Golf Fixtures

MENS MAY 2018

Wednesday 2nd	Individual Stableford 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 4 th	Blue Marker Day
Saturday 5 th	Individual Stroke in 4 Grades Monthly Medal
Sunday 6 th	Open Day individual Stableford Medley
Monday 7 th	Social Golf Day Veterans AM
Wednesday 9 th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 11 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 12 th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 13 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley Mother's Day
Monday 14 th	Social Golf Day Veterans AM
Wednesday 16 th	Individual Stroke in 2 Grades 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 18 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 19 th	Individual Stableford with 4. B.B.B. Stableford in Conjunction Captain V's President N.R.D.G.A. Pennants Social Golf Day
Sunday 20 th	
Monday 21 st	Ladies NRGA Pennants Individual Stableford in 2 Grades 9 Hole Warriors
Wednesday 23 rd	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 25 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 26 th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 27 th	N.R.D.G.A. Pennants
Monday 28 th	Social Golf Day Veterans AM
Wednesday 30 th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades

WOMENS MAY 2018 - PRO PIN 10th

TUES 1st NSW/MUR'BAH MONTHLY MEDAL SINGLE STROKE+PUTTING in 3 DIVISIONS

TROPHY: **VARELA AND SWIFT PHARMACY**

THURS 3rd **4 BALL TEXAS STABLEFORD**

THURS 3rd, FRI 4th ANNUAL MAY TOURNAMENT Ballina

FRI 4th WGGC Council Meeting Southport

SAT 5th NSW/MUR'BAH MONTHLY MEDAL

SINGLE STROKE + PUTTING

MON 7th **WGNR PENNANT R2 TBA**

TUES 8th **SINGLE STABLEFORD**

THURS 10th INVITATION DAY: **4BBB STABLEFORD**

Winning Pair must be Member and Guest

SINGLE STABLEFORD in Conjunction. **8.30 Shot Gun Start**

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SAT 12th **SINGLE STABLEFORD**

MON 14th TUES 15th WED 16th QLD COUNTRY WEEK Mackay

MON 14th VETERANS EVENT 2 The Glades

MON 14th **WGNR PENNANT**

TUES 15th **SINGLE STABLEFORD**

THURS 17th **SINGLE STROKE**-Round 1: ****JAN WILLIAMS' BROOCH****

(Best aggregate of nett scores for 3 designated rounds)

THURS 17th OPEN/INVITATION DAY Club Banora

FRI 18th Beef Round Up - Casino

SAT 19th **SINGLE STABLEFORD**

MON 21st **WGNR PENNANT **Murwillumbah****

TUES 22nd **SINGLE STABLEFORD**

MAY-2018 Cont.

WED 23th->SAT 26th ANNUAL MAY TOURNAMENT Grafton

THURS 24th Veteran Women's Golf Association (VWGA NSW)

SINGLE STROKE: MABEL MACKENZIE BROOCH

SAT 26th Veteran Women's Golf Association (VWGA NSW)

SINGLE STROKE: MABEL MACKENZIE BROOCH

MON 28th **WGNR PENNANT**

MON 28th Round 1 District Ch'ship & Vets Ch'ship Burleigh Golf Club

TUES 29th **SINGLE STABLEFORD**

THURS 31st **2 PERSON WIPEOUT**

2017 Hole-In-One

Bob Masiar	11/01/2017	10 th Hole
Geoff Brown	25/01/2017	10 th Hole
John Moore	04/03/2017	14 th Hole
Steve Huggins	12/04/2017	10 th Hole
Kevin Blyth	10/06/2017	10 th Hole
James Adams	12/08/2017	10 th Hole
Con Varela	12/08/2017	8 th Hole
Greg Beattie	17/09/2017	14 th Hole
Guy Holloway	14/10/2017	4 th Hole
John Tilton	03/10/2017	14 th Hole
Paul Keegan	02/04/2018	10 th Hole

