

## Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the newsletter.

After many years of trying and many close finishes Chris Dean finally got through to win a men's Club Championship. Very pleasing to see, he has so much ability and it was a deserving result, not that others didn't deserve but for him long overdue. Congratulations.

He was closely followed by the 'old fella' Warren Colefax (5 time winner) and Isaac Reading, well done to all of you and also to those who finished the four rounds.

I acknowledge it should be Ladies before Gentlemen but for this time Gents went first.

Congratulations to Dallas Macabe for her win in the Women's Championships, Dallas is also a worthy winner and a tough competitor, Lisa Ross ran second and again an equally strong competitor.

Congratulations to all winners and also to the four round finishers.

As a result of a request to bring back the presentation night for Championship winners and along with other acknowledgements we will be holding a presentation night on Saturday 18 November so mark that in your calendar, it is a chance to acknowledge the winners and to have a good night and you will if you attend.

To complete the weekend the AGM is on the following day and we do require attendance at that also.

### What's happening

- The new deck construction certificate has been received and final planning will take place next week to get the project rolling. Members can expect some interruption to the flow of traffic and use of and access to golf carts but every effort will be made to keep this to a minimum. If you have a problem during the construction please see Gary Thatcher he will resolve it to the best of his ability.
- Work on the 9<sup>th</sup> tee will be completed when course staff time permits. This tee project was instigated and supported by the Veterans and we thank them for their involvement.
- Work on the 9<sup>th</sup> cart path will be starting shortly as will work on the renovation of the 8<sup>th</sup> green later in the year, again some inconveniences will occur but lets be patient. I for one have interest in trying out hole 8a, formally known as the 19<sup>th</sup> but we all know the 19<sup>th</sup> is inside, hence the name change.

How times change, 6 months ago the course was a lake, now it's getting very dry so again we ask that all care is taken using the course to sustain what quality we have, keep carts away from greens, avoid where possible worn paths and use the concrete bits.

Christmas draws upon us, yes I know but it is less than 100 days away, so if you are planning a family or work function please book early to ensure you get the time you require, various packages are available check with Gary or Adam for golf course functions/activities and Victor or Charlene for the Hot Wok and Grill or maybe a combination of both.

Friday night Membership draw number one continues with the second draw now building up also to a respectable amount. You must be there with a current member card in hand to have a chance to win. Bill was away last week and I finally won a meat tray?

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

# Manager's Report



SOUTHERN CROSS  
CREDIT UNION

It's been good to see so many members and visitors out on the golf course even with the unusually hot Spring weather and dry course conditions. Hopefully some good overnight rain is on the way.

Just a reminder to help the greens staff and your fellow golfers by always raking bunkers and taking a sand bucket with you out onto the course and filling your divots.

This year's Pro-am is coming up next Thursday, 5th October. Adam has been working with the PGA organising the tournament and we have around 80 pro golfers in the field. Thanks to Schweppes for again being the major sponsors and to all the other sponsors, hope you all enjoy the day.

Schweppes also have a great prize up for grabs. Purchase any Schweppes product from the Golf Shop and go into the draw to win a \$1200 golf package that includes Scotty Cameron Putter, Titleist Cart Bag, Foot Joy Shirt, Cap and a Dozen Pro V golf balls. The prize will be drawn at the golf presentation in the clubhouse on Saturday 14th October and the winner will be notified.

Thanks to Tom Ruhl and Stone & Wood for sponsoring the recent footy tipping function and congratulations to all the winners. I found that there's no prize for third last. I'll try again next year.

Thursday and Friday happy Hour between 5 and 6pm is proving popular. Come along for \$4 schooners, basic spirits and basic liqueurs.

**Great Northern Original 4.2% is now on tap and worth a try at \$5.30 a schooner.**

Don't forget to wind your watches forward an hour on Sunday, the start of another 6 months of Daylight Savings in NSW.

Good golfing

Gary Thatcher  
Secretary Manager



## MURWILLUMBAH GOLF CLUB

This photo was taken (1974 flood I am pretty sure) you will notice the helicopter in the car park, I was told at the time it was to bring a woman for an emergency childbirth from an outlying district (note the sizes of the pines on the driveway)

Pic taken from 2 Hall Drive - Bernie Connolly

\*The paddock below had a corral and loading ramp for cattle and horses

# Golf Shop Report

It has been a busy month for the golf shop with the running of the club championships and a steady flow of social golfers. The number of golfers participating in both events was pleasing with the men's field gradually dwindling as each round was completed. It proved once again that the championships are definitely a marathon not a sprint. Congratulations to all the winners and a special mention for Christopher Dean on winning his first Club Championships after many years of coming so close to glory, well done mate.

October promises to be a good month for the golf shop with loads of new products arriving. A new range of Footjoy shoes will be available with many exciting new styles to choose from for men and women. Titleist is also launching their new range of irons and hybrids and the golf shop will have an extensive range of demo clubs arriving early in the month. To coincide with the exciting launch of titleist's new range of irons and hybrids we will be hosting a fitting day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. This event will give members an opportunity to try the new products and limited fitting times will be available by appointment. I will also be scheduling a shoe fitting day for the members but this date has yet to be confirmed.

Slow play continues to be high on our agenda with more ranger sessions being performed during Saturday competitions. The overall speed of play has improved but some groups continue to catch the eye of the ranger. I believe the strategies we have implemented have been effective but pace of play still needs to be monitored. All players are urged to play "ready golf" to help speed up play and if you are unsure of the ready golf procedures please see the golf shop for an explanation.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October I have organized to hold a Holden Scramble event during our normal competition. The format will be a 4 person ambrose and depending on the size of the field a pre determined amount of teams will qualify for the regional championships. Murwillumbah hasn't hosted a Holden Scramble for over 10 years and I believe it could become a popular event in our fixtures. The competition is sponsored by Holden and Callaway and they will be donating prizes and gift packs for day. It will be run in conjunction with the normal Saturday competition and members will have the option to pay an extra fee to compete in the Holden Scramble. If you would like more info about the Holden Scramble please see Adam for details or visit this website [www.holdenscramble.com.au](http://www.holdenscramble.com.au)

The golf shop is currently running a promotion where any member who purchases a Schweppes product goes in the draw to win an awesome Titleist package valued at \$1200. The prize will be drawn on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October during the competition presentation so there is still enough time for everyone to get there entries in.

The pro-am is fast approaching and is scheduled for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October with two shotgun starts at 7:15am & 12:30pm. The majority of sponsors have come back on board and a few new companies have been added this year. The prize money is expected to be between 15 and 17 thousand and the professional entries are already above previous years. A huge thanks to all our sponsors and a special mention to Schweppes who is once again our major sponsor. Anyone looking to play in the Pro-am please see the golf shop for bookings.

Sweet swinging,

Adam Causley, Golf Operations Manager

**BEVERLEY'S**  
Bev Hill  
Warina Walk  
Main Street  
Murwillumbah  
Phone: (02) 6672 1224

**activelife**  
PHYSIOTHERAPY  
6672 8495  
Golf Fitness Programs  
Injury Prevention  
Injury Management



## Wasn't golf banned by the British Kings??

Yes, at least three times by Kings of Scotland - James II in 1457, James III in 1471 and finally James IV in 1491. They outlawed "Gouf" or "Golfe" because they felt it got in the way of archery practise. Archery was vital to the national interest, as Scotland was then under constant treat of attack from its English neighbours.

Such was Golf's popularity among his subjects, however, that James IV found it increasingly difficult to ban the sport. He had become a keen player himself, in fact, and in 1502 he commissioned a set of club's from an artisan whose usual trade was making bows and arrows for the king's infantry. The decision backfired. The kings growing love of golf, coupled with that of his country man, is reckoned to have been largely to blame for

Scotland's emphatic defeat at the battle of Flooded Flied in 1513. The king himself was among the fallen.

## Golfers Tip - Divots

The best ball strikers in the world all take a nice divot after the ball. The club comes down and hits the ball first and then takes some of the ground out after the ball. This will result in the ball elevating into the air by using the loft on the clubface. (NO you don't have to try and lift it into the sky.)

What's a quick way to help find your impact point and improve on it?

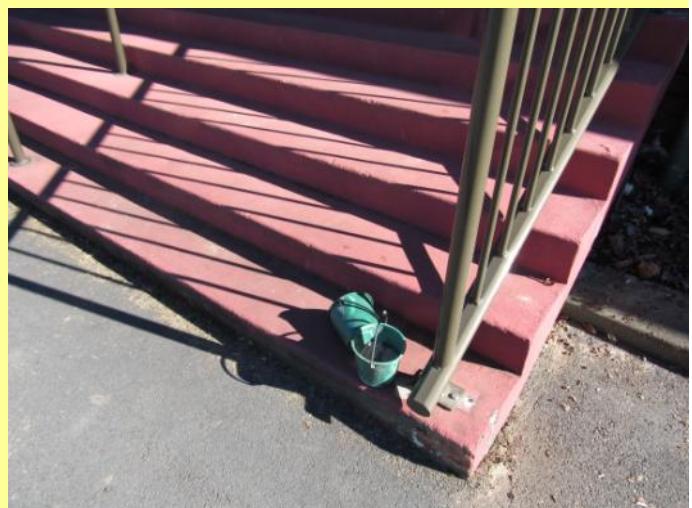
Grab a spray can or chalk and draw a straight line about 12 inches long. Place the ball on the line and take a shot. After hitting the shot, take a look at the line and see where your divot starts in relation to the line. If your divot is nowhere near the line (e.g. well before it) there could be a number of issues with your swing. Start out by hitting some shorter half swings and then slowly build up till you are hitting full shots and making crisp compressions on the ball.

If you are finding that you cannot even get close to taking a divot after the line then I strongly suggest you see Graeme at the driving range for a lesson.

## Thanks for doing the right thing!

Many thanks to Social Members, Golf Members and Golf Visitors who;

- Return sand buckets!
- Put cigarette butts in the trays around the clubhouse!
- Put their rubbish in the bins provided!
- Fill their divots with sand!



# Promotions Report

On Saturday the 16th September, the Club held the Wedding reception of Lucas and Ashlee Kaleyias. Response from the bride and groom, the families and guest were very positive and it appears they had a great night!

If you are getting married we are now taking 2018 and 2019 bookings. With the new deck underway shortly, we will be the perfect destination to hold both your ceremony and reception.

This is the Brides comment on our Facebook page;

**Ashlee Kaleyias:** Thank you to all the staff at the Murwillumbah Golf Club for being a part of our day and making it what it was! Everyone loved the food!!



Melbourne Cup is fast approaching, See the menu on the back on the newsletter. Lunch bookings are essential. Remember we have our FREE courtesy bus to pick you up and drop you home safely.

Melbourne Cup is always a great day with plenty of prizes, sweeps, drink specials, cocktails and the racing live on the big screen all day. The tables will be beautiful decorated this year with little chocolates for all our booked tables. \$3 glass Bubbles and a very affordable lunch menu to choose from.



There will be a flower wall back drop perfect for taking your photos against in your beautiful Melbourne cup dresses and suits. The air-conditioned club is the perfect place to come for your Melbourne Cup Day!

Promotions Coordinator—Natasha Bolden

**If you have any appropriate jokes or articles that you think members would enjoy reading and you would like to share please drop them into the office or email, [promotions@murwillumbahgolfclub.com.au](mailto:promotions@murwillumbahgolfclub.com.au)**

**VICTORY  
ORGANISATION GROUP**  
*For all your motoring needs*

Ford | ISUZU UTE | LDV

SALES - USED CARS - SERVICE - PARTS - FINANCE  
— 1300 4VICTORY —

**DIANE MICHAEL**  
Civil Celebrant

C

Weddings ■ Funerals  
Namings ■ Commitments ■ Renewal of Vows

E: [dianem1103@bigpond.com](mailto:dianem1103@bigpond.com)  
M: 0412427202

*Meaningful services created for you*

# Some very helpful blonde inventions....



- Waterproof Teabag
- One piece jigsaw
- Inflatable dartboard
- Fireproof matches
- Solar flash lights
- Parachutes that open on impact
- A book on how to read
- Double-sided playing cards
- Square bottom beer glasses so they don't leave rings on the table.



## A few of our happy Friday Night Regulars



**Social Membership - \$10 for 3 years!**  
Ideal for; Non Golfers that wish to make use of the club house facilities.

*Note; Under the NSW Legislation if you reside within 5km of the Club you must become a member of the club if you wish to use the facilities.*



### Benefits;

- Access to Loyalty points when making a purchase at the bar or golf shop.
- Automatic entry into promotions and the weekly badge draw, which is currently \$10,000!
- Entry into monthly birthday draws, birthday vouchers and a range of other benefits!

**NOT A MEMBER???? Ask the bar staff for a membership form today!!!!**



**Wednesday  
Nights 7pm  
13th & 27th  
September**

## Golf Fixtures October 2017

PAGE 7

Sunday 1st	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 2nd	<b>LABOUR DAY Social Golf Day</b> Veteran's AM
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PRO-AM (COURSE CLOSED)</b>
Friday 6th	Blue Marker Day
Saturday 7th	Monthly Medal Stroke in 4 Grades
Sunday 8th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 9th	Social Golf Day Veteran's AM (GREEN RENOVATIONS)
Tuesday 10th	Women's 4 Person Hartball
Wednesday 11th	Individual Stableford with 4. B.B.B. Stableford in Conduction 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 12th	Women's Gold Medal Play-off
Friday 13th	Open Day Individual Stableford
Saturday 14th	4 Person Ambrose Green Keepers revenge day (TBC)
Sunday 15th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 16th	Social Golf Day. Veteran's AM
Tuesday 17th	Women's Single Stableford
Wednesday 18th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 20th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Rick Rattray Memorial Day 4 Person Ambrose.</b>
Sunday 22nd	Open Day Individual Stableford
Monday 23rd	Social Golf Day. Veteran's AM
Tuesday 24th	Women's Single Stroke; Flag Event
Wednesday 25th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 26th	Women's Single Stableford
Friday 27th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 28th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 29th	Open Day Individual Stableford
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Social Golf Day. Veteran's AM
Tuesday 31st	Women's 2 Person Ambrose



**6672 6702**  
**7 Kyogle Rd, Bray Park**



**Martine Brinsdon**  
OPTOMETRIST

Optometrists  
Martine Brinsdon  
Les Jacobi

- Eye Examinations
- Bulk Billed
- Direct Health Fund Billing

20 Wharf St Murwillumbah

**02 6672 3284**

[www.martinebrinsdonoptometrist.com.au](http://www.martinebrinsdonoptometrist.com.au)



**Murwillumbah**

Phone (02) 6672 1313  
Fax (02) 6672 3466  
Website: [www.wgau.com.au](http://www.wgau.com.au)

*Servicing Murwillumbah Since 1935*



Tuesday 7th November

MELBOURNE CUP 2017

# Lunch Menu

\$3  
glass  
bubbles

Meat tray  
raffles

Delicious  
Cocktails!

Sweeps,  
TAB,  
Big  
screen  
to watch  
the Race

FREE  
Courtesy  
bus -  
BOOK  
AT  
BAR

Plenty of  
Prizes for  
Best  
Dressed

PRAWN RICE PAPER ROLLS - \$14.00

CLASSIC FISH & CHIPS - \$14.50

SPINACH, FETA & CHEESE QUICHE - \$15.50  
SERVED WITH CHIPS & MIXED GARDEN SALAD

CHICKEN BREAST SCHNITZEL - \$14.00  
SERVED WITH CHIPS & MIXED GARDEN SALAD

PRAWN & AVOCADO COCKTAIL - \$19.00  
LARGE AUSTRALIAN CAUGHT TIGER PRAWNS

BEEF SHANGHAI NOODLES - \$18.00  
A SPICY BEEF, NODDLE & BOK CHOY DISH

ANGUS SCOTCH FILLET STEAK - \$27.00  
SERVED WITH CHIPS & MIXED GARDEN SALAD

CRISPY PORK BELLY - \$25.00  
SERVED WITH NASI GORANG & A STICKY SOY, GARLIC SAUCE

GRILLED CHICKEN TERIYAKI - \$22.00  
SERVED WITH FLUFFY JASMINE RICE & A MIXED SIDE SALAD

MINI CHEESE & MEAT PLATTER FOR 1 - \$19.50  
CHEDDAR, BRIE, MIXED DELI MEATS, OLIVES, SUN DRIED TOMATOES &  
CRACKERS

RESTAURANT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

026672 4041 TO BOOK

BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED TABLES  
WITH FREE CHOCOLATES - MUST BOOK!



**LIVE MUSIC - The Inn Keepers**  
**Sunday 15th October 1-3pm**

A spirited Irish Aussie trio,  
performing traditional folk  
songs, sea shanties, and some  
popular favourites!

**LIVE MUSIC - Fairway Sessions**  
**Sunday 24th September 1-4pm**

FREE COURTESY BUS - CALL CLUB TO BOOK



Good Melodic Live Music