



Chairman's Corner

NEWS FROM AUGUST 2017

Welcome to the newsletter.

To start on a positive the Club had another successful trading year last financial year with final audited accounts not far from completion. This being the case please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held possibly on 19th November with confirmation and further details to appear on the Club's website and notice boards.

With that goes the opportunity for all those interested to nominate for Board positions. If interested please call into the office and arrange collection of Directors packs detailing the duties, responsibilities and requirements of being a Director.

Next point is not so positive but a reminder to all members and visitors regarding the treatment of staff both inside and outside the Club House. If you have an issue with a staff member please refer the issue to Gary Thatcher our Manager or the Manager of the day. Taking situations into your own hands or any inappropriate actions towards staff will not be tolerated and will be dealt with by the Board in accordance with the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.

This could mean suspension or loss of Membership if warranted.

On SLOW PLAY – a reminder that the Course Ranger has a job to do for the benefit of all players in the competition or in social play, if asked to move along or take care where parking carts, then please do so, you have been asked for a reason.

The course is hard and dry, cart drivers please stay away from tees, greens and worn patches. It does not take much effort to stay on paths and protect the course. To see carts parked within meters of paths, well best I not say.

What's happening:

- The new deck progress continues and the plan is to be ready to go on receipt of the DA. Meeting held last week to confirm final thoughts and thanks to Darren van Egdom and Mal Graffin for their assistance.
- The new coring machine is here and has already been put to good use with more work to be done yet.
- Brad from the range is taking up an opportunity elsewhere which will mean some changes at the driving range and we are in discussions with Graeme Trew re the future direction. Unfortunately details are not available at time of print.

Someone once said that trees are 90% air but so are flyscreens.

Friday night's \$10,000 Membership continues, with the second draw going off last Friday night so it will start from \$500 and build again.

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

Bill will also be on hand to sell those winning meat tray tickets in the raffles or so he tells me?

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

Great to see Leanne Evens, take home \$1500 in cash last Friday Night. Leanne claimed the 2nd chance members draw, and walked away with handy cash and a happy smile. Pictured to the left Chairman Keith O'Grady excitedly handing Leanne the cash! The first Members Draw is still at a life changing \$10,000. All you have to do is be in the clubhouse with your valid membership card at the time of the Draw.

[New Happy Hour Specials, have commenced. All schooners of beer will now be \\$4 during happy hour, along with \\$4 basic spirits and liqueurs. Happy Hour will run from 5-6pm every Thursday and Friday evenings.](#)

We have a NEW Wine of the Month for September..... The "Taste of Tassie" Theme featuring Josef Chromy Pinot Gris and Rose'. These higher class wines are well worth a taste, and the full story behind Josef Chromy can be found on the Table cards throughout the club house.

The Murwillumbah Golf Club's Footy Tipping competition is coming to an end. The end of year presentation and awards night will be held on Saturday 23rd September starting at 6.30pm. More information for our Footy Tipping members can be found on the board near the score cards.

I would like to thank the Murwillumbah Veterans for donating and helping build the new retaining wall on the 9th Tee.

Until next month, good golfing.

Gary Thatcher - Secretary Manager

Camel on the golf course.....

A fleet footed circus camel led Northern Territory police on a wild goose chase through peak-hour traffic and across fairways on the RAAF Darwin Golf Course recently.

The camel escaped from Circus Royale. Police duty superintendent Rob Burgoyne told ABC it was a "strange" call to receive.

"The camel caused a bit of traffic mayhem as it ran down a few streets." he said.

"It then ended up on the golf course where circus personal were able to secure it on the ninth green."

"Obviously it didn't quite make the 19th (Hole) for a beer."

Apparently this is not the first time animals have caused havoc in Darwin. In the past commuters have had to dodge cattle and crocodiles....

-ABC News, August 2017



Camel escape – Ludmilla

*******Edit - Apologies about the unfortunate arm placement, its the only photo we took!*******

Northern Watch Commander Acting Senior Sergeant Drew Slape reports that a camel escaped the circus in Darwin today, heading out for a trot up Bagot Road. It appears the fine men and women of the NT Police also have hidden talents in camel wrangling after they quickly tracked it down, secured it and handed it back over to circus personnel. And it wasn't even hump day!

- Northern Territory Police

Golf Shop Report

It has been a busy month in the golf shop due to an increase in social play and the running of two major events in consecutive weeks. The first part of the month we experienced hectic days with motorised buggies being booked out regularly with green fee players and social groups. Towards the end of the month we helped run the Veteran's Week of Golf and the Ladies Mount Warning Classic with fields between 150-190 players every day. All buggies went out at least once each day during the tournaments with many going out for a second round. Sales in the golf shop were pleasing with a mixture of sale items and new stock being purchased throughout both events.

As mentioned previously Murwillumbah Golf Club hosted two major annual tournaments during the month. Both events were deemed successful with the majority of the large fields being made up of visiting golfers from all parts of Australia. Only positive comments were heard regarding the running of the tournaments and the fantastic condition of the golf course. Thanks to everyone who worked with myself and the golf shop staff for ensuring the ongoing success of the events.

Registration for this year's Shootout Competition has commenced with 32 competitors already battling for the coveted 19 spots allocated for the final which will be held on Sunday 3rd December. This year there is a once only fee of \$15 to enter with great prizes on offer. If you would like to take part in this fun and unique event please see the golf shop staff for more details.

On Saturday 12th & 19th of August the annual Laurie and Glad Jenkins Memorial Event was held with a good number of competitors completing the 2 rounds. The eventual 36 hole Men's winner was James Adams who has made a stunning return to golf narrowly beating Mark Adams on a count back. Barb Blunden was also victorious in the Ladies event. Congratulations to the winners.

This month there will be various specials available on selected items including apparel, shoes and golf equipment so come in and check out the clearance sales in the golf shop.

Sweet swinging,
Adam Causley
Golf Operations Manager

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Civil Celebrant 

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Two new names join the Hole-In-One Group!



On Saturday 12th August we witnessed not one but two hole in ones on different holes. First to set the trend was James Adams on the 10th hole and not to be outdone was Con Varela on the 8th hole. James was returning to golf after a long break and not only did he start his day with a hole in one he also went on to win the Laurie and Glad Jenkins memorial event, talk about a triumphant return. Congratulations to James and Con. Pictured to the left is Con Varela holding his lucky hole in one trophy. Con must be on the right sort of medication!

Below a list of all the lucky Hole in Ones this year, Both Con and James now join this lucky list!!!

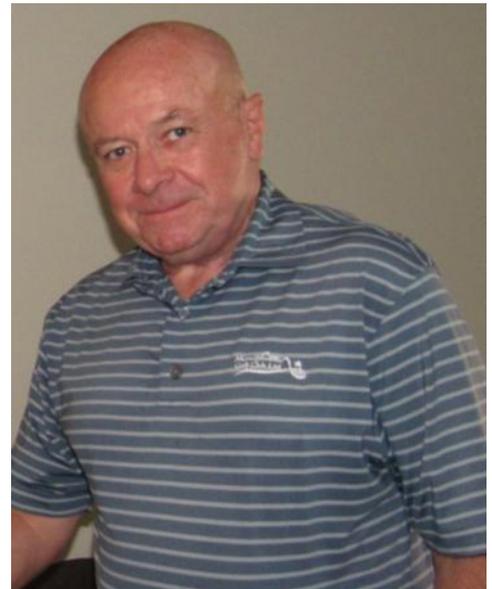
Bob Masiar	11/01/2017	10 th hole
Geoff Brown	25/01/2017	10 th hole
John Moore	04/03/2017	14 th hole
Steve Huggins	12/04/2017	10 th hole
Kevin Blyth	10/06/17	10th Hole
James Adams	12/08/2017	10th Hole
Con Varela	12/08/2017	8th Hole

Meet the Manager!

Gary worked at Petersham RSL for 21 years. Started in the bar and moved into management early on and was Assistant Manager for 9 years. Gary then moved to Manage Kingscliff Bowls Club in 1995, he managing there for 4 years.

Gary then became Assistant Manager at Coolangatta Tweed Golf Club from 1999 until 2013. Gary is very happy to be employed at Murwillumbah Golf Club and has been here for the past four years.

Gary main objectives are to work with Brian Cox to ensure the quality of the Golf Course is maintained at the highest level. To provide quality service in the Clubhouse and Golf Shop and to make sure we have quality food and beverages at reasonable prices. Lastly to provide a safe and friendly environment for the staff, members and visitors.



Gary is most looking forward to the completion of the new outdoor deck. A quality area that will have spectacular views of the golf course and beyond.

Golfer's Advice

FOR CONSISTANCY, EXTEND YOUR LEFT ARM....

The left arm should dominate the backswing. By "extend your left arm" I mean don't use the hands too early in the back swing. Instead create a wide swing arc with the left arm. My right side remains passive. The right elbow is still soft pointing at the right hip. My right side never gets in the way as I turn. If I can do that and keep the tilt of my back, that I started with at address, I shouldn't have any trouble on the back swing.

- A fellow Golfer's Advice

Promotions Report



The Dancing Dragons we hired for our Chinese Theme Night were entertaining, funny and worth every cent! Many laughs were had by diners and plenty of photos and video were taken. I think it's safe to say that all those who attended the event thoroughly enjoyed the night. The kids even had a chance to play the large drum and take photos with the dragons after the show. I'm sure the Hot Wok and Grill's 10th Birthday party next year will be an even bigger and better event. Thanks to all those who supported the event by attending.

Our next event is our Father's Day Lunch event, this is more of a relaxed low key event, where you can enjoy lunch with your family, win a few meat trays and possibly take home some of the Father's Day Hampers, on display near the bar. Restaurant booking are recommended.

We are in the process of designing and printing next year's complimentary Club Calendars. Due to the high cost of postage, all calendars will need to be collected again from the admin office from October onwards. Again one Calendar per household. Event sheets with free vouchers will be posted out throughout the year. So don't worry, you won't miss out on any of the free promotional tickets. As requested by Members, this year's calendar is lighter and has more photos of our beautiful Mt Warning added.

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

2017 Murwillumbah Veteran's Week of Golf

Our 9th Week of Golf has just been concluded. This year was our biggest field to date, compared to previous years. The weather was perfect for the whole week. The mornings were brisk but quickly warmed up. The course was well prepared by our Green Staff. Some GUR bare patches and areas damaged by heavy machinery, was marked as GUR with players being able to lift, clean and drop.

With the new path work on the 5th and 11th Holes, a Drop Zone was marked from which players were able to take relief. The greens were running true and Pin Placements were realistic. Volunteers from both the ladies and the Vets gave up their time to rake bunkers, act as ball spotters and markers, and input score card entries.

Presentation was held on Friday Night with Kel Pearce, NSWVGA Vice President officiating at the Presentation Dinner. There were 98 guests at the Dinner. See photos below.



We had 699 Rounds of Golf played throughout the week with 188 players on Monday, 177 players on Tuesday, 175 players on Thursday and 159 players on Friday. Players came from 73 Clubs located in Queensland, NSW, Victoria and Tasmania.

A full list of each day's Winners is located on Murwillumbah Veterans dedicated Website. Please go to murwillumbahveteransgolf.com to view.



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

Golf Fixtures September 2017

Friday 1st	Blue Marker Day
Saturday 2nd	Monthly Medal Stroke in 4 Grades
Sunday 3rd	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley. Father's Day
Monday 4th	Social Golf Day. Veteran's AM
Tuesday 5th	Women's Championships Round 3
Wednesday 6th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades 4 BBB in Conjunction 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 7th	Women's Championships Round 4. Presentations afterwards.
Friday 8th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 9th	Individual Stableford in 4 grades
Sunday 10th	Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 11th	Social Golf Day. Veteran's AM
Tuesday 12th	Women's Canadian 2 stroke
Wednesday 13th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 15th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 16th	1st.Round Members Championships Individual Stroke in 4 Grades (Course Closed)
Sunday 17th	2nd.Round Club Championships Individual Stroke in 4 Grades (Course Closed)
Monday 18th	Social Golf Day. Veteran's AM
Tuesday 19th	Women's Monthly Medal Single Stroke
Wednesday 20th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 21st	Women's Single Stableford
Friday 22nd	Open Day Individual Stableford
Saturday 23rd	3rd.Round Members Championships Individual Stroke in 4 Grades (Course Closed)
Sunday 24th	4th Round Members Championships Individual Stroke in 4 Grades (Course Closed)
Monday 25 th	Social Golf Day. Veteran's AM
Tuesday 26th	Women's Single Stroke
Wednesday 27th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 28th	Women's 4BBB V Par + Single Par
Friday 29th	Open Day Stableford
Saturday 30 th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades



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*Ode to Golf.....In my hand I hold a ball.
White and Dimpled, rather small.
Oh, how bland it does appear.
This harmless looking little sphere.*

*But it's size I could not guess,
The awesome strength it does possess.
But since I fell beneath it's spell,
I've wondered through the fires of hell.*

*My life has not been quite the same,
Since I chose to play this stupid game.
It rules my mind for hours on end,
A fortune it has made me spend.*

*It has made me yell, curse and cry,
I hate myself I want to die.
It promises a thing called Par,
If I can hit it straight and Far.*



*To master such a tiny ball,
Should not be very hard at all.
But my desire the ball refuses
And does exactly as it chooses*

*It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies,
And even disappears before my eyes.
Often it will have a whim,
To hit a tree or take a swim.*

*With miles of grass on which to land,
It finds a tiny patch of sand.
Then has me offering up my soul,
If only it would find the Hole.*

*It has made me whimper like a pup,
And swear that I will give it up.
And take a drink to ease my sorrows,
But the ball knows.... I'll be back tomorrow.....*



A few of our Friday Night Regulars



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Sunday 24th September 1-4pm

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