



Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the newsletter.

A very big thanks to all the volunteers who have given their time to assist the Greens staff in the return of the course to playable conditions. It has been an exceptional effort and certainly appreciated by all. Next we have to acknowledge the efforts of the Greens staff.

Brian and the team have excelled in their efforts to return the course as quickly as possible to the condition it is in today. This crew have extreme pride in the work they perform and this is reflected in the effort and lengths they go to ensuring we as members have the best possible course presentation everyday.

Hopefully this weekend the 18 holes will be open if not the composite course will be open with alternate tees, so if you haven't been out for a while time to return. Amazing, as I start to type, it starts to rain, best I say no more on that subject.

Bill. Tells. Me. My. Sentences. Are. Too. Long. Is. This. Better. Bill?

Pennant season is around the corner so if you are interested in playing make sure your names is on the appropriate lists, in the Golf Shop.

Just returned from a trip to Adelaide with the Biltoft group only to be stranded at the airport because the Tweed was under water but that's another story. Played some very good courses in some very strong winds on greens both good and just renovated. If you think the ducks are good fertilizer machines up here I can tell you they are pretty good down there also. Pleased to report our course still stacks up favorably to all these top end courses well Pre-April anyway.....

To all who incurred losses during the big wet our thoughts go out to you, as a local for many years it was certainly the biggest flood I have seen. While stuck up the coast waiting to get home we received updates, photographs and commentary on the extent of damage and the height water levels got to. The comment was made "this would not be as high as the flood in whatever year it was as that year we had drums in the top of the trees on the 5th hole. The reply to that was "the trees have grown 5 meters since then – no reply. You probably had to be there.

Natasha and the team continue with their promotions schedule and there is always something new to enjoy at the Club. When you have the chance these event are definitely worth attending. Member patronage and support for these nights has been very strong and we look forward to future planned activities. Of course, you don't need special occasions to be at the Club, your Club.

The new deck has not been forgotten and while progress is slow we are still moving ahead with it.

The courtesy bus is working well, to ensure your preferred pick up time can be met ring the Club and book in early.

Friday Night Membership draw is getting up there again. You must be there with member card in hand to have a chance to win.

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

Chairman
Keith O'Grady

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Manager's Report

A lot of thank you's this month. Firstly, Brian and his crew totalling 5 and all of the volunteers have to be commended on a fantastic effort to have 9 holes in play 13 days after the floods and now to have 18 holes playable from this weekend. The flood was "the highest and dirtiest that I have seen in my 20 years on the course" said Brian. "As for the mud and debris around the course it has just been hands on deck picking up debris and scraping the mud as it dries". Thanks to The Management and Board at Ocean Shores Country Club who allowed our members to play at their course at Member's rates while we had our problems here.

There are rumours going around that our course will be closed for months. It would be great if all members let as many people as they can know that we are back with 18 holes open. **We just need everyone out on the course driving a cart to stay on the paths, or when no path stick to the fairways. There are still a few wet areas in the rough and in the trees.**

Thanks also to our bar staff who were able to get here on the Friday and Saturday following the flood. Special mention to Natasha who spent long hours in the bar and also organising the other staff who were able to get here. Thanks to Mary and Brett who with Natasha did a great job in the bar especially on the Friday night when a huge crowd of thirsty locals were here. Brett and Eric also stayed around and cleaned the club house when our cleaners had no way of getting here. Also thanks to Charlene, Victor and their Hot Wok & Grill staff that were able to get here and feed a hungry crowd.

Don't forget Happy Hour is Thursday, Friday and Sunday 5.00 – 6.00pm. \$1 discount off schooners of all beers, basic spirits and glasses of barefoot wine.

Full wedding packages are available with the ceremony taking place on the first men's tee. Everything needed for the ceremony can be catered for from equipment through to recommendation of possible celebrants. Just see Natasha or Terry.

We also have some good specials in the bar and golf shop for May. Woodstock Bourbon & Cola and Wild Moose Canadian Whisky & Dry with Lime are \$6 each or \$24 a six pack. Also Coronas are \$5.50 all day every day.

Thanks to our new sponsor John Cutler from Southern Cross Credit Union who has kindly donated a dozen Titleist NXT golf balls for the nearest the pin on the 2nd hole every Saturday. Any member looking for a competitive home loan can call John on 0488 162 009. See the ad in this newsletter for more details.

Good golfing
Gary Thatcher



WORTH PONDERING???

When the course finally opens golfers will need to do some serious thinking about the game and the struggle ahead.....

- 1) Its not whether you get knocked down its whether you get back up!
- 2) Life doesn't have a dress rehearsal, so make it count!
- 3) It's not the will to win, but the will to prepare to win that makes the difference!
- 4) Pain is nothing compared to what it feels like to quit.
- 5) **And remember golf is a game, whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole, with weapons**

particularly ill-designed for their purpose!



HOLE IN ONE!!!!

Well done Steve!
Probably at the pinnacle of his game.....
A very happy Steve holds his Hole-in-One trophy.

Congratulations to all the other listed players on achieving this golfing goal.

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



BANK LOCAL AND EARN MONEY FOR OUR CLUB

We have recently partnered with Southern Cross Credit Union as part of their Referrer Rewards Program. Our club will be rewarded with \$1,000 following funding of any eligible home loan. The minimum home loan amount to meet eligibility is \$200,000. A couple of referrals will go a long way to supporting our players, members and future projects.

Please spread the word about this great initiative. For more information you can contact Head of Premium Banking – John Cutler on 0488 162 009

Post flood work continues on bottom holes



The Unknown
Volunteers Memorial
Statue representing all
those who gave their
time and energy to
help out when needed.



Golf Shop Report

The past month has been a challenging time for everyone involved with Murwillumbah Golf Club. Our beautiful golf course was devastated by the floods which left thick layers of mud deposited on numerous fairways and greens. Thanks to our hard working green staff and helpful volunteers we were able to open the composite 9 holes soon after the disaster. By having a golf course available for play it gave us the ability to run competitions and social play routinely and return to some normality.

As I write this report we are preparing to re-open the full 18 holes for Saturday's competition. After seeing the condition of the affected areas of the course 3 weeks earlier this is a massive achievement. Full praise must go to Brian Cox and his hard working staff for the amazing job they carried out to open the golf course well ahead of the time that was initially scheduled. A big thank you to everyone involved.

On Wednesday the 24th May we will be running a Titleist Demo Day between 10am and 2pm. This will be the first demonstration day we have held at Murwillumbah Golf Club and will be carried out on the driving range. Demo days give golfers the opportunity to try new equipment and receive advice from qualified club fitters to help find the perfect club for the individual. Titleist is a popular brand with our members so I am expecting a lot will relish the opportunity to experiment with the new equipment. I encourage everyone to come along and experience this event.

The Earle Williams match play will be re-scheduled this month and all amended dates will be made available in the golf shop. Please check with golf shop staff for updates.

A Men's Pennant nomination form has been displayed in the golf shop for members to express their interest in playing in this year's competition. If you are available to play Sunday morning golf on the following dates 21st & 28th of May, 4th & 18th of June it's a great opportunity to represent your club in a fun but competitive environment.

Taylormade 2017 M1 & M2 drivers have finally arrived in the golf shop with a great selection of demo's for everyone. This latest model offers increased ball speed and improved club head aerodynamics which simply translates to longer drives. So if you are looking for a few extra meters on your drive give one a try.

Adam Causley - Golf Operations Manager

Women's Pennant Team

A few Murwillumbah Business Ladies played in the Women's Golf Gold Coast Business Women's Pennants from February to April.

They played in a composite teams with some players from Coolangatta //Tweed Heads club. Murwillumbah ladies were: Lisa Ross – Captain (thanks for a great job), Vanessa Henrickson, Charlene Jong, Veronique Morgan, Jane Jacobs, and many thanks to Coolangatta/Tweed heads Ladies for making up the numbers Jodie Rockliffe, Sue Reguson and Jacqui Thompson.

Special mention to Vanessa for playing every match undefeated with the last match a draw.

The composite team started slowly but finished very strongly to end in third place with Southport and Coolangatta/Tweed finished drawn in first place. A great result , congratulations.

Another interesting piece of news Deborah Souter had her 1st Hole-In –One on the 17th hole at Ocean Shores on Saturday 22nd April 2017.

Promotions Report



Our Easter members night was a packed house here at the club, great to see so many families supporting the event even after so many were effected as a result of the record floods. The Hot Wok & Grill did a fantastic job catering for the 200 plus diners. Pictured to the side, showing you don't need to be young to enjoy our Easter Events if your young at heart like Neil &

Harry!!!

Coming up our next event is our Mother's Day Luncheon. Restaurant booking for this are essential so make sure you get in early to book. This event is more of a laid back event, perfect to bring Mum out for a delicious two course lunch listening to mellow live music, winning a meat tray or two and possible taking home one of our lovely Mothers Day Hampers on display at the bar.

Remember to keep using our **FREE COURTESY BUS!** Every Friday and Saturday Nights at the moment, **we are hoping to extend this to Thursday Nights and also Sunday Afternoons.** If you would be interested in cathcing the Bus on Thursday Night and Sunday Afternoon please let us know!

The courtesy bus is now also available for the Fairway Session, which is on every fourth Sunday Each Month. The music runs from 1-4pm, however the bus is available for pickups from Middy.

Promotions Coordinator—Natasha Bolden

Green Buckets

Many thanks to members and visitors who take the time to return green buckets properly. The club is endeavouring to buy buckets from China that automatically return for those people who don't return them and leave it to others to do so.



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Let's Meet Eric!

Name: Eric Jamison

Age: 27 years

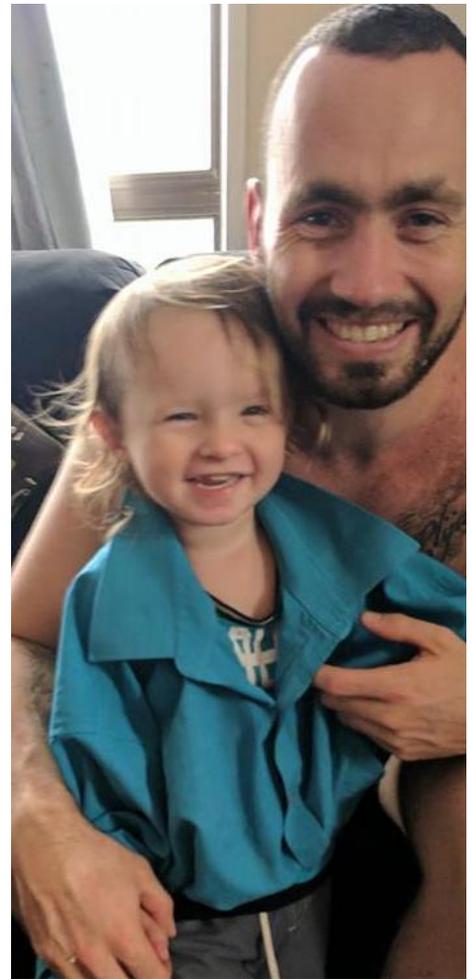
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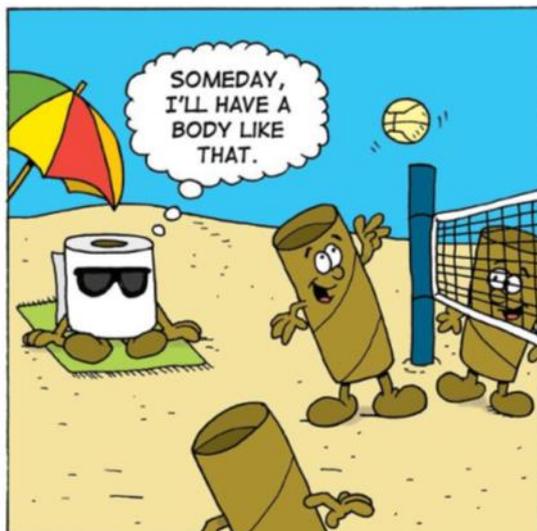
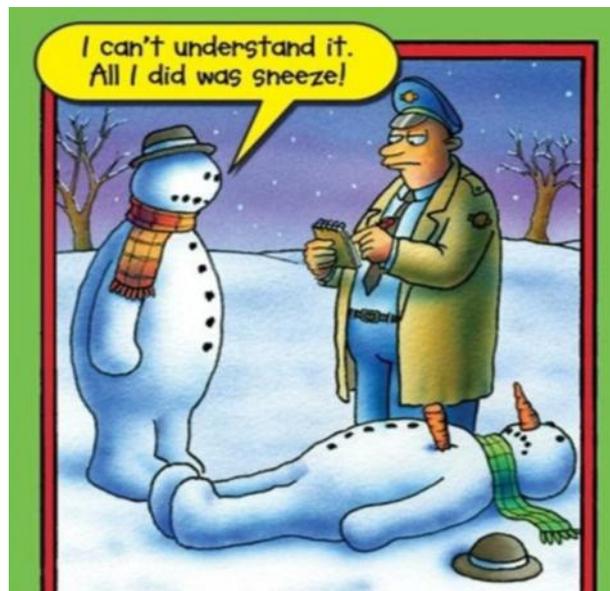
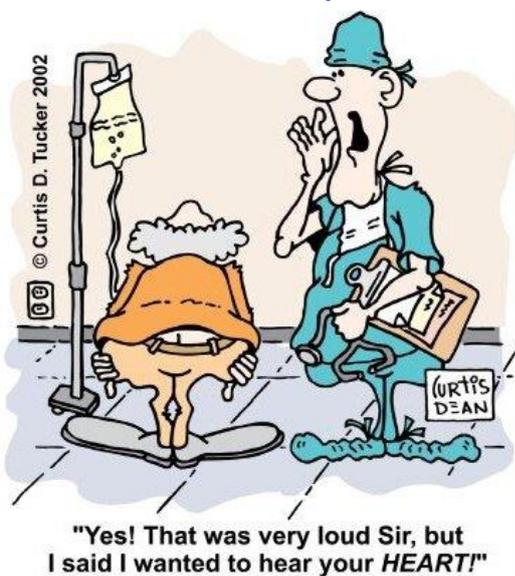
What do you like about the job: Getting to know the regulars, pouring the worlds best beers, overfilling the ice bays, serving customers and working on Public Holidays.

Interests and Hobbies: Scuba Diving, going to the gym, going to the beach, creeks or swimming holes and spending time with my family.

Pictured to the right is Eric with his son Elijah happily wearing his dads work shirt!



Pictures to make you smile :)



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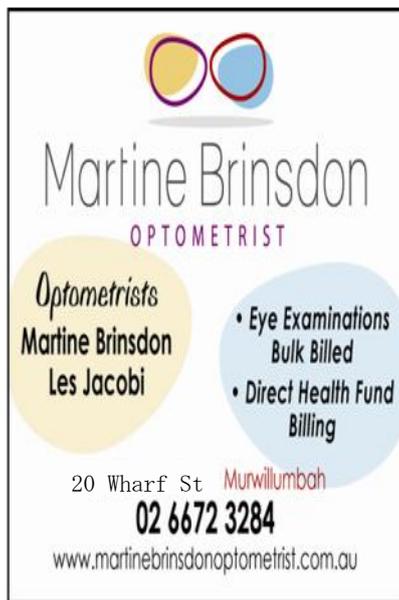
Golf Program for May

DUE TO COURSE CLOSURE SOME EVENTS LISTED BELOW MAY VARY.
CHECK WITH THE GOLF SHOP.

Tuesday 2nd	Women's Single Stroke in 3 Divisions
Wednesday 3rd	Individual Stableford. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 4th	Women's 4 Ball Texas Stableford
Friday 5th	Blue Marker Day
Saturday 6th	Individual Stroke Monthly Medal in 4 Grades
Sunday 7th	Open Day individual Stableford Medley
Monday 8th	Social Golf Day. Veterans Round 1, 4 Ball Championships
Tuesday 9th	Women's Single Stableford
Wednesday 10th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 11th	Women's Invitation Day 4BBB Stableford
Friday 12th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 13th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 14th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley. Mother's Day
Monday 15th	Veterans Maclean Open Day- \$30—Must pay when nominating
Tuesday 16th	Women's 2 Person Wipeout
Wednesday 17th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 18th	Women's Jan Williams Brooch Round 1 Single Stroke
Friday 19th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 20 th	Individual Stableford with 4. B.B.B. Stableford in Conjunction Captain V's President
Sunday 21st	N.R.D.G.A. Pennants
Sunday 21st	Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 22nd	No Vets Today! W.G.N.R. Pennants at Murbah golf club
Tuesday 23rd	Women's Single V's Par
Wednesday 24th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 26th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 27th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 28th	N.R.D.G.A. Pennants
Monday 29th	Social Golf Day. Veterans Members & Mixed 4BBB Stableford and BBQ
Tuesday 30th	Women's Single Stableford
Wednesday 31 st	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors



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Name: _____

Number: _____

MURWILLUMBAH GOLF CLUB'S

MOTHERS DAY

Lunch Menu

SUNDAY 14th MAY

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
(02) 66724041

Mains

Grilled Chicken Breast

With creamy avocado or creamy garlic sauce, chips & salad

Texas Beef Ribs

Served with chips & salad

Roast Lamb

Served with a mixture of roasted vegetables and gravy

Spinach & Feta Quiche

Served with chips and a side salad

Crispy Skin Salmon

Served with a creamy caper sauce, chips & salad

Combination Supreme

Served with a selection of sauces and fried rice

Desserts

Tiramisu,

Pavlova or

Cheesecake

All served with fresh cream



Other Specials

Thai Green Chicken Curry

Served with steamed rice

Comes With Deep-fried Ice-cream

(Special dessert available only with the Thai Curry)



Triv?a

Wednesday Nights 7pm
10th & 24th May

BINGO

Every Thursday 3pm

Fairway Sessions

Sunday 23rd April 1-4pm

Good Melodic Live Music

FREE COURTESY BUS - CALL CLUB TO BOOK

