



# Murwillumbah Golf Club

APRIL 2016

## Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the newsletter.

Having just returned from the annual Biltoft Golf trip it was very pleasing to see the success of the greens over-sow, it looks like we will, in a short time, have some excellent surfaces to putt on.

Just a couple of quick points from the trip to the Mornington Penninsular, schooners of beer \$8 no matter where you went, lightning fast greens and fairway pot bunkers that make life a misery, some so deep you need a miners hat to hit out of them. All the courses we played were in good condition but there is no place like home.

The GIANTS won the annual dinner challenge and Steve Huggins won our little end of trip championship.

Wayne Kendrigan will be our entrant in Master Chef next year, a man of many talents.

Members Foursomes Championship re-run will be in July as will the Mixed-Foursomes, check for dates etc. at the Golf Shop.

The new floor coverings are down in the Golf Shop and no there is no carpet to be laid. The new course tee signage is also up and looks very good. The test to see if anyone noticed them worked and the appropriate changes are underway. We are moving the river to suit the sign, if you believe that I have some sky hooks to sell.

Communication to members is an important issue and while every endeavor is made through this newsletter, the web site, Facebook, in the Golf Shop and notice boards, occasionally something may be missed but the thing about golf is that basically the same events take place at the same time every year, if you are unsure ask at the Golf Shop. Joe and his team will assist you or find out and get back to you.

While on the Golf Shop what an excellent job these staff members do, as do our Greens Staff and Bar staff. Imagine having to work for 2,500+ bosses!

Hard to believe that the end of our Financial Year is only two months away which of course means renewal of annual fees. Renewal fees have been very closely looked at and any increase has been kept to an absolute minimum. The increase in the fees will in no way cover the cost of increases to costs in running the golf course. We believe we still have the best value for dollar of any golf course anywhere.

If you have friends who would be interested in joining, extended membership rates for membership prior to 30 June are still available and these can be discussed with Gary Thatcher and his admin staff if required.

Good Golfing and see you at our Club.

Chairman  
Keith O'Grady

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# Managers Report

Congratulations to our Junior Emily Martin, playing off a handicap of 24, Emily played in the Australian Age Championship, a three day tournament in Yeppoon. She had scores of 89, 89 and 90 and is now the Australian Champion in the 12 year Age Division. As a result of this great effort she is off to the United States in July to play in the World Stars of Junior Golf in Las Vegas and the West Coast Junior Olympics in Los Angeles.



A special thank you to Bill Quantrill and Matt Chips who have put new plants in the garden on the approach road to the club. Bill will continue looking after his garden watering it every day until it is well established.



Membership renewals are now ready and will be going out the first week in May. As postage is now up to \$1 per stamp we will be trying to hand out as many as possible, your cooperation during this time would be greatly appreciated. There is a special Golfers Appreciation Afternoon on Sunday 22nd May. This year there will be two main prizes one full membership as well as one free green fees, from 2pm onwards.

Work by Revolutionary Power Savers has now been completed. Over the past 3 months we have seen savings between 16-18% on our monthly electricity accounts. The peak demand has been minimised considerably with the installation of timer switches on all the carts that are stored at the club.

Until next time,  
Gary Thatcher

## Meet Beverley

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## Pro Shop Report

**NEW FLOOR!!!-** If you haven't visited the golf shop in the last week or so come and say hello and take a look at our new floor! The guys from Hutchisons have done a fantastic job and were very efficient with their time. We literally unpacked the golf shop completely on Tuesday; floor was laid Tuesday afternoon/night and we moved everything back in Wednesday. A massive effort from the shop staff that helped move.

**Earle Williams Match play-**This year's Earle Williams match play is under way with a few upsets in the first rounds. This has been one of the most popular years for the event with a qualifying round having to be played. Team work is a must in a match play event like this and having thick skin to deflect a large amount of sledging from the opposition.

**Pennants-**Pennants is fast approaching with the first round to be played on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. Nominations will close at the end of this week so if you haven't got your name down you best be quick!

**Winter is coming-**The cooler months are just around the corner and Foot Joy has some great new pieces to keep you warm. There are a number of jumpers, wind shells and the ever popular pull-overs for purchase in the golf shop that will not only keep you warm this winter but also looking a treat on the fairways.

Golf Operations Manager  
Joe Chilcott



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Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May 11am-5pm  
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Fri 6<sup>th</sup> May 12-4pm

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# Practice, practice, practice!

The MGC is proud to announce to our members what could be our greatest Pennants Team ever!

For the last 2 years Graeme “The Coach” has developed this sterling group of unknown players. They have swept all before them in winning every regional, state and national golfing event they have entered. They play as a team and have made many personal and family sacrifices to get to where they are today.

Dean– brings the international sphere to the group.

Gary– the planner of every stroke

Arthur– brings the experience

Mike– the mass media man

John– keeps everyone stable when under pressure

Barry– the humorous guy of the team.

All members wish them well in the year ahead.



Dean, Graeme, Gary, Arthur, Mike, John & Barry

## Bill's Philosophy

**To laugh often and much,  
to win the respect  
of intelligent people  
and the affection  
of children,  
to earn the appreciation  
of honest critics  
and endure the betrayal  
of false friends,  
to appreciate beauty  
and to find the best in others,  
to leave the world a bit better,  
whether by a healthy child,  
a garden patch  
or a redeemed social condition,  
to know even one life  
has breathed easier  
because you have lived.  
And most importantly to be  
The best golfer you can.**

**This is to have succeeded.**

## Golfing Tip of the month

In the game of golf, putting effectively is an essential skill.

Golf Coach Corey Taylor recommends that for a right handed golfer, the right hand provides the power and the feel in the putting stroke, the left hand 'merely goes along for the ride.'

The left hand must do that in order to keep the putter-head low through impact and not pull 'up and out' of the shot.

This is another key secret to getting the true roll you need.

For left-handers simply reverse the roles. Also ensure that you pick a spot on your putting target line very close to your ball at address.

Then all you do is to feel your hand going directly over that spot as you swing through impact.

## Promotions Report

Mothers Day is fast approaching. It lands on Sunday the 8th May this year and the Hot Wok & Grill have prepared a special two course meal to spoil mum this Mothers Day. New items on the menu this year include the Grilled John Dory with creamy garlic sauce on a bed of potatoes grilled vegetables topped with a cherry tomato salsa. (Pictured below) Looks divine!



Bookings for this lunch are essential (and usually book out) so get in quick to secure your spot. We will also have raffles and live music as well as giving away all our beautiful hampers which are on display at the bar. This include the main prize of the wine fridge which includes the 16 bottles of wine and together with the fridge, is retailed at a massive \$680!

Make sure whenever you make a purchase at the bar you hand over your membership card and receive your voucher into the Mothers Day Giveaway. If you don't hand over your card you won't get a ticket into the free promotion!

## Open Day - Go Pink

On the 31st March the Murwillumbah Golf Club became a sea of pink when the ladies held their annual Open Day in aid of Breast Cancer Research.

One hundred and ten women competed on the day with ladies coming from as far away as Oxley in Brisbane to Yamba.

A raffle was held on the day and over \$400 was raised. Winner was Jan Brooks from Murwillumbah with a score of 38 Stableford points. Other winners were Division 1: Vanessa Henrickson (Murwillumbah), Runner-Up; Janet East (Murwillumbah), Division 2: Jan Brooks (Murwillumbah), Runner-Up; Brenda Ruyg (Boomerang Farm), Division 3: Jan Esplin (Tally Valley) Runner-Up; Carol Gill (TallyValley).

Once again the highlight of the day were the comments from the visiting ladies about the stunning setting that the course has.



**Young Gun Maddie Trew** - playing off handicap of 2.

Maddie came Runner-Up by 1 shot with a 76 and 76, in the Jack Newton Junior Masters held at Ballina. With this great result Maddie has now qualified to compete at Bonville in the Champions Tournament. This is a big year of golf for Maddie, playing in the NSW Combined High Schools Championships at Taree, NSW All Schools Team Event in Tamworth as well as Katherine Kirk Classic at Maroochy River Golf Club, Greg Norman Masters, Qld Stroke Play and Qld Junior.

# Joke Time - Leaving you mark

A principal of a small middle school had a problem with a few of the older girls starting to use lipstick. When applying it in the bathroom they would then press their lips to the mirror and leave lip prints.

Before it got out of hand he thought of a way to stop it. He gathered all the girls together that wore lipstick and told them he wanted to meet with them in the ladies room at 2pm. They gathered at 2pm and found the principal and the school custodian waiting for them.

The principal explained that it was becoming a problem for the custodian to clean the mirror every night. He said he felt the ladies did not fully understand just how much of a problem it was and he wanted them to witness just how hard it was to clean.

The custodian then demonstrated. He took a long brush on a handle out of a box. He then dipped the brush in the nearest toilet, moved to the mirror and proceeded to remove the lipstick.

That was the last day lipstick was found on the mirrors.....

# Joke Time - Irish Explorer

An Irish explorer paid \$40 for a piece of sand paper, he was told it was a map of the Sahara Desert.....

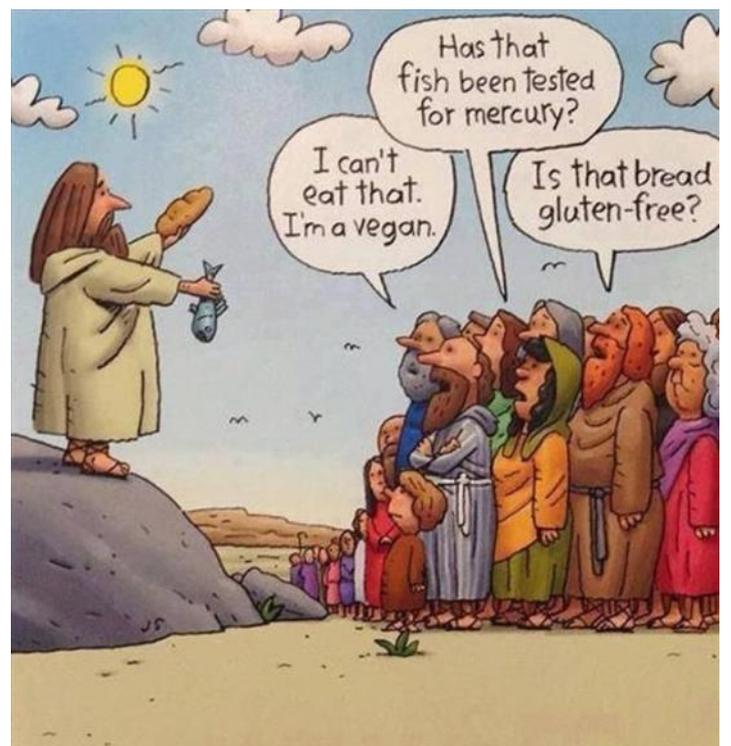
## S'beaks for itself

**I'M NO BIRD EXPERT**



**BUT I'M GUESSING  
4 FEMALES AND 1 MALE**

## Changing times



# Golf Program for May

Sunday 1st	Individual Stableford
Monday 2nd	Social Golf Day. Veterans Individual Stroke in Grades
Tuesday 3rd	Ladies Single Stroke in 3 divisions
Wednesday 4th	Individual Stableford. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 5th	Ladies 2 person Wipeout
Friday 6th	Back Marker Challenge
Saturday 7th	Monthly Medal in 4 Grades
Sunday 8th	Open Day individual Stableford Medley. <b>Mother's Day</b>
Monday 9th	Social Golf Day. Veterans <b>SHIRTS versus SKIRTS</b>
Tuesday 10th	Ladies Single Stableford
Wednesday 11th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 12th	Ladies Invitation Day
Friday 13th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 14th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades 3rd.Round E.J.W. Match Play to be Completed
Sunday 15th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 16th	Social Golf Day. Veterans Individual Stableford in Grades
Tuesday 17th	Ladies 4 Ball Texas Stableford
Wednesday 18th	Individual V's Par. 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 20th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 21st	Individual Stableford with 4. B.B.B. Stableford in Conjunction Captain V's President
Sunday 22nd	N.R.D.G.A. Pennants. Individual Stableford Medley Bring a Guest Day
Monday 23rd	Social Golf Day. Veterans Individual Stableford in Grades
Tuesday 24th	Mabel Mackenzie Brooch Single Stableford
Wednesday 25th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 26th	Ladies Single Stableford
Friday 27th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 28th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 29th	N.R.D.G.A.Members Pennants
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Social Golf Day W.G.N.R. Pennants at Murwillumbah golf club Vets Members & Mixed 4BBB Stableford BBQ and Raffle



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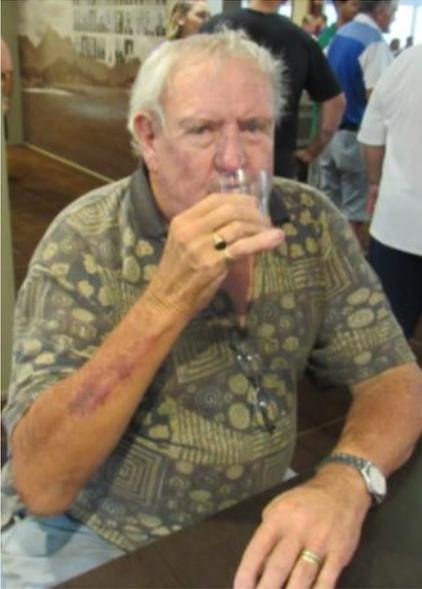
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## Regulars around the Club



Pictured above "MACCA" enjoying a quite drink or two in his own private TAB corner.



Pictured top left to bottom right;  
Craig and Kirsty Collis, Stacey Lawrence, Tyson Moore & Tara Collis.



Pictured left to right;  
Pauline, Trevor, Bernard, Bernard,  
Trish, Joyce and Candice.

**Fairway Sessions**  
**Sunday 29th May 1-4pm**

Good Melodic Live Music

**BINGO**

**Every Thursday 3pm**

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**Wednesday Nights 7pm**

**11th & 25th May**