



## Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Club's Newsletter.

**Annual General Meeting will be held on 27 November 2016 at 11.00 am**, Full Members are invited to attend and hopefully a quorum will be present. Please make yourself available to attend as there are statutory requirements we need to fulfil so we need to have you in attendance.

Congratulations to Lucas Higgins for his performance in the NSW Open. Great score and no doubt some future career learning experiences.

Just back from a trip to a South West Rocks tournament where Dave Hobday a former member of our greens staff has been working for a few years now and the improvements he has made to the course are amazing. Certainly worth a game there if you are down that way.

Happy to report that Tony Varella had his first hole in one after playing only for a couple of years.... much to the dismay of Neil Fogo who has not had one yet after many, many years.

Warren Colefax was beaten in playoff by no other than Dave Hobday for the title. Darren VanEgdom had the next best gross score and various other prizes including the Bradman for visitors In all 3 Grades? No names mentioned.

Planning continues on the new deck area, parking areas and improved access to the Club for Patrons. Work will commence shortly on repairs to the surface of other car park areas. Some work on damaged surface in a cart storage area is also to be completed.

Monitoring systems are now in place on all Club golf carts with **video recording back to base of drivers who enter no access areas!** Big brother is now watching and possible action will be taken against repeat offenders.

Christmas is upon us so ensure where possible you use the Club's facilities for any functions or get together you have planned and of course make sure transport is organised if required. **Our Courtesy bus is available Fridays and Saturdays, please book early.**

Sad to report the departure of two valued staff members. Jess from behind the bar who is a very talented artist is off to Melbourne for personal reasons and our beloved Joe Chilcott is off to Singapore where his wife is taking up a teaching position Both will be missed.

Joe has been a valued member of staff and Management team of the Club playing a large part in establishing the Golf Shop we now have. The success of our Pro Am is mainly due to his efforts and he will be a hard act to follow.

This position will be open to all who place their name forward and advertising will commence soon.

New 19<sup>th</sup> green is progressing well and its that time of the year with greens renovations, so be patient enjoy the experience on greens that could be a bit rough, you will appreciate the surface when the work is complete.

Storms – something we need to be aware of as golfers. The Club does not have a warning system for storms or dangerous weather conditions, so ensure your own safety by making early decisions on getting to the safety of the Club House. Rounds can be completed after the danger has passed, stay and play safe.

Don't forget the Club is your Club so what you put into it comes back to you as improved facilities etc.

Good Golfing and see you at our Club.

Chairman  
Keith O'Grady

# Manager's Report

Congratulation to Golfer and regular to our Club, Alan Ryder on taking home the Badge Draw of \$9400 a few Friday Nights ago. So great to see the money go to a well-deserved regular of the club!

With the year coming to a close the Club is a great place to host your end of year work function and get togethers. Natasha has planned her annual Family Christmas Night which will be held on Friday 23rd December, make sure you bring the whole family out. I brought all my grand kids out last year and they had a ball! New Years Eve I also hear will be a lot of fun with Live Music by Billy & the Kid, the full normal Menu and of course exceptional friendly service from our staff.

Talking about staff it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Joe Chilcott an exceptional worker who has a very successful future ahead of him. We wish you all the best and thank you for everything you have done for this club. You are genuinely a top bloke who will be missed by myself and I'm sure everyone included!

We also say goodbye to Jessica behind the bar, Jessica's hard work ethic and customer service was exceptional and we have lost a very valuable member of our team.

On a brighter note and looking ahead we warmly welcome Brett Draman to our Bar Staff Team. Brett is a regular golfer and seems to fit right in at home here.

We have extended our wine list and also updated our rather "dated" list. So make sure you check our new wine list out! We also have Wild Yak now on tap, another Pacific Ale which is worth a try.

Good Golfing and enjoy all that your club has to offer,

Gary Thatcher  
Secretary Manager

## Time Capsule Completed

The time Capsule is now mounted at the entrance of the Club. The capsule will be opened on the 100th Anniversary of the birth of the Golf Club. The Capsule contains historical information about the club and sub clubs, a bottle of expensive wine to be presented to Chairman Keith O'Grady, Membership information and family packs.



## Driving Range Golfers Deal

Half price range balls for full golf club members.

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# A Very Sad Farewell to Joe Chilcott & Jess Mattner!



**Joe Chilcott** - Just married and a “dramatic change” is happening! Our Golf Shop Manager will finish up late December and will be heading to Singapore. Without doubt Joe has successfully overseen the transformation of a privately owned Pro Shop into a club owned Golf Shop. Under his guidance the shop has successfully added to the financial base of the club. His furnishing of the Golf Shop’s Interior and the extensive range of golfing equipment is a credit to him. The fact that of the 5 Pro-Ams he has organised, saw 3 of them recognised as Outstanding Golf Tournaments of the North Coast beams testimony to his organisational skills and ability.

Before leaving I asked Joe what he enjoyed most about the Job, “ Being able to work with my mates. Also meeting different people and developing life long friendships along the way. Having the golf course to play on was also a great perk!

What was the hardest part of the Job? “Keeping everyone happy... It took me a while but I have learnt that no matter what you do or how many people you try and please there will always be a few that won't like what you're doing. The best way to be is looking out for the best intentions of the club and making sure the members that make it a great place to work are kept happy.”

What was the easiest part of the job? “Talking to and building relationships with fantastic people, not only members but suppliers and staff alike.”

Finally is there anything you would like to say to the Members? “Its been a pleasure over the last 6 years. Thank you for your patience, your laughs, your business for the club, your feedback and most of all your friendships. Murwillumbah is a place I will never forget and I hope to return one day. Its been real!



**Jessica Mattner** - Each day Jess worked at our Club with a smile on her face and a desire to do her best. Jessica you will be near impossible to replace!

Jessica is moving to Melbourne in the New year to be with her Partner. Her long term future plans are to do Art Teaching, and to eventually move back to Murwillumbah where she hopes to settle down with 4 children. Yes, that's right 4 children!

Upon leaving I asked Jessica what she enjoyed most about the Job, “ I enjoyed working with an amazing team of Staff Members and serving quirky, entertaining and kind regulars. Wednesday Night Trivia Nights were a highlight, as well as our up-beat, fast paced Friday Nights with Bill Quantrill.”

What was the hardest part of the Job? “ I would have to say trying to pronounce and read out all the words correctly in Trivia. I swear Tash would put a few tricky one in there just to test me out and get a few laughs out of everyone. (Which she sure did!)”

What was the easiest part of the Job? “This would have to be getting the privilege to work with some amazing Friends. Some of you guys I already knew and other I got to know along the way. You guys are all awesome!”

Finally is there anything you would like to say to the Members? “ To all the customers and regulars, thanks for your patience and understanding when I first started working here. The regulars and friendly customers made working here at the Club such an enjoyable one. To all the Wednesday afternoon drinking group, thank you for the laughs and the smiles. I will definitely miss you all!”

On behalf of all the Members, Staff and Board of Directors we wish both Joe and Jess all the best for their future endeavours.

## The Massive \$9400 Badge Draw finally goes off!!



A massive congratulations goes out to Alan Ryder the winner the Friday Night Badge Draw , on the 5th November. **\$9400** a few weeks before Christmas will most definitely come in handy. Pictured above, Bill Quantrill our MC and Keith O'Grady our Chairman presenting Alan with his rather large cheque.



## The Professional Lock Picker

With only 20 keys left, the lucky one was selected. That's a \$130 smile on his face and covers the many drinks he brought at the club. This popular promotion will start again on Friday so make sure you put your name in the box at the bar and you could be as happy as Brian!

## Golf Tip of the month— How to slow down your swing?

The important thing with slowing down your swing is to work with one, simple, graphic image. It should be a positive thought about good rhythm. You shouldn't concern yourself that much with the position of the club when you're trying to slow down your swing.

Picture a pendulum. A Golf Club should act like a pendulum, going back and up, stopping, and starting down again smoothly. It comes to a halt and you want your golf swing to do the same thing at the top or else you will be moving to fast.

Count to two. Any dummy who can count to two can swing smoothly. By that I mean "one" on the backswing and "two" on the down swing. Count yourself out loud when practicing. Making sure you aren't at "one and a half" when you hit the ball.

# CHRISTMAS AND NYE – WHAT'S HAPPENING??

## **Christmas Event - Friday 23rd December 2016**

Our big Annual Xmas event is on Friday 23rd December. The kids activities will kick off around 5.30pm (nice and early for the young ones.)

**All Free: Face painting, fairy floss, popcorn and kids' xmas crafts (5.30-8.30pm)**



We have a NEW musician to our Club..... Ian Calvert. He has played at the Riverview and also at Brothers and we look forward to having him here at our club. He will start at 6.30pm.

We will also have a \$2000 Meat and Ham Raffle. With each leg of ham retailing around \$50 each it sure will be worth spending a few dollars to try and win one!

This year we are also having a visit from a very special kind of Disney Santa and a matching Helper handing out FREE GIFTS FOR THE KIDS.

NOT A BUFFET FAN? The HOT WOK & GRILL will offer an order off the menu, making more variety and options for our members. With the Restaurant open at 5.30pm make sure you book and order early to avoid waiting!

## **New Years Eve - Saturday 31st December 2016**

New Years Eve lands on an awesome Saturday this year! The Hot Wok & Grill will have there usual full dinner menu! Restaurant bookings essential. Get in Early and book a table! **FREE COURTESY BUS, pick up & drop off!**

Live Music by our House Favourite Billy & The Kid!  
Starting at 8 and playing right through to Midnight!

There will be Free Party supplies on all the tables; \$3 glass bubbles all day as well as a FREE glass of bubbles at midnight to celebrate in style!

Natasha Bolden - Promotions Coordinator



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# Joke - Mirror, Mirror on the Door....

A young woman buys a mirror at an antique shop and hangs it on her bathroom door. One evening, while getting undressed, she playfully says, "Mirror, mirror, on my door, make my bust-line forty four." Instantly there is a brilliant flash of light, and her boobs grow to enormous proportions. Excitedly, she runs to tell her husband, and in minutes they both return. This time the husband crosses his fingers and says, "Mirror, mirror on the door, make my manhood touch the floor!" Again there is a brilliant flash of light, he looks down in shock to find both his legs are gone!"

# Joke - The two hillbillies.....

Two hillbillies walk into a restaurant. While having a bite to eat, they talk about their moonshine operation. Suddenly, a woman at a nearby table, who is eating a sandwich, begins to cough.

After a minute or so, it becomes apparent that she is in real distress. One of the hillbillies looks at her and says, "Kin ya swallar?" The woman shakes her head no. Then he asks, "Kin ya breathe?" The woman begins to turn blue, and shakes her head no.

The hillbilly walks over to the woman, lifts up her dress, yanks down her drawers, and quickly gives her right butt cheek a lick with his tongue. The woman is so shocked that she has a violent spasm, and the obstruction flies out of her mouth.

As she begins to breathe again, the Hillbilly walks slowly back to his table. His brother said, "Ya know, I'd heerd of that there Hind Lick Maneuver but I ain't niver seed nobody do it!" 😊



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# How Times Have Changed....

When I was growing up plastic surgery was a bit of a taboo subject, these days if you mention botox no one raises an eyebrow. 😊



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# Golf Program for December

Thursday 1st	Ladies Summer Ball Comp
Friday 2nd	Blue Marker Day
Saturday 3rd	Medals Of Medals
Sunday 4th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Social Golf Day. Veterans Individual Stableford in 2 Grades
Tuesday 6th	Ladies Summer Ball Comp
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 8th	Ladies Summer Ball Comp
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford with 4.B.B.B. Stableford in Conjunction
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Social Golf Day. Individual Stableford
Tuesday 13th	Ladies Summer Ball Comp
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 15th	Ladies Summer Ball Comp
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley Bring a Guest Day
Monday 19th	Social Golf Day. Veterans Individual Stableford
Tuesday 20th	Individual Stableford Medley
Wednesday 21st	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades
Thursday 22nd	Individual Stableford Medley
Friday 23rd	Open Day Single Stableford
Saturday 24th	Christmas Eve. Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Course Closed
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Boxing Day. Vets Individual Stableford With 4.B.B.B. in Conject.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford medley
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	New Year's Eve Individual Stableford Medley
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Triv?d**

**Returning Wednesday  
4th January 2017**

**BINGO**

**Every Thursday 3pm**

**NO FAIRWAY SESSIONS IN DECEMBER  
RESUME AGAIN SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY 2017**

# Christmas Event

Friday 23rd December



I'm sending a special kind of Santa and a helper to help me out this year!

FREE GIFT FOR THE  
KIDS FROM SANTA!  
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PLENTY OF RAFFLES!  
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