



# Murwillumbah Golf Club

MARCH 2016

## Chairman's Corner

Having "enjoyed" the experience earlier in the month of walking the course it's great to see the sun back out and carts on the course.

The course itself in spite of being a little wet, is in immaculate condition and will remain that way if we as members who drive carts respect the use of the facility by using paths, driving slowly through wet patches and not taking short cuts that are not necessary to take.

The recent weather has once again highlighted the need to investigate more suitable structures for our bunkers. The continual issue of washouts and being out of play need to be rectified and we are looking into methods that will reduce or alleviate the affect of wet weather as best we can. We still have a couple of bunkers to be removed as part of the long term plan for the course and that removal will be carried out as time permits.

The Board is looking at a number of projects at the moment including car parking, a new open air balcony, additional cart paths and painting inside the Club House to name a few.

It is coming to that time of the year when we carry out renovations to and the over sow our greens so please accept the necessary evil for a longer term gain. The new 19th green should also be underway in the near future, weather permitting.

We have to give a very big pat on the back to Course Superintendent Brian Cox and his team for the continued excellent presentation of the course. Given we have a staff of 5 plus some volunteers who are also very much appreciated, the effort is amazing when you consider the greens are mowed every day, the fairways are mowed twice a week, the bunkers have needed extra attention and all under difficult weather conditions.

Inside the Club the patronage has also been very strong with all function and activities well supported by Members. The Club is a family Club for the use by all members at all times.

Golf is a game that can be played by all ages our oldest playing Member is 89 years old our youngest member is 7 years old and with the game of golf there is no reason why they could not be paired up to play competition together, a true family game.

Graeme Trew would be only to happy to do a family training session for those who wanted to get started or for those who would like to play a little better. I must book a refresh lesson myself. I can assure you that your game will improve. On that subject, Saturday morning sessions for Juniors are open and when you consider the quality of players that have been through these clinics, Sheridan Gorton and Lucas Higgins as an example the value of early coaching is certainly highlighted.

Now away from Juniors the opportunity also exists for new playing members with both our Men's, Women's and Veterans sub clubs. So if you have or know someone who has played in the past the opportunity exists to join in with these two well organised groups of members. Just contact the Club or the Golf Shop for details on how to join in the fun.

Please remember when it is wet outside the Club inside is nice and dry so even if you cannot get on the course your patronage at the Club, your Club is appreciated.

Good Golfing and see you at our Club.

Chairman  
Keith O'Grady

# Mangers Report

As Keith has mentioned in his report, considering the amount of rain we have had in March the course has held up considerably well. Brain and the green staff are doing an exceptional job. Lets hope for a few more drier weeks.

The club has joined a Bin Trim program. We have doubled the amount of recycle bins and also changed pick up from fortnightly to weekly pick up. By doing this we are committed to reducing our landfill waste by increasing our current recycling.

We are also continuing our efforts to reduce the power bill costs. Timers have been set up on all the buggies. This latest initiative is to stagger the charging buggies which reduces our peak demand. This peak time is the most costly part of our bill currently.

New security cameras are being looked at and will be installed in the coming months.

Not much to report on this month so until next time, good golfing,

Gary Thatcher  
Secretary Manager

## Veterans Golf Information

For any Club Member wishing to join the "Vets", here are some details:

The minimum qualifying age is,  
50 years of age for Ladies  
55 years for Men

There is no maximum age of course. If you read last month's Bulletin you would have noticed that Ken Forster at 90 is our most senior player.

Joining Fee \$10

Our Main Comp Day is Monday with spots available from 6:30am until 8:01am on 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Tees.

Comp Fee is \$10 (same price for visiting Vets).

We have a Results Presentation every Monday and we encourage players to stay and join the camaraderie.

**SOME OF THE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS ARE:** We are part of the Northern Rivers Vets Golf Association. (Clubs from Maclean in the South to Coolangatta Tweed in the North.)

During the year each of these Clubs have an "Open Day" and Vets from other Northern Rivers Clubs can play for a cost of \$25 (which includes lunch).

Murwillumbah and some other Clubs hold a "Week of Golf" event (ours is in June) and Vet Golfers from all over Australia are invited.

We have a couple of subsidised "away" trips each year. Our main one is a 3-Day Trip to Tenterfield, which occurred this month. The other is usually a Day Trip to a Gold Coast Course.

Our Christmas Party and Presentation Night is also heavily subsidised for our Members.

In summary, all you younger men and women golfers thinking of retirement, go for it and join the vets. Similarly all of you already out of the work force looking for some other constructive pastime (if you are not already a golfer), GOLF is a great solution and importantly a wonderful opportunity for social contact with a wide variety of people of varying ages.

Bob Green  
Hon. President

# Pro Shop Report

## Earle Williams Match Play

Nominations are now open for the Earle Williams Matchplay. The closing date to nominate is the 2<sup>nd</sup> April with the first round being play on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Last years winners Brent McPhee and David French have entered again and are named favourites for the event. "I reckon we'll go alright again, I found my lucky blue shirt and I'm unstoppable in this thing" French said.

## Pennants in May

The 22<sup>nd</sup> of May is the first round of the NRDGA Pennants, you will see nomination forms in the golf shop soon. Pennants is an excellent opportunity to represent your club and bring back the glory of a pennant flag.

## Lucas shoots 65



Young Golf Shop prodigy Lucas Higgins has carded a 6 under 65 to dominate a Sunday competition and then backed it up with a 3 under 69 at Coolangatta-Tweed the following day. Lucas is competing in the Australia Junior in Tasmania next month and is coming into the event in great form. We wish Lucas the best of luck!

Joe Chilcott

Golf Operations Manager

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## Watch out members the Juniors are coming!.....



**Front Row = Elissa & Harrison,  
Olivia Adams, Kane Whitelock,  
Lachlan Adams**

**Second Row = Emily Martin,  
Maddie Trew, Ashlee Selwood,  
Corey Grossman**

**Back Row = Graeme Trew,  
Mark Adams**

### **Saturday Raffle Junior Representative Fund**

The Raffle is to help our Elite Juniors with costs to play in big events such as state events and national raking events.

State Age Championships Toukley. NSW, Australian Juniors Launceston Tasmania, NSW Championships Forster NSW, QLD Juniors Bagara QLD

Greg Norman Masters Robina QLD.

This helps with travel + accommodation, entry fees and green fees.

We have plenty of Juniors who compete at this level and do have a few who have been ranked in the top 50 in the country, thanks to the help of the MGC Members. With a few more starts who knows, we may even have a junior in the top 20 this year.

Lucas Higgins is ranked 38 out of 876 players. Maddie Trew is ranked 80 out of 340. Alex Hunt 110. Riley King 423. Tom Partridge 526. Ethan Mitchell 526. Ashlee Selwood 235.

7 of our Juniors are ranked.



### **Meet Our New Members**

Mary & Paul Walden have been Vet Members for two weeks after 11 years chasing sheep in New Zealand. Mary has played golf for 15 years (H/C is 23) Claim to Fame— Club Champion at Marton Golf Club in 2010 and 2012 Eagle on Par 5. Paul has played for 30 years (H/C 18.6) Claim to fame—Hole in One on St Patricks Day at Wanganui Golf Club. Both think our course is absolutely marvellous!

## Promotions Report



*On Saturday the 19th March Kaitelyn and Emily raised over \$500 in the World's Greatest Shave here at Murwillumbah Golf Club. An excellent job from two very young and brave girls. They kindly donated their hair as well to make wigs for leukaemia patients. At 8 and 10 years they are an inspiration to many, well done girls!!*

*Our Big Easter Night was well supported by our Members and their guests. The kids loved our very talented balloon man. With flashing lights and complicated designs he sure came up with some very impressive balloon creations.*

*Our Mothers Day Prizes are already out and tickets will be out Friday 1st April.*

*If you are interested in playing bingo or know anyone who is, bingo runs every Thursday at 3pm and costs only \$10 to play.*

*If you would also like to try your hand at trivia Jess from the bar runs a very funny and challenging Trivia night. These nights are on every second Wednesday and start at 7pm, finishing around 8.30 at the latest. Our Trivia nights this month are 13th and 27th April at 7pm.*

*If you have any appropriate jokes or articles for the newsletter please email them to [promotions@murwillumbahgolfclub.com.au](mailto:promotions@murwillumbahgolfclub.com.au)*

Natasha Bolden  
Promotions

**Fairway Sessions**  
**Sunday 24th April 1-4pm**  
Good Melodic Live Music

# Joke Time - Meeting up for lunch

A group of guys, all age 40, discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Hooters, because the waitresses had big breasts and wore short shorts.

Ten years later, at age 50, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Hooters, because the waitresses were attractive. The food and service were good and the beer selection was excellent.

Ten years later, at age 60, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Hooters, because there was plenty of parking, they could dine in peace and quiet with no loud music, and it was good value for the money.

Ten years later, at age 70, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Hooters, because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had a toilet for the disabled.

Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Hooters, because they had never been there before.

## Mongrels News

How about that rain on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Blue Marker Day . It just kept coming down.

Chris Breen posted a net 72 to lead the Mongrels and finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in B grade.

The rain continued on when the foursome was played on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March. The game was called off only to be played at a later date.

Nick Williams was recovering from a bout of gastro, but all is well now. Nick was on that ship you saw in Sydney harbour.

But not to hold him back he's on another ship heading north. Nick tried not to eat too much!

Like most of us in the rain things did not go well, just ask Craig who couldn't reach the ladies markers on three occasions. Chris played the game out and won for himself the worst score for the day.

Not a record but a score that should push his h/cap up again.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February the mongrels had their presentation night. This was held at Ian's place. Ian and Jo had cut a couple holes about 150m and we had to hit to a drum that was placed there. Alex Hunt hit the drum twice and the rest got close. Ethan Mitchell struck the ball well.



A report of the night could be coming soon.

As you can see from the pictures, Nick was having a good time. Chirs Breen tucked into a steak and Chris Hindmarch was thinking what might have been had he not played that last shot?

Regards from the Kennel.

# Golf Program for April

Friday 1st	Blue Marker Day
Saturday 2nd	<b>Nominations Close for Earle Williams 4BBB Matchplay Individual Stroke in 4 Grades Monthly Medal</b>
Sunday 3rd	Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 4th	Social Golf Day. Veterans Individual Stroke in Grades
Tuesday 5th	Golden Ball Team Event 3 player
Wednesday 6th	Individual V's Par. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 7th	Monthly Medal Single Stroke
Friday 8th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 9th	<b>4BBB Stableford with Single in conjunction 1<sup>st</sup> Round Earle Williams 4BBB matchplay</b>
Sunday 10th	Open day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 11th	Social Golf Day. Veterans Members 4BBB CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 1 Single Stableford in Conjun
Tuesday 12th	Ladies Single Stableford
Wednesday 13th	Individual Stableford. 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 15th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 16th.	4 Person Ambrose 'Green Keepers Revenge Day'
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford medley
Monday 18th	Medley Stableford. Veterans Members 4BBB Championships ROUND 2 with Single Stableford in Conjun
Tuesday 19th	Ladies Single Stableford
Wednesday 20th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 21st	Ladies American Foursomes
Friday 22nd	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 23rd	Stableford in 4 Grades 2nd.Rnd Earle Williams Matchplay
Sunday 24th	Individual Stableford Medley Bring a Guest Day
Monday 25th	ANZAC DAY. Medley Single Stableford. Veterans Members and Mixed 4BBB Stableford ... BBQ and Raffle
Tuesday 26th	Ladies Single V's Bisque Par
Wednesday 27th	4.B.B.B Stableford with Individual Stableford in Conjunction 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 28th	Ladies Single Stableford
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley



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# Friday Night Regulars

Friday Nights are well worth a visit. As the aromas spread throughout the club visitors and members settle down to great meals, cold drinks, meat raffles and club promotions. The club appreciates all our regular support from our members.



Christine, Amy & Allan



Shirley & Bob



Family Zoe, Kristy, Cameron, Zarl, Maddi and Callum



Val, Noel & Sheila

**BINGO**

***Every Thursday 3pm***

**TRIV?a**

***Wednesday Nights 7pm***

***6th & 13th April***