



# Murwillumbah Golf Club

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## Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the newsletter.

Sadly I have to report the passing of long term member and past Club Champion Ron (Dicko) Dickson. Dicko loved his golf, had the occasional punt and was an all round good guy. He will be greatly missed and we pass on our thoughts to his family.

The weather has been treating us well and with the excellent condition of the course, daily playing rounds are up so it is good to see the facilities of the Club being utilized. With the cooler weather upon us and the slowing of growth of the grass it is important that we avoid well worn areas around the greens in particular to allow what growth there is to maintain the good lies we have had created by the new irrigation system.

Membership fees are here again and we have endeavored to keep the increase to a minimum. I can assure you that the increase in membership fee does not cover the increased cost to maintain the course but fortunately our other revenue streams assist in the offset. Make sure your fees are paid prior to 30 June to receive the member discount. If you need to make payment arrangements then talk with Gary Thatcher for available options.

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 Secretary Manager and his admin staff if required.

As you have noticed there has been a big effort put into cleaning up the course and in particular stray branches on trees, for this we need to thank Les Gorton. Les has spent many hours in these efforts and the course looks much cleaner and plays safer for his efforts. Thanks Les.

Patronage of the Club has improved largely due to the efforts of our staff. It goes without saying they are a valuable asset in any organization and thankfully we have a skilled and dedicated team both inside and outside the Club that ensure smooth operation with minimum fuss.

From the Board we are currently giving consideration to a number of projects and reviews, with Graeme Nelson and Warren Colefax spending many hours looking at options to improve the current facilities we have. These two Board members are the silent achievers for our Club giving freely of their time for the benefit of all.

The work they do is capably supported by fellow Board members, their working committees and staff members. If these projects approach approval details will be passed on through this news letter & the notice board.

Good Golfing and see you at our Club.

Chairman  
Keith O'Grady



Thanks to Les Gorton you can now see the players from the trees.

## Manager's Report

Congratulations to Peter Dunne for winning the full golfing membership and David Devine on winning the free Green Fees. There were smiles all around as you can tell from the picture to the right. Winners with House Chairman Graham Nelson.



Information is provided to members as best we can. If you didn't receive a reminder about our Golfers Afternoon via text this means the office does not have your mobile number. A simple call to the admin office can fix this and keep you right up to date with everything happening around the club. **Please make sure all your contact details are correct. This includes any change of address you may have made in the last 12 months. If we don't have your email address, send an email to [admin@murwillumbahgolfclub.com.au](mailto:admin@murwillumbahgolfclub.com.au) so we can add it to our files.**

**It is that time again that Golfing and Social Memberships are up for renewal. Reminder to all full golfing membership that if you pay before June 30th you will receive a \$50 discount.**

Quite a few 3 year Social Members are up for renewal this year. If your card says 2016 on it this means that it runs out June 30th 2016 and you will need to renew for another 3 years for only \$10. **Social 3 year members, if you renew before the 31st July you will go into the draw to win \$100 worth of loyalty points put onto your card.**

Until next time,  
Gary Thatcher  
Secretary Manager

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# Pro Shop Report

## Pennants:

NRDGA Pennants is currently under way with a mixed bag of results for Murwillumbah teams. Division 1 has had a bye and a win which puts them at the top. No other teams are undefeated but Murwillumbah teams 2 and 5 still have a great chance to make the final with a strong final round. Good luck to all teams, show no mercy and make them putt the two footers!

## Rous River Open:

Murwillumbah's prestigious Rous River open is coming up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July with a large field expected to participate this year. The 2015 winner Nathan Baker is in red hot form which is showing in his scores regularly shooting deep under par on a Saturday afternoon. Nathan is currently playing off +5 and is the named favourite for the event. The Rous River open is open to any visitor with an AGU handicap for both men and women. The event will have a timesheet that runs from 6:30am until the final tee time of 12:30pm. The timesheet is available in the golf shop.

## Members Foursomes/Mixed Foursomes

The member's foursomes and mixed foursomes have been scheduled for consecutive Sundays in July on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The men's foursomes have been rescheduled due to the extremely wet day that we encountered in March. Foursomes are always a fun day out and good laugh with your friend and partner. The time sheet will be available in the coming weeks.

## American bag promotion:

Anyone that has visited the golf shop of late would have noticed that there is a bag promotion on, buy any dozen golf balls in the shop and go into the draw to win the Bridgestone USA golf bag. The bag is a 9.5 inch staff bag full leather and you won't be missed strolling down the fairway. The promo will run until the end of June and will be draw on Saturday 2nd July.

Golf Operations Manager  
Joe Chilcott

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## Women's Invitation Day

Murwillumbah's Invitation Day Fourball Best Ball was held on Thursday, 12th May.

Eighty-three ladies took to the course in idyllic conditions. The winners on the day were Juanita Selvey (Murwillumbah) and Cheryl Olive (Kyogle) with 46 points.

Runners up were Sue Sullivan (Muwillumbah) and Virginia Dowson (Boomerang Farm).

Thirteen clubs were represented from Port MacQuarie in the south, to Nudgee and Wynnum in the north and west to Kyogle.

The course is in immaculate condition and our appreciation for the hard work that goes into maintaining this standard must go to our green staff.

Don't forget ladies that if you are thinking about taking up golf, our teaching Professional. Graeme Trew, holds clinics for beginners.



Cheryl Olive – Kyogle



Sue Sullivan & Virginia Dowson

## Macca a friend to all...

Allan Mc Kiernan, better known as "Macca".

With your dry sense of humour and witty reply's you had a way of striking up conversation with even the most quiet patron, no matter who they were or where they were from. You were always up for a good chat and a joke or two.

You made morning shifts go quickly and were the only one who ever received our 'table service.' You were always the first to let me know if I had done something wrong or made a mistake, but I liked that as you were, "just keeping me on my toes."

Macca it will never quite be the same without you and tonight, (after work of course) I will have my first ever "Macca's fluffy duck" (port and brandy) "This ones for you Mac, a friend to all."

-Natasha Bolden



## Mother's Day Snaps



Mother's Day 2016, was a full house here at the club with around 250 booked in for lunch and then around another 200 in for dinner. The Hot Wok & Grill did exceptionally well to keep up with the demand. Of course when busy, longer wait times are expected and we appreciate members and guests patience. Many members did enjoy a Toblerone cocktail or two.....

I hope every Mum out there was as spoilt as mine and that you all had a very enjoyable day whether it was here at club or at home surrounded by loving family and friends.

**Our Friday Night Badge Draw is now up to a massive \$5000 and is drawn on Fridays at 8pm. All you have to do is be in the clubhouse at the time of the draw with your valid membership card to win! It's that easy!**

# Joke Time - The Chicken & the Frog

A chicken walks into a library, goes up to a librarian and says, "Book book book." The librarian decides that the chicken wants a book so he gives the chicken a book and the chicken walks away.

About ten minutes later the chicken comes back with the book, looking a bit agitated, saying, "Book book book."

The librarian decides the chicken wants another book so he takes the old book back and gives the chicken another book. The chicken walks out the door.

Ten minutes later the chicken comes back again, very agitated, saying, "Book book book!" so quickly it almost sounds like one word. The chicken puts the book on the librarians desk and looks up - waiting for another book.

This time the librarian gives the chicken another book and decides that something weird is happening. He follows the chicken out the door and into the park, all the way to the pond. In the pond is a frog sitting on a lily pad. The chicken gives the book to the the frog, who then says, "Reddit, reddit. reddit"



## Amateur Golf Pro's Advice - Hit your driver off the deck!

Don't be afraid of trying this shot. Try to think of it like hitting a long iron. Don't try to help the ball up into the air, but drill it low. Grip down to shorten the shaft and use a sharp angle of attack in to strike the ball, like your hitting a 3-iron.

# Golf Program for June

Wednesday 1st	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades
Thursday 2nd	Women's Single stroke in 3 grades
Friday 3rd	Blue Marker Day
Saturday 4th	Monthly Medal in 4 Grades. Women's Single stroke
Sunday 5th	Queen's Birthday Week-End Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 6th	Vets Open Day
Tuesday 7th	Women's Single Stableford
Wednesday 8th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 9th	Women's 2 Person Wipeout
Friday 10th	Open Day Individual Stableford
Saturday 11th	Individual Stableford with 4. B.B.B Stableford Qualifying Round Sureshot G.P.S Men's 4.B.B.B.Championships Semi-final E.J.W Match play
Sunday 12th	N.R.D.G.A. Pennants Open Day Individual Stableford
Monday 13th	<b>Queens Birthday Public Holiday</b> Vets State of origin NSW vs QLD Individual Stableford
Tuesday 14th	Women's Single Stableford
Wednesday 15th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 16th	Women's FOURSOME CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND 1
Friday 17th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 18th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades. Women's Single Stableford
Sunday 19th	N.R.D.G.A. Pennants Final Open Day Individual Stableford Medley Bring a Guest Day
Monday 20th	Social Golf Day. Veterans AM Individual Stroke in Grades
Tuesday 21st	Women's FOURSOME CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND 2
Wednesday 22nd	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades with 4.B.B.B.Aggregate in Conjunction
Thursday 23rd	Women's Single Stableford
Friday 24th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 25th	Individual V's Par in 4 Grades
Sunday 26th	Individual Stableford Medley Bring a Guest Day
Monday 27th	Social Golf Day. Veterans AM Members and mixed 4BBB
Tuesday 28th	Women's Single Stroke



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Pictured here is the Junor family and adopted son Kevin, seen celebrating their Friday Night winnings.

1 Very large bottle of Robert Oatley Red Wine and 3 Meat Trays! Well done lucky table number 4!

Friday Night at MGC bring out the best in people. A safe, friendly, family club. This group obviously enjoying themselves.



# **Fairway Sessions**

## **Sunday 26th June 1-4pm**

Good Melodic Live Music

# **BINGO**

**Every Thursday 3pm**

# **TRIV?a**

**Wednesday Nights 7pm**

**8th & 22nd June**