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Chairman's Corner

NEWS FROM JULY

Welcome to the newsletter.

Winter is here and the views from the Deck are even better than expected or if you prefer its warm inside.....

Let the refreshments hot or cold flow and the friendships and comradeship continue!

The Murwillumbah Open has been run and won. Congratulations to the winners and participants. Many thanks to Adam, Brad and Lucas the Golf Shop crew that worked very hard with Captain Neil Fogo and the Match Committee to make it a success and to set the event up for future years. Another successful event on our calendar to go with the upcoming Mount Warning Classic and the Veterans week of golf.

The Mixed Foursomes Championships have been completed with the winners of the Gross Event and Champions for the year Darren Van Egdome and Florence Chadwick, runners up where last years winners Tony Jenkins and Dallas McCabe.

Nett winners Vicki and Keith O'Grady. Yes! Vicki played very well, with runners up Vicki and Michael Rayner.

It was a small field but a fun day. Many were still there for the evening entertainment that started at 4 o'clock and I must say it was a pleasant way to finish the weekend off.

It was good to see a mix of ages enjoying some excellent music and of course a few refreshments. I would certainly recommend taking the time to be there on a Sunday when the opportunity presents with the great view, good music and refreshments. Then dine in or take away your evening meal10 out of 10.

Men's Division 1 Pennant team captained by Darren Van Egdome have won the NRDGA title and the pennant is proudly displayed in the golf shop.

Major projects; Planning continues on a number of projects and we are still researching solutions for additional car parking and looking for a long term solution not a short term fix. We do not wish to solve one problem and create another.

Its amazing how expectations increase in direct proportion to our changes in needs. The problem that was once no real issue is now a must do because I (not we) need it.

Given good weather and a sound effort by our staff of the bar, Greens, Golf Shop, Admin and our Volunteers, the club will continue to progress really well. More on that in reports to come.

Also given the improvements in infrastructure and planned replacement of greens, the Club now has a solid footing for the coming years.

The Member's Draw is on the rise (\$5400) and certainly worth being at the Club on a Friday Night. Our increased meat trays continue and Bill sells the winning and losing tickets....

At all times be safe when driving home, have a plan B, the courtesy bus is available on given days to be used by patrons, please use it and be safe to yourself and those around you.

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

Chairman
Keith O'Grady

Manager's Report

The weather has continued to be kind to us and the course is looking at its best. Over the next two weeks the many visiting golfers coming for the Veteran's Week of Golf and the Mount Warning Classic should definitely be very impressed with the course. Hopefully they will go back and tell all their friends.

Golfing membership fees are now overdue and need to be paid by 31st July or those not paid will be unfinancial. Payment plans are available. Contact office staff for details.

Congratulations to the Men's 1st Division Pennants Team for getting their third consecutive win. They defeated Lismore by 5.5 to 1.5 in Byron for the final win. Well done to all those players!

A reminder about Club Rules for Visitors.

A visitor can enter the Club and sign in as a temporary member if they meet the following criteria:

1. They reside more than 5 kilometres from the Club, or
2. Are a member of another golf club, or
3. Are a member of another club and invited to attend an organised sporting event, or
4. Can sign in as a member's guest if they are signed in by a member and stay in the company of that member.

If you reside within 5 kilometres of the Club and do not meet the criteria we need you to join as a social member. The cost is \$5 for one year or \$10 for three years. There are many benefits of being a member of the Club including loyalty points for all of your purchases at the Bar or in the Golf Shop, as well as, entry into all Club promotions and birthday vouchers. Membership forms are available at reception, the bar and on the Club web site.

Gary Thatcher
Secretary Manager



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The Murwillumbah Open & Golf Shop Report

It has been a busy month for the golf shop with the organizing and running of major events. On Sunday July 8th we hosted **the Murwillumbah Open** with the majority of the 175 competitors made up of visitors. This was the largest field we have assembled for the Murwillumbah Open in many years and most of the credit must go to our exposure on social media. Upon asking entrants how they heard of the event the majority explained they found the event on their social media feed. The effects of social media were evident after the open also with competitors remarking on the quality of the golf course and the overall success of the event. Congratulations to past club champion Nathan Baker for winning the 2018 Murwillumbah Open.

On Friday 6th July we ran the Back Marker Challenge Final which saw the past 12 month's winners return to compete for the gross and nett champion title. The majority of the past monthly winners competed among a great field of 108 players which was one of the largest fields in the Back Marker Challenge's short history. Once again Acushnet have been a fantastic sponsor of the event by supplying discounted prizes such as Titleist Golf bags, Footjoy shirts and pro v golf balls. The eventual winners were Terry Taylor (nett winner) and Lucas Higgins (gross winner) with great scores. Terry won a Titleist 7 piece Iron set which will be professionally fitted during our next Titleist Fitting Day on Friday 14th September and Lucas will be able to choose between a new driver, Scotty Cameron Putter or 3 Vokey wedges. Congratulations to Terry and Lucas.

The Stu Charman Day was the next event on the schedule on Friday 13th of July. A field of 80 players enjoyed a fun but competitive 4 person ambrose in brilliant sunshine while remembering a great mate. Thanks again to Acushnet for donating prizes for the day, there support has been invaluable. Other supporters of the day included CUB, Royal Pines, Byron Bay Golf Club, Southport Golf Club, Ocean Shores Golf Club, John Forrester and Greg Catt. We were able to raise close to \$2000 on the day for Stu's family so a big thank you to everyone who supported the event.

The final major event scheduled was the Mixed Foursomes Championship's which was played on Sunday 15th July. 44 players competed in the prestigious honour board event over a challenging 27 holes. Congratulations to all the winners on the day. The Earle William's 4bbb match play has reached the semi finals with both matches organized to be played by Saturday 4th August. This year's event has run without complications or delays and will be finalised on schedule. Thank you to everyone who competed in this year's event for organizing and completing matches on time.

The Shootout qualifications will commence on Saturday 4th August with the same format as last year. Entrants will pay a one off fee of \$15 and be able to qualify during any single competition up to the week before the final. There will be 19 qualifiers and the final will be played on Sunday 2nd December. If you would like to compete in this unique competition please see the golf shop for more details.

The 2018 Murwillumbah Schweppes Pro am is fast approaching and scheduled for Thursday 23rd August. The format will be two shotgun starts at 7:15am & 12:15pm and spots will be made available for members in the 7:15am field. If you would like the chance to play with some of the country's best up and coming golfers in a fun but competitive environment please see the golf shop.

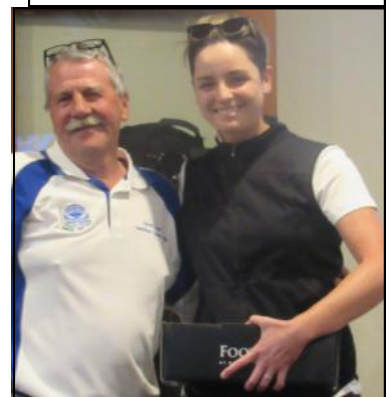
Adam Causley



2018 Murwillumbah Open
Champion - [Nathan Baker](#)



2018 Murwillumbah Open
Runner-up - [Lucas Higgins](#)



2018 Murwillumbah Open Ladies
Champion - Stacey Edwards

Golf Operations Manager

Our Senior Member - Harry Pearson

My first involvement with the Murwillumbah Golf Club began at Tygalgah, a 9-hole course at the Race Course in the late 1950's.

I was employed then at Proudfoot and Sons in Murwillumbah. The eldest son, Jack, was a keen golfer and one of the people involved in the purchase of land on which we now stand.

In 1961, I married and golf went on the back burner for a while. In 1970 I joined the Commonwealth Police Force, taking up duties in Sydney and later transferring to the ACT, where I remained until my retirement. I returned to Murwillumbah in 1988 and again took up membership with the Golf Club. During this time, I teamed up with Colin Downs and with lots of advice from the then Secretary Manager, Graham Cooper and Chairman Ian Ross, managed to get the first Pro Am off the ground in 1995.

We cased the town for sponsorship and I am pleased to see some of those early sponsors are still with us.

In 1998, I suffered my first heart attack and returned to the ACT to be close to my family. I remained there until 4 years ago, again taking up membership here.

As you can see, my involvement with the Club has been over many years, however, my membership is fairly short. I may be a bit biased, but I do believe we have the finest Golf Club on the Northern Rivers
BAR NONE!

Cheers to this great yet frustrating game!
Henry Pearson
AKA Harry
AKA Horse



Golf Words and their meaning.....

Golf.... An all-demanding endeavour that has no beginning and no end. It can devour a man with its insatiable appetite, or slowly torture and destroy him as surely as a disease.

Odds... The odds against various members of the local Golf Club achieving a hole-in-one in a particular year are thus: The grim-faced Club Champions who are handicap 4 or less, 35 to 1. The member between 5 and 9, 120 to 1. It goes out to 250 to 1 if you're between 10 and 14. The 19 to 24 handicap struggler can expect odds of 550 to 1; for a the player over 24 it's 1200 to 1 against, or a miracle.

Fluff... An air swing; If you are a quick thinking golfer, you should always fix a smile on your face, before, during and after every shot, so that on the odd occasion when you fail to dislodge the ball from the tee you can grin and say: 'Right, now we'll start.



Promotions Report

Father's Day is our next big Promotion....

*Prizes are on display near the bar!
Simply make any purchase at the bar
to receive your ticket into the draw.*

Father's Day lands on Sunday 2nd September this year.

A change from our previous set lunch menus..... the Hot Wok & Grill is offering the Full Dinner menu for both Lunch and Dinner. More choice, more variety and more value for money....

Join us for lunch and listen to Jerome live out on the deck from 12-2pm.

The music will be followed by our

HUGE meat and chocolate....this will then be followed by the big draw for all the amazing prizes and hampers!

From 4pm onwards our usual Sunday session music will kick off. Join us for a relaxing and enjoyable day out with Dad!

-Natasha Bolden Promotions Coordinator



Happy
**FATHER'S
DAY**

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Triv?a Wednesday 7pm, 8th & 22nd August



RSL Social Club Report

In this edition we have some sad news in the passing of Ron "Stones" Bartrim who was a life member and current patron of the RSL Social Golf Club. The RSL Social Golf Club, on behalf of all its members, would like to pass on their condolences to his family and friends.

This month we have our RSL Social Golf Club Championships which starts off with our calcutta night on Friday 10th August at the Golf Club. If you would like to come down and buy any of the RSL players for the championships you are more than welcome, prizes are awarded to the top 10 players. The draw will commence straight after the weekly golf club meat raffles.

An advertisement for Varela & Swift Pharmacy. On the left is a photograph of a man and a woman, both smiling and wearing white lab coats. To the right of the photo, the text reads 'Varela & Swift PHARMACY' in a stylized font, with 'Putting people first' in a smaller font below it. There are also some colorful pill icons.

An advertisement for Beverley's. On the left is a photograph of a woman in a red dress. To the right of the photo, the text reads 'BEVERLEY'S' in large letters, followed by 'Bev Hill' and 'Warina Walk Main Street Murwillumbah'. At the bottom, it says 'Phone: (02) 6672 1224'. There is also a small icon of a street lamp.

Joke Time

During my annual check-up, my doctor asked me about the level of my physical activity.

I described a typical day this way.

"Yesterday afternoon, I took a five hour walk about 7km through some pretty rough terrain.

I waded along the edge of a lake. I pushed my way through bushes.

I got sand in my shoes and my eyes.

I avoided standing on a snake.

I climbed several rocky hills.

I took a few 'leaks' behind some big trees.

The mental stress of it left me shattered.

At the end, I drank eight beers"

Inspired by the story, the doctor said,

"You must be one hell of an outdoors man!"

"No," I replied, "Just a bad golfer...."



“dad jokes...”

What do you call a camel with three humps.....? Humprey!!!

I had a splinter once.... It eventually got out of hand!!!!

Quit my job at the calendar factory..... My days were numbered!!!!

What's the difference between in-laws and outlaws....? Outlaws are wanted!!!!

I have a twin brother..... We used to be womb mates!!!!

Meet our Greenskeeper Trent Butterfield

Trent Butterfield is our Assistant Course Superintendant and he has really settled into the job....

Trent's previous employment was at the Glades Golf Club, Robina where he was Course Superintendant for the last 3 years of his 12 year employment.

He was responsible for the daily preparation, maintenance and presentation of the course.

Recently he became the proud father of twin boys.

Welcome Trent and well done on the great work so far.



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RSL Social Club upcoming events for August are:

05/08/2018 Single Stableford – (Sponsor Craig McCalman Calamac Electrical)
 12/08/2018 1st Round RSL Club Champs – (Sponsor M’Bah Golf Shop)
 19/08/2018 2nd Round RSL Club Champs – (Sponsor Darren & Jenny DRM Electrical)
 26/08/2018 4BBB (Sponsor M’Bah Leagues Club, BBQ)



Wednesday 1 st	Individual Stableford in 2 grades. 9 Holes Warriors
Thursday 2 nd	Vets Week of Golf
Friday 3 rd	Vets Week of Golf
Saturday 4 th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades Glad & Laurie Jenkins 36 hole event First Round
Sunday 5 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 6 th	Social Golf Day. Veterans am
Tuesday 7th	Women’s 2 Person Ambrose
Wednesday 8 th	Individual Stableford. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 9 th	1st Round Mt Warning Classic (No social play until 3:30pm)
Friday 10 th	2nd Round Mt Warning Classic (No social play until 3:30pm)
Saturday 11 th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades Glad & Laurie Jenkins 36 hole event Second Round
Sunday 12 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 13 th	Social Golf Day. Veterans am
Tuesday 14th	Women’s Patrons Day Single Stableford
Wednesday 15 th	Individual Stroke in 2 grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 16th	Women’s Monthly Medal
Friday 17 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 18 th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 19 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 20 th	Ladies Gold Coast Pennants No Vets / Social Golf Day
Tuesday 21st	Women’s American Foursomes
Wednesday 22 nd	Individual Stableford in 2 grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 23 rd	Pro AM Course Closed
Friday 24 th	Open day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 25 th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 26 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 27 th	Social Golf Day/Veteran’s am
Tuesday 28th	Women’s Championships
Wednesday 29 th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 31 st	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley

Fairway sessions

Sunday 26th

August 1-4pm



An Australian and world first for Murwillumbah golf club. A new band 'SUB ZERO performed at Fairway Sessions on Sunday, June 24

Mat Colnan (lead guitar) Oliver Parsons (rhythm guitar and vocals) Billy Campbell (bass) Ellis Hannah (drums).

All are students of Peter McLaughlin at Mount St Patrick's High. They thrilled the audience with their performance. Remember folks when they become famous you heard them first here at Murwillumbah Golf Club!

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