



Murwillumbah Golf Club

NEWS FROM AUGUST 2016

Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Newsletter.

Work has commenced on the 19th green and once completed and established we will be looking at major renovations in cycle of our greens to maintain the quality of surface and surrounds we have become accustomed to. While this is an expensive exercise it will allow us to have 18 holes in operation at all times during green rebuilds without temporary greens in play. The aim is to make this hole a short but interesting par 3.

Congratulations to the Veterans on their week of golf that proved to be another outstanding success. Congratulations to Women's Golf Murwillumbah on the running of the Mount Warning Classic also an event of high standard. Both these events are very well co-ordinated and bring fresh eyes of visitors to our Club with many spreading the word near and far of the excellent facility we have.

The new bunkers system being trialled on the 10th and the 5th hole have so far proven successful with some testing in the first week completed. When they settle we can monitor them in the months to come and given successful results continue with our planned rebuilds. They certainly freshen up the appearance of the course. We have placed an extra fountain on the course to assist with the aeration of the lakes and this certainly adds to the ambience as well.

Planning continues on a number of projects including, car parking, outdoor deck, cart paths etc. along with the usual replacement of course equipment, so it's busy times for the Board and staff. First draft drawings for the new deck are on the notice board and web site.

Have you been to the driving range lately? If not then give it a try. Remember the luckiest golfers seem to be the ones that practice or get tuition.

Hot Wok and Grill continues to impress with an ever expanding and changing menu, call me biased but I find the meals hard to beat so if you haven't visited for a while grab a bunch of friends and enjoy the experience.

Hard to imagine that Christmas is only 4 months away, so if you are planning family, staff or business functions now would be a good time to get in and book before the rush starts to ensure the dates you would like will be available. The Club is increasing as a function place to be, so early action will prevent later disappointment.

Have you seen the Tee off TV video on the web site? If not, have a look as it gives an overview of the course and in this one Joe doesn't shank the shot!

We are actually in the process of engaging services to produce a flyover of all our course, hole by hole for the website which will be an excellent promotion for new playing visitors.

As mentioned last month the new competition card system is in and as expected some teething problems are being incurred. Overall it has proven a success and we will continue to iron issues as they arise.

Good Golfing and see you at our Club.

Chairman
Keith O'Grady



Manager's Report

Starting this month we are trialling a courtesy bus on Friday and Saturday Nights. The bus is open to Members and Visitors who wish to use the club and our facilities. The bus will run from 5.30pm onwards for pick up and drop off from your house. If you drive to the club and decide you would like to stay for a few more drinks you are more than welcome to leave your car in the car park and catch the courtesy bus safely home. The bus is also great if you wish to hold a party of function here in one of our function rooms. You can relax and forget about transport as we have you covered. To start our trial we are only going 5km within the golf club, if there is more demand further out of this range we will look into extending this slightly but no further than Murwillumbah.

We had a Wedding here on Friday 26th August. The ceremony was held on the first Tee overlooking the golf course and looked stunning. With so much space on our first tee it made the 120 guests look tiny with plenty of space to spare. Remarks from guests that have never been here before were very positive and we have already had two wedding enquiries in the few days since the wedding. A credit to Brian and his team for getting the first tee and hedge looking magnificent, to Joe and his team for making sure the area and carts were spotless, to Natasha and Aileen for the Set up of both the ceremony and reception and lastly to Eric and all the bar staff for exceptional service on the night. Well done team!



The Golf Club are still looking for more volunteers to help out after floods and wild weather. We have a register set up at the office. So if you would like to help out the club in times of need, please drop into the office so we can take your name and number down. When there is a working bee we can contact you. "Many hands make light work."

We have stocked a few new wines, a Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris from Marlborough New Zealand available by both the glass and the bottle. In the red we have a Shiraz Grenache and a Cabernet Touriga from the McLaren Vale South Australia also available in both the glass and the bottle.

Gary Thatcher
Secretary Manager

RANGE SPECIAL - 50% OFF RANGE BALL FOR ALL GOLFING MEMBERS, VALID UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER

Pro Shop Report

Pro AM is coming:

The 15th of September is the date for this years Pro AM with some great professional golfers coming to do battle with the likes of Michael Sim, Steven Jeffress and Terry Price all teeing it up. **There will be \$15,000 of prize money on offer for the players to compete for. Another notable name coming is Murwillumbah course record holder Steve Jones who lit up the course a few years back carding a 7 under par 64 to win the event by 4 strokes.** There are morning spots available in the Pro AM for amateurs to play in, please contact the shop if you would like the chance to play with a Pro! **Members are \$30 and Visitors are \$50 which includes a meal and a drink after the game.**

Club Championships:

September is a fantastic time of year at Murwillumbah Golf Club with both the men's and women's club championships being played. The ladies rounds got underway a little earlier this year with 62 players teeing it up on day one. The men's championships begin on the 17th of September and will be on the 18th, 24th and 25th. There are a lot of great players this year looking to be crowned the King of Murwillumbah. Timesheets are available in the golf shop now!

Is your body stiff and sore before or after golf?

The golf shop have available for sale some fitness mobility equipment that will help limber up your muscles before golf or cool your body down after your round. There are foam rollers, resistance stretch bands and lacrosse balls to help ease and loosen your joints. Ask either Joe or Chris in the golf shop about the product and how to use them properly, it will do your golf game the world of good!

Joe Chilcott



Win \$50 worth of Loyalty Points!!!!

We have a **NEW** competition up and running to rename the 3rd and 8th Hole. Currently the 3rd hole is called the "Grey Gum", and the 8th Hole is called "Black Boys" If you can come up with a clever, appropriate new name for each of these Holes, you have a chance to win \$50 worth of loyalty points for each Hole. Win both names and you could win \$100 of points! The entries will be decided by the Board Of Directors at the next Meeting.



Your Name: _____ Member Number: _____

Hole 3 (Grey Gum) New Name: _____

Hole 8 (Black Boys) New Name: _____



MTM Mower Centre Bray Park— THANK YOU!

Members, have you noticed the addition of a new mower to our Fathers Day Raffle Promotion? Many Thanks to Brenden Beeten for his wonderful support and kind donation to our club's Raffle. Brenden has been in his present mowing business at Bray Park for two years. He sells and services mowers, Fire fighting pumps, Whipper Snipers, Ride on and push mowers. Repairs are also carried out expertly at very affordable rates. If you are in need of a mower or a repair look no further than MTM Mower Centre.



Warren Colfax

Congratulations to Warren Colefax for his performance in the Gold Coast Senior Championships in July. In the first round, played at Royal Pines, Warren had a 77 placing him in 5th position on the first day. The second round was played at the Glades, and he had a much better day having a par round of 72 placing him in equal lead with Gordan Claney. Warren played the final round in a seeded draw with Gordan Claney, the current Match play Champion Michael Baltrop the New Zealand Amateur Champion and Kim Olsen. Shooting a 77 on the final day was not good enough to win but enabled Warren to finish Runner-up overall and winner of his age division. Well Done Warren!!!! Pictured Warren being congratulated by Golf Shop Manger Joe.



Promotions Report

Congratulations to Collin on winning the Friday Night Pick the Key promotion. Collin walked away with \$400 CASH and a big smile!

Fathers Day is fast approaching. See our delicious two course set lunch menu on the back of the Newsletter. Table bookings are essential and we recommend you get in early as they usually book out. With the edition on the mower kindly donated by MTM Mowers Bray Park our Fathers Day prizes on display are worth around \$1800! With heaps of prizes to win it should be another great day out for the whole family. There will be our usual mega meat tray raffle and live music by our favourite man Terry Murphy.



MURWILLUMBAH GOLF CLUB'S

Back to the 50's

ROCK & ROLL NIGHT

Saturday 10th September

FEATURING ROCK 'N' ROLL QUARTET

"CADILLAC ROCKERS"

Special \$10 "Diner"
Milkshake Cocktail

Mega Meat Tray Raffle

Prizes for best dressed
50's Rock 'n' Roll

THEME NIGHT - Another fun filled theme night has been planned by myself for Saturday the 10th September. The "Back to the 50's" Rock and Roll themed night will feature Rock and Roll quartet "Cadillac Rockers" who were a hit at the Haven Bar when I saw them.

They really are entertaining and will transport you back into the 50's. Don't forget to bring out your long colourful skirts ladies and coloured suits/denim for the men for our Best dressed 50's rock and roll competition. Other fun items are special old school "Diner Milkshake Cocktails" a massive meat tray raffle and a special big open wooden dance floor to really get our "50's Shake, Rattle & Roll" happening. Again restaurant bookings are essential. It should be a great night.

DON'T FORGET YOU CAN BOOK OUR FREE COURTESY BUS FOR THIS NIGHT AS WELL!!!!

Natasha Bolden
Promotions Coordinator



Joke Time

Grandma and grandpa were watching a religious healing program on TV.

The evangelist called to all who wanted to be healed, to put one hand on the TV and the other on the body part they wanted healed.

Grandpa hobbled to the TV and put one hand on the TV and the other on his crotch .

Grandma looked at him with disgust....

" You just don't understand do you, you old coot. The purpose of this program is to heal the sick, not raise the dead!"



COURTESY BUS

IS FINALLY HERE!!!!

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS

5.30PM ONWARDS

LOCAL 5KM RADIUS OF THE CLUB

For the first time in 28 years the lawn mower put up by J H Williams in Murwillumbah for a hole in one at the Mt Warning Classic has gone off. The very clever golfer was Jacqui Zuidam from Wynnum Golf Club.

THANKS KEITH!



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Golf Program for September

Thursday 1st	Women's Championships round 2 (Course closed)
Friday 2nd	Blue Marker Day
Saturday 3rd	Monthly Medal in 4 Grades
Sunday 4th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley. Fathers Day
Monday 5th	Social Golf Day. Veteran's Individual Stableford in 2 Grades
Tuesday 6th	Women's Championships round 3 (Course closed)
Wednesday 7 th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades 4 BBB inconjunction 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 8th	Women's Club Championships Final Round (Course Closed)
Friday 9th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 10th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 11th	Individual Stableford Medley Bring a Guest Day
Monday 12th	Social Golf Day. Veteran's String Ball Stableford
Tuesday 13th	Women's Canadian 2 stroke
Wednesday 14th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades . 9 Hole Warriors.
Thursday 15 th	Pro AM Course Closed
Friday 16th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 17 th	1st.Round Club Championships Individual Stroke in 4 Grades (Course Closed)
Sunday 18 th	2nd.Round Club Championships Individual Stroke in 4 Grades (Course Closed)
Monday 19 th	Social Golf Day. Veteran's Individual Stableford in 2 Grades
Tuesday 20th	Women's Single Stableford
Wednesday 21st	Individual Stableford with a 4.B.B.B Stableford in Conjunction 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 22nd	Women's Single Stableford
Friday 23rd	Open Day Individual Stableford
Saturday 24 th	3rd.Round Members Championships Individual Stroke in 4 Grades (Course Closed)
Sunday 25 th	4th Round Members Championships Individual Stroke in 4 Grades (Course Closed)
Monday 26 th	Veterans Single Stableford. Social Golf Day
Tuesday 27th	Women's 4BBB Stableford Aggregate & Single Stableford
Wednesday 28 th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 30th	Open Day Stableford



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Name: _____

Number: _____



Fairway Sessions

Sunday 25th September 1-4pm

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14th & 28th September



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