

## Chairman's Corner - King Keith!

Welcome to the newsletter.

Sadly I report the passing of Life Member Veema Williams.

Veema was heavily involved in not only Women's Golf at Murwillumbah but also in the early establishment of the Club as we know it today. Always with a smile and a keen interest in all, she will be missed and we as a Club pass on our thoughts to her family.

**Date to remember for full playing members – the AGM will be held on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am DST. Please ensure you complete and return your voting forms by the required date as we have elections for a number of positions this year. If you require assistance or have questions on/or relating to the voting form please contact Gary Thatcher at the office and he will assist. Can you also please attend the Annual Meeting to ensure our requirement for a quorum can be met. The meetings are short with some refreshments at the end.**



Rumour has it that I am not standing this year as I am retiring and moving up the Coast..... not true I'm simply having a rest from the Board and retirement is only partial.

In parting a few special thanks. Firstly to Bill Quantrill and Debbie Tipping who took up the initial responsibility to establish a monthly update to Members – The Newsletter - and now to Natasha Bolden who chases me up every month for a contribution. The newsletter has certainly developed since we brought it in all those years ago and is now the offer you read today. The contribution of Bill and Natasha, have been outstanding and they are to be congratulated as are those who have contributed in anyway.

The past nine years have seen many major projects undertaken, successfully completed and paid for. These improvements that benefit all members would not be possible without the support of the Board members over that time; the support of our valued staff and the patronage of our Members. We truly have a Club to be proud of and I sincerely thank you all for the opportunity to be a part of that.

One last thank you to all those who volunteer their time and efforts to ensure it all happens at our club. No matter what contribution you made small or large it was greatly appreciated.

Friday night Members Draw, is an opportunity for all members to create an increase in their bank account... but only if you are there. Draw times are flexible so be there early to ensure you don't miss the draw.

**Be safe, have a Plan B, The courtesy bus is an excellent Plan B and available on given days to be used by patrons. Please use it and be safe to yourself and those around you.**

Good health and good golfing, see you at the Club.

Chairman  
Keith O'Grady

### **Editors's Note...**

Above is Chairman Keith O'Grady's last Report. Since 2010 Keith has written over 90 reports for the Club's monthly newsletter.

He has spent an obvious unbelievable amount of his time promoting our Club and has successfully endeavoured to keep all golf and social members informed as to the direction and decisions his Board has taken since he became Chairman.

It is pleasing to note he has reached his partial retirement in good health. Watch his golf improve now. Natasha and Bill.

## Sun Dial \$200 COMPETITION!

The Club's Sun Dial on the Putting Green was officially opened in 1990 by John Hugsdin, President of the NSW Golf Association.

It is a Memorial to those Member's who contributed with outstanding dedication to the development of the Course and Clubhouse since 1959.

The Board of Directors have decided that instead of extensively repairing the present memorial that a new design for a more modern memorial stand be sought through a competition. \$200 has been allocated as a prize for the best design accepted by the board. All entries will be on display in the clubhouse and Member's thoughts will be sought.

So if you have a creative design within please don't hesitate to participate.....  
NB. The Sun Dial & Names of already attached have to be included obviously.....



## Manager's Report

Firstly, all the best to Board Chairman Keith O'Grady who has decided to take a break from the Board after 22 years. The Club has gone from strength to strength under Keith's leadership and it has been a pleasure to have been part of it for the last 5 of those years.

Congratulations to Graham Downes on taking home a cheque for \$3,800 by being present for the Friday night members draw. The draw has started again at \$3,000 and as usual if not won the 2nd chance draw for \$500 takes place half an hour later. **If the main draw is claimed there is no 2nd chance draw that night.**

Work has started on the rebuilding of the 3rd green. Plans are on the Club's web site, notice board and in the Golf Shop.

Wine of the month for November is a choice of 2 white and 2 red Pocketwatch wines by Robert Oatley. Ask the friendly bar staff for a taste before purchasing. Also Rusty Yak Ginger Beer is now on tap in the bar. It is 3.5% alcohol and can also be tried before making a purchase.

Our Christmas Giveaway prizes will go on display after Melbourne Cup Day. Tickets are free when you make a purchase at the bar. Put your tickets in the barrel and be here for the draw on Friday 21st December to win some great prizes. Prizes will be drawn after the raffle for 25 hams and 10 meat trays. Tickets for the raffle go on sale at 6.30pm.

Look out for our new TV commercials that will be going to air in the next couple of months.

Good golfing

Gary Thatcher  
Secretary Manager

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## Golf Shop Report

The first part of the month was steady for the golf shop with normal competition fields and social play numbers. The back end of the month wasn't as profitable due to the excessive rain and ultimately lost trading days.

A fresh range of Footjoy shoes arrived early in the month with some stylish new models now available for both men and women. There is also a range of superseded shoes on sale for a limited time so if you are looking for a great deal be sure to visit us soon. We will be hosting another Titleist Fitting Day on Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> due to the overwhelming response from members wanting to be professionally fitted for the new Titleist TS driver. The event will run from 8am-11am which allows for 6 fitting sessions so if you are interested in being fitted for anything from the new titleist range please book in at the golf shop. The arrival of our Demo Drivers helped to justify the hype being heard in the golf industry as some members were able to try them for the first time. One member who I will not disclose was a non believer before trying the demo TS driver. After 9 holes he ambled in the golf shop door and whispered "guess you better order me one of these then". This was just one example of members experiencing the impressive Titleist TS driver for the first time. Golf shop Sales have risen since the launch of the Titleist TS woods and personally it is great being involved with such an innovative product.

The new golf rules will not be implemented until the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2019 but we are already preparing members for the main changes. A poster illustrating the changes is visible in the half way house area of the golf shop and flyers have been placed on the counter. During the last monthly medal we distributed the flyers to members and made them aware of the new changes and start date. We will continue to educate and notify members leading up to the change over date. The annual Katie Bain Camp Quality golf day will be run on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November with a morning & afternoon shotgun start. Currently the afternoon field is fully booked but there is still availability in the morning. If you would like to be part of this fun fundraising day please see the golf shop for more details.

The golf shop is currently running a promotion where if you purchase a dozen Titleists golf balls you can go in the draw to win a limited edition Titleist stand bag & backpack. Most members will have noticed the amazing prize displayed at the golf shops front counter in the last few weeks and many have commented on the bag combo's unique design. The competition will run until December 1<sup>st</sup> so make sure you are in the running to win this awesome limited edition prize. Good golfing,

Adam Causley  
Golf Operations Manager

## RSL Social Golf Club Report



Next Sunday the 4th November we are hosting the 48<sup>th</sup> Northern Rivers RSL combined day with 5 social clubs visiting. We welcome all RSL social golf members and new members to come along and participate. This month we also have our annual banquet presentation night.

Unless advised, all event presentations are held at the Murwillumbah Golf Club along with weekly raffles. If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact Shannon Murnane 0415271412.

# Unknown Golf Rules

ONE: DECISION 23/6.5..... If you encounter a snake during your round (and you are brave enough to inspect it up close) remember this distinction: A snake that's alive is considered an outside agency, but a snake that's dead can be treated as a loose impediment.

EDITOR'S NOTE.... If bitten remember what type of snake it was.



TWO: What should you do if you and your partner hit tee shots with identical golf balls, and you can't tell them apart when you're on the fairway?

Answer....Both balls are considered lost. Take a stroke penalty and return to the tee to play your third shot.

THREE: Did you know? If your ball breaks into pieces as a result of a stroke, the stroke is cancelled and you must play another ball as close as possible to the spot where the previous shot was played.

## We remember Golf Moments!!!!

SOME GOLFERS WANT IT TO HAPPEN..... SOME GOLFERS WISH IT WOULD.....OTHER GOLFERS MAKE IT HAPPEN.....

A GOLF TIP FOR GREAT GOLF:TIP 1-THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT

Work with golf equipment that suits your game. Key things to look at when buying a set of clubs are length and lies, the flex of the shaft (which should suit your club head speed) and the head of your club. A club with a bigger sweet spot is better for high handicappers, a club that is a little offset is good for those who slice the ball and no offset if you are a low handicapper and like to work the ball. Check that the grip on the club suits your hand size. Grips range from standard to jumbo in size. If the grip is too thin it may cause a hook; too thick may cause a fade. P.S See Adam

## Is course management really so important????

Any good teaching pro would claim that by walking the course with you and electing which shot you should play, he could shave five shots off your score. Course management is all about making the right shot-making decisions based on an honest assessment of your own ability.

Before playing any shot, ask yourself these questions: How good is the lie? How far away is my target? Where should I land the ball? Does the most direct route flirt with danger? What effect will the wind have on my ball? The answers should determine which club you take, the line on which you start your ball, and the optimum landing spot. Only then should you start your pre-shot routine.

Unfortunately, most club golfers bite off more than they can chew. On short par-4s and holes with narrow fairways, they use a driver off the tee when it would be wiser to take a 4-iron for safety. Sometimes, they try to cut off too much of a dogleg when it would be safer to drive straight up the fairway and leave a longer second. They take on carries over water that Tiger Woods would think twice about. If they do lay up, they do so without leaving their favourite distance to the pin. Little thought is given to which side of the fairway or green to aim for. Nor do they seem to care whether they will be putting uphill or down.

Good course management can help high handicappers turn nines and tens into fives and sixes, which could save them ten shots a round. As for turning sixes into fives and fives into fours, good course management can certainly help – though some time on the practice range will also be required!





## AUSSIE BREAD.....

Damper is the bread of Australia. It is usually thought of as an unleavened bread cooked on an open fire. If you allow it to rise you can wander around the bush and find things you can add such as native pepper-corns, lemon myrtle leaves, macadamia nuts or pulped Bogong moths.

Aussie Beer Bread....3 cups of self-raising flour, half cup of sugar; 1 pinch of salt and 1 can of beer.

Method; The beer is the secret ingredient and replaces any yeast used. Make sure that your hot coals have settled and have your camp oven ready; Mix all ingredients together, forming a semi-dry dough and place in floured camp oven, Cook from 30-40 minutes. When cooked, take a clean leaf, and use to paint butter over the bread, pull apart and start eating !!

## Golf or Life Problem?

I have often heard the expression he/she faded under pressure. What does pressure consist of? ANSWER: There was this old boy down in Texas who was the greatest tightrope walker you ever saw..... when the rope was a metre off the ground. He could do a cartwheel, stand on his hands, ride a bike across the rope. Funny thing, but when they raised the rope to 40 metres, he couldn't even walk across it. That's pressure!!!

## Number Facts



NUMBER FACTS.....99.94 Donald Bradman's batting average....6th Australia is ranked as this largest country in the world...1984 Advance Australia Fair is proclaimed our National Anthem...1958 In this year Aussie country-singer Slim Dusty received Australia's first gold record for the song A Pub With No Beer..5 the number of fundamental freedoms Australians are entitled to-speech, association, assembly, religion and movement. ...272,000 The litres of paint it took to give the Sydney Opera House its first three coats....863 Uluru is this many metres above sea level.

## Water in the Carburetor.....

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SON:"There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor."

FATHER: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous."

SON:"I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."

FATHER:"You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where is the car?"

SON:"In the pool."

N.B. THIS JOKE HAS BEEN WRITTEN TO ENSURE IT IS POLITICALLY CORRECT!!!



## Joke from a Member

Patient; 'Doctor, my girlfriend is pregnant but we always use double protection and she is on

the pill. Then how is this possible?'

Doctor; 'Let me tell you a story to make you realise it's possible. There was a hunter who

always carried a gun wherever he went. One day he took his umbrella instead of his gun and

went out. A lion suddenly jumped out in front of him.

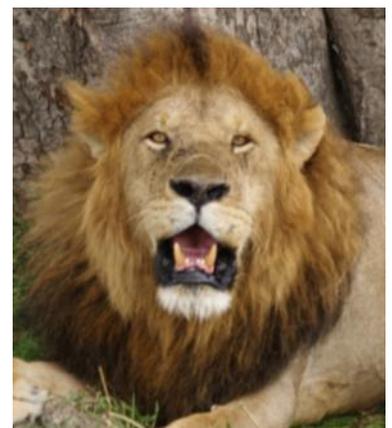
In order to scare the lion the hunter used his umbrella like a gun and shot the lion which

collapsed and died.'

Patient; 'That is total nonsense! Someone else must have shot the lion.'

Doctor; 'Exactly!! – next patient'

Thanks Jack!



# Golf Fixtures November 2018



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**Our upcoming events for November are:**

- 04/11/2018 Single Stableford – Combined Day (Sponsors -M’Bah RSL Social Golf Club)
- 11/11/2018 Single Stableford – (Sponsors Darren & Jenny – Northern Solar)
- 17/11/18 Banquet Presentation Night at M’Bah RSL Club
- 18/11/2018 4 Ball Worst Ball – (Sponsors Bob & Ron McBurney)
- 24/11/18 M’Bah Golf Club Presentation Night
- 25/11/2018 4 Person Ambrose/RDA Charity Day (Sponsors Luke McMahon - D & L Cabinets)



Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Back Marker Challenge
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Medals Of Medals
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	RSL Combined Day/ No social play till 1pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Social Golf Day Veterans am
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne Cup Day - 4 Person Ambrose Medley
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	4 Person Hartball Medley
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Camp Quality Charity Golf Day / No social golf</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Social Golf Day. Veteran’s am
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Women’s Single Stableford
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford with 4.B.B.B.Stableford in Conjunction 9 Holes Warriors
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Women’s Single Stableford
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades 2 Ball Multiplier
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Social Golf Day. Veteran’s am
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Women’s Single Stableford
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Individual Stroke in 2 grades
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Women’s Captain’s Vs Presidents
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Single Stableford in 4 grades
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Social Golf Day. Veterans am
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Women’s Single Stableford
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Women’s 9/18 Hole Stableford Event
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley

# Fairway sessions

**Sunday 25th**

**November 1-4pm**



# LIVE MUSIC

OUT ON THE DECK 5-7pm



**Luke Pauly**

**Sunday 4th November**  
**Soul / R n B**

**Kristy Lea**

**Members Favourite**  
**Sunday 11th November**  
**Pop / top 40 / Classics**



**Scott Dalton**

**Sunday 18th November**  
**Influenced by a mixture**  
**of Matt Corby, John**  
**Mayer, Dire Straits and**  
**Pink Floyd**

