

Chairman's Corner



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Welcome to the Newsletter...

As this is my first newsletter as the chairman of MGC, I would like to thank the members for voting me in as your new President. Many thanks to those who took the time to attend the Annual General Meeting last month to hear that the club had a terrific year with a record profit being made. The Board of Directors has worked very well as a team and I hope to see that continue in the coming year.

The decisions we make are always in the best interests of the club based on the information we have available at the time. Congratulations go to the newly elected Board Members. We welcome Shannon Murnane to the Board and hope he has an enjoyable and rewarding time on the Board.

The Presentation Night held last month was a resounding success. Around 90 members were on hand to see all the champion golfers from throughout the year receive their trophies. It was great to see all the different clubs within the club (Ladies, Old Boys, RSL and Vets) were represented and having an enjoyable time. A huge thank you to Neil Fogo, Andrew Moore and the other committee members for their time and effort in ensuring the night was a success. The room looked fantastic thanks to Darren and Loretta Van Egdome.

Work on the 3rd Green and surrounds continues and is beginning to take shape. When completed it will make this hole much better. Some trees and a bunker have been removed from Hole 13, improving the look of this hole. Thanks to Brian and his team for working hard on these projects. The greens are improving by the day.

The year has gone by very quickly. There has been a number of projects completed in keeping the Club's facilities to the level expected by members. Combined with the day to day running of the club the success is attributed to the hard work by many and the patronage of our Members.

I would like to pass on the best wishes of the Board and Members to our valued staff. To Gary and the indoor staff and outside team many thanks for a job well done. Our sincere best wishes to yourself, your team and families for Christmas and the New Year. We are extremely lucky to have a happy and committed staff and volunteers that treat the club as their own and work hard to provide facilities we all enjoy.

On behalf of the board all the best wishes for a safe and prosperous Christmas and New Year. Don't forget if you need to party to entertain friends and family, the club is open for your use. The Clubs verandah is for hire for personal use for \$100. Enjoy Christmas and the New Year with your family and friends.

Chairman,
Graham
Rosenbaum



2019 Board of Directors

Manager's Report

Welcome to the Club's Newsletter



The Club Annual General Meeting has been held and congratulations to the Board of Directors voted in by the Members. I look forward to working closely with them for the benefit of the Club in 2019.

As you can see there has been much happening on the golf course lately. Green's renovations have gone quite well and should be back to their best in the next two weeks. 13th Fairway root pruning is complete and tree stumps have been removed; bunkers on 12th and 13th Fairways have been reshaped and will be back in play this week.

The 3rd green has been fully renovated and re-modelled and the path will be concreted in December. All going well the hole will be ready to be in play in March. The spare hole which is now being played as the 8th is being put to good use.

Our Christmas Cracker Giveaway is on display in the club house. Tickets are free when you make a purchase at the bar. So get your tickets into the barrel and be here on Friday, 21st December to win some of the \$2,500 worth of prizes up for grabs. Prizes will be drawn after the raffle with 25 hams and ten meat trays. Tickets for the raffle go on sale from 6.30pm.

In closing I'd like to thank all of our valued staff for the service they have provided throughout the year. To all our members have a great Christmas and don't forget our Courtesy Bus is available Fridays and Saturdays. Please book early. Look forward to see you all in the new year..Good golfing.

Gary Thatcher / Secretary Manager

Keith O'Grady - Life Member!

At the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 18th November Keith O'Grady was unanimously awarded Life Membership. Over the past 48 years, Keith has been a full playing member and has successfully represented the Golf Club across multiple formats. From his golfing prowess through to his commendable business management skills, Keith has always been a proud ambassador of the Murwillumbah Golf Club.

Keith has been the Golf Club Championship winner an impressive 6 times and a triumphant team player winning numerous Members and Mix Foursome's Championships. As an integral member of countless flag winning pennant teams and fierce competitor on any golf course, Keith constantly conducts himself in a positive and professional manner.



Keith has been a proactive, passionate and influential member of the Murwillumbah Golf Club's Board of Directors for many years. He has wholeheartedly represented the Club at board level with 2 years as Captain, 6 years as Treasurer and 9 years as President. Members have observed the Golf Club flourish under Keith's stable leadership and unwavering commitment during his 9 year tenure as President.

Keith probably holds an Australian record for the number of golf committee meetings he has attended over the years. A worthy recipient!

Golf Shop Report

It has been another busy period for the golf shop even with green renovations commencing earlier in the month. We hosted numerous events while still attracting social green fee players and competition players during the golf course's transition phase. As mentioned the golf shop successfully helped run some big events this month which included the RSL Combined Day, Katie Bain Camp Quality Day and Riding for the Disabled Charity Day. All events ran smoothly thanks to sound organising and hard work from both volunteers and golf shop staff. Congratulations to everyone involved in making these days such a success. See below some photos from the Katie Bain Memorial Golf Day.



The final Titleist fitting day was held on Friday 9th November giving members one last chance to be professionally fitted for Titleist equipment before the New Year. Fitting sessions were limited and booked out within weeks once again emphasizing the demand for the new TS driver. It was another successful event with everyone fitted on the day remarking on the positive experience and like previous events multiple orders were placed on the day.

The Shootout Final will be run on Sunday 2nd December at 11am after a fiercely contested qualifying period over the past few months. The 19 qualifiers will be finalised this week giving them a chance to win some awesome prizes on the day. The format will be all 19 players tee off the 1st tee together and one competitor will be eliminated at the completion of every hole until there are only 2 left on the 18th hole. In case of a tie on any hole competitors will have a chip off to determine who is eliminated. Tee off will be at 11am and spectators are welcome to come and enjoy the fun atmosphere and support the participants.

New stock has arrived in the golf shop ready for the Christmas period so if you are looking for a gift for the golfer in your life be sure to visit us and check out the extensive range.

See you in the shop,

Adam Causley

Golf Operations Manager



Veema Williams

Veema was a much loved and respected member of Murwillumbah Ladies Golf. She first played at Tygalgah race course club before we ever had a golf club here. She held many positions on committee and became a life member.

In the 1990s many of our ladies travelled to other clubs, Tenterfield, Inverell, Armidale and most especially Yamba where we went every year for many years.

Veema was always ready to come along and join in the fun. One year we had a great photo of four of us wearing our newly purchased slippers, we had all

bought the same style of lambs wool ones.

Veema was a willing and talented participant in our concerts over many years. She teamed up with Bubbles Elliott many times with amazing props she built and painted herself as she was a talented artist as well with the paint brush. One year she painted faces on our tummies when we performed the Seven Dwarfs. Veema also performed The Andrews Sisters with me one year and did not miss a beat with the miming.

Our Xmas in the 1990s were amazing productions and we always looked forward to seeing Veema and her friends come in and steal the show with their original themes.

I will always remember the talks we had as she drove us to Lismore Golf Club for Northern Rivers meetings when we represented our club there.

Veema was a great lady and enjoyed a full and happy life and will always be remembered by us, her old mates.—Betty Bryce

What's happening on our big Xmas Night & NYE??????



Our Big Christmas Event Night is on Friday the 21st December. The night will kick off around 6pm. There is plenty on for the kids with a special Christmas Kids Club Disco (prizes for best dressed Christmas theme) Mr and Mrs Claus will be dropping by with a free gift for every child!

We will be having a HUGE HAM AND MEAT RAFFLE! Our Friday Badge Draw, Full normal menu and all the prizes out on display will also be drawn to 20 lucky winners! Come out for one of our biggest nights of the year. Always plenty of fun for the whole family!



New Years Eve. What are your plans???

Don't feel like driving up the Coast and just want a fun, relaxed New Years Eve????

We will be having our normal full menu, a MEGA MEAT RAFFLE, a \$500 cash giveaway and **NEW this year we will have a free photo booth, with unlimited instant prints. Memories for you to cherish forever!**

We will also be running our **FREE COURTESY BUS** for both our Christmas Event and our NYE Event. Simply make your booking for the bus at the bar or call 0266721799. Let us take the hassle out of driving, sit back, relax and enjoy that extra glass of wine!!!



Melbourne Cup 2018

Melbourne Cup Day was a great day here at the club with around 150 booked in for lunch. Singer Sarah Grant played wonderful background music. It was my first time hearing her and she was fantastic! I can see why she is one of our club favourites! See below some of the very smart looking best dressed.



Our Community Award winning sponsors Varela & Swift Pharmacy. With lots of gifts for Christmas, pop in and have look for yourself. SHOP LOCAL. SUPPORT LOCAL!



True Blue Facts

- Oz is credited with revealing the oldest evidence of life on land, in the form of 3.48 billion-year-old fossils. Unearthed in the Pilbara, in remote Western Australia, the single-celled organisms are 14 times older than dinosaurs, and almost as old as the Earth itself.
- The Aussie yellow-bellied three-toed skinks give birth to their babies differently depending on where they live. In colder regions they have live young, but in hotter areas they lay eggs!
- Trying to keep cricketers fit in the off-season, in 1859 Tom Wills helped invent Aussie Rules football. It's said he based the rules on the indigenous game of Marngrook that he'd played as a child. The first game was held near the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Why you need a firm stroke on short putts....

When friends play together you see a lot of short putts kicked away. Gimmes might feel good, but when you get in a round where you have to putt everything out, you're probably scared to death.

That fear shows itself with an early peek at the hole – an attempt to “wish it in.” *Go in! Please go in!* It causes the head to move, the shoulders to open and now the putterface and path could be pointing anywhere. You're lucky to hit the hole.

Here's what you need to do: Keep your eyes down, and give the ball a nice, firm strike. The putt's probably not going to break, so aim the face straight at the hole and make sure you see it hit the ball. If you get in a habit of staying down and listening for the ball to drop, you'll be automatic on these little putts.

Club Champion



Well done Warren Colefax!
A Grade Club Champion 2018!

What's on at the Golf Range???

Stuck for Christmas gift ideas! Come in and pick up a gift voucher...

Junior Golf Camp

Tuesday 15th January 11am-2pm

Wednesday 16th January 11am-2pm

Thursday 17th January 11am-2.30pm

\$45 per day or \$120 for the 3 days

Drinks/snacks and lunch included

We have a "HOLE IN ONE" competition running until the end of January.

To qualify for the final you need to hole out on our 60m hole.

The final will be held on Sunday 27th of January at 1.00pm.

\$500 cash to the winner!

All you need to do is purchase a bucket of balls and swing away.

Annual Golf Presentation Night. What a fabulous night it was!!!!



Hi.... I'm Mel..... The new owner of BEVERLEY'S ON MAIN STREET, MURWILLUMBAH.

I feel very privileged to be carrying on with this beautiful shop, which Beverley has established over many years. I will continue to stock all the great brands that everyone who visits knows. I'm also excited to introduce 2 lovely new sleepwear labels and now have an extensive range of shoes.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING ALL OF YOU LADIES.
DON'T FORGET I ACCEPT YOUR GOLF VOUCHERS AS PAYMENT TOO!!!





Command the Sand

A drill to take the guesswork out of bunkers

Taking consistent sand divots is the key to playing well from greenside bunkers. If your clubhead enters the sand in the same spot behind the ball, you'll avoid hitting shots thin or too fat.

Here's a drill that promotes good bunker shots: Draw a line in the sand (you can lay a rake or clubshaft down to create a straight impression). This line represents your ball position. Without a ball, make some practice swings trying to hit one to three inches behind the line.

You want your divots to start in the same place each time, and they should also be a consistent length and depth.

An ideal divot for a typical greenside bunker shot is long and shallow – longer and shallower than most players think. The divot should start behind the line but extend well past it.

After you practise taking divots this way, put five balls down in a line and try to enter the sand behind each ball at that spot you've been hitting.

See how close you come to making the same divots you created without a ball. That's how to develop consistency in the sand.

Thanks Ladies!

Out going Committee 2018
Barb Blunden, Gisele Somerville, Kay Kroft, Carol Quantrill, Carol Dickinson, Jenny Miller and Ros Julien.

Thank you Ladies for your help over the last year. You have been a great asset to the Murwillumbah Ladies Golf. May you enjoy your golfing and socializing over the next season!



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Veterans Report

For the past four years my report has consistently been all good news and this year is no different. We just continue to get better. The reasons are quite simple:

- The main club continues to improve in all aspects; the Course, the Clubhouse, the Staff, the Management.
- Our committee is an excellent hard working team.
- Our two major events, our Open Day in June and our Week of Golf in August just keep getting better.
- Our "away trips" to Tenterfield, Lakelands and The Glades were superb.
- The Monday Veterans are still averaging around 60 players and although we can accommodate more, this is a good average to maintain.

So my special thanks to the Vets Members for supporting "Our Vets".

Special thanks to Gary Thatcher and his staff for their great support, especially Brian Cox and his Team, Adam Causley and his team, Terry Sullivan and the Bar Staff, all of whom create the friendly and helpful atmosphere in the Club.

Hope you all play better golf in the ensuing year.
R.C (Bob) Green



RSL Social Golf Club Report

On behalf of the RSL Social Golf Club we would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We would also like to thank everyone from the golf club for another great year. Let's hope we see some new faces out on the golf course on Sundays playing with the RSL Social Golf next year. See all the up coming Golf dates over on next page >>>>



WHY?????

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car not called a racist?

Why are wise men and wise guys opposites?

Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?

If horrific means to make horrible, does terrific mean to make terrible.

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked and dry cleaners depressed?

Why is it that if someone tells you that there are 1 billion stars in the universe you will believe them, but if they tell you a wall has wet paint you will have to touch it to be sure?

If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?

If people from Poland are called "Poles," why aren't people from Holland called "Holes?"

Joke time! Fancy a cup of tea!

One day Mum was out and Dad was in charge of their three year old girl, Tiffani. Mum and Dad had given Tiffani a little 'tea set' for her birthday and it was one of her favourite toys. Dad was in the living room, engrossed in the evening news, when Tiffani brought Daddy a little cup of 'tea'. which was just water.

After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, Mum came home. Dad made her wait in the living room to watch Tiffani bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!' Mum waited and sure enough, Tiffani came down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy and she watched him drink it up.

Mum said (as only a mother would know...).

"Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get water is the toilet?"



Golf Fixtures December 2018



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Saturday 1 st	Monthly Medal in 4 Grades
Sunday 2 nd	Shootout Final 11am start Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 3 rd	Social Golf Day. Veterans am
Wednesday 5 th	Individual Stableford in 2 grades . 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 7 th	Blue Marker Day
Saturday 8 th	Individual Stableford with 4.B.B.B. Stableford in Conjunction
Sunday 9 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 10 th	Social Golf Day. Veterans am
Wednesday 12 th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 14 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 15 th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 16 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 17 th	Social Golf Day. Veterans am
Tuesday 18 th	Individual Stableford Medley
Wednesday 19 th	Individual Stroke in 2 Grades
Thursday 20 th	Individual Stableford Medley
Friday 21 st	Open Day Single Stableford Medley
Saturday 22 nd	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 23 rd	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 24 th	Christmas Eve Vets am / Open Day Single Stableford Medley
Tuesday 25 th	Christmas Day/Course Closed
Wednesday 26 th	Boxing Day. Individual Stableford Medley
Thursday 27 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Friday 28 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 29 th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 30 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 31 st	New Year's Eve / Social Golf Day. Veterans am

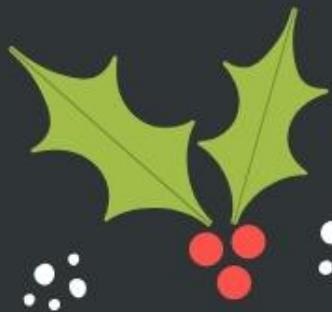
Our upcoming events for December are:

- 02/12/2018 Monthly Mug – (Sponsors -Glen & Natasha Wyborn – Glen Wyborn Autos)
- 09/12/2018 4BBB – (Sponsor Daniel (groover) Gray – Daniel Gray Plumbing)
- 16/12/2018 4 Person Ambrose – Christmas Party, Brothers Leagues – (Sponsors Adrian & Drew Zambelli)
- 23/12/2018 Single Stableford – (Sponsors Neil & Christine Fogo)



Ladies December Fixtures

The weekday summer ball comp will start on Tuesday, 4th December. Continuing Tuesdays and Thursdays until Thursday, 20th December (Last day before the Christmas break) and resume again on Thursday, 3rd January 2019.



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