



## Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Newsletter, 2019 has rolled around and the Board would like to wish all members a happy new year and realize some of your golfing dreams.

The Christmas and New Year period has been very busy on and off the golf course. The Board would like to thank Adam and the Pro Shop staff for their friendly and happy interactions with the many visitors that have played our course over this busy period. Many favorable comments have been passed on by visitors about our great Golf Course.

To Brian and the outdoor staff who have had the course in superb conditions for the many social golfers to enjoy. A big thank you to you all for your efforts over the Christmas period. The members have been recording some excellent scores with some competition days needing 36 points to just win a ball. Ex-president Keith O'Grady found the January monthly medal easy with a blazing 65 nett. Must be easy with all the pressure off. Congratulations to all those members who have won competitions over the past few months.

The Board would also like to thank Terry and the bar staff for their hard work over the Christmas period. The club has been well patronized with many functions and Christmas parties held. Don't forget the Friday Night raffles and badge draw with friendly Bill, Ian and helpers. They really do a great job and make Friday Nights enjoyable for both Adults and the kids.

With the weather being so hot and humid do not forget to slip, slop and slap before your round. Use the free sunscreen provided to you by the Cancer Institute of NSW, between the 1st and 10th Tee.

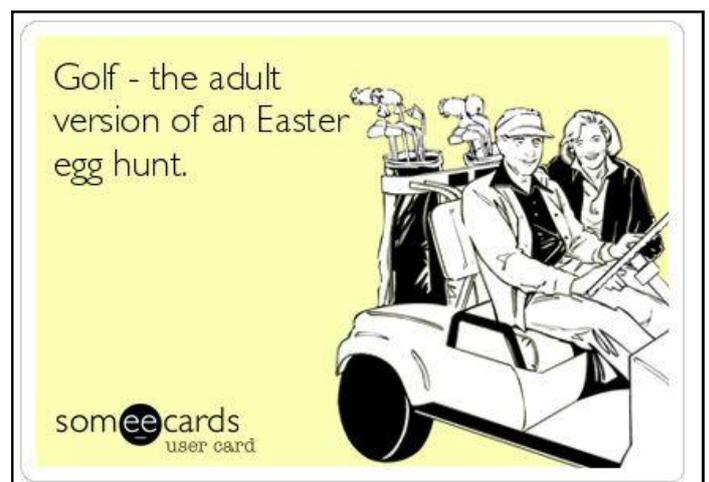
The 2019 Golf fixtures have been finalized by Adam, Captain Graham and the Match Committee. Don't forget to familiarize yourself with the new Golf rules that came into place on 1st January. If in doubt ask the Pro Shop staff who will be willing to help.

It is time to replace our motorized cart fleet. Many hours have been spent in negotiations with Club Car and Ez-go to get the best deal for our Members and Visitors. Thanks to Adam, Gary and Wayne who have overseen the operation. The new carts should be ready to go in the next couple of months.

At all times be safe when driving home, have a Plan B. The courtesy bus is available Friday and Saturday Nights to be used by our patrons. Please use it and be safe to yourself and those around you.

Good health and great golfing. See you at your club.

Graham Rosenbaum  
Chairman



# Manager's Report

It's been a busy start to the New Year. The 3rd green renovations are looking good with Brian Cox doing a very good job overseeing the design and construction. Looking forward to playing the hole in early March. In the meantime the feedback from members and social golfers is very positive about having hole 8A to play rather than just a temporary green.

A special thanks to Brad and all the Golf Shop staff for a job well done during a very busy time while Adam was on holidays. Also to Brian and his greens staff for keeping the course in such great shape while we had so much social play despite the extremely hot and humid weather.

The Club is the place to be on Friday nights with 30 bigger and better meat trays to be won in the raffles and the Members' Draw building again, at time of print \$5,400. Don't forget the Courtesy Bus is available for pickups in the local area Friday and Saturday nights, call the Club early to book.

For all of those that like their ginger beer we now have Rusty Yak Alcoholic Ginger Beer (3.5%) on tap as well as Cascade Ginger Beer by the glass

Please join us in celebrating Australia Day Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January. The Hot Wok & Grill will be open for lunch and dinner with specials and the full normal menus. The Aussie Mixed Grill looks a good blast from the past. Meat raffles, with tickets on sale from 6pm and prizes for best dressed male and female. Don't forget to check your Club Calendar for other upcoming events.

Farewell to Brett Draman, you will be missed! Brett is leaving us to pursue a career as a car salesman. We wish Brett all the best with his future endeavours. I'm sure we will still see him out and about on the Golf Course. Thanks Brett for all your hard work in both the Bar and the Golf Shop over the years.

Gary Thatcher  
Secretary Manager



## Meet Ian Armour Life Member of Northern Rivers District Golf Association



Murwillumbah Golf Club long-time member, Ian Armour, was recently elected as a Life Member of the Northern Rivers District Golf Association (NRDGA). Ian has had a long association with the NRDGA which spans in excess of twenty years. Ian attended his first meeting in 1997 as a delegate of Murwillumbah Golf Club.

In 2001 he was elected to the Junior Golf Committee and served in this position for three years. In 2005 Ian was elected to the position of NRDGA Junior Golf Co-ordinator and he served in this role for five years. The NRDGA Junior Golf Co-ordinator is responsible for selecting junior teams to play in inter-district matches against Gold Coast, South East Queensland, Mid North Coast and New England; selecting teams to participate in the annual 72 hole Jack Newton Junior Golf International in the Hunter Valley; organising junior representative events when they are played in the NRDGA area; arranging transport and accommodation when played outside the NRDGA area and providing supervision of the junior golfers at these events.

In 2008, he was elected NRDGA Vice President and from 2011 to 2013 he served as President of the Association. From 2011 to 2013 Ian was also a member of the Council of Golf NSW and attended regular meetings in Sydney together with other delegates from both country and metropolitan areas of NSW.

Since 2014 Ian has served as NRDGA Publicity Officer and Web Page Co-ordinator. In this role he was instrumental in developing a new web page for the NRDGA which enabled the Association and member clubs to easily publicise events and competitions to both local and visiting golfers.

# Golf Shop Report

Happy New Year to all our members and their guests, the golf shop staff hope you had a great Christmas and New Years. We look forward to a bigger and better 2019 with exciting new works both on course and throughout the club.

A big thanks to Lucas, Brett and Allan for their hard work over the festive season. It is our busiest time of the year and the boys handled it very well.

It was great to see so many of our members on course with family and friends enjoying the festive season. I can't tell you how many times we were told by visiting players how impressed they were with our golf course and the condition it was presented so congrats to Brian and the team for presenting the course so well during this busy time.

Congratulations to Lucas Higgins for being invited to play the Australian Master of Amateurs event at Royal Melbourne. The Men's Australian Master of the Amateurs is the highest ranked Category A event in Australia, and is ranked by the R&A as the highest ranked Amateur Championship in Australia. Lucas will also compete in the Australian and NSW Amateur Golf Chamionships on this trip gaining more experience at the top level so we wish him all the best and we are sure he will represent the club well.

The Match Committee will this year be re introducing an Open Handicap Matchplay with the top 64 players going into the main draw. Qualifying Rounds will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> as well as Saturdays 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February. Entry will be \$5 per player with only your first score to count towards qualification.

**Brad Mott**  
**Assistant Golf Operations Manager**



A great night was had by all on Monday 21st for our Staff Christmas Party. Thank you to the Board of Directors and Gary for allowing us to have such a great night up at Top Golf! Rumour has it Terry played better than Gary so who knows we might see Terry out on the course soon.....

# The Champs Clinic

**1.PROBLEM:** *For years now, I have heard the expression, hitting from the top. I'm a 12-handicapper and have often been accused of this fault by many friends, none of whom seem to be able to clearly define what they mean. An exact explanation by you might just cut a few strokes off my game.*

**ANSWER:** To put it as simply as possible, *hitting from the top* means that the first movement of the downswing is *not* the hip turn. The hands and arms lead the downswing that throws the club outside the line. As a result, the source of power is used up before the club reaches the impact area. It usually means a slice, caused by an outside-in swing. Get those hips turning and the weight transferring to the left side, and the hands and arms will follow suit.

**2.PROBLEM:** *I would like to know if a golf glove will improve my game.*

**ANSWER:** A golf glove by itself cannot improve your game. It's what you put into the glove that does the job. However, if you are not wearing a glove, I suggest you start. More than 90 percent of the touring pros wear gloves. A glove gives you a better grip on the club, especially at the top of the backswing, when your hands may loosen on the club. A glove will also absorb some of the shock that the hands take in a round of golf and will help prevent blisters, especially after a long layoff.

**3.PROBLEM:** *When practicing, should a beginner start by hitting easy and straight and then increase his distance gradually? Or should he hit his shots hard and wild until his faults work out?*

**ANSWER:** Hit your shots straight and easy at first, by all means. Start by pitching the ball with a wedge or a nine-iron, then gradually work your way up the clubs until you get to the woods.

## Hole - In - One's

Mark Zwemer—08/12/18 - 10th Hole

Les Reynolds - 14/01/19 (Temp. Green)



## Well done Arthur Collings

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Our **Christmas Event** was a great night here at the Club with 250 booked in for dinner and around another 100 around the bar and on the new deck.

The kitchen staff and bar staff both did a fantastic job catering for such a big crowd and all worked well under pressure.

Mr and Mrs Claus even took time out of their busy schedules to make an appearance and gift the kiddies fun colouring in packs with lollies.

Thanks to all the Members for coming out and supporting our event, we hope you enjoyed the night. Thanks to Bill Quantrill and Ian Campbell for selling the tickets and again to Bill for doing the microphone.



Our next event is Australia Day which lands on a Saturday this year! Get out your Australia Day outfits as we will be having lots of prizes for best dressed "Aussie." The Hot Wok & Grill are also doing a Aussie mixed grill special as well as their full normal menu. We will be having a big meat raffle and also LIVE MUSIC by Ash and Danny duo. Book a table today!

Thanks to all our Members for a great 2018 and hope to see you all regularly in "your" club again throughout 2019! The more events you support, the more events we can put on for you!

Natasha Bolden—Promotions Coordinator

## Think about this?????

How come our noses run but our feet smell?

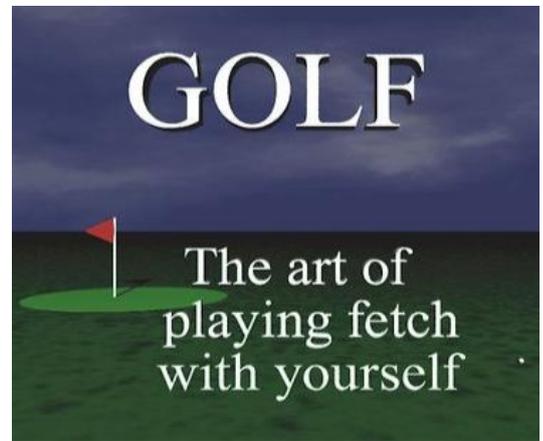
Why is it called a building when it is already built?

Is the s or the c silent in scent?

If you're at a restaurant waiting for the waiter, aren't you the waiter?

Are bathtubs just boats in reverse?

Why do we use the term hair for all of it, but hairs for only a few?



## You know it's HOT in Australia when.....

1. The best car park is determined by shade and not distance.....
2. Hot water comes out of both taps....
3. You learn that the seat belt buckle makes a good branding iron.....
4. You learn that it takes two fingers to steer a car.....
5. You can get sun burnt through the windscreen.....
6. You break into a sweat at 7am.....
7. Shopping centres are temples....
8. Sticking your head in the freezer is considered normal.....
9. A cup full of ice is considered a great snack.....
10. A blackout is considered life threatening because the air-con stops working.....

### GRANDPARENTS' ANSWERING MACHINE

Good morning . . . At present we are not at home, but please leave your message after you hear the beep.

beeeeeppp ....

If you are one of our children, dial 1 and then select the option from 1 to 5 in order of "birth arrival" so we know who it is.

If you need us to stay with the children, press 2

If you want to borrow the car, press 3

If you want us to wash your clothes and do ironing, press 4

If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press 5

If you want us to pick up the kids at school, press 6

If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered to your home, press 7

If you want to come to eat here, press 8

If you need money, press 9

If you are going to invite us to dinner or take us to the theatre, start talking .... we are listening !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

**THEY CALL IT  
GOLF BECAUSE  
ALL THE OTHER  
FOUR LETTER  
WORDS WERE  
TAKEN.**

-RAY FLOYD



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# Golf Fixtures February

**"Ladies Welcome Back Day is on 7th February and could everyone please bring an item for a raffle."**

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Blue Marker Day
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monthly Medal in 4 Grades
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Open day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Social Golf Day. Veterans Single Stableford in Grades
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Last Summer ball Comp
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford with 4.B.B.B. Stableford Conjunction 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Welcome Back Day Single Stableford. Thursday afternoon 9 Hole Open Comp
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford in 4 grades
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Social Golf Day Veterans Individual Stroke in Grades
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Monthly Medal Single Stroke
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford in 2 grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Women's 4BBB Stableford & Single Stableford Thursday afternoon 9 Hole Open Comp
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Social Golf Day. Veterans 4BBB
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Single Stableford
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stroke in 2 Grades. 9 Hole Warriors.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Women's Single Stableford Thursday afternoon 9 Hole Open Comp
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Individual International Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Social Golf Day Veterans Single Stableford in Grades and BBQ
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Single Stableford
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Stableford in 2 grades. 9 Hole Warriors

## RSL upcoming events for February are:

03/02/2019 4 Person Ambrose/AGM - BBQ - (Sponsors -Card Connection - Craig, Anthony, Robbie & Darren)  
 10/02/2019 Single Stableford Gary Lowe Memorial - (Sponsor Ray Lowe)  
 17/02/2019 Single Stableford at Twin Towns - (Sponsor Mick Rosolen)  
 24/02/2019 4BBB - (Sponsor Chris Webster - Webster Bus Services)





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