



**Congratulations are due to the Board of Directors, Administrative Staff, Greens Staff, Golf Shop Staff and Bar Staff, Golf Members, Social Members, The Hot Wok & Grill, Volunteers and Sponsors for the specific part they have all played in giving Murwillumbah Golf Club an outstanding year!**



**New Paths**



**Kid's Corner Updated**



**Redesigning 3rd Green**



**Refurnished Bunkers**



**New Lithium Buggies**



**Strategic Plans**



**Acoustic Panels**



**Events & Functions**



**Lots of Winners**

# Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the newsletter.

Many thanks to those members who took the time to attend the 2019 Annual General Meeting last Month. As a board we are aware that we will never make everyone happy but assure Members we will make decisions for the benefit of the Club as a whole based on the information we have available at the time.

Last month I was lucky enough to attend the MSMC Social Golf Club's 50th Anniversary Celebrations. It was a great night and very well organised. Congratulations on reaching 50 years and wish your club all the best in the future.

The Presentation/ Member's Appreciation Night has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Hopefully we can hold an appreciation night in the first half of next year.

Lucas Higgins will be playing some big golf tournaments in January. He has been practicing hard and we wish him all the best in these events. Lucas is a great representative for our club.

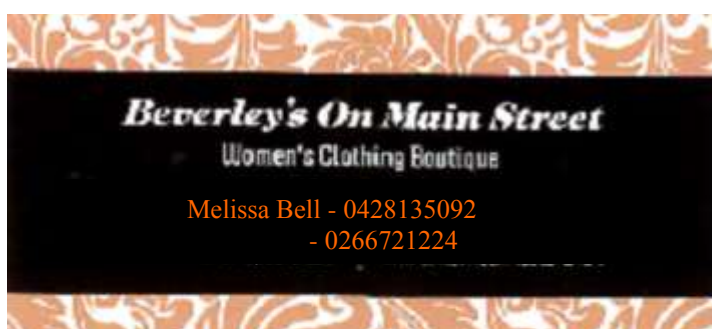
The bunkers around the 18th Green have been drained, shaped and new sand added. While the excavator was here the drain between the 1st Green and 18th Tees was drained and the soil will be used to build mounds over the stumps on the 15th and 16th Holes. The Greens have recovered from the renovations as good as can be expected due to very little rain.

2019 has gone by very quickly. There have 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 of 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 his indoor and outdoor staff many thanks for a job well done. Our sincere best wishes to yourself, your staff 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 for all of us to 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 or entertain friends and family the club is open for your use. Enjoy Christmas and the New Year with your family and friends.

Graham Rosenbaum  
Chairman.



## Manager's Report

The Club's 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 2020.

As you can see there has been a lot happening on the golf course lately. Old dirt paths have been updated to new concrete cart paths. Also most of the bunkers have now been re-modelled and with better drainage so that when it does rain water should drain away much quicker.

We are having two big Christmas events this year. On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December our Massive Toy Raffle will take place from 3 – 5pm. All of the prizes are on display, so check out the toys you would like to win. There will be plenty of activities out on the deck for the kids as well as presents from Santa.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December there are 40 hams to be won in the raffle as well as lovely Christmas Hampers to be won with tickets earned from drink purchases at the bar. The Members Badge Draw will also take place as usual. Tickets for the raffle go on sale from 6.30pm.

In closing I'd like to thank all 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; and now on Wednesday Trivia nights. Please book early. Look forward to seeing you all in the new year. Good golfing!

Gary Thatcher  
Secretary Manager

## Tom Brown 1927-2019

Tom joined the Murwillumbah Golf Club, along with his wife Maureen, in 1961. They enjoyed a combined membership of the club of more than 100 years. Tom's golfing career included a career-best handicap of 8, two B – grade championships, five holes-in-one, several pennants seasons, Board membership and numerous working bees.

All of Tom's children are past members of the Club and two of Tom's grandsons, Matthew Brown and Michael Brown, won grade championships some years ago.

There are many stories about Tom on the golf course, most of them humorous, but the pick of them has to be the story of a pennants match early one Sunday morning in the late 1970's. Tom and his Oceans Shores opponent ("Kevin") squared the 10<sup>th</sup> hole, Tom sinking a long stab putt from just off the green after Kevin had narrowly missed a birdie putt. Apparently, Kevin stormed off the green and made his way to the 11<sup>th</sup> tee. Arriving before Tom, he tee'd up in the direction of the bull-paddock green and hit a beautiful 200+ metres drive in the direction of Mt. Warning. Tom then walked onto the tee and hit a trade-mark straight drive in the opposite direction towards the 11<sup>th</sup> green. Kevin was beside himself with rage when he realised his mistake, and made it clear to Tom in a rant that lasted 30 seconds or more that he was not impressed. Tom went on to win the match 2 and 1. Aside from Tom's love of competing, he and Maureen always referred to the holes by their correct names – the Duck Pond, Lions' Lair, the River Hole and so on. Tom's children and grandchildren carry on that practice to this day.

Tom's family wishes to warmly thank all members of the Murwillumbah Golf Club who were Tom's friends and who, above all, enjoyed his sense of humour.

Michael Brown.





# Promotions Report

This will be my last report before taking maternity leave later this month. Thanks to all the Members and Staff for their consideration during my pregnancy and their well wishes!

Our past events were very well received. Many favourable comments from our Kids Halloween Event and Melbourne Cup Day. There were a few very lucky winners such as Jheff, Gareth, Danika, Toni & Caylan who sat at table 23, got 23 in there sweeps and backed 23 to win! What are the chances?



Don't forget our next 3 big Events.

- **Kids Christmas Event on Sunday, 15th December 3pm start**
- **Massive Ham and Christmas Hampers Night Friday, 20th December 5pm start**
- **NYE Tuesday, 31st December from 6pm**

(Owing to members' demand this NYE we have live music 8pm-Midnight and the full dinner menu!) The Courtesy Bus will also be running on NYE. You can also win one of five \$100 cash draws on NYE; dining bookings are essential! Flyers for all these events as well as vouchers and free drink tickets, will be coming in the mail. Make sure you keep an eye out!

I look forward to seeing you all later in 2020! Wishing everyone a happy and safe Christmas and NYE! Hope you eat and drink too much and share plenty of laughs with loved ones. Remember the club is open every day except Christmas Day, for you and your visitors to enjoy! **The Hot Wok & Grill will be open Boxing Day 26th December for lunch and dinner but closed New Years Day 1st January. All other days normal trading.**

Natasha Bolden  
Promotions Coordinator

## Special Notes;

- 1) Disabled parking spots are not designed for members playing golf.
- 2) Please refrain from hitting golf balls into school grounds at the completion of the 18th Hole.
- 3) Out of bounds require golfers to hit a provisional ball.
- 4) Motorised buggies must/should remain on concrete paths where provided.



Not feeling the best?  
Want to be physically fitter?  
Want to get more out of life?  
Matthew is the professional who can help you in all these areas.  
Why not ring and book an appointment today?

## Golf Shop Report

It was another successful month for the golf shop with consistently high competition numbers and the completion of two Charity Golf Days. The first event on the calendar was the Riding for the Disabled Golf day which was held on Sunday, 3rd November and attracted 70 players for a 4 person Ambrose event.

Following on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November was the Katie Bain Camp Quality Golf Day and like previous years they finished with 92 players competing in a relaxed 4 person Ambrose competition. Both events were very successful and raised much needed funds for the deserving charities. Participants on both days were in high spirits and embraced the relaxed format that is encouraged during charity golf days. The Golf club was thanked and congratulated for hosting the events and both days have been re-booked for November, 2020.

The Golf shop will be implementing new promo's next month to coincide with summer. A Sandwich & Water Combo Deal will be introduced along with a Powerade & Water Combo Deal. Both promos will offer fantastic value to golfers during our hottest months. The golf shop has been fully stocked for the festive season and offers great gift ideas for Christmas. Be sure to drop in and check out our extensive range.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Adam Causley  
Golf Operations Manager

## Riding for the disabled



A very successful CHARITY GOLF DAY FOR THE TWEED VALLEY RIDING FOR THE DISABLED was held at the Murwillumbah Golf Club on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

The organising Committee would like to thank the Golf Club for the day; and their major sponsor WILLIAMS GROUP AUSTRALIA. Thanks to everyone who participated and we look forward to your support next year.

Toby Mc Intosh was the winner of the \$500 Gift Voucher from I.G.A. Murwillumbah.

The team of Nicole Cooper, Graeme Trew, David Devine and Barry Soley won the \$400 prize sponsored by J.H.Williams Murwillumbah.

Thank you to Sheridan Gorton for her special donations for our silent auction and Jan Brook for her donation for the raffle.

Congratulations to all the raffle winners!



# Looking Back by Ken Forster

(A 93 year old Member of Murwillumbah Golf Club)

As a long term member of the MGC over 53 years and born in Murwillumbah and involved with others in writing the history of the Club I am able to present, in brief, my association with the land upon which we enjoy golf today.



Briefly, golf in Murwillumbah started in 1932 and has passed through 3 stages with courses... beginning on the, Murwillumbah Show Ground; at Dunbible south of the township; at Tygalgah North of the town in the centre of the present day racecourse and finally settling on the present site west of Murwillumbah.

My clear recollection of the land is of it being used as a cattle run in times of flooding; it was covered in weed growth (Cockspur Burr), large tree growth and fallen timber. I never in my wildest dreams expected that in the future a golf course of quality would be carved out of such rugged country.

The present course can pay credit to the dedication of our early members in 1950 when the land after a prolonged argument was purchased and an unprecedented voluntary effort by club members and Associates with very little money begun the long journey in the making of a golf course.

To learn more read "WITH PICK & PUTTER" The History of the Murwillumbah Golf Club 1931-2011.

## Worth a chuckle....

- A Scotsman sadly gave up the game after 25 years. He lost his ball....
- The position of your hands is very important when playing golf. I use mine to cover up my scorecard...
- The golf pro wants me to keep my head down so I can't see him laughing....
- It seems to me that at times the hardest thing about golf is being allowed out of the house to play it..

## Ladies Sponsors & Volunteers Day

As usual the Murwillumbah Golf Club Ladies hosted a very successful Sponsors and Volunteers Golf Day on the 7th November



Sponsors; Left to right, Gwenda Shoobridge (Shoobridge Transport) Bill Quantrill (Patron's Day) Con Varela (Pharmacy) Keith O'Grady (J.H. Williams), Libby Varela (Mc Guinness Funerals) and Pavolos (Pavolos Transport & Limos)

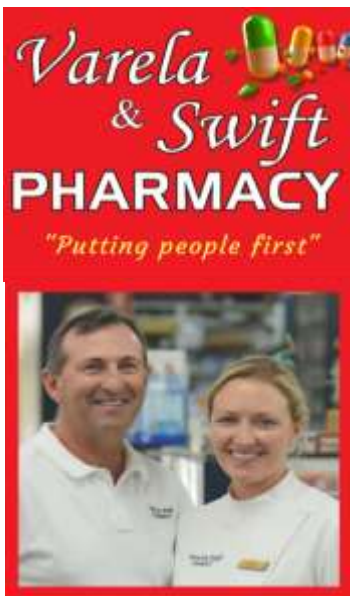


The Volunteers Gary Fidler, Kevin Blyth, Vince Formica, Terry Sheridan, Chris Goudkamp and John Belshaw (Neville Morrin missing in action)



The winning team, Bill, Carol & Kylee Quantrill, Val Ireland with sponsor Keith O'Grady (J.H. Williams)





# Golf Fixtures December

## WOMEN'S WEEKDAY SUMMER COMPETITION (9 or 18 Holes)

1st Tee: 7.30-9.00 am Tuesdays and Thursdays

Tuesday 3rd to Thursday 19th December, 2019

Thursday 2nd January to Thursday 30th January, 2020

### SINGLE STABLEFORD

Sunday 1st	<b>Shootout Final 11am start</b> Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 2nd	Social Golf Day. Veterans am
Wednesday 4th	Individual Stableford in 2 grades. 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 6th	Blue Marker Day
Saturday 7th	Individual Stableford with 4.B.B.B. Stableford in Conjunction
Sunday 8th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 9th	Social Golf Day. Veterans am
Wednesday 11th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades & 4 ball aggregate 9 Hole Warriors
Friday 13th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 14th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 15th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 16th	Social Golf Day. Veterans am
Tuesday 17th	Individual Stableford Medley
Wednesday 18th	Individual Stableford in 2 Grades
Thursday 19th	Individual Stableford Medley
Friday 20th	Open Day Single Stableford Medley
Saturday 21st	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 22nd	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 23rd	Vets am / Open Day Single Stableford Medley
Tuesday 24th	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
Wednesday 25th	<b>Christmas Day/Course Closed</b>
Thursday 26th	<b>Boxing Day</b> Individual Stableford Medley
Friday 27th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 28th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 29th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 30th	Social Golf Day. Veterans am

### RSL Social Golf Club upcoming events for December are:

- 01/12/2019 Monthly Mug – (Sponsors Glen & Natasha Wyborn – Glen Wyborn Autos)
- 08/12/2019 4BBB – (Sponsor Daniel 'Groover' Gray – Daniel Gray Plumbing)
- 15/12/2019 4 Person Ambrose - (Sponsors Adrian & Andrew Zambelli) Christmas Party
- 22/12/2019 Single Stableford – (Sponsors Neil & Christine Fogo)
- 29/12/2019 4BBB Stableford – (Sponsor Hayes Toyota)

All visitors are welcome to come and play, 6am tee off every Sunday.



Murwillumbah  
Golf Club Ltd  
Welcomes You

# Kids Christmas Event & TOY RAFFLE

Sunday 15th December  
3pm-5pm

\$2000 Toy Raffle Tickets on  
Sale 3pm Drawn 5pm

Face Painting, Glitter  
Tattoos & Crazy Hair

Balloon Twisting  
Live Music

Special visit from SANTA with free gift



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