



Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Newsletter

2020 has rolled around and the Board would like to wish all members a happy new year and we hope you realize some of your golfing dreams.

My year started with a hole in one on New Years Day so what a start to a new decade.

The Christmas and New Year period has been very busy on and off the course. The Board would like to thank the Golf Shop Staff for their friendly and happy interactions with the many visitors that have played at our course over this busy period. Many favourable comments been passed on by visitors about the course. Below is a photo of the Green staff they are a dedicated happy staff who strive to keep the course in an outstanding condition, A big thank you to all of you for your efforts over the holiday period.

The Bar Staff were kept very busy over the past few weeks with many functions being held over the Christmas period. A big thankyou to Terry and the bar staff. 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 adults and the kids.

With the hot weather months upon us don't forget to slip, slop and slap before your round use the free sunscreen provided to you by the Cancer Council Australia on the 1st and 10 the. Membership numbers continue to rise steadily, currently there are 556 golfing members, 14 Reciprocal, 23 Junior and 1676 social members. Competition fields have been good considering the hot and humid weather.

As we are well aware the Eastern parts of QLD, NSW and Victoria have been ravaged by bushfires over the past few months. The R.F.S members have worked tirelessly fighting these fires and have saved many properties and wildlife. During February we will be donating some money from competitions fees on certain days. We will ensure the donations go to the correct services.

It is the club policy that alcohol is not to be bought onto the course. Alcohol is available in the clubhouse and golf shop for use on the course. Please support the club if you are drinking while playing. At all times be safe while driving home. The courtesy bus is available to be used by our patrons. Please use it and be safe to yourself and those around you. Good health and enjoy your golf

Graham Rosenbaum
Chairman



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THE A TEAM—WE DO OUR BEST FOR YOU
Tony Keyte, Steven Walton, Tony Jessop Kyle Walker

Manager's Report

Happy New Year to all our Members and thank you all for supporting the Club in 2019 and we look forward to a prosperous 2020 for all.

Sunday 26th January is Australia Day and the Hot Wok & Grill will be open for lunch and dinner. Also between 1pm and 4pm be entertained with Fairways Sessions, great live music with a 5-piece band and guest artist Roland Storm.

The Members golf cart parking area under the clubhouse is being cleaned but we have found old batteries and other rubbish and ask that the Members responsible please remove their rubbish to complete the tidy up.

Any Member who would like to advertise your business in our newsletter please contact the office.

The Club will be donating all of the Members competition fees from Saturday 1st and Tuesday 4th February to our local Rural Fire Service. Thanks to all the Fireys for all the great work.

Congratulations to our Promotions & Marketing Co-ordinator Natasha and husband Alex on the birth of their baby girl Lily, a sister for Harry.

Good golfing

Gary Thatcher

Womens Golf Murwillumbah Committee for 2020

Front: Patsy Brady (President), Marie Morrin, Ros Julien, Karyn Mottershead (Treasurer), Di Carroll.

Back: Carol Quantrill, Adrienne Amisano, Jan Walpole, Dallas McCabe, Jenny Dobinson, Jennifer Adsett, (Secretary) Jan Chant (VP), Julie Connell (Captain) Barb Thompson

Absent: Mary Walden, Caroline Barr, Janice Goodall.



Well Done Ladies...

At the Annual Presentation and Christmas Party Dinner, Women's Golf Murwillumbah raised a considerable donation of \$2500 for the local Rural Fire Service to put towards their catering

Golf Shop Report

Golf Shop Newsletter Report January 2020

It was another busy month for the golf shop with visiting golfers filling the golf course during the holiday period. I would like to thank and congratulate the golf shop staff for their hard work and dedication during the hectic holiday period and a big thanks to Lucas Higgins for performing the bulk of my duties during my absence.

During the latest Match Committee meeting the fixtures for 2020 were finalised and dates for major events were set. The main changes for this year are the Men's club championships will start a week earlier than previous years allowing the September monthly medal to coincide with the first round of the championships. This was done to alleviate the problem of too many stroke rounds during that period. The Shootout event has also been moved to a February start with the final to take place in August. Previous years this event was run towards the end of the year and participation numbers have dropped off drastically the last few years. We are hoping to re-vamp the event and attract new players to the unique format.

February will kick off the 2020 golfing calendar with the Single handicap match play event. This was a new competition added to the fixtures last year which proved to be very popular. The qualifying rounds will be over 4 rounds from early February and competitors will have a chance to nominate 2 out of the 4 rounds. Entry fee will be \$5 and is paid each time a player nominates. The top 64 scores will be selected to create the match play draw which will commence in late February. I estimate the event should take approximately 3 months to complete. The nominations for the Shootout event will also open on Saturday 8th February and will be a once only fee of \$15.

A new "Promo Area" has been set up in the golf shop along the front window in the spike area. This space will be utilised by displaying upcoming events and important information for members. All members are also urged to make use of social media and the club website for any announcements.

See you in the shop,
Adam Causley



John Kennaugh

I would like to sincerely thank all the members of the Golf Club for the wonderful support you have given to John and myself over the past few difficult months. It has been invaluable to us both. He always said that taking up golf before he retired was such a fantastic opportunity to enjoy exercise and make new friends. Mondays and Wednesdays were special days for John with his golf mates. The little speeches about John that various people made at the wake were very much appreciated by the whole family and added some laughter to the occasion. Thank you also to the wonderful bar and restaurant staff.

With love, Diana Kennaugh

Specials Notes:

1. Disabled parking spots are not for members playing golf!!!
2. Motorised buggies should remain on concrete paths and not park within 10 metres of the greens.
3. Out of bounds require golfers to hit a provisional ball.



THE HISTORY OF THE PUMP HOUSE 1958 - 2019

An unremarkable building sits nestled into the side of a slope adjacent to the left-hand side of the fifth green and sixth tee.

Recently, the Board of Directors approved funds to refurbish this building which was falling into disrepair. Many readers would be unaware that this building was constructed to house the first water pump which was used to irrigate the greens on a developing golf course. The concrete slab was laid on Thursday, 13 November 1958 by a crew of enthusiastic volunteers. The concrete bears the date of construction and the initials of the volunteers, which were roughly carved into the curing concrete.

Apparently, it was a very hot November day. A petrol engine concrete mixer was used to produce the concrete – there was no such thing as Ready mix in those days! It was a long and arduous task. Many longnecks were consumed during and following the slab construction. Legend has it that a tally of the longnecks consumed by each worker was kept on a piece of building material so that payment could be made the following day. It took until around 9pm for the volunteer's thirsts to be quenched and all the drinks to be consumed at which time, a search party comprising a number of concerned wives, discovered the group who had lost all track of time!

Later, the building was constructed, a pump installed and a large hole excavated between the pump house and the sixth tee which steadily filled with seepage water. This water was pumped to the greens on the golf course.

Unfortunately, sufficient water was not available to irrigate the greens and it was decided, a short time later, to build a new pump house adjacent to the 17th tee and pump water from the Rous River where there was an almost endless supply of water. After the provision of electricity and additional water pipes, a Sunshine Piston Pump, manufactured at Ipswich QLD was installed. Of course, in very dry periods the Rous River's salt levels meant that the water became unsuitable to water the greens. This meant that the course was then irrigated by town water at great cost to the club. In recent times, a bore was sunk adjacent to the front of the sixth tee and an initial yield of 3,500 litres per hour was achieved. This water is pumped into the large dam on the left-hand side of the first fairway. The bore supplies all the water needed to irrigate tees and greens on the course.



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Future Bar Staff of the "Pump House Pub."



Chairman says well done Peter!



Oh! What a feeling!

The inscription on the concrete slab reads.....

13/11/58

RK-MW-JP-PF-WMc/JB/EW

RK – Robert (Bob) Kelby	Head of Agriculture Dept Murwillumbah
MW - Max Williams	Local Carpenter
JP - Jack Proudfoot	Local store keeper, Groceries, Clothing Main Street, Murwillumbah
PF - Peter Furness	Local Builder
WMc - Bill Mc Guinness	High Schoolteacher, Murwillumbah
JB - John Buckley	Local Carpenter
EW – Earle Williams	Store keeper, Produce, Nursery, Building Supplies

In latter years

Sign designed / donated by



NB. John Buckley is the last surviving person who helped to purchase the land from the Campbell Family. John's father, Alex was Tweed Shire President who in 1947 opened the Tygalgah Golf Course (in the middle of the Murwillumbah Racecourse) with Sid Mullens, Golf Club President.

Many thanks to Ian Armour and Peter Sheppard for the above research.

If anyone has any knowledge as to the whereabouts of the piece of building material used as the tally sheet for drinks, please contact Bill Quantrill. It is a fantastic piece of club history.

PROJECT CREW: Peter Sheppard / Retired Master Builder
 Warren Colefax / Apprentice Builder Neil Fogo / Master Painter Ian Campbell / Junior Labourer
 Bob Green / Senior Labourer Jimmy Junor / International Labourer Kevin Blyth / Hugger Labourer
 Roger Wecker / Union Rep. Graham Severs / Retired Butcher/Caterer

“The Project Crew”



News from the Driving Range

February Grip Special—Buy 9 grips and receive a FREE putter grip of your choice, just mention this add!!!

Friday on course lessons

Fridays from 8.30—10.30 we venture out on course for 2 hours of short game and course strategy, we play holes and work on improving your scoring. The cost is just \$30 and includes morning tea when we finish.

PING fitting day
Thursday 30th January
Book with Graeme on 0411752170

“GET INTO GOLF FOR WOMEN”

Start date: Tuesday 11th February and Sunday 16th February

Days: Tuesdays and Sundays

Times: 10.00am or 5.00pm

This is designed for ladies of all abilities to learn something new in a relaxed environment with absolutely no pressure from anyone. There should be lots of laughs and fun times learning something new.

After 4 short 1 hour sessions we will venture out on course and play in teams to help take away the pressure of having to perform at any level, this will be explained by coach Graeme when we go out on course. After golf Graeme will take you into the club house for a nice cold drink.



What you get: (A minimum of 12 hours tuition at the range as well as on course)

- 4 lessons learning- putting, chipping, bunkers and full swing.
- 4 x 2 hours on course, going through basics of on course play.
- Club selection and the best shot to play.
- Basic Rules and etiquette so that you know enough to get out on course playing with enough confidence that feel competent.
- You can join in any or ALL sessions.
- All with a certified PGA golf coach.
- Lessons are fully undercover from the hot sun and rain.
- Glass of wine, soft drink or coffee after the game in the club house.

What to wear: comfortable clothing, runners or golf shoes

What to bring: we can supply golf clubs, balls and tees, you can bring a hat, sunscreen, drink and a friend.

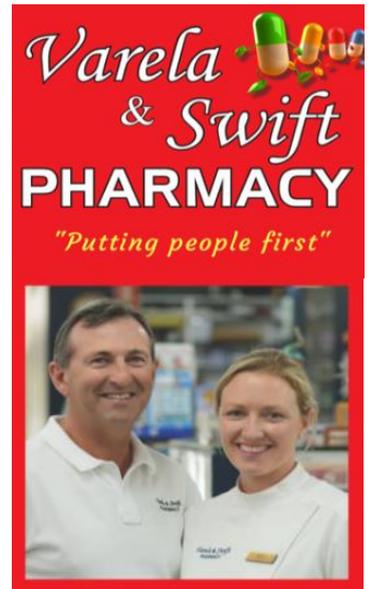
Cost: \$299 p.p (pay in full by 10th February and save \$50)

Where: Murwillumbah Golf Club, 233 Byangum Rd, Murwillumbah (Driving Range)

Bookings: call Graeme Trew 0411752170

Golf Fixtures for February

Saturday 1 st	Monthly Medal in 4 Grades RFS FUNDRAISER
Sunday 2 nd	Open day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 3 rd	Social Golf Day Veterans am
Tuesday 4 th	Welcome Back Day Women – Single Stableford
Wednesday 5 th	Individual Stableford with 4.B.B.B. Stableford Conjunction 9 Hole Warriors SINGLE H'CAP MATCH PLAY QUALIFIER
Thursday 6 th	Womens Single Stableford
Friday 7 th	Blue Marker Day
Saturday 8 th	Ind Stableford in 4 grades SINGLE H'CAP MATCH PLAY QUALIFIER
Sunday 9 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 10 th	Social Golf Day Veterans am
Tuesday 11 th	Monthly Medal Single Stroke & Putting in 3 divisions Women
Wednesday 12 th	Ind Stableford in 2 grades SINGLE H'CAP MATCH PLAY QUALIFIER 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 13 th	4BBB Stableford + Single Stableford in Conjunction Women
Friday 14 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 15 th	Individual Stableford in 4 Grades SINGLE H'CAP MATCH
PLAY QUALIFIER	
Sunday 16 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 17 th	Social Golf Day Veterans am
Tuesday 18 th	Single Stroke & Putting in 3 Divisions Women
Wednesday 19 th	Individual Stroke in 2 Grades 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 20 th	Single Stableford Women
Friday 20 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 22 nd	Individual International Stableford in 4 Grades
Sunday 23 rd	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Monday 24 th	Social Golf Day Veterans am
Tuesday 25 th	Single Stableford Women
Wednesday 26 th	Individual Stableford in 2 grade 9 Hole Warriors
Thursday 27 th	Single Stableford Women
Friday 28 th	Open Day Individual Stableford Medley
Saturday 29 th	individual Stableford in 4 Grades



RSL upcoming events for February are:

- 02/02/2020 Stroke Monthly Mug- (Sponsor Darren 'Çormo' Cormick)
- 09/02/2020 4 Person Ambrose/AGM - BBQ – (Sponsors -Card Connection – Craig, Anthony, Robbie & Darren)
- 16/02/2020 Single Stableford at Twin Towns – (Sponsor Mick Rosolen)
- 23/02/2020 4BBB – (Sponsor Chris Webster – Webster Bus Services)

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Things my mother taught me.....

After ironing a little girl's pleated skirt slip a bob-by-pin over each pleat until ready for wearing. When preparing meat or lamb cutlets, try rolling them in desiccated coconut instead of crumbs. The result is a tempting nutty flavour. Keep tobacco moist during winds or cold weather by putting a thick fresh orange into the jar.



**Guest Artist, Roland Storm
appearing at Fairway Sessions
Australia Day Celebration
26th January 1 pm (NSW)**

Fairway Sessions with the regular FS Musicians, Compere Bob Green and Vocalists will be joined by Australian Ambassador for Rock 'N' Roll, Roland Storm, who is guest artist on Australia Day.

Roland an Australian icon of Rock 'n' Roll started his extensive international career by appearing on Johnny O'Keefe's "Six O'Clock Rock" over 60 years ago. Delivering a powerhouse, dynamic performance, Roland has a wide-ranging career history of shows, TV appearances and still performs regularly in Australia and overseas. His extensive recording catalogue includes a Gold Record for his biggest hit *Rolling With The Flow*.



- Great Live Music
 - Entertaining 5-piece Band plus Australian R'n'R Icon Roland Storm
 - Special Guest Musicians and Singers
- 1pm – 4pm (NSW) ... 4th Sunday of the month**

Australia Day Guest Artist - ROLAND STORM

Murwillumbah Golf Club Ltd
233 Byangum Road, Murwillumbah

Triv?da **Wednesday 7pm**
5th & 19th Feb



The kids Christmas Event & toy raffle was a great success. Santa won over all the kids and parents. Face painting proved very popular. A wonderful time had by all.

New years night brought many new faces to the Club, It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the night.

Our Friday nights are off to a great start for 2020, with 30 meat trays, Jag the joker (\$250) Member's Draw starting to rise again and currently at print is at \$6200.



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