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## Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Newsletter.

The Board is looking for some information in how to improve our course and clubhouse facilities. All fully paid Members will receive a club survey by SMS in the near future. We are looking for positives and negatives to help plan for the future. Please take the time to click on a few responses on your phone. It won't take you very long. Thank you for your support.

A team of nine veterans took time to clean up the rainforest area between the 8th green and 9th Tee. Peg Connolly, a long time member of the club, set up this area many years ago. The Board would like to thank the Vets for all their hard work. The indoor plants inside the clubhouse are now being looked after by Carol Quantrill. Carol has all the plants looking very healthy and we thank her for her efforts. Volunteer work is greatly appreciated by the Board and Members of the Club.

Northern Rivers Pennants will be back on the calendar for 2021. Teams this year will consist of 5 players. Pennants will begin on the 16th May so if you are interested please register soon with the Pro Shop. Good luck to all the players.

The 6th and 7th holes should be back in play by the end of March. The outdoor staff have done a great job in improving these two holes. We look forward to playing these two hard holes soon. The requested handrail on the steps to the 18th Tee has now been completed.

An article in the Golf Magazine, Inside Golf caught my eye. The heading was, "Everything is New at Murwillumbah." It has been a busy time at Murwillumbah Golf Club. The word "New" has cropped up a lot in recent times at the popular Northern Rivers Club. There is a new kitchen, new exterior paint job, new toilets and out on the golf course new paths, new 6th green, new reshaped 7th Fairway, new 10th Tee box and lots of new golf members. All this was achieved in Covid-19, 2020.

The Club is becoming a very popular wedding destination with 6 weddings booked for 2021. Some of these will be having their ceremonies out on the 1st Tee. Many birthdays and functions have been booked for March, April and May. Great to see the function room and deck being utilized. If you would like to book a function please see Natasha Bolden our Promotions Coordinator.

Don't forget our Footy Tipping Competition will be back in 2021 after being cancelled last year owing to Covid-19. Get your name down quickly as the competition begins very soon. The Easter and Mothers Day Hampers and Raffles will be out as these annual celebrations are coming up fast.

The sundial situated near the practice putting green will be renovated shortly. It is going to be restored with a sandstone type granite.

The old kitchen area is going to be converted into a multi-purpose room. The Board is currently looking at quotes for consideration in this area.

Members and Visitors please continue to enjoy your golf and don't forget to use the club's facilities.

Graham Rosenbaum

## Promotions Report

From the 10th March Trivia will run weekly! Trivia will be every **Wednesday Night**. It runs from 7-8.30pm and is FREE to join with lots of loyalty points up for grabs. Our trivia has two question rounds, one music round, a picture round and a current events of the week round. Lots of variety and lots of fun! Even if you don't think you would be any good come on out and give our Trivia Night a try. Hey, even the losing trivia team walks away with a FREE \$5 keno bet, so what have you got to lose?

**FOOTY TIPPING IS BACK!** Cost \$60 with a **\$1000 first place prize**. Get your name down at the bar if you would like to join our tipping comp. We run "a pick the card solo" and "knock out" competition, which is all included in the \$60. NRL starts back on Thursday 11th March

**Our next big promotion is Easter!** Easter is early this year Sunday 4th April. Our Easter Egg Hampers will be drawn on Good Friday. Tickets for this Raffle will be sold from 6pm on the Friday 2nd April drawn around 7.30pm. Mothers Day hampers will also be out soon. These hampers will be a free giveaway with a ticket into the draw with every purchase.

The cocktail of the month is the **INK GIN MANGO FIZZ!** Made with Ink Gin, Mango Liqueur, Mango Pulp, Tonic Water & Sugar Syrup. It is delicious! We sold 103 Cocktails last Month!

Fairway Sessions is on Sunday 28th March from 1pm-4pm. The Kitchen is also open from 11am right through till 8pm so you can get a snack or meal and enjoy the live music.

If you have any jokes or articles you think Members may enjoy please drop them into the office or email [promotions@murwillumbahgolfclub.com.au](mailto:promotions@murwillumbahgolfclub.com.au)

Natasha Bolden - Promotions Coordinator



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# FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

**COST \$60**

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INCLUDES ENTRY INTO THE KNOCKOUT COMP & THE PICK THE CARD SOLO COMP!

PLACE YOUR NAME DOWN AT THE BARI

The poster features a central image of a man in a red and white NRL jersey holding a football. Below the main text is a grid of 16 NRL team logos. The background is dark green with yellow and white text.



# COCKTAIL

*of the Month*

## INK GIN MANGO FIZZ

# \$14

INK GIN, MANGO LIQUEUR,  
MANGO PULP, TONIC  
WATER & SUGAR SYRUP

The poster features a close-up image of a cocktail glass filled with an orange-colored drink. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

# Congratulations to Members of over 50 years!

Peter Sheppard - Joined the Golf Club Xmas 1960!

I brought a second hand set of clubs off a chap by the name of Barry Jones (Chocka) He worked at the Murwillumbah Post Office. I remember helping the men build the clubhouse when I was an apprentice carpenter with Jack Prosser before I became a Member of the Club. The president of the Club when I joined was Mr Jim Palmer. (Solicitor)



After I joined the Club I worked on numerous working bees. Such as helping Bill McGuinness and others plant the pump house green by hand now known as the Screen Hole. (7th) Also cutting up poly pipe and PVC pipe to improve the course drainage with Mark Biltoft, Stan Edwards, Eric Mills and others who were on the Green's Committee at the time. The Green Staff at the time were brothers Harry and Les Pain. Harry's son Garry became Apprentice Greens Keeper a little later.

I also was a very early member of the RSL social club. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time being a member of the Murwillumbah Golf Club and I hope to be a Member for some years to come. If I can be of any help in any way just give me a call. I have seen many changes over my time.

Regards, Peter Sheppard.

## **GOLF 50 YEARS ON**



I became a member of the club in 1971 becoming addicted to the game I love and /or hate after a few social games. Since then I have maintained continued membership even though at some time I was away from the local area due to work commitments.

Over the time I have witnessed numerous improvements to the course and clubhouse, going from a somewhat small facility to what we now enjoy. Obviously new and amendments to regulations, including but not limited to Health and Safety, were in some way contributory to some of the improvements.

Perhaps one of the most noticeable changes has been the loss of social interaction in the shower rooms after the game. There was a most frivolous atmosphere at that time with everyone having fun and good times.

I now find time to assist with Friday night raffles, enjoying a nice cold beer, however DOB syndrome is taking a toll of my golf game but I keep trying.

Good golfing at a great MEMBERS club. - Frank Monement.

## **NEVILLE MORRIN'S THOUGHTS**

Apparently I joined the Murwillumbah Golf Club on the 23rd June 1966 at the age of ten. My mum, Una, ran the juniors at the time. We would tee off on a Saturday morning just near the industrial bin on the left hand side of the current carpark. This hole was called "Boot Hill" and you had to wait for cars to turn before hitting off! The first Tee was then moved to where the practice nets are now and then over to the current position of the 1st Tee. Initially it was a long par 5 with the green located near the current 16th Tee. Quite an impressive starting hole!



In those days my father Alf and I would help with the working bees held by Mark Biltoft and company. I played golf seriously until I was about 16-17 years of age getting down to a handicap of around 8. At that time I left school and due to work and family commitments didn't play regularly for about 35 years. I kept my membership going even though I wasn't playing as I thought it should be a donation.

I remember I wanted to come back and play comp but didn't have a handicap. The then Captain Ray Brims advised me to hand in 5 cards. I ended up putting in 3, all in the 90's gross mark. He said, "Alright you can play comp but your off 11 as I think your dogging it!!!"

As I retired in 2007, I have plenty of time to play the game I love. I always enjoy the scenery and beauty of our wonderful course. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff (Bar, Golf and Course) on their efforts in giving us all a wonderful experience each and every time we play.

All the best and good golfing to everyone. - Neville.

## Hole's in One



Guess who really had a hole in one??? Well done Melissa!

### HE SAID IT

Forget the idea of a three-foot target area around the hole on long putts. Archers and pistol shooters aim for the bulls-eye, not the outer circle. Aim to make the putt.

## Golf Shop Report

It has been another successful month for the golf shop with considerable green fee numbers and large competition fields. Amazingly our competition and social player numbers remained consistent even through the extended periods of rain..... During the last week of February 800 Members and Visitors attacked the wet course. On Valentines Day some 126 lovers played Golf taking the total players to 962 for that week!

The qualifying rounds for the Single Handicap Match play competition have been completed and the draw for the top 64 players has been assembled. The response from members was overwhelmingly positive. We are currently onto round 2 which needs to be played by the 20/3/21 The results sheet is available in the golf shop and club notice board and competitors are urged to complete their matches before the set cut-off date. Players can contact the golf shop for their opponents contact number to help organise matches and a reminder to competitors that matches may be played at anytime agreed to by both parties and are not restricted to competition rounds.

Happy to report the Veterans and others repaired some 330 divots on Monday on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Fairways and Teeing areas. Some 43 rakes were returned to a position in the Bunker, that caused no problem to other golfers.

Congratulations to Lucas Higgins on securing a spot in the NSW Open. The 22 year old arrived with a singular goal in mind, qualifying courtesy of a withering final round 65.

Higgins started with a couple of birdies early, and it didn't dawn on him until late in the round qualifying was a real possibility. "I holed a four foot slider on the last and I was pretty sure I was in then," a happy Lucas said post round.



They spoilt each other's day..... Same day Veteran's Competition Bill and Paul happy to celebrate their flukes!

# Vets Corner

## Up-coming Games

March 1st Stroke (First Tee Start check times)  
8th Single Stableford  
15th Presidents v Captains 4BBB MATCH Play  
First two in timeslot = Presidents; 2nd two = Captains, Manual Cards  
22nd Single Stableford  
29th Nominations for Single Match Play Close

April 4th **Note End of Daylight Savings 3.00am**

**Upcoming Northern Rivers Vets Open Days—Nomination sheet on notice Board. Players needing carts must book with the host clubs.**

March 8th Ballina (Monday)  
22nd Woodenbong (Monday)  
April 6th Casino (Tuesday)

## MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

2 Tee Start, the starting field has right of way. If after 9 holes you meet the starting groups you will have to wait.

A comfortable time of 2Hrs per nine which leaves a 15min crossover. If you beat that you will have to wait to join the end of the field. This allows max number of players likely to join presentation. If you jump in it pushes the field back and reduces the numbers at presentation.

Gary Fidler & John Belshaw

### How To Repair a Ball Mark

A few extra seconds is all it takes to keep the putting greens looking and playing their best.

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- CHOOSE WISELY**  
A ball mark repair tool is recommended, but other pointed devices can be used.
- PUSH DON'T PRY**  
Starting from the back and sides, gently push & stretch the turf to the center of the mark.
- WORK AROUND**  
Work around the ball mark until it's filled in. Avoid lifting & twisting the turf harshly.
- FINAL TOUCH**  
Use your putter to lightly tap down the mark. Fix other marks in addition to yours.

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**Members..... is this the answer to the rake position problem??**



## Joke

My wife had to rush to hospital and asked me to bring in a few belonging from home. One of the specified items was comfortable underwear.

Worried I'd bring the wrong garments, I asked how I would know which ones to pick.

"Hold them up and imagine them on me," she said. "If you smile, put them back!"

## Fun Facts.....

- 1) **McDonald's once made bubblegum-flavored broccoli** Unsurprisingly, the attempt to get kids to eat healthier didn't go over well with the child testers, who were "confused by the taste."
- 2) **Armadillo shells are bulletproof**, one Texas man was hospitalized when a bullet he shot at an armadillo ricocheted off the animal and hit him in the jaw.
- 3) **Cows don't have upper front teeth** They do have molars in the top back of their mouths though. Where you'd expect upper incisors, cows, sheep, and goats have a thick layer of tissue called a "dental pad." They use that with their bottom teeth to pull out grass.
- 4) **No number before 1,000 contains the letter A** Some of these fun facts will have you counting...
- 5) **The inventor of the microwave appliance only received \$2 for his discovery** Percy Spencer was working as a researcher for American Appliance Company (now Raytheon) when he noticed a radar set using electromagnetic waves melted the candy bar in his pocket. He had the idea to make a metal box using microwaves to heat food, but the company was the one to file the patent. He received a \$2 bonus but never any royalties.



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# Extract from “The Spirit of Golf” by Richard Allen

Golf, probably the world’s most civilised game, breeds manners and honesty: count your strokes, penalise yourself, play the ball where it lies, accept bad luck, rake bunkers, repair pitch marks, fill in divots, keep quiet while others play, tend the flag.

Conceptually golf is easy: hit a stationary ball into eighteen separate holes, each one 10.8 centimetres in diameter, with asymmetric implements over a route of more than 6 kilometres.

The complications are many. Trees, bunkers and rough can impede progress. Wind makes balls do strange things in the air. On the green there are humps and swales to deal with.

The golf swing, which uses sixty-four major muscles and 230 individual movements, causes its own problems. It can cause shanks, smothers, tops, slices, hooks, pulls, skies and occasionally, air shots. Golf then, becomes a cerebral exercise: assess the dangers, quantify your skills and minimise the damage, with the aim of taking the lowest number of strokes on each hole.

**Golf doesn’t care how you get the ball in the hole. ‘It’s not called pretty, it’s called Golf!**

## RSL upcoming events for March are:

- 07/03/2021 Stroke Monthly Mug - (Sponsors Tony & Libby Varela)
- 14/03/2021 Vs Par - (Sponsor Services Club) Pres. at Services Club
- 21/03/2021 Single Stab – Ballina Trip – (Sponsors Joel & Leonie Dunn)
- 28/03/2021 Singe Stab. – (Sponsor Ben Harding)



# Easter

R A F F L E

April, 2nd

GOOD FRIDAY

TICKETS SOLD ON THE NIGHT FROM 6PM  
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