



Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Newsletter.

Last month the Club Newsletter was sent out to all members who have provided us with an email address. Over 1100 members received the Newsletter and over 500 opened the email. The Newsletter tries to keep you up to date with what is happening around the Club so watch for the next email (check your junk folder too) or pick up one from the club and read it. Bill's Jokes are always funny. Editor's note; Sometimes....

Trivia on Wednesday Nights are attracting more teams so if you are interested in having a couple of hours of fun, form a team. It cost nothing to play. The Hot Wok & Grill are also providing \$15 pizzas and Pasta on Wednesday Nights.

The kitchen renovations have now been fully completed and paid for. The caterers have changed their menu around so please take the time to have a look at the new menu. If you are looking around for a Mothers Day Luncheon, the restaurant has a great menu for the day. Bookings are essential as this is always a popular day.

The Board have decided to go with the Open Project Group for the renovations of the old kitchen. This area will be converted into a multi-purpose room for conferences, small functions and the Kids Room on the popular Friday Nights.

Course improvements over the following months will include the construction of more paths for buggies. Please be considerate of the outdoor staff when playing your rounds of golf. They are doing a fantastic job in getting the golf course back to its brilliant best. If they are mowing fairways, greens or raking bunkers, just wait a few minutes until their jobs are complete. By the time you read this we should have played our full 18 holes of golf with the 6th & 7th fairways returning.

The hedge behind the clubhouse has grown so tall it has become difficult to maintain. The Greens Staff are looking at ways to make it easier to cut and trim.

With improved weather conditions the outside painting of the clubhouse should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

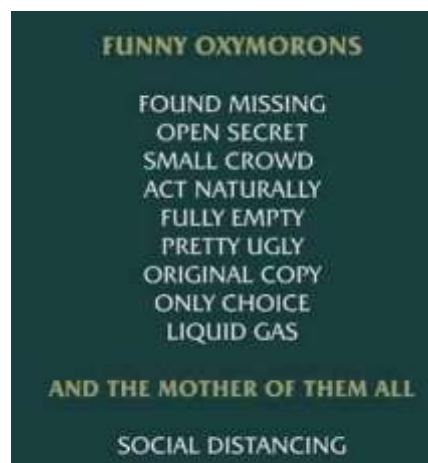
A golf joke to finish with;

Two golfers are ready to play on the 11th tee as a funeral cortege passes by. The first player stops, drops his cap and bows his head as the cortege passes.

"That was a really nice thing to do," the second Golfer says. "It's good to see there is still some respect in the world." "Well It's only right," the first golfer replies. "I was married to her for 35 years!"

Good golfing,

Chairman
Graham Rosenbaum.



Promotions Report

There is lots of changes happening with the Hot Wok & Grill menu's following the survey and discussions with the Board. The biggest complaint from our Members in the survey was the menu and choices.

Let me break down all the changes for you;

A new lunch menu— Lots of new dishes have been added to the lunch menu. Lots of new Salads, BLT's, bacon & egg rolls, The Chinese lunch dishes have been removed. However there will still be daily Chinese lunch black board specials.

They now open TUES-SUN from 10am! This is great news for our golfers. You can now get a new cheaper Café Meal options eg. Bacon & Egg roll for \$8. You can also get all your pies, sausage rolls and sandwiches straight from them!

Tuesday Nights is CHINESE MEAL COMBO nights. You get all your favourite Chinese dishes with steamed or fried rice for only \$16.50! If you are craving Chinese Tuesday Nights is your value night!

Wednesday lunch is SENIORS DEALS lots of choices all \$13.

Wednesday Night is \$15 Pizza & Pasta Night. We also have FREE TRIVIA and the Courtesy bus running. This is already a great popular night!

Thursday Night is SCHNITZEL NIGHT from \$16. Lots of different choices and toppings.

Friday & Saturday Nights they usually have a variety of black board special so be sure to check these out.

Sunday lunch & dinner... ROAST WITH A FREE DRINK \$14.50.

Pizza's available Wednesday, Friday & Sunday ONLY

Okay onto our next Promotion MOTHERS DAY, Sunday 9th May. We have organised such a lovely 2 course lunch menu. There is also a meat and fruit & vegetable tray raffle; live music and also all the beautiful hampers on display near the bar to giveaway. Bookings are essential so be quick.

The Chairman in his report spoke about the online emails we have been sending out. The best opening rate for these emails are our FEMALE GOLFERS with 71.67% opening their emails sent from us. Thanks Ladies! Then we have our Male Golfers with 58.06% open rate and last we have our social golfers with a 41.31% open rate. A few Members have unsubscribed from our list, I promise I won't spam you. You will only receive a Monthly Newsletter and the occasional Email when we have a big Event on. Our emails are our best cost effective way of letting you know what is on, this is followed by text messages.

When we sent the surveys out via text messages, a lot of the male golfers didn't even read the text just deleted it before even reading it. Then when they found out it was to win \$100 asked me to resend it.... Please read these messages and we promise we won't spam you or text you constantly! **Also congratulation to Hugh Kirk who was the winner of the \$100 loyalty points from the online survey.**

We have lots of weddings and functions coming up over the next few months and I'm excited to see so many couples getting married here at the club this year. Next year is also booking up fast!

-Natasha Bolden, Promotions Coordinator

Golf Shop Report

The past month has been a challenging time for everyone involved with Murwillumbah Golf Club. Our beautiful golf course was devastated by the floods which left thick layers of mud deposited on numerous fairways and greens. Thanks to our hard-working green staff and helpful volunteers we were able to open the composite 9 holes soon after. By having a golf course available for play it gave us the ability to run competitions and social play routinely and return to some normality.



As I write this report we are preparing to re-open the full 18 holes for Saturday's competition. After seeing the condition of the affected areas of the course 3 weeks earlier this is a massive achievement. Full praise must go to Brian Cox and his hard working staff for the amazing job they carried out to open the golf course well ahead of the time that was initially scheduled. A big thank you to everyone involved.

The registration for the members Pennants teams has closed and 6 teams have been selected to represent Murwillumbah Golf club in this year's NRDGA Pennant season. This year's registration numbers are similar to previous years and will allow us to field 6 teams with reserves. The matches will be played Sunday mornings on the following dates 16th 23rd & 30th of May, 6th & 13th of June, it's a great opportunity to represent your club in a fun but competitive environment. Team shirts have been ordered and should arrive approximately a week before the first round. The Single match play has been re-scheduled this month and all amended dates will be made available in the golf shop. Please check with golf shop staff for updates.

Ben Lindskog
Golf Operations Manager

Meet Sherrie

I was born in 1971 in Crown Street Women's Hospital in Surry Hills, NSW. I have 2 siblings a sister and brother, we were brought up in Jannali on the Sutherland shire.



My husband Craig and I have been married for 12 years, together for 16. I have 3 wonderful children, a girl and two boys and have also inherited two step sons. I have four beautiful grandchildren. Two of each who are my world and love spending all the time I can with them.

I have worked in the hospitality game for over 22 years and owned a café in Caringbah in 92. I ran a limo company for four years. I spent some time working at Twin Town and over 10 years at the South Tweed Tavern. I then moved to the wonderful Murwillumbah Golf Club. I also work 3 days a week in admin at a pet supply company.

During holidays my husband and I like to go camping whenever we can, we have spent many years over on Morten Island. I enjoy fishing and 4wd and just relaxing around the campfire with my husband and friends and hopefully soon many camping adventures with the grandchildren. I have enjoyed working at the Club and have made many good friends.

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Hole's in One

Congratulation to OLD BOY'S Bob Castle for scoring his first Hole in One on Saturday, 10th April, 2021. (8th)



Old Boys Report

On Saturday, 17th April, 2021 President Pat presented Life Membership to Alick Fraser and Bruce Williams. Alick has been a Member for over 20 years and has served as Vice President. Bruce through his Company J.H.Williams has been a wonderful sponsor of Old Boys for over 30 Years. Remarkable!

Throughout this difficult year the roll up-each Saturday has been very pleasing and some 24 members recently travelled to Tenterfield for an excellent weekend of golf.

Yes Old Boys is looking for new members and new Sponsors. Contact Ian Armour for information. Phone

0418253544

P.S. In 2023 we will celebrate our Club's 50th Anniversary!

President Pat Thompson



Fun Facts

A violin contains about 70 individual pieces of wood.

There are more plastic flamingos in America than real ones.

In Pacific Grove, California, it is a misdemeanour to kill a butterfly.

On average, women say 7000 words per day. Men manage just over 2000.

It takes approximately seven years for a lobster to grow to be about half a kilogram.

Acorns are poisonous to humans. If eaten they will cause kidney damage.

Seals sleep underwater and surface for air without waking.

A claque refers to a group of people hired to applaud an act or performer.

80% of all rose species in the world come from Asia.

RSL upcoming events for May are:

02/02/2021 Stroke Monthly Mug - (Sponsors M'Bah Leagues Club)
09/05/2021 4BBB - (Sponsors Sam & Shannon) – Mothers Day
16/05/2021 2 Person Ambrose - (Sponsor Laurie Toms & Tony Reynolds)
23/05/2021 Single Stab - (Sponsor Shane Johnston)
30/05/2021 4BBB - (Sponsor Dick Hartley)



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

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GREAT GOLFING QUOTES..

There is an old saying: if a man comes home with sand in his cuffs and cockleburs in his pants, don't ask him what he shot. Sam Snead

Golf and sex are the only things you can enjoy without being good at them. A Mere Club Member

When I die, bury me on the golf course, so my husband will visit..... Carol Quantrill

New Rock Garden

The garden at the beginning of the 3rd Fairway is nearing completion thanks to the support of members Rainer Luedecke, Kevin Blyth, Carol Quantrill and Chris Maloy.(N.B. Chris placed 2 rocks beautifully.)

The "PATHS TO NOWHERE" design should not be redesigned by future floods.



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GOLF HAS BEEN PLAYED, ON AND OFF, IN AUSTRALIA FOR MORE THAN WELL OVER A CENTURY

Visitors from England who came to Sydney in the early 1890's with their golf clubs were disappointed to find there was no course where they could get a game.

Actually golf had been played, on and off, in Australia since 1847.

Golf historians believe that the 1847 game was probably played on Melbourne's Flagstaff Hill where it was introduced by the Hon. James Graham, a recent arrival from Fife in Scotland.

Graham brought a supply of golf clubs and "feathery" golf balls with him and conducted a club for a few years until the gold rush drove all else from people's mind.

From then the game vanished from Melbourne for about another 40 years.

The game started in Adelaide in 1869 when the South Australian Governor, Sir James Ferguson, formed a club and had a rough nine-hole course laid out.

About 20 golfers joined him and drew crowds when they played in knickerbockers, distinctive red coats and tam o'shanters. Settlers began grazing cattle on the course however the animals leaving hoof marks on the greens and damaging the flags. In 1875 the club was disbanded.

In 1882 a group of Sydney businessmen formed what was called the Australian Golf Club. The club of the same name functioning today, claims to be the oldest existing club in Australia.

The club operated on a very crude course near Centennial Park until 1888. A new road to the park bisected the course and it closed down until 1895 when several of the original members revived it.

In the meantime the Royal Melbourne and Royal Sydney Clubs had been established, and today these two clubs strongly contest the claim of the Australia Golf Club to be the oldest.

Royal Melbourne, founded in 1891, claims it is four years older than the Australian Club because the latter was out of existence from 1888 to 1895.

The main founder of the Royal Melbourne Golf Club was J.M. Bruce, a father of former Australian Minister Viscount Bruce of Melbourne.

Royal Melbourne's original course was near Caulfield Racecourse. A nearby building was rented as a clubhouse for 35/- a week.

When the Victorian Premier, James Munro, opened the club on July 4, 1891, he said he had no idea what golf was but had been told it was an improvement on hockey. Queen Victoria gave the club its royal prefix in 1895 and in 1901 it moved to a new course at Sandringham.

On this occasion Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Madden opened the course. He would not admit he knew nothing about the game and indeed he even insisted on hitting the first ball.

One report of the occasion sates, "In frock coat and top hat he flourished his driver and let go a hearty whack. Sir John had hoped no doubt to see the ball sailing down the fairway, but it still sat obstinately on its tee, while there was an outburst of undiluted merriment from all around.:



Sir John then had another swipe and there was a great cheer as he sent the ball flying some yards from the tee.

About 1893 Miss Eadith Walker allowed two legal men to form a club using part of her estate at Yaralla on the Parramatta River. Later this club obtained a course in the North Bondi sandhills which became known as the Sydney Golf Club and in 1897 it was granted the prefix Royal.

Gradually the new course spread across the sandhills to its existing Rose Bay site, which was originally a Chinese market garden.

With clubs functioning in Sydney, Melbourne and later Brisbane and Adelaide in 1904 it was not long before an Australian open championship was discussed. A ladies amateur title had been held already at Geelong, Victoria, in 1894 and was won by Miss C.B. Mackenzie of Victoria.

The first Australian open men's title was won by the Hon. Michael Scott, with a four-round total of 315. It was played in September, 1905 on the Australian links at Botany.

Scott, who was born in London in 1878 and died in 1959, won the title again in 1907 at Royal Melbourne, which club he represented. He also won the Australian amateur title four times – 1905, 1907, 1909 and 1910.

This remarkable player returned to England some years later and at 55, won the 1933 British amateur championship.

Despite the successes of the amateurs, professionals began coming to the fore early and two of these are credited with doing more to lay the foundations of Australian golf than any others. These were Carnegie Clark and Fred Popplewell.

Clark won three Australian Opens, in 1906 – 1910 and 1911, and Popplewell after being runner-up in 1911 and 1912 won the title twice in 1925 and 1928.

Popplewell was professional first at Newcastle then at the Australian Club for 21 years and later at Royal Sydney.

Clark, born at Comoustick, Scotland, was professional at Royal Sydney for 27 years and then Avondale for five years.

In the early days of Popplewell and Clark, professional golf was hard work for little money. There were no big prize tournaments and sometimes the leading players had barely £5 to share amongst them.

After 14 professionals threatened to go on strike during an event at Royal Sydney in 1911, the Professional Golfers' Association was formed and better conditions were achieved for the pros.

In 1924 the first big-money competition in Australia was sponsored by the Sydney "Sun" which donated £500 for match play competition. The winner of the event was Carnegie Clark, who beat Popplewell in a semi-final.

This article was featured in the People Magazine March 15, 1961.

Clarke designed the following Golf Courses;

- 1904 The Australian Golf Club
- 1920 Royal Queensland Golf Club
- 1926 Moore Park Golf Club, Sydney



NOTE HIS GRIP!!!!



Bookings essential!
\$9.50 Kids Meals available

Mother's Day LUNCH

Main & Dessert \$32.50

Entree, Main & Dessert \$36.50

Entree

Toasted foccaccia bread with a trio of dips

Mains

Land & sea- Scotch fillet steak with creamy garlic prawns
Served with creamy mashed potato & steamed greens

Roast duck & vegetable spicy green or red style curry
Served with steamed rice

Pan fried lemon sole (fish)
Served with chips & a garden salad

Half roast chicken based in a sweet chilli & lime sauce
Served with chips & a garden salad

Atlantic crispy skin salmon
Served with creamy sweet potato mash & steamed greens

Gourmet vegetable & ricotta pizza (Main/Dessert \$30)
Pumpkin, roasted capicum, artichoke, mushrooms & ricotta

Dessert

Carrot cake with cream
or chocolate & nut maz bar cake with cream

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