



## Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Club's Newsletter.

A big thank you to all the members who took the time to fill in the survey. Around 500 members returned the survey which was a very pleasing response. Some very interesting comments have been made about our course and clubhouse facilities. The Board will now look closely at how we can improve our great club. Thank you for your support.

Once again the outdoor staff have had to clean up after minor flooding affected the course. They have done a great job in getting our flood nine playable and hopefully the weather will improve so we can get buggies back on the course soon. Any volunteers who helped on the course, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Northern Rivers Pennants are back with teams consisting of 7 players. If you are interested please register your name at the Pro Shop.

Trivia is now being held every Wednesday evenings with some great specials from the Hot Wok & Grill. If you are interested in having a couple of hours of fun, form a team or join a team and come along on Wednesdays. Trivia runs 7-8.30pm.

Quotes have been received on converting the old kitchen into a multi-purpose room. These quotes will be considered by the Board and work should begin shortly. When completed we will be looking at replacing the carpet and some new furniture. This continues the Boards policy of improving our clubhouse facilities.

Course improvements over the following 12 months will include reshaping of some of the bunkers to improve drainage. Another area of the course causing some problems is the old drainage system is continually blocking up. We will be looking at replacing some of the pipes to improve the drainage in some areas.

The over sowing of the greens will be done between the 6th and 12th April weather permitting. After this has been completed we should be able to re-open the 6th and 7th holes.

It was interesting to read the comments made by three of our over 50 years Members in the last Newsletter. Peter, Frank and Neville have certainly seen a lot of changes to the course and clubhouse over the years. Hope to hear from some other 50 years Members over the coming months.

Our competition fields and social golfers are holding up despite the extended periods of rain. Hopefully La Nina will go away soon so our saturated course can get a reprieve.

Continue to enjoy your golf and don't forget to use the clubhouse facilities.

Chairman  
Graham Rosenbaum

**Editors Quiz: What has four letters, occasionally has twelve letters, always has six letters but never has five letters?**

## Promotions Report

Just when we think Covid-19 is nearly behind us along comes another outbreak and again more restrictions. It feels a bit like Déjà vu from this time last year..... Please show the staff respect and abide by any new regulations. Our Easter Night went off well with everyone wearing their masks and doing the right thing! Thank you to all our Members and Visitors!



*What does the Club have on regularly?*

**We have Jazz on the 4th Sunday of every month 1-4pm**

**We have trivia on every Wednesday Night from 7-8.30pm**

Our next event is Mothers Day Sunday 9th May. We have beautiful hampers for Members to win. You automatically go into the draw to win these prizes every time you make a purchase at the bar. Don't worry the staff put your tickets in for you. You need to be present to win. A special 2 or 3 course lunch available for Members and bookings are essential. See the special menu on the next page.

Natasha Bolden - Promotions Coordinator

## Captain's Report

The weather continues to hamper our normal playing conditions and the re-opening of holes 6 and 7. The greens staff has been reduced to 4 since one of the workers resigned to take up a job in Dubai. The other guys have been working long hours to clean up the course after the recent flood so if you are talking to them mention what a great job they are doing. We are going to have a break from starting any major projects on the course and concentrate on renovating bunkers and improving fairway drainage.

We continue to get asked if there is any chance to return to the old rollover system especially from the Saturday morning golfers. Golf NSW has told us that we can't use a rollover for our timesheets as it is illegal to do so. As a golfing member you can personally contact Golf NSW and ask the question yourself. The booking system we currently use is probably the fairest way to get your name on the timesheet. Some clubs use a ballot system where you have to be present at the club and you receive a ticket and go into a draw and when or if your name comes out you can then pick a time out of what's still available. ( Lets hope we never get to that!)

What a great effort from Lucas to qualify for NSW Open with just one bad hole costing him the chance to make the cut. Lucas has decided to have a go at qualifying for the PGA tour so.... THE MGC AND IT'S MEMBERS WISH HIM ALL THE BEST!

Graham Nelson

**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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# Hole's in One

BRETT STERLING ..congratulations on getting your 7th! That's right the seventh hole in one on Saturday, 27th March. At only 34 years of age...that is an extraordinary achievement. Well done!



## MASTERS ROLL OF HONOUR

2020 - Dustin Johnson won \$2,070,000 winners share of the \$11,5000,000. He won by 5 shots over Cameron Smith and Sungjae Un, 20 under par.

2019 - 14 years after his last Masters triumph, Tiger Woods scores a stunning one-shot win over Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka and Xander Schauffele.

2018 - It was a first win for controversial American Patrick Reed, who beat Rickie Fowler by a shot.

2017- Sergio Garcia got the major monkey off his back when he edged out Justin Rose in a playoff.

2016 - Englishman Danny Willett stunned the golf world when he beat Jordan Spieth and Lee Westwood by three shots

2015 - Jordan Spieth, helped by his putting skills, strolled to a four shot win over former champion Phil Mickelson and Justin Rose.

2014 - A second win for Bubba Watson, beating Jonas Blixt and Jordan Spieth by three shots.

2013 - Adam Scott became the first Aussie to win the Masters after beating 2009 champion Angel Cabrera in a playoff.

2012- Leftie Bubba Watson plays a miraculous recovery shot from behind trees to edge Louis Oosthuizen in a playoff.

2011 - Charl Schwartzel completes a two-stroke victory over Adam Scott and Jason Day.

2010 - Leftie Phil Mickelson wins his third green jacket, beating Lee Westwood by three shots.

## Golf Shop Report

It has been a wet month for the golf club which as expected affected overall sales and profit. Many predicted heavy rainfalls for the months of February and March. Following an extended period of rain, the inevitable flood came as no surprise to most, which resulted in the golf course being closed for 5 days. After an amazing effort from green staff, Pro- shop staff and volunteers we were able to open the composite 9 holes with carts the day after the flood water had receded. Brian and his hard working staff continued the clean up and after a herculean effort were able to re-open the full 18 hole course only 1 week after the flood. A huge thank you to everyone involved in the course clean up and congratulations to Brian and his staff for their hard work and dedication to the golf course recovery. Unfortunately, the inclement weather still affected scheduled golf events with most being postponed or cancelled.

The Jeb Hunter Golf Day was postponed until later in the year and the Breast Cancer Ladies Golf Day was cancelled.

The single handicap match play rounds also coincided with the rain affected days so dates for the matches have been extended thru April and May, with the Final moved to 15<sup>th</sup> May. Congratulation to Lucas who qualified and played in the NSW Open at Concord Golf Club.

New stock, on the back of fires, then COVID 19 and now flooding with so many arears involved, the knock on is significant. These inevitable delays.... not getting products has the golf shop looking bare. Crest Women's Clothing has arrived with prices starting at \$79. A limited new range of Footjoy Shoes is now available with prices ranging from \$139-\$309. The contrast in models this year is fantastic with a shoe to suit every golfer...

Golf Shop Manager  
Ben Lindskog



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## Golf Words of truth....

Anything can happen in golf. Anybody can beat anybody on any given day. If that weren't the case, there'd be no reason to play. **Claude Harmon, *The Pro*.**

The game is great and very strange. **Seve Ballesteros.**

In the last two years he has refined his game, and now he is the world's best driver of the ball, its best iron player, best chipper and best putter. But above all he is the game's most focused player. **John Garrity, *Sports Illustrated, June 2000, on Tiger Woods*.**

### HONESTY

Golfers should not fail to realise that it is a game of great traditions, of high ideals of sportsmanship, one in which a strict adherence to the rules is essential. **Francis Ouimet.**

### SELF-BELIEF

Never give up. If we give up in this game, we'll give up on life. If you give up that first time, it's easier to give up the second, third and fourth times. **Tom Watson, *Golf Digest 1979*.**

Faith has been the primary guideline for my life. But when I'm in a tournament I don't pray to win. Probably most of the players are doing that. After all there can only be one winner, and there's no special reason God should pick me to win. Rather I pray for courage, strength and guidance. **Gary Player**

## Veteran's Tree Identification Project

The Board of Directors has approved the Murwillumbah Veterans Tree Signage Committee's Project for 2021. It is planned that some 30 to 40 trees on our course will be identified and named using their Common Name and their Botanical Name. The small signs will be positioned so that they will not interfere with play.

In 1982, "The Year of The Tree", some 300 trees were planted by Bruce Chick, Joe Elliot, Earl William and Eric Mills. These members have since passed away but many of the trees still bloom beautifully on the course YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT!



## Food for thought

Your body is the baggage you must carry through life. The more excess the baggage, the shorter the trip. The sovereign invigorator of the body is exercise, and of all the exercises walking is the best. "If I'd known I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself." So said a man on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## Dad Jokes....

- "What do you call a factory that makes okay products?" "A satisfactory....."
- "What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet?" "Supplies!"
- "Have you heard about the chocolate record player? It sounds pretty sweet....."
- "I only know 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know y....."
- "What did the zero say to the eight?" "That belt looks good on you....."
- "I asked my dog what's two minus two. He said nothing....."

## Introducing ... Rainer Luedecke

With 3 daughters in their mid-20s all finished university and working, Rainer and his wife Lea finally escaped Sydney and moved to Mur'bah 18 months ago.

Both keen golfers, they joined the club and quickly settled into a new life in the beautiful Tweed Valley ... then bunkered down last year during Covid like everyone else.

Rainer started behind the bar last October; he now also drives the courtesy bus on Friday nights and calls the Wednesday night Trivia.



He says it's a great way to keep active, meet lots of interesting people and find out what's going on around the valley - the golf club is an ideal place to work evenings as it leaves lots of time for the house, the garden ... and golf.

He also likes wood-fired pizzas, Stone & Wood (and low-alcohol Heap's Normal beer), walking & swimming at Cabarita and 60s & 70s blues music (he & Lea were hoping to do their 13th Bluesfest together over the Easter weekend.... However this did not work out)

Earlier in his life Rainer worked in pubs and clubs while at university in Sydney, then in advertising and the property industry but now - in what he says is his "45th Gap year" - he's really enjoying just working part-time at the golf club and picking passionfruit in the mornings; he recently also joined the Vets group and is trying to play 2-3 times a week, hoping to stay fit, healthy and Covid-free in 2021.



**RSL upcoming events for April are:**

11/04/2021 Single Stab - (Sponsors Jason Mortimer & Stewy James)  
 19/04/2021 4BBB - Cowan & Watson Memorial 4BBB – (Sponsor Greg Sewell, Monarch Prestige Clean)  
 25/04/2021 4 Person Ambrose - Pat Grant Memorial Day - (Sponsors Col, Jeanette, Matt & Aaron)



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

## Lucas Qualifying for the 2021 NSW Open

**Hello, I'm Lucas Higgins.** Recently, I played a couple of Pro-Am regional qualifiers for the 2021 NSW Open. I played well at Queanbeyan, finishing in the top 5 with rounds of 67 and 65 (8 under par total). I got off to a nice start in my final round with birdies at 2 & 3. The next 8 holes were slow going at 1 over. I knew I had to focus and kick into gear to finish. I holed a 45-foot bomb on the 12<sup>th</sup> for birdie, which solidified my confidence and I did not look back. I birdied the 13<sup>th</sup> using a 9 iron from 142 metres, landing just 3 feet from the hole. A couple of steady pars followed on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. I focused on achieving at least 1 birdie for my final 3 holes in order to have a chance at clinching the spot.



On the 16 tee there was a with hazard down the left. I avoided it by nailing my tee shot down the middle of the fairway. Next, I hit a high fade 3 wood around the trees and on to the green to face a 15 foot putt for eagle. Unfortunately, I let that opportunity slip and 2 putted for a birdie. With the wind into my face on the 17<sup>th</sup> I connected with the ball sweetly to be just 25 feet left of the flag. The putt never looked like missing. On the 10<sup>th</sup> I took a deep breath and hit a beautiful tee shot up the middle. My second shot spun off the back tier of the green and rolled onto the front tier. I faced a 60 foot putt. I was happy with the length of my putt, but had misread the line somewhat. My par putt was a 5 foot left to right slider, I held my nerve and knocked it in. I was relieved, although I still faced a nervous 30-minute wait to find out if I had qualified to play in the 2021 NSW Open. I was super excited to make it and to play at Concord Golf Club on the 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

**Want to hear my account of how I faired in the NSW Open?** Let me tell you more when you book in with me for a **MGIC lesson, clinic or on-course tuition.** Book online at [www.improveyourgolf.com.au](http://www.improveyourgolf.com.au) or call 0411 752 170. Members, thanks for your support so far. I'm looking forward to growing this partnership with you throughout my playing and coaching career.



YES ANOTHER FLOOD..... Since 1930 there has been over 22 floods....  
Can you guess where this is on the course?



### Special Notes

Members - Please take time to regularly check the various Notice Boards around the Club.

Please remember to ring up the Pro-Shop and cancel your booking if unable to keep your spot on the time sheet!



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