



Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Newsletter.

Well it has happened again. The course has been inundated with flood water and some long term members rate it as one of the worst. The clean up has begun and once again the green staff along with volunteers will help in getting rid of all the mud. If you could spare a couple of hours of your time that would be greatly appreciated.

The Board is looking for information on how to improve the course, Pro Shop and Clubhouse facilities. Members will receive a survey by SMS text from "GolfClub" Please note this text is not spam. We are looking for positives and negatives to help plan for the future. Please take just a few minutes of your time to fill in the survey. We thank you for your support in this matter.

The Northern Rivers Pennants will be held in the next few months. If you are interested in playing pennants register soon in the Pro Shop. Good luck to all the teams.

The multi purpose room has been completed and will be ready for use shortly. The new room can be used for small functions, training sessions, meetings, private dinners and kids club on Fridays Nights. The new furniture for the main function room should arrive in April. Hopefully we will see an increase in functions and weddings.

Footy Tipping is back and Natasha, our Promotions Coordinator, would love to see up to 60 punters try their luck to win. Please register your name at the bar as the footy begins Thursday 10th March. Good luck to all the competitors.

The Clubs By-Laws have been reviewed and updated and have been posted on the Clubs Website.

Quotes for renovating the downstairs toilets and shower facilities will be sourced. Tradesmen at this stage are in high demand so this area may take some time to be completed.

The board has approved the asphalt sealing of the area around the entry buggy shed and the parking area. The maintenance road to the greens shed and the path from the 8th green to the 9th tee will also be sealed. This will greatly improve these areas which have been a concern to some members. The Veterans and Ladies committees have kindly donated some money for these improvements. We thank them both for their support.

It would be greatly appreciated by the greens staff if all members and visitors could refrain from using any putters to pull their ball from the hole. Some damage has been reported so please be careful when getting your ball from the hole.

A path from the 16th Green to the 17th Tee will be constructed shortly. The area in front of the 16th Tee has some drainage problems and the greens staff will try to rectify this problem. Also the bunker on the 16th hole will be renovated. This will improve this area greatly as it is a real problem when we get the wet weather.

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

Graham Rosenbaum
Chairman

**Hole
Sponsor of
the month**



Promotions Report

The heartbreak of last weeks floods is truly devastating. We all seem to either be personally effected or know someone who has been effected by the flooding.... My heart goes out to all those that have lost their homes..... It was so beautiful to see the whole community come together to help those in need!



On a lighter note, I would like to give a special mention to our Friday Night raffle helpers (Kevin included, sorry not in photo) who bring the trays out, set them up and store them safely and help draw the numbers out. We have the biggest raffle draw in town with 20 Meat Trays and 5 Fruit & Vegetable Trays. This supports our wonderful local businesses, Blue Ribbon Meats and Tweed Fruit Exchange. Also thanks to Bill Quantrill who does a great job on the Microphone, keeping us all entertained! Pictured, Ray, JJ & Frank.



We have a couple of Events coming up....

Our Easter Promotions, our first Event is the **Easter Kids Night on Saturday 9th April starting at 5pm**. There will be an interactive reptile show followed by photos with a crocodile or snake following the show. After the show we will be having the Easter Bunny coming around handing out FREE easter eggs for the kiddies! We will also be having a Seafood, Meat Tray and Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets on sale from 6pm. Restaurant bookings for this night are essential and will book out so if you wanting to bring the whole family out, please do so as soon as possible.



Our next Easter Event will be on **Thursday 14th April** right before the Easter Long weekend. Here we will be drawing our Members Free Egg Hampers. Tickets for this draw are given out with every purchase made at the bar. Members need to be present in the clubhouse to choose a prize in this promotion. We will also be having our full normal menu and another seafood and meat raffle.

The third event coming up is **Mothers Day Sunday 8th May**. The special Mothers Day Hampers are on display and again free tickets given with every purchase at the bar. With over \$1500 worth of prizes. **The main prize is a robot vacuum valued at \$499!** I have one of these and they are amazing! Just what every mum wants! The kitchen have come up with a delicious 2 course special lunch menu and again bookings are essential. Last year our Mothers Day Event booked out so get your name down fast. We also have the much loved Tangle Duo back to entertain all our dinners. This pair of singers are amazing, all the way from Grafton and are back by popular demand!

March's Cocktail of the Month will be a super delicious Liquid Caramel Cocktail with a caramel easter egg on top. Try one for this coming month for only \$12.

Natasha Bolden



Shane's Slice

Golf Myth: Will lines on your ball improve putting?

There's usually one player in every foursome with a line on their golf ball that needs to be aimed perfectly before they can hit a putt. Maybe it's you. The question we set out to explore is, "Does that line make a difference?" For this test, we gathered five golfers with handicaps ranging from zero to fifteen. Each player chose a putter that fit their stroke and was connected to SAM PuttLab. They hit seven eight-foot putts in each of three conditions: no line on the ball, a single black line on the ball, and using **Callaway's Triple Track** marking on the ball. In the latter two conditions, the players were able to spend as much time as they wanted lining up the ball before striking the putt.

The Results:

Thanks to SAM PuttLab, we were able to measure each golfer's aim to one tenth of a degree. We found that three of our five testers aimed the best with either a line or Triple Track – two were best with a line, one with Triple Track.

It is worth noting that the differences were extremely small. Player 1, for instance, aimed 0.3 degrees closed with no alignment aid, 0.1 degrees closed with Triple Track. That same player aimed the worst with a line, 0.9 degrees closed.

Because 40% of our testers aimed better without a line, and because the differences were extremely small, we're rating this myth as "Plausible" rather than "Confirmed."

In our test, the most putts were made without any alignment aids on the golf ball. 35 putts were struck under each condition. With no alignment aid, our testers made 28, with a line they made 25, and with Triple Track they made 26.

While we did label this myth "Busted" – alignment aids led to fewer putts being made, not more – there is some context to consider. Of our five testers, three made the same amount of putts under each testing condition. One tester made fewer putts with both a line and Triple Track, and the final tester made one putt less with a line but was equal with no aid and Triple Track.

Another avenue which we will certainly explore is how marks on the ball correlate with the alignment aids on a putter. Does Triple Track ball alignment work better with a Triple Track putter? Are players who like a sight line more apt to want a line on their ball?

Our primary takeaway from this test is that, at least on straight, short-range putts, alignment aids don't make a huge difference. Additionally, we would advise golfers to trust their own instincts. If you feel that you can't trust a line, don't use one. If lining up Triple Track gives you a boost of confidence, use it. It does for me anyway!

Ref: pluggedingolf.com/will-lines-on-your-golf-ball-improve-your-putting-golf-myths-unplugged/

Good Golfing,

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Hole in One



Congratulations to Ron Studwick on getting a hole in one on 8A on the 29th January! Pictured Ron with his cheer squad! Not sure what Bill is saying..... I'm sure its good things.....



Congratulations also to Julie Jenkins for getting a Hole in One on the 22/02/2022 On the 10th Hole! If only she had got it on the 2nd..... What a date!



"I GOT A HOLE-IN-ONE!"

Innovation that revolutionized Golf.....

BY MIKE STACHURA & MIKE JOHNSON

1980s CAVITY-BACK IRONS.

The Pink Eye2 irons weren't founder Karsten Solheim's first perimeter-weighted irons, but they were the most significant.

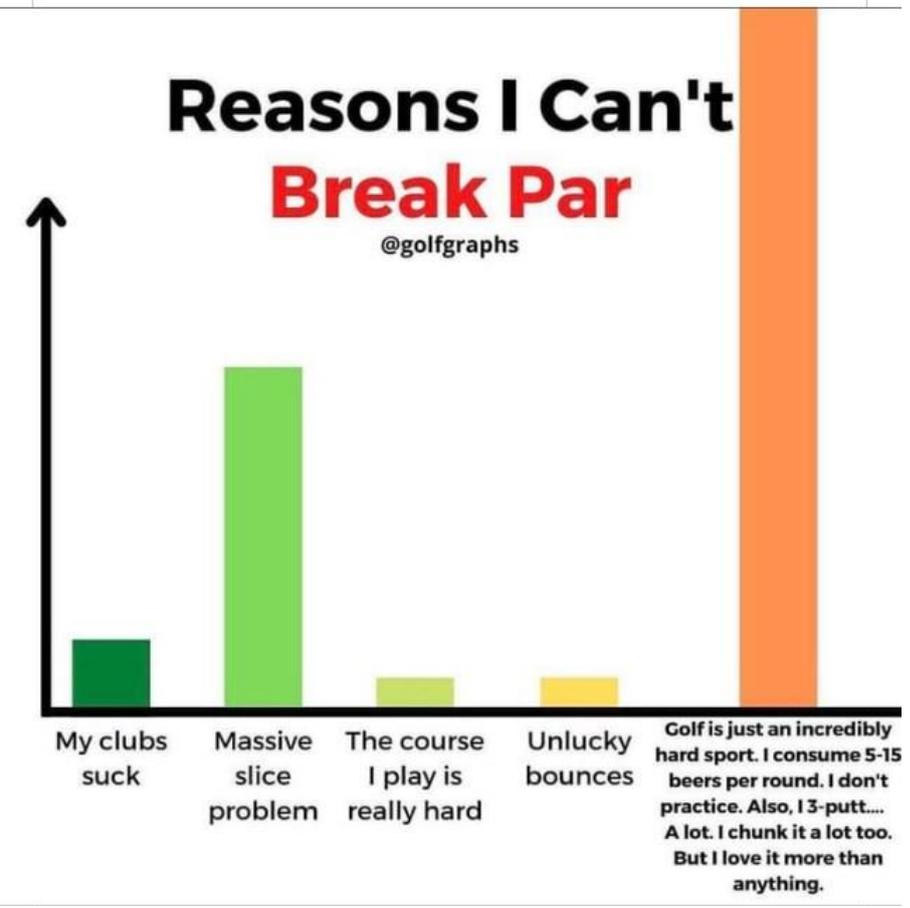
Known best for its square grooves, which sparked a standoff with the USGA, the Eye2 featured a variety of technologies and design elements that were a significant shift from the muscle-back blades used by the majority of tour pros and everyday golfers. Careful consideration was given to the amount of offset on each hosel, the camber and radius of the sole, the shape of the head with its high toe, and the design of the cavity-back. Even the location of the "eyeball" in the cavity was positioned to produce the best feel.

The square grooves were largely credited with producing the generous spin, but Karsten insisted it was the design of the neck, which helped the head rotate downward at impact, thus boosting spin. The feature – which had the neck tapered from both ends leading to a narrow mid-section – was first used on the 1984 version of the Eye2. Several versions of the Eye2 followed, including a lighter-weight version and beryllium-copper models.

The longevity of the Eye2, the best-selling iron in the game for nearly a decade, would be unheard of today. Soon other manufacturers followed with perimeter-weighted, cavity-back designs – even traditional blade brands like MacGregor, Wilson, Tommy Armour and Ben Hogan. *Golf World* magazine summed up Solheim like this: "Karsten showed the way, proving that a useful, non-traditional innovation would be accepted by the golf-world."



Jokes



Many thanks to Veteran's Ladies and Men who helped tidy up the rainforest area.....



Congratulations to Lucas

Congratulations to Lucas Higgins who came tied 3rd in the TPS Sydney Tournament. Lucas's highlight was shooting 6 under 65 in his second round with a hole in one on the Par3, 15th.

Unfortunately the final round was abandoned due to rain meaning Lucas just missed out on the play off between Felton and Brendan.

Great effort and well done Lucas! Many members watched on from the TV's in the clubhouse!



Match Report - February 2022

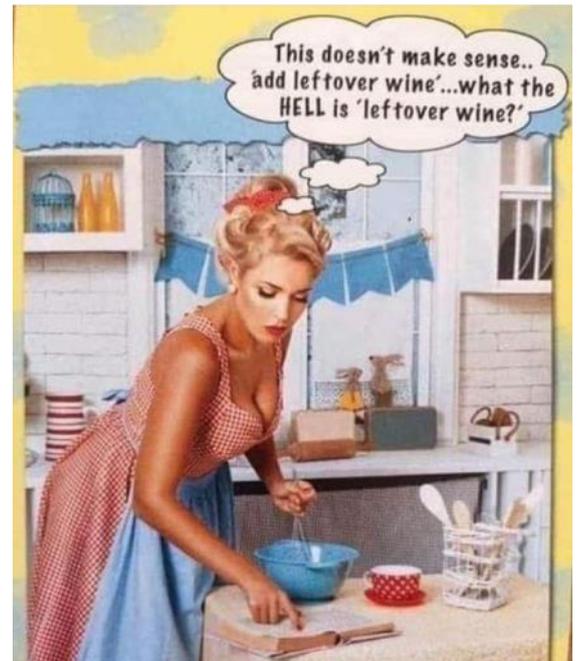
The Pro Shop has been receiving phone calls from members the day after they have played in a competition saying their online score was different to their playing score card and have been asking the staff to change it and award their loyalty points they say they deserve. This happens when a competition player hands their card to someone else to scan and doesn't bother to check if its correct. The end of the days competition finishes that day and **no adjustments will be made the next day** or later unless the error has been made by the Match Committee or Pro Shop staff. At the end of the day the scores are sent to golf link for handicap adjustments.

Each player, at the end of competition round, must scan their own card through the autoscore scanner. Do not rely on other players as it is not their responsibility. This information will be put on display near the scanners.

The Ladies and Veterans golf calendar for 2022 will be discussed at our next Match Committee meeting.

The Ladies will be holding a 2 Tee start for their St Patrick's Day Competition.

Graham Nelson
Captain



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RSL upcoming events for March are:

13/03/2022 4BBB - (Sponsor M'Bah Services Club) Pres. at Services Club

20/03/2022 Single Stab – Ballina Trip – (Sponsors Joel & Leonie Dunn)

27/03/2022 Single Stab. – (Sponsor Ben Harding)

The worst flood to hit the Tweed

See below some of the photos of the course, from last weeks flood event.....



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