



## Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the double edition Newsletter.

A big thank you to all the Members who took the time to fill in the survey. There was a very pleasing response from both playing and social members. Some very interesting comments were made about the course and the clubhouse facilities. The Board will now look closely at how we can improve our great club. The winner of the survey lucky draw was Martin Wilson who received \$100 of loyalty points. Thank you all for your support.

Once again the Outdoor Staff and volunteers have cleaned up after not one but 2 floods within a month of each other. They have done a fantastic job in getting the course back to its best. Thank you to all those involved.

Our young golf professional Lucas Higgins has done the club proud over the past few months playing in a tournament at Bonnie Doon Golf Club, Lucas was well positioned after 3 rounds. Unfortunately the final round was washed out and he was unable to continue for a win and tied equal 3rd. He then played in the NSW Golf Open at Concord Golf Course. Lucas had an opening of 67 but on the 2nd day he was not feeling very well and shot 74 to miss the cut by a couple of shots. Lucas then played in the \$50,000 Wagga Wagga Pro Am. He shot rounds of 64 and 67 to finish 13 under and win the tournament. What a fantastic result and we wish him all the best with his golf over the coming months.

Our new furniture has arrived. We have donated some of the older furniture to the Tweed Valley Jockey Club who lost their furniture in the recent floods.

Natasha our Promotions & Events Coordinator organized a very successful Reptile Show, which attracted many families and new faces into the clubhouse. Cocktails have also become very popular with over 155 sold in February and 216 sold in March!

The over sowing of the greens has been done. The Match Committee will be discussing the matter of tree roots on the course. Just hit the ball down the middle of the fairway where there are no tree roots..... Easier said than done.....

The Murwillumbah Pro Am will be held earlier this year on July 28th. Hopefully we will have a lot more Pros here this year as the last two events have been affected by Covid.

A Golf joke to finish, with all this rain....

Two long time golfers were standing on the river Tee getting ready to hit their shots. One of the Golfers pointed down the river and turned to his friend and said, "Look at those idiots fishing in the rain..."

Continue to enjoy your golf when you can; and don't forget to use the club facilities.

Chairman  
Graham Rosenbaum.

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## Promotions Report

The wedding on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April went off smoothly. Thankfully the rain stopped the week prior and the course just opened up to get some photos. The couple and families mainly all travelled from Brisbane to get married here as they just loved the setting whilst playing a game of golf!



Our Reptile Show on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April was enjoyed by lots of families and many new faces. Thanks to Bill for doing the Raffles and microphone and thanks to the Wildlife Rangers for putting on a great show!



**Mothers Day Sunday 8th May is coming up.** 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!**

The caterers have come up with a delicious 2 course special lunch menu, see the full menu on the back page, 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 diners. This pair of singers are amazing, all the way from Grafton and are back by popular demand!

Natasha Bolden  
Promotions & Events Coordinator



## Shane's Slice

### Pro Tip – How to play in the wet



We've certainly seen enough rain for the year, but what adjustments do you make for your game when playing in the wet? Don't think of yourself.... think of your clubs! Before you put up your umbrella or dig your rainsuit out of your bag, be sure that the top of your bag is covered. When you can't get a decent hold on the club, you can't put a solid hit on the ball. It's always advantageous to carry extra dry towels with you to make sure you can keep your grips dry.

Second, when the ball and turf are wet and the grooves of your irons are filled with water, don't expect to put much backspin on the ball. You'll get a semi-flyer shot, but you won't get more distance than usual because the weight of the rain will cancel the spinless flight of the ball. In fact, on approach shots it's generally wise to take one club more than normal and make a controlled, balanced swing to guard against slip-page.

Another tip is for putting. When a ball sits in the rain for more than a few seconds, its dimples fill up with water, and the result is that you will not be able to make clean club-to-ball impact. It will slip and slide both on impact and during its initial roll. So do yourself a favour and keep the ball dry for as long as possible. This means lining up your putt with a marker in place instead of the ball. Don't set the ball down until you're ready to address and stroke the putt.

Lastly, with the frequent "preferred-lie" rule in play, how often do you set the ball up on a good lie, only to get under the ball too much, hit it high on the face and the ball comes up short!? A quick fix would be to choke down on the grip slightly and my swing thought is always to think "contact" when hitting chip shots and approaches, together with a "shallow" angle of attack. Thin to WIN!

Reference: <https://shark.com/the-shark/golf-tips/lesson-76/>

Reference: <https://www.nrdga.com.au/cms/2022/03/results-from-murwillumbah-incl-oom-update-and-adjusted-9-hole-handicaps/>

Good Golfing,

*Shane Miley*

Golf Shop Manager





## **Jeb Hunter Junior Classic Wrap**

On a wonderful, clear day, the Jeb Hunter Memorial Junior Classic was held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March with 36 players competing across 6-hole, 9-hole and 18-hole categories.

The 18-hole girls Junior Championships was won by Elly Petersen (74) from the Royal Pines Golf Club. Elly has won this event on the past three occasions and is obviously comfortable on our layout. The Womens Golf Northern Rivers Junior Girls Championship were conducted in conjunction with Hollie Fuller (Grafton) taking the honours.

The 18-hole boys Junior Championships turned into a bit of “shoot-out” between our very own Murwillumbah member, Nick Sneesby and Byron Bay representative Kane Whitelock. With the two locked in battle with 2 holes to go, Nick eventually prevailed with a 1 over par score of 72. The Junior Boys Net Champion was another Murwillumbah Member Harrison Wood with a great score of 66.

Be sure to give congratulations to Nick and Harrison for flying the Murwillumbah flag and to all the other winners! Thanks to Gerard from the NRDGA for his assistance in running of the day.



Girl's winners Elly Petersen and Hollie Fuller



Overall Girls Champion Elly Petersen with Murwillumbah member Nick Sneesby, the Overall Boys Champion

## **Earle Williams Final**

After numerous lockdowns, border closures and mask mandates, the final of the 2021 Earle Williams was played on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April, fittingly from the Blue Tees. In a back-and-forth battle, Peter Taylor and Rob Parsons (pictured left) were 2 holes up through 9 holes, but apparently Joe Rylko and Donny Lanesbury hadn't hit a fairway off the tee through 9 holes. In the end a valiant fightback from Joe and Donny on the back 9 proved to be too good for Peter and Rob eventually winning 2&1. Well done gentleman for reaching the final and eventually getting a result! Stay tuned as the 2022 Earle Williams qualifying is around the corner on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June.



Joe Rylko and Donny Lanesbury (pictured right) winners of the 2021 Earle Williams Final

## Well done Ladies

Women Golfers had a great Irish Golf Day on Thursday, 17th March dressing up to honor St Patrick.

They were able to play off two Tees and so had an enjoyable get together after the golf. The pikelets, green cream and jam went down well.



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# Birthday Winners and Changes to our Club Promotions

We are having a few changes to our weekly promotional activities.

Starting Wednesday 4th May we will be adding in a **Wednesday Night Members Badge Draw** this will be separate from our Friday Night Badge Draw. Both draws will start at \$2000 and jackpot \$100 each week. Both will be drawn between 7.30-8.30pm.

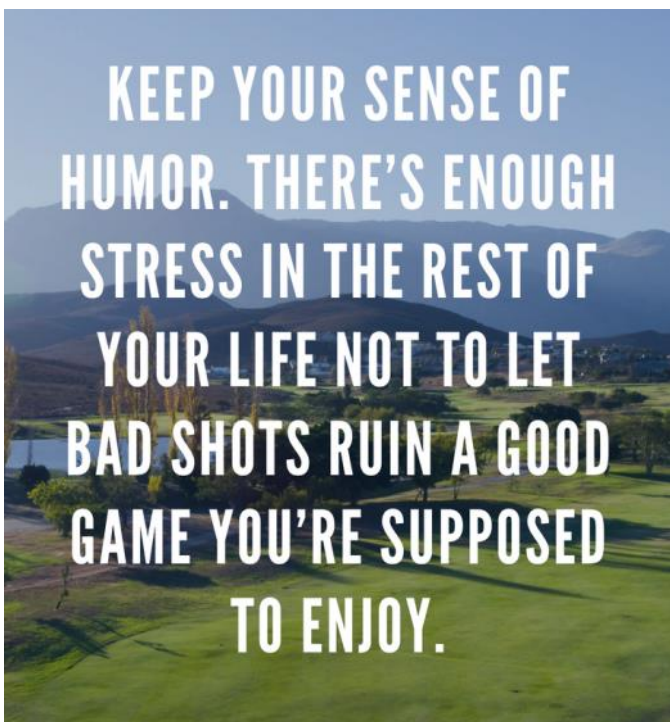
Our **Birthday cash giveaway Nights** will now be the **first Wednesday of the Month** and the **Last Friday of the month**. We will now be having 3 x \$100 cash draws and you can win on BOTH nights!

Fridays will still be our big Meat and Fruit and Vegetable Raffle & Badge Draw Night.

Wednesday will now be our Trivia & Badge Draw Night. The Trivia is fun and free to join. Trivia starts at 6.30pm and is made up of teams of 2-10 players. The Courtesy Bus will now also be running Wednesdays with pick up 5-6pm and drop offs from 8.30pm



## Jokes



## LIES MY MOTHER TOLD ME

1. "It's illegal to drive with the overhead light on."
2. "If you swallow your gum, it will stay in your stomach for 7 years."
3. "Keep making that face & it'll freeze like that."
4. "I have eyes in the back of my head."
5. "You can't swim for 30 minutes after eating."
6. "Don't sit so close to the TV, you'll go blind."
7. "The dog went to live on a big farm."
8. "I'm just running into the store for *one* thing."
9. "A watermelon will grow in your stomach if you swallow the seeds."
10. "Maybe...I'll think about it."

## New Bitumen



Sealed and delivered!  
Many positive comments from our  
Members on the 3 jobs.



East Coast Asphalt.  
Thanks fellows you did a great job!

## Innovations that revolutionized Golf.....

**BY MIKE STACHURA & MIKE JOHNSON**

### **1990s OVERSIZE DRIVERS**

A news summary of the 1991 PGA Merchandise Show included a sentence easily overlooked: “Callaway had a hit with Big Bertha, an oversize stainless-steel driver...”

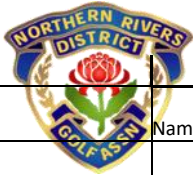
More than “a hit”, what happened might better be described as a cultural phenomenon. The Big Bertha was a breakthrough in size. Giving Golfers a monster built for attack. The industry never shielded away from the search for bigger and better driver until the R&A and USGA slapped a limit on club-head size in the early 2000’s.

At 190 cubic centimeters, Big Bertha was about 30 percent larger than most drivers at the time but nearly 60 percent smaller than they are today. The club was the idea of Callaway’s design genius, Dick Helmstetter. Although told the frame would probably collapse, Helmstetter located a foundry willing to take a chance.

“I knew the design worked,” he said. “I just had to find a way to get it made.” He did, and by 1993 Big Bertha was the No. 1 driver on the American tours and the best-selling club of its time. Two years later, Callaway went larger still with Great Big Bertha. Made from titanium, the metal’s strength allowed for thinner faces that propelled the ball in a new and faster way.

So, Big Bertha spawned not one, but two technologies that forever changed the equipment landscape.





## NRDGA Pennants 2022

	TEAM 1				TEAM 2			
	Name	Golf Link No	GA H'Cap		Name	Golf Link No	GA H'Cap	
	1	Chris Dean (CAPT)	2201103264	0.1	1	Shannon Murnane (CAPT)	2201104191	4
	2	Brad Julius	2201106954	0.4	2	Tony Jenkins	2201101053	6
	3	Paul Wood	2201109516	1.4	3	Brenton Tickle	2201110012	5
	4	Brett Sterling	2201103420	1.5	4	Shane Johnston	2201109091	6.4
	5	Nick Sneesby	2201107681	2.1	5	Glen Wyborn	2201109174	6.8
	6	Darren Van Egdom	2201104100	2.4	6	Michael Ross	2201103169	9.3
	7	Nathan Eglington	2201109781	2.3	7	Col Merchant	2201109037	10.7
	R	Jack Soley	2201108652	3.8	R	Jordan Byrnes	2201105251	8.9
R	Peter Heath	2201102769	3.1	R	Rick Souter	2201103142	5.1	
Total H'Cap			10.2	Total H'Cap			46.4	

TEAM 3				TEAM 4			
	Name	Golf Link No	GA H'Cap		Name	Golf Link No	GA H'Cap
1	Mitch Lambert (CAPT)	2201106200	5.1	1	Joe Prichard	2201106974	4
2	Beau Robertson	2201109279	5.5	2	Robert Prichard (CAPT)	2201107346	7.7
3	Andrew Barnes	2201106893	6.7	3	Matt Quinlan	2201109876	8.2
4	Toby McIntosh	2201109775	6.8	4	Henry Prichard	2201106975	8.8
5	James Hardie	2201107582	7.6	5	Jackson Hardy	2201110021	10.1
6	AJ Gorton	2201107583	8	6	Ben Harding	2201109733	12.7
7	Peter Hamill	2201109137	8.9	7	Peter Rylko	2201110095	14.9
R	Cameron Barnes	2201108909	6.4	R	Pat McQueen	2201110093	13.4
R	Kyle Walker	2201107141	8.4	R	Luke Manning	2201110071	7.8
Total H'Cap			48.6	Total H'Cap			62.4

TEAM 5				TEAM 6			
	Name	Golf Link No	GA H'Cap		Name	Golf Link No	GA H'Cap
1	Shaun Haysom	2201109852	3.6	1	Peter Scott	2201105864	11.4
2	Peri Fidler (CAPT)	2201109130	5.2	2	Alistair McDonald	2201109194	14.1
3	Paul Windle	2201109005	7.4	3	Warren Goodall	2201108689	17.7
4	Jason Collier	2201110031	7.8	4	Rick Morris	2201110044	18
5	Don Richards	2201107620	9.5	5	Brian Cox	2201101403	18
6	Keshana Inglis	2201109764	11.4	6	Stephen Huggins (CAPT)	2201101268	22.4
7	Dhillon Tiffin	2201108979	11.9	7	David Carpenter	2201103833	23
R	Alex Mitchell	2201109770	4.6	R	John Seckhold		
R	Joe Rylko	2201109109	11.4	R	Ian Campbell		
Total H'Cap			56.8	Total H'Cap			124.6



## Golf Quotes

The terrible thing about a missed shot in golf is that the thing is done, irrevocably, irretrievable. Perhaps that is why golf is so great a game; it is so much like the game of life.

We don't have the shots over in either.

OB KEEKER, ATLANTA SPORTSWRITER

The world's number one tennis player spends 90 per cent of his time winning, while the world's number one golfer spends 90 per cent of his time losing. Golfers are great losers.

DAVID FEHERTY, JOURNEYMAN PROFESSIONAL.

It is the constant and undying hope for improvement that makes golf so exquisitely worth the playing.

BERNARD DARWIN, BRITISH GOLF WRITER

## Masters Monday

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 80 players played a special "US Masters" best 3 of 4 stableford teams event after watching the final round on the Club House deck from 6:00am. Groups randomly drew a



professional from the Masters field to join their team and the professional's score was converted to a stableford score. One team thought they were a shoe-in drawing Rory McIlroy who shot a red hot -8 under par (44pts) on the final day, but unfortunately they didn't feature in the prize winners. There's no hiding in a combined stableford teams event! Winners of the day were Veteran members Paul Verrall and Alan Chatfield who teamed up with Damen Carrington and Ian Plunkett. Thanks to our sponsors of the day Oakley, Foot Joy, Titleist, Callaway, Rob Woodall from ForeShore events and Matt Quinlan from Casuarina Meat Merchant for providing the bacon.



The rock plants are still there.....

72 plants missing.....

Presumed drowned.....



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## Golfers on the Course



It was a hard day at the office but they all managed to smile for the camera - Great Golfers!



# May Fixtures & Upcoming Events

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Date	Event
Sunday, 1 May 2022	Men's & Ladies Single Stableford
Monday, 2 May 2022	Vets Competition
Tuesday, 3 May 2022	Ladies Monthly Medal
Wednesday, 4 May 2022	Men's Single Stableford
	Titleist Fitting Day
Thursday, 5 May 2022	Ladies Single Stableford
Friday, 6 May 2022	Titleist Back Marker Challenge S/Stroke
Saturday, 7 May 2022	Monthly Medal Blue Tees S/Stroke
Sunday, 8 May 2022	Men's & Ladies Single Stableford
Monday, 9 May 2022	Vets Competition
Tuesday, 10 May 2022	Ladies Single Stableford
Wednesday, 11 May 2022	Men's Single Stableford
Thursday, 12 May 2022	Ladies Open Day 2T Start
Friday, 13 May 2022	Single Stableford Medley
Saturday, 14 May 2022	Men's & Ladies Single Stableford
Sunday, 15 May 2022	Men's & Ladies Single Stableford
Monday, 16 May 2022	Vets Competition
Tuesday, 17 May 2022	VWGNWS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
Wednesday, 18 May 2022	Men's Single Stableford Blue Tees
Thursday, 19 May 2022	Ladies Single Stableford
Friday, 20 May 2022	Single Stableford Medley
Saturday, 21 May 2022	Men's & Ladies Single Stableford
Sunday, 22 May 2022	Men's & Ladies Single Stableford
Monday, 23 May 2022	Vets Competition
Tuesday, 24 May 2022	Ladies Single Stableford
Wednesday, 25 May 2022	Men's Single Stableford
Thursday, 26 May 2022	Ladies Single Stableford
Friday, 27 May 2022	Single Stableford Medley
Saturday, 28 May 2022	Single Stableford
Sunday, 29 May 2022	Men's & Ladies Single Stableford
Monday, 30 May 2022	Vets Competition
Tuesday, 31 May 2022	Ladies Single Stableford



# Mother's Day

## LUNCH

**Sunday  
8th May**

Entree & Main \$38.00  
or Main & Dessert \$35.00

**11.30am-  
2.30pm**

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Entree

Puffed pastry shell Vol au Vent with creamy Chicken & Mushroom  
or Salt & Pepper Squid Salad with balsamic dressing

Mains

**Rump steak with creamy garlic prawns**  
Served with chips & salad

**Deep fried salt & pepper soft shell crab**  
Served with a mixed salad with a Japanese roasted sesame dressing

**Lynn's Tender Pork Ribs**  
Served with chips & salad

**Chicken Mignon**  
Served with mushroom sauce, mash & vegetables

**Grilled Snapper Fillet & King Prawns**  
With a garlic, honey sauce, served with mash & vegetables

**Vegetarian home made Lasagne (V - Main/Dessert \$30)**  
Served with chips & salad

Dessert

Nero mud cake served with Ice-cream  
or a selection of fresh cheesecakes

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**\$10.00  
Kids Meals**