



## Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Newsletter. 2023 has rolled around and the Board would like to wish all members a happy new year. Lets hope we can get through 2023 flood free! The golf course and clubhouse were extremely busy over the festive season. We had record numbers of social players playing golf from dawn to dusk. The weather was perfect during this period and many positive comments were made about the course and clubhouse. Great for the club when it doesn't rain!

The toilet and shower renovations in the men's locker room is well underway. The demolition has been done, plumbing and electrical work completed and shower floor sealed. The tiling has commenced. When the men's locker room is completed they will move onto the ladies locker room. At this stage the ladies locker room is being used as a unisex toilet area. It seems to be working well.

Natasha, our Promotions and Events Coordinator reports that the kids Christmas day held in December had over 100 kids in attendance. The best supported kids event to date! A big thank you to all members and visitors for supporting this event. A quiet couple of months coming up for functions, so if you have an event or birthday coming up I'm sure we will have availability to cater.

We had 21 full golfing members join our club in January. A new members special from March through to June 30th of \$400 will apply.

The Redexim Verti-Quake Machine is doing a fantastic job softening up the fairways and letting water soak into the ground. After the recent thunderstorms and rain, very few puddles were found on the fairways.

The Welcome Back Day for the lady golfers was held on the 2nd February with a two tee start. We wish them all the best for 2023 and hope they can play all their special events this year.

Late last month we lost one of our long serving members in Robin Smith. Robin loved his golf especially playing "skins" with his mates. He also was part of "Biltofts Golfing Trips" which happened once a year. Robin was a true gentlemen and will be sorely missed. We pass on our condolences to his family. Rest in peace Robin.

Our young pro, Lucas Higgins, continues to play some great golf. He will be teeing it up in a number of events in the coming weeks. Hopefully we will see him on top or near the leaderboard and on TV.

The Member of the Month article is great to see in our Newsletter. Thanks to Peter Heath who has opted to provide the newsletter editors with this regular feature.

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

Graham Rosenbaum - Chairman



## Promotions Report

Now how is this for a golfing story.....

On Wednesday 1st February I played in my first ever "official" Club Comp, the new Ladies 9 hole Single Stableford. On a handicap of 53, (45 max for this course) I was off to a rough start, wiping the first hole. I think the nerves were getting to me.....

On to the second, with my driver I hit the ball (what I thought was really well) I saw it land on the green and roll away, not really paying too much attention to it.... Aileen said, "great shot" I look over at Marie and yell, "Marie you missed my best shot yet!" as she was filling in her card. After they all hit, we made our way to the green. I couldn't see my ball anywhere on the green. Feeling a bit disheartened, as I thought I hit a really good ball I began searching behind the green, as using the driver it might have gone over the back. Whilst looking, Mary decided to putt out. Close to the hole she looks over and starts screaming as she sees my yellow ball in there! We all start screaming!!!



Now picture the rest of the game..... I got a 1 a 6 for the second and ended up with a total of 7 points for the nine holes! Haha! I only hit about 3 good shots for all the nine holes.... but it doesn't matter because one of those shots was on the second and it just goes to show that anything and I mean ANYTHING can happen in a game of golf!!!!

Now enough about golf and back onto club promotions..... We have a few Events coming up. Our kids Easter Event will be held on Saturday 1st April from 5pm. A special reptile show with a star attraction of Barty the Wombat. After the show we have the Easter Bunny handing out free eggs and a big meat and seafood raffle from 6pm.



The next Event will be our Free Members Egg Hamper Giveaway Night. The hampers are on display near the bar and members get a FREE ticket into the draw for these with every purchase from the bar. These will be drawn on Thursday 6th April. The Thursday before the Easter long weekend. We will be doing a big Seafood & Meat raffle on this Thursday due to the Friday being a Public Holiday. However we will still be having our Friday Night Badge Draw on Good Friday.



Natasha Bolden - Promotions & Events Coordinator

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A man and a woman in white pharmacy uniforms are smiling. The man is on the left and the woman is on the right.

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# Golf Shop Report - Shane's Slice

## **February 2023**

Thank you to all who participated in last month's Scramble Event. The winning team of Shane Johnston, Robert Smith, Dean Lucan, Mark Adcock will go through to the regional final where I will join them for a chance to go to the National Final – a four day event with golf, accommodation and dinners to attend. Two of the four gentleman won last year's event so they really must like the elimination format! Congratulations to all the winners on the day.

### **Golf Tip – How to improve your wedge play – Tips from Roger Cleveland**

(Ref: <https://golf.com/gear/wedges/6-short-game-tips-wedge-guru-roger-cleveland/>)

#### **Find the right grind for your swing**

Whether you're a professional golfer or new to the game, the sole of your wedge should match the way you hit the ball. As Cleveland explains, a shallow swing tends to match up with a narrow sole grind and lower bounce, while a steeper entry matches up better with a wider sole and more bounce. How can you tell which group you're in? Throw a few balls down in the fairway from about 30 yards or so and take aim at the pin. Did you take a divot or not? If you didn't take a divot, or took a small divot, you're probably a shallow swinger. If you took a healthy-sized divot, you're probably steep.

#### **Don't stop at the ball, slide through it**

As Cleveland explains, the "big swing" should be different than your swing from 30-40 yards and in. With a full iron swing, Cleveland says you want to impact the ball first with forward shaft lean. On a pitch shot, however, he says your club should impact the ground first with the sole of the club and then slide through the ball. Also, do not "stop" at impact! "You can hit an inch behind the ball, that's actually what you want to do," Cleveland said. "You want to hit behind the ball and let it slide through the ball. Don't stop! When you stop, you get more narrow. When you get more narrow, you kind of crunch down and get steeper. It's all the things you don't want in a pitch. You want to keep your width in a pitch and you want to keep your rotation in a pitch...one of the best thoughts that I have is you want to keep your width."

When attempting to create more width in your short game shots, think about Jason Day or Steve Stricker. Cleveland says they are two of the best at creating width.

**QUICK FIX:** Simply slide your trail foot backwards about 1-1.5 feet, hit a few pitch shots and let your body react naturally. As I experienced, the stance forces you to get shallower; if you're too steep, you'll lose your balance.

Good Golfing,  
*Shane*  
Golf Shop Manager





## Women's Golf Report

Women's Golf Murwillumbah wish to extend a warm welcome to all women within the area. Our season begins in February and extends to November. The club has introduced a number of initiatives to encourage women into the game. We understand not everyone has the time or inclination to play the full 18 holes. It can be actually quite daunting for many. As from this month a Women's 9 Hole Competition is being run by the Pro Shop on a Wednesday afternoon. **All you need is to be a Full Member or Social Member of the club.** Players do not need a handicap to play. Grab some friends, give the Pro Shop a ring and they will organise the rest. **A weekly continuous 9 hole competition is offered for Full Members also.** Play any day of the week for prizes. Also check out the beginners course being offered over a period of 8 weeks. The first course for 2023, run by Shane, is in full swing. I hear numbers filled quickly so you'll have to wait for the next to be advertised. Check out latest Pro Shop news for updates. A big thank you to the Club's Match Committee, Brian Cox and the Pro Shop for these initiatives.



This month got off with a bang with the inaugural Women's Social 9 Hole Comp on the 1st of February. Aileen, Mary, Tash and myself played on a showery Wednesday arvo. Who could have written a better script with our own Tash Bolden claiming a "hole in one" on the 2nd in her first ever competition. Mary Atkinson's par just didn't rate! Mary is still lamenting "But I parred the hole". A quick photo shoot before a downpour, nothing was going to dampen the excitement. I'm sure this bit of news has been covered by "some little someone in the office" already in this edition... but I had to highlight this extraordinary effort. Most golfers never have the joy of experiencing a "Hole in 1". Don't ever let go of that driver, Tash!



We celebrated "Welcome Back Day" on the 2nd. Always something special about this day with the catching up of players for the beginning of another season. We enjoyed a Stableford Comp followed by lunch. Thanks to the Match and House Committees for their organisation. The raffles and presentations were a treat.

We've introduced our own monthly newsletter to keep the women members of the club informed. If you aren't receiving it please contact Tash in the office to update your email address and also check your "junk" email and mark as not junk if it has gone in there. Check out Women's Golf through the link (Golf) on the Clubs Website for our latest news and up and coming events.

Cheers for now  
Marie Morrin  
WGM President

## Wit and Wisdom of Golf

- 1) **"Keep close count of your nickles and dimes, stay away from whiskey, and never concede a putt." Sam Snead**
- 2) **"Golf is like solitaire. When you cheat, you only cheat yourself." Tony Lema**
- 3) **"By the time you get to your ball, if you don't know what to do with it, try another sport." Julius Boros**

# Hole's In One!



Congratulations to John Andrews Hole In One on the 14th on the 9th January!

This completes an outstanding golf achievement in his career!

**Mr John Andrews has now aced each of our Par 3 Holes! 1998 (8th) 2011 (10th) 2017 (2nd) 2023 (14th)**

Editors Note: We believe he is the only Member to have had these 4 flukes!



Congratulations to Scott Bradshaw Hole in One on the 14th on the 4th February

The smile says it all! After 35 years..... to his great joy he has his first Ace!

Editors Note: There is no truth in the rumour started by his "non Aced" friends that Scott used his driver on the 14th..."





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## Golfing Poem.... Annon

In My Hand I Hold A Ball,  
White And Dimpled,  
Rather Small.  
Oh, How Bland It Does Appear,  
This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.

By Its Size I Could Not Guess,  
The Awesome Strength It Does  
Possess.

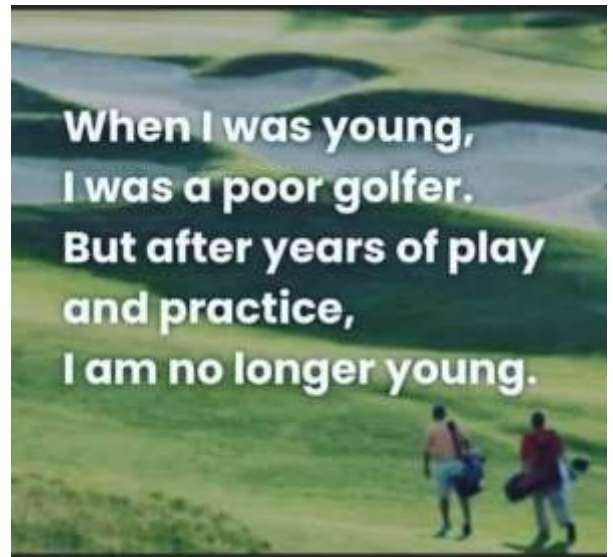
But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,  
I've Wandered Through The Fires Of  
Hell.

My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same,  
Since I Chose To Play This Stupid  
Game.

It Rules My Mind For Hours On End,  
A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.

It Has Made Me Yell, Curse And Cry,  
I loathe it, And Want To Die.  
It Promises A Thing Called Par,  
If I Can Hit It Straight And Far.

To Master Such A Tiny Ball,  
Should Not Be Very Hard At All.  
But My Desires The Ball Refuses,  
And Does Exactly As It Chooses.



## LIVE MUSIC

Elliana & Dave



SUNDAY 12TH March 1-4pm on the deck

## Fairway Sessions



SUNDAY 26TH March 1-4pm Inside room



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## Member of the Month

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**Keith (Kiwi) Gordon - Member since 1993 - Age 56**

### Why you joined Murwillumbah Golf Club.

I joined Murwillumbah after another long term rugby injury. I had played rep golf as a junior in New Zealand and wanted to take it up again. I was introduced by a playing member after enjoying the layout.

### Working History

I left school when I was 17 and got a job as a pump fitter/repairer. Now 38 years later I have my own pump fitting/repairing business, "PROPUMP", on the Gold Coast.

### What you like about being a member.

I enjoy the friendly Banter amongst the Members especially on Saturdays when I mainly play. I probably am one of the main instigators of this Banter, haha. It brings great mateship and comradery and adds to the friendly atmosphere.

### Anything Else of Interest

Special congratulations to Brian Cox and his green keeping staff for the upkeep of the course. Especially 2022 with all the floods they have had to deal with. The clean up each time is huge yet they manage to produce a playable course very quickly.

### Tips for Golfers

Enjoy your golf, even if you are not playing well. Remember you could be at home gardening (not for me) or getting nagged (also not for me).

## Our Junior Golfers

The new year of junior golf kicked off on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.

This year we have had a lot of new kids sign up as well as returning golfers from last years clinics. Last year I was running one class per week with 6 – 9 kids, this year I have 3 classes due to the numbers. 25 kids have signed up, Sunday morning I have eight 5-10 year olds, Wednesday afternoons I have 16 kids which I have split in to 2 classes, advanced and beginner. When the days start to get shorter another day might need to be used as I won't be able to do 2 classes on a Wednesday.

We have the Jeb Hunter Memorial Junior open on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March which is run in conjunction with NRDGA. With more certainty with the weather and more time to promote we hope to attract a full field of players. We also are looking for a few volunteers to help with the day, if you can help please speak to Shane or Duncan

Duncan Crilley



# March Golf Fixtures

Wednesday, 1 March 2023	Men's Single Stableford
Thursday, 2 March 2023	Varella & Swift Pharmacy NSW & Monthly Medal Single Stroke & Putting in 3 Divisions
Friday, 3 March 2023	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke
Saturday, 4 March 2023	Men's Casuarina Meat Merchant Monthly Medal Blue Tees Single Stroke & Putting
Sunday, 5 March 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 6 March 2023	Vets American Foursomes
Tuesday, 7 March 2023	Ladies Single Stableford
Wednesday, 8 March 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 9 March 2023	Ladies Single Stableford
Friday, 10 March 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 11 March 2023	Men's Single vs Par White Tees Ladies Single Stableford
Sunday, 12 March 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 13 March 2023	Vets Monthly Medal Single Stroke
Tuesday, 14 March 2023	VWGA Country Championship Ladies Single Stroke + Putting in 3 Divisions
Wednesday, 15 March 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 16 March 2023	Irish Fourball - 4 Person Team Event & Mufti Day
Friday, 17 March 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 18 March 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees VWGA Country Championship Ladies Single Stroke + Putting
Sunday, 19 March 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 20 March 2023	Vets President's Split 6 (3 or 4 person)
Tuesday, 21 March 2023	Ladies Single Stableford
Wednesday, 22 March 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 23 March 2023	Ladies Single Stableford
Friday, 24 March 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 25 March 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees with 2 Ball Aggregate in conjunction
Saturday, 25 March 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford
Sunday, 26 March 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 27 March 2023	Vets 4BBB Single Card COURSE RENOVATIONS TBC
Tuesday, 28 March 2023	Ladies Single Stableford COURSE RENOVATIONS TBC
Wednesday, 29 March 2023	Men's Single Stableford Red Tees
Thursday, 30 March 2023	Ladies 4 Person Ambrose (team event)
Friday, 31 March 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees