



**We have just purchased 5 brand new Club Carts and so taking our total fleet to 35 carts available for hire.**



Shane Miley, PGA Professional, with some of his beginner golfers. Pictured Bella, Leanne, Catherine and Sandra with Carol. Beginners through this program who become full members receive a voucher for a facial and massage kindly donated by Varela & Swift Pharmacy. WOW!



These little leprechauns were all smiles as they prepared for a day out on the green for the Irish Fourball. They were not so prepared for the Murwillumbah heat though. 🥵 St Patrick would be pleased!



## Promotions Report

Our kid's Easter Event will be held on Saturday, 1st April from 5pm. This will feature 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. Dinner bookings are essential!

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



## Meet staff Member Alison



Hi everyone for those of you that haven't met me yet, I'm Alison.

### Tell us a bit about yourself?

I'm a single mum to a wonderful son called Matthew. I live just around the corner to the golf club and I have been working in the hospitality industry for the past 30 years.

### When did you start working at the Golf Club?

I started working here at the Golf Club in November 2020. Since I started, I have always been made to feel welcome by the Staff and Members alike.

### What is the best part about working here?

The best part about working here is getting to know all the regulars and having a chat and a laugh.

### Do you play golf?

I have just started to play golf socially and I am really enjoying it. Not ready for comp yet.... Maybe one day!

See you next time you're in the club - Alison

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# Shane's Slice

**APRIL 2023**

As we say farewell to daylight savings, our days become shorter again and pace of play will be a focus for us all to improve on during the autumn and winter months. This month's tip is about your pre shot routine; do you use one? Do you find yourself taking longer over the ball? Are you overthinking any technical thoughts when on the course? Use these tips to help you get into a better frame of mind and executing better shots!

Ref: <https://www.golfmonthly.com/tips/golf-pre-shot-routine-everything-you-need-to-know>

## **1) Stop and think – Behind the Ball**

This stage starts as you approach your golf ball when you will consider the following: your distance to target (pin or avoiding danger), the wind direction, how the ball is lying and finally your golf club selection.

*PACE OF PLAY TIP:* Don't wait until you get to your ball to start thinking, when your playing partner is hitting their shot, you should be at your ball already thinking of what type of shot you'll play.

## **2) Prepare and Rehearse - Behind the Ball**

The next stage is about preparing yourself for the shot you are intending to play. Take a practice swing from behind the ball facing your target. Then step into the address position, aim your club face to the target *first*, and then align your feet accordingly. Limit your practice swings to 2 maximum.

## **3) Execute the shot**

This is the point when many people freeze over the ball with lots of thoughts running through their mind. Once you're over the ball, the key in this step is to have a trigger - so get set over the ball and FIRE! The purpose of playing golf is to swing with your unconscious mind, try to have one swing thought at the most. A lot of top-level tour pros say they are thinking of "nothing" when over the ball because they are more reactive to their target.

## **4) Evaluate the shot – Post shot routine**

Once you have completed the first three steps of the pre-shot routine take your glove off (if you wear one), walk and consider the following questions: Did you commit to your intention? Did you swing with good tempo? The golf pre-shot routine isn't something you can just apply overnight; you need time to practice and perfect it on the practice range before you take it to the course.

Take some time to plan



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your pre-shot routine and take it out for a test run on the course before you finally add it to your game in tournament play. For this routine to be effective you need to practice before you apply it!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Course Renovations

Masters Monday Win a Golf Bag!

*(Clubhouse does not open early due to Easter Monday Public Holiday)*

**Srixon / Cleveland Fitting Day**

Titleist Back Marker Challenge

NRDGA Men's Pennants Round 1

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Good Golfing,

*Shane Miley*

Golf Shop Manager



## *Masters Monday*



**Easter Monday 10th April 2023**

**Best Overall Single Stableford**

**Wins this "Masters Green"**

**Callaway Stand Bag**



# MONDAY MADNESS

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\$15 Parmi, Chips & Salad

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## Vets Report

Veterans report re President Allan Burrows.

Firstly, thanks to Bob Green and Members I became President of Murwillumbah Veterans in 2023. The committee running the vets are extremely efficient and all seem to be on the same page regarding the future of the vets.



We have an unwritten policy in which the Murwillumbah Club comes first. Financially we assist if we can. All income we acquire during the year will be returned to our Members via golf functions and subsidies for golf trips. If we have funds in excess of our starting balance..... These funds will be available to the Club for projects we deem beneficial for course improvements.

I must acknowledge the eagerness of our Veteran members to volunteer for working bees requested by the ground staff.

Before I finish I would like to encourage more ladies in our Murwillumbah Club to come and join us on our Monday Competition Days. Also our Veterans website page is having a bit of a spruce up!

Don't hesitate to drop in and see what we are all about.

Editors Note:

President Allan claims to fame is based on a very successful business career, self employed retail butcher business, raising four wonderful children, running quick meetings, and playing golf now with two great knees. We wish him well!



## Golf Fees Increase in Murwillumbah to Maintain Course - 1962.

The annual general meeting of Murwillumbah Golf Club on Wednesday night decided to increase the fees of members, associates and social members. Members' fees are increased from £5/5/- to £7/7/-, associates from £3/3/- to £4/4/- and social (non-playing) members from £3/3/- to £4/4/-. Country members' fees are unchanged at £1/10/- and juniors' fees remain at £1/1/ a year. The treasurer, Mr. J.C. Proudfoot, told members the increased funds were needed mainly for course maintenance. He proposed a £3/3/- increase in members' fees.



He said the committee also would consider improving bar service, possibly by employing stewards. He said: "There is no question. We have to increase the fees for continued progress. We can not improve the course at the present rate, otherwise. Last year we spent £1800 on course development. It is obvious we cannot run the club any longer on two green keepers, who are being worked into the ground.

We have to seriously consider the staffing of the bar. We need some paid labour. The volunteers have done all they can. Mr. Proudfoot said subscriptions were last raised in 1952 and there had been no need to increase them until now. The retiring club president Mr. E.M. Ring, said that if membership fees were increased to £8/8/- for members, he would expect a great improvement in club facilities and service.

The club had made a profit of £6,278 in the past three years. He did not believe such a large increase in members' fees was justified at this stage. The club was losing on the course and gaining on the clubhouse. He said the club should have fixed a joining fee in 1959 when membership was little more than 100, instead of raising fees now when membership was about 400. Mr. R. Flynn moved the fees for members be increased by £1/1/- to £6/6/-. He said a three guinea rise was "enormous and should not be considered without an increase in service. Mr. J.E. Smyth and Mr. E.J. Williams were among speakers opposing the £3/3/- increase.

Mr. Williams, a past club president said the clubhouse would not be needed without the course. Better facilities were needed inside the clubhouse. As a member of the committee, he believed the club should consolidate now, rather than attempt too many improvements. The chairman of the greens committee Mr. P. Glynn said the club could not continue to maintain the course with two green keepers only. After long debate, members eventually adopted an amendment for a two guinea rise from Mr. N. McDonald, who advocated "a middle course".

### NET PROFIT

The statement of receipts and expenditure for the year ended October 31, 1962, showed a net club profit for the year of £2784, an increase of £693 on the previous year. Increases in income included £200 from bar trading and £177 from subscriptions. Income from green fees showed the club received £9 more in mid-week green fees last year than from weekend green fees the year before. Mid-week fees increased from £791 to £947 and weekend fees from £938 to £1148. Course maintenance costs increased from £218 in 1961 to £730 last year, and cleaning costs from £250 to £453.

This was an article in the Daily News (1962)

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# Junior Golf Report

What a busy start to the year for junior golf!!

The first term of Junior Coaching Clinics is about to come to an end. We had a great turn out with 25 junior golfers participating. Sunday mornings kids 5-9 class has been a lot of fun, some of the kids had never played golf before and are now playing a mini course that I set up on the practice range. They have developed various skills such as chipping and putting through game-based learning and different skills challenges.

Wednesday afternoon had to be split into 2 separate classes due to the numbers of beginner and advanced players. With the beginner class we focus on the same game-based learning and skill development, they are also playing the short course on the practice fairway and making connections between the games we play and shots you need to play golf. The advanced class are kids who have been playing golf or have been to last years clinic. With this class I have worked more on specific skills such as putting and chipping and how the body works in the golf swing as well as developing their swing.

The Jeb Hunter Memorial, our Annual Junior Tournament, was held on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>. We had a bigger field this year due to the weather making it easier to schedule, thirty 18 hole players and twenty 9 hole players, unfortunately our 5 hole field was taken out with illness. Murwillumbah Golf Club was well represented with Harrison Wood in the 18 hole event, Hayden Bray, Jack Cupitt, Ty Southon and Rowan Rekhy all playing the 9 hole event with Hayden finishing runner up!

Congratulations to Elly Petersen who shot a very impressive 4 under par 69 and was crowned the overall winner. Elly has now won the event 4 times in a row!

A special mention to all the parents and to Bill and Carol Quantrill for volunteering on the day, your help is greatly appreciated!

Happy Golfing  
Duncan  
PGA Professional



## LIVE MUSIC Fairway Sessions



SUNDAY 23rd April 1-4pm  
Inside room

## Do you recognize the 7th Fairway now?



# April Golf Fixtures

| Date                                 | Event  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Saturday, 1 April 2023               | Men's Casuarina Meat Merchant Monthly Medal Blue Tees<br>Ladies Single Stableford                                |
| Sunday, 2 April 2023                 | Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees  |
| Monday, 3 April 2023                 | Vets Single Stableford   |
| Tuesday, 4 April 2023                | Ladies 2 Person Aggregate Stableford (team event)  |
| Wednesday, 5 April 2023              | Men's Single Stableford White Tees   |
| Thursday, 6 April 2023               | Ladies Single Stableford   |
| <b>Good Friday, 7 April 2023</b>     | <b>Public Holiday Single Stableford Medley</b>   |
| <b>Easter Saturday, 8 April 2023</b> | <b>Single Stableford White &amp; Red Tees</b>  |
| <b>Easter Sunday, 9 April 2023</b>   | <b>Single Stableford Medley White &amp; Red Tees</b>   |
| <b>Easter Monday, 10 April 2023</b>  | <b>Masters Monday Single Stableford Medley</b><br><b>Sponsored by Callaway</b>                                   |
| Tuesday, 11 April 2023               | Ladies Single Stableford   |
| Wednesday, 12 April 2023             | Men's Single Stableford White Tees   |
| Thursday, 13 April 2023              | Ladies Single Stableford   |
| Friday, 14 April 2023                | Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke   |
| Saturday, 15 April 2023              | Men's Single Stableford White Tees<br>with 4BBB in conjunction<br>Ladies Single Stableford                       |
| Sunday, 16 April 2023                | Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees  |
| Monday, 17 April 2023                | Vets Monthly Medal Single Stroke   |
| Tuesday, 18 April 2023               | Varella & Swift Pharmacy NSW & Monthly Medal<br>Mabel Mackenzie Brooch<br>Single Stroke & Putting in 3 Divisions |
| Wednesday, 19 April 2023             | Men's Single Stableford Red Tees   |
| Thursday, 20 April 2023              | Ladies Single Stableford   |
| Friday, 21 April 2023                | Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees  |
| Saturday, 22 April 2023              | Men's Single Stableford White Tees<br>Mabel Mackenzie Brooch Ladies Single Stroke + Putting                      |
| Sunday, 23 April 2023                | Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees  |
| Monday, 24 April 2023                | Vets Ray 'Crusty' Molloy 2 ball Aggregate Stableford   |
| <b>Tuesday, 25 April 2023</b>        | <b>Public Holiday Single Stableford Medley</b>   |
| Wednesday, 26 April 2023             | Men's Single Stableford White Tees   |
| Thursday, 27 April 2023              | Ladies Single Stableford   |
| Friday, 28 April 2023                | Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees  |
| Saturday, 29 April 2023              | Men's Single Stableford White Tees<br>Ladies Single Stableford   |
| Sunday, 30 April 2023                | Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees  |