

Newsletter

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Chairman's Corner - Welcome Wayne

Welcome to the newsletter,

In the last newsletter the former Chairman, Graham Rosenbaum advised members that the AGM was to take place on Sunday 19th November and that full playing members were to vote in the election of directors. As the new Chairman I am pleased to advise that the elections have taken place and the AGM was well attended.

Although Graham decided not to continue as your Chairman he has been successful in being elected as a director and we look forward to his continued and valued work on the Board. Marilyn Parkes decided not to stand as a director and we will miss her contribution. I am pleased to advise that Stephen Walton (better known to many members as Carrots) was elected as a new director and as a former volunteer and employee of the Club I am sure that he will bring a new insight to many things, especially on matters concerning the course and golf in general. The other former directors that stood for the Board were overwhelmingly re-elected and I see this as an endorsement of the direction that the Club has been heading down over the years. That direction is a commitment to further develop and improve the course and the Club facilities to service the needs of our members, both playing and social.

December is always a busy period of activity at the Club and this year will be no exception. Apart from a very busy functions schedule throughout the month, Natasha has been busy preparing a calendar of events and promotions for the festive season and there will be many hams to be won in the raffles with a huge 40 hams to be won on 15th December. There will be a toy raffle for the kids on December 9th and after Christmas there will be a \$1,000 cash give away on Saturday 30th December and there will be a kids eat free event (one free kids meal with every adult main meal purchased) on New year's eve as well as a kids club between 5.30 and 8.30pm.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the staff at the Club including the caterer Lynn and her staff for the wonderful work throughout the year and I hope that all our members have a wonderful, happy and safe festive season and a very prosperous new year.

Wayne Kendrigan
Chairman



When the great scorer comes to write against your name, he marks not that you have won or lost, but how you've played the game.

- Garland Rice



Promotions Report

We have lots coming up in December! Some important dates to remember;

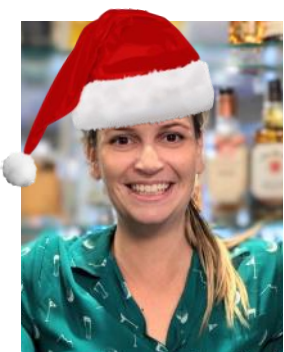
- **Saturday 9th December - Kids Event & Giant Toy Raffle.** 4-6pm. Live Music, Santa handing out Free Icy Poles, Baby Animal Petting Zoo, Face paint and gingerbread decorating. Restaurant open from 5.30pm.



- **Friday 15th December - MASSIVE 40 HAM Raffle Night** drawn around 8pm.
- **Friday 22nd December - Members Free Xmas hampers giveaway** drawn after Friday Night Raffles around 8.15pm. Free tickets into this draw every time you make a purchase at the bar!

- **Saturday 30th December - (NOT NYE - \$1000 CASH WHEEL SPIN & Mega Meat Tray Raffle)** Drawn at 8pm. Ticket into the wheel spin every time you make a purchase at the bar between 5-8pm on the 30th only.

- **Sunday 31st December - Kids Under 12 eat FREE & FREE Kids Club 5.30-8.30pm.** Bring the Kids out for a free feed and a play before heading out to see Surrounding Fireworks!



Thanks to all of our members for your support for the events run over the past year, and a huge thank you to Bill Quantrill for coming out every Friday Night to help with the raffles and every night when we have added events on! Thanks to Ian Campbell for always being on Standby too! Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, surrounded by your loved ones!

Natasha Bolden - Promotions & Events Coordinator



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Shane's Slice



The club has partnered with On Course Golf to offer more items available for purchase and have them click and collect, or directly shipped to your home. You can shop for specials online or order non-stocked items from their store! Grab some bargains, just in time for Christmas 🎅
Follow this link to our store and make sure you hit the “Save as your favourite store” button.

<https://www.oucoursegolf.com.au/shop/murwillumbah/nsw/murwillumbah-golf-club/1483>

9 Easy Golf Tips

If you're new to golf or played for years I'm sure you already know that the game is more challenging than any other sport! It can be a fun sport when we're playing well, but so easily can become more difficult to make you question – is it worth it!? I've narrowed down these tips that will help you simplify the game and enjoy playing golf more.

1. Focus on the Fundamentals

The “boring” part of golf is learning how to setup correctly -- GRIP, STANCE, ALIGNMENT. How to hold the club, set your posture, align your feet and club face is all very important to hit a good shot! Understanding what a narrow stance or wide stance will do for your swing is paramount. The best tip for good posture is to feel hinged at the hips with a flat lower back. Not only will this help your consistency, it will also prevent injuries. Understanding which grip is right for you to match your swing. If you're losing the ball to the right (right-hander), try “strengthening” your top hand so you can see 3 knuckles when in correct golf posture. A “weak” grips leads to an open clubface and more slices.

2. Tempo

The pros make it look easy as they mostly swing with a 3:1 ratio. Next time you play, don't “rush” your backswing and count to 3 on the way back, then 1 on the way through.

3. Let the anger out!

How do you react after a bad shot? Do you make it personal and get mad at yourself, or laugh it off and focus on the next shot? 11-time major winner Walter Hagen expects to make mistakes during a round, so why do you expect to hit every shot perfect!? Use this quote from Tiger Woods told his son: “I don't care how mad you get, your head could blow off for all I care, just as long as you're 100% committed to the next shot. That next shot should be the most important shot in your life.” Don't carry the bad shots around with you.

4. Love your driver

The club with the least amount of loft can cause the biggest misses. Even if you don't hit it straight, don't worry, focus on tempo and contact which will lead to shorter approach shots. A couple of tips to improve your driver are:

Increase the loft, most beginners need 10.5 degrees of more, this will help you get the ball airborne and maximise distance.

Check your shaft. You don't need the X-flex, go for a regular or senior flex shaft to give you more ball speed!

5. Become a short game guru

While driver should be your best friend, you must be in love with your wedges and putter. If you want to get better, to improve your scores, you need to practice different shots around the green. Learn to hit high, medium and low trajectories with your wedges. The more confident you are standing over the ball will translate into better scores.

6. Pre-Shot Routine

Often on the lesson tee we are asked for more consistency. The most important aspect of consistency is a solid pre-shot routine. This will help you stay focused during your round, so when you look back after your round can you honestly say “I committed myself to every shot during my round.” I bet you can’t. So often we let outside interference come in or when standing over the ball change the plan mid down-swing!

7. Play with better players

As the old saying goes “monkey see, monkey do.” The saying refers to the learning of a process without an understanding of why it works. Its incredibly beneficial to tee it up with better, more seasoned golfers. A lot of players are happy to share their insights and you will learn so much about their putting, pre-shot routine, attitude and or course management. So if you’re a high handicapper, try to play with a mid-handicap, and a mid-handicap should play with a lower marker. It baffles me how many are scared to play with a pro, you might actually learn something! Embrace it.

8. Play more golf

So many golfers (formerly myself included) think they have to perfect each range session before heading onto the course. In reality you should spend less time on the range and more time on the course. Learn how to hit from different lies, trajectories, shot shapes for faster improvement. Try playing with half a set, forcing you to take more club and swing it easy.

9. Enjoy Every Shot

If you’re like most people, you’re busy with life, family, kids and work. So when you do get to play, enjoy every moment of it! The more you approach every shot with appreciation and gratitude, the better you will play. Even if you don’t score well, a positive attitude will allow your playing partners to have a better day too. Next time you play a round – think of something positive after every shot.

Reference: <https://thelefttrough.com/golf-tips/>

Scan this QR code to book a lesson online:

GOLF LESSON



BOOKING PORTAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 1st December

Titleist Back Marker Challenge Final

Sat 2nd December

Casuarina Meat Merchant Men’s Medal of Medals

Thurs 7th December

Callaway Fitting Day 11:00am to 4:00pm *LAST ONE FOR 2023*

Sat 16th December

Member’s Christmas 4-person “Hambrose” Event

Fri 5th January

Titleist Back Marker Challenge

Good Golfing,

Shane Miley

Golfers support Make-A-Wish Foundation

For those who don't know, the 3 Putt Club is a group of 20 Saturday golfers who pay money for 3 putts each Saturday and use the money for an end of year golf day.

For the last 2 years we have donated \$1 each per week to a children's charity. This totals \$1000. This years charity is the Starlight Foundation for Sick children.

The Golf Club Board of Directors generously agreed to donate a \$500 Pro Shop voucher as a raffle prize. 100 tickets were sold at \$10 each which meant that another \$1000 could be donated to Starlight.

The very happy winner of the raffle was Irene McCormack.

Irene is shown being congratulated by organiser Peter Heath for her lucky win.



Peter would like to thank everyone who bought tickets with some very generous members buying multiple tickets, not caring about winning, just wanting to donate to the great cause.

A very special thanks to Murwillumbah Golf Club Board of Directors for getting behind this special cause.

Veterans Corner

The Vets will hold their Xmas breakup on the 11th of December! Breaking with tradition, they have decided to forgo a luncheon in favor of a monster door prize giveaway! Where ALL attendees on the day will walk away with something. The main prize being a full golfing membership for the following year. To be eligible, you must have joined the Vets before 28/11/2023.

Vets Monthly Medal Winner - Ian Frain



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Women's Golf

Women's Golf Murwillumbah held their Annual General Meeting on the 16th November 2023. A well attended meeting, was presented with thorough reports from the President, Captain and the Finance Officer.

The following ladies were elected Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2024

President: Marie Morrin, Vice President: Jan Chant, Captain: Patsy Brady, Secretary: Helen Ansems

Assistant Secretary: Melinda Macginley, Treasurer: Anne Ring, Assistant Treasurer: Jo Campbell

Members: Kim Hobbs, Deb Souter, Carol Dickenson, Vicki Rayner, Leanne Clare, Karyn Mottershead, Ros Julien.



Cancer Council - Longest Day

Hi guys; I'm registered to attempt the longest Day Golf Challenge for Cancer Council. It is on Tuesday the 12th December, I plan to play 3 rounds of golf more if time and my body allows it. It is to raise money for people impacted by cancer. Australian's have the highest rate of skin cancer in the world and my dad was a victim to this after a long and hard battle, my sister was also a sad casualty of cancer at the age of 46; I'm sure everyone has family or friends that have been impacted at some time.

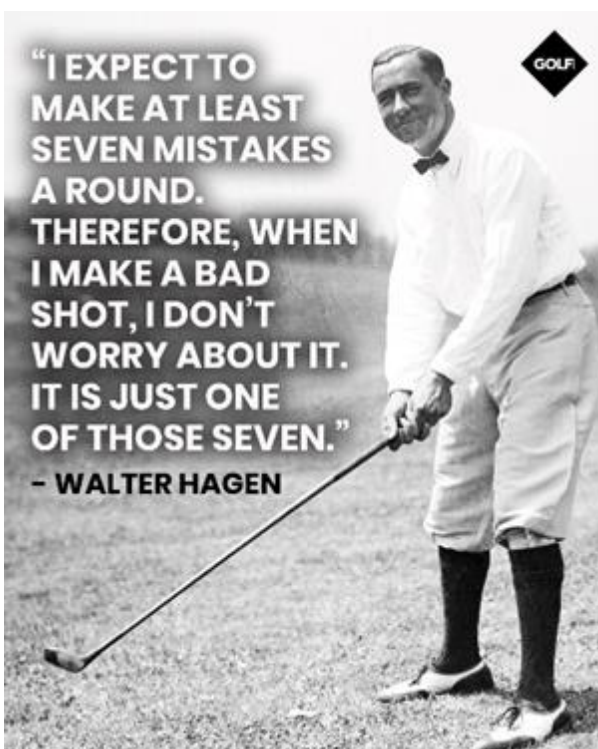
I'm Booked at 5.30 (9 holes) 7.30 18 holes ladies comp, 12.00 (18 holes) and 4.00 9 +??? Holes maybe.

Anyone is invited to come have a hit with me (9 Or 18 holes) keep me company (bring your cart and stableford card) or if you rather go to my Cancer council link <https://www.longestday.org.au/fundraisers/kathynesteroff>

Make a direct donation or sponsor me maybe? 20 cents a hole?

Thank you so much for your support!

Cheers Kathy Nesteroff



"I EXPECT TO MAKE AT LEAST SEVEN MISTAKES A ROUND. THEREFORE, WHEN I MAKE A BAD SHOT, I DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. IT IS JUST ONE OF THOSE SEVEN."
- WALTER HAGEN

The Golfer has more enemies than any other athlete. He has 14 clubs in his bag, all of them different. 18 holes to play, all of them different, every week and all around him is sand, trees, grass, water, wind and 143 other players. In addition, the game is 50 per cent mental, so his biggest enemy is himself.

- Dan Jenkins, golf writer, describing golf on the PGA Tour



Club's History - What a great idea!!

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUSINESS. FEBRUARY, 1978

IN THE EVENT OF FUTURE WORK OF REGRASSING, RECONSTRUCTION OR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUTTING SURFACES OF THE GREENS OF THE MURWILLUMBAH GOLF CLUB, A QUALIFIED GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT IS TO BE OBTAINED FOR ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ON SHAPE, CONTOURING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE GREENS, WITH PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF THE WHOLE COURSE.

MOVER : M. H. BILTOFT

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December Fixtures

Friday, 1 December 2023	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Final Single Stroke
Saturday, 2 December 2023	Men's Casuarina Meat Merchant Monthly Medal + Men's Medal of Medals Blue Tees Ladies Competition
Sunday, 3 December 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 4 December 2023	Vets MEDAL OF MEDALS Single Stroke
Tuesday, 5 December 2023	Ladies Summer Comp Red Tees
Wednesday, 6 December 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 7 December 2023	Ladies Summer Comp Red Tees
Friday, 8 December 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 9 December 2023	Men's Single vs Par White Tees Ladies Summer Comp Red Tees
Sunday, 10 December 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 11 December 2023	Vets Xmas Party 4 Person Ambrose Shot Gun Start
Tuesday, 12 December 2023	Ladies Summer Comp Red Tees
Wednesday, 13 December 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 14 December 2023	Ladies Summer Comp Red Tees
Friday, 15 December 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 16 December 2023	Members Christmas 4 Person Hambrose
Sunday, 17 December 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 18 December 2023	Vets Multiplier Stableford
Tuesday, 19 December 2023	Ladies Summer Comp Red Tees
Wednesday, 20 December 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 21 December 2023	Ladies Summer Comp Red Tees
Friday, 22 December 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 23 December 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Sunday, 24 December 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 25 December 2023	Merry Christmas Course Closed
Tuesday, 26 December 2023	Public Holiday Single Stableford Medley
Wednesday, 27 December 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Thursday, 28 December 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Friday, 29 December 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 30 December 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Summer Comp Red Tees
Sunday, 31 December 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees