

Newsletter

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Golf Club

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Chairmans report

Welcome to the Newsletter.

Just an early reminder that the AGM will be held on Sunday 19th November at 11am DST. The meeting requires a quorum so those who can attend please do so. Members are encouraged to read all the candidates reports posted on the webpage under "About us" then "Board of Directors" Tab and the clubs notice Board near the card scanners.

Full Members should have received in the mail a voting form for the election of four Directors. Please follow the instructions and vote if you haven't done so already. You can return the envelope to the ballot box in the club or post it back to the club. There is no requirement to vote for the other positions as nominations were unopposed.

Marilyn Parkes has decided not to nominate for the Board of Directors. Marilyn has been a Director for the past Thirteen years and has been a great asset to the Club. She will be missed and we wish her all the best for the future.

Lucas our touring Pro, has gone to Spain in his quest to qualify for the DP World Tour. Con Varela has gone with him to be his caddie. We wish them all the best and hope results go Lucas's way.

Natasha, our Promotions and Events Coordinator has quite a few Christmas functions already booked in. Don't forget Melbourne Cup Day at the club as it is always a fun day! If you are looking at holding a Christmas Party, please see Natasha and make use of our great facilities within the Clubhouse.

Thank you to all members for your patience when the club was closed last Monday & Tuesday due to the laying of the new carpet throughout the clubhouse. The tiles around the bar have been replaced and the new carpet has given the place a facelift. The new poker machine bases have also been installed and the new poker machine stools now make this area look presentable to our pokie players.

The Course Renovation Recovery Period will continue for a few more weeks. Brian is pleased with the way the greens are recovering and putting will be difficult for the next couple of weeks.

As this is my last newsletter as your Chairman, I would like to thank the members of the club for their support over the past five years. In those five years the club has experienced a severe drought, fought through the covid disaster and the 2022 devastating floods. We are lucky to have such a dedicated staff of workers who all have a friendly attitude to members and visitors. I would also like to thank my fellow directors who have been a great help to me over the past five years. We have seen many improvements to the course and clubhouse in this time and this will continue in the ensuing years.

Continue to enjoy your golf and clubhouse facilities and full members don't forget to vote for the director positions by Friday 17th November.

Graham Rosenbaum
Chairman.



Promotions Report

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK IN FOR MELBOURNE CUP! WILL BE A GREAT DAY OUT HERE AT THE CLUB!



The deck is proving very popular for Parties and Wakes! Look at these delicious salads and fruit platters prepared by Lynn's Kitchen! These were part of the \$20 per head nibbles at our last function and don't they look great!

Don't forget we have free TRIVIA every Wednesday Night from 6.30pm. Free to join and prizes awarded to EVERY team! We also have \$15 Chicken Schnitzels on Wednesday and happy hour 5-6pm for \$5 beers & house wine glass, for members and \$6 for non members! Table bookings are recommended as the main dining room usually books out.

Every Friday we have a HUGE 30 TRAY RAFFLE, Friday Badge Draw, Free Courtesy bus local pick ups and drop offs, Bill's Friday Games and Free Supervised Kids Club! Oh and the BEST COCKTAILS!

The 2024 Club Calendars are now gone to the printers and should arrive late Nov, early December! Limited quantities so first in best dressed! We will let all our members know when they are here. Special thanks to Stephen Martin for taking and supplying the photos. We hope you like them and put them to good use in 2024!

On a bit of a sad note to finish, I would just like to farewell our dear Trevor Manders. You were such a loved member and a true gentleman. Always willing to help out wherever you could! Trev our house DJ..... may you rest in peace.

Natasha Bolden - Promotions & Events
Coordinator



Hole In One



**Congratulations to
Mark Adams on
getting a hole in one
on the second!**

**Looks like Mark had
his putter out ready
to go..... with no
need.....**



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How's this Hole In One?

One of the most astounding hole-in-one was made by Bob Gaared at a Los Angeles golf course in December 1950. At the 425 metre second his tee shot went out of bounds and landed on a passing truck. The driver stopped his vehicle at the green and obliged Gaared by placing the ball in the hole!

Two Caddies

“WHY are you using TWO caddies today?”

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Congratulations to Murwillumbah Old Boy's Social Golf Club 50th Anniversary

On the 9th August 1973 a meeting was held at the Imperial Hotel in Murwillumbah where office bearers were elected and the Murwillumbah High School Old Boys Social Golf Club was formed.

The original committee consisted mainly of members of the MHS Old Boys Rugby League Club and the Cudgen Headland Surf Lifesaving Club who met most afternoons at the pub for a cleansing ale or five. Peter Dimond, former Australian Rugby League winger, was the publican of the Imperial Hotel. Some of the original committee were Bill McGuinness (President), Dick Branscombe (Secretary/Treasurer), Brian Shapland (Captain), Tom Curd, Merv Gorton, Ray Mather, Peter Gielis, Percy Delaney and Peter Dimond (committee members).

Of course, all were interested in a game of golf on a Saturday morning. In those days the golf club competition commenced at around 11.30am so there was plenty of scope for a social group to tee off at daylight. Initially Old Boys played a 9 hole comp but the hard core golfers amongst the group yearned to play 18. In the late 1970's there were both 9 hole and 18 hole comps.

The joining fee was \$2, competition fee \$2 and if you didn't wear your Old Boys shirt it was a \$2 fine. Accounting for this cash was fairly blasé in the early days and the joining fee and shirt fines were consumed by the President and Captain at the MGC bar. The competition winner took home a pair of new long socks and there was a small ball rundown.

How times have changed.

In the 9 months until the end of September 2023, revenue was \$25808 and expenditure \$19868.

In 2023 we have played 1377 rounds of golf and paid out \$8480 in prizes to Members. (Inc winners, runners-up, NTP, Eagles, Ball rundowns) plus \$5300 in raffle prizes.

In 2018 the committee decided to start a 50 Lotto to assist with raising money for the 50th Anniversary celebrations. Chappy elected himself as chief 50 Lotto organizer and from 2018 until today a total of \$16,500 has been raised. Great work Chappy!!!

Old Boys are pleased to announce that three new life members have been elected. Pat Thompson from Murwillumbah District Plumbing Service, Mal Donnelly from Mal Donnelly Electrical and Bryan Moore from Surfside Pools (Commercial). All three are rusted-on Old Boys Members and Sponsors.



The cake was cut by Nicholas Sneesby (youngest member) Kath Newcombe (only female member) and Alick Fraser (oldest member) of the club.

Life Members Mal Donnelly, Bryan Moore and Pat Thompson.

Shirts V's Skirts 4BBB 2023

On the 30th October, the Annual Veterans Shirts V's Skirts 4BBB Stableford was played involving 91 players including 25 ladies. All players played off the red tees. 3 males wore skirts to get bonus points. Results The win went to the ladies who scored 40.94 points to the Men 40.80 points. A great win by 0.14 points.

Editor's note: I knew the Men Veterans were in trouble this year!

On arriving at the Golf Shop there were groups of women talking quietly obviously discussing tactics. There was determination in their eyes on very serious faces. Well done Lady Vets!



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Wednesday 22 November

TIME
9:00am - 1:00pm

LOCATION
Murwillumbah Driving Range *ONLINE BOOKINGS ONLY*

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Members of the Month

For a week in October our group of 8 members with over 185 years membership between them went to the Bellarine Peninsula and Mornington Peninsula for a golf trip. The members from left to right are Peter Tomsett (7 years a member), Warren Colefax (over 35 years), Glenn Veares (over 30 years), Rick Souter (24 years), Keith "Kiwi" Gordon (28 years), John "Phantom" Walker (over 25 years), Peter Heath (29 years) and Dale Rablin (7 years).



We played 5 of the most beautiful but challenging courses in Australia including 13th Beach (River and Beach courses), Lonsdale Links, Barwon Heads and The Dunes. Whilst we only had 2 very short rain and sleet showers the whole time, we did have strong winds every day except one which sent us home feeling very "beaten up" as the courses proved very difficult for most. One outstanding round was played by Glenn Veares at 13th Beach Creek course in winds blowing up to 50kph where he had 38 points and wiped the last with a shot. I witnessed this round first hand and I think it was one of the best use of bump and run Links Golf I have seen. I think Tom Watson would have been proud.

The pick of the courses for me was Barwon Heads, a private members course which allows visitors in very restricted time slots only. Absolute beautiful Golf Course with a magnificent old Club House built in 1937 in a "Hampton's" style.

Photo to the right shows how grand the building is from the outside, and inside is just as beautiful. As these courses play difficult in still conditions, they became very exciting in strong winds.



Photo to the left shows Keith (Kiwi) Gordon in an interesting spot in (I think) a bunker. They do have a lot of snakes on these courses and with the wind there was a lot of searching in long grass and bushland which was interesting tiptoeing around. Whilst the scoring was poor mostly, we all had a great time with good food, good mateship, nice beers and in some occasions way too much red wine.....

There is no doubt we will do something similar next year and I can recommend the areas for a golf trip as there are many courses to choose from.

If you would like any information on the tour group we used, "Fairway Golf Tours" who were absolutely sensational, please just ask.

Peter Heath



The Fairway Sessions — End of an Era

The Fairway Sessions Band having brought music, singing and dancing to the Club since August 2012, have played their last performance at our club.

The band consisting of Jed Stone, Jean Stone, Peter Macutchison, Les Kafoa, Kim Thackeray, Shirley King & Bob Green. They will be missed and we thank them for their wonderful entertainment!



**The Spectacular 1st Hole as it was once upon a time!
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November Golf Fixtures

Wednesday, 1 November 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 2 November 2023	Ladies Sponsor Day
Friday, 3 November 2023	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke
Saturday, 4 November 2023	Men's Casuarina Meat Merchant Monthly Medal Blue Tees Ladies Competition
Sunday, 5 November 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 6 November 2023	Vets 4BBB Single Card
Tuesday, 7 November 2023	Ladies Competition
Wednesday, 8 November 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 9 November 2023	Ladies Competition
Friday, 10 November 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 11 November 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Competition
Sunday, 12 November 2023	Parent & Child Championship
Monday, 13 November 2023	Vets Monthly Medal Single Stroke
Tuesday, 14 November 2023	Ladies Competition
Wednesday, 15 November 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 16 November 2023	Ladies AGM
Friday, 17 November 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 18 November 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees with 4BBB in conjunction Ladies Competition
Sunday, 19 November 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 20 November 2023	Vets best 3 of 4 Stableford
Tuesday, 21 November 2023	Ladies Competition
Wednesday, 22 November 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 23 November 2023	Ladies Competition
Friday, 24 November 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 25 November 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Competition
Sunday, 26 November 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 27 November 2023	Vets Single Stableford
Tuesday, 28 November 2023	Ladies Summer Comp Red Tees
Wednesday, 29 November 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 30 November 2023	Ladies Summer Comp Red Tees