



NEWS FROM FEBRUARY 2024

7 YEARS TILL OUR 100th ANNIVERSARY!

Chairman's Report

The rain that we had throughout January seems to have eased during February but the humidity has been oppressive. Thankfully the air conditioning in the Club house has been keeping members comfortable and I hope that you all enjoyed a thirst quenching beverage or two.

The Government increased the excise tax on all alcoholic beverages at the beginning of February as did the suppliers of non-alcoholic beverages. However, due to prudent planning by our Secretary Manager, Gary Thatcher, we stocked up our supplies and have been able to delay the passing on of the increases until late in the month.

As I said in the last newsletter the Greens Staff have done a wonderful job in bringing the course back up to scratch. However, as the ground water levels are so high some areas have been impossible to maintain safely, so we thank all players for their patience and understanding. The Sixth Green has been out of play due to the effects of the rain and we are hopeful that it will be back in play in the near future. While the Sixth Green is out of play, we have had to make some changes to the course which has included the shortening of the fifth hole from a par five to a par four. **Some players have been taking a shortcut from the fourth green across the eleventh fairway to get to the fifth teeing area. In the interest of safety and wear and tear of the course we ask all players to please use the existing paths.**

Members will have received a survey covering all aspects of the Club's operations on their mobile phones during the month. The closing date for the survey was the 29th February and we are looking forward to your feedback. We will be collating the information in the near future and will use it to identify the areas that need improvement.

You may have noticed on a television near the bar that we have listings of honors board matters which will be updated annually. If you become aware of matters which are missing from the honors listings, please send a note to the club management so that we can correct any omissions. The bar staff are collecting additions in a book also.

We have been paying close attention to news reports regarding fires started by lithium batteries and have been getting advice from our insurance brokers. To date the reports of such fires have not come from 2 seater golf carts with lithium batteries. The fires have started from chargers that do not cut the power supply when a battery is fully charged and this overheats the lithium batteries which then cause the fires. The 2 seater golf carts that are available for hire from the Club all have chargers that have been designed to cut out when they reach full charge. Consequently, members that have lithium batteries in their single seat golf buggies and pull carts that are stored on club premises are required to remove the lithium battery after each round of golf and charge them off site.



A very big thank you goes to Steven Graham for his generous loan of the Masters Memorabilia that is now on display in the Club.

Easter is just around the corner and will be here before we know it. Natasha has organized a very special magic show followed by the Easter bunny handing out free Easter Eggs for Saturday 23rd March. This will be very entertaining for all, especially the children. Make sure you mark it down in your diary and bring the kids along.

On behalf of the Board, Management and Staff of the club we hope that you have a wonderful Easter break with lots of love and fun with the family.



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Hole In One's

Congratulations to Terry Sheridan for getting a Hole in One on the 10th on Wednesday 28th Feb!!!!

Congratulations also to Col Hume for getting a hole in one on the 8th. This is his 8th lucky shot!



Promotions Report

Easter is creeping up.... and is earlier this year....end of March..... not in April like most years.



We have an Early Easter Kids Event on **Saturday 23rd March from 4pm**. For the first time we have Magic Jake performing a great magic show for to entertain all the kiddies.

After the show he will also be doing balloon twisting, the Easter Bunny will be dropping by handing out little chocolates for all the kiddies. **We have a huge chocolate and meat tray raffle. 40 prizes all up drawn at 6.30pm! The chocolate packs are currently on display near the bar. Tickets go on sale at 5pm Saturday 23rd March! It should be a great afternoon for the families.**



I would like to wish all our members a Happy Easter and remind members that the club is OPEN all Easter long Weekend!



Our March Cocktail of the Month is the Jaffa. Only \$12 all month. Composed of Baileys, Triple Sec, Homemade chocolate sauce, cream and a chocolate dipped orange garnish. I'm sure this chocolatey themed Easter cocktail will be a hit!

Our Wednesday Night Members Badge Draw is \$4200 at time of printing, drawn around 7.30pm every Wednesday Night, after the second round of trivia.

Friday Night Members Badge Draw is \$7600 at time of printing drawn around 8pm every Friday Night!

Natasha Bolden -
Promotions &
Events Coordinator



Shane's Slice

This month we are starting to get into some major events of the season. The Men's Single Handicap Matchplay is underway as we head into the round of 16. The Champion will be determined midway through April. Good luck to all remaining! Get your partner ready for the Earle Williams 4BBB Matchplay Qualifying, coming soon...

NEW ARRIVALS IN THE PROSHOP

We have a full range of demo wedges for you to try, come try a Cleveland RTX Full Face or Titleist Vokey Design SM10 Wedges. Book in with Shane or Duncan for your wedge fitting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sunday 17th March | Jeb Hunter Memorial Junior Classic |
| Sunday 24th March | The Scramble Local Qualifier Member's Invitational |
| Thursday 28th March | Callaway Fitting Day |
| Friday 5th April | Titleist Back Marker Challenge |

Good Golfing,

Shane Miley

Pro Shop Manager

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MURWILLUMBAH GOLF CLUB JEB HUNTER MEMORIAL JUNIOR CLASSIC

Sunday, 17th March 2024

Entry fee includes: Sausage sizzle, drink,
player gift from Callaway Golf and prizes!

Please complete an online entry form by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/6oLGNReccCuorN1K8>

by Wednesday 13th March 2024.

For any questions, please contact the Golf Shop on (02) 6672 4200
or email golfshop@murwillumbahgolfclub.com.au.



18H \$25
9:30AM

9H \$18
10:30AM

5H \$10
11:30AM



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History Items - Check out Young Keith O'Grady!



MURWILLUMBAH GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONS			
YEAR	JUNIOR	JUNIOR VETERAN	SENIOR VETERAN
1968	K. DEAN		
1969	K. DEAN		
1970	K. O'GRADY		
1971	N. MORRIN		
1972	M. SINCLAIR		
1973	NOT PLAYED		
1974	NOT PLAYED		
1975	NOT PLAYED		
1976	NOT PLAYED		
1977	S. LANCASTER	R. M. MOLLOY	
1978	B. BUDD	R. M. MOLLOY	
1979	G. O'CONNOR	R. M. MOLLOY	
1980	A. BIGNELL	R. M. MOLLOY	W. DOWDELL
1981	S. SUMMERS	R. M. MOLLOY	W. DOWDELL
1982	P. BERG	I. ELFORD	R. M. MOLLOY
1983	P. BERG	A. CASTLE	W. DOWDELL
1984	J. WYBORN	A. CASTLE	H. DOUGLAS
1985	J. McDONALD	L. SINCLAIR	R. M. MOLLOY
1986	J. McDONALD	T. BROWN	R. M. MOLLOY
1987	T. MCKIERNAN	T. BROWN	R. M. MOLLOY
1988	T. JENKINS	G. McCONNELL	R. M. MOLLOY

Members check out our new honour board TV showing Keith O'Grady's outstanding golfing achievements. Keith started playing in 1970 at the age of 16 and is pictured to the left receiving a golf stick for most improved junior presented by John Dawson.

Keith served for nine years (2010-2019) AS Chairman and four years since 2020 as Club Patron. Keith was awarded life membership in 2018!

3rd Hole Bunker

Course maintenance staff have added three trailer loads of sand to the greenside bunker on hole three to flatten out the bottom. Pictured is Kyle placing the rakes in a suitable position - in the direction of play.



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Memorial golf day

By Graham Callaghan

DESPITE LATE controversy, Gary 'Carrots' Newman and his team won the inaugural Robin Smith Memorial Golf Trophy in soggy conditions at the Murwillumbah course on Sunday, January 28.

Event organiser Daniel Smith, son of the late Robin Smith, said there was some discussion before declaring the winners, but organisers knew they had to improve scrutiny before the event next year.

Newman's team included his son Luke, Les Gorton and Shane Kight. They scored 51 points after their handicaps had been deducted.

Winning team members will have their names engraved on the memorial trophy and they will receive generous vouchers.

Daniel Smith said next year organisers would be looking at the eligibility of low markers joining together to nominate teams.

About 50 golfers braved the conditions, with Robin's brother Neville and his son Robin travelling from Innisfail for the event.

The late Robin Smith, 71, was a popular identity on the Tweed and died from heart trouble at Cabarita Beach on Monday, January 29.



The late Robin Smith

He was a life member of the Tweed River Jockey Club where he served on the committee for about 15 years and a prominent footballer and committee man for the South Murwillumbah club.

He was a former B-grade golf champion at his beloved Murwillumbah.

Daniel Smith thanked everyone for their attendance saying the large numbers ensured the success of the day.

Vets Medal of Medals - 2023



Ray Kent presenting the Medal of Medals Trophy to the inaugural winners from the left is Ken Lavis (Div 3) Ray Kent, Allan Thorley (Div 1) and Dennis O'Keefe (Div 2) The Trophy, donated by Ray Kent, was presented by the NRVGA in recognition of his many years of work!

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The Big Question..... What do you have to do to win????

I'm sure Susie Fewtrell has been asking this question. Who could believe her lack of luck the week before last. She comes in with 36 stableford points on the Tuesday only to be beaten by Dallas McCabe with a 37.

She backs it up on the Thursday with 40 stableford points only to be beaten by Vickie Rayner on a count back. If things weren't frustrating enough check this NTP on the 2nd Susie had on the same day (Thursday). WHAT A SHOT! SO CLOSE TO A HOLE IN ONE!

I was so excited to have Susie in the Murwillumbah Pen-nants team the following Sunday ... more bad luck ... it was washed out! What more can I say Susie except some words from Jan Gielis's Golf Bible ... "it's only a game!!" - Marie Morrin



Jokes

Had a good day at golf today..... I found more balls than I lost!

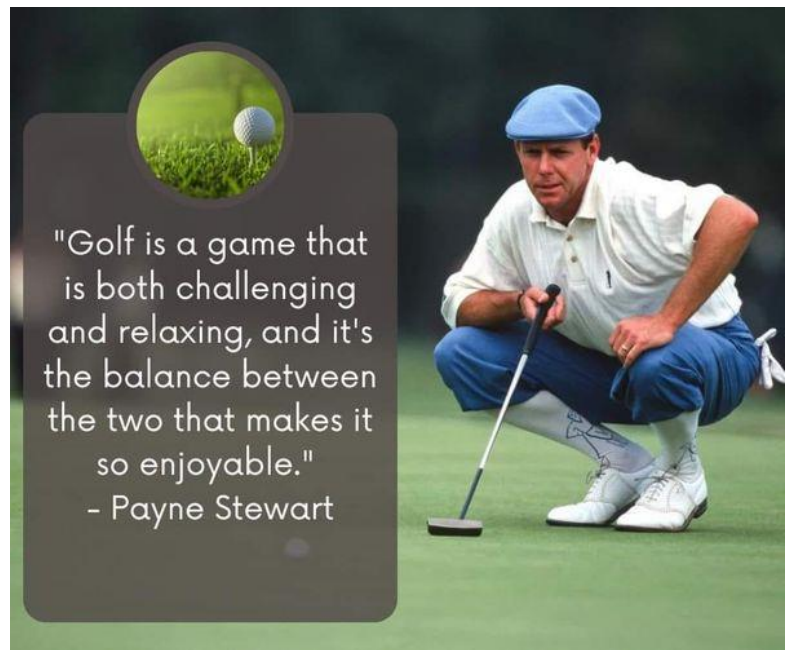
He is known as the James Bond of Golf. After every hole he says, "Oh, Oh, seven!"

A guy sits down at a bar. "Is everything okay?" the bartender asks.

"My wife and I got into a fight and she said she wasn't going to talk to me for a month."

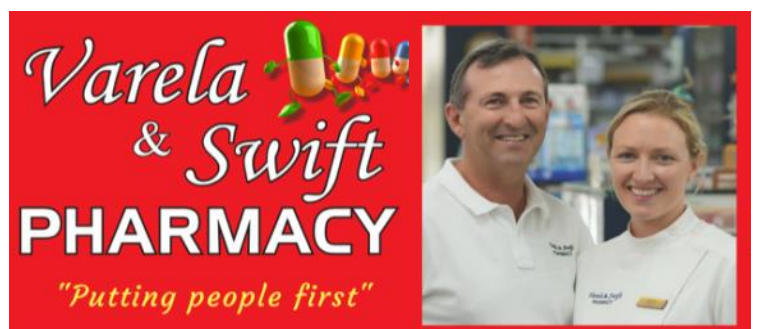
The bartender says, "Well, maybe that's a good thing... a little peace and quiet?"

"Yeah but today is the last day."



"Golf is a game that is both challenging and relaxing, and it's the balance between the two that makes it so enjoyable."

- Payne Stewart



March Golf Fixtures

Monday, 4 March 2024	Vets 4BBB Stableford Team Card White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 5 March 2024	Ladies Varela & Swift Pharmacy Monthly Medal + Put-
Wednesday, 6 March 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 7 March 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 8 March 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 9 March 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees with 2B Aggregate Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 10 March 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 11 March 2024	Vets Single Stroke White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 12 March 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 13 March 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 14 March 2024	Ladies Irish Fourball - 4 Person Team Event & Mufti
Friday, 15 March 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 16 March 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 17 March 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees Jeb Hunter Memorial Junior Classic
Monday, 18 March 2024	Vets Split 6's (3 or 4 person)
Tuesday, 19 March 2024	Ladies Single Stroke Red Tees + Putting
Wednesday, 20 March 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 21 March 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 22 March 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 23 March 2024	Men's Single Stroke White Tees Ladies Single Stroke Red Tees
Sunday, 24 March 2024	The Scramble Member's Invitational Local Qualifier
Monday, 25 March 2024	Vets Single Stroke White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 26 March 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 27 March 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 28 March 2024	Ladies 4 Ball Texas Stableford (Team Event)
Friday, 29 March 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 30 March 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 31 March 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 1 April 2024	Easter Monday Single Stableford Medley