



Chairman's Report

At the March Board Meeting the board reviewed the previous 10-year Master Strategic Plan which covered the period March 2014 to March 2024. I am pleased to report that we have completed a majority of the objectives which were set in the areas of the course, club house and operations well ahead of schedule. It was decided at that same board meeting that later this year we will again undertake a major think tank and prepare a new master plan for the next 10 years. We will be inviting representatives from the Women's and Veterans sections of the club as well as some employees. Unfortunately, it is not practical to have such a planning session open to all members, but if you believe that you have ideas that we should look at I encourage you to contact one of our Directors and share your ideas with them so that your ideas can be raised at the meeting. It is our intention to present a draft master plan at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November and then, once approved, place it on our web site for all to see.



Members have reported that there are certain elements within the Club membership that are highly critical of the current condition of the course and are blaming the course staff for not doing a satisfactory job. Some have even been abusive to the course staff. The fact of the matter is that the recent weather conditions has resulted in the souring of the soil in some areas and the encouragement of fungal problems. This is not a problem just at Murwillumbah, all courses in the Northern Rivers and south east Queensland are experiencing these problems. The club has a zero-tolerance policy to any abusive or harassment behavior. If you witness any such behavior, please report it immediately to either the Club Manager Gary Thatcher or one of our Directors. We will not accept or condone such behavior. If a member has a comment or question about the course the matter should be taken up with a director or the Club Manager and not with any of the staff.

In March we conducted a survey of our operations and I am pleased to report that the golf course, pro-shop and club facilities all rated very highly as either good or excellent. There was a mixed result in the survey in the restaurant area. The Board and Management are having on-going discussions with the caterer to address the issues raised and to improve the standards in this area. Graphs of the survey results are in this newsletter.

By the time that you read this newsletter Easter will have come and gone and on behalf of the Board, Management and Staff we hope that you had a great Easter break. Day light savings ends on Sunday 7th April this year and I know that some of our members from across the border will give a sigh of relief for being back in the same time zone.

Wayne Kendrigan
Chairman



The Jeb Hunter Memorial Junior Open Day

The Murwillumbah Jeb Hunter Memorial Junior Open Day was held on Sunday 17th March



Elly was undeterred from the squalls of rain winning the Jeb Hunter trophy with a 3 under 67...including a **Hole in One on the 10th**, and another eagle on the 3rd. Pictured to the left our Junior Coach Duncan with Elly Petersen.

The day started as a perfect morning with a great turnout before some showers came through. But regardless, there were lots of smiles.

Levi from Burleigh won the Nett 18.
Dylan won the 9 hole Gross event and Mex winning the 9 hole Nett.

Well done to all the juniors who competed in the Jeb Hunter Memorial Junior Classic and a massive congratulations to Elly Petersen winning the event for a fourth year in a row!



A man in a blue polo shirt stands next to a black sign. The sign features the logo 'i:activelife' in white, with 'PHYSIOTHERAPY' underneath. Below that, it says 'PHYSIO • PILATES', 'PHONE (02) 6672 8495', and 'www.activelifephysio.com.au'.

A dark blue background with the text 'Belle M Boutique' in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, is 'fashion and accessories'. At the bottom, there are two columns of contact information: 'Melissa Bell', 'missey.bell359@gmail.com', 'Phone: 02 6672 1224' on the left; and 'Mob: 0428 135 092', 'Warina Walk Arcade,', 'Murwillumbah NSW 2484' on the right.

Promotion's Report

Thanks to all the members who came out to support our Easter Event. The Magic Show was superb! Jake did an amazing job with his very interactive show. It was great to see the deck packed!

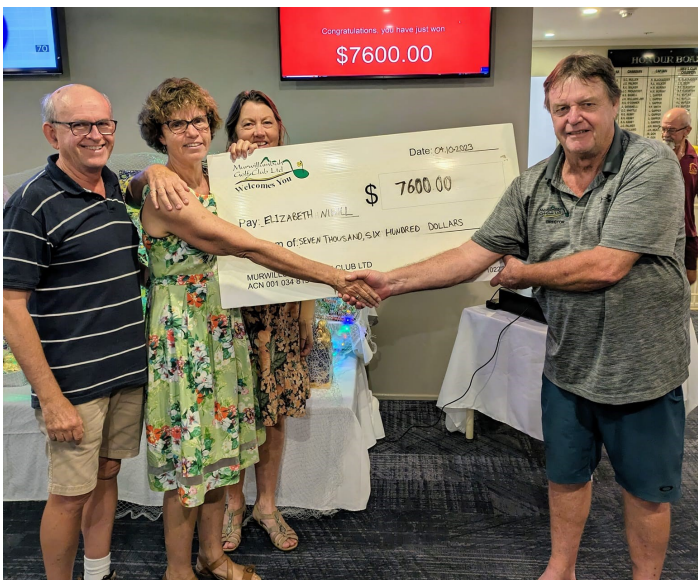


Mothers Day is our next Event coming up..... Prizes for Mum will be on display near the bar shortly. These prizes are given away on Mothers Day around 2pm. Every time you make a purchase at the bar you get an entry into the special Mothers Day Packs. We give all these prizes away for free as our way of saying thanks to our Members for supporting us over the weeks leading up to the event. Lynn has planned a very special lunch menu and it looks great. There will also be a special gift bag for all mums on the dining tables. Lunch bookings are essential and early bookings are recommended as they book out every year!

Our cocktails are also proving very popular and we have updated our everyday menu with lots of new cocktails I'm sure will become favorites.

March was a great month for giveaway with the Friday Night Badge draw not going off once but TWICE in the space of 3 weeks! See below the very happy members! Pleased to see Liz Nihill and Helen Severs are regular Friday Night Patrons! The Friday Night Badge Draw starts back up at an impressive \$3000, well worth winning!

Natasha Bolden -
Promotions &



Pro Shop Report

APRIL 2024

A busy month ahead here in the golf shop with green renovations on the horizon. Let's hope the weather is nice to us and allows us to get some golf in before the renovation period. We have recently seen the arrival of plenty of new stock here in the shop. A whole new range of FootJoy shoes, Callaway shirts, the new Callaway Chrome Tour ball, plus a wide range of new wedges from Vokey, Callaway, and Cleveland. If you are in the market to buy a new wedge come and see Duncan or Shane in the shop to help find the best wedge to suit your game. The NRDGA Pennant sign-up sheet is now in the golf shop. Pennants is a chance to represent our great club here and also an opportunity to play some different courses that you might not normally.

Golf Tips from Lucas:

How to play a bunker shot in 5 easy steps:

A nice wide stance while bending our knees a slightly bit more than normal

Get your weight 70% on the left side with your chest over the ball

Open the club face which utilises the bounce (the bottom of the wedge)

A nice smooth swing allowing the club to hit the sand and pop the ball out

Hold your finish and watch it go close to the hole ;)



Upcoming events:

Titleist Back Marker Challenge (Friday 5th April)

Monthly Medal (Saturday 6th April)

Srixon + Cleveland fit day (Wednesday 17th April)

Good Golfing,
Lucas Higgins

Hole In One's



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Congratulations to Stephen Ring for getting a Hole In One on the 16th March on the 2nd Hole! Well Done!!!!

Jokes



OK, now show me in the rule book where it says you can't move the HOLE closer to the BALL...

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Dallas McCabe's Memories

I have been a member of MGC since the early 1970's. I played as a junior on Saturday mornings under Una Morrin's (Neville's mum) junior program, there always was a good roll up of boys and girls. I let my membership lapse in 1978 when I had my children then rejoined in 1986.

Through the late 80's, 90s and early 2000's I represented the club in Gold Coast and Northern Rivers pennants.

I would probably say the greatest highlight of my golfing years was when myself, Jan Williams, Val Argall and Kay Croft won the National Spalding Teams event in 1998. Murwillumbah was the NSW representative for the national title in Melbourne. We were flown business class and met women's golf professional Jan Stephenson on the plane who wished us all good luck. We played in the pro-am field of the Australian Women's Open at Yarra Yarra on the 1st day and at Kingston Links on 2nd day. We finished 26pts ahead of 2nd place and I won the individual title.

The best aspect of being a member of MGC have been the many friends I have made over the years and the numerous social occasions from going away with groups of ladies to tournaments, birthdays or just any excuse for a get together. Not to forget my long association with my mixed four-somes partner Tony Jenkins, I think we could be going on 28 years together turning up to play that fearsome game, could be some sort of record.

The course has changed a lot over the years, some interesting golf challenges on the layout before the land was purchased over near the cane fields. "Lovers Lane" (5th hole now) was always a daunting tee shot, a par 4 teeing off where men's blue markers are now through a very narrow lane of trees, always breathed a sigh of relief when you got past that one. The 2nd tee box was to the right of where it is now on 15th fairway and ladies would either hit over the tree or run a shot under it (needless to say the tree was a lot smaller than now). Hitting off the par 4 10th where practice nets are now, cross your fingers you didn't hit the big tree on the right or hook your shot left out of bounds onto the road. Then up the hill to hit off for the par 3 where machinery shed is now. There were some great holes on the old layout.

Having played at quite a number of different golf courses I have to say Murwillumbah is one of the best. We are very lucky, so a big thankyou to all staff and members past and present who have made it such a wonderful place to play golf and socialise.

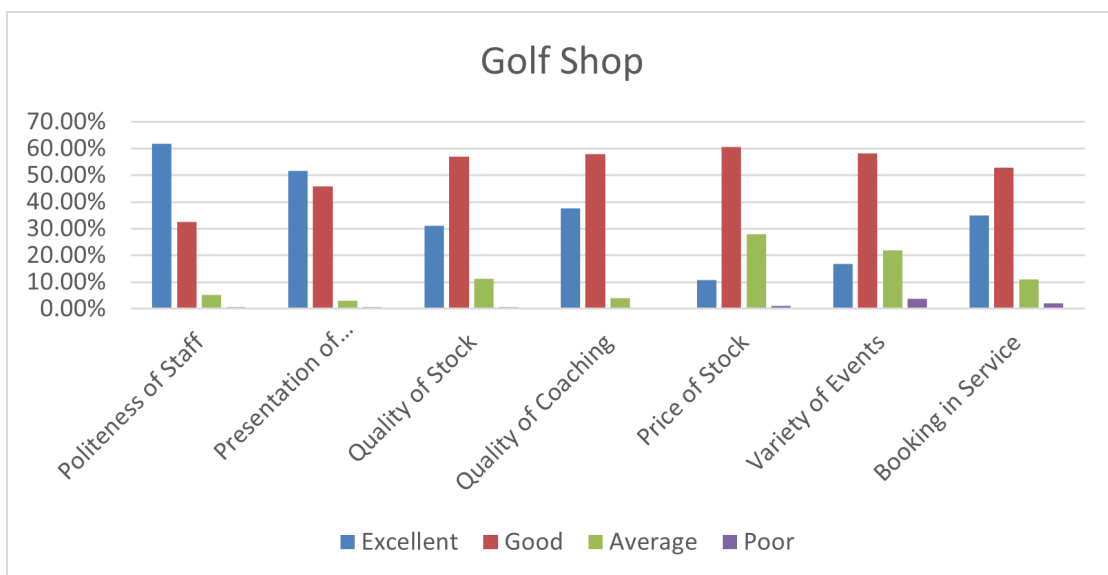
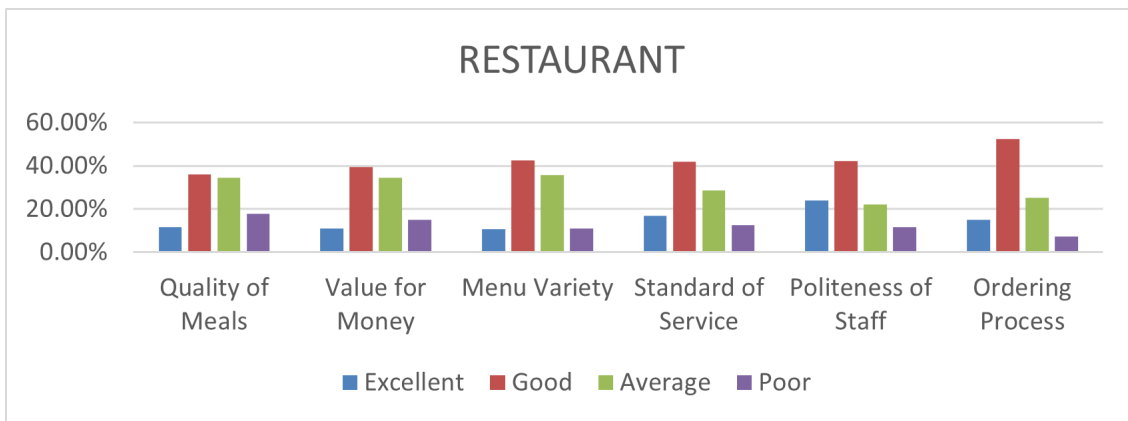
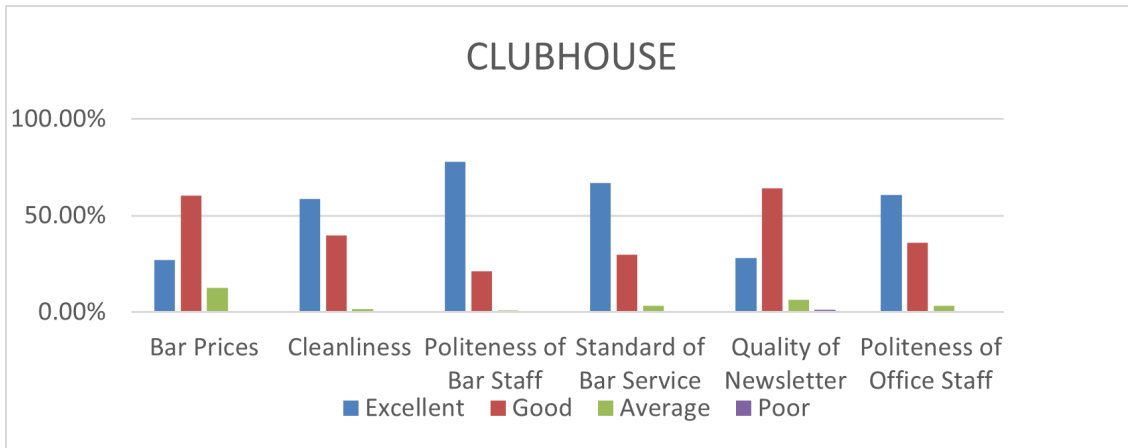
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Survey Results



April Golf Fixtures

Date	Event
Monday, 1 April 2024	Easter Monday Single Stableford Medley
Tuesday, 2 April 2024	Ladies 2B Aggregate Stableford (Team Event)
Wednesday, 3 April 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 4 April 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 5 April 2024	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke
Saturday, 6 April 2024	Casuarina Meat Merchant Men's Monthly Medal Blue Tees Ladies Single Stroke + Putting
Sunday, 7 April 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 8 April 2024	Course Renovations TBC Vets Single Stableford White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 9 April 2024	Course Renovations TBC
Wednesday, 10 April 2024	Men's Canadian Foursomes White Tees
Thursday, 11 April 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 12 April 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 13 April 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 14 April 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 15 April 2024	Vets Foursomes White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 16 April 2024	Ladies Varela & Swift Pharmacy Monthly Medal + Putting
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Men's Single Stableford Red Tees
Thursday, 18 April 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 19 April 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 20 April 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 21 April 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 22 April 2024	Vets 2 Ball Aggregate Stableford White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 23 April 2024	Ladies Single Stroke Red Tees + Putting
Wednesday, 24 April 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees with 2B Aggregate
Thursday, 25 April 2024	Anzac Day Single Stableford Medley
Friday, 26 April 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 27 April 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 28 April 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 29 April 2024	Vets Monthly Medal Single Stroke White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 30 April 2024	Ladies Foursomes (Team Event)