

# Our Friday Night Regulars

NEWS FROM APRIL 2024

7 YEARS TILL OUR 100th ANNIVERSARY!



# Chairman's Report



In my last newsletter I advised that the Club will be undertaking a strategic planning session for the course and club house facilities in the coming months and I am pleased to advise that we have secured an independent facilitator to help us with the process.

At the time of writing, we have not yet set a date for this meeting but we have already received feedback from members about some matters that we should consider including. Michael Rayner has recently addressed the Board on a number of the issues including the development of plans for minimizing damage from the ever-increasing adverse weather conditions that confront us and we have established a sub-committee to commence the process of how we should go about this. We anticipate that we will be able to incorporate the ideas into our 10-year strategic plan. The sub-committee will be chaired by our Greens Chairman Paul Fahy, and the other members of the sub-committee will be Graham Nelson, Stephen Walton, Brian Cox and Michael Rayner.

## Golfing Matters

Members will have noticed by now that we have upgraded part of our cart fleet with 15 new Lithium powered EZGO carts. Some members have asked about purchasing the old carts and I am pleased to advise that we have an arrangement with EZGO to provide our members with a special discount should they want to buy a second-hand cart from them. The benefit of doing it through EZGO is that the carts will have been serviced and EZGO can provide a warranty that we at the golf club could not have provided. So, if you are in the market for a used golf cart, please contact Nico Schutte on (07) 3807 8895 and make sure you mention that you are a financial golfing member of Murwillumbah Golf Club Ltd. Please note that at the time of writing all of the golf cart storage spaces at the club are occupied so if you intend to purchase a cart from EZGO or anyone else please make sure that you have secured your cart space through our office. We will have more cart parking spaces at the club when we have built the new area adjacent to the Club house but we are still a long way away from this being available as we have yet to receive the DA and CC documentation from council and then we will need to go through the tender and building process.

Now that the days are getting shorter it is more important than ever that players should play ready golf to keep the pace of play flowing. Tips for ensuring that the time to play a game is minimised include moving directly to your ball ( and not to the ball of your playing partners) and be ready to play when the group in front are clear and safe; keep up with the group in front of you not the ones behind you; fill in your score on your card ( or golf app) when you get to the next tee area and not in front of the green that you have just finished.

## Club House Matters

Our Easter Magic show was a very popular event for families and from all reports it was thoroughly enjoyed by young and not so young alike. Our next big event is the Mother's Day event on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May and if you intend to spoil Mum on the day with a meal you should book in to the restaurant as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. There are great prizes on display at the club and I encourage you to have a look at what you could win. Our Promotions and Events Coordinator Natasha, is **planning two Golf Membership Giveaway Nights this year. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June** so Golfers keep these date free for your chance to win!

**Lynn's Kitchen is going in the Your Local Club Perfect Plate Competition. Her dish the Golden Sea, comprises of King Prawn wrapped in Snapper Fillet served with Asian Vegetables and a Ginger, Chilli Asian Sauce. Support our club by trying this dish and getting your votes in.**

The TAB upgrade and expansion is still in the pipeline and we are in the process of getting quotes for the work to be undertaken.

Wayne Kendrigan - Chairman



# Promotion's Report

**Our next promotion coming up is Mother's Day. Sunday 12th May.** We have a special day planned here for all the mums! **A special Lunch menu with free small gift for all the dining mums.** Booking for lunch are essential and usually always book out early so don't delay!

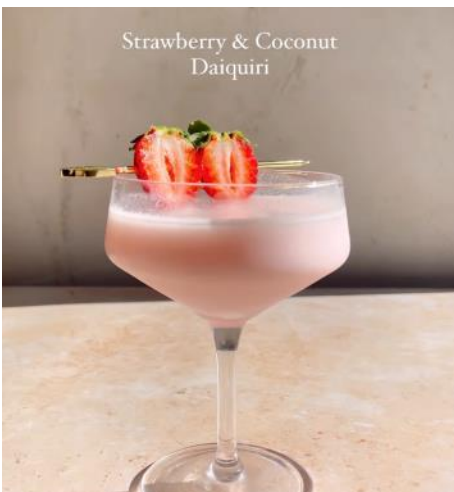
We will be having our regular Meat Tray Raffle. 20 Trays from our local favorite butcher and as it is a special day just for mum, we will be adding in fresh flower bouquets into this raffle. **Tickets for the raffle will go on sale at 12 midday and will be drawn at 1.30pm. Our Mothers Day Prizes which are on display at the bar will be drawn after the raffle at around 2pm.** You get a ticket into this draw every time you make a purchase at the bar! As there is only 10 prizes and we would love to spread them around as much as possible so you can only win 1 prize per person.



**The Prizes for our members to win on Mother's Day!**



**The small gift for our dining mums!**



Our May Cocktail Of The Month is a Strawberry & Coconut Daiquiri. Only \$12 all month and made especially with Mother's Day in mind, a pretty, tasty, pink drink. It is made with strawberry infused white rum, strawberry syrup, coconut milk and lime juice. Make sure you give this one a go, I'm sure it will be another very popular cocktail!

Our Wednesday Night Badge Draw is getting high, currently sitting at \$4900 at time of printing. This one is also drawn earlier than our Friday Night Badge Draw between 7-7.30pm as we know it is a working night for most so we have made this draw earlier for our members. All you have to do is be inside the clubhouse with your valid membership card at the time of the draw and if your name comes out on the screen, you win. It's that easy! If you're keen to test your mind we also run free trivia every Wednesday Night, starts at 6.30pm with a prize for every team, you cant lose!. The Wednesday Night Badge Draw is drawn after the second round of the trivia so why not come on out for both!

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# Shane's Slice

As the weather hopefully settles down into perfect autumn golfing weather, so do our major events start to ramp up. Congratulations to Col Merchant narrowly defeating Pat McQueen 1up in the Single Handicap Match play event. Qualifying for the men's Earle Williams 4BBB Matchplay will be held on two different dates, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Get your partners ready and check out the conditions of play in the member's portal. Good luck to all the men's pennant teams starting their campaigns on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

## 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 a wedge fitting. We have a special this month, 10% off any wedge from the floor stock.



## SPECIAL ON SM10/RTX WEDGES – 10% OFF IN MAY! (FLOOR STOCK ONLY)

Shane & Duncan are offering 50% off a one-hour lesson (\$50) during the month of May for Mums!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Titleist Back Marker Challenge
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Earle Williams 4BBB Matchplay Qualifying, OR
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Earle Williams 4BBB Matchplay Qualifying
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Cobra Fitting Day

Good Golfing,

*Shane Miley*

Pro Shop Manager



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## Hole In One



Massive Congratulations to John Tilton for getting a Hole In One on the 8th Hole on Monday 29th April!



Congratulations to Peter Fleming, pictured surrounded by his Veteran Friends. Hole in One on the 22nd April on the 10th Hole

## April's Birthday Winners



Congratulations to our FIVE April Birthday Winners, each walking away with \$100 CASH!

Our Birthday Cash Draw is drawn the last Wednesday of the month, after the Wednesday Night Badge Draw, during Trivia!

## Sponsor of the Month



## Member of the Month - Ryan Balmain

Ryan Balmain, aged 46, hails from the south coast in Be- ga. He is a dedicated golfer with a handicap of 0. Ryan moved to the Gold Coast and has been a member of Murwillumbah Golf Club for about 15 years, on and off. He was drawn to the club by its exceptional golf course and the welcoming community of Members and Staff.

Ryan has been actively involved in playing Pennants for the club, achieving success by winning a couple of flags. He has also competed in and won two Club Championships, in 2006 and 2022. The celebrations following his 2006 victory were memorable and marked by an ambitious backflip attempt off a table. Ryan humorously admits that his days of backflips are now behind him.

Ryan Balmain's passion for golf and dedication to the Murwillumbah Golf Club make him a valued member of the golfing community.



Thanks to Peter Heath who has opted to provide the newsletter editors with this regular feature!

## Jokes



Playing golf isn't stressful at all



A red banner for Varela &amp; Swift Pharmacy. On the left is the logo with the text "Varela &amp; Swift PHARMACY" and the tagline "Putting people first" in a cursive font. On the right is a photograph of a smiling male and female staff member in white lab coats.

A black and white sign for "THE FOUNDRY MURWILLUMBAH". Below the name, it says "NEWS, LIFESTYLE &amp; GIFT EMPORIUM". At the bottom, it provides the contact information: "02 6672 1193" and "90 Murwillumbah St, Murwillumbah NSW 2484".

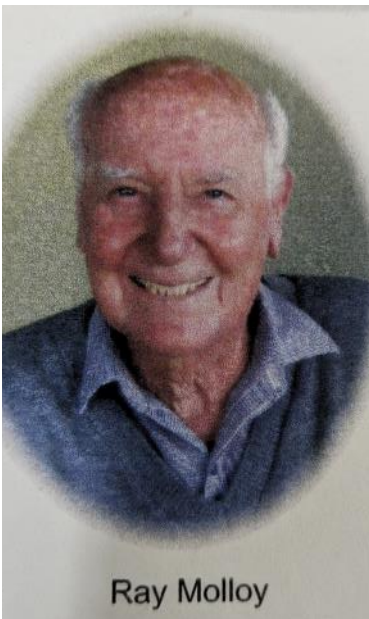


## Matchplay recap

The Single Matchplay final was played on the 20th April off the Blue Markers between Col Merchant and Pat McQueen. From all reports it was a close match with both players being 2 up at different points with Col getting the win on the 18th. Congratulations Col! Thankyou to all players for getting the matches organized and played. A special thank you to the Pro Shop for organizing. Pictured Col Merchant.



## Past Member - Ray Molloy



Ray Molloy played golf with Murwillumbah Golf Club for more than 50 years and was a great club stalwart throughout his golfing life. He was known as “Crusty” because he was a baker and “Crunch” because of the way he swung at the ball. Many young players benefited from his golfing experience. Ray’s golfing successes included:

- Men’s Club Champion five times between 1966 and 1971
- Members Foursomes Champion 1972/1973/1977 Molloy and B Deegan and 1981 Molloy and K Dean.
- Mixed Foursomes Championships 1971 R Molloy and M Jenkins; 1972-1977 and 1980 Molloy and N Stevens. 1988 Molloy and B O’Reilly
- Murwillumbah Veterans’ Golf Champion 1977-1978. Junior Champion 1979-1981. Senior Champion 1982,1985-1988, 1991-1993,1996 and 2001.

## Meet Staff Member - Jacob Davidson

**I have been working at MGC for the past 16 months starting beginning of February 2023.**

**My favorite part of the working behind the bar is the fast paced environment and meeting and talking to members and guests.**

**I play golf occasionally, not as much as I would like to play. My Hobbies include playing cricket, exercising, and playing video games to wind down.**

**My drink of choice is Asahi super dry lager.**

**I am currently studying a Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science at Uni. My future aspirations include working as a clinical Psychologist/ Clinical Sports Psychologist.**



# May Golf Fixtures

Wednesday, 1 May 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 2 May 2024	Ladies Varela & Swift Pharmacy Monthly Medal + Putting
Friday, 3 May 2024	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke
Saturday, 4 May 2024	Casuarina Meat Merchant Men's Monthly Medal Blue Tees Ladies Single Stroke + Putting
Sunday, 5 May 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 6 May 2024	Vets 4 Person Ambrose White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 7 May 2024	Ladies Open Day
Wednesday, 8 May 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 9 May 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 10 May 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 11 May 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 12 May 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 13 May 2024	Vets Multiplier Stableford
Tuesday, 14 May 2024	Ladies 4 Ball Ambrose (Team Event)
Wednesday, 15 May 2024	Men's Single Stableford with 4BBB in conjunction <b>Earle Williams Qualifying 4BBB Stableford</b>
Thursday, 16 May 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 17 May 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 18 May 2024	Men's Single Stableford with 4BBB in conjunction <b>Earle Williams Qualifying 4BBB Stableford</b>
Sunday, 19 May 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 20 May 2024	Vets 4B Aggregate Stableford
Tuesday, 21 May 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 22 May 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 23 May 2024	Ladies Single Stroke Red Tees + Putting
Friday, 24 May 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 25 May 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 26 May 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 27 May 2024	Vets 4B Aggregate Stableford
Tuesday, 28 May 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 29 May 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 30 May 2024	Ladies 4BBB Stableford Team Card
Friday, 31 May 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees