

## Meet Our Greens Staff!

NEWS FROM JUNE 2024  
7 YEARS TILL OUR 100th ANNIVERSARY!



Ben Maguire, Corey Tipping, Sam Everest, Kyle Walker, Kyle Mahoney, Zac Lasker. After what they have been through weather wise..... it is great to see them looking fit and happy. Great effort to make the "Course made in Heaven" looking so good again! Thank you guys!



Last Thursday the Greens Staff travelled to the Brisbane Convention Centre to attend the Sports Turf Convention. They spent the day checking out New Equipment, Water Purification Systems, Greens Keeping Techniques and most importantly how to get the turf in perfect condition. From the photo above its safe to say they fully immersed themselves in all that was on display..... Yes show bags were on the agenda!

## Chairman's Report

### Club House

By now members will have noticed the new stools, chairs and tables in the club house and we would appreciate your feedback on these.

We are currently awaiting quotes on the new TAB area, once built it will also allow us to increase the general lounge area for the comfort of all members.

### Car Park

A number of members have recently been asking about the status of the car park and buggy storage works that I have mentioned in previous newsletters and we are still awaiting approval from the council. The delay for this is due to a number of specialists reports we have had to obtain, including engineering issues that may affect the indigenous tree species and other matters. We are hopeful that we will receive approval in the not-too-distant future. Once we receive the DA approval, we will need to finalise the plans so that they conform with the DA and then we will be able to call for tenders. So the reality is that we are unlikely to start building for several months yet.

### June Board Meeting

At the June Board meeting we resolved to develop a directors display to be located at the clubs main entrance. This display will detail the portfolios of each director and provide a contact email address. The purpose of this is to encourage communication between the membership and the Board and give you the member the opportunity of putting a face to the various directors and a means of contacting them with any issues or ideas that you may have.

The strategic planning session that I mentioned in the May newsletter took place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and the results of the session will be released at the AGM in November for comment.

The Board approved the purchase of a new greens roller and a small excavator. The excavator will be used to undertake works around the course which will assist in drainage and other works. This will provide the Club with on-going savings in labour costs as well as hiring costs.

I am pleased to advise that the Board resolved to sponsor Lucas Higgins again. Many of the playing members already know that Lucas is our touring professional golfer and we are all in awe of his playing ability. Lucas will soon be offering a number of free clinics and providing tips to improve your game for our playing members. Shane Miley and Duncan Crilley in the pro-shop also will be continuing with their lessons and clinics and I recommend that you take advantage and book in with them for lessons.

### End of Financial Year

As mentioned in the June newsletter the membership renewals for playing members were issued and I am pleased to advise that the majority of members renewed on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June and took advantage of the early bird discount. In addition to the renewals, we have also had a lot of new members join up in recent months.

The end of the financial year has come again and the auditors have completed stage one of their audit process. The final audit will happen in the coming months and the financial years accounts will be published and available before the AGM in November.

### Pennants

Due to recent adverse weather conditions the Pennants matches have been put off until 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.

Wayne Kendrigan  
Chairman

### Historical Extract from our 2012 Newsletter.... Our New Finance director gets down to \$'s & c's with Chris



Wayne Kendrigan agreed to serve on the Board as the Finance Director. Wayne's working experience adds a new level of depth to the Board that we appreciate. Not only is he an accountant but he has extensive club industry experience. He served in the NSW public service for 13 years 5 of which was as an inspector specialising in both Liquor and Gaming Machines. In January of 1989 he joined the senior management team of North Sydney Leagues Club Ltd as the Administration Manager and the Financial Controller.

Wayne served the North Sydney group as the General Manager of Seagulls club in West Tweed Heads between 2004 until his retirement in March 2010. Wayne has served on many industry bodies including 10 years on the Board of the Leagues

Club Association most of which he was either the Treasurer or the Secretary. He also developed and taught a number of independently accredited courses on financial management for the Club Managers Career Development Centre. He has served on such industry bodies as the Gaming Industry Operators Group as well as Ministerial advisory bodies.

In 2004 Wayne was admitted to the Club Managers Hall of Fame for services to the industry.





## Promotion's Report

Thanks to all the golfers who came out to support our free golf membership giveaways! Crowds were smaller than last year but it was still great to see so many golfers out dinning and supporting the club! Congratulations to Ian Frain and Janet Chapman, both very happy winners and how good that it went to one male and one female. We look forward to doing this giveaway again next year!



Natasha Bolden  
Promotions & Events Coordinator

## June Birthday Winners



Congratulations to our FIVE happy June Birthday Winners!!!!!! All receiving \$100 each!!!  
**Starting in July we are doubling our birthday cash draws. We will now have 5x\$100 draws on the FIRST & the LAST Wednesday!!!!**

## Women's Foursome Champs



Women's Golf Murwillumbah held their annual Four-somes Championships on Tuesday 21st June.

Di Carroll Jo Campbell Division 2 Kylee Quantrill Lisa Ross Division 1 and Robyn Halloran and Di Blunsdon. Division 3

## Shane's Slice

With the sun returning to "normal," the golfers are out! Great to see huge player numbers back on the course. With that comes some pace of play challenges during the shorter days. Here's my top 3 ways to improve pace of play:

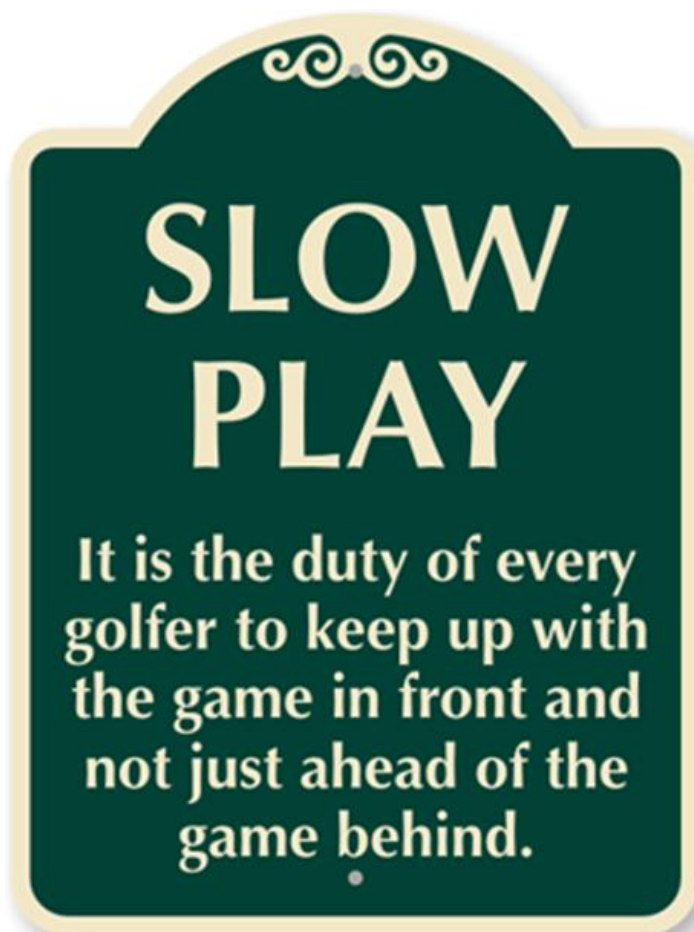
**Don't wait in the cart for your partner.** The driver should drop him or her off, then go to their ball and get ready for your shot. If you want to leave the cart, that's fine, too, but take a couple clubs and start walking. Nothing wastes more time than sitting in the cart watching someone else play.

**Park your cart at the back of the green, closest to the next tee.** It's a massive waste of time when the group behind is waiting to hit their approach shot, but the group in front walks back towards the group waiting to hit safely. By parking your cart behind the green as opposed to the front of the green, this will ensure players behind can hit safely.

**Once the first putt is holed, move to the next tee.** If you are losing your position in the field, to help catch up, the first two players to hole out should move to the next tee and tee off while the other two players finish out their putts.

**BONUS TIP:** In a stableford round, pick up your ball once you've run out of shots on the hole! The difference between a 4-hour round and 4 ½ hour round isn't so unachievable as it seems....

**If you can save one minute per hole, that will equate to 18 minutes per round.**



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## MEN'S FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thank you to all who competed in the Men's Foursomes Championships. 25 teams of two competed in two nett divisions with the following result:

27 Hole Gross Champions:	Ryan Balmain & Chris Brown	76, 36	= 112
27 Hole Div 1 Nett Winners:	Paul Windle & Luke Watling	70, 35.5	= 105.5
27 Hole Div 2 Nett Winners:	John Belshaw & Trevor Brady	73, 35.25	= 108.25

**Members are reminded to book in now for the Mixed Foursomes Championships, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July.**

Pictured, Ryan Balmain  
& Chris Brown



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Callaway Fitting Day
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Titleist Back Marker Challenge
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Mixed Foursomes Championships 27 holes (NO SOCIAL PLAY UNTIL 1:00pm)</b>
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Day One Vets Week of Golf
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Titleist Fitting Day
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Titleist Back Marker Challenge

Good Golfing,

*Shane Miley*

Golf Shop Manager

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# Hole In One

Congratulations to Carrots for getting another Hole In One on the 8th on Thursday 20th June!

Rumor has it only Gary Clarke is still waiting for one from their golfing group.....



## Seven Important Laws of Golf.....

1. Golf Balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.
2. No matter what causes golfers to miff a shot, all his playing partners must solemnly chant, "You looked up."
3. The higher the golfers handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.
4. Every Par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers. The shorter the hole the greater its desire.
5. Topping a 3-iron is the most painful torture known to man.
6. Palm trees eat golf balls.
7. Sand is alive. If it isn't, how do you explain the way it works against you.



## Bird of the Course - Olive-backed Oriole

Slender oriole with slender pinkish bill, streaked white underparts and narrow white tip to grey tail. Male: bright yellow-green above, greenish-grey throat. Female: dull olive above, streaked throat. Less sociable the Figbird but often feeds and nests with them. Voice: loud sneezing "chee-et", low whistling "olly-oh", beautiful varied whisper song including mimicry: hollow chuckle: loud hiss like Satin Bowerbird.

## Tree of the Course - African Tulip Tree

(Spathodea campanulate)

\*Evergreen/fast growing \*Loves hot weather \*Height to 17m.

The popularity of Uganda's Spathodea campanulate has been proved by its adoption as a street tree right around the warm belt of the world. Spathodea goes by many popular names in southern USA, the Caribbean, eastern Australia and Hong Kong.

Easy to propagate from seed. The leaves are large, ruffled and compound. Flowers are a vivid orange-scarlet lined with yellow and may be 10 cm in diameter. They appear in large clusters at the ends of branches and the display lasts months.



Tree's position on course..... right of the teeing area of the 16<sup>th</sup> Hole (GUAVAS) and back of the 6<sup>th</sup> Hole (Bull Paddock) to the right. A lovely specimen to behold.



Do you know anyone 15 years or over in school & interested in becoming a pilot?

**DREAM OF BECOMING A PILOT?**

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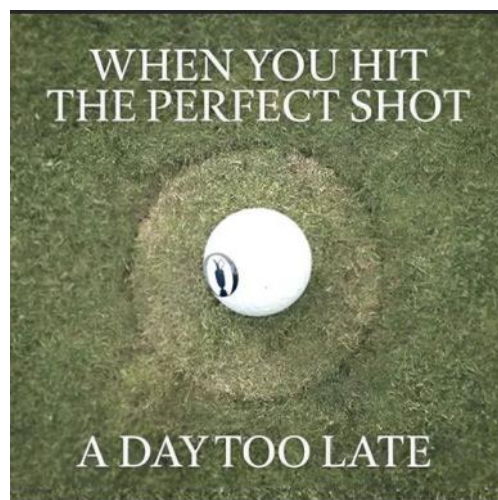
**OPEN DAY**

**SUNDAY 4 AUGUST**  
**9AM - 11AM**

- LEARN PATHWAYS TO BECOMING A COMMERCIAL OR PRIVATE PILOT
- CHAT WITH AIRLINE PILOTS AND FLYING SCHOOLS
- CHECK OUT THE AIRCRAFT ON DISPLAY
- AERO CLUB FLYING COMPETITION
- BBQ BREAKFAST AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE

**...AND BE INSPIRED!**

PLEASE RSVP WITH YOUR CONTACT DETAILS TO [GECLARKE777@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GECLARKE777@GMAIL.COM) BY 31 JULY.  
QUESTIONS? GARY CLARKE 0409 646 242



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# July Golf Fixtures

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