



Chairman's Corner

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for 11am on Sunday 24th November 2024 (Australian Eastern Daylight Savings time) for full playing financial members of the club. There will be a number of reports from the directors including a report from the Finance Director Peter Taylor for the financial year ended on 30th June 2024 which was another strong and successful year. A copy of the audited end of year accounts can be found on the Clubs web site and hard copies are available at the office, during office hours. At the meeting those in attendance will be asked to vote on granting Life membership to both Adrienne Amisano and Graham Nelson. The Board received very compelling submissions on both of these people and we unanimously agreed that both were worthy recipients of life membership for their many years of service to our club and its membership.

Board Changes and Election Results

As you may be aware Shane Davidson stood down as a director of the Club at the end of the last financial year and as the elections were coming up the Board decided that we would not fill the vacant position but wait for the members to elect their representatives on the Board. Shane's input at Board level was highly professional and his insight on many matters was invaluable and we were sad to lose him but as his son is a very accomplished 10pin bowler, Shane will be travelling all around Australia accompanying his son in tournaments and we wish him every success.

We received nine nominations for the nine positions on the Board and therefore all have been elected unopposed and as such there will be no elections this year. We welcome John Tilton to the Board of directors as the new director filling the vacancy left by Shane Davidson. Graham Nelson has stood down as Captain but remains on the Board as a general director. Shannon Murnane has been the understudy to Graham and been on the Match committee for many years and has taken on the role of Captain. All other positions have remained unchanged.

On Course

Playing members will be aware that the greens have been undergoing their annual renovations and we are expecting the new summer grass will have taken root and the course will be back in pristine condition by the end of the month.

Playing members will be aware that the competition fees and prize monies have been increased as from October 28th.

The match committee have decided to trial a change to the booking arrangements on Fridays and Sundays so that members have time slots available for their play. This arrangement will allow the Club to take bookings from social players but still give preference to members. So, we would appreciate your feedback during the trial period.

In the Club House

November and December are always busy months at the Club and we are kicking off November with the Melbourne Cup luncheon, which is always a lot of fun. Full normal menu + specials. Decorated tables and a special cocktail menu. Free Courtesy bus from 11am. Table booking are essential.

Good Golfing and see you at the AGM,

Wayne Kendrigan
Chairman



What's happening on Melbourne Cup?



Melbourne Cup is coming up Tuesday 5th November!

No expensive set menu, Lynn will have her full normal menu with a few specials available too. We will have beautifully decorated tables as well as a special \$12 cocktail menu.

Courtesy bus running from 11am. Plenty of sweeps and TAB facilities to place all your bets on. Live music by the wonderful, Dave and Elliana in the dining room 12-2pm.

Meat Raffles drawn at 2pm, followed by all the best dressed prizes! **EVERY ONE WHO ENTERS THE BEST DRESSED WILL GET A FREE DRINK!** Then the big race live on all screens at 3pm! Should be a great day! Please support us!

Match Committee Report

Hello Members,

Welcome to a new addition to the monthly newsletter, where the Match Committee will aim to keep the members in the know of any decisions made on their behalf. If any members have questions about current decisions, or wish to provide constructive ideas, please contact the members of the Match Committee.

Following complaints from members being unable to book competition rounds on Friday's, a trial solution will be set up which will be a 2 tee start on Fridays, this is the same as what is currently in place on Saturday's. The 1st tee will be reserved for members and guests with AGU handicaps, and the 10th tee will allow visitors and non-members to book in. The timesheet will be open to members only (and their AGU guests) until Monday, giving members time to book in, after this the time sheet will be opened to the public.

Please be aware that the out of bounds markers are being removed from the river's edge on the 17th hole. This decision has been made due to the markers being dislodged in flooding, and progressively breaking the riverbank away. Signage will be placed on the pump shed next to the 17th tee notifying members and guests that the river's edge is out of bounds.

Up coming Golf Events

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Friday 1 st Nov	Titleist Back Marker Challenge (last chance to qualify)
Wed 13 th Nov	Titleist Fitting Day 9:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday 24 th Nov	Parent Child Championships 2-Ball Ambrose 8:00am Shotgun
Sunday 24 th Nov	RDA Charity Day 1:00pm Shotgun
Friday 29 th Nov	Last chance to qualify for THE SHOOTOUT
Sunday 1 st Dec	THE SHOOTOUT FINAL (Top 19 play-off)

Bring your Non-Golfer to Golf Day



Our first ever “Bring your Non-Golfing Partner” to play 2 Person Ambrose held on Sunday 20th October was a lot of fun!



And although it was only 9 Holes, I think it gave partners an insight into why the game of golf takes their partners 4-5 hours to play and of course the after game drink or two is a necessity, especially if you have a bad round.....



It was great to see so many Non-Golfers having a go. Some had an absolute ball while others said they will never play again haha.



It was also so lovely to see our Putting Competition winner go to a non golfer and what a massive mighty putt it was! Eliza was stoked to take home a brand new putter!



Thanks to all those Members who supported the Day!
A special thank you to Duncan for helping run the putting comp and setting up the challenges around the course.

The whole idea was never to sign up members straight away but perhaps get partners to go out socially every now and then for a hit and a giggle with their loved ones. Who know maybe they will take up the game one day :)



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Pro Shop Report - Shane Slice November

PRO TIP: HOW TO PLAY BETTER GOLF WITHOUT HAVING A LESSON

I love this quote from Bruce Lee. As Tiger Woods also said when asked "What's a good golf tip?" he replied, "Stop watching YouTube and go hit golf balls!" Golf is a game you need to figure it out yourself, we can only point you in the right direction, but ultimately it's up to you!

1. Focus on Your Short Game

Golf played simply is 1) tee off, 2) approach 3) chip 4) putt. Do that x 18 times and you've shot a 72!! Many amateur golfers spend most of their time practicing full shots on the range. While it's important to improve your long game, neglecting your short game does more harm than good. Focusing on your short game gets you into the mindset of striving to shoot lower scores automatically.

2. Use a Tee

For the beginners out there, I played from a tee for the first two years of learning. Granted I was only 10 years old (J) but why not take advantage of something that makes your life and the game a little easier? There is nothing wrong about teeing up the ball; just ask Jack Nicklaus, who tees up on a par 3 (me too!). Using a tee eliminates the risk of hitting the ball thin or fat.

3. Be Prepared Physically

Golf isn't a fast-paced, high energy game, but it does require some physical exertion. In order to get better at golf, you have to be prepared. Physical conditioning as a golfer is key. You can better prepare yourself for the rounds to come by: walking more often, stretching your hamstrings, keeping your body limber. Try a 10-minute yoga routine before you play! Readyng your body for golf minimizes the risk of injury and also conditions your body to be ready for hours of walking and swinging.

4. Work on Your Alignment

This is what the top tour pros are often working on: GRIP, STANCE, and ALIGNMENT. As a novice golfer, alignment is crucial. You can use a golf alignment stick or one of your clubs in order to keep your alignment where it needs to be. Use the stick or club as a guide to make sure that your eyes, arms, and feet are parallel to the left of your target.

5. Practice with a Purpose

Wasted time is just that. While it may be fun to head to the range and swing without a care in the world, practicing without a plan can be detrimental to your game. It can also cause you to form bad habits, as well as improper muscle memory.

So, the next time you hit the range, have a plan of attack in mind. This means: picking a target, randomizing your club selection, using your full routine. You could even practice playing a full round of golf at Murwillumbah – on the range! Tee off with your driver, then approach or punch out if you've hit an errant tee shot. At the end of the day, practice is only beneficial if it is purposeful.



A good teacher can never be fixed in a routine. Each moment requires a sensitive mind that is constantly changing and constantly adapting. A teacher must never impose this student to fit his favorite pattern. A good teacher protects his pupils from his own influence. A teacher is never a giver of truth; he is a guide, a pointer to the truth that each student must find for himself. I am not teaching you anything. I just help you to explore yourself.

--Bruce Lee

6. Two Ball Worst Ball

You've heard of best ball, but have you ever played a two-ball worst ball? A game you can test your mental toughness that's needed to play good golf consistently, start on the tee and hit two balls from every position, using the worst balls that you have. The purpose of this drill is to maintain your pre-shot routine while enabling you to focus on every single shot. Conditioning yourself to handle adversity while also improving your ability to take on trouble shots is key to becoming better. I've tried and it's tough!

7. Don't Neglect Your Mental Game

Getting better at golf goes beyond knowing how to properly putt the ball. Golf is a mental game that can really wreak havoc on your mind. Because every shot counts, more often than not you're stuck facing the reality of a failed play on almost every hole. Golf is also unique in that you spend hours on the course, but only play a few minutes hitting the ball. This makes it much easier to get frustrated and lose focus. To get better at golf, you must reset your mental approach to the game. **Accept bad shots** and make a conscious effort to approach the game relaxed and focused.

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October Birthday Winners



Above our happy October Birthday Winners. All up we give out a total of \$1000 every month! Well done to Barry Soley for winning \$100 on both the first and the last Wednesday. Remember you can win on BOTH the first and the last if you are lucky enough!

Noticed we still have more men than women, come on ladies we have to even the score in November!

Our Wednesday Badge Draw is also sitting at a very impressive \$7500!!!! This draw is drawn between 7-7.30pm early as we know it's a working week night for most of our members!

Trivia is also very popular and is on every Wednesday starting at 6.30pm run by our Trivia Master Rainer!

Member of the Month - Glenn Veares

Glenn Veares

Age 67

Hcap 11

Member 35 years



Glenn took up golf 36 years ago when his dad Derek introduced him to it.

Glenn has worked for J H Williams since 1990 and is a true Murwillumbah local having lived at Uki for 40 years.

Glenn loves playing at Murwillumbah as there is so many great members and the club is a real working class club. He especially likes playing with the many members who played for years with his Dad before he passed away in 2016.

Staff Member of the Month - Meet Ben

Ben Maguire

2IC (Second in Charge) - Greenkeeper Staff, Murwillumbah Golf Club

With 24 years of experience as a horticulturalist, I bring a deep passion for plants, trees, flowers, and of course, grass. As the second in charge of the greenkeeper staff at Murwillumbah Golf Club, I am committed to maintaining and enhancing the beauty and functionality of our grounds.

Throughout my career, I have developed expertise in property maintenance, arboriculture, landscaping, and teaching Certificate III in Horticulture. My journey has led me to explore various facets of the industry, and I am currently expanding my knowledge in the field of greenkeeping. My goal is to ensure that the club's course remains a pristine and enjoyable environment for all members and guests.



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Annual Mornington Peninsula Trip

Eight members recently travelled to the Mornington Peninsula, Victoria for their annual golf trip. Peter Heath(h'cap 4), John Walker(6), Rick Souter(7), Glenn Veares(11), Warren Colefax(1), Keith O'Grady (7), Peter Tomsett(5) and former member Alan Bignell(18) played 5 of the best courses in Victoria. St. Andrews Beach, Moonah Links, Portsea, Cape Schank and The Dunes.

With ages ranging from 62 to 70 all the boys manage to show at some time during the week that "they still have it" and played some good golf. Some days proved more difficult than others with the scores for the week ranging from 22 points to 41 points.

A couple of funny incidents from the trip were firstly Rick Souter originally trying to book his flight to Sydney instead of Melbourne was advised to please don't do that so he went ahead and booked his flight to Melbourne with everyone else.

We all checked in at GC airport and headed to our gates when Rick says where are you 7 idiots going our gate is this way. A chorus said "no its this way". On closer inspection Rick had booked the right city but the wrong flight. Luckily it was only an hour behind "the 7 idiots" flight.

I am sure everyone has been through security at an airport where everything including belts has to be put into a tray for scanning, Well Glenn Veares took his belt off then went through scanning where you stand and lift your arms for personal scanning. Unfortunately for Glenn the airport was packed so when he raised his arms and his shorts fell down to his knees there was a hell of a lot of witnesses having a good giggle. This was just after saying to the check in girl when she asked if he had anything dangerous and he answered "only my AK47" which we all know is extremely frowned upon at airports.

You can't take the country out of the boy. Normally what happens on tour stays on tour but this had to be told. Sorry Glenn.

Photo 1 shows the intrepid and mighty handsome group with Peter Thompson at Moonah Links.

Photo 2. If you ever wonder why Victorians are very confused on the roads well I think I know why. The signage they have in Victoria is mind boggling. Thanks to Fairway Golf Tours. They are awesome.

- Peter Heath



November Golf Fixtures

Friday, 1 November 2024	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke
Saturday, 2 November 2024	Casuarina Meat Merchant Men's Monthly Medal Blue Tees Ladies Single Stroke + Putting
Sunday, 3 November 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 4 November 2024	Vets Monthly Medal Single Stroke White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 5 November 2024	Melbourne Cup Day Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Wednesday, 6 November 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 7 November 2024	Ladies Sponsor Thank you Day
Friday, 8 November 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 9 November 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 10 November 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 11 November 2024	Vets 4BBB Stableford Team Card White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 12 November 2024	Ladies 3 Clubs + Putter (Team Event)
Wednesday, 13 November 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 14 November 2024	Ladies Captain's (Green) v President's (Yellow) 4BBB Matchplay
Friday, 15 November 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 16 November 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 17 November 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 18 November 2024	Vets Single Stableford White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 19 November 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 20 November 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 21 November 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 22 November 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 23 November 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees with 4BBB in conjunction Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 24 November 2024	Parent + Child Championships 2 Ball Ambrose
Monday, 25 November 2024	Vets Best 3 of 4 Stableford White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 26 November 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 27 November 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 28 November 2024	Ladies Presentation Day
Friday, 29 November 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 30 November 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees