

Women's Golf Foursome Championship Winners 2025



Pictured left to right Div 3 Winners Gwenda Shoobridge & Gloria Swan, Div 2 Winners Di Frankland & Debbie Tipping and Div 1 Winners Kylee Quantrill & Lisa Ross. Well Done Ladies!

Captain's Report

Recently we have seen the single person Matchplay for the men take place and be won by Ethan Mitchell defeating Ben O'Brien 2 and 1, thanks to all who took place as it took longer than expected due to the weather.

On Sunday the 22nd June the men played the foursomes over 27 holes and spirits were high before the start of play but as the day went some spirits dropped, everyone came in with stories of where their partner left them for the next shot. Division 1 winners were Warren Colefax and Peter Heath (118 shot) (Pictured to the right) with division 2 won by Chris Webster and Steve Walton (128). The division 1 net winners were Simon Garner and Adam Douglas (108.25) with division 2 nett winners Trevor Hindle and Justin Hopkins (102.25).

We had 40 pairs of competitors which was a great turn out and hope to expand on this for next year.



On Sunday 13th July we have the mixed foursomes taking place over 27 holes, if you don't have a partner organised and are keen on playing please let the Pro Shop know and see if someone can be found. Don't forget the main rule of the foursomes is you can't say SORRY.

A couple of course etiquette things is if you are walking the course please don't push your buggy over the greens at any time and don't forget to try and leave the bunkers in the condition you would like to play out of them if you happen to hit into them. Leave rakes in the bottoms of the bunker in the direction of the hole not in the faces and rake your footprints. If you are a full paying member of the golf club and wish to play socially please come and see the Pro Shop first before teeing off to check availability and make sure it is NOT in competition times.

Captain—Shannon Murnane

Chairmans Corner

Members will now have noticed that the old managers cottage adjacent to the Club House has been demolished and is making way for the enhanced car parking area. Once completed it will provide additional car parking spaces for club patrons and ease some of our parking issues, however, it is not a long-term solution for our future parking requirements nor our cart storage needs.

Soon full playing members will receive a letter from the Club detailing our plans for new cart sheds and parking areas that will be located on the existing driving range area. A detailed plan of the proposed changes will be on the notice Board at the Club for all to see and a members meeting will be called so that the Board can receive feedback from members.

While the planned changes will reduce the driving range area, rest assured that they will also incorporate sufficient areas for both long-range, short-range and bunker practicing areas. As you are all aware the internal areas of the golf club are limited and therefore, it will be necessary for members that wish to attend the meeting to provide an RSVP. If the number of members that wish to attend exceed the Club House capacity it will be necessary to schedule the meeting at another facility that can accommodate those that wish to attend.

Members that use personal golf carts on the Club premises will also be receiving a letter from the club advising that they need to have their own private insurance. This has arisen as Golf Australia has recently changed their insurance policies and no longer provides any insurance for privately owned golf carts used on any course in Australia. The Board and management have made enquiries about providing a blanket insurance policy for our members but have not been able to secure such insurance as everyone's carts are of differing brands, models, ages, power sources and maintenance history. This requirement will apply to every privately owned cart used on the course whether it is stored at the Club or not.

Chairman - Wayne Kendrigan

How's this for a tough day on the Course....

A first round matchup in the Earl Williams Matchplay has pitted the Golf Shop staff of Lucas and Shane up against Kyle and Sam, in a Golf Shop Vs Greens Staff Challenge.

Playing the back nine first, Lucas made eagles on 11 and 16 just to square the holes. Standing on the fourth hole (12th hole of the match) **Lucas was an astonishing 10 under par**, and playing partner Shane was 3 under par just to be 1 up. Playing the 8th hole, (17th of the match) they were 1 down and Sam stepped up and iced a par with 2 shots.

This gave the Greens Staff bragging rights. Well done gents on a great game and good luck to Kyle and Sam in your next game.

- Stephen Walton (Carrots)



General Managers Report

Well, finally the sun has returned, and it has been great to see members and visitors at the Club enjoying golf again. Golfing activity has been very high, with Ladies and Men's foursomes, the Earl Williams Match-play event as well as the usual golfing events. There are also a lot of upcoming events, some that were delayed due to the unfavourable golf weather.

During the month I was fortunate enough to play golf with our recently appointed life members, Bill Quantrill and Adrienne Amisano. It was great to hear them talk about how the Club is a significant part of their life, and not surprisingly, both Bill and Adrienne expressed how it's the members of the Club that make the Club. After 18 holes of stories I couldn't help feel that there were a lot more stories to share.

For those members on social media, or who prefer the traditional hard copy publications (that's me), you will have noticed that the Club is currently undertaking an 'expression of interest' (EOI) for the Club catering. Anyone interested should refer to our website for the full EOI document, or come and see me for a more detailed discussion. The EOI close on 16th July 2025, at which point the Committee will be assessing the applications.

Plenty of other exciting projects are underway with the carpark extension, cart shed plans, 15th hole cart path completion all progressing. Members will be provided more detail for the cart shed plans at an upcoming member meeting, with dates and times to be finalised soon. It would be great to have as many members as possible provide input into these plans.

Shaun Breheny—General Manager

Promotions Report

Congratulations to our TWO Full Golfing members..... On claiming their **FREE GOLF MEMBERSHIPS** for the next financial year! Barry Dobinson was the LUCKY first winner (see Barry pictured with Mary to the right) and Mitchell Everest (pictured with Bill Quantrill.) Both were present on the first two Fridays in June and were the lucky winners to claim the prize! Thank you to all the golfing members who came out to support our special golfing promotion.



Our next promotion coming up is our Christmas In July Event. This will be held on Friday the 25th July. We will have a special 40 Ham Raffle, Prizes for best dressed Christmas Outfit, our regular Friday Night Badge Draw as well as a special Wheel Spin \$1000 CASH GIVEAWAY!

Lynn has introduced a special Pizza & Pasta Night every Thursday Night. This will run every Thursday in June and July. The large Pizza and Pasta menu will replace the normal menu.

Natasha Bolden -
Promotions &
Events Coordinator



Shane's Slice

Droves of new golfers have been taking up the game in recent years. Here's 15 easy tips you might know already, but are great for a refresher!

1. Don't become a range rat

Always remember that while the driving range is great practice, don't get too comfortable there. You will always learn more about your game on the course.

2. Start with chip shots

Starting with short chip shots, when you're an ultra-newcomer, can be helpful in learning the basic (and most important) foundation of the golf swing: Learning how to put bat on ball.

3. Get familiar with basic etiquette

I'm not saying to go and get an etiquette bumper sticker. But it's important to learn some of the basic things.

4. Master your grip

Understanding what a "weak" grip and a "strong" grip will help you understand your ball flight.

5. Keep your head down on putts

Get used to listening to the ball go into the hole without looking up early to see it drop.

6. Aim for the centre of the green and not the flags

It's true for the pros, and it's true for beginners, too.

7. Have a short memory

Bad shots will come. They'll come often. That's just golf. Don't take them too seriously and don't dwell on them. Amnesia is a great skill to have for golfers!

8. Find your tempo early

Good tempo, aka the speed and rhythm with which you swing the golf club, can cover for a lot of ills early. Swinging fast is fine, but as long as you're always swinging smoothly.

9. Patience

There'll be days when you play that will leave you wondering why you play at all. There'll be times when you feel like you're not improving. Golf is a strange game but stay patient and it will always reward you.

10. Don't play hero ball

Hit the shot you know you can hit, not the one-in-10 shot that you could hit. Golf is a game of who misses best.

11. Always stay balanced

When you're starting out, swaying back and forth in your golf swing will only make it harder to put the clubface on the ball. Stay balanced during your swing and always make sure to stick your finish.

12. Tee it forward

This is important for all golfers. We have several different tee boxes. Play the right ones for your ability, and when you're starting out, that means teeing it forward. Even I play from the reds sometimes!

13. Never forget the fundamentals

Nailing down your setup will fix issues in your golf swing before they even arise.

14. Play fast and don't lose your temper

Most golfers don't care how good you are at the game. You can be a great golfer and a fun golfer to play around with. Keep your temper under control and play fast. Then you'll be a joy to play with.

15. Have fun

The most important one. It's just a game; it's supposed to be fun. Enjoy yourself and enjoy the journey!

MEN'S FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thank you to all who competed in the Men's Foursomes Championships. 80 teams of two competed in two divisions with numbers up from previous years. The following were the major winners:

Div 1 Gross Champions	Warren Colefax & Peter Heath	118
Div 2 Gross Winners	Chris Webster & Stephen Walton	128
Div 1 Nett Winners	Simon Garner & Adam Douglas	108 ¼
Div 2 Nett Winners	Trevor Hindle & Justin Hopkins	102 ¼
NTP 2nd	Simon Garner	73cm
NTP 8th	Ethan Mitchell	312cm

Members are reminded the portal is open now to book in for the Mixed Foursomes Championships, Sunday 13th July.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 4 th July	Titleist Back Marker Challenge
Sun 13th July	Mixed Foursomes Championships 27 holes (NO SOCIAL PLAY UNTIL 1:00pm)
Tues 15 th July	Ladies Open Day 8:00am Shotgun Start
Wed 16 th July	Callaway Fitting Day
Tues 30 th July	Titleist Fitting Day
Wed 31 st July	Titleist Back Marker Challenge

Good Golfing,

Shane Miley

Golf Shop Manager

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Meet Staff Member Joe Colnan



"Hi, I'm Joe! I've been working behind the bar here at the golf club for about a year and a half now, and I've really enjoyed getting to know so many of the members and being part of the club community. It's a great place to work, with a relaxed vibe and plenty of good conversations.

Outside of work, I'm currently studying at Southern Cross University, working towards becoming a clinical exercise physiologist. I've always had a strong interest in health, fitness, and how the body functions, so this career path really suits me. I'm passionate about helping people improve their quality of life through movement and exercise, and I'm looking forward to where it takes me.

In my free time, I like to stay active and outdoors as much as possible. I play social Oztag, head to the gym when I can, and enjoy the occasional round of golf—even if my swing

still needs some work! My beer of choice is Tooheys New.

I also like playing guitar when I'm winding down at home. On the weekends, I'm often out camping or doing a bit of off-roading; I love exploring new spots and getting off the grid for a while.

Working here has been a great balance alongside study, and I've appreciated the chance to meet so many friendly faces. If you see me around the bar, feel free to stop for a chat."

- Joe Colnan

Meet Golfing Member Ben Maloney

Age 34

Hcap 6

Been playing golf for 25 years.

A member since 2011, 14 years.

I joined Murwillumbah because I had moved into town, I used to sneak on for free before joining and at Chinderah as well. Joined because it is such a good course and we are super lucky to have it.

What I love- I love the greens around this time of the year through until club championships and Pro-Am time and the beautiful surrounds in the back-ground as we play. Also the friendly members and staff at Murwillumbah Golf Club.

I was born in Kempsey, lived in Stuarts Point until I moved out of home. I am working in learning support in Primary Schools at the moment. I have a wife and a daughter and we are expecting a boy next month! I like golf, soccer, cricket and body boarding but only really play golf these days. I enjoy watching sport on TV and spending time with the family. - Ben Maloney



Three Fun Facts

1. **The world's oldest dog lived to 29.5 years old.** While the median age a dog reaches tends to be about 10-15 years, one Australian cattle dog, 'Bluey', survived to the ripe old age of 29.5.
2. **The world's oldest cat lived to 38 years and three days old.** Creme Puff was the oldest cat to ever live.
3. **You don't like the sound of your own voice because of the bones in your head.** This may be because the bones in our head make our voice sound deeper.



Jokes

The doctor said to me this morning, "I'd like to talk to you about your weight."
I said, "Well, it was about 35 minutes, but at least the chairs were comfy!!!"

In a span of 17 years, 114 people died in accidents while at the gym. In the same 17 years, only one man died while eating a donut. Life is about the choices you make....

When I was young I was scared of the dark. Now when I see my electric bill I am scared of the lights!

I asked my wife what she wanted for her birthday.
She replied, "Nothing would make me happier than a diamond necklace."
So, I bought her nothing....



July Golf Fixtures

Tuesday, 1 July 2025	Ladies Monthly Medal Single Stroke + Putting Red Tees
Wednesday, 2 July 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 3 July 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 4 July 2025	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke Blue & White Tees
Saturday, 5 July 2025	Meat Merchant Casuarina Monthly Medal Stroke Blue Tees Ladies Monthly Medal + Putting Red Tees
Sunday, 6 July 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 7 July 2025	Vets 2 Person Ambrose
Tuesday, 8 July 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 9 July 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 10 July 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 11 July 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 12 July 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 13 July 2025	Mixed Foursomes Championships 27H
Monday, 14 July 2025	Vets Single Stableford White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 15 July 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 16 July 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 17 July 2025	4BBB V Par (Team event) Single in conjunction Red Tees
Friday, 18 July 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 19 July 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 20 July 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 21 July 2025	Vets 4BBB Single Card White and Red Tees
Tuesday, 22 July 2025	Ladies Single Stroke Red Tees
Wednesday, 23 July 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees with 2 Person Multiplier in conjunction
Thursday, 24 July 2025	2 Person Ambrose (team Event) Red Tees
Friday, 25 July 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 26 July 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees with Pairs Special 6's in conjunction Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 27 July 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 28 July 2025	R1 Vets Week of Golf
Tuesday, 29 July 2025	R2 Vets Week of Golf
Wednesday, 30 July 2025	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke Blue & White Tees
Thursday, 31 July 2025	R3 Vets Week of Golf