

Mixed Foursomes Championship Winners

Hi members. **On Sunday the 13th of July the Mixed Foursomes were played over 27 holes** and spirits were high before the start of play, some groups may be looking for new partners next year.

Division 1 Winners were Sheridan Gorton and Les Gorton (120 shots) with Division 2 won by Jane Jacobs and Terry Sheridan (149).

The Division 1 Net Winners were Kim Hobbs and Ian Yarroll (109.5) with Division 2 Nett Winners Carol Meiring and Gerard Meiring (115).

We had 33 pairs of competitors which was a great turn out and hope to expand on this for next year.

Just as a reminder to keep all motorised carts, bikes, trikes and skateboards 10m away from greens, bunkers and use cart paths where available. These rules apply to all members and visitors. We have a big August and September of events coming up with the Veteran's Week of Golf just played, Ladies Mt Warning Classic, PRO-AM, Ladies' and Men's Championships and the Tweed Valley Open.

-Shannon Murnane,
Captain



Sheridan Gorton and Les Gorton

General Managers Report

It's been a busy and exciting month at Murwillumbah Golf Club, with plenty happening on and off the course. I'd like to take this opportunity to keep you informed of a few key events and updates.

Christmas in July – A Huge Success!

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas in July celebration. It was one of our most successful events yet! The room was full of festive cheer, laughter, and incredible prizes. We've received plenty of positive feedback, and it was fantastic to see so many members and guests enjoying the evening. A special thanks to the team who made it all happen behind the scenes.

Veterans Week of Golf – Wrapping Up July in Style

Our annual Veterans Week of Golf took place during the last week of July, and what a week it was. We welcomed visitors from across the region, showcasing both our beautiful course and the warm hospitality Murwillumbah Golf Club is known for. Thank you to all who volunteered and participated—it was a great way to celebrate golf and camaraderie.

Ladies Mt Warning Tournament – 7 & 8 August

Next up, we look forward to hosting the prestigious Ladies Mt Warning Tournament on the 7th and 8th of August. This two-day event is always a highlight on the calendar, drawing players from all over. Best of luck to our local ladies competing—we're sure you'll do us proud!

Murwillumbah XXXX Pro-Am – Wednesday 14 August

We're excited to announce the return of our **Murwillumbah Pro-Am**, proudly sponsored by **XXXX**, on **Wednesday 14 August**. This event brings together professionals and amateurs for a fantastic day of golf, competition, and entertainment. It's a great chance for members to play alongside some of the best in the business and experience a top-tier tournament atmosphere. If you are interested in playing, make sure you book in with the golf-shop.

Catering Update

Some members have been asking about changes to the Club's catering. At this stage, the Committee has not made any final decisions. We'll be sure to keep you updated as things progress and will communicate any changes well in advance.

Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. It's a great time to be part of Murwillumbah Golf Club, and we look forward to seeing you at the club for one of our many upcoming events.

Warm regards, **Shaun Breheny, General Manager**

Chairman's Corner

A number of members have advised that they are having difficulties in getting a tee time on the Saturday and sometimes on the Wednesday competitions, this in part is due to the shorter daylight hours during winter as well as a growing membership base. At the July Board meeting the Board decided to freeze playing memberships while we consider a range of options that may address this problem. However, we will keep the junior membership category open as juniors do not have an impact on the playing fields and it is important for our future that we encourage young people into the game of golf. We will introduce the changes that we believe will assist in addressing the problem on a trial basis for three months and seek member feedback on such changes.

At the time of writing we are awaiting detailed cost estimates of the proposed options for the new cart sheds and parking areas that are proposed to be located on the existing driving range area. When we receive these costings we will provide members with detailed plans and place them on the notice Board at the Club for all to see. A members meeting will then 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.

In last month's newsletter I advised that playing members would soon receive a letter from the club advising that they need to provide evidence of adequate insurance, in particular public liability insurance, for the use of personal golf carts and bikes on Club premises. **It will be necessary for anyone who utilises a cart or bike on the course to have the insurance policy endorsed stating that Murwillumbah Golf Club Ltd is an interested party. The need to provide this insurance coverage applies to all carts and bikes regardless of their power source, it is not just applicable to lithium powered items.** As stated previously 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.**

Wayne Kendrigan, Chairman

Promotions Report

Our Christmas in July Event was so much fun. It was lovely to see so many dressed up and having a great time! Thanks to the members and guests for their wonderful support!



Lynn is still going with her Pizza & Pasta Night every Thursday Night. This will run every Thursday in August. The large Pizza and Pasta menu will replace the normal menu. The Club is also running a deal at the moment. Buy 2 or more pizzas and when you spend \$20 or more at the bar on any drinks, you get \$5 off. Available for dine in or takeaways drinks.

Our next Promotional Event coming up will be one for the Dads! Fathers Day this year land on Sunday 7th September. **Our DADS PRIZE GIVEAWAY NIGHT will run on the Saturday night before Father's Day. Saturday 6th September from 5.30pm.** We will have \$1800 of prizes and this year adding in a lot of gift cards so the men can buy exactly what they want! These prizes are given FREE to our members. Every time you make a purchase at the bar from 5.30pm on Saturday 6th September you will get a ticket into the draw to win the prizes. Some thing NEW this year, there will be a **DECORATE DAD A FREE STUBBY COOLER STATION.** A fun little activity to keep the kids entertained and a small gift for dads to treasure forever! We will also have meat and seafood raffles. Lynn will also be doing a Mixed Grill Blackboard Special. Restaurant bookings are essential. Lynn will also have Blackboard Specials Fathers Day Lunch as well.



Natasha Bolden -
Promotions & Events Coordinator

Shane's Slice

AUGUST 2025

This year marks a historic milestone — 30 consecutive years of hosting a Pro-Am event at Murwillumbah Golf Club, what an amazing achievement! Congratulations to the board and the club for supporting this event over the years. This year we have a new major sponsor, XXXX and we thank Mark from Coca-Cola for their continued support of the event.

A running of the day is:



Double Shotgun Starts @ 7:00am & 12:00pm



\$45 Members | \$75 Visitors (includes green fees, comp fees, lunch + a drink!)



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Come be part of our proud tradition and celebrate three decades of great golf and unforgettable moments.

The following is a list of winners over the past 30 years, do you recognize any standout stars who have gone on to make it “big?”

Previous 30 year's winners of the Murwillumbah Pro-Am

1995 W. Case/S. Tait/R. Whitlock (68)

1996 G. Zorkic/A. Hatty (70)

1997 S. Hutchison (69)

1998 D. Hughes (69)

1999 N Lane/P Harrington (68)

2000 P Zidar (69)

2001 P Harrington (68)

2002 M Keegan/T Price (67)

2003 R.Sayer (68)

2004 S.Gardiner (68)

2005 J. Ashcroft (67)

2006 R. Beste (67)

2007 A.Black (65)

2008 C.Warren/T.Rex/M.Ballard/G.Beck/N.Uebergang/T.McNaughton/C.Downes/P.Williamson/
S.Bouvier (69)

2009 M.Ballard (68)

2010 P.Donahoo/A.Porker (66)

2011 L Paroz (68)

2012 N King/B Smith (66)

2013 B Sampson/J S Lee (68)

2014 S Jones (64)

2015 B Rankin/R.J Caracella (67)

2016 C Crawford/D Lawson (67)

2017 D Jordan (65)

2018 S.Jeffress (66)

2019 M.Sim (64)

2020 T. Hart (63)

2021 J.Macklin (65)

2022 T.Hart (63)

2023 R. Peake & A. Campbell (66)

2024 C. Wood (66)



QLD GOLF INDUSTRY AWARDS

Nominations are open for the Queensland Awards night (yes, we are classed in the QLD region). Maybe you might want to nominate a club pro ☐, a volunteer of the club, an event like the pro-am, or a member of the greens staff or bar staff! Follow this link for more information: <https://qldgolfindustryawards.com.au/award-nominations/>

UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS

Thurs 7th & Fri 8th R1 & R2 Ladies Mt Warning Classic **SOLD OUT**

Thursday 14th 30th XXXX Murwillumbah Pro-Am **(No social play)**

Monday 18th R1 Vets Club Championships

Tuesday 19th R1 Ladies Club Championships

Thursday 21st R2 Ladies Club Championships

Monday 25th R2 Vets Club Championships

Tuesday 26th R3 Ladies Club Championships

Thursday 28th R4 Ladies Club Championships

Stay tuned for more information on the men's club championships conditions of play, coming soon!

Book a lesson with Shane:

Good Golfing,

Shane Miley

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Yesterday.....

Murwillumbah Mens Division 1 Pennant Team 1981

A team of players with a never give up attitude and a propensity to party! Competing in the Gold Coast (GCDGA) and Northern Rivers (NRDGA) Division 1 pennant competitions it had been some 30 years since Murwillumbah had won a pennant and dare I say it in the prior years very few team victories were recorded let alone making a final. This year however the team clicked and started a run of pennant wins including wins in both the GCDGA and NRDGA zones in 1981.

Coincidentally this was the last time Murwillumbah played in Pennants on the Gold Coast, for some reason the GCDGA playing schedule changed to the same time the NRDGA played their matches and being loyal to the NRDGA we chose to play there.

This pennant reflects the result from a home and away final against a very strong Southport team who on handicap was incredibly strong by comparison but no one factored in the never give up and will to win attitude of the Murwillumbah team.

Playing Southport at home first game the result went 4/3 to Murwillumbah and on leaving the Southport Clubhouse there was a sign – “come watch the Division 1 Pennant Final Southport undefeated”, however they left the chalk on the sign and someone added “UNTIL NOW” as we left.

The return match in Murwillumbah saw Southport change their team around playing their stronger players down the order to enhance their chances of winning e.g., previous number 1 player at number 4 in the line up – he lost – the result went to Murwillumbah 5/2 and the celebrations were legendary.

Just goes to show odds on favourites don't always win.

One story from the final – on the 10th hole, par 3, split level green, Graham Nelson sunk an extremely long putt to win the hole, a very irate opponent picked the ball out of the hole, tossed it back to him and said I'll bet you \$20 you can't do that again – the reply a very cool reply, “no need to” as he walked off the green, that my friends was mentally game set and match.

It was a great and unexpected win setting the platform for performances that followed. This was a team victory as everyone contributed to their maximum.



Thanks to Keith O'Grady, much appreciated. (Editors)

Hole in One

Massive congratulations to John Whitehouse for getting a Hole In One on the 14th on Saturday 19th July.

John used his lucky 6 iron.



Jeb Hunter Memorial Junior Classic

On Sunday 27th July our 18 hole Jeb Hunter Memorial Junior Classic was conducted with a field of 70 players playing in 18, 9 & 5 hole events.

The Overall Winner with a score of 72 Gross was Jack O'Hearn from Burleigh with the Runner Up being 12 year old Seb McLeod with 73 Gross, also from Burleigh. The Overall Nett Winners on the day were Blake Hudson from Ballina with 65 Nett & the Runner Up was Stone Cannon from Links Shell Cove.

A big thank you to Duncan & Shane for organizing the event, Callaway Golf, Gavin Payne from Northern Rivers Golf Association, Matt Quinlan from Cabarita Meats, Les Gorton for cooking the BBQ & our green staff for setting up the course.

-Steve Walton



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August Golf Fixtures

Saturday, 2 August 2025	Meat Merchant Casuarina Monthly Medal Stroke Blue Tees Ladies Monthly Medal + Putting Red Tees
Sunday, 3 August 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 4 August 2025	Vets Monthly Medal Single Stroke White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 5 August 2025	Ladies Wipeout (2 person team event) Red Tees
Wednesday, 6 August 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 7 August 2025	R1 Ladies Mt Warning Classic
Friday, 8 August 2025	R2 Ladies Mt Warning Classic
Saturday, 9 August 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 10 August 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 11 August 2025	Vets American Foursomes White and Red Tees
Tuesday, 12 August 2025	Ladies Monthly Medal Single Stroke + Putting Red Tees
Wednesday, 13 August 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 14 August 2025	30th Coca-Cola Murwillumbah Pro-Am
Friday, 15 August 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 16 August 2025	Men's Single Stableford with 4BBB Multiplier in conjunction White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 17 August 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 18 August 2025	Vets Championships R1 Single Stroke White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 19 August 2025	R1 Ladies Club Championships
Wednesday, 20 August 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 21 August 2025	R2 Ladies Club Championships
Friday, 22 August 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 23 August 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 24 August 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 25 August 2025	Vets Championships R2 Single Stroke White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 26 August 2025	R3 Ladies Club Championships
Wednesday, 27 August 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees with 4BBB in conjunction
Thursday, 28 August 2025	R4 Ladies Club Championships
Friday, 29 August 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 30 August 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 31 August 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees