



## Chairman's Report

### Golfing Matters

At the time of writing, it seems that the wet weather events that plagued us for the majority of the year to date have passed and have now been replaced with very cold mornings but gloriously sunny warm days. Let's hope that we have fine warm weather for the rest of the year without getting too hot or humid as we move into Spring and Summer.

Those wet periods have given Brian and his Greens team a lot of headaches and problems maintaining the course in good playing condition and on behalf of all playing members we thank them for their efforts.

**The Championships will be held in August for the Men (17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>); Ladies (20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>) and Veterans (19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>). The Coca Cola Pro Am will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> September and Brian and his team are well on schedule to have the course in tip top condition for these events.**

Members are reminded that nominations for life membership close at the end of August and will be considered by the Board at the September board meeting. If the Board considers that a nominee is worthy of Life membership they will be endorsed by the Board and put to a vote of those in attendance at the Annual General Meeting in November.

Life membership is an honor that will only be conferred on someone that has made an extraordinary contribution over the years for the benefit of the membership as a whole. If you are considering nominating someone for Life membership you will need to provide as much detail as possible on how they have contributed to the membership, how long they have been full financial members and details of their character.

### Club House Matters

The Christmas in July ham raffles held on Friday nights have been well attended and the feedback has been excellent. The Wednesday & Friday badge draws continue to grow and remember that you must be in attendance at the club with your membership card to claim the jackpot prize if your name comes out.

Every Wednesday we have a free Trivia night which is being well attended so I encourage you to put together a team and come to the club to test your trivia knowledge. Apart from the prizes to be won I know that you will enjoy the experience. Also, on the first and last Wednesday of the month there are 5 \$100 prizes to be won for those of you that have a birthday during the month.

Wayne Kendrigan  
Chairman



## Promotion's Report

### Our Fathers Day Hampers are all set up next to the bar.

Make sure you check them out. **There is some great prizes on offer including a Webber branded BBQ valued at \$629!** Members receive a ticket into this draw every time they make a purchase at the bar from now until the draw date. These prizes are drawn on the Saturday Night before Fathers Day. **SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST!** We will have a mega meat and seafood raffle drawn at 7pm, followed by the drawing of the dads prizes at 7.30pm, and then some live music to entertain you into the night. We have the Record Breakers performing, so should be a fun night! Restaurant bookings are essential and I suggest you book early.



### We are changing our Friday Night Raffle Prizes starting in August!

We will now have 15 Meat Trays, 5 Seafood Trays, 5 Fruit & Veg Trays & 5 Club Vouchers. 30 Prizes all up. More chance to win and more variety! Our Friday Night Raffles are still the BIGGEST regular raffles anywhere in Murwillumbah! We are also adding something a bit different. All those who win a tray throughout the night will then go into another draw for a chance to win an extra Club Voucher!

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**This Thing Called Golf**  
*e sam parker*

On the first tee, I'm so anxious  
This is going to be my day  
I aim it down the left side  
But it goes the other way  
Trees pop up from nowhere  
Sand traps call my name  
I second-guess my sanity  
As I play this silly game  
I aim left, go right, aim right, go left  
I hit it fat, or thin  
But after 18 holes of frustration  
I can't wait  
To tee it up again

## July DOUBLE Birthday Winners



**TEN happy birthday winners!**

**We now have our Birthday CASH DRAW TWICE A MONTH!**

**The first and last Wednesday of the month. A chance to win 5 x \$100 draws on both of the nights! How lovely it went to 10 different members, remember if you are lucky enough, you can win on both the first and the last Wednesdays!**

## Successful Hanaru Charity Day

The Hanaru Women's Health Fundraising Inc wishes to extend a huge thank you to MGC and members for your support of our Golf Charity Day held Sunday, 7th July. The day shone on so many levels. Through your generosity Hanaru will be able to continue its work in India supporting school girls with the provision of washable sanitary pads and education while also providing employment for the local women.

Thank you

The Hanaru Team

## Tree of the Course - Elephant Apple

Medium size tree to 15M. Attractive dense foliage with finely pleated leaves and fragrant white flowers. The knobby fruit contains black seed in juicy pulp. The fruit is edible and can be used in curries, jellies, jams. Elephants do eat them. Native to South East Asia and found in Florida, Hawaii, The Caribbean and QLD/NSW. Located left of the 17th Tee (River Hole)



## Bird of the Course - Black-Necked Stork

Not a Jabiru.

Australia's only Stork. With black and white body plumage, glossy dark green/purple neck and massive black bill. Legs are long and coral red in colour.

Picture supplied by Ian Armour taken on the 18th Fairway.

# Shane's Slice

## **Pro Tip: 5 Mental Game Tips to Help You Play Better**

Major event season is here.... Let's face it, we're all headcases on the golf course! The late great Bobby Jones once famously said "Golf is played on a five-and-a-half-inch course... the space between your ears! Golf is undoubtedly one of the most mentally challenging sports there is. It's an individual pursuit and there's nobody to help you on the fairways if, and when, things start to turn sour. If self-belief goes and negative, irrational thoughts begin to dominate, your scorecard will probably start to read something like a premium-rate phone number.

Many top PGA Tour players employ a sports psychologist, like Bob Rotella, who I highly recommend getting hold of some of his books like "Golf is Not a Game of Perfect" or "The Unstoppable Golfer – Trust Your Short Game to Achieve Greatness." Here are some tips to help you play your best:

### **Stay in the Present**

The old cliché is easier said than done! After playing golf for over 30 years, I'm finally starting to get it.

Many golfers are already halfway round the course when they step on the first tee. "If I can just start with three pars," they think. "And then I can afford a couple bogeys on those difficult holes around the turn, and I might pick one up at the par-5 12th, as the wind should be behind us there." This is looking into the future instead of focusing on the next shot in front of you.

### **Every Shot is a New Challenge**

Each time you reach your ball, your objective is to get it into the hole from that position in as few shots as possible. Don't think about what has gone before, or the worst-case scenario, just focus on how to get the ball in the cup in the most efficient way from where it lies. If you play a bad shot that ends in a difficult spot, try to think of it as a new challenge. Don't just wallow in the predicament; start from scratch. Remember, your objective is to get down in as few shots as possible from the current situation, whatever it is.

### **The Past is the Past**

Most amateur golfers dwell on poor shots. What's the point? Once it's been hit, nothing can be done about it. The only thing you can affect is what happens next. A great way to let off steam and forget the errors is the, "10-yard rule." It's a psychological strategy employed by Tiger Woods in his prime, amongst others. After a bad shot, you can vent your frustration (internally of course) until you've reached a point 10 yards from where you struck it. After crossing the imaginary line, that shot is history, it should be totally forgotten and your mind should move on to the next stroke.

### **Never Surrender**

Amateur golfers can be guilty of giving up on rounds too quickly. Remember, you have a handicap to help you, and your fortunes on the course can turn with one good swing, or one decent break. The amateurs who get the most out of their games will very rarely post a "No-return" and will tend to give it their all until the very last putt has dropped. If you get to a point when you realise there's no chance of beating your best score, change your target – it might now be to beat your handicap. If things slide, then you might still be able to play to your handicap, you might break 90 or, simply, you might play the next shot as well as you can.

### **Stay Positive on the Greens**

If you're having one of those days where the ball just doesn't seem to want to drop into the hole, don't bemoan your ill fortune on the greens. Focus on the positives. If you pick a line and start the ball on that line, you have putted well; you just haven't read the green quite right. Next time, you'll get the line right and the putt will drop.

Ref: <https://www.golfmonthly.com/features/the-game/5-golf-psychology-tips-mental-game-79735>

## UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS

Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>R1 &amp; R2 Ladies Mt Warning Classic <i>SOLD OUT</i></b>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cobra Fitting Day</b>
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> , Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>R1 &amp; R2 Men's Club Championships (<i>Members Only</i>)</b>
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> , Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>R3 &amp; R4 Men's Club Championships (<i>Members Only</i>)</b>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>R1 Vets Club Championships</b>
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>R2 Vets Club Championships</b>
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> , Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>R1 &amp; R2 Ladies Club Championships</b>
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> , Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>R3 &amp; R4 Ladies Club Championships</b>

Good Golfing,

*Shane Miley*

## Meet Staff Member Shane Miley

### **Tell us a bit about yourself, age, where were you born?**

One of the "rare breeds" born and raised on the Gold Coast. I've also worked and lived around the world from Miami Florida, Sydney, Sunshine Coast and believe it or not... Wuhan, China! Without giving away a number, I started playing golf at Burleigh Golf Club in the late 80's with persimmon woods and as I improved played with balata balls. (now that's really old huh?)

### **When did you start working at Murwillumbah Golf Club?**

I just celebrated my 3-year anniversary last month. Each year has been a different challenge from border crossings, floods and as I see it, the sky's the limit in the golf industry!

### **What is the best part about working here?**

I love the variety of play we have from members, socials, groups, and events. The best part about working here is **playing golf!** I believe I'm still improving my game as I get older and love the banter between playing partners even if we're only playing for \$5 ☹️. Maybe it's by following those mental game tips above.....? I also love helping players improve their game, whether it be making a swing improvement, holing more putts, approaching the course with a different strategy to shoot their lowest score, or getting out of the bunker on their first attempt.

### **What are your Hobbies?**

I love playing all sports, must be the competitive nature being a golfer. My other favourite pastime would be surfing, I find it as challenging as golf if not more, but I would rate myself as an 18-handicap surfer. My lovely partner Rosie and I also enjoy live music events, If I wasn't a golf professional, I would've loved to be a drummer in a funk band.

### **What's your favourite drink?**

Any cold beer, but if on tap and I have a designated driver, a Toohey's New please.

Book a Lesson



## The Mongrels: Golfing with Gusto & Grit

Meet The Mongrels, a delightful group of golf enthusiasts who have been hitting the fairways with unrivaled zeal for over 30 years at Murwillumbah Golf Club. Every Saturday morning, while the rest of us are still snoozing, The Mongrels are out on the course, perfecting their swings and sharing laughs, all before the sun has even fully risen.

This motley crew's dedication to the game is matched only by their devotion to the post-round beer. For them, the golf course is just the warm-up act; the real show begins once they've put away their clubs and settled into the bar for a well-earned drink. Indeed, the "19th hole" is where The Mongrels truly shine. Their jovial spirits and hearty laughter transform the quiet Murwillumbah clubhouse into a lively hub of cheer, making Saturdays at the club a highlight for everyone involved.



Every few months, The Mongrels pack their bags and embark on exciting golf trips away from their beloved Murwillumbah course. These excursions are more than just a break from routine; they are a chance for the group to explore new greens and further solidify their camaraderie. Whether it's a challenge of a new course or just a chance to enjoy some scenic views, these trips are the stuff of legends.

But it's not just about the golf or the trips; it's about the friendships and the sense of community. Mary and Tash, the ever-smiling bar staff, are the unsung heroes of The Mongrels' Saturdays. They've become an integral part of the tradition, eagerly awaiting the lively banter and good-natured ribbing that follows the game. The Mongrels' regular visits make their weekends brighter, as the cheerful group's antics and laughter are as much a part of the Murwillumbah experience as the golf itself.

In sum, The Mongrels are a testament to the fact that golf is about more than just a game; it's about camaraderie, shared stories, and the joy of spending time with friends. And for The Mongrels, every Saturday at Murwillumbah is a celebration of all the best things in life—good golf, great company, and a perfectly poured schooner.

- Andy Mitchell



## MGC Inclement Weather Policy

The Murwillumbah Golf Club does not possess an inclement weather warning or detection system. Golfers are advised that they play at their own risk.

Golfers may suspend their round at any time upon their own determination of the dangers of existing, impending or threatened inclement weather. Murwillumbah Golf Club Ltd is not responsible for injuries or damage resulting from inclement weather.

The Board of Directors.



## Four Laws of Golf


1. The last three holes of golf will automatically adjust your score to what it really should be.
2. The person you would most hate to lose to will always be the one that beats you.
3. A severe slice is a thing of awesome power and beauty
4. “Nice Lag” can usually be translated to “lousy putt” and “tough break” can usually be translated to “way to miss an easy one, sucker.”

## Five Fun Facts

1. Allodoxaphobia is the fear of other people’s opinions.
2. Human teeth are the only part of the body that cannot heal themselves.
3. Google Images was created after Jennifer Lopez wore the green dress at the 2000 Grammys.
4. Penicillin was first called “mold juice.”
5. No number before 100 contains the letter A.



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## August Golf Fixtures

Date	Event
Thursday, 1 August 2024	<b>Vets Week of Golf</b>
Friday, 2 August 2024	<b>Vets Week of Golf</b>
Saturday, 3 August 2024	Casuarina Meat Merchant Men's Monthly Medal Blue Tees <b>Ladies Single Stroke + Putting</b>
Sunday, 4 August 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 5 August 2024	Vets Monthly Medal Single Stroke White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 6 August 2024	<b>Ladies Wipeout (2 Person Team)</b>
Wednesday, 7 August 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 8 August 2024	<b>Ladies Mt Warning Classic</b>
Friday, 9 August 2024	<b>Ladies Mt Warning Classic</b>
Saturday, 10 August 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees <b>Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees</b>
Sunday, 11 August 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 12 August 2024	Vets American Foursomes White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 13 August 2024	<b>Ladies Varela &amp; Swift Pharmacy Monthly Medal + Putting</b>
Wednesday, 14 August 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees with 2B Aggregate
Thursday, 15 August 2024	<b>Ladies 4BBB Stableford Team Card</b>
Friday, 16 August 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 17 August 2024	<b>R1 Men's Club Championships</b>
Sunday, 18 August 2024	<b>R2 Men's Club Championships</b>
Monday, 19 August 2024	<b>R1 Vets Club Championships</b>
Tuesday, 20 August 2024	<b>R1 Ladies Club Championships</b>
Wednesday, 21 August 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 22 August 2024	<b>R2 Ladies Club Championships</b>
Friday, 23 August 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 24 August 2024	<b>R3 Men's Club Championships</b>
Sunday, 25 August 2024	<b>R4 Men's Club Championships</b>
Monday, 26 August 2024	<b>R2 Vets Club Championships</b>
Tuesday, 27 August 2024	<b>R3 Ladies Club Championships</b>
Wednesday, 28 August 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 29 August 2024	<b>R4 Ladies Club Championships</b>
Friday, 30 August 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 31 August 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees <b>Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees</b>