



Don't forget daylight savings starts Sunday 6th October, remember to turn your clocks 1 hour forward!

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Eligible Members as described in the Club's Constitution Rules 30.3(a) and 30.3(b) are invited to nominate for the positions of Directors of Murwillumbah Golf Club Limited.

Nominations open Friday 11th October 2024. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary Manager or the Administration Office.

Completed nomination and acceptance form must be in the hands of the Returning Officer by the close of nominations at 5.00pm DST on Friday 18th October 2024.

Count Yogi - The best golfer you've never heard of.....

Count Yogi could break 70 playing either right-handed or left-handed.

He had 55 holes-in-one, and in the 1934 Chicago Open he made two of them back to back, the first on a Par 3, the second on a Par 4.

He shot in his 50's three times in Open Competition. One day he played 18 holes in 57 minutes and shot 69. Another time, he played seven rounds in a single day, shooting in the 60s in every round.

He once hit a ball 435 yards. (397 metres)

He is the mysterious Count Yogi. Banned from golf by the PGA of America (as much for his strident views as his non-Caucasian heritage) he did barnstorming exhibitions and taught the game, exhorting his pupils to set up with their hands well back and left elbow bent, to pick every shot cleanly, and above all to play the game with grace and elegance.

Count Yogi died in 1990. His real name was Harry Frankenberg, and his ethnicity was mixed, including both Jewish and Native American heritage. The PGA excluded those considered non-Caucasians from membership and touring pro status until the early 1960s.

Search Yogi Golf to view videos summarizing his golfing approach.





What's happening on Melbourne Cup?

Melbourne Cup is coming up Tuesday 5th November!

Always a beautiful relaxed day here at the club. Full normal menu + specials. We will have beautifully decorated tables and a special 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! Then the big race live on all screens at 3pm! Should be a great day. Recommend you book in early, as we are usually book out!



Special thanks to Ray Brims

On September 16th this year, club stalwart Ray Brims achieved a major milestone marking 50 years as a member of Murwillumbah Golf Club.

Ray, the tireless keeper of scores, handicaps and club fixtures, joined the club in 1974. He immediately embraced the Game of Golf and involved himself in the inner workings of the Board, giving generous time to improve the course, particularly in sub soil drainage.

This involvement had him work with volunteers Ray Lowe Snr, Peter Border & Ron Morse to mention a few, working on major earthworks, changing the outlay of the course when extra land was purchased in the late 60's and 70's, to construct holes, 12th, 13th, 14th & 16th as they are played today.

Ray also worked with Club Patron Mark Biltoft & Don Baxter making many trips to Don's Limpinwood property to collect bush rocks which were used to build the current 1st, 4th, 10th & 18th tees.

Ray served on the House Committee from 1983 to 1985 and served as Captain from 1986 to 2000. He was on the Northern Rivers District Golf Association's Committee for 25 years, working closely with Earl Scurr & Jim Orman conducting course ratings on many district courses.

After retiring from the Board Ray helped out with the club's weekly meat raffles until retiring about 2 months ago. He can still be seen keeping a steady eye on apprentices Frank, JJ, Dave & Craig.



For many years Ray took an interest in Junior Golf, travelling to many venues with junior golfers and in their interest gained accreditation as a level golf coach.

Thanks Ray & all past & present volunteers for your tireless dedication to enable us to play on our pristine course.

- Article by Director Stephen Walton

2024 Club Championships

The 2024 Club Championships concluded on 25th August with a new Club Champion being crowned. With the course receiving a deluge days before the first round, a big thanks to course super Brian, Ben and their team for an excellent job having the course playable & looking pristine. Thanks to Shane & his team also for conducting a smooth event. This year's Club Champion winning his first championship was Nick Sneesby. After falling behind playing partner David Crutcher on the first 9 holes, Nick played steady golf on the final 9 holes, shooting 1 under par to nail a 3 shot win.

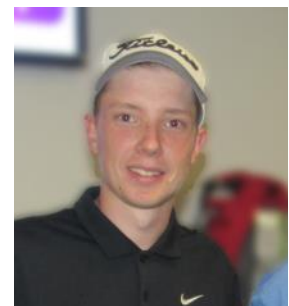


Championship winners were:

- A Grade – Nick Sneesby - 302 gross**
- B Grade – Aiden McDonald – 340 gross
- C Grade – Ian Strange – 356 gross
- D Grade – Sam Ayres – 360 gross
- Senior Vets – Warren Colefax – 312 gross
- Junior Vets – David Crutcher – 305 gross
- Junior Champion – Anthony Freeman O'Brien – 175 gross
- Junior Nett – Hayden Bray – 153 nett
- Overall Nett winner – Brendan Rayson – 280 nett
- A Grade Nett – Shane Johnson – 286 nett
- B Grade Nett – Matt Quinlan – 296 nett
- C Grade Nett – Greg Perkins – 292 nett
- D Grade Nett – John Shortis – 283 nett



Thanks to all members that participated in this year's championships.



Pictured above all the gross winners

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Pro Shop Report

[Happy Daylight Savings Time \(6th October\)! With the longer days coming, this means more golf time](#) ☺. If you would like a tune up for your overall game, Duncan and I are offering a 3-hole one-hour lesson special for the price of a half hour lesson (\$60!). A great way to assess your overall game, how you approach the course from tee to green, not just your swing.

Book a lesson with Shane:

ON COURSE LESSON SPECIAL:

3 HOLES / 60 MIN / \$60 W CART!

LEARN HOW TO DRIVE, APPROACH, CHIP AND PUTT IN 60MIN!

CONTACT SHANE OR DUNCAN TO BOOK IN



Pro Tip – How to hit the 60m wedge shot

Ref: <https://theleftrough.com/how-to-hit-a-wedge-shot-50-to-75-yards/>

1. Assess the Shot

Knowing what the ball can do from your lie is the first step, if the ball is sitting down, it will be hard to loft the ball high with spin. Think of total distance (carry/total), pin position (front/back/how much green to work with), green conditions (hard/soft) and wind (down/into). You need to decide if you will be going high, low, with or without spin. Sometime the carry distance is more important than the total distance if the greens are firm.

2. Choose the Shot

Some golfers think to automatically go for the lob wedge, but its not always the best choice. For me I usually select my sand wedge, only select a lob wedge if the pin is in the front and I need to loft the ball high. Secondly and possibly the most important factor is to never hit your wedge with 100% power. By swinging harder you'll put more spin on the ball, the ball will flare up into the air and come up 10 or more metres short of the green! Always swing with about 60-70% power.

3. Hit the Shot

Some simple tips on how I hit a 60m wedge shot are:

- stand closer to the ball and grip down the shaft 1 inch for more control
- Always keep your weight on your front during the shot
- Abbreviate your backswing and forward swing (never overswing!)
- Turn your body, chest and shoulders with limited wrist hinge
- Don't "lift" the ball, you need to hit down on it to create the spin

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 4 th October	Titleist Back Marker Challenge
Sun 6 th October	Tweed Valley Open (10:30am start) limited spots left
Wed 9 th October	Srixon / Cleveland Fitting Day (9:00am – 12:00pm)
Mon 14th October	GREENS RENOVATIONS (6-week recovery period)
Wed 17 th October	Term 4 Junior Clinics start @4:00pm (Big Rippers >10yrs)
Sun 20 th October	Term 4 Junior Clinics @8:00am (Little Rippers <10yrs)
Sun 20 th October	Bring Your Non-Golfing Partner Day

Good Golfing,

Shane Miley

PGA Professional

Bird of the course

ROYAL SPOONBILL (*Platalea regia*) 75-80cm

Spoonbills are white, long-legged, deepwater waders, with long spatulate bills. They feed by wading slowly, swishing their bill from side to side, relying on hair-trigger reflexes to snap up any aquatic creature they find. They fly with their neck and bill extended. They build large cup-shaped nests in trees.

White spoonbill with black bill and long plumes on head. At close range, you may notice a yellow spot over the eye and red patch on the forehead. Common throughout Northern and Eastern Australia, wherever suitable water



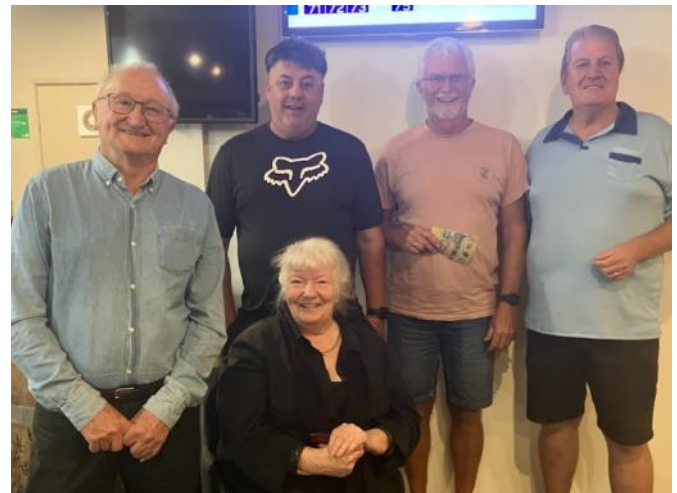
Tree of the Course

YELLOW TRUMPET TREE 1st/16th Fairway

A semi evergreen/semi deciduous tree from Brazil. In Mexico the wood is used in the construction of buildings and the leaf infusion can be taken orally for diabetics and stomach pain. A strong leaf and root decoction is taken orally as a diuretic to treat syphilis or for intestinal worms.



September Birthday Winners



Above is our September birthday winners. Remember if you are lucky enough like Donald Richards, you can win on the FIRST and the LAST Wednesday of your birthday Month. Notice 9 out of the 10 winners for the month were males, come on ladies we need to even the score in October!

The Wednesday Night Badge Draw (a separate draw from the Friday Night Badge Draw) is up to a MASSIVE \$7000 and is drawn earlier around 7pm as we know it is week night.

Table and bus bookings are essential for both Wednesday and Friday Nights!

Member of the Month - Janine Gear

Age: 60

Handicap 18

Member of Murwillumbah Golf Club for 2 years



Hi my name is Janine and I am a golfaholic!

I grew up in Geelong playing netball, basketball and squash with a very occasional game of very ordinary social golf. I've had a few careers: 20 years at Centrelink, 15 years in wholesale fashion which included 4 years living overseas in Hamburg Germany, San Clemente, California and Grand Rapids Michigan working as Administration/Operations Manager for an Australian owned footwear company.

In 2016 I relocated to Echuca and worked for an electrician. Each day after work I would take my dog, Pumpkin, for a walk around the Echuca back 9 golf course. I found a few balls, grabbed a couple of my son's discarded clubs and started having a hit and that's where the addiction was born.

In 2018 I joined Rich River Country Club and the next year I was offered a position working with "Pathways to Better Living" a NDIS disability support provider, in the Tweed area. I had purchased a unit in Kingscliff in 2011 so it was a "no-brainer" to take the opportunity to move north.

Upon arrival, I joined Chinderah Golf Course and took out the Ladies Club Championship in my first year. A feat I am yet to repeat! I play in the competitions at Chinderah on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday currently kicking off at 5.30am and am in my office at work by 8am.

I reduced my work week to 4 days in 2023 so joined Murwillumbah Golf Club to play competition on Fridays & Saturdays. Late in 2023 I was honoured to be invited to join the "Old Boys" Social Golf Club. What a great bunch of blokes (plus Kath) they are!!! In July this year, I travelled with 9 other Murwillumbah GC ladies to Fiji to play in the Fiji Golf Classic.....too much fun!

I now only work 3 days a week so I no longer have a "golf free" day.....see I told you I was a golfaholic!



Highlight of my job – caddying for competitors in the Special Olympics

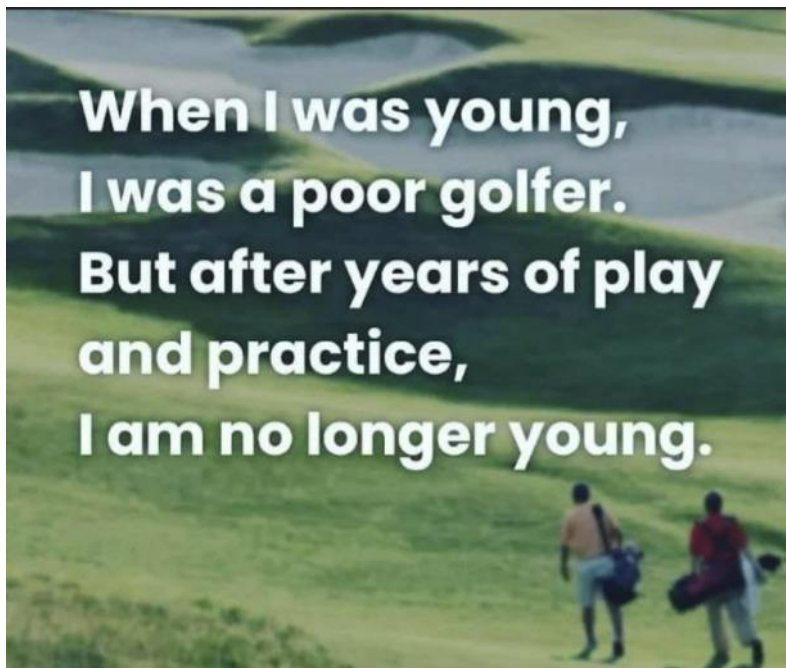




How this golf shot?

Can you believe Chris Breen still managed to get a point on this on hole?

He's our Monkey Mongrel of the month!



When I was young,
I was a poor golfer.
But after years of play
and practice,
I am no longer young.



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October Golf Fixtures

Date	Event
Tuesday, 1 October 2024	Ladies Gold Medal Playoff Single Stroke Red Tees
Wednesday, 2 October 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 3 October 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 4 October 2024	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke
Saturday, 5 October 2024	Casuarina Meat Merchant Men's Monthly Medal Blue Tees Ladies Single Stroke + Putting
Sunday, 6 October 2024	Tweed Valley Open Single Stroke
Monday, 7 October 2024	Labour Day Single Stableford Medley
Tuesday, 8 October 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 9 October 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 10 October 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 11 October 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 12 October 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 13 October 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 14 October 2024	Vets Monthly Medal Single Stroke White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 15 October 2024	Ladies 4BBB Stableford Team Card
Wednesday, 16 October 2024	Men's 2 Ball Ambrose White Tees
Thursday, 17 October 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 18 October 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 19 October 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 20 October 2024	Bring your Non Golfing Partner 2person Ambrose
Monday, 21 October 2024	Vets 3 Clubs + Putter
Tuesday, 22 October 2024	Ladies Single Stroke Red Tees + Putting
Wednesday, 23 October 2024	Men's Single Stableford Red Tees
Thursday, 24 October 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 25 October 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 26 October 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees with 2B Aggregate Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 27 October 2024	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 28 October 2024	Vets Single Stableford White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 29 October 2024	Ladies 2 Ball Aggregate Stableford
Wednesday, 30 October 2024	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 31 October 2024	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 1 November 2024	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke