

Peter Gielis's sad passing

Peter Gielis served as President of Murwillumbah Golf Club in 1993-1995. A keen golfer for a very long time (8 handicap). He served as Club Secretary, The Greens Committee, Director and worked hard to improve the drainage system of our course.

He was the club's Alcohol Licenses Holder in the early days. He loved company, conversation and a drop of liquid amber..... A Member of the "Royal Murwillumbah Tourers."



Chairman's Report

By now members will have noticed that we have commenced work on the car park area by the removal of trees. This area was approved by council some years ago but we decided to amend the application and demolish the old house and extend the car park and add buggy storage areas so that lithium carts could be stored away from the Club house. Unfortunately, the application for the amended DA has had to be withdrawn as there are issues with the impact on tree roots of a significant tree. While we are in the process of redesigning the area so that the tree roots will not be impacted it has come to our attention that the addition of cart storage in this area with carparking above them is very expensive and out of our current financial position. Therefore, we have after a competitive tender process engaged Planit Consulting to assist the Board in determining a master plan for cart storage and car parking.

As stated above we have commenced work on the original carpark proposal as the DA consent is still valid.

At the February 2025 Board meeting Planit Consulting presented their preliminary report on the options for alternate cart storage and car parking areas. The final plan is expected to be presented to the Board for consideration in March 2025. When the Board has received the plan and decided which options are in the best long-term interests of the Club, we will post the preferred option on the Clubs web site and notice board for members to view and comment on. **We will also call a general meeting of playing financial members to discuss the recommendation before any final decision is made and any commitment entered into.** In order to ensure that everyone, of our more than 700 playing financial members has the opportunity to express their comments to the Board it will be necessary for members to RSVP their intention of attending the meeting so that we can ensure that we have a venue sufficiently large enough. We will set the date for the RSVP and contact all playing members either by email or text after the March Board meeting has received the report.



Wayne Kendrigan - Chairman

Junior Golf Clinics

The Junior Golf Clinics run by Duncan with helper Stephen Walton (carrots) is commencing again for 2025. If you have a child or grandchild interested in learning the game of golf please see Duncan in the Pro Shop.

The term cost is \$99 and includes six 1 hour sessions. 5-10 years are Sunday mornings 8-9am. Starting Sunday 2nd March through to Sunday 6th April.

10-15 years are Wednesday Afternoons 3.45pm– 4.45pm. Starting Wednesday 4th March through till Wednesday 9th April.

Golf Clubs are available for those that don't have their own. To book your child or grandchild in call the Pro Shop on 0266724200.



Hole in One

Congratulations to Mark Weir on getting a Hole in One on Friday 7th February on the 2nd Hole! Well Done!



Captain's Corner

Welcome to 2025. For the men we have changed the hole indexes of holes 1,2 and 3. Hole 1 becomes index 11, hole 2 becomes index 15 and hole 3 becomes index 13. For those that are unaware all the holes on the front 9 are odd indexes and back 9 even indexes, this decision has been made after looking at hole statistics.

Congratulations to Paul Windle on winning the 2024 Shootout. The original final was washed out and replayed early 2025. A big thankyou to the pro shop staff and Steve Walton on running this event. Lookout later in the year for this event to be run again.

We have the qualifiers for the Men's Single Person Match that started on the 5th February please look at the conditions of play and dates. The onus in this event is down to the players to contact your opponent and arrange the matches. The matches with your opponent can take place on any day in the allotted timeframe.

Just a reminder to all visitors and members to try and use paths where available and to keep 10m away from bunkers and greens when driving golf carts. Please use common sense if you see puddles or water on the course and try to avoid these.

Shannon Murnane
Captain

Promotions Report

Well it seems like a long break since the last newsletter.... We were lucky this year with a pretty dry January, usually we are always hit with a flood or two, this good weather resulted in a really good month trading for the club with minimal disruption to our golfers.

FOOTY TIPPING FANS - Our Footy Tipping Competition is coming back, the seasons kicks off 1st week in March. Entry is only \$50 and if you pay before round 1 you receive a free \$8 drink voucher STRAIGHT UP! We will also be having an end of year **Footy Tipping Presentation Party Saturday 20th September** free nibbles and drinks provided. We usually also try stretch out the prize money to the top 10, with additional \$100 knockout prizes and a running jackpot if you pick the full card solo. So plenty of prize money up for grabs. You can also ring your footy tips in each week too and if you ever forget we always ring you! If you would like to go into the comp please see the bar staff :)

I will be getting our Easter Raffle display out soon. Easter is back in April this year and we will be holding our Kids Easter Event and Giant Chocolate Raffle on Saturday 12th April. Something different this year we will be ending our kids event with a fire twirling show out on the deck, so that should be fun for the whole family. **Keep Saturday 12th April 6-8pm in your diaries!** We will also be having a giant Seafood Raffle on Good Friday more information in next months Newsletter.

What are our Draws up to and how much money can I win?

Our Friday Night Members Badge Draw is up to \$7800 drawn between 8-8.30pm and our Wednesday Night Members Badge Draw is up to \$8800 Drawn between 7-7.30pm.

Well done to Errol McCarthy for taking home \$1100 in CASH in our Friday Night "Pick the Key" Promotion! We are so pleased to see the money claimed by a regular member! See pictured to the right. Not sure why Bill is holding the money and not Errol..... come on Bill hand it over.....



See below our January Birthday Winners. Remember you can win \$100 in Cash on BOTH the 1st and Last Wednesday of each month and with the Wednesday Night Badge Draw being so high and Rainer's Wonderful Trivia there is plenty of reason to come out to your club!



Natasha Bolden -
Promotions &
Events Coordinator



Shane's Slice **PRO TIP – How to Keep a Good Round Going**

Keeping a good round going in golf is all about maintaining focus, managing your emotions, and sticking to your game plan. Here are some tips to help you keep your momentum:

1. Stay Present - One Shot at a Time: Focus on the next shot, not the past one. If you hit a bad shot, let it go and stay focused on the current shot. It's easy to get distracted, but focusing on the present moment helps you stay in the zone.

2. Don't Get Ahead of Yourself - Avoid Thinking Too Far Ahead: If you're on a roll, resist the urge to think about how well you're doing. This often leads to overthinking and mistakes. Stick to your routine, shot by shot.

3. Have a Routine - Stay Consistent

A consistent pre-shot routine helps you stay calm and focused. Whether it's how you line up a putt or how you approach each tee shot, consistency in your actions will help you maintain confidence.

4. Course Management - Play Smart

When you're playing well, it's tempting to take risks, but sticking to a course strategy that plays to your strengths is key. Know your limitations and avoid unnecessary hero shots. Par is always a great score!

5. Stay Positive - Mindset Matters

If you make a mistake, don't let it derail you. Positive self-talk can make a big difference in your attitude. Remember, golf is a game of mistakes, and even pros don't play perfect rounds.

6. Stay Calm Under Pressure Deep Breaths

If you feel the pressure building, take a moment to breathe deeply and reset. This helps manage nerves and keeps you relaxed, especially in tight situations or toward the end of a round.

7. Focus on Short Game - Putting & Chipping

The short game can make or break a round. Even if you're hitting the fairways and greens well, great short game shots like chip-ins or solid putts can save par and maintain your momentum.

8. Keep Hydrated and Energized - Physical Focus

Dehydration and hunger can affect your performance, especially late in the round. Keep water and some light snacks (like nuts or fruit) handy to maintain your energy levels.

9. Enjoy the Moment - Stay Relaxed: Sometimes, the best way to keep a good round going is to enjoy yourself. Having fun, no matter the outcome, helps reduce pressure and lets you perform more naturally. Each round of golf is a new challenge, so keeping a calm mindset and sticking to your plan is the key to keeping your good round going.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 6th March

Friday 7th March

Sunday 16th March

Monday 24th March

Callaway Fitting Day

Titleist Back Marker Challenge

Jeb Hunter Memorial Junior Classic

Winter Greens Renovations

Good Golfing,

Shane Miley

Pro Shop Manager

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2024 Shootout Champion

After a hiatus of 4 years due to Covid and wet weather the 2024 Shootout was conducted on January 12th. With a few showers overnight a big thanks to Brian for allowing carts to be used on the course.

With a mass of 19 players rolling down the 1st hole, 1 player was knocked out per hole until the steadiness of Paul Windle snatched the winners trophy from Greg "Mr Consistent" Baldwin on the 18th green.

Third place went to Ethan "John Daly" Mitchell, with Darren Hardy coming a close fourth.

Thanks to all players for making themselves available on the day and mixing in with other competitors.



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On Tour with Lucas

Our club touring Pro, Lucas Higgins has been busy playing numerous tour events throughout Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia.

He has played numerous Webex events, finishing well in all events. In September he finished tied 9th in the World Sand Green Championships on greens that were different to the usual grass greens. In November Lucas played in the QLD PGA Championships at Nudgee playing in the 2nd last group on the final day with Cam Smith. In December Lucas played in the Gippsland Super Sixes, making the last 16 before succumbing to the event runner-up.



He is playing the Victorian Open in February and then on to a qualifying event for the New Zealand Open, followed by playing in the NZ PGA in March. Lucas's results & play can be followed on the PGA website or 7Plus on the television.

Good golf runs in the family....

Bianca Higgins has been making an outstanding return to golf, lighting up the course during the Christmas Break.

Enjoying a break from university studies Bianca has amassed scores of 50, 41 & 40 points as well as a 68 nett and has reduced her handicap by 12 shots, currently playing off 15.7. Older brother Lucas and father David have no doubts she is destined for a single figure handicap.

Well done Bianca!



Tree Fungus

The club's gardener would like to know if any member can identify the fungus growing on the tree at the back of the 13th Tee area?



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4 Fun Facts

Fact 1: Only a quarter of the Sahara Desert is sandy most of it is covered in gravel.

Fact 2: Bees can fly higher than Mount Everest. Bees can fly higher than 29,525 feet above sea level .

Fact 3: Abraham Lincoln was a bartender. Lincoln's liquor license was discovered in 1930 and displayed in a Springfield liquor store.

Fact 4: Baseball umpires used to sit in rocking chairs. People have been playing baseball since the mid-19th century. In the early days, umpires would officiate the games while reclining in a rocking chair located 20 feet behind home plate.



No one cares what your score was. Ever.

Swing Help

I had the most miserable round I've played in years yesterday. Dropped three straight into the water on my 90 yard approach on the 3rd hole. Had a 10 on two separate holes on my way to a 109.

I didn't get mad. I enjoyed the day with my playing partners. Because I realize that no one - not my wife, not my playing partners, not my best friends - no one cares about my golf score. I could shoot a 72 or a 120, and my life would not change an iota in either case.

Get out there. Enjoy the game. Savor the great drives and flushed iron shots. Let the mistakes roll off your back. Have fun - because if you're not - you're spending a lot of money and mental anguish for no reason at all.

4 Golf Jokes

1. You spend too much time thinking about golf! Do you even remember the day we got married? Of course I do! It was the same day I sank that 45-foot putt.
2. Why do golfers always carry a spare pair of trousers with them? In case they get a hole in one.
3. After the Honeymoon a new wife tells her husband, "I think its time for you to stop playing golf. In fact you might as well sell all your clubs." The husband replies, "Your starting to sound a lot like me Ex-wife." His wife replies, "I Thought you had never been married before." The husband says, "I haven't."
4. Men at 25 play Football
Men at 40 play Tennis
Men at 60 play Golf
Have you noticed how as you get older your balls get smaller?



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March Golf Fixtures

Saturday, 1 March 2025	Meat Merchant Casuarina Men's Monthly Medal Blue Tees Ladies Single Stroke + Putting Red Tees
Sunday, 2 March 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 3 March 2025	Vets 4BBB Single Card White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 4 March 2025	NSW & Murwillumbah Monthly Medal Single Stroke + Putting
Wednesday, 5 March 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 6 March 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 7 March 2025	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke Blue & White Tees
Saturday, 8 March 2025	Meat Merchant Casuarina Monthly Medal Stroke Blue Tees Ladies Monthly Medal + Putting Red Tees
Sunday, 9 March 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 10 March 2025	Vets Single Stableford White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 11 March 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 12 March 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 13 March 2025	Ladies Single Stroke Red Tees
Friday, 14 March 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 15 March 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 16 March 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees Jeb Hunter Memorial Junior Classic
Monday, 17 March 2025	Vets Split 6's (3 or 4 person)
Tuesday, 18 March 2025	Ladies St Patricks's Day 2 person team event, 4BBB Match Play
Wednesday, 19 March 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees with 2-Ball Aggregate in conjunction
Thursday, 20 March 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 21 March 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 22 March 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 23 March 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 24 March 2025	Vets Single Stableford White & Red Tees COURSE RENOVATIONS
Tuesday, 25 March 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 26 March 2025	Men's 4-ball Ambrose Red Tees
Thursday, 27 March 2025	Ladies 4 ball Texas Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 28 March 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 29 March 2025	Men's Single Stableford Red Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 30 March 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 31 March 2025	Vets Monthly Medal Single Stroke White & Red Tees