

OUT OF THE ROUGH



Mudgee Golf Club Newsletter - August 2017

'There's no place you'd rather be than the MGC'

From the President - Karin Sheedy

On behalf of the Board of Directors (BOD) I am pleased to advise members that we have recently reviewed and renewed the contract of Golf Professional, **Peter Mayson**, for the next ten years. He has been an integral part of Mudgee Golf Club since he came here in 2011.

Peter and his team have helped MGC through several challenging periods in the recent past. He has introduced several successful initiatives and events to the course, and the club as a whole. The BOD looks forward to working with "Mayso" in order to achieve even bigger and better things for MGC in future.

Many thanks to **Helen Evans** who has kindly donated a painting of St. Andrews Golf Club in memory of Alan Kellett, former Patron. The painting is hanging in the foyer opposite the Club Notice Board, near the Players' Entrance to the clubhouse

Two Directors (**James Anderson** and **Karin Sheedy**) have completed the compulsory ClubsNSW training courses for Directors via online coursework.

The ongoing process of steam cleaning the carpets and chairs has begun to make noticeable improvements to tidying up this aspect of the club. Other improvements happening around and about include: installation of a new step and hand-rails leading from the Pro Shop to the terrace area and a new causeway from 10th fairway to 12th tee (thank you **Greg Toole Constructions**, **Stephen Stokes** and the **Vets**; broken lights in the carpark and entry driveway and ceiling lights in various places have been repaired (thank you **Kraige Anderson Electrical** and **Chris Dickie Electrical**).

A review of the previous strategic plan, and plans for future directions of the club are underway. If any member has any contributions they wish to make, or ideas they wish to share with Directors please talk to them soon, or make your views known to the Operations Manager, Deb Bates.

Working bees for volunteers to help the ground staff with a Spring Clean-Up before the **October Long Weekend Open Golf Tournament** are planned for a few Sundays in September. Keep checking the website, App or Facebook for more details. At this year's Long Weekend event there are plans to have: a Calcutta and live band play on Saturday night; we will permit visiting players to camp overnight on the side of the 10th fairway; provision of a free bus to bring guests back from the Mudgee races to the clubhouse on Saturday and a BBQ on Sunday night to watch the NRL Grand Final.

Sponsorship advertising signage on all eighteen holes and practice areas have now been fully subscribed with a few signs still to be installed. Funds raised from this sponsorship will be put aside for future development of the Pro Shop.

A **Members Badge Draw** is planned to start soon on Friday nights. Please keep checking club activities via the App, Facebook or website so you do not miss out on the opportunity to win.

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MUDGE OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

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OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND



THE VOICE OF THE 'KING'
ROYDEN DONOHUE

LIVE AT MUDGE
GOLF CLUB

SATURDAY
21st OCTOBER 2017

LADIES PENNANTS

Ladies Pennants sadly over for 2017

Mudgee Ladies reached the WDLGA Pennants quarter final after defeating Orange Ex-services and Bathurst in round one. The match was scheduled for play at Bathurst Golf Club against Wentworth on Friday 21st July.

The result did not go in favour of Mudgee but the team put in a wonderful effort. Vicki Stathopoulos lost her match to Lee Pickett 8.6. Lee is a single figure marker who knew the Bathurst layout very well, so it was always going to be a hard match for Vicki to win.

Shelly Barnett had trouble keeping the driver on target, and although receiving 5 shots from her opponent, Shelly went down 4/3.

Kathy Underwood was also up against a low marker and received shots. This was a great match which almost went Mudgee's way. Kathy was 2 down after 9 holes; then she lost another 2 holes to be sitting 4 down. But Kathy fought back right to the 18th when Vicki eventually claimed the match.

Joan Campbell was the best story of the day, being called into the team when Trish Jones was not able to play at the last minute. Joan never looked in trouble from the second hole losing only 3 holes all day and beating her opponent, Jan Moad 6/4.

Carol Cockerill-Wright played Di Selwood and their match was very even with neither player being more than one shot ahead. However, Carol had the better back 9 and was one up after the 16th hole when they were called off the course, when the overall result had been decided in favour of Wentworth with 3 rubbers.

Thanks to the caddies who supported the players – Gayle Hill, Marcia Box, Nam Slade & Pam Nixon.

LOST

PITCH REPAIRER

**IF FOUND
PLEASE
USE!**



Do you repair these? Many don't. Make sure you repair your divots.



NEW ACCESS TO 12th TEE

After the severe storms with heavy rainfall this time last year the access across the creek to the 12th Tee was washed away. Thanks to the VETS, Stephen (Bull) Stokes and Greg Toole Constuctions a new access causeway is nearing completion.

New Members

GOLD PLAYING MEMBER
 JAMES SHEPPARD

FULL PLAYING MEMBER
 CHRIS BARNETT
 PAUL BRIGHT
 IVEN MACLEOD

LIMITED PLAYING MEMBER
 GEOFF MILES
 CAROLYN SIEVERS

CADET PLAYING MEMBER
 DANIEL SALOMONI
 MITCHELL STAIT

JUNIOR PLAYING MEMBER
 ZAC DOHERTY
 DANIEL DOHERTY
 JACK WALLER

SOCIAL PLAYING MEMBER
 SCOTT BLAIR
 WILLIAM DEATH
 DAN HOOD
 SANDRA STEEL
 NATHAN LANGE

SOCIAL MEMBER
 DAVID ATKINS
 HEATHER ATKINS
 PAMELA CLUFF
 STANLEY CLUFF
 BILL CROSSINGHAM
 LYN CROSSINGHAM
 JUSTIN EDWARDS
 DAN FORRESTER
 JUDI FORRESTER
 GEOFF GIBBONS
 KEVIN GOOCH
 MICHELLE JARVIS
 TIM JARVIS
 ANDREW LAURIE
 MICHELLE PITT
 MICHELLE PURCELL
 THOMAS PURCELL
 ANDREW STOTT
 LEIGHARA STOTT
 BENJAMIN TAIUT
 JOHATHAN TATHAM
 BEVERLEY TURNER
 RALPH TURNER
 MARGARET VEREY
 ASHLEY WALSH

GOLF - What's On

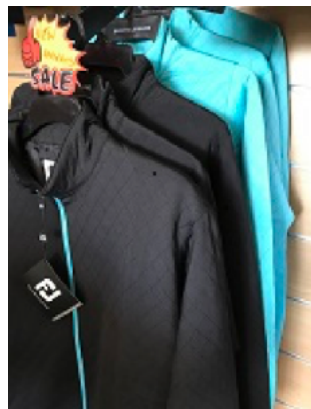
Junior Golf Registration and Pizza Day was held Tuesday the 25th of July. Thanks to all the families that came on the day. Junior Golf is held every Tuesday of the school term. It is a great way for school-aged children to get fit and learn about the game of golf. If you would like to register your child, please see your friendly proshop staff.



The 2017 Handiskins Competition kicks off on Saturday 5th August. This is a member's only tournament with one-off entry fee of only \$39pp and over \$1200 of club/proshop vouchers to be won. The four finalists from each club will receive an invitation to play in the National Handiskins Championship, to compete for \$10,000 worth of prizes and giveaways. For more information please visit the proshop or www.handiskins.com.au and support Kids with Cancer.



The Ross Granata Motor's Holden Scramble will be played in Mudgee on 6th August. Entry fee is \$45pp and this includes a bacon & egg roll, lunch and six golf balls. This is the largest Pro Amateur Club team's event. To register please visit <http://www.holdenscramble.com.au>



New Arrivals

Men's and Women's FootJoy jackets and vests are in store now. Save up to 25% off the RRP.

Look out for great deals on Cobra Clubs... only \$350 a job lot for irons! Perfect for the budding golfer.



Watch this space!

Registrations for the Mudgee Golf Club SPEED GOLF Championships will start in September 2017.

So get your teams organised!

Cheers, Mayso.



The 2017 Mudgee Open
 Friday 29th Sept – Sunday 1st Oct

The 87th Annual Mudgee Open
 "NSW Vardon Event"

Enjoy 3 Magnificent Days of Golf!

ENTRIES CLOSE: FRIDAY 22ND September 2017
 BOOK EARLY – THIS EVENT WILL BE FULLY SUBSCRIBED

Feature Events

Pay on the Day! **FRIDAY** *Ring The Pro Shop for a TEE Time.*

Mueller Cup 4BBB Stableford
 Crossing Cup
 Allen Meers Memorial Cup

Friday Event Cost: \$25 per person
NO PREPAYMENTS FOR THIS EVENT

SATURDAY

A and B Grade Scratch Event and Net Event
 36 Hole Stableford Event

MUDGEE RACES – SPRING CARNIVAL
 Why not pop out to the track after the first round and catch the courtesy Bus back to the Club. Bus departs the track at 5pm and 6pm.

CALCUTTA FROM 7PM – LIVE MUSIC

NRL Grand Final **SUNDAY** *Raffles*

A and B Grade Scratch Event and Net Event
 36 Hole Stableford Event

\$4 Schooners

**Saturday and Sunday ONLY Event Cost:
 \$300 per Booking Group**

MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE AND INCLUDE BOOKING NAME

THE VOICE OF THE KING

Royden Donohue

Award winning vocalist and Australian representative for the World Ultimate Elvis Competition in Memphis, USA, Royden Donohue performs a dynamic tribute to the King from the Early years, Movie era, 68 Comeback special through to the Vegas years.

Some LOOK like him, some MOVE like him, but rarely do they SOUND like him!

**SATURDAY
 21 OCTOBER 2017**

LIVE AT THE GOLF CLUB!





Mudgee Veteran Golfers' Association



The monthly Veteran's golf report shows a steady roll-up of players and it is hoped that as the weather warms up, the numbers will increase again.

David Halpin was the stand-out winner today with a massive 40 points! This score included a massive 23 points (3 over par!) on the back nine holes, after he had started his round a little shakily.

Hot on David's heels was Tom Cooke (38 points), who started well and continued to pile on the points in a very consistent display. Tom's 20 points on the back nine wasn't too shabby, either! Close behind, in third place, was Kel Wilton (37 points) who birdied the 10th hole on his way to a fine 21 points on the back nine! Did they play a different back nine to the one my playing group played? We certainly didn't see too many 'easy' shots out there today!

Ball winners were Paul, Ross, Bob, Alex, Don, John and Bruce with Bill Irvine missing out by one shot. The sharpshooter's award for the NTP on the 11th hole was Bob Kearins who caressed his tee shot onto the green and claimed the prize.

The annual **Ladies vs Gentlemen event** saw a field of 6 Ladies and 21 Gentlemen contest a single stableford match with a tight finish guaranteed. After all the scores were added and then divided by the number of players in each "team", the results showed that the "Gentlemen" averaged 29.0 points to edge out the "Ladies" who averaged 27.3 points. Quiet applause greeted the results as they were announced with everyone realising how close the match had been.

The overall results on the day were also very closely fought with **Paul Moore** scoring 35 points to claim the winner's prize on a countback from Stuuie Campbell (35 points) and Kel Wilton (34 points) who survived another countback over Tom Cooke to claim third prize. Ball winners were Tom, Les, Barry, Bill, Ross, Ian, Ken and Jeff. The sharpshooter's award for the NTP on the 11th hole belonged to Kel Wilton who caressed his shot towards the green. The ball sailed unerringly towards the flag and came to ground a mere 50 centimetres short of the hole and bounced tantalisingly close to the hole before coming to rest a mere 51 centimetres behind the hole.

NSW Veterans' Golf Association are getting nearer to some Group boundaries that, if they proceed, will have an effect on us. The proposal is to disband our current Group (consisting of Coolah, Henbury and us) and form a Group consisting of Dubbo, Henbury, Gulgong, Gilgandra, Coonabarabran, Wellington and Mudgee.

The **up-coming calendar** shows a rather busy month as a fun, novelty event is followed by two important InterClub matches against Dubbo. The events are:

Tuesday 1 August ... 3 Person Ambrose

Friday 11 August ... Round 1 Barry Harvey Shield (Stableford) @ DUBBO

Tuesday 15 August ... Round 2 Barry Harvey Shield (Stableford) @ MUDGEE

Soon after these events, September will be upon us and the massive **Veterans' Week of Golf** will see visitors from far and wide come to town and enjoy the challenges that our magnificent course throws up every time we try to tame it. I am sure that as the time draws near, 'helpers' will be required to assist over the week in a variety of roles.

REMEMBER THE MGC VETS' MOTTO ... "SWING HARD, IN CASE YOU HIT IT!!"

Jeff Williamson, MGC Vets' Secretary

WHAT'S ON AT THE GOLF CLUB				
OPENING HOURS	BAR	LUNCH	DINNER	SPECIALS / EVENTS
Monday	11:30am to 6:00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Tuesday	11:30am to 9:00pm	12:00pm to 3:00pm	5:30pm to 8:00pm	\$10 Lunch menu \$12 Pasta Night
Wednesday	11:00am to 9:00pm	12:00pm to 3:00pm	5:30pm to 8:00pm	\$10 Lunch menu \$12 Schnitzel Night
Thursday	10:00am to 10:00pm	12:00pm to 3:00pm	5:30pm to 8:00pm	\$10 Lunch menu Tapas Night TRIVIA
Friday	11:00am to 11:30pm	12:00pm to 3:00pm	5:30pm to 8:30pm	\$10 Lunch menu \$4 Schooners 3pm - 6pm RAFFLES - JOKER DRAW PUTT 4 CASH - from 6:30pm
Saturday	9:30am to 11:30pm	12:00pm to 3:00pm	5:30pm to 8:30pm	SEAFOOD RAFFLE Drawn 6pm Super Saturday NRL games \$16 Pizza Specials
Sunday	11:00am to 9:00pm	12:00pm to 3:00pm	5:30pm to 8:00pm	SUNDAY ROAST Lunch and Dinner Specials RAFFLES - JOKER DRAW



‘NEW’ ROUGHS MOWER

Thanks to the generosity of many, the greens staff have taken delivery of a near new roughs mower.

Generous donations were received from NSW Golf Foundation \$5,000; Mudgee Ladies Golf Committee \$6,000 and the Mudgee Veterans Golfing Association \$10,000 and great support from TORO Australia for making this mower available at such a competitive price.

Lastly, the generous supporters of our Saturday Seafood raffle have raised approximately \$11,000 to allow the purchase to be completed.

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

The seafood raffle on a Saturday continues so dig deep as all money raised is spent on your golf course. Raffle drawn at 6pm on Saturday evenings and if you provide a phone number we will call you if you have won.