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CAPTAINS REPORT



The 2018 'Cock of the Walk' was concluded in April, with a format which enabled Sunday golfers the opportunity to compete for the trophy. The final was won in a closely fought contest between Sunday qualifiers Duck Hahn and Sangdok Park, 1 Up over John Kenyon and John Murphy who headed up the Saturday qualifiers. Congratulations Duck and Sangdok.

The Masters Pennant season has commenced with Cumberland looking to defend their title of 2017 and win another Pennant for the Club. On Sunday the team hosted Campbelltown and came away with a very good win to kick off the year with 7 wins and one squared match. This year's team is again Managed by Eddie Gielarowski and consists of:

Paul Starc - Captain
Mark Hay
Richard Wood
Fred Yousiph
Paul Barton
Paul Hilton
Guy Sears
Greg Northam
Bruce Baker

May will bring us the first of our Championships with the Juniors competing over two rounds on 13th and 20th May. These young players are the future of our Club and, while the scratch score in the Championship will be hotly contested, there are a number of the boys who played Encourage Shield last year who have continued to improve their game and will provide stiff opposition in the nett event.

The 'Triple 6 Challenge' will be held on Thursday 31st May with an 8:00 am shotgun start. Cost of the days competition is \$25 which includes breakfast and lunch. Bookings are now open and must be made through the office.

It is now time for you to start arranging your partners for the Foursomes Championships. If you are wanting to play and don't have a partner, please let me know and I will assist in finding somebody for you to pair up with.

Finally, I have had several players inform me about lack of etiquette on the golf course. This covers a number of areas, from calling out "fore" if your ball is headed towards another player, to keeping up with the group in front. We all want to have a safe and enjoyable day on the course and observing some simple courtesies will assist in this regard.

Paul Hilton (Club Captain)



VICE CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Course Renovation and the Current Height of the Rough

Twice a year the golf course is subject to major renovations. The principal task is the coring, fertilising and top dressing of the greens. In addition the fairways were aerated in preparation of a gypsum application to improve the soil structure. The coring process is critical to maintain the health of the grass. Immediately following the coring of the greens, the course received a welcome burst of rain. However, air temperatures well above normal returned, which have resulted in record temperatures. The weather conditions have resulted in abnormally high growth in fairways and rough.

A number of members have expressed their frustration in finding their golf balls and playing out of the rough. I sympathise with the members problem and wish to assure you that the length of the rough is not a sinister plot to set the course up with US Open style conditions. Once the greens renovation was complete and the rough sufficiently dry, the mowing of the rough commenced.

In addition, the cutting height of the rough mowers was lowered but despite the considerable time put in by the course staff, the rough is growing well beyond heights expected in the second month of autumn. Course staff will continue to put considerable effort into rough mowing and with cooler weather in prospect, this should assist in slowing down the current growth pattern. Steps will also be taken to change the mowing pattern in the area immediately after the green fringe. The aim is to improve the quality of lies available for chipping onto the greens. Rest assured that all available steps are being taken to reduce the

length of the rough.

Irrigation

Members will have noted over time a number of leaking sprinkler heads. This part of the irrigation system was installed approximately 19 years ago, and the sprinkler heads are reaching the end of their useful life. Over the last 12 months, a significant number of sprinkler heads have been replaced and we anticipate a sizeable number will have to be replaced in the current financial year.

Drainage

Over the last 12 months steps have been taken to install new course drainage to improve the playing experience following significant rainfall. A number of drainage rectification works have been undertaken and work was recently completed on the drainage system on the 15th and 17th holes. This work was critical in improving the problems of water overflow from the pond at the end of the 'babbling brook'.

Course Staff Milestones

Two of the Club's course staff reached important milestones in their time at Cumberland. Course superintendent Mark Crittenden reached 25 years service and green keeper Troy Gilvear recently passed 15 years. The Club congratulates Mark and Troy on reaching these service milestones.

Do you have any Questions or Suggestions ? I always welcome correspondence or face to face communications with members. Don't hesitate to contact me with your suggestions.

Stewart Manson (Chairman of Course)

NEWS FROM THE LADY MEMBERS



The annual Captain versus President event was held a few weeks ago and was won, this year, by the Captain's team. Congratulations to them. We had a shotgun start followed by a 'party lunch' which we always enjoy.

The Tuesday digger's trophy was won by Sandra Collins and the Sunday one by myself. Congratulations to

Sandra who is a relatively new lady member. It is great to see her doing so well.

Last Tuesday we had the competitions for the Silver Salver, Bronze Salver and Bronze Plaque. The Silver Salver was won by Kate Stuart, the Bronze Salver by Michelle Choi and the Bronze Plaque by Sujung Lee. Congratulations to these ladies on their wins.



We continue to remember the families of members who are struggling with illness at this time.

Happy Golfing!

Brenda Kennedy

President of the Lady Members

PRO SHOP NEWS



Well, its May again and Mothers Day on the 13th and when I think of Mothers, I think of Banners Golf !

Another exiting month of golf lies in wait for those brave enough to hit the fairways.

Along with our exclusive \$49 Mothers Day gift pack, we have plenty of other May specials to ensure everyone has a gift worth giving. On Tuesday the 8th we have a massive Ladies Apparel showing for all the upcoming winter clothing, then on Friday the 25th we have a full Titleist Fitting day scheduled. Book In now between 1 and 5pm to test out all the latest from Titleist including – 818 irons, 917 fairways and drivers along with all the latest from the Scotty Cameron range.

In other shop news, May sees a new face in the proshop from the 21st. Joining us is Todd Brown, so make sure you look in and introduce yourself at your earliest convenience!

Play well and see you on the tee!

Regards,

Joanne Bannerman (Head Professional)

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HOUSE NEWS



TRIVIA NIGHTS ARE BACK

By popular demand Trivia Nights are back every Wednesday from 7pm.

Why not organise a table or come along and join up with a group on the night for some fun and games. All members and guests are very welcome and it's **FREE**.

Prizes on offer each week for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams PLUS a weekly cash jackpot.

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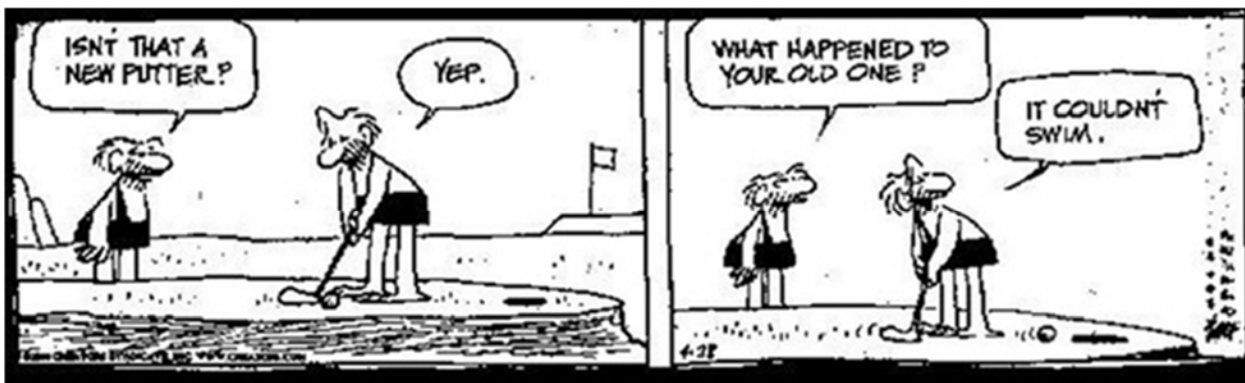


Saturday 16th June 7pm - Headline entertainer John 'Elvis' Collins.

Tickets are on sale now at just \$10 for members and \$20 for guests.

Don't miss this number one Elvis Tribute Artist who is a regular around the bigger clubs, entertainment venues and harbour cruises.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH :



Happy Golfing

Denis Clifford (Vice President)
Newsletter Editor

