
Cumberland December E-News



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, I was off on a Pacific cruise last month and unable to attend the Special General Meeting. I understand that the two motions put forward were overwhelmingly approved and I thank you for your show of support and confidence in the Board. As I've said many times before, your Board will continue to act in the best interests of our members and be open and

transparent in everything we do in relation to the development project. An 'Expression of Interest' will be released early in the new year and responses should give us a very good idea of what our options are.

While our cruise stopped in Noumea, I had the opportunity to play a round of golf at the very picturesque Tina Golf Course, about ten minutes from the port. Most of the staff speak English, are friendly and welcome visitors, especially Australians. The Noumean guy who runs the restaurant and bar is actually a member of the Warringah Golf Club in northern Sydney. It was a most enjoyable and reasonably priced day. If you are planning a pacific cruise or a trip to Noumea and would like to visit the Tina Club, I'd be happy to give you further information.

It's that time of year so on behalf of your Board of Directors, Management and Staff may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I'd particularly like to thank the staff in the Bar, Restaurant, Pro Shop and on the Course, who will work throughout the holiday period so we can enjoy the course and club facilities.

Denis Clifford
(Club President)

CAPTAINS REPORT

Another month of golf provided another month of good times on the golf course.

November saw the preliminary rounds of the Match Play Championships across all grades with the final scheduled to be played on Saturday 8th December. There are some very interesting match ups in the final and all players will need to be on top of their game if they are looking to win.

Another successful Diggers Day was held to remember our past and present war veterans. While all of these days are special, this year had the added significance of being the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War. On behalf of all members, our thanks go to the Diggers Committee and their helpers for the work they put into Diggers Day at Cumberland every year. The 2nd Inaugural

Cumberland Par 3 Championship was again booked out for a challenging day of golf. The ladies continued to show their strength in this event with Keum Yoo having 42pts to win the trophy on a count back from Kay Park. The scratch score was won by Phil Britton with 32pts on a count back. Several improvements were implemented this year which included a specific par 3 slope rating bringing scores back to a more conventional outcome and a faster round of golf through calling up on all holes.

The 2018 Medal of Medals has been won by Stephen Couper with a fine nett 68. Congratulations Steve.

The Christmas Cup is scheduled for Wednesday 12th December with only Cumberland Members eligible to win the Cup. On this day hams will be awarded as prizes in lieu of a House Account credit. This is normally the biggest Wednesday competition of the year so make sure you are booked in early to secure a spot.

The first three months of the 2019 Fixture Book has been on the Members Portal for several months. The remainder of the year will be added to the portal in the near future.

Cumberland will be hosting a round of the Volkswagen Scramble (previously Holden Scramble) in February. Denlo Volkswagen Parramatta are our local sponsors for the day and are offering competitors a significant discount on car purchases and a prize of a car for a Hole in One. Further information will be provided early in the New Year.

Paul Hilton
(Club Captain)

VICE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

November has proved a challenging month for our Course staff. Several days of gale force winds and the recent rain event, which saw around 70 millilitres fall on the course. Resources are stretched as staff work hard to have the course in

playable condition. Fortunately, the amount of damage has been relatively minor, with one large eucalyptus tree the only large tree felled by the wind.

Several trees will be removed shortly. To enable completion of the bunker project work on the 13th hole, two trees behind the left hand side bunker will be removed. The third tree will be cut to a size, with limbs removed, suitable to house a bird colony. Two replacement trees will be planted near the Whalans Road boundary. The large eucalyptus on the right hand side of the 8th hole, roughly 170 metres from the green, is to be removed. This tree is hit regularly by members and following external advice the tree is to be removed. A replacement tree will be planted.

The eucalyptus tree behind the 7th green, which died some months ago, will be subject to the same reduction exercise as I referred to above on the 13th hole to cater for nesting birds. A replacement eucalyptus will be planted near the existing tree. In the next edition of the e-news, I will cover more issues on the Course tree population.

In addition to the normal work activity, over the next few months Course staff will be undertaking irrigation works and the next phase of the Bare Patches Programme. A priority is the improvement in the Course surrounds out to approximately 10 metres from the putting surface. Some green surrounds were not receiving sufficient water to promote adequate grass coverage. The first step in correcting this problem will be the laying of additional irrigation lines linked to the existing watering systems. Further work will be required in the next financial year to improve water coverage around the course.

In the last e-news, I touched on the influence of couch grass on our course. The ground pearl insect is widespread and testing of Santa Anna couch grass is demonstrating resistance qualities to the destructive insect. Couch grass used on the Course has achieved satisfactory results and as we finalise this years' Bare Patches Programme, consideration will be given to expanding the couch grass coverage.

Couch grass achieves the best results in areas with below average water

coverage and on some areas of the course, couch grass has replaced kikuyu on fairways and near rough. The couch grass will spread until such time as our irrigation systems can provide the opportunity for kikuyu grass to be established. Healthy kikuyu with adequate watering will be better able to resist the ground pearl and is strong enough to replace couch grass.

To assist our Course staff with completion of the Bare Patches Programme in a timely manner, volunteer help is required. I am pleased to have received from a few members, a commitment to assist. However, the Club can do with more help on this programme. Please let me know or alternatively the office if you can assist.

On the subject of volunteers, our Garden Club volunteers are badly in need of more helpers. If you can assist on a Friday morning, please let me know.

Stewart Manson (Chairman of Course)

NEWS FROM THE LADIES PRESIDENT

What a wonderful day we had on November 27 when we enjoyed our annual hams day at the club. We were delighted to welcome players from over 10 other golf clubs. After golf we had our raffle and a special treat this year was a fashion parade of golf gear organised by Matthew from the pro shop. It was a great day. We made a profit of over \$500 from the raffle and a decision as to which charity will benefit will be made early in the new year. A big thank you to our very generous women who donated so much for the raffle.

On a sad note we extend our deepest sympathy to a few members who lost loved ones recently Joyce Tunks who lost her son Gary, In Lee whose husband died and Dawn Dorahy who farewelled her younger brother Geoff. May they rest In peace and may their families be comforted at this sad time in their lives.

At this special time of the year I would like to wish all our members a very happy and peaceful Christmas and many blessings in 2019

Brenda Kennedy
Ladies' President

NEWS FROM THE LADIES CAPTAIN

Pennants and Representative News-

Ourrepresentatives at the Metropolitan Medal Playoffs at North Ryde on 26/11/18 had an enjoyable day but unfortunately were not amongst the Metropolitan divisional winners for 2018.

Well done and a great effort from Brenda Kennedy, Louise Brekan and SuJung Lee.

The nomination sheet for the 2019 Bronze II Pennant team (min GA handicap 23.0) will be out shortly.

Although this competition commences in May 2019, with the end of our golfing season and the Christmas/New Year break, the squad and shirts will need to be organised first thing in February. If you are interested, please place your name on the nomination sheet in the Ladies locker room. Priority will be given by handicap and most matches available.

Other News

Congratulations to the 2018 Ladies Matchplay Champions

Division 1 Melissa Cochran

Division II Jung Joo

Division III Kay Moule



Also congratulations to Michaela Kang for her exciting Hole in One on the 13th on Tuesday 20/11/18.



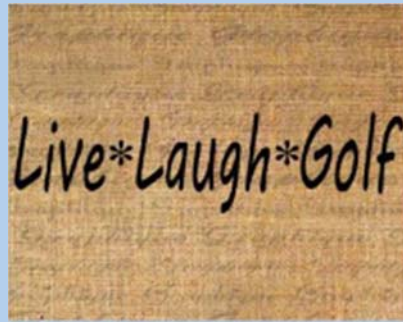
The Open Christmas Hams Day on 27/11/18 was once again a successful event, with 108 Ladies playing this year. We had many visitor teams who all enjoyed their golf, the fun activities and golf fashion show. Another fantastic event for our Club and Lady Members.

Presentation of the Ladies Major Championship Trophies and the minor novelty event prizes for 2018 will take place at the Ladies Christmas Luncheon on 11/12/18. Hope you will all be able to attend.

Finally, Merry Christmas everyone and good golfing wishes for the year ahead

Happy Golfing!

Tracey Hilton (Ladies Captain)



From The Proshop

Hello again from the Pro-shop and Merry Christmas to all!

This month is another huge one at Banners Golf culminating with Christmas and then New Years Day. We have plenty of stock available instore with some exiting Christmas ideas. You can grab a gift card for any amount you like and let that loved one choose for themselves or take advantage of some of our great deals on things like gloves, balls, tees or clothing.

We have some great two for one deals on gloves and balls, the latest in Under Armour clothing and shoes are available, huge savings on fitted wedge sets along with the new XR Speed driver from Callaway and you won't believe the price !

The MGI electric buggies are selling fast and we have the usual huge range of Putters and bags ready to go.

After the Callaway Fitting Day on Friday the 7th we take a break for the remainder of the year but still have everything for all the major brands to fit instore anytime, so don't put off those new clubs for another year.

Finally, a tip for the fairways – Clear thinking. One bad shot shouldn't follow another – just because we hit one poor shot there is no need for the next shot to be in any way influenced by our emotions. Golf balls and golf clubs simply don't care whether we are happy, sad, angry or suicidal! Clear thinking is the best way to approach each shot regardless of any previous effort. Work with facts not emotions – and if the fact is that you are a poor golfer maybe it's time to visit the local Pro-shop and do something about it !!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Banners Golf – your local Pro-shop

ITS CHRISTMAS TIME

With December comes a time of cheer and what better way to celebrate than with the Annual Cumberland Kids Christmas Tree.

The Christmas Tree is scheduled for this coming Sunday 9th December and will include Jumping Castles, Snow Cones, Fairy Floss and Sausage Sizzle and of course a visit from Santa himself.

All the fun kicks off at 3:30pm on the 1st hole so come and join us for a fun day and enjoy the Christmas spirit. Please register kids under 12yrs with the office.

Don't forget about Cumberland's MEGA Christmas Raffle and miss out on your chance to win a share of over \$1000 worth of prizes.

Tickets are on sale in the clubhouse and over the bar and are only \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10. Drawn on Friday 21st December some of the prizes include a Webber-Que, UE BOOM 3 Bluetooth Speaker, Hisense Bar Fridge and Nespresso Coffee Machine.

Speak to our staff today to purchase your Tickets, remember you have to be in it to win it!

Lucky Members Badge Draw and Lucky Raffles

Our Lucky Members Badge Draw is on the climb and now sits at \$3600. Come on down every Thursday and Friday night at 7pm for the draw and try your luck.

Starting from Thursday 6th October our weekly Thursday & Friday night raffles will include Christmas Hams so come along and let Cumberland take care of your

Christmas Feast. Thursday night raffle tickets on sale from 6:30pm. Friday night raffle tickets on sale from 5:30pm.

COURSE ETIQUETTE

There's nothing worse than having your ball trapped on a bunker wall by a rake that should have been left in the middle. Please, when you're finished raking a bunker leave the rake in the middle.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"My swing is so bad I look like a caveman killing his lunch" (Lee Trevino)

Enjoy your golf.

Denis Clifford (Club President)

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