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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the first of our Members' Newsletters for 2019. I don't need to tell you that this summer we've experienced very hot conditions that have had a negative effect on field sizes and presented enormous challenges for our course staff. Acting Course Superintendent Trent Crittenden and his team have done a great job of keeping the green alive and doing their best to present the course to the high standard we have.

We've advertised for a new Course Superintendent which closes this week and already we have received applications from a wide range of people. We'll go through a selection process and I'll keep you informed of any updates.

An Expression of Interest in relation to our Development Project has been released, so now we wait to see what interest we get from developers. You will soon be able to access information on the project through the Members Portal . We'll let you know when this facility is up and running.

Australia Day celebrations at Cumberland were a big success. Although the field size was affected by the hot weather, there were a large number of members and guests who enjoyed the cooler atmosphere in the clubhouse, with live music and great company. I particularly thank the bar staff who worked on the BBQ in searing heat to provide us with the traditional sausage and onion rolls.

The first of our big shows for 2019 is on Saturday 16 March with the very popular John Elvis Collins and Aaron Mansfield. Our shows in 2018 sold fast so get in early. Tickets are available at the office \$20 for visitors but only \$10 for members.

Denis Clifford (Club President)

Captains Report

January saw the Summer Cup and Australia Day Medal competitions take place. The Summer Cup winner will be determined by a playoff between Ian McCarthy and Adam Storey after they tied with scores of nett 66. The Australia Day Medal was won by Peter Stretton, with a fine score of 43 points.

On Australia Day we were joined by 5 members of the 1979 Major Pennant Team. Kerry Whitby, Steve Wright, Graham Hann, David Potts and John Kiddle celebrated the 40th anniversary of Cumberland's first Major Pennant success by playing with the 2019 team and presenting the team with their shirts for the year.

The 2019 Major Pennant Team selection process has been more rigorous this year and this should assist the players in performing at their best. The team selected to represent Cumberland is:

Isaak Pemble (c), Matt Andrew, Danial Auremi, Arthur Barakat, Tim Hill, Josh Madeleine, Eugene Morozoff, Josh Russo, Fred Yousiph

The team will be greatly supported by Managers Paul Hilton and John Kiddle as well as the star line up of Caddies and we are looking forward to a successful season. The first game is Sunday 10th February at Cumberland against Eastlake.

We have many special events on the horizon which are:

9th and 10th February - Cock of the Walk qualifying

16th February - Holroyd Shield

22nd February - Volkswagen Scramble

10th March - John Gow Memorial Golf Day

Keep working on your understanding of the new rules and if there are any rules you are unsure of, please ask and we will clarify them for you.

Paul Hilton (Club Captain)

VICE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Weather conditions experienced over the last 8 weeks have presented major challenges for the Course staff. Heavy bursts of rain followed by hot and humid days have made conditions difficult in the quest to present the course in the best available condition. Significant time has been spent repairing bunker damage and presently the Course staff are doing their utmost in an oppressive environment to present the course to the highest standard. Acting Course Superintendent Trent Crittenden has been working at times with as few as 5 staff. Notwithstanding, the course continues to be presented in good order.

Excluding the Course Superintendent position, a full complement of Course staff will not be in place until mid-February and this has impacted on course maintenance and special projects. To assist the Course staff, our General Manager Andrew Laplain will be co-ordinating volunteers to assist with course maintenance activities, which include, whipper snipper tree bases, blow debris from paths, weed spraying, top dressing trenches and painting. This work is critical to maintain the general appearance of the course.

Also, our small but important Garden Club group will be in action to work on the appearance of the Club's gardens. I again ask that if you can volunteer, now is an important time for our Club. Please contact Andrew to register your interest.

During February we are hopeful of commencing the deferred special projects work, which includes more bare patches repair, spraying of the entire course for removal of Parramatta grass and irrigation work to improve the water flow on the green surrounds for a number of holes.

Despite the difficult weather conditions, the greens have been maintained in good condition. Watering coupled with the rainfall has resulted in the greens being softer than usual. The result is that pitch marks are more prominent. Sadly, I am noting too many un-repaired pitch marks on competition days. Many of us find getting down to ground level a challenge, but please make the effort to improve the standard of our putting surfaces. If you have unused soil and are approaching a green, please use the soil to fill in bare patches on the fairways. This will assist in the overall process to repair the affected areas.

Stewart Manson

Vice Captain

NEWS FROM THE LADIES CAPTAIN

Our Ladies 2019 golf season has commenced and we have our first Ladies representative team ready to kick off.

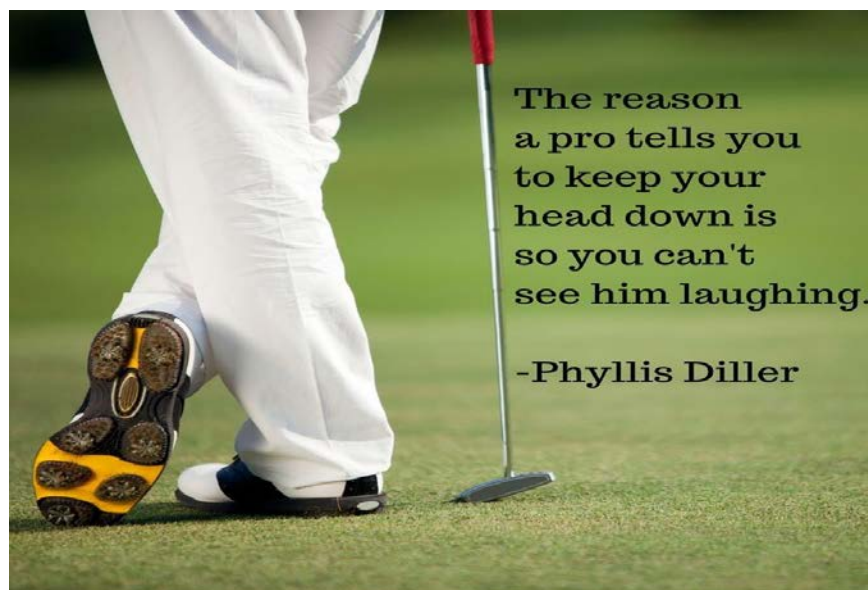
The Ladies Major Metropolitan Pennant begins on Sunday 10/2/19. Our first match is at North Ryde. This years team will be- Melissa Cochran, Diane Morgan, Bronwyn Smith, Eun Park, Angela Yang, Maria Golden, Tracey Hilton.

Good luck Ladies, we wish you great success!

The Western Districts 1 Pennant team has also been selected. This competition starts on Monday 4/3/19. Our representatives this year will be- Brenda Kennedy, Trisha Johnston, Helen Cho, Grace Kim, Angela Yang, Jin Lee. Looking forward to a wonderful 2019 Pennants Season for our Ladies.

On coming Tuesdays after our golf, Carolyn Seddon has agreed to help in explaining and demonstrating some of the new and easily confused R & A rules of golf. That way we will all have a better understanding of the new rule changes. Thanks Carolyn.

Tracey Hilton
(Ladies Captain)





Well hello again and welcome to 2019 at Banners Golf. Wow – what a summer it has been.

With the new Callaway EPIC Flash and the Taylormade M5 and M6 now INSTORE, don't expect any respite from the heat as these two clubs are almost too hot to handle with amazing ball speeds and feel and already a huge tour presence for both clubs

Instore now we have the full range of the EPIC Flash and M5/M6 ready to demo along with a huge Taylormade fitting event booked for March 15th.

Also instore, we have some full demo sets of Callaway irons to try on the course and the latest new irons from Mizuno ready to be fitted.

Our current range of putters offers something for everyone's stroke and budget and keep an eye out for a HUGE special coming soon incorporating a full SAM Puttlab lesson and assessment with a new putter included – it is really the only way to buy a new putter.

The brand new ProV1 and ProV1x have also landed instore and have sparked a frenzy as usual along with a price drop on the superseded stock so be sure to clear your ball account while we have very limited stock of the older model and super cheap prices.

Calling all Ladies !! Joannes Ladies Beginner Clinics are back in full force again, starting the 5th of March and continuing on the 12th, 19th and 26th between 1.15 and 2.15pm. For all levels of play grab some friends and get down to all or any of these clinics for a great learning and social experience that will help your game move to the next level.

In other club news, the major pennant season has just kicked off, so check with the Pro Shop or club to see when you can come down and cheer on your teams!

Finally, the VW scramble is here! Grab your friends and get together a team of 4 for the 22nd of February. With great prizes and an enjoyable event you can't afford to miss this one.

That's all this month from the shop

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From the General Manager

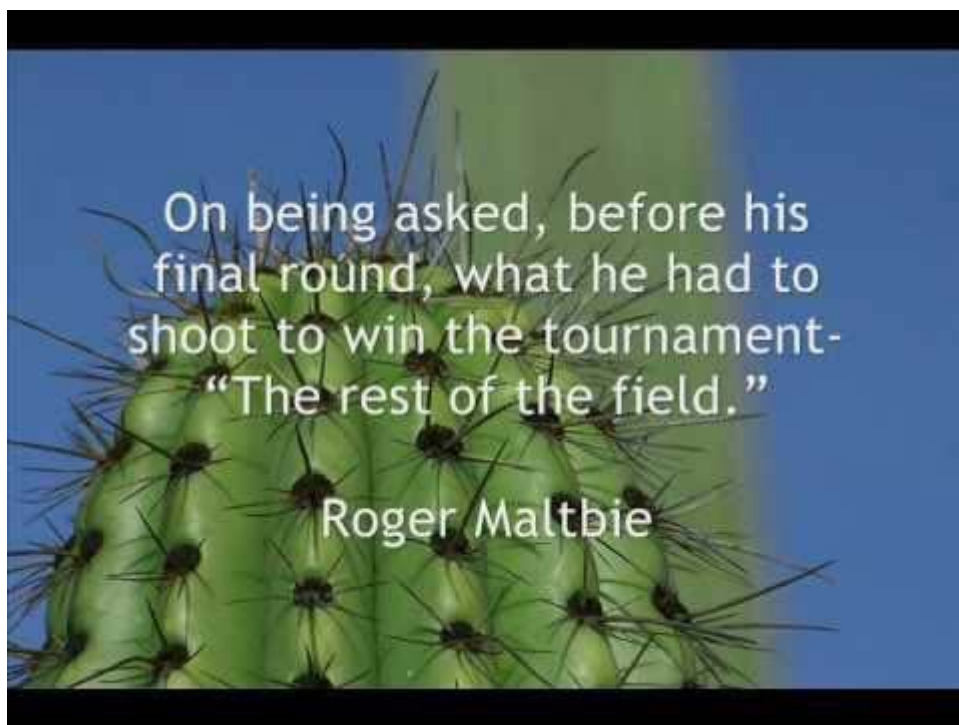
Cumberland was pleased to have recently been successful in securing a Government Grant from the Office of Sport and Recreation for \$14,975 which was provided to assist in funding ongoing efforts to improve the turf playing surfaces at Cumberland. Our thanks to the local member Hugh McDermott for his support.

The Board voted in March of 2018 that it would no longer support the Club funding of the annual Vets Christmas Luncheon to maintain equity amongst all members. This information however was not effectively disseminated to the relevant members by my office.

This being the case I subsequently approved the expenditure for 2018. Please note that should those members and visitors playing in the Veterans competition wish to hold a Christmas luncheon this year all costs will be borne by the member.

Andrew Laplain

QUOTE OF THE MONTH :



Enjoy your golf.

Denis Clifford (Club President)