

Cumberland June E-News



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Some sad news to report this month with the passing of long time, well respected member Ernie Stewart. His mate Bill Henderson has penned a fitting tribute to Ernie that we have included later in this newsletter. Also Sean Beahan, son of Ken and Lorraine, has lost his long and hard-fought battle against cancer. On behalf of the Board and Members of Cumberland I extend our deepest sympathies to the Stewart and Beahan families.

Following the sudden departure of our course superintendent the Board is considering several options to fill the position and to maintain the course to the highest standard. We have also been recruiting to fill other course staff positions and I expect we will be back up to full strength in the near future.

In the interim, it is important that we all do our bit to keep the course in good shape by a few simple things like filling in divots and repairing pitch marks. This is the time of year when minimal growth conditions result in unfilled divots taking longer to repair. Unrepaired pitch marks are unsightly and whilst waiting for your turn to putt, please turn your attention to repairing pitch marks. Make sure all foot marks in a bunker are raked before leaving the bunker.

I thank you for your patience during recent works at the club, particularly to the front entrance. The toilet at the far end of the restaurant has now been converted to a Unisex Disabled suite and renovations to the front entrance have been made to allow for the inclusion of a lifting device to allow for better access for those with

mobility issues.

Nominations for positions on the Board are now open and close at 4pm on the 18th June. Nomination forms can be obtained from the office. Voting this year will be electronic and you will receive details of that process shortly. The General Manager will provide facilities in the clubhouse and assist those who do not have access to the internet. The AGM this year will be on Tuesday the 23rd July.

Our Development Project is progressing well. All documentation has been issued to preferred proponents with responses expected later this month. We will then be in a position to evaluate their responses and report back to the members. Once again, you can follow the progress of the project through the timeline on our website.

Denis Clifford (Club President)

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO SIDNEY ARTHUR ERNEST [ERNIE] STEWART

I thank the club for allowing me to offer a tribute to a truly great friend and clubmate.

Ern invited me to join the club in 1974 and I soon realised what a dedicated and multi skilled member he was. A talented golfer in his own right, representing the club in the then B grade pennants. He also managed the junior pennant team in their golden years when his son Greg [now the pro at Byron Bay] and many of the team went on to become professional golfers. He also caddied for Greg on the pro tour. Ern also cleared the poker machines for 10 years, was a member of pro shop quartet entertaining the ladies at their leap year mixed nights. He was a motor mechanic by trade and serviced the golf carts when first used by Cumberland.

Ern was instrumental in assisting to set up the Vets competition, was first to arrive and last to leave, winding the competition up manually and ringing the results through to the media. Ern enjoyed his 9 holes with the fairway friends in later life.

So it can be seen we have lost a valued member of the club and on behalf of everyone at the club, may I extend our deepest sympathy to his beloved wife Lois and his wonderful family and assure them of the respect had from all at Cumberland.

RIP Ernie, you played your part well.

Bill Henderson

(former captain of the Vets)

SHOWTIME AT CUMBERLAND

**Come and Celebrate our 81st Birthday as
Cumberland Country Golf Club Presents**

DISCO NIGHT

**FEATURING
THE CONFETTI DISCO
BAND**

**SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2019
8:30PM**

\$10 MEMBERS - \$20 VISITORS

**ALL BOOKINGS VIA THE CLUB OFFICE - CALL 02
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CLUB OPEN ONLY TO TICKET HOLDERS FROM 8PM

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Tickets are now on sale for our Disco Night Show featuring the Confetti Disco Band.

Confetti are a first class 7 piece band with a song library of all your favorite disco hits like, Stayin' Alive, YMCA, Ladies Night, Disco Inferno, The Nutbush, Carwash and many many more!

Tickets are only \$10 for members or \$20 for visitors. Call the office now to book you tickets and secure your spot for this fantastic show.

CAPTAINS REPORT

This month we look at some Championship results, upcoming events and Representative team news.

The Junior (Stroke) Championship has been won by Josh Madeleine for the second successive year. The top four placings in the Championship proceeded into the draw for the Matchplay Championship. Josh Madeleine was again successful, defeating Blade Hili in the Final.

Our Mixed Foursomes Championship is held over Sunday and Monday of the long weekend. Many pairings have already booked in however if you would like to play and are looking for a partner please let me know.

The Men's Foursomes Championship starts on the 15th June. Again, if you are looking for a partner please let me know as there will be no other competition on this day.

Nomination sheets for the Warren & Gibson Trophy Teams and the Super Seniors Pennant have been on display in the Club for some time. The Warren & Gibson Teams will be selected this week and the Super Seniors around the end of the month. If you are interested in playing Super Seniors please put your name on the sheet. Teams in the Division are Cumberland, Castle Hill, Muirfield, Strathfield, Oatlands, Carnarvon and Cabramatta.

The Masters Pennant team has played five games in their Division for four wins and a close loss. Having recorded some big wins Cumberland has wrapped up the Division with one game to go against Strathfield at Cumberland.

There is nothing more frustrating than driving on a country road or freeway and the car in front fails to keep up with the flow of traffic. This is no different on the golf course when players do not keep pace with the group in front of them. We want everybody to enjoy their time on the course.

Paul Hilton (Club Captain)



Come and support our 2018 Major Trophy winners as they are presented with their trophies.

6pm Saturday June 15th prior to the Confetti Disco Show.

NEWS FROM THE LADIES PRESIDENT

We welcomed quite a number of new lady members over the past few weeks. Welcome to....

Catherine Riddel, Judith Attwood, Barbara Rutter, Liz Kim, Joy Lee, Hila Hong, Bethel Sturdy, Judy Jung, Won Kim and Kelly Ha.

We hope you enjoy your time with us here at Cumberland.

It is encouraging to see an increase in the number of ladies playing each Sunday so keep it up ladies!

In June we will celebrate the special birthdays of two very loyal Cumberland members. June Carroll will be 90 on June 4 And Gwen Ffyfe will be 80 on June 21. Happy Birthday to both of you and thanks for your loyalty and friendship over many years.



On June 4 we will be delighted to welcome Denise from the Beauty Bank who will accept a donation of \$600 to help a great cause. The Beauty Bank look after women who are struggling with domestic violence. They do not get any government funding and depend on donations for their great work in the community.

Happy golfing ☐♀☐

Brenda Kennedy
President of the Ladies

NEWS FROM THE LADIES CAPTAIN

The Ladies Bronze II Pennant has commenced with our team's first match played at Asquith on 31/5 against Castle Hill. The team came away with a hard-earned square. Well done Ladies! The next Match is at Muirfield against Pymble on 7/6.



Congratulations to our Ladies Foursomes Champions for 2019 Michelle McPherson & Kate Stuart with scores of 95 & 94, and the Bronze I Foursomes Champions Sandra Bannerman & Annette Robinson with scores of 105 & 103. Unfortunately, there were not enough starters to hold the Bronze II Foursomes Championship this year.

The President vs Captain Trophy was played on Tuesday 23/4 with the President's team successful over the Captains, 887 points to 835. Well done Brenda and team and I hope you enjoyed your free celebration drink on the day.



Congratulations also to Fran Dalrymple and Kate Stuart on winning the Tuesday and Sunday Club Professional's Trophy respectively, and a huge thanks to Jo Bannerman for generously sponsoring the event again this year.



Anna Park was this year's winner of the Fay Spears Mother's Day Trophy, which was proudly presented by Paul Spears.

The Chick of the Walk Matchplay is currently underway. Good luck to all competing. The final will be played on Tuesday 18/6.

Upcoming Events -

Invitation Day on Tuesday 25/6. Please invite a lady member from another club to partner you. Competition cost is at the Members rate of \$15. It is a Singles Stableford and 2 Ball Aggregate.

Tuesday 16th July is our Christmas in July Open Day. Team of 4 Ambrose with an 8:30 am Shotgun start. A team nomination sheet will be out shortly, this will help with the number of holes needed for the Shotgun start only. You will be required to book your own team in the week before. Cost is \$15 for Members & \$35 for Visitors.

Happy Golfing!

Tracey Hilton

Ladies Captain



Well Hello again listeners and welcome to June – the US Open looms in the next week, the shorter but beautiful sunny days continue, the dew covers the ground in the morning and I am freezing.

Yes folks, the only way I will be able to stay warm this winter is rugged up in the highly fashionable and practical range of winter golf apparel now available in the Pro shop. Every morning we warm our hands on the red-hot prices to keep the cold away.

We have Under Armour and Footjoy – pants, jumpers, jackets, polos and even shorts still in stock for those looking for the winter tan!

After the runaway success of the last Callaway Fitting Day, keep an eye out for the next Taylormade Day at the start of July, or just come instore and test drive one of the custom options available from Callaway, Titleist, Taylormade or Mizuno today.

New instore are the full range of Footjoy Winter and Rain Grips and the number one selling umbrella in Greystanes – the MGI Dual Canopy.

Winter is the perfect time to change those grips after a long and extremely hot and sweaty summer. Typically, the more we sweat on the hot days, that sweat soaks into the grips on our clubs and come winter the rubber starts to perish and crack, especially when the average grip is over 5 seasons old! Change them more often people – they are your only connection to the golf club.

Finally, the most exciting development has finally hit the shelves of the Pro shop. After years of planning and endless enquiries from members, we in the Pro shop are proud to announce the release of our brand new range of multi coloured and budget priced pitch repairers. Come in and grab one for only \$2, head out to the course and get repairing. Grab some friends and make a day of it and help keep our course in tip top condition!

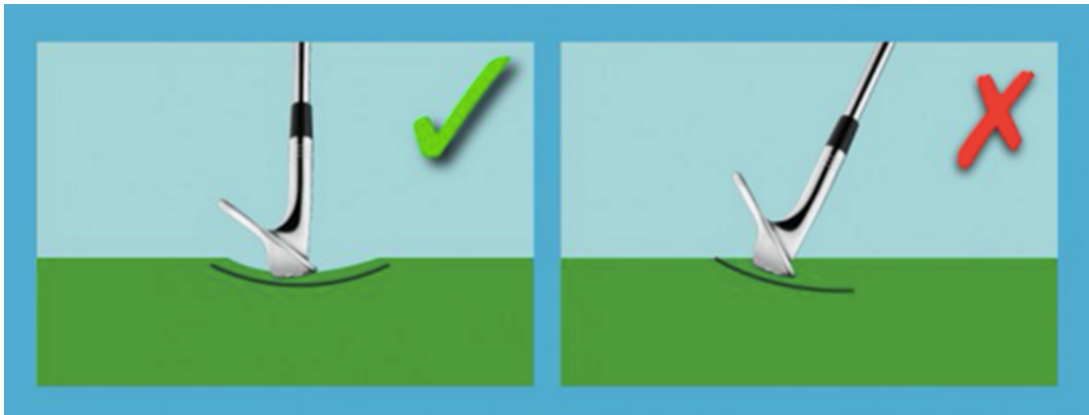
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Alright then, off to the course for another 18 and make sure you come in and visit us at the shop even if it's just to say g'day.....



Knowledge

One of the major causes of bad chipping is a poor relationship between the club and the ground (the big ball). This is largely dictated by your setup position. When golfers are faced with a golf ball sitting down in the grass the tendency is to move the ball toward their back foot and push their hands out in front of the ball in an attempt to hit down into the back of the ball. This is demonstrated in the image below right and dramatically reduces your margin for error.



Simple Setup Key.

Without the ball, there's no bad lie and most golfers will naturally use a neutral setup. Weight equally distributed between both feet but slightly favouring the front foot (60/40), ball positioned equally between both feet, and, the clubs shaft perpendicular (at a right angle) to the ground. This is demonstrated in the image below left and looks similar to how you stand to a putt. This neutral setup position will encourage the sole of the club to glide on impact with the ground.

Practice Tip.

Practice your chipping with just one ball and avoid giving yourself perfect lies. Take two practice swings brushing the grass and bring the same setup into the ball, feel the brush as the ball simply gets in the way of your swing. After a few attempts you will feel how the clubs bounce/sole angle is helping you glide along the earths surface without forcing the leading edge to dig and get stuck.



JO BANNERMAN - PGA PROFESSIONAL
CUMBERLAND COUNTRY GOLF CLUB



Quote of the Month

“Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle.” (Anonymous)

Enjoy your golf.

Denis Clifford (Club President)