

# Cumberland October E-News

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I can't believe we're up to the October Newsletter already with less than three months until Christmas. With our annual club championships approaching, the course and surrounds are in a fantastic condition thanks to hard work by our staff, garden club and volunteers. Great effort all round.

This month the Board approved a resolution to allow for temporary leave of absence for members of the Armed Forces and Australian Federal Police who are absent for a month or more due to deployment interstate or overseas for training, operational or peacekeeping duties. Our aim is to show support for serving men and women. If you know someone serving in either organisation who may be interested in joining our Club, please ask them to contact the General Manager to discuss.

I recently spoke with a couple of new social members who said they've joined the club because they feel welcome and the members are very friendly. What a great compliment. It just goes to show, it doesn't hurt to say hello to visitors and new members to make them feel welcome.

Last weekend, I had the pleasure of presenting the 2019 President's Cup Trophy to one of our up and coming junior members, Jack Holliday. Jack told me he has been playing golf for just two years, which I think makes it an extra special achievement. Congratulations Jack.

## NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE SCHEME

Did you know you can receive House Account Top Up up to the value of \$200 for proposing a new golfing member (juniors not included). Speak with the General Manager for details.

Denis Clifford  
Club President

## CAPTAINS REPORT

September was a big month in the golfing calendar for our Pennant teams with more to come in October. Commencement of the Junior Pennant, Finals for the Super Seniors and commencement of the Club Championships with some changes to the method for playoffs fill in a very busy month.

Our Warren Trophy team won their Division and played against The Coast at Eastlake GC in the Quarter Final. Despite putting up a good fight, Cumberland could not get over the top of The Coast and went down 2-1 on the day. The team consisting of Andrew Black, Ricky Ware, John McConnell (c), David Harvey, Michael Holovinsky, Tony Intonato and Eddie Gielarowski have had a good year and performed admirably while representing Cumberland. Michael Holovinsky and Tony Intonato were the standout performers and remained undefeated over their seven games. Thank you to Denis Clifford for managing both the Warren and Gibson teams this year.



The Warren and Gibson Teams were both sponsored this year by Audi



Parramatta, which is greatly appreciated by all involved.



Following our defeat in the Warren Trophy competition, Cumberland was requested by Golf NSW to host the Final of the Warren & Gibson Trophy competitions on 29th September. The Gibson Final was won by Camden while the Warren Final was won by The Coast, which reinforces just how close our team came to success.



The Super Senior team finished second in their Division which put them into a playoff against Roseville to secure a position in the Finals. They played Monash at Stonecutters Ridge on 2nd October and unfortunately were defeated 5-3 to bring their year to an end.

The 2019 Presidents Cup was won this year by Jack Holliday who is one of our promising Junior members. Jack who had a great score of nett 65 to win the Cup

is pictured below receiving his trophy from President Denis Clifford and Captain Paul Hilton.



The Club Championships commence this month and there have been two major changes made. Firstly, we once again thank Joanne and Banners Golf for the continued sponsorship of the Championships. In addition to the Banners Golf sponsorship the Club is awarding the scratch winners in each grade a House Credit of \$250.

The second change relates to playoffs should there be a tie in the scratch score over 72 holes. 18 hole playoffs in many of the Clubs' major events have proven difficult to arrange for all players and commencing this year in the Championship a 3 hole playoff will occur over the 1st, 6th and 9th holes on the day of the final round. If a tie still remains, the playoff will be sudden death commencing from the 10th hole. This will ensure there is a Champion crowned on the day and also add to the spectacle for other members watching the final holes.

Our Junior Pennant team commence their season on 13th October. We wish the team, once again under the enthusiastic guidance of Manager Mick Murphy, the best of luck for the competition.

#### Upcoming Events

9th November - Diggers Day – Shotgun start at 12:00pm

21st November - 3rd Inaugural, World Famous, Cumberland Par 3 Championship – Shotgun start at 8:30am

Both of these events have proven very popular and it is recommended that you



book your group early to ensure you obtain a spot.

## Local Rules

There are two new Temporary Local Rules which you need to be aware of:

1. Areas marked GUR with white paint and a sign stating COMPULSORY GUR - RELIEF MUST BE TAKEN. If you do not take full relief from these areas you will be penalised 1 stroke to your score.
2. Free relief may be taken from Wheel Ruts caused by course machinery or motorised golf carts in the 'general area'. The 'general area' being all areas of the course other than a hazard or a bunker.

As always, if you have a question or suggestion please contact me by email at [hilton59@tpg.com.au](mailto:hilton59@tpg.com.au)

Paul Hilton  
Club Captain

## VICE CAPTAINS REPORT - "Around the Greens"



Wow, October has arrived and the weather is starting to get warmer and we all know what that means, the growing season, daylight saving, and the club championships. The Superintendent (Peter) and his team are really working hard to have the course in its best possible condition for the first round of the championships commencing on Saturday 12th so good luck to all.

### **Mulching –**

Our trial mulching programme is still progressing nicely. You will now have seen another mulched area on the left hand side of the 10th & 11th. I'd like to thank our Club Captain Paul for his efforts in assisting in the spreading of the mulch.

I note that some members had expressed some concerns re the mulch dispersing, if & when we have bad weather. I am happy to report that after the heavy rain and strong winds a few weeks ago the mulch remained confined to its allocated area.

Overall the mulching of the bare areas looks great and hopefully we can get some more areas completed over the coming weeks. Again, if anyone would like to help spread some mulch please let the General Manager know.

**Tree Removal –**

We have removed the dead tree on the left hand side of the 13th green. We are also in the process of trimming trees with low hanging branches.

**Bare Patches –**

You will have noticed that we have taken away most of the directional roping on the left hand side of the 10th green where the re-turf of the bare patches has been completed. This area is still marked GUR so please take care when playing from this area as it still has to bed itself down.

Other areas of note – right hand side of the 11th green, right hand side of 12th fairway just up from the tee and up near the 12th green on the left hand side.

**Fairways –**

The fairways are starting to look even better and with the warmer weather the course staff are cutting them twice a week.

**Greens –**

I will leave this topic for the Superintendent to make comment but, in my opinion, the greens are starting to return to pre renovations condition. Yes, a little slow but that's to be expected given the amount of rain we have had recently. Rest assured the greens will be much quicker come the Club Championships.

**Volunteers –**

Thanks again to all the volunteers that help each week, it's greatly appreciated. Again, anyone that may have some free time and would like to help around the course please let us know, the more the merrier'.

Also, I wanted to congratulate the ladies Club Champions for 2019 - Melissa Cochran, Won Kim and Judith Attwood as well as the all-conquering Inter-Club Shield team for their great win. Three years in a row, what a great effort!! Well done ladies!!

My quote for the month – 'Success does not consist of never making blunders, but in never making the same one a second time'.

That's 'Around the Greens' for this month,  
Good golfing.  
Darren Stocks (Vice-Captain)

**COURSE UPDATE FROM THE COURSE SUPERINTENDENT, PETER FITZGERALD**

Some welcome rain was received last week with 120 mm falling. The course has started to move with the spring temperatures on the rise.

- Greens- Have had a growth surge since renovations and we they will improve over the next couple of weeks with verti-cutting, rolling and growth regulator applications.
- Mulching- Has been completed on holes 10, 18 with 11 ongoing



- Turfing- Holes 10,11 and 12 has been completed with work to continue on holes 13,14 and 15 next week.
- Irrigation has been extended on holes 15 and 18 in preparation of grassing rough areas.
- Fairways- In good condition and are now being cut twice weekly.



Its Kikuyu seed season and you may notice the white seed-head on fairways even after they have been cut the day before. An application of growth suppressant will eradicate the problem.





## MEET THE MAINTENANCE STAFF



Assistant Course Superintendent - Matt Turner

Matt has joined us from Terry Hills Country Club where he was employed as the 3 IC Irrigation technician. Matt has a great skill set and has experienced tournament golf presentation and is a valuable asset to the maintenance team. Matt has two kids and enjoys fishing and family outings on his days off.

## NEWS FROM THE LADIES





Last week many of the ladies attended the funeral of Daphne Ceinar, a well-loved member of Cumberland for 24 years. Daphne was diagnosed with a brain tumour three years ago and battled courageously to overcome it. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be and we, as a group, were very saddened by this news. Daphne played a big part in the organisation of the leap year mixed, which I'm sure many of you will remember. May Daphne Rest In Peace after a life well lived and we extend our sympathy to her daughter Sonia, her son in law Nick and her beloved grandchildren Zachary, Baxter and Jazz.

We welcome many new lady members who have joined us over the last few months. We hope you all enjoy your time with us at Cumberland.

Happy Golfing!

Brenda Kennedy (Ladies President)

### **NEWS FROM THE LADIES CAPTAIN**

The 2019 Ladies Championships have been completed for another year. Well done to all the ladies who participated.

Congratulations to Ladies Champion Melissa Cochran with a score of 247, Bronze 1 Champion Won Kim 310, and Bronze 2 Champion Judith Attwood 321



A wonderful result at Liverpool GC on 27/9 for our Inter-Club Shield team bringing home the trophy for a third year running. Good job Angela Yang, Helen Cho, Brenda Kennedy, Cecilia Bae, Margaret MacLean and Judith Attwood. A special thanks to the Caddies on the day.





The Matchplay Championship is currently underway for Divisions 1 & 2. Unfortunately, there were insufficient starters to hold the event for Division 3 this year. Good luck to those competing. Results to be announced in the next E-news.

Looking forward to the fun end of year events coming up. More details will be provided shortly and at Tuesday presentations.

Good Golfing!  
Tracey Hilton (Ladies Captain)



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Regards Jo Bannerman (Head Professional)



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**Quote of the Month**

I don't say my golf game is bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced - Arnold Palmer

Enjoy your golf.  
Denis Clifford (Club President)