

Cumberland December E-News

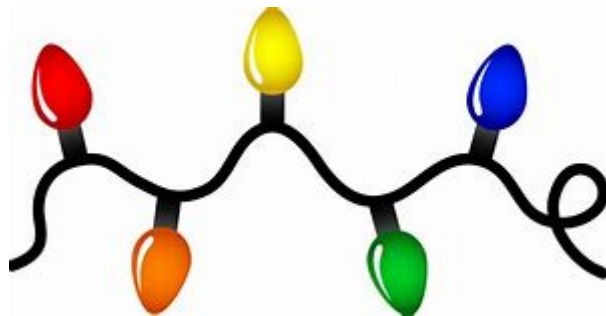


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's been a busy year for our Club both on and off the course with some great golf and clubhouse entertainment. I'd like to start this month by thanking those who make Cumberland the friendly and successful club that it is; the staff from the Bar and Kitchen, Administration, Course, Pro-shop and our Garden Club and Volunteers. Thank you all for your efforts throughout the year and especially to those who will be working over the upcoming holiday period.

We had some great golf results during the past month but none better than the fantastic effort of our Junior Pennant Team in making it to the finals. Well done guys, we're very proud of you.

The Development Project is ticking along with the recent appointment of a Course Architect who will work alongside an Architect from our development partners,

Aura Holdings, to come up with a layout that works for both us and the developers. This will take us a step closer to putting a proposal to the members for consideration.

As I reported last month, we have received approval to erect a digital display sign at the front gate and work has commenced. You may have noticed the formwork and safety tape at the front gate. Again, we don't expect too much disruption during the installation of the sign but please keep a lookout for workers when entering and leaving the club carpark.

This year our club Christmas Tree will be from 11am on Sunday the 15th December. In previous years we have experienced very hot days out in the sun so this year our House Committee has arranged for kids Christmas show inside the club. There will be special performers and I understand there might even be an appearance by jolly old Santa.



We have over thirty kids already registered. I'm sure the young (and the not so young) will have a great day so to help Santa with his list please register you children or grandchildren's names etc at the office.

In late November one of our members Alan Ross celebrated his 90th Birthday at Cumberland with a competition round and lunch afterwards in the restaurant with friends and family. Alan continues to enjoy his golf every Wednesday. Happy Birthday Alan!

Finally, on behalf of the Board of Directors, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Denis Clifford (Club President)

CAPTAINS REPORT

November was a busy month for golf with the final round of the Club Championships, Diggers Day and the AIF Cup, our spectacular Par 3 Championship day and the Match Play Championships. On top of these events our Junior Pennant team worked their way through to win their Division and play in the Finals series.

The Club Championships were hotly contested across all grades with exceptional

golf and exciting finishes. Congratulations go to the following winners:

- Club Champion.....Arthur Barakat
- A Reserve.....Robert Shield
- B Grade.....Mark O'Brien
- C Grade.....Nick Aravantinos
- Seniors.....Fred Yousiph



Diggers Day was played with the aim of the day to raise funds for Legacy. The headline trophy was the A.I.F. Cup and it was good to see a very happy Gordon Timmins back on the course and winning the event following a period of ill health. The day was very successful and a donation of just over \$4,300 will be forwarded to Legacy.

The Cumberland Par 3 Championship attracted a bumper field and once again the Ladies came out on top with the major prizes. Dianne McConnell had the best score on the day with 43 points to be this year's 'Champion' Joanne Bannerman beat several other professional golfers to win the scratch score with 32 points. Duran Adhar managed to put his first shot of the day into the hole on the 5th which played as the longest hole on the course at 200 metres.



Players who finished in the first eight positions in each grade in the stroke play championship qualified for the Match Play. These matches have now been completed and the following players were successful:

A Grade..... Arthur Barakat
A Reserve..... Paul Hilton
B Grade..... Garry Gormly
C Grade..... Bob Atkinson



As mentioned the Junior Pennant team were successful in winning their Division and they then defeated Liverpool to move on to a semi final match against Asquith. Our boys had to give over 80 shots to the Asquith team who were too good on the day. All members of the team should be proud of their achievement and many positive comments were given on their excellent demeanour on the golf course. A special thank you goes to Mick Murphy for again managing the team this year.

In December there are two special events. The Henderson / Stewart Trophy will be contested in the Veterans competition over two rounds on the 9th and 16th December. The Christmas Cup is being held on Wednesday 11th December and has been a popular event for members for many years.

The 2020 golf fixtures will be available on the Members Portal in mid December.

As always, if you have a question or suggestion please contact me by email at hilton59@tpg.com.au

Paul Hilton (Club Captain)

VICE CAPTAINS REPORT - "Around the Greens"



Welcome to this months 'Around the Greens'!!

Well, Christmas is just around the corner and the golf course is looking the best it's ever been and will no doubt be the gift that keeps on giving over the Christmas break. We are very fortunate to have an ample supply of (Bore) water to maintain and present our fantastic golf course which during these very trying times is a great asset. As Chairman of Greens it is wonderful to hear the positive remarks from especially long term members who stand on the tee box and say "How good does the course look" a comment I hope we all share.

So the question on everyone's lips, what is happening re a replacement Course Super?? Well, to bring you up to date, the Board has agreed to appoint Matthew Turner as our Acting Course Super and James (Jimmy) Beileiter as Acting 2IC. Both Matthew & James have the experience and skills to take Cumberland Golf Course forward and continue to improve on what we have already achieved over the last few months.

Course Staff - Just in relation to a full complement of green staff, we continue to interview potential candidates and we hope to have a full complement in the next few weeks.....stay tuned.

The 13th tee has been levelled and re-turfed. Unfortunately, it will be out of play for a few more weeks so please bear with us, some short-term pain for a long-term gain.

The mulching program is an ongoing process however due to other priorities around the course has slowed a little. 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.

In closing I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year and if anyone knows how to do a rain dance, start a dancing Maria.....

My quote for the month - "to find a person's character, play golf with them".

That's "Around the Greens" for this month,
Good golfing.

Darren Stocks (Vice-Captain)

COURSE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year, also I would like to thank Cumberland Golf Club for providing me this fantastic opportunity. It was sad to see Peter leave as he was a great asset to the club and his abilities will be missed. I now look forward to my new role and following in his footsteps and continue to improve and provide a fantastic golfing experience at Cumberland.

During this month we have re-levelled and returfed the 13th tee which is coming along well, turf is now established and now we are in the process of getting the tee back in play by slowly lowering the height of cut and top dressing out the gaps between the turf. This is a slow process as we do not want to rush and put unnecessary stress on the new turf.

Mulching the left side 13th hole has commenced after our wonderful volunteers had a working bee spraying the weeds and cleaning the area up. Great job.

Preventative Insecticide has been applied to greens to tackle that nasty stem-weevil which requires watering in. Also, surrounds are scheduled next on the program which also requires watering in from greenside irrigation, we will aim to minimise disruption during this time.

Scarifying and light dusting of greens will continue on a fortnightly program to help improve the putting surface and decrease thatch levels. The ongoing lack of rain has resulted in the level of water in the 2nd dams being lower than usual as they are the primary holding dams before transferring water to the 5th dam for irrigation. We are in effect watering the course at a higher rate than what is coming in, this will continue to be monitored and adjusted as needed.

Lastly it gives me great pleasure to welcome a new staff member to the maintenance team, James, who will start Wednesday 4th December. We have more interviews to come to complete the club's maintenance team. Have a Happy festive season and stay safe.

Matthew Turner
Acting Course Superintendent

NEWS FROM THE LADIES



What a wonderful day we had for our annual HAMS DAY on Tuesday November 26. The weather wasn't fantastic, making conditions difficult but, as usual, we had some great scores. We welcomed players from about 8 other clubs as well as a good turn out from Cumberland. Our raffle was so well supported by our ladies with great donations of gifts as well as monetary donations. The generosity of the ladies is amazing and I want to salute them for always opening their hearts and their purses. We took in close to \$1000 which will be donated to our struggling farmers at this very difficult time. I would like to put the challenge to our male members for 2020 to do something similar during the year to reach out to those in need through the medium of our great game! What about it lads??



As this is the last newsletter before Christmas I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families the peace and joy of this great season and many blessings in 2020.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL. 🎄🎵🎄🎄🎵

Happy golfing 🎵🎵

Brenda Kennedy (Ladies President)

NEWS FROM THE LADIES CAPTAIN

Our 2019 Ladies golfing season is coming to a close. Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Closing Day Fundraiser for Drought Relief. I hope you all enjoyed the days' novelties and as always donated generously. I'm sure the money raised will be greatly appreciated.





Presentation of this year's major trophies will be at the Christmas luncheon on Tuesday 10/12/19.

Thank you to the Ladies who have expressed interest in representing Cumberland in the 2020 Grade and Western Districts 1 Pennants. Both teams commence competition early in the New Year, so I will be emailing those selected with the Conditions of Play and the relevant competition draws shortly. Here's hoping for another successful representative year ahead for all our Ladies teams.

Wishing all the Ladies a very happy and safe Christmas, and all the best for the 2020 golfing year.

Good Golfing!

Tracey Hilton (Ladies Captain)





Ho Ho Ho

And a Merry Christmas from everyone in the Pro-shop.

The usual merriment and Christmas spirit reigns in the shop again this year with huge sales, unbelievable specials and some great deals to be had by all.

This year's Christmas sale extravaganza has already kicked off early with a week-long bag sale. Following up from the 4th of December with a week of crazy putter deals, then the annual clothing and apparel sale and finally a cap and glove sale week that must be seen to be believed.

Thursday the 5th sees a Shaft Fitting experience with more options available to fit your swing precisely than you could poke a stick at !

With the Christmas holidays looming now is the perfect time to get out onto the golf course and to pop into the Pro-shop and have a look at what your family members might like to get you from Santa. Forget the old socks and slippers, drop the not so subtle hint that everything you need for Christmas is available at Banners Golf and get something you actually want this year !

All in all another jam packed End of Year, hopefully Santa drops something nice under the tree for everyone ! Have a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from everyone in the Proshop – Joanne, Myo, Arthur, Isaak, Matthew and the Juniors.

Regards

Jo Bannerman (Head Professional)



JO BANNERMAN - PGA PROFESSIONAL
CUMBERLAND COUNTRY GOLF CLUB



Come and enjoy a meal at Cumberland on a Friday night and be treated to live musical entertainment while you eat. Every Friday FREE live entertainment from 7pm.

Quote of the Month

“Gee, do they still make wooden Christmas trees?” (Linus)



Enjoy your golf.

Denis Clifford (Club President)