Cumberland May





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to offer the Mother's Day Lunch in Harmony Inn but to all the Mums we send you a big Happy Mother's Day from all of us at Cumberland.



Well as we enter another month of Covid19 related restrictions it seems like it has been going on forever, with no light yet at the end of the tunnel. I'm proud of the way the staff, members and visitors have worked together in the spirit of social distancing and adapting to changed match conditions. I am however, aware of a couple of incidents on the course where tempers have become frayed and I'd like to believe they were due to the pressure on players to keep up the pace of play whilst maintaining social distancing. We expect those involved to simply 'chill out' calm down and enjoy the game. How many times now have we heard 'we're all in this together'.

We are continually monitoring government announcements for relaxing of conditions and we will respond as quickly as possible if and when restrictions on golf are relaxed.

In the meantime, thanks for your co-operation and support.

Denis Clifford (Club President)

CAPTAINS REPORT

We have had an unusual period in relation to golf competitions and play on the course. Holes in One, quick rounds of golf, slow rounds of golf, some pennant news and a current Local Rule are in this month's edition.

During April there were three Members who achieved a Hole in One.

Congratulations to:

Seung Jeon on the 11th

Sinyoun Kim on the 16th

Noel Wilson on the 16th

The last two Saturdays have seen some extraordinary times achieved in completing a round of golf in a competition. On each occasion the first group to hit off have returned their cards to the system in just over 2 1/2 hours. Hong Ju (twice), Manu Edmonds and George Blacklaws certainly set the pace of play.

Unfortunately, those players hitting off after 11:00am on the same days encountered significant delays and hold ups resulting in 4 1/2 hour rounds. The slower groups in the morning have been identified and marshalling has commenced to encourage all players to keep up with the pairing in front.

The Major Pennant team continue to keep their games fresh while waiting for recommencement of the Finals series. The Masters Pennant has been cancelled by Golf NSW for 2020 while they continue to monitor possible play for the Junior Pennant, Eric Apperly Shield and Warren & Gibson Trophy events. The Super Seniors competition is proposed to start on 1st August.

A current Local Rule requires players to leave the flagstick in the hole. A ball must come to rest in the hole to be 'holed'. A ball which hits the flagstick and bounces away is not 'holed' and play must continue. As always if you have any questions or suggestions please let me know. (hilton59@tpg.com.au)

Good Golfing Paul Hilton (Club Captain)





Welcome to May's 'Around the Greens'!!

Well the great weather continued to deliver throughout April and the start of May. There have been many members out enjoying our great golf course and for those that have managed to have a game of golf or two over the past 6 weeks you would have noticed how good the course is looking!

Greens - The greens are almost back to their best after the recent coring and hopefully with the continued great autumn weather the greens will be back to their menacing best in the next week or so.

I have to mention the repairing of 'lob marks'!! I know we have many golfers playing on our course on a daily basis, but, it's up to us all as members, to look after our greens. All it takes if for each member to fix at least two lob marks on the green.

Fairways – With the weather being so good our fairways are in the best condition I have seen them in years. There has been a lot of hard work that has gone into the maintenance of our fairways and a continued focus on rejuvenating many of the bare patches has also contributed to the overall look of our course.

We will continue to work on bare patches during the cooler months to make sure we maintain what has already been rejuvenated.

We still need to make certain we replace our divots and use our sand buckets. I have seen an improvement in this area since my last report, which is pleasing to see, so well done!

Irrigation - You will have also noticed our course staff working on our irrigation system. There have been some ongoing problems with irrigation lines, but rest assured the boys are working hard to resolve the issues at hand. So, please be mindful when you see one of our course staff working in an area, steer clear where possible.

Mulching – you will have seen more areas have now been mulched for example, down the back of the 7th green, around the 8th tee. This is an ongoing process and I think you'll agree that what has been completed looks great and certainly beautifies the course.

You would have also noticed some familiar bar staff out spreading the mulch around the course and to them I say a big thank you!!

Finally, I just wanted to thank all members that have adhered to social distancing. It's certainly a difficult time and we will get through this together.

So, with that all said, I look forward to seeing you all on the golf course.

Darren Stocks (Vice-Captain)

NEWS FROM THE LADIES



What a joy it has been to be able to play golf at the moment! With the beautiful weather and the great organisation at the club we are able to play our favourite game. On behalf of the ladies a sincere thank you to all involved behind the scenes to make sure that the golf course stays open. A special thank you to our President Denis Clifford and the Board on their leadership at this difficult time. The course is looking great so thanks also to all the workers on the course and in particular the wonderful volunteers who look after our gardens.

We were fortunate to be able to contribute \$500 to the BEAUTY BANK to support their wonderful work for those who suffer from domestic violence. We are also very grateful to our lady members who brought in some products to donate to this wonderful group. These donations will be handed over this week. We look forward to meeting up together very soon!

Enjoy your golf and please keep yourselves safe.

Brenda Kennedy
Ladies' President

Ladies' Lad

NEWS FROM THE LADIES CAPTAIN

Hello Ladies,

I hope you're all enjoying the cooler Autumn weather and playing lots of good golf. Our Tuesday fields have been wonderful and it's great to see so many of you out on the course getting fresh air and exercise.

Every Tuesday throughout May is Invitation Day, so please feel free to invite a Lady member from another club to play with you for the members competition fee of \$15.

Congratulations to Grace Kim, this year's winner of the Tuesday Diggers trophy

with rounds of 34 and 32 points. Unfortunately, the Sunday Diggers trophy wasn't played for 2020.



The winner of the 2020 Fay Spears Mother's Day Trophy was Lorraine Kolenko with 39 points off a 24 h'cap. Well done Lorraine.



The 2020 Chick of the Walk will be going ahead. The qualifying round is on 26/5/20, and the top 8 will go on to the Matchplay. Please put a 'Q' on your scorecard. A designated block time will be set on the 2/6/20 timesheet for the 8 players who are successful in qualifying. However, you may play your match before this date if you prefer, check with your opponent. As always, the \$15 competition fee must be paid on the first round. See the Conditions of Play on your members portal home page. Good luck to all those competing!

More news next month on rescheduled and upcoming events.

Stay healthy everyone and good golfing!

Good Golfing! Tracey Hilton (Ladies Captain)







A Very Big Hello to everyone in May from us at Banners Golf

Well viewers, what a month we have in store for you.

Firstly, it's inevitable that we mention the biggest news story both here and abroad, that's had almost every news outlet around the globe buzzing the past 3 months. News of this has been all everyone has spoken about for months and thousands of people have been trying to track the source from around the globe. The financial impact will be huge along with forever changing the way we live our lives moving into the future.

Yes it's all true - the Banners Golf SALE is now ON!

We have all Golf Bags at 20% off, unbelievable fashion specials on our latest Under Armour and Footjoy stock, industry leading prices on all push buggies from Clicgear and Rovic and the best prices on fitted golf clubs this side of Papua New Guinea!

With Mother's Day this weekend, anything instore is perfect and if you just can't decide on what she would like the obvious choice is to purchase a GIFT CARD and let the most important lady in your life decide for herself!

Of course, the Golf Pride grip specials rages on. This unbelievable deal lets you regrip your entire set of up to 13 clubs with golf pride tour velvet grips for only \$149 including expert fitting.

Next up is our wedge special from Titleist and Vokey. Just get fitted and purchase new SM8 Vokey wedges and you will go into the draw to win a signed Vokey Cap – incredible ...

This month's special golf tip comes from yours truly in the proshop and its simple. The best way to improve your score – hit the middle of the club occasionally! Sounds obvious, but in fact it is not something most people consider. Doesn't matter whether the lie is ordinary and the wind is blowing and there's a bunker in the way and water to the left – thinking about any of these will NOT help you hit a good shot – Concentrating on hitting the middle of the club WILL!

Finally, its COVID time. Obviously, we have seen unprecedented changes to the way we live our lives over the past few months with many Australians feeling the effects in many different ways. Thankfully, the golf industry has managed to survive and in terms of play, actually flourish. This is certainly due in part to both the nature of our sport and the natural social distancing we have along with the understanding and behaviour of the majority of players to adhere to the strict rules that have been implemented. A big thank-you must go to our club officials and Proshop staff for the way changes have been implemented and the understanding and patience of our members and guests.

Stay safe, stay healthy and lets all enjoy golf for many years to come.

Jo Bannerman (Head Professional)



JO BANNERMAN - PGA PROFESSIONAL CUMBERLAND COUNTRY GOLF CLUB



Quote of the Month

"A mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take."

Enjoy your golf. Denis Clifford (Club President)