



# Cumberland December

## E-News

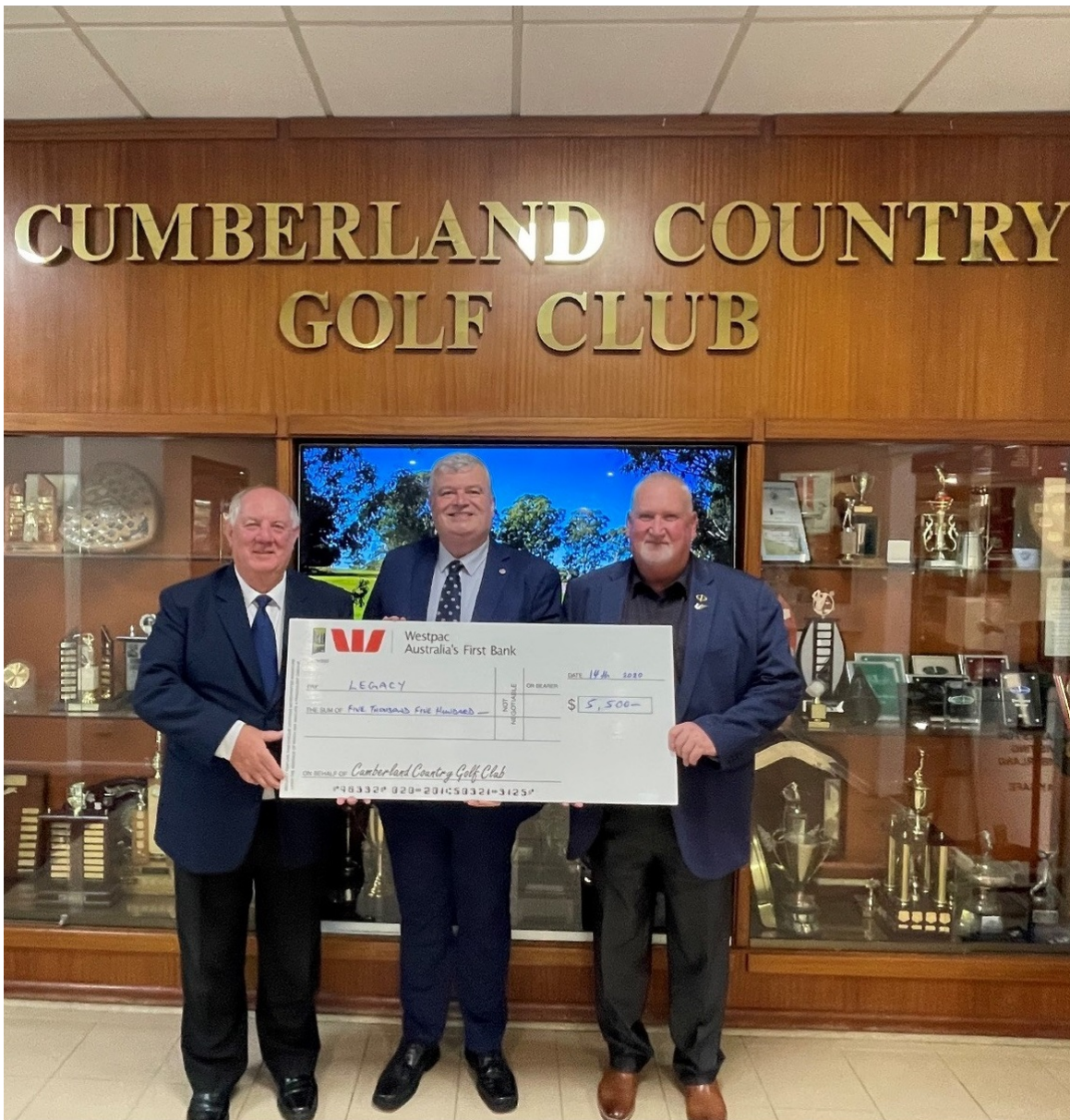


### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we approach the end of such a rotten year with Covid19 having such a significant effect on our lives, we have received fantastic news that our very own Joanne Bannerman has been named as the NSW/ACT PGA Club Professional of the Year. Joanne was one of seventeen finalists in a very competitive field. Well done Jo, we're all very proud of you.



Thank you to all the members and guests who supported Diggers Day. Up until a few weeks before the event we weren't sure it could go ahead. Thanks to our staff and the many volunteers we managed to have a great day and raise much need funds for Legacy. On the day, we were able to present Legacy Director Graham Boyd with a cheque for \$5,500. Well done to all concerned.



**Denis Clifford (Club President)**

### **Captain's Report**

Diggers Day, Par 3 Championship, Match Play Championship, Representative team news, new course ratings, a new Veterans prize and upcoming events are covered in this month's report.

Diggers Day was again a very successful event with an increased field size on last year, good weather and a significant donation made to Legacy. Bernie Herrenberg was this years' winner of the AIF Shield with 41 points. Through the contribution of members, players on the day and prize sponsors of the event a cheque for \$5,500 was presented to Legacy.





The Par 3 Championship again attracted a good field of competitors for a challenging day and once again it was shown that playing 18 par 3 holes is not as easy as it sounds. A slope rating of 95 brought all players into an equal opportunity of winning. Best nett score on the day was 41 points by Dennis Larsen and the best scratch being won by David Sheather with 37 points. The Ladies nett was won by Sandra Collins and Denis Clifford was successful in winning the Men's nett score.

Three of the Match Play Championships have been completed and congratulations go to the following players:

A Reserve ..... Martin Smith  
Runner Up ..... Mick Murphy  
B Grade ..... Fred Daoud  
Runner Up ..... Leaston Paull  
C Grade ..... David Peters  
Runner Up ..... Satish Cahudhary

(The A Grade Final will be held on 5th December between Arthur Barakat and Shannon Bridger)





Our Super Senior Pennant team have put up a great performance to qualify for the knockout finals' series. Cumberland defeated Wallacia and then Camden before travelling to Horizons to play Forster-Tuncurry in the semi-final. After putting up a gallant effort this was not to be our year and Cumberland will be trying to go that extra step next year. Congratulations to team captain Phil Britton and his players for getting to this stage. Thank you to Bob McPherson for managing the team again this year.

The Major Pennant team have been in competition since February due to stoppages necessitated through COVID and are playing in the Final this Sunday at Riverside Oaks. The match against Cabramatta will determine this year's Pennant winner and all members are encouraged to attend and support the team from hit off time at 9:00am.

There have been numerous conversations over recent years on the disparity between handicaps and ratings for the 'Blue' and 'White' course competitions and tee markers at Cumberland. Golf NSW have completed a review of scores since 2014 and using an embedded process have altered the slope and scratch ratings for the 'Blue', 'White' and 'Red' courses. Without going into detail, there may be a small increase to some handicaps while the scratch ratings increase to 74 (Blue course), 72 (White course) and 75 (Red course). These changes will come into effect on Tuesday 15th December.

Our Cumberland Veteran Players have long been the backbone of Monday competitions, which were opened up to 'younger' golfers earlier this year during Covid. To acknowledge the Veteran's development and growth of the Monday competition there will be a guaranteed weekly prize for the best Singles score by a Member, or Lady Member, who qualify as a Veteran (over 50 yrs of age) in the Monday competition.

Don't miss our special events in December which consist of the Henderson - Stewart Trophy for Vets on Mondays 7th and 14th December. The Christmas Cup is another event not to be missed on Wednesday 9th December.

As always if you have any suggestions or questions you can email me at [hilton59@tpg.com.au](mailto:hilton59@tpg.com.au)

**Good golfing**  
**Paul Hilton (Club Captain)**

## **VICE CAPTAINS REPORT - "Around the Greens"**



Welcome to Decembers' edition of 'Around the Greens' and I'd like to start by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and safe New Year.

I am proud to say that our course has really stood up after the past 12 months and is in the best condition I have seen it for years. That couldn't have happened without the huge efforts of our course staff, led by Matthew and James. I would also like to thank the Course Committee for their continued support throughout 2020 and the numerous volunteers that continue to assist throughout the year.

Our course continues to maintain a high standard with regular rolling and cutting of the greens and an ongoing de-thatching process being carried out on the tees. The positive effects of this are already been seen on the 7th and 17th tees.

Work has started topping up bunkers with new sand, as well as removing any visible matting to improve the playing condition. You may also have noticed that the black lines are being shaped around the greens and where possible ropes have been removed to allow greater cart access however, we still need to make certain we remain an acceptable distance away from green and bunker edges.

That said, the work goes on and we all look forward to an even better 2021.

**Good Golfing**

**Darren Stocks (Vice-Captain)**

## **NEWS FROM THE LADIES**





Firstly, congratulations to our wonderful club professional Jo, on her great award last week! Jo is such an asset to Cumberland not only because of her golf skills but because of her whole demeanour of humility, a willingness to be of assistance, no matter how busy she is and importantly a great sense of humour! Well done Jo from all the ladies!

We had a great day for our HAMS DAY a couple of weeks ago with over 100 starters and a very successful raffle. We had nearly \$1000 in prizes, all donated by the ladies with a very generous donation from our Korean members. When we have covered expenses for the end of year, we will be able to donate to a worthwhile charity.

As this is the last e newsletter for 2020, I take this opportunity to wish all the members and staff a very happy and peaceful Christmas and many blessings in 2021. Let's hope it's an improvement on 2020!

**Happy golfing** 🏌️‍♀️🏌️‍♀️

**Brenda Kennedy (Ladies' President)**

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

Only a week left on the ladies' golfing calendar for the year.

The last official ladies' run competition game is on Tuesday 8/12/20 and is a novelty Singles Stableford and mystery partner 2 Ball in conjunction. Information on the specific novelties will be printed and given out on the day.

The ladies' Christmas luncheon and Presentation of the year's major trophies will be held on Tuesday 15/12/20 commencing at @11:30am.

Despite Covid constraints we had a very successful and enjoyable Christmas

Open Hams' Day on Tuesday 24/12. Congratulations to the teams of 4 winners of both the Nett and the Scratch taking home half a leg of ham each, the 4 Nett runners up a rolled turkey buff each and the 2nd runners up in the Nett, a Christmas pudding each. Thank you to everyone for turning out in your Christmas colours and making the day so festive.



**Ladies Friday Grade for 2021.**

Currently only one player has nominated to play in the 2021 Grade team. In these uncertain times I totally understand that it may be difficult for you to commit or feel comfortable travelling and playing at other courses. I will be trying to chase up players over the next two weeks. However, failing this I will have no choice but to withdraw us from the competition for 2021. If you are interested in representing our Club, please see me or put your name on the nomination sheet in the ladies locker room asap.

A personal thank you to Vice Captain Tricia Johnston for her help and support throughout this year and looking forward to working together again in 2021.

Wishing everyone a safe and merry Christmas and good golfing for the New Year. Our first scheduled competition game back will be on Tuesday 2/2/21.

**Tracey Hilton (Ladies Captain)**



Christmas is finally here! The reindeer are warming up, Santa is fuelling the sleigh and Banners Golf are ready for the big Christmas rush.

This year has been unlike any other in recent history, both on and off the golf course, with huge social upheaval and change. Luckily as golfers, we have probably been some of the least affected and certainly golf has become one of the boom sports of 2020. Despite having general supply issues throughout the



year, most major brands are now fully caught up with stock and this Christmas is the time to take advantage of some great specials in the shop.

In store, our 2020 Christmas Catalogue sale is well underway so make sure you get instore early while stocks last. For all those last minute or undecided shoppers, we also have gift cards available.

### JOANNE'S TIP

When putting, try to pick a spot about 6 inches in front of the ball and putt the ball over that spot. This will help both your alignment and your accuracy.

So that's a wrap for 2020. From all of us at Banners Golf we wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year and hope to see you all throughout the Christmas season.!

### Jo Bannerman (Head Professional)



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TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS FROM THE BOARD, MANAGEMENT AND STAFF  
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

**Stay Safe and enjoy your golf**

## Denis Clifford (Club President)

We'd like to thank our sponsors for their ongoing support



JO BANNERMAN - PGA PROFESSIONAL  
CUMBERLAND COUNTRY GOLF CLUB

