



Cumberland April

E-News

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



2020 PGA National Club Professional of the Year Joanne Bannerman

Joanne Bannerman has been named the 2020 PGA National Club Professional of the Year. Jo was acknowledged for her game development initiatives, her continued advancement in coaching and community engagement activities and especially for the great work she does with Juniors. We are so proud to have Joanne as our very own, home grown Club Professional. Well done Jo.

RAIN, RAIN AND MORE RAIN!

Who would have thought a golf club would complain about rain watering the

course and filling our dams. The one-in-fifty-year weather event did more than that, with almost the entire course under water. Having said that we should spare a thought for the people who lost their lives and those who lost their homes and possessions. The course staff did a magnificent job of getting the course back in action so that you'd hardly know how much rain we had. They then backed up completing course renovations in two and a bit days, with the course back to excellent shape. Well done to Matt and his team.

OPERATIONS MANAGER

Our new Operations Manager, Luke Robertson will commence Tuesday 6th April. Luke has 15 years' experience in the club industry as an experienced club manager. Luke's current position is Duty Manger with Penrith Golf club, previously he worked at Springwood Sports Club and St Marys Rugby Leagues Club.

We look forward to welcoming Luke to the team.

BRIDGE WORK

Due to the recent rain event renovations to the '6th bridge' have been delayed by a couple of weeks. Works were due to commence whilst we were closed for course renovations but the contractor, like most others, has had to defer jobs due to the weather.

Also, we were reluctant to have heavy construction vehicles drive across the 2nd and 5th fairways and cause more damage than they would have had we not had so much rain.

As indicated previously, there will be signage posted to direct players around the site once work commences.

Denis Clifford (Club President)

Captain's Report

Last month we had 169 B & C grade players competing for the 2021 Cumberland Bowl. This year's winner of one of our most prestigious events is Craig Scott.

Craig played off a handicap of 21 and finished with nett 66 to beat Stefan Szyzew and Peter Blade on a countback.

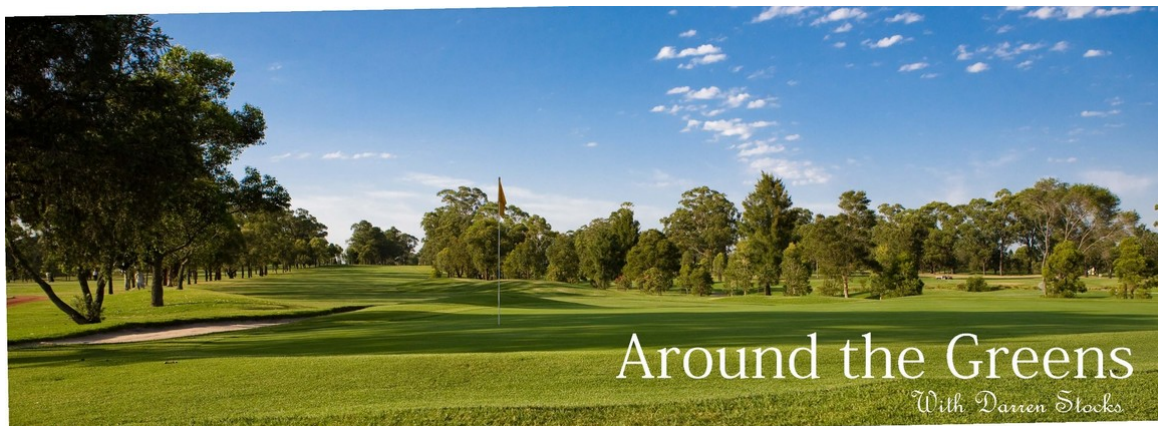


You may have noticed myself and some other Directors on the course marshaling to encourage players to keep up with the group in front. All players should be aware of their position on the course relative to the group in front. You also only have 3 minutes to look for a lost ball. If you can't locate your ball, please call the following group through while you are looking.

As always if you have any suggestions or questions you can email me at hilton59@tpg.com.au

Paul Hilton (Club Captain)

VICE CAPTAINS REPORT - "Around the Greens"



Welcome to the April edition of 'Around the Greens'.

The significant rain event that hit Sydney in March has had an impact on the turf health. Most of the course was underwater 4-5 days with persistent rain. The saturation of the plants and soil has encouraged a disease called Fusarium that has worked its way into some of our kikuyu tees and fairways. This disease is mostly present during the cooler months but as conditions were favourable and extreme with waterlogged soils which weakened the plant, the disease invaded. Normally the Course Super would control this disease through cultural practices meaning without the use of chemicals but, because of the severity in this case, he has applied a fungicide to help control the problem and he will continue to monitor.

You will also have noticed, that our regular 'course renovations' have been completed. The Course Super, Matthew was very happy with how the renovations went. Of course, the greens are going to take a little time to return to their previous best. With increased watering of the greens you will also notice they are a little softer, so please make sure you repair your lob marks!!

Again, a huge thanks again to those members who volunteered and gave up their time to assist with tasks around the course during the renovations and the ongoing support of our garden club.

In the survey that our club conducted a few months ago, our bunkers were one of the areas that our members expressed some concern. Our bunkers have been a source of frustration for our Course Supers for many years so it was agreed in our last board meeting that we would engage the services of a Course Architect to have a detailed look at how we can improve our bunkering. Hopefully in next month's newsletter I will have more to report.

I'd like to welcome a new course staff member Brad Robertson and hope he has a long and enjoyable stay with us.

Don't forget "Adopt a Hole" if your surname starts with a C or a D then your hole is the 3rd. Please take the time to fix your divots and lob marks.

H1 – A, H2 – B, H3 – C&D, H4 – E&F, H5 – G, H6 – H&I, H7 – J, H8 – K,
H9 – L H10 – M, H11 – N, H12 – O&P, H13 – Q&R, H14 – S, H15 – T&U, H16 – V,
H17 – W, H18 – X&Y

That's about it for now, good golfing.

Good Golfing

Darren Stocks (Vice-Captain)

NEWS FROM THE LADIES



Firstly, a huge congratulations to our favourite Pro Jo Bannerman on her recent success in being crowned national club professional for 2021. What a wonderful achievement and certainly well deserved! Congratulations Jo, the ladies are very proud of you. 🏆🥂

Unfortunately, our Easter Open was washed out this year. It was looking so promising with a big field and lots of visitors. It was also to be one of our major fundraising events so hopefully we can reschedule the fundraising part of it sometime soon.

A small group of us came over for lunch on the day the Easter open was scheduled, and we were able to express our gratitude to Matthew Lamerton for his assistance over the years and to wish him well in his future.



Brenda Kennedy (Ladies' President)

NEWS FROM THE LADIES CAPTAIN

March was a quiet month for our ladies golf with games washed out and the course closed for renovations. 60 of us enjoyed our visit to play at Muirfield GC on Tuesday 30/3, and their lady members were very welcoming.

Congratulations to the 2Ball Knockout Champions for 2021 Moon Soon Choi and SuJung Lee.



The Western Districts 1 pennant competition had 3 scheduled matches washed out in March. These matches will now be played on 9/4 at Massey Park, 16/4 at Cumberland and 19/4 at Carnarvon. Good luck to all our players, there's still plenty of golf left to play to catch the leaders.

The Northern Districts (Bronze II) pennant kicks off on 21 May at Killara. The team will be finalised and announced in the next few weeks.

Upcoming events

1- Final rounds of the Sunday & Tuesday Diggers Trophies.

2- Presidents vs Captains Day 27/4. This will be a 'Crazy Sock Day'

The comp fee will be \$20 for Members with the extra \$5 going to Charity. This is in place of the washed out Easter Open Charity Day.

3- The Ladies Foursomes Championships commences with round 1 on Sunday 16 May.

A reminder this is the only event for ladies on 16/5 there is no Medley.

Conditions of Play will be available on the portal and in the locker room cabinet shortly.

Looking forward to a great year ahead for ladies golf.

Tracey Hilton (Ladies Captain)



Jo Bannerman (Head Professional)

Another month and again we continue without peer as clearly the leading golf professional shop in all of Greystanes, so just sit back and let us bring you all the latest equipment and industry leading advice.

We must start with the obvious, and as reported on Fox Sports recently, a huge congratulations to our very own Joanne Bannerman who was named as the 2020 Australian PGA Club Professional of the Year!! Years of hard work and dedication have paid off in this historic moment for both Joanne and our Club. Congratulations again Joanne and keep up the great work.

One of the highlights of the year so far, the Taylormade SIM 2 demo day on Thursday the 8th will allow everyone to book a spot to try the very latest tour technology including the latest range of SIM2 woods and irons. Bookings are essential so if you haven't booked yet, use the link below or contact the Pro-shop asap to secure your spot.

Also, just released instore and the newest range of fully waterproof shoes from Footjoy. This season sees a real change in the look and style of their footwear, with a collection of both eye catching and lowkey models to suit every golfer's taste. You can now get fitted instore on a walk out with a brand-new pair of the most comfortable and durable shoes ready to play.

Winter is coming and with the cold comes the damp and realisation that the basic accessories we use in summer won't quite cut it for the next 6 months. A warm jumper or rain jacket, a wet weather glove, waterproof shoes, bag covers, bags, thermal undershirts, beanies, thicker decent socks and a new umbrella are just a few of the things we now need to consider, to ensure we enjoy our golf in the cooler months as much as through summer. Luckily, we now have everything instore to help. Step into Banners this month and touch, feel and experience firsthand everything you need to enjoy golf right through until things warm up again.

April also marks the beginning of the shortest days of the year, with less sunlight don't forget that our indoor tech centre and highly trained professional instructors are open even after the sun goes down. Make a booking in the Pro-shop or visit our bannersgolf.com.au website to make a booking.

This month's hot golfing tip comes from our very own trainee professional Arthur who says;

"Face your fears on the golf course. Everyone has one tee shot or one approach that they always struggle with. Look at the shot and imagine the same shot in a different setting – for a drive you struggle with imagine the opposite – a drive you always confident with, align yourself for your confident shot and imagine you're playing that shot – swing with conviction and see what happens."

Great advice Arty, I think everyone should give it a go.

Happy Golfing!

Matt Urquhart-Eastwood

Quote of the Month

Slow Play? Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old."

Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off."

Stay Safe and enjoy your golf

Denis Clifford (Club President)

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