

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for the week ending Saturday 5th September 2020

By Geoffrey McCann.

Our Greens staff and volunteers led by our Superintendent Greg Jager have done a marvellous job giving all the greens a major renovation during the week – for those of us who like to give the ball a good thump when putting, this was the week to enjoy! But seriously, the greens were presented for play with only a light dusting of fine sand and a remarkably smooth putting service – a little rain expected the coming week, and we're back to normal before you know it – well done everyone!

This week's featured sponsor was Nambucca Glass and Aluminium – Craig and Mel Marsay – you'll see some of their handiwork in the automatic sliding doors these guys have installed at the entrance and back deck access to the club – thank you Nambucca Glass.



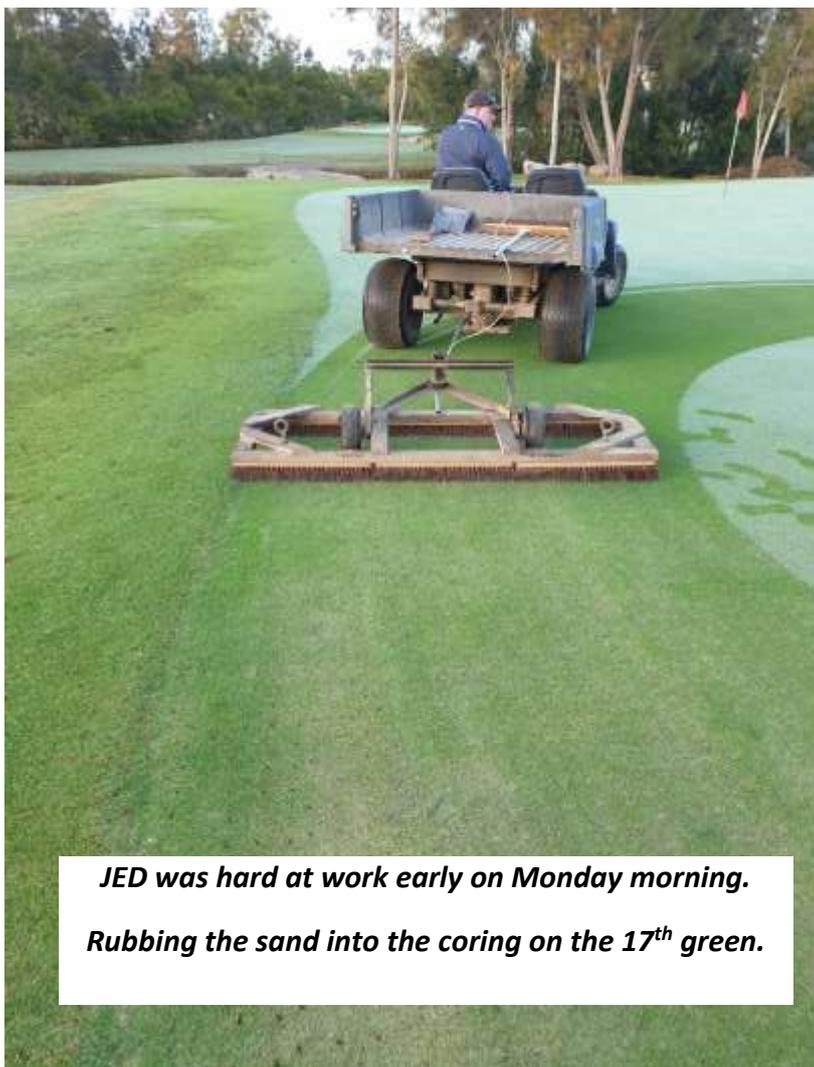
On **Wednesday 2nd September**, the ladies took advantage of the work in progress and headed north to Sawtell to defend their title in the annual "Celtic Shield" challenge against Sawtell. The shield is won by the total of the best 10 Stableford scores. Nambucca had 23 players competing and the shield was won with 394 points. Best players were Wendy Ritchie 42, Wendy Avery 42, Morann Paterson 40, Sue Seymour 40, Coral McCann 40, Judith Boyle 39, Helen Ferraro 39, Robyn O'Dwyer 38, Dianne O'Leary 37 and Heather Gray 37. Nambucca will be delighted to host the challenge next year.

A Medley Single Stableford was played on **Thursday 3rd September**, with 97 starters undeterred by a little bit of sand on the greens, and some great scores were returned. Our popular (most of the time!) Club Secretary Manager Johnathon Zirkler (3) top scored in Division 1 (scratch to 18) with 40 points to win from Uri Ylinen (18) close behind with 39 points. Another 40 points in Division 2 (19 to 24) from Wayne Purcell (22) to win from Andrew McKinnon (20) with 38 points. The ladies had Division 3 (25 to 45) all to themselves, with Leanne Welsh (25) top scoring on the day with 42 points to win from Margot Gook (29) visiting from Hurstville with 40 points. Other good scores from Joe Street, Andrew Bagust, Paddy Byrne and Lee Fewings 38 points, John Buganey, Neil Duffus and Phil Mander 37.

Some handicap adjustments can be expected!

Balls went down to 34 points on countback.

The qualifying round of the Keno 2 Person Ambrose was played on Saturday 5th September with a good field exceeding 100 players enjoying the course with some run on the fairways returning. A threatening southerly change later in the day that fortunately for the players, only produced a few thunderclaps and a very light shower in the afternoon – sadly for Greg, who was hoping for a decent rainfall to boost the greens recovery. With an impressive score of 58.75 the winners were Thomas Robbins & Neil Duffus (12.25), followed by Colin Wormleaton & Steve Frost (6.25) with 59.75, and Adrienne Smith & Kevin Mulhall (8.25) with 60.75. The Duffo and Wormo teams qualify for the Regional playoffs at Coffs Harbour later in the year. Other good scores from Leslie Mohr & Paul Maxwell and Liam Fuller & Steve Carr both 61.25, Uri Ylinen & Greg McCoy and Peter Thompson & John Morgan both with 61.50. In the Ball Comp rundown, the teams needed 64.00 on countback to get a ball.



JED was hard at work early on Monday morning.

Rubbing the sand into the coring on the 17th green.

There is plenty of golf on the Island next week, and our featured sponsor for the week is “A Pizza This A Pizza That” in Nambucca Heads - thank you Steve Ward. There are Medley Single Stableford competitions on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The Ladies play a 3 Person Ambrose on Wednesday.

This Saturday 12th September, the player with the best Stableford score will be awarded the “Kerry McCoy Cup”. It is the Club’s intention to present this trophy on the second Saturday in September each year and to remember and honour all members who have passed during the previous year.

Social play is available after competitions, and on other days from 8am until 4pm.

Golf bookings are available on-line for members, or by contacting the pro shop 6568 8172. Both the Club and Island Restaurant are open for business, please note that strict COVID-19 procedures are in place, and your co-operation will be appreciated – full details on Club’s website, Facebook and house notices. See you on the Island!