

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for the week ending Saturday 12th December 2020.

By Geoffrey McCann.

What a week of contrasts – bright sunshine and lots of frivolity with the Ladies on Wednesday – they just sneaked in their Christmas Party day before the much needed rains arrived on Thursday evening, washing out the remainder of the week's events.

Tuesday 8th December was a Medley Single Stableford with 40 players competing in one Division. Jeffrey Pails (12) visiting from Wentworth Falls scored 40 points to win the day from Christian Knight (17) with 38 points. Other good scores from Leanne Welsh & Robert Reid 34 and Leslie Mohr 33. The ball comp went down to 31 on countback, NTP's went to Alvin Rapley 389cm on 5th, Ross Morpuss 85cm on the Pizza 13th, Andrew Donovan 4.5m on the Stu's 15th, and Ross Morpuss 6m on the 18th

Wednesday 9th December was the Ladies Christmas 9 hole Stableford with only three clubs and putter to be used. Astounding scores were achieved considering the few clubs, was it the champagne or lack of stress?

Coral McCann from "A" Grade was overall winner on a count back with 18 points, runner up in "A" was Kerry Naylor 17. "B" Grade winner was Faye Hopkins 18 on a count back from Ann Antcliff with Kerry Shearer winning "C" Grade with 17 points from Bryony Brownlie on 16. Ball run went from 17 to 14 points. Nearest the pins have been introduced with Covid-19 restrictions in place. Sue Brooks won on the 5th hole, Faye Hopkins the 7th and Denise Paluch the 8th. With 43 players competing, Christmas attire was the order of the day. Kay McGoldrick and Lyn Grose supplied the entertainment and lubrication around the course with carols, champagne and orange juice in their delightfully decorated chariot. A delicious lunch, annual presentation and friendly banter ended our year.



Picture: Lyn & Kay hard at work keeping the players hydrated and entertained!

Thursday 10th December was well supported with 100 players competing in a Medley Single Stableford. Stuart Johnston (9) scored 36 points to win Division 1 (scratch to 16) from our General Manager, Johnathon Zirkler (3) with 35 points. In Division 2 (17 to 22), our Course Superintendent, Greg Jager (18) is really getting used to our course (maybe some "inside knowledge"?) scoring the highest of the day with 42 points to win from David Mattacott (17) – who has almost mastered his new Driver and Mavick 3 wood - close behind with 41 points. In Division 3 (23 to 45), Leanne Welsh (24) continues her good form to score 39 points to win from Colin Dunne (23) with 38 points. Other good scores from Bryan Ussher 40, Donald Wills & Kerrie Eichorn 38, Rhonda Rowe & Houston (Ray) Baker with 37. The Ball comp went down to 32 points on countback. NTP's went to Graham Watson (longest putt on 2), Greg McCoy on the Pizza 13th, Brian Ussher on 15 and John Buganey on 18.

Friday 11th December - HAVAL CHALLENGE – The Road to Royal Pines

The final round of the inaugural Island Challenge series presented by Kempsey Haval was scheduled for Friday. Due to the significant rain event, we are currently experiencing, competition did not commence on this day and the final round has been cancelled. The Island Challenge is a once per month golf event where each competitor's best five net scores, regardless of how many more are played, are combined. The inaugural Challenge winner was club Member Phil Mander. Phil won by just over 1 shot per round from Stephen Carr followed up by Bruce Berry in 3rd. Other

notable scores include 4th placed Andrew Johnston, 5th Chris Tinson and 6th Henny Oldenhove. Phil has won overnight accommodation and rounds of golf for 2 at RACV Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast. To get him there he will be taking a test drive in a brand new Haval (and fuel) provided for by Kempsey Haval. Congratulations Phil!!”

Saturday’s Ham & Turkey Day sponsored by Greg McCoy had to be deferred to next Saturday 19th December due to course closure because of the wet conditions. All bookings have been transferred to next Saturday.

Next weeks’ golf has Medley Single Stableford events on Tuesday and Thursday. Saturday is now the Ham & Turkey Day, a Medley 4BBB Stableford sponsored by Greg McCoy. The ladies have a 9 Hole Stableford Summer Competition on Wednesday. There is a 9 hole Chook Run on Friday. Social play is available after competitions, and on other days from 8am until 4pm.

The Longest Day – Unfortunately, Col “Wormo” Wormleaton & Neil “Duffo” Duffus’ 72 hole challenge on **Monday December 14** raising funds to support the Cancer Council and cancer research had to also be cancelled. If you would like to know more about Wormo’s unique golfing footwear, then check out their feature article on Nambucca Guardian News website or Facebook – Wormo is one lucky chappie!

Melanoma is a golfer’s worst nightmare!

You will still be able to support their cause with donation boxes in the Pro Shop and Clubhouse, or donations can be made through their fundraising page:
<https://://www.longestday.org.au/fundraisers/duffusandwormo>



See you on the Island.

Picture:

The 17th Fairway getting a good drenching on Friday morning!

Poor Greg, after all his hard work and fertilising getting this fairway into shape over the last few weeks . . . but he was praying for rain!

It looks like one of Greg’s tears got on the camera lens!

