

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for the week ending Saturday 19th December 2020.

By Geoffrey McCann.

Who would have thought that we would be playing golf on Saturday, after the deluge we copped during the last week. Our Course Superintendent, Greg Jager advised us on Thursday that the Golf Course had recorded 483mm, with two large dumps of 165mm and 170mm. The course was under water for two days, and the causeway was impassable on numerous occasions. However, minimal damage occurred, and thanks to a small army of volunteers to clear away the considerable flotsam, and the relentless effort from Greg and his team, we were open for business on Saturday. It was amazing how well the course and paths had dried out, not doubt due to the concentrated effort that has gone into clearing and maintaining the course drainage system. Greg's team was able to get a double cut on the Greens on Thursday, and the surrounds on Friday.

Saturday 19th was the annual Ham & Turkey Day sponsored by Greg McCoy – a 4BBB Stableford event with 68 starters. We had preferred lies through the green to compensate for the uncut fairways and rough – a huge catch-up task for the coming week! Some surprisingly good scores, despite the heavier than usual going. Anthony Smith was a “swinger” with Trent Baade, and they combined to produce the winning score of 48 points to claim a Christmas Ham each. Runners up with 46 points were Robert Reid and Aaron Loughland, they get a very large and heavy Turkey each. Many thanks to Greg McCoy for his sponsorship.

Other good scores from Peter Davies (Belmont) & Peter Lofberg (Toukley), Graham Watson & Houston (Ray) Baker, Dianne O’Leary & Denise Paluch all with 45 points. The Ball comp went down to 42 points on countback.

Nearest the Pins went to B. Frost on 5th, Warren Fuller 327cm on 7th, Ian Smith 3mtrs on 8th, Roy Baker 4.3 mtrs on Pizza 13th, D, Wilson 126cms on Stu’s 15th and Rob Reid took out the Pro Pin on 18th with 105cms.

It was indeed a privilege to be able to be allowed the use of Golf carts - a big thank you to all for abiding by the directions put in place to preserve the course - well done everyone!



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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 and re-scheduled for **Monday 21st December**. 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>

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Next weeks golf has Medley Single Stableford events on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The Ladies play a 9 Hole Single Stableford Summer Competition on Wednesdays. . Social play is available after Competitions from 12.30 and all day on every other day.

The Club and Course will be closed on Friday 25th - Christmas Day.

From everyone at the Island Golf Club, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

See you on the Island.