

UPDATE FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Busy times for our Club, much is happening, so please take the time to catch up.

MNCDGA Championships – hosted by Nambucca last Sunday, with very favourable comments from Committee & Players alike - we hope to secure this event permanently. Thanks to our volunteers and all Club staff for great service. Nambucca featured well in the Trophies, with Harry McMillan (Coffs Harbour) who works in Paul's Pro Shop crowned the District Champion. Nambucca Winners: Houston Baker-Senior Nett winner, Bruce Berry- Senior Gross winner, Chris Tinson -Division 5 Nett Winner, Huston Baker -Division 5 Gross Runner up, Steve Doherty- Div 4 Nett Winner, Warren Fuller - Division 4 Gross Runner up, Dennis Ashton Division - 4 Gross Winner, Ben Honeybrook - Division 3 Nett Winner, and Peter Farrell - Division 2 Gross Winner.



COVID – The Temporary COVID-19 Local Rules have been removed – back to normal! But please ensure that you **check the Local Rules Board EVERY time** before you tee off - changes can occur quickly. Remember – if it's not on the Board, it does not apply!

POWER PLUS GOLF – M POWER – is our new Club and Golf management system – already implemented for Clubhouse operations, we expect to be operational for Golf first week of March, subject to delivery of a new card printer. There will be little impact for players – you'll still have a score card, and input your scores via new kiosks, just like the current system. PPS has vastly increased functionality – you'll receive an email when you book in or change bookings and there will be a Member's portal where you can access your Golf Membership information on-line, and opt to allow others to see your contact details -ideal to contact others to arrange games, play-offs etc. In the meantime, fixtures for early March may not be available for on-line booking for the usual fortnight ahead until PPS Golf becomes operational – your patience will be appreciated.

GOLF COURSE – Many of you have found the rough a bit tough to handle – It's actually ¼ inch shorter than last year! We had huge growth following last month's rains, we have a flat rigid deck on the rough mower (any lower and we would "scalp" any mounds), the different behaviour of Couch and Kikuyu when a ball comes to rest, all part of the equation. We are seeking to secure a floating deck rough mower to ease your woes! Many of the rough areas in front on some tees have been re-configured to reduce the carry to the fairway. The greens have suffered from Pythium Root Rot, caused primarily due to poor drainage – preventative treatment is well under way, and a new corer will improve drainage. This is an inherited problem, some of our greens are very old, and were not constructed with the drainage technology that is available today. Some distance markers are being replaced, with red tops for 100m and blue for 150m.

EVENT CHANGES – To allow for any system delay contingencies, the following event dates have changed: Men's Monthly Medal Stroke / Eclectic start - now Saturday 13 March, Island Sunday Mixed 4BBB Stableford now Sunday 14th March. Eclectic & TopGun registration will start Saturday 13 March – these events and all knockouts have all been sponsored this year – thank you sponsors! The Men's 4BBB Knockout qualifiers have been posted on the Notice Board with conditions of play for the play-offs.

COMING EVENTS – The monthly "**Island Challenge**" sponsored by Kempsey Haval is back again for another year, usually on the second Friday of every month. Your best 5 stroke rounds during the year count towards your total points to win the "Road Trip to Royal Pines". Monthly winners get to test drive the new Haval GWM Ute for a day. Thank You to Kempsey Haval. The **Keno 2 Person Men's Ambrose** qualifying round is on 27 March - \$5 entry to qualify for Regional Play-off at Yamba 17/10/2021 or Forster/Tuncurry 7/11/2021.

BRIAN BURNS MEMORIAL SHIELD - ANNUAL TEAM CHALLENGE - A new 2 day challenge between Macksville and us in memory of Brian Burns to be held Thursday 25th March at Nambucca and Saturday 27th March at Macksville. The event will also foster the camaraderie between our two clubs - watch for more details soon. The top 5 Medley 4BBB scores from each team will determine the Shield winner. Flyer and nominations on Golf Notice Board – open to Men, Women & Mixed.

FIXTURE BOOK – are available from the Scorer's Corner - The current and future month's program will always be displayed behind the scorer's corner, and on the website.

MEN'S PENNANTS – Are back this year! Besides the honour of representing your Club, it's one of the most exciting ways to play golf and meet new friends. Details and Team nomination form are on the Golf Notice Board – come and join the team!

GOLF CARTS AND SCOOTERS – Thanks to all users for staying the required 10 meters away from our greens – well done, keep up the good work. With all the rain we have just had this week, we seek your co-operation by observing any directions for cart use that are issued to preserve our golf course.

WEEKLY GOLF REPORT – A wrap up of the week's events, results and upcoming Club activities is available on our website, and through the Nambucca Guardian News Facebook and Website, with several thousand views some weeks (so I'm told!) It is also on the Golf Notice Board for those that aren't tech savvy.



Good Golfing everyone.

Geoffrey McCann, Captain NHIGC 21 February 2021.