

MEMBERS UPDATE FEBRUARY 2021

As we have survived the rain deluge of the past two months, our usual rush of visitors has subsided and we have Covid on the back foot it seems timely to bring all members up to date with matters at our Golf Club.

THE COURSE

Obviously a considerable amount of work has been necessary to keep the course playable and Greg and his team must be congratulated for their untiring efforts in this regard. Greg's recent report to the Board outlined several matters that are of concern to members and I can assure everyone that he is fully aware of these concerns and he hopes that his work schedule will be back to normal very soon.

You would have noticed that we have a fungal disease in some of our greens. Greg has identified this and has treated it. It will grow out in time. To prevent the reoccurrence of this disease further equipment has been purchased to assist with general green maintenance. In addition a more adaptable rough mower is being sought.

Greg's future plans include upgrading all tees by leveling and adding drainage where required. Repairing drainage on all greens and ensuring existing drainage is operating adequately. Upgrading all bunkers and re shaping some and adding fresh sand to create a uniform depth. Obviously these tasks will take time to implement but Greg hopes to complete most of this work in the next six months.

The additional foot traffic during the past two months restricted some maintenance works but added substantially to our coffers.

RESTAURANT

As you would all be aware the restaurant has been run by the club since 4th. November and I am very pleased to report that this facility has added considerable value to the club's financial position. Craig and his team are to be congratulated on their quality product and service delivery and they managed the change over without too many disruptions.

The support of members and guests has been remarkable with many night time sittings being booked out. We thank you all for this support and believe that this part of our club will continue to add value for a long time to come.

TRADING

The club lost several golf days in December due to the rain downpour and our trading suffered as a result. We are still well placed at the end of the half year with our trading profit being above any level reached in past years. Projections going forward are very positive.

COMPUTER SYSTEM

I am pleased to report that the new computer operating system installation has now commenced and members will note some changes going forward. Johnathon will update everyone as the need arises but be assured it is a wonderful step forward for the internal operations of the club. The scoring system will not be implemented until next month and will simplify the organization and running of competitions.

CLUB HOUSE UPDATE

Some work in the toilet areas is unfinished and we are working towards having this completed as soon as practicable. We have also engaged Steve Doherty to paint the interior of the club. This is scheduled to commence in March.

REPORTING LINES

As you are aware Johnathon is the General Manager of the Club and we have not had anyone occupy this position for a very long time. We ask all members to direct any issues or suggestions directly to him as directive changes will only happen if approved by him. For the club to function smoothly it is important for this process to be followed.

In order to assist this process a better operational structure will shortly be implemented. This new structure will release Johnathon from several bar shifts and allow him more time to address operational matters.

WEEKLY GOLF REPORT

For members information I advise that our golf report is posted on the Club's website and in the Nambucca Guardian on a weekly basis. This article also provides information regarding future events and competition developments. Triple M will also keep you updated every morning.

Our thanks go to Captain Geoff who prepares and distributes this report and I commend it to all members.

SUMMARY

Firstly, on behalf of the Board, I must thank our huge band of volunteers who spend so many hours adding value to our club. Our club would not enjoy its current success without your untiring efforts.

As I have mentioned previously your Board of Directors are pleased indeed to be able to convey good news to the membership. Our financial position allows us to continue to update our club house facilities and to improve our golf course and we have more development plans under consideration. We believe that we have an obligation to all current and future members to continue to grow the club and to ensure its future financial viability. Where we are today is not a destination but merely part of the journey.

We thank all members for your support and we look forward to another great year of golf ahead.

Good golfing to you all.

Geoff Harris.

President.