

Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club – Golf Report for the week ending Saturday 27th February 2021.

By Geoffrey McCann.

La Nina has certainly made itself felt on the Island – but surprisingly, the East Coast Lows that we experienced this time last year had delivered around the same rainfall. We probably didn't notice it that much because we were so happy to see the rain after the drought and bushfires! The forecast for the coming week indicates much less wet stuff, so hopefully, we'll be able to allow golf carts and scooters back on the course.

On **Tuesday 32nd February**, the course was open to walkers only – 20 of them! Bradley Dyet (9) from Kempsey scored 36 points to win the day's trophy voucher. Ball winners were John Landale (Coffs), Michael Tarleton & Ken Elley (Toronto) both 35, Brody Clarke (Kempsey) 33 and Diane Elley (Kurri) with 31 points. Greg McCoy needed a brief case to collect most of the NTP's – on 5, 7 and 8. Chris Swam got Stu's Ball on 15. The 18th not returned.

The Ladies Opening Day on Wednesday was postponed to Wednesday 10th March due to the weather and waterlogged course conditions, as was Thursday's Medley Stableford.



Thursday morning – the 9th fairway and 5th Green – unplayable!

Saturday 27th February was a Medley Single Stableford with 52 starters – bunkers out of play and “preferred lies” through the green. Philip Mander (13) revelled in these conditions top scoring for the day with 42 points to win Division 1 (scratch to 18) from Bruce Berry (4) with 40 points - good golfing guys! In Division 2, Paul McElhinney (20) scored 37 points to win Division 2 (19 to 45) from Gary Roach (26) with 36 points. Other good scores from Steve Frost and Peter Farrell 38, Graham Watson, Peter Moxon, Andrew Johnston & Michael Kenny (Sawtell) all with 36 points. NTP's went to Paddy Byrne on 2, Jenny Johnston on 7 to only 38 cms!, Phil Mander got Stu's ball on 15. Bruce Berry won't go hungry this week, cleaning up Subway's voucher on 8, the Pizza voucher on 13, a ball on 5 and the Pro Pin around \$50 on the 18th.

Our Greens staff have a new coring machine which will vastly improve drainage on our Greens – this and other treatments should assist in eliminating the Pythium Root Rot causing brown patches on the greens which has been plaguing us over the years.



GREG & STAFF TRYING OUT THE NEW CORING MACHINE.

Men's PENNANTS are back on again! Competition commences on Sunday 11th April – members wishing to represent their club and play this exciting format are asked to place their details on the nomination form on the Golf notice board be quick - closing soon!

Our **new Club Management System** has been installed throughout the Club, and the Golf system module will commence on Tuesday 9th March. Members will need to change their old passwords to access the new system and Member's Portal – contact the Office if you need assistance.

Next weeks' golf - Medley Single Stablefords on Tuesday and Thursday with the Men's Monthly Medal and start of this year's Eclectic on Saturday. Friday has a 9 hole Chook Run. Sunday 14th March has the "Island Sunday" Mixed 4BBB Stableford – invite your friends to this fun Open day teeing off from 10am. The ladies are hosting their "Opening Day" on Wednesday 10th March. **Social play** is available after competitions, and on other days from 8am until 4pm – please check with Pro Shop for availability. All golf bookings are available on-line for members, or by contacting the Pro Shop on 6568 8172.

See you on the Island!