



MEMBERS UPDATE MAY 2024

THE COURSE

As noted in my March report the course has needed considerable maintenance during the past six months. Following the repair work necessitated by the unseasonal humidity, we experienced continual rainfall, and this inundated the course, and the resultant flooding is still apparent. Greg and his team have put in a huge effort to keep the course in reasonable playing condition, and should the rain subside, we will be back to pristine conditions very quickly. Thanks Greg and team.

The temporary 12th green has been too wet to use so we are back onto the original green for the time being. This green is still struggling, and we ask all members to be patient as work will commence shortly to completely rebuild this green. It is proposed to build a larger and higher surface and we expect this to be in play in about three months' time.

As you would all guess the above maintenance has come at a cost and this spending will impact the trading position of the club for this financial year.

FINANCIAL

As stated above recent necessary course expenditure has impacted our operating position and it is now apparent that the club will operate at a trading loss at the end of the financial year. I hasten to add that this result is not critical. Our belief is that maintenance and upgrading of our facilities is how our funds are best spent and as our revenue continues to grow, we are able to continue to provide better and more comfortable amenities for all users. You would remember that we were intending to consolidate during the current financial year, but weather conditions and some other operational matters dictated otherwise. Such factors may well overflow into the next trading year also and these are under consideration as a new budget is being prepared.

The revenue of the club continues to grow and this is pleasing indeed. Whilst expenditure this year has been greater than anticipated we are still in a strong cash position and are certainly not experiencing trading difficulty.

We will be running a major raffle again this year with three prizes. First prize will be a golf cart and a spot in the cart shed for 12 months if required by the winner. We expect to have the cart in the club house in three weeks time and tickets will go on sale immediately. This prize will be drawn at our AGM in November.



STAFFING

Jostling of staff positions and numbers has been required to cover both Macksville and Nambucca and as Macksville has become much busier in a very short time the adjustments necessary have taken time to establish. We do anticipate that this will settle quickly but if you have found a need to wait longer at the bar we apologize. We thank Johnathon and all staff for their support during this “settling in” period.

GOLF EVENTS

As previously reported our normal golf events are scheduled for 2024/25 and I can report that fields for the veteran’s week of golf is now full and a waiting list has been established. This event is always very popular at our club and is one of our best event fund raisers. Geoff and Coral McCann are again managing this event for the club and our thanks go to them both.

Henny Oldenhove is managing a new event to be known as the Nambucca Ladies Invitational and this will be held next month for the first time. It is a 54 hole event and we intend to run this each year from this year forward. Entries have been a little less than we would like but will be sufficient to have a great event in year one. We thank Henny and her helpers for organizing this event for our club.

MACKSVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

As you would all be aware we are now supplying staff to the Macksville Country Club and those of you who frequent both places will notice that familiar faces will appear at both venues. This is working very well and our involvement at Macksville has created quite a surge in their turnover. Currently we are operating under a management agreement which provides them with staff under a labour hire agreement. It is proposed that this matter will be reviewed at the end of June and, if both parties agree, a fixed sum agreement will be entered into. We will keep all members up to date with developments in this matter.

BELLINGEN GOLF CLUB

Following some interest from Bellingen Golf Club regarding our operational business model I can confirm that our board has resolved to enter into discussions with them with a view to assisting them with their future development plans. Three joint meetings have already taken place and it seems apparent that there is much that we can do to assist them. Whilst these talks are preliminary we will keep all members up to date as this matter progresses.



SUMMARY

It is prudent to again remind members that if they have any matter that is of concern to them they should always seek out Johnathon or a board member as no issue will be rectified if it is not brought to the attention of the board. Please remember that your views and comments are always welcome.

Whilst the recent weather has diminished golf fields I can report that the fairways and greens are in excellent condition and it will be an absolute pleasure to “get back out there” when better weather arrives and the course dries out.

The board thanks you for your ongoing support and I wish you all good golfing.

Geoff Harris,
President.