

Captain's Newsletter January 2025

Dear Members,

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed the festive season and all the best for 2025.

Medal Winners January 2025:

A Grade: D. Newton (net 69)

B Grade: S. Melocco (net 72)

C Grade: B. Taylor (net 72)

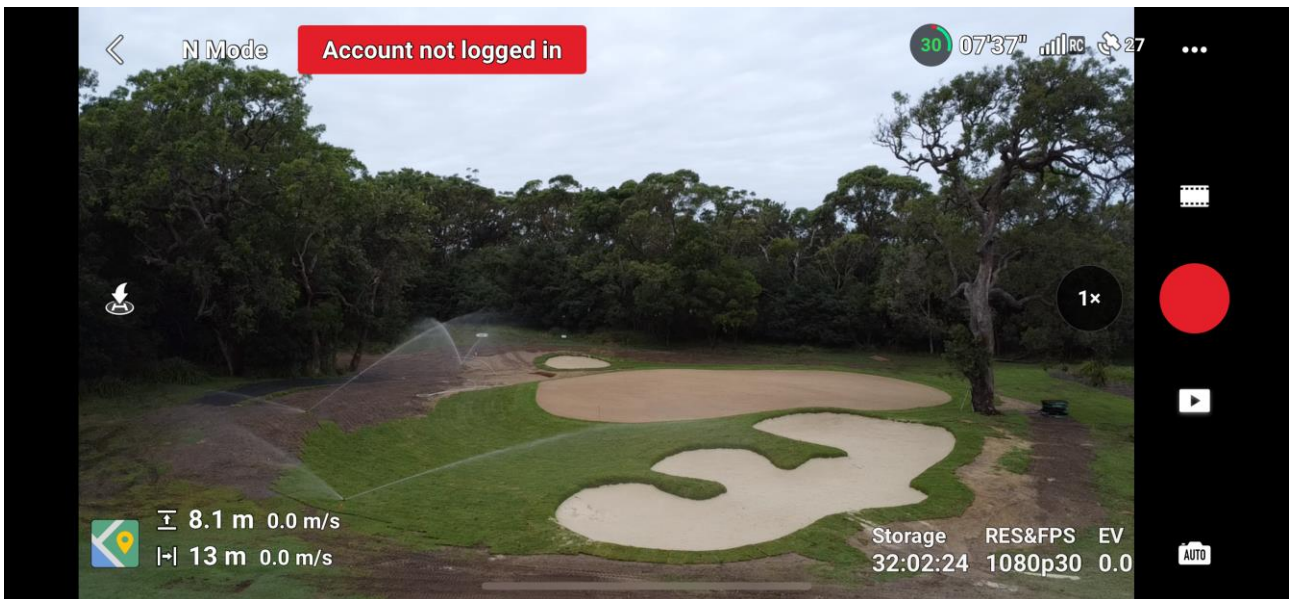
Playing numbers for December 2024 were:

Members Comp (including reciprocal clubs)	1,777
Visitors Comp	141
Social	2,648
TOTAL:	4,566**

** Great numbers considering we have 3 temporary greens in play

The 4th Green





4th green re-build in progress. The first photo is from the 4th fairway 80M out and the second is an arial drone shot from above. Seeding the green will commence very soon and hope to be in play asap.

Some members have asked why work didn't commence sooner and the answer is that Matt, our landscaper, was not available till the first week of January due to prior commitments at Mollymook Hill Top and a well-deserved holiday over Xmas.



Commencement of building a **new permanent/temporary green** on the right of the 17th fairway.

Similar to what we built on the 9th fairway, this green will be used when required if future work is done on any of the back 9 greens. Soon we will be redesigning the 11th green. While this construction is underway, this new permanent/temporary will be a Par 3 from a tee box adjacent to the 16th green and the 17th will be played as a par 4 from a tee box to the left and forward of the existing 17th (forward) tee box.

This green and the bunkering will also be used by the Pro Staff for teaching lessons when required.

New Eco toilet



The new Eco Toilet being built from a 'flat pack' by none other than Gary Salway and Rob Russell. It will be positioned on the right-hand side of the Men's 16th tee box and ready for use very soon. Many thanks (as usual) to Gary and Rob for their voluntary work helping our Golf Club.

The 7th and 13th greens have been re-seeded and new growth has 'popped' The Greens staff are working tirelessly to get them back in play ASAP.

The Ladies' formal competition starts with a Monthly Medal on the 4th February. Good luck ladies! Welcome Carmel Paynter, Gayle Stephenson, Jillian Dellosa, Kim Robertson and Kathy Brown to the Club. We hope you enjoy being a member of the club and look forward to seeing you on the golf course.

The 2025 Illawarra Pennants gets underway from next Sunday, February 2nd.

We have 5 teams involved:

Shoalhaven Shield (Geoff Brennan Captain)

A Pennants (Mark Johnston Captain)

B Pennants (Gaz Hoare Captain)

C Pennants (Barney Kingdom Captain)

White Horse Cup (Shaz McCarthy Captain)

All the best to each team and we will provide updates during the coming weeks.

Thanks for reading and enjoy your golfing!

Phil Lyons
Club Captain