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Newsletter ... May 2018

Welcome to the May Newsletter keeping you and your members informed of our decisions, senior and junior golfing developments, upcoming events and general news as well as the decisions and discussion from our regular meetings.

First a few results ... **2018 Pennants Season:** Division 1 Pennants final was won by Wauchope-Kew beating Forster-Tuncurry 4-2; Division 2 Forster Tuncurry won over Kew 4-2; Port Macquarie beat Taree at the 4th play-off hole in Division 3; and in Division 4, Kew defeated Forster Tuncurry 4-2. **District Stroke**

Championships: Ben Dunn (Kew) is the LNC Champion for 2018 with a 3 over par 111 at Harrington; runner up and one shot behind at 112 was Tom Biron (Port Macquarie); Tom was also D1 winner. The district Junior Champion is Fletcher Murray (Kew) 117 and Senior Champion is Mike Jackson (Forster-Tuncurry) 118. D2 Bob Baxter (Harrington) 128, D3 Danny Bisby (Taree) 129; D4 Tom Burley (Wingham) 149.

Event Sponsorship: Most clubs had informed the LNC of their LNC sponsored events for 2018 with just Bulahdelah and Coomba Park to come. Clubs should be aware that it is highly likely that this sponsorship will continue into 2019 and beyond.

Club Delegates: The LNC is waiting for Bulahdelah, Coomba Park, Gloucester, Harrington Waters, Kew, and Wauchope to confirm (1) whether their president is indeed the delegate to the LNC-DGA; and (2) if not who that delegate is [officially] to be. Note: only delegates may vote at meetings of the DGA.

Pennants Conditions of Play: The conditions will be reviewed at the next meeting in August in general terms but there will also be a detailed discussion on the count-back conditions of the recent series of contests.

Super Seniors Pennants: The DGA have agreed to field a composite team in the district playoffs for the NSW Super Seniors (65 and over). The team will be made up of interested players from those clubs unable to field a full team and nominations will be sought in June; the district pennants now comprise seven teams and a full draw of matches to be played in August and September will be available in late May.

Junior Golf: In short ... lots happening! All clubs are urged to develop their link with the MyGolf program: Golf Australia and Golf NSW believe that the more junior golfers that are enrolled in the MyGolf program the better able they are to induce governments to support the growth and development of junior golf. Steps to take: (1) register you club as a MyGolf Centre; and (2) enroll all your juniors in MyGolf through your Centre. JNIG territory manager Mark Ingrey (0447 464 739) can assist with this registration. The thinking at state and national level is to use MyGolf for junior golf in the same way that Milo Cricket and NAB Auskick have achieved for cricket and AFL respectively. The first district Junior Open for 2018 was played at Tuncurry on May 6. Due to the NSW All Schools Championships being played at Forster Tuncurry and Taree shortly after there was an excellent field of quality golfers. The LNC was represented by 17 male and female juniors with AGU handicaps and a small number of sub juniors. Competition was tough and visiting juniors took most of the vouchers although Ella Scaysbrook (port Macquarie) was runner-up in the girls' net event. This tournament saw the commencement of the boys "Order of Merit" for 2018. The remaining **Junior Opens** for 2018 are at Wingham (3 June), Port Macquarie (29 July), Forster (12 August), Wauchope (16 September) and Taree (2 December) with the District set to contribute \$250 towards each event.

Good golfing ... and let us know what you think of our Newsletter!