

# UNBIASED

## December 2020

### SEASONS GREETINGS!

**Seasons Greetings to all our cherished members, guests, staff and to all of your family and friends.**

'Tis the season to be merry - at a socially safe distance of course - and we wish you all a relaxing and joyous 2021.

This COVID 19 business will pass eventually so here's hoping we can remember the *good times* we had in 2020 - because there were many! Let's not ever forget how lucky we are and that we belong to the greatest bowling club in Sydney!

**PEACE TO ALL!**



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community



## Dear Members, Guests and Staff,

On behalf of the Board I'd like to extend a sincere and very Happy Christmas to all members, guests and staff who contribute so much to the on-going success of the Club especially in difficult times. This newsletter and the contributions made reflects the Club's vibrancy and importance in the community.

To say the least, it's been a remarkable year with COVID 19 yet again playing a starring role just as the year winds up and we are all in a party frame of mind.

The biggest lesson for me this year is the incredible importance of maintaining Sign-In records at the Club to enable NSW Health to trace contacts if a person who has tested positive enters the Club.

We've been very fortunate as there has been only one incident on 10 September 2020 where the Club had to close for 48 hours due to a person who had tested positive entering the Club.

The following occurred:

- Within two hours of the Club being closed all Sign-In records were provided electronically to NSW Health to enable contact tracing,
- Within 12 hours NSW Health had identified and contacted two people who had been in close personal

contact (i.e. more than 15 minutes) with the individual who had tested positive and required the two people concerned to quarantine for two weeks to prevent any risk of transmission throughout the incubation period.

- Within 24 hours all members attending the Club that day had been contacted by the Club and advised to get tested and stay at home until they received results, all staff were similarly advised to be tested and to quarantine until results were obtained. All results were negative and obtained within 24 hours. I sincerely thank all members and staff for their co-operation.
- NSW Health permitted the Club to reopen after Club was deep cleaned and confirmation provided to NSW Health that this had occurred.

Whilst all the other COVID protection initiatives (e.g. cleaning/safe distancing/masks) are also extremely important, the Sign-In process wherever we are, and wherever we go, ultimately limits the spread of the virus and protects us all. So please leave contact details wherever you may be.

**Happy Xmas and Best Wishes for 2021**

**Brian Bagshaw, President**



Clovelly Bowling & Recreation Club





# Bocce News



The Bocce AGM was held on Sunday 6th December presided by **Brian Bagshaw**, CBRC President.

Executive Committee Nominations were accepted as follows:

|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| President        | <b>Josephine Fernandez</b>     |
| Vice President   | <b>Giustino Di Christoforo</b> |
| Secretary        | <b>Gary Sant</b>               |
| Committee Member | <b>Rosario Squadrito</b>       |
| Treasurer        | <b>Diane Barrie</b>            |

A new Constitution was en-stated in this first meeting.

Lawn Bocce games are held every Thursday and Sunday mornings. A small

group of aficionados had kept the game alive during the Pandemic.

It is hoped to resurrect the dinner/dances as soon as the pandemic permits.

All Clovelly Club members are invited to try a game of Bocce. To this end please contact **Josephine Fernandez** on 0452 121 269.

**Gary Sant, Secretary**

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# In Memoriam

## VALE Paul Luluja

**April 8th 1947 - December 13th 2020**

It was with a heavy heart that we learned of the passing of **Paul Luluja**, a former CBRC Member and a long serving barstaff person from 1990 to 2016.

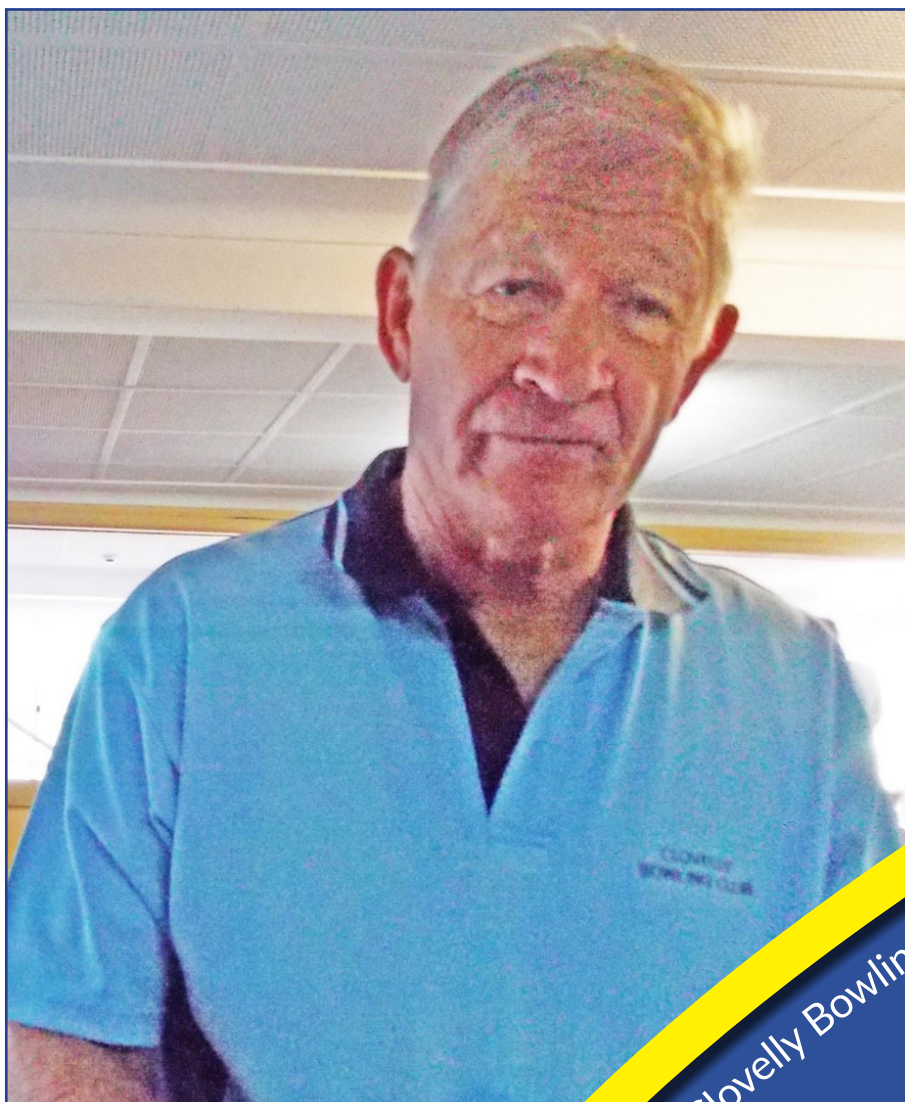
Enormously likable and friendly, Paul worked at the Club on the weekends, initially in the bar. During the Club's infant days of Barefoot Bowling he also became involved with the greens.

Paul and his wife **Kaylene** lived near the Club in a townhouse at the corner of Boundary and Campbell Streets. Due to his daytime employment with Woollahra Council Paul turned his skills to creating car park marking, accessing outdoor seating adjacent to the greens and many other innovations that improved the Club!

Paul's welcoming nature made Club visitors feel at home and his hard work and commitment made it a second home to members. We were all very sad when he retired from the Club and Woollahra Council in 2016, however this allowed Paul and Kaylene to make a 'sea change' to Forster.

Paul and Kaylene are remembered for their enormous caring of other Club Members, particularly former President and **Honorary Secretary Herb Bradman**.

Paul's funeral was held in Forster. Kaylene is organising a memorial for him at the Club in the New Year.



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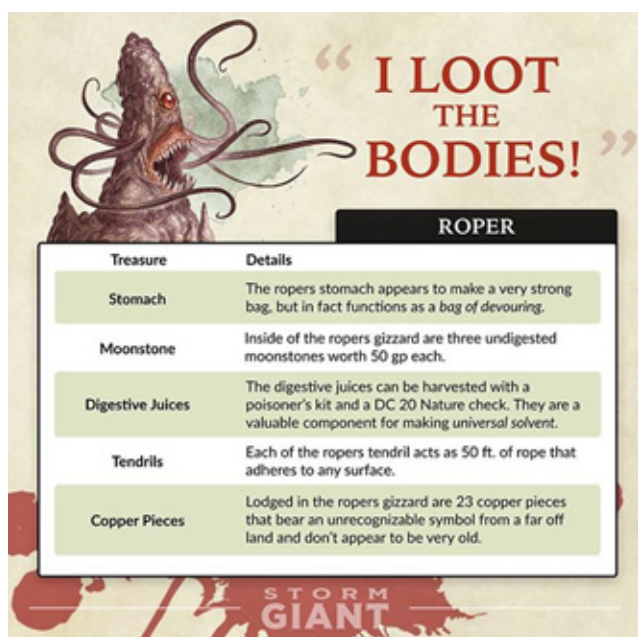






From the 42 end marathon between **Tony Mitchell** and **Brett Fisher** down to the 19 end dash that **Roz Madgwick** will never let **Gina O'Reilly** forget, it has been a competition "for the ages".

With only two forfeits, competition was fierce with **Tim Clark** vs **Greg Fitzjames**, **Steve Lardi** vs **Carmel Sowden** and **Ed Ellis** vs **Gary Woolly** all playing 36 end matches for a 31-30 result.



Defending Champion **Roper** is looking for a three peat having swept **Graeme O'Reilly** (20), **Bill Williamson** (12), **Harry Folton** (9) and two time winner **Edward John Chute Ellis** (19) before him.



Bendigo debutante **Irving** took the scalps of **Sue Snape** (12), **Uwe Schneider** (17), **Brett Fuller** (24) and **Brett Fisher** (19) in a far more tumultuous path.

**Brett** had him down 24-23 after 31 ends only to see **Scotty** bag two 4's and leave him like a jumping castle at days end:



Not content with that drama, then came the "Scuffle of the Scheduling" with the next **Brett** opponent (**Fisher**). This on again/off again "bromance" finally climaxed with an intriguing tussle through till the 17 end where it was 14 all. A five end vacation by **Brett** saw "**Groundskeeper Willie**" skip away to a 12 point lead which despite an even battle through the next 8 ends ended up being the final margin.

There have been many highlights throughout the matches reflecting the spectrum of talent our local Clubs with Bronte, Coogee, Randwick, Waverley and South Coogee sending their finest to compete. Another great representation from the ladies, but unlike **Carmel Sowden** making it to 2019 Final, we saw the last XX chromosomes disappear by round 5.

Unfortunately, with the easing of COVID restrictions only happening recently and the loss of our Tif green to renovation, the Final and Presentation Lunch has been put back to January 24th, 2021.

**Stuart Wright**

Clovelly Bowling & Recreation Club





# Music



## Music is Back!!!

ABOVE: A very happy audience of music lovers enjoying the talents of the Pinks playing at Clovelly Bowling Club. This concert was a part of *Great Southern Nights*, a four night event which is a NSW Government initiative to kick start live music in our state again. They were sold out quickly and everyone had a great time!

**Rock on!**

### TV Show

Keep an eye out for the Lawn Bowls: The Bowls Show  
7TWO, 12:00pm, Sat, 26 Dec 2020, 60 minutes



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## Practice makes perfect

**Bowlers often ask "How do I practice to become better?"**

### Tips for Effective Practice

- practice mental as well as physical skills
- set ultimate goals and devise overall plan
- break your plan into individual sessions - each with minor goals
- practice uninterrupted

When playing in a competition ensure that you practice regularly as there is no sport where you can just rock up and expect to win without practice. Good luck!

### Martin, Club Coach

#### Improve Your Consistency

The only equipment required is a mat, a jack and a couple of spare bowls for the shots other than a draw. Depending on your personal skill level, your margin for error may be a mat-length, a metre or even longer for the new bowlers.

The exercises will suit all levels of bowlers. Play one hand only.

#### The Draw Shot

Start with the jack on the T and the mat on minimum length. Draw the first bowl to the jack. If it finishes within your margin, move the mat back two mat-lengths.

If it finishes behind the jack, but outside your margin, leave the mat where it is.

If it finishes short of the jack outside your margin, move the mat forward one mat-length. Draw the second bowl to the jack. Continue with the same system for moving the mat. Keep going, moving the mat with each shot until you reach the T at the other end.

#### The Yard-On Shot

Start with the jack on the T and a bowl half a mat-width either side of it (a full mat width for newer bowlers) and the mat on minimum length.

Draw the first bowl through the head with one metre of weight. If it hits the target and remains live, move the mat back two mat-lengths and reset the head. If it misses the target and remains

live behind the head, leave the mat where it is. If it comes up short or goes into the ditch (even if it hits the target) move the mat forward one length. Draw the second bowl through the head with one metre of weight. Continue the same system for moving the mat.

Keep going, moving the mat with each shot until you reach the T at the other end.

#### The Running Shot

Start with the jack on the T and a bowl half a mat-width either side of it (a full mat width for newer bowlers) and the mat on minimum length.

Play the first bowl through the head with ditch weight. If the bowl strikes the target and goes into the ditch, move the mat back two mat-lengths.

If the bowl misses the target by less than a mat-width and goes into the ditch, leave the mat where it is.

If the bowl misses the target by more than a mat-width or does not reach the ditch, move the mat forward one mat-length. Play the second bowl through the head with ditch weight.

Keep going, moving the mat with each shot until you reach the T at the other end.

*Each of these exercises works on the same principle, a good shot is rewarded, a good shot with no result is not punished, but a bad shot (too short or too wide) is penalised. Do not rush any of the shots when practicing: take the same time you would if you were playing in a match.*

*The more care you take with each shot, the faster you will complete the exercise.*

*All of these exercises work on the principle that the jack always remains on the centre line. We all know that doesn't happen, so they can be varied by moving the jack off centre once you have mastered the basic shots. What you will notice is that there is a slight variation from one shot to the next with length and this will assist with the weight control required when trying to make small weight adjustments.*

(With thanks to [www.joondalupbowls.com.au](http://www.joondalupbowls.com.au))






# From the Past



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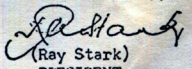
*Have you been breathalysed lately?*

Do you know you are within walking distance of the Clovelly Bowling Club. Panoramic views, friendly atmosphere and the cheapest beer in the Eastern Suburbs. Social membership is available at \$2. 00 joining fee and \$ 4. 30 per year.

For those ladies and gentlemen who have always wondered how to play bowls and have not bothered to ask, our Club is conducting a "Learn to play" session on a Saturday morning shortly and if you are curious, just ring Ray Stark on 665.1507 or call down at the Club. Bowls will be provided just wear sandshoes or flatties.

It is a fallacy to say that bowls is an old persons game. It is not - it is a young person's game that old people can play.

Visitors are most welcome at Clovelly and we would look forward to seeing you personally.

Yours faithfully,  
  
(Ray Stark)  
PRESIDENT.





# Bowls Jokes

## So two guys met at the pub...

A guy who owned the bar won the lottery and to thank his customers he sold all drinks for 50 cents. Two fellas walk in and each orders a beer.

"That'll be 50 cents", says the bar owner.

"50 cents! I can't believe it" says one of the customers.

So the bar owner explains his good luck.

Anyway, the two fellas order a couple of more rounds: double scotch on the rocks, then brandy. Each time it's just 50 cents a drink.

As they're drinking their third drink, they notice three people at the opposite end of the bar and they're not drinking anything, just sitting there, chatting.

One of the customers leans over to the bar owner and says, "What's with those guys? How come they're not drinking?"

"Oh, they're lawn bowlers" answers the bar owner "- they're waiting for happy hour."

## The Bowlers' own language - how to translate

The Sport of Bowls has its very own language which can totally mystify anyone who hears it, but hasn't had the pleasure of throwing a bowl in fun or earnest. For the information of the uninitiated, here are a few terms translated into standard English.

"*Good weight!*" = lousy line

"*Good line*" = lousy weight

"*Good back bowl*" = you were lucky you didn't put it in the ditch

"*That's in their way*" = that's in my way

"*That could be useful up there*" = that bowl is closer to you than it is to the jack

"*Get it next time*" = you sure didn't get it this time

"*He's surprisingly good*" = you're surprised he ever makes a shot

"*I'd bowl with him any day*" = he always buys the first round





# Green 2

## Green 2 Being Invigorated!



**Thank you Green Keepers: Shane & Ethan!**

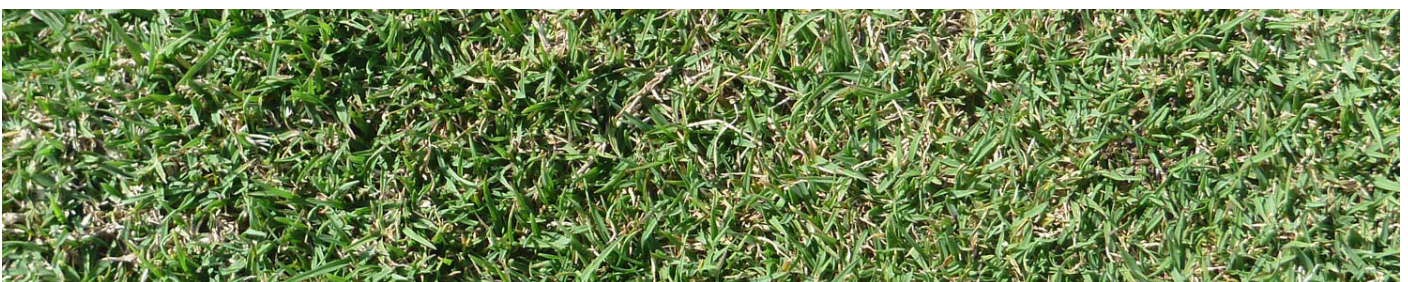
### Tif (Tifdwarf)

**Scientific name:** *Cynodon dactylon* x *C. transvaalensis*

#### **Description:**

Tifdwarf is an dwarf 1st generation hybrid green couch variety suitable for golf and bowling greens that tolerates routine close mowing. The variety which was released in 1965 in the USA is still widely used within golf and bowls greens today.

Tifdwarf has small, short leaves, stems, internodes, and seedheads and provides a dark green colour throughout the warmer months. Tifdwarf has a basic purple plant colour in the warmer months and becomes very noticeable when temperatures drop in winter. As a consequence, Tifdwarf takes on a purplish cast that is aesthetically objectionable to some.



Our website is often our visitors' first experience of our Club. First impressions are very important - particularly when deciding where to hold a wedding or corporate event. The site has many photographs and information that shows off our facilities to entice people in!

It is equally important that potential new members can get a feel for what we have to

offer so that we can ultimately dress them in our colours and play by their sides on the green.

Barefooters have their own page too! It explains the set up, provides them with the "Rules of the Game" plus the rules of the Club. The seasonal sessions times are displayed and they can fill out a form to request a booking.

We also have a page for Bocce, History, Live Music, Womans' Club and Mens' Club plus many others.

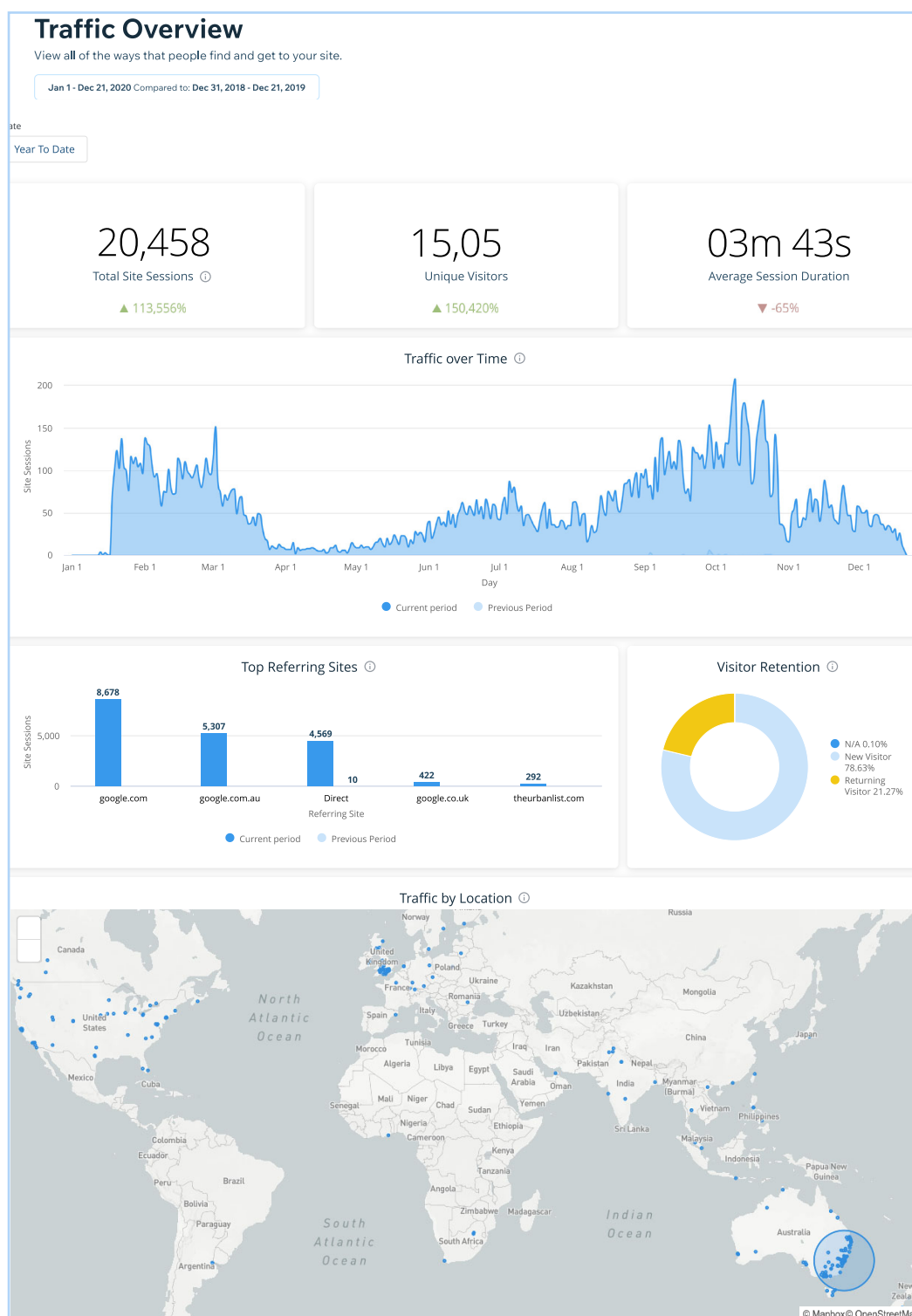
Our website is the electronic version of us. We are represented on there in our Sunday best - so if you have something that you think should be there just let us know your ideas!

The "Analytics" of the site give us insight into how many people look at our site, how they found us and where they live.

To the left are some interesting statistics from this year. It clearly shows the drop off of visitors (to the site) reflecting the COVID 19 downturn and recovery. Fascinating!

The map at the bottom shows the visitor's from around the world.

Regardless of the COVID hiccup, it is still staggering how many people are interested in our little garden of fun!





## COVID 19 Safety Measures at Clovelly Bowling Club

The following measures must be adhered to when attending the Clovelly Bowling Club but of course, if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness, please do the right thing and stay at home. We are striving to ensure that our Club is a safe place, now and into the future.

- Patrons cannot enter the Club if they have symptoms of COVID 19 and/or have been in contact with an infected person or attended a "hot spot" in the last 14 days.
- Patrons must Sign In Electronically using the ID Scanner, QR code or writing down name and phone number in our logbook.
- Your body temperature will be taken on entry. Temperatures over 37.5° will be excluded.
- Capacity limits must be observed in each area of the Club
- Personal distancing must be maintained
- Patrons must be seated when drinking inside the Club.
- Signage on all Greens explains COVID 19 safety requirements. Max of 20 people per green.
- BBQs are not available at this time.
- COVID 19 Marshalls are on duty at all time to assist with compliance.
- We recommend you download the COVID 19 Safe App.





## **Magnificent storm on 13th November 2020**

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