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**The 2020 SeaLink PGA Legends Pro-Am
North Stradbroke Island GC (Minjerribah)**

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Another Huge Success for Small Island Golf Course

North Stradbroke Island Golf Club has done it again. After a number of COVID-19 related postponements, the third Straddie SeaLink PGA Legends Pro-Am was conducted at the North Stradbroke Island Golf Club on 4th December 2020 with a prize pool of \$15,000 for the pros and prizes worth \$1,000 for the amateurs.

This is the only previously postponed PGA Legends Pro-Am event that was able to be run this year, which is a magnificent achievement by our small club and only possible through the hard work and dedication of our members and volunteers, as well as our fantastic sponsors led by SeaLink.

After transporting the players from the SeaLink ferry at Dunwich harbour to the golf course, the day started with breakfast at the clubhouse and an inspirational and much appreciated welcome to country performed by the Quandamooka Yulu Burri Ba Dancers led by Josh Walker.

A capacity field of 44 Legends and 20 amateur golfers commenced play at 9:15 am and our little course once again showed its teeth and took some big scalps in very trying conditions of strong winds and high temperatures. However, by stayed patient and applying strong course management skills, good scoring was possible, as demonstrated not only by our winner, but by a number of the other top 10 finishers.

At the completion of play, Allan Cooper emerged victorious with a great score of 69 (2 under par), including 6 birdies - Allan probably benefiting from some "local knowledge" after competing in the event in the two previous years. He was closely followed by Nigel Lake with a round of 70 (1 under par), which including two eagles on par 4's - one only inches from an amazing hole in one.

As always, the amateurs enjoyed the chance to interact with the Legends and, once the initial nerves were gone, played some great golf. Ultimately, after a fabulous round, Liam MacFarlane was the winning amateur with 37 stableford points.

The representative of the main sponsor SeaLink was unavailable due to prior commitments, so presentations to the winners were conducted by club President Peter Turner and club Captain Kev Zielke. This took place on the clubhouse deck with great views of the course, the Brisbane harbour and the Glasshouse Mountains, while everyone enjoyed some well deserved drinks and nibbles put on by our local Pro and provedore Andrew "Bull" Humble.

At just after 4:00 pm it was time to call the end to a fantastic day and transport the players back to the Dunwich harbour to catch the SeaLink ferry to the mainland. Most players sounded their support and appreciation for the event and committed to return for next year's event in August 2021.

For full results and player comments please go the PGA Legends website:
<https://pga.org.au/news/cooper-sails-to-stradbroke-legends-pro-am-victory/>

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