



LINKS

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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

On Thursday 21 July the Club hosted a very successful evening to mark the completion of our NSW Government, Community Building Partnerships funded grant, *Project Refurbishment*. In this edition of *Links*, Ian Butters has provided a full recap of the Project.

We also took this opportunity to announce our official name change from Lane Cove Country Club to Lane Cove Golf Club. A special edition of *Links* was sent to members with details and the new logo seen here.

This name change will be progressively introduced over the coming months.

The Club was delighted that Anthony Roberts MP, Member for Lane Cove, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy and Leader of The House could join us.

Also with us that evening was Councillor Deborah Hutchens, Mayor of Lane Cove and Patron of our Club, Councillor David Brooks-Horn and Councillor Soo-Tee Cheong, with around 60 members and other guests also in attendance.



It was inspiring to hear Mr Roberts talk of what a great asset we have in the Lane Cove Golf Course and how well the Club has been steered by its many Board members, Committees and other volunteers over more than 50 years.

7 August sees the start of the Men's Pennant competition, with the first game away to Kareela Golf Club. Good luck to the teams and let's try our best to finally bring home a pennant after so many years.

Local Member Anthony Roberts cuts the ribbon to mark the completion of Project Refurbishment
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FROM THE PRESIDENT *continued*

I'd like to thank Dave Martin again for stepping in to provide catering for our Friday night jazz /dinner /dance. The Board is very grateful for all you do for the Club Dave.



In the July edition of *Links* I reported on the Men's golf BBT time trials. The report has been submitted to Council by the Course Manager and we are awaiting feedback from Council.

I have just returned from wonderful Vanuatu with Club Members Jim Patfield, Cathy Crombie and their family. If you are considering a winter break, it's a great place and Port Vila Golf and Country Club is very welcoming and a stern test, including a 511m brute of a par 5!

After last year's devastating cyclones, the country needs tourists! Port Vila would love to host Lane Cove Golf Club for a match, so let's see if we can get some interest amongst our members for a tour.



Happy golfing, dining and socialising!

MICHAEL MEADE

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB **FULL SWING QUARTET**

Fridays 7.00 – 10.00



GUEST ARTISTS

Aug 5 – Armondo Hurley

Aug 12 – Ian Cooper

Aug 19 – Nicky Crayson

Aug 26 – Susan-Gai Dowling

(Note, a small entry fee of \$5.00 applies (children free))

2016 CHARITY PRO-AM - Wednesday 21 September

- * Only 50 more sleeps before the 2016 Charity Pro-Am, so start thinking now about your participation.
- * Registration, still only \$70.00, opens the week beginning 22 August
- * Sponsors still needed – as well as individual hole sponsors, business or personal, at \$200.00 a hole. Have your name on your favourite hole.
- * Once again a huge raffle, with great prizes, so look out for ticket sellers coming your way soon!
- * Warringah Pipe Band, following popular demand, appearing once again.
- * A special welcome to social members to get down to the Club on Pro-Am day – our big day of the year, and a fun day for all.

THE WORLD CHAMPION ALL BLACKS ARE COMING

The wobbly Wallabies take on the World Champions on Saturday 20 August (8.00 start) for the first match of the three test 2016 Bledisloe Cup series, and then, 27 August (6.00 start) for the second game from windy Wellington New Zealand.

Make it a night at the Club, bring your mates and watch the game on the BIG SCREEN and cheer the OZ team to a famous victory!!



Footy food and a schooner of your favourite beer for just \$15.00

DAVID MARTIN'S TEE 4 TWO CAFE

Now open on the terrace

Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays from 9.30am Sundays from 10.00am

BREAKFAST A SPECIALITY



- \$5.50 Bacon & Egg roll*
- \$5.50 Sausage & onions roll*
- \$5.50 Ham, cheese & tomato toasted sandwich*
- \$5.00 Chips*
- \$8.00 Beef Burger*
- \$8.00 Chicken Burger*
- \$8.00 Veggie Berger*
- \$12.00 Burger & chips*
- \$10.00 Eggs & bacon on toast*
- \$13.50 Big Boy Brekky*
- \$8.50 Pancakes with maple syrup*
- \$3.50 Coffee*
- \$6.50 Wedges with sweet chilli or sour cream*
- \$13.50 Chicken with salad*

and Friday Night Supper menu for Friday Jazz at the Club

GOT AN EVENT COMING UP?

If you have a family occasion to celebrate, or a club or work-related social activity that needs the right place to make the occasion a special one, why not hold your function at the clubhouse?

Do yourself a favour and consider the Club as a function venue, and you will be assisting your Club as well!

A Member discount is available on request.



BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH



The winner of the Blunts Player of the Month Award comes from the ladies this month.

And the winner is – **Angela Charters**. Angela had 63 points to win the award.

On 3 July, Angela won the Monthly Medal (and Silver Brooch) with a nett score of 68. This converted to 35 stableford points. On 24 July, Angela scored 28 points in a stableford match. Angela joined the club only last year and she has been very dedicated to improving her golf. Her goal is to reach a handicap in the 20s, and already she is down to 36! Congratulations Angela.

WAYNE BELGRE

PROJECT REFURBISHMENT

This is the third project that the Club has undertaken in recent years, with the financial assistance of the Community Building Partnership Program (CBPP). Our local member, the Hon Anthony Roberts, MP, supported all three projects

- i) **Project Uplight** – uplighting trees on the 8/9th fairway; new lighting to lower auditorium and solar panels on the clubhouse roof
- ii) **Project Disabled Facilities**; construction of a disabled toilet and washroom facilities within the clubhouse.
- iii) **Project Refurbishment** – just completed
 - * patching walls, painting, replacing damaged wall panels
 - * new curtains
 - * new room dividers
 - * new chairs – 112 banquet chairs and 8 tub chairs
 - * Electrical/Lighting; entranceway, safety lighting to disabled parking area; new lighting entrance and reception area, upper auditorium, bar alcove and deck.

The Rationale for Project Refurbishment

The aim was to refresh the Club's interior, and, consistent with the Club's change of name, to better position the club as a "Community" facility, open to the whole community for dining, functions and other events.

The two previous grants commenced this work by drawing community attention to our largely hidden community asset and, through the installation of disabled bathroom facilities, making the Club more welcoming and accessible to the whole community.

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PROJECT REFURBISHMENT *continued*

Progress is being made with Social Membership up by 117% over the period of the three CBPP grants, and the Club being recognized by Clubs NSW as a finalist in its prestigious **Heart of the Community Award**.

Club Member Support

Support from our members over all three projects has been outstanding. Significant contributions (unquantified) by professional tradespeople, all members of the Club, in the areas of electrical, lighting and interior design have added very significant value to the project, not including many hours of voluntary work by other Club members.

It is estimated that over \$10,000 has been contributed/donated by our members in addition to the CBPP's \$31, 507 grant, and the Club's \$3,529.70 cash contribution. This puts the value of the Project at well in excess of \$45,000, of which the Club's contribution is conservatively estimated at no less than 30%, a very major contribution by our member volunteers!

Joining together to Improve a Community Asset

Thanks to the Community Building Partnership Programme, the Hon. Anthony Roberts, MP for Lane Cove, and our volunteer members for the result of a much improved clubhouse and for adding significant value to this major Lane Cove community asset.



Ian Butters speaking at the Project completion function.

IAN BUTTERS

ORIGIN OF BUNKERS *Part 1 –*

Why do we need bunkers?

Ian Andrew, Golf Club Atlas 2015

A lot of the revered bunkers at the great links came to be by circumstance. Often they were small hollows created by sheep or blow-outs created by wind. Some were depressions that were almost natural bunkers right from the start while others were scars that are still there but just kept a lot more formally than they once were. Many of the greatest bunkers were natural.

While bunkers are inconvenient and frustrating to the player, they are essential to the core spirit of the game. They are used, in combination with other hazards, to define the risk and set the requirements of the hole. They are the architect's most common tool to force players to make decisions and to think. Willian Flynn describes the role of the architect best when he said, "*The principle consideration of an architect is to hold the interest of a player from the first tee to the last green*" I can not find a better quote to explain our role. Please notice how at no point he mentioned the words difficulty or challenge! The way we create interest is by careful placement of bunkering and other hazards to creates decisions. Decisions lead to strategy and options, and as Bobby Weed always likes to say over and over again, "*Options equal interest.*"

Max Behr one of the greatest writers on golf of all time had a beautiful explanation of what golf architects are trying to accomplish with bunker placement. "*The direct line to the hole is called the line of instinct, and to make a great hole you must break up that line in order to create a line of charm. The line of charm is the provocative path that shaves off distance and provides an ideal line into the green, usually by skirting bunkers and other hazards. The golfer wants the most direct line he can find to the hole, while the architect uses bunkers and other hazards to create risk and reward options that suggest the ideal line for the player, or the line of charm.*"

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ORIGIN OF BUNKERS *continued*

Imagine a hole that has no bunkers, or more importantly any deterrent to playing directly at the hole. The hole is simply a test of a prescribed length requiring a set of shots to reach the putting surface. Now if there is even one bunker added to the front left of the green, the ideal tee shot is down the right to open up the angle in. There is developed a rudimentary strategy. Add a bunker in the right rough and you have a situation where you need to skirt that bunker for the ideal line, and the strategy is stronger. That is the first basic of strategic bunker placement.

If that were it, and it is for some architects, then we would all understand how to break down great architecture...but it's not. Consider Alister MacKenzie's quote of, "*No hole is a good hole unless it has one or more hazards in the direct line of the hole.*" Why not in the middle of play like the Principal's Nose at St. Andrews. This may be another of the finest bunkers in the history of the game. The bunker is exactly where you want to play. Go safely to the left but receive a much tougher angle; play right, risking the out of bounds, and get rewarded with the ideal approach line. That is a superior fairway bunker placement and outstanding strategy. This also must open your eyes to realize that the options and reasons for bunker placement are becoming limitless.



Even the Road Hole Bunker at St Andrews, (left) has evolved from its origins throughout the years. Think of the constant build up of sand on the lip and the regular replacement of the revetted bunker face that takes place now and you will understand how much this bunker changes on a regular basis. I have pictures from 1989 where the lip wasn't nearly as high, the bunker was slightly smaller and the bottom was not near as deep. They have restored the bunker fairly frequently and usually now use old photos as direction. Each recent change has been well documented in golf magazines for each of the British

Opens. The bunker is now so deep with a lip so high, that recovery is nearly impossible for all but the most skilled. How much of the bunker's greatness has to do with evolution?

To be continued

MEN'S GOLF

After the completion of the Club Championships, the focus for the month of July has been the 4 Ball Knockout, a handicap matchplay format which makes it one of the toughest team events to win on the LCGC calendar.

If during the first three Saturdays, you noticed many groups coming up the 1st/10th for the 3rd time, it was because almost all matches were either decided on the 18th/ 19th or 20th holes. It was the groups that could hold their nerve during those pressure moments that would ultimately go through to the final.

The groups who made it through to the final were Alasdair Caush and Paul Sullivan who came up against relatively new members Alan Moss and John Erasmus.

Based on the matches throughout the month, one would think that this too would go down to the wire. Unfortunately for Alasdair and Paul, this wasn't the case. Alan and John got off to a flying start and shot to a 5 hole lead after only 7 holes.

This lead was too much for Sully and Alasdair to claw back and Alan and John played smart match play golf knowing that halving holes would result in victory.

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MEN'S GOLF continued



The final result was a 5/4 win to Alan and John. Congratulations gents, their first major victory at the Club. Let's hope the form continues into the Gibson competition commencing next week.

With Warren and Gibson Pennants commencing next week, I look forward to seeing our small club thrive against the big boys. Playing against Leonay, Northbridge and Kareela, I see no reason why we can't progress to the finals. Round 1 is against Kareela away next Sunday, 7 August. Many thanks to all those members who nominated.

Selected teams are as follows. A change this year is that teams consist of only 6 members, not 8, as was the case in previous years. Good luck to all.

The Warren team is:

Team 1: Paul Sullivan and Andrew Corish
Team 2: Alasdair Caush and Jeff Back
Team 3: Andy Moran and Gary Holmes

The Gibson team is:

Team 1: Bob Staley and Wayne Meader
Team 2: Alan Moss and John Erasmus
Team 3: Walter Heim and Phil Dennis

I will see you next Saturday for the monthly medal.

EVAN JONES

WOMEN'S GOLF

Foursomes Champions, 2016 Congratulations to our 2016 Foursomes Champions, **Monica Cowper** and **Joan Weine**, who won with a scratch score of 194. The nett winners were **Susan Ridd** and **Kerin Moorehead**, who had a score of 140.5. They also won "best dressed", in their very smart pink and black outfits!

Pewter Plate

On Monday 18th July, **Jan Sadler** and **Rosemary Hurford** represented our club in the Pewter Plate, at Castle Hill Golf Course; they enjoyed playing that beautiful course and finished with a very creditable 38 points. The team from Long Reef won the day.

Medal Results

The Sunday ladies' pleas to the weather gods finally worked and they managed to play a medal round! And the winners are..... **Suzique Doughty**, who won the medal, with a nett 72. She also won the scratch with 90. **Lucinda Brown** won Division 2 with a nett 74 and **Angela Charters** won the scratch with 112. **Linda Tsung** won the nine-hole event, with a nett of 34 and a scratch of 56. The putting competition results were.... Division 1 **Suzique Doughty**, with 34 and in Division 2, **Angela Charters**, had 37. ***(Continued over)***



WOMEN'S GOLF continued



The midweek ladies finalised their medal games for the year on Thursday 28th July. **Helen Prentice** won the medal with a nett 70, and **Yvie Nikellys** won Division 2 with 73. **Margaret Collins** won the 9 hole comp with a nett 37. **Susan Ridd** in Division 1 won the putting with 30 and **Jackie Sun** in Division 2, also with 30. **Margaret Collins** won the 9 holes with 18 putts

Sunday Mixed Visitors Charity Day

We all had a great day on Sunday 31st July, and the weather behaved itself, too! We played a 4BBB, armed with mulligans, gimme putts and get-out-of-hazard cards (thank goodness!). It was good to see so many visitors and fellas enjoying this mixed event.

Rosemary and **Frank Hurford** were the winners with 47 points and the runners-up were **Robert Virgili** and past member **Margaret Hanley** with 44 points. **Vanna Mutton** and **John Erasmus** won the Long Drives, and **Marghanita da Cruz** and

Robert Virgili won the Nearest the Pins. **Margaret Collins** won the 9-hole event with 14 points. Congratulations to all the winners. They were all very pleased with the prizes that Captain, **Robyn**, organised. Then everyone enjoyed a Dave-lunch and cake and bought goodies made by the ladies. Many wine and chocolate prizes were won in the raffle, raising money for our charities, Bear Cottage and The Flying Doctor.

Thanks to all those ladies who helped with donations for prizes, cooking, manning the stall and assisting with everything that makes these days so successful. And well done to **Edie Downs**, running her first Charity Day in her role of Vice President. It wasn't too scary, was it, Edie?

Club Championships Good luck to everyone in the upcoming Championship games.... who will be victorious in 2016???

SUE KALLAS





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