



Newsletter of the Lane Cove Golf Club
For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we now head into Autumn, we have just enjoyed one of our most well attended Men's Presentation Nights in many years. A terrific attendance of 87, including Lane Cove Mayor and our patron, Debra Hutchens, together with Councilor's Soo-Tee Cheong and David Brooks-Horn as well as our Life Members Ron Jeffrey and Helen Prentice.

Congratulations and thanks to the organizing team of Wayne Belgre, Brian and Peter Doherty. Also thanks to our caterer Lyn Doherty from Your Little Secret Catering, and the member volunteers who willingly chipped in to help distribute the meals. It's a great tribute to our club spirit and well worthy of recognition.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners and particularly to Wayne on his impressive haul of wins this year, including the coveted Alan Price Medal. I note with interest, his admitted technique of designing the competitions, which combined with great golf, is an awesome combination.

I'm sure we've all now suffering from cabin fever as far as our recent golf is concerned, with a number of Saturday's lost to rain. Hopefully the last remnants of Cyclone Debbie are now well behind us and we can get back to a more normal golf routine after blistering heat followed by the recent deluge.

No major developments on the lease negotiations to report. We currently await the next formal meeting with Council, which should take place before the end of April. Hopefully we will be able to press on towards a successful outcome.

Council remains committed to the proposed development of the clubhouse and car park precinct sooner rather than later and we will continue to engage with them to ensure the Club's interests are preserved.

On related issues, I note that Kuring-Gai Council's appeal regarding amalgamation has been successful and this provides a useful precedent for the Lane Cove Council appeal case, which is to be heard during April.

Our new website looks terrific and our thanks go to Michael, Maureen, Francois and all others involved in this project. I encourage all our members to visit the new site to establish our new presence on the various search engines. *(Continued over)*

FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

I trust you all enjoyed the exciting conclusion of the 2017 Masters and more importantly, the access to our somewhat waterlogged course for the first weekend rounds for some time.

Well done to all those who were able to blows off the cobwebs and produce winning rounds in the men's and women's monthly Medals.

ALAN MOSS President

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



Fridays 7.00 – 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

Apr 21 – Helen Fenton

Apr 28 – Nic Jeffries

May 5 – Ian Cooper

May 12 – Gregg Arthur

May 19 – Virna Sanzone

May 26 - George Washingmachine

Note, a small entry fee of \$5.00 applies - (children and Club golfing members free)

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.

NEW WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce that the Club's new website is now up and running. Check it out on <https://lanecovegolfclub.com.au>. There may be a few small hiccups while the site beds down so bear with us until then.

BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Well, the weather certainly has taken its toll on our golf, with the women unable to complete the rounds necessary to find a winner for their March Blunts Player of the Month award.

The men however were just able to fit in their qualifying rounds to find a winner for April.

And the winner just goes to prove that patience is a virtue.

BRIAN (“*I never win anything*”) **DOHERTY** has finally won his first Blunts award after ten years of trying!

Brian, who plays every Wednesday and Saturday, played two fine rounds, starting with a nett 60 in March and finishing the job with a nett 65 in April to win convincingly.

Brian’s consistency has finally paid off and we all say congratulations to Brian.

WAYNE BELGRE



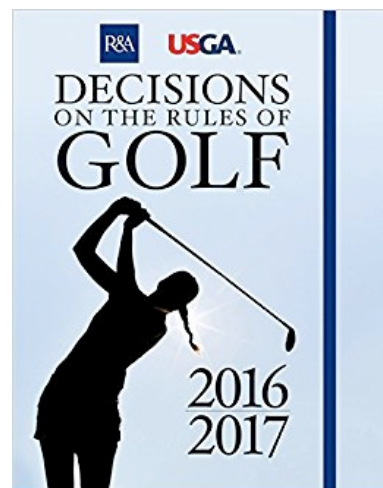
CAPTAIN’S CORNER

Well, it’s raining and what to do? Golf has been called off. Some might say doing a few chores around the house might be the go, but that is for some other day, not golf day!

Ah, yes, here’s a good idea - what about reading a book?

Let’s look on the Belgre bookshelf and thumb through the three books I have - Yep this is the one, that top seller, “*The Decisions on the Rules of Golf*”.

I find the easiest way to learn the rules is to look up the ruling for a situation I found myself in last week. And you know what? I often learn something!



I bet many members have never read the rules book and often do not know what to do in various situations they find themselves in. Understanding the rules and being able to quickly resolve a situation makes the game much more enjoyable (and quicker!).

Last month, and over the next few months, *Links* is printing rules that relate specifically to our course; this month, holes 4/13. Take the time to read and understand. If you are still confused or unsure never be afraid to ask.

You may be aware that the R & A and USPGA are currently considering many changes to the rules to be introduced in 2019. Some are major changes to the way we currently play the game.

Examples of changes being considered are:

1. No penalty if you do not take the flagstick out when putting, and you hit it.
2. Your caddie (and we all have one), can no longer stand behind players and line them up.
3. Reduce time to search for a ball from 5 minutes to 3 minutes (we all know that still means 10 minutes)

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER continued

4. Rather than take a one or two club length drop fixed distances will be introduced i.e. 50cm for one club length and 200cm for two club lengths.
5. Further to 4 above, the ball must come to rest inside the fixed distance and no longer will be able to roll 2 club lengths.
6. Introducing a maximum score on a hole. So on stroke days, rather than DNF, you can take a designated maximum score on a hole.

There are quite a few other changes so, Google the proposed changes and check them out.

WAYNE BELGRE Men's Captain

SO, YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE RULES – NO 2

Rules to help your game on our course, in four easy lessons

HOLE 3/12

SCENARIO - Tee shot is under the fir tree on right of fairway (**RULE** 26 Ball unplayable pp 118-119)

OPTIONS

- 1 *Play the ball as it lies.*
- 2 ***Under penalty of 1 stroke, replay a ball from the spot where the original ball was last played (“stroke and distance”).***
- 3 ***Under penalty of 1 stroke, drop a ball within 2 club lengths of where the ball lay but no nearer the hole.***
- 4 ***Under penalty of 1 stroke, drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay but not nearer the hole, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot where the ball is dropped. There is no limit to how far back you can go.***

This may allow you to then hit onto an open part of the course with better access to the hole on the following shot.

(With thanks to Janet Lean and the WGC)





Winners are grinners! Men's Golf Presentation night. 11 March, 2017.

MUSIC AT THE CLUB – 10 YEARS ON! Ralph Sadler

April 12 this year marked the 10th anniversary of the introduction to music at the Club on Friday nights. The band, then known as *Unit 7* began performing on the deck on Thursday nights. Ads for the group noted that the band has started “an Autumn season at the LCCC”. That autumn season has now extended to a 10 year “season”. The band had previously played a short season at the Diddie. It was former golfing member Max Jones who suggested that the band might be able to continue performing at the Country Club. I met Trevor, who I already knew, at the Club, and over a beer and a handshake, a rate of pay was established, and the rest is history.

The “season” began on Thursday nights on the deck, but the arrival of winter soon forced the band inside to the corner where they now perform each week. A move to Friday nights soon followed and there the band has been since 2007. The move provided a bonus in that the dance floor now came into play, and the availability of the dance floor has been an important part in the band’s continuing appeal to many visitors.

The original band, headed by local guitarist Trevor Gascoigne, included Ken Roberts on bass guitar, drummer Steve Ley and two regular guests, Richard Booth on sax and Billy Burton on trumpet and flugelhorn. Bill soon became a regular.



Opening night! Performing on the deck, in 2007, l to r, Trevor Gascoigne, Ken Roberts, Richard Booth and Bill Burton.

Trevor described his band as a modern five piece modern swing jazz band “performing a variety of styles, including well-known popular music, Latin American, funk and standards, all given a cool jazz interpretation”. This style has not changed much over the period, and despite the name jazz being used on our advertising, what the band has played only occasionally ventures into what some might consider to be “hard” jazz.

Over the ten years, the band has changed its name to *Full Swing* and the players are now Billy Burton, who has been a member for all those ten years, two long-serving players, Ray Forster on keyboard and James McCaffery on drums, and, following the untimely death of Ken Roberts, double bass players Craig Scott and Darcy Wright.

A feature of the band’s 10-year performance has been the appearance of a guest artist each week. In most cases, the guest is a vocalist, but many other guests have been instrumentalists. Amongst those who have appeared over the years include well-known artists such as; Dan Barnett, Ian Cooper, Tricia Evy, George Golla, Anna Saleh, Miriam Waks, George Washingmachine and many others. Sometimes we have a room full of guest artists as in the picture below when there were no less than 8 players and singers on the floor.

The quality of music provided by these talented musicians, week in and week out, has been remarkable, and the



regular attendees have enjoyed some absolutely stunning performances at a cost of almost nothing! Why not try it out and see what you have been missing over these many years?

Recognition of the band’s 10-year anniversary of their first appearance in 2007, will take place on Friday 21 April, where a cake will be cut and streamers thrown. If you appreciate good modern

and classical swing music played by a very professional, quality band, supported by outstanding guest artists, AND you enjoy some dancing, then we would love to see you there for the celebrations!

Golf Swings!
The Lane Cove Golf & Country Club
presents
LIVE JAZZ
with
Trevor Gascoigne's
"Unit 7"
plus weekly special guests
Thursdays
6:30pm to 9:30pm
All visitors welcome!

WOMEN'S GOLF

Some of us have forgotten how to play this game, with soaking rain preventing many events from being played!

The weekend Pennant

Right now, our team is in a very creditable 3rd place on the ladder, and there have been some very convincing match wins.

At Wakehurst, we played Avalon and had a 3-0 win! **Linda Jones-Meader** and **Jo Cunningham** won 7/5, **Tilly Torrevillas** and **Marghanita da Cruz** won 6/5 and **Vanna Mutton** and **Angela Charters** won 2 up.

At Avalon on 12 March, **Suzique Doughty** and **Joan Weine** squared their match, Marghanita and Jo went 2 down and Angela and **Sue Kallas** lost 4/2.

Then at Chatswood on 2 April, **Robyn Glover** and Vanna won 2/1 and, Suzique and Tilly won 3/2. So, with only a few rounds to go we're looking very strong!

New Shirts



Our team has had lots of compliments on our new Pennant shirts. Very stylish!

L to R; Sue Kallas, Joan Weine, Suzique Doughty, Jo Cunningham, Angela Charters and Marghanita da Cruz model the new shirts at the recent Pennant Match at Avalon GC

Medal Rounds

Thanks to the weather, we've had to postpone some of our medal rounds, so we only have results for one event on Sunday 26 March. **Tilly Torrevillas** won Division 1 with a nett 70. **Cindy Brown** won Division 2 with nett 85, while **Suzique Doughty** won Division 1 scratch with 94 and Cindy won the Division 2 scratch.

Marghanita da Cruz won the Division 1 putting with 27 putts and Cindy won Division 2 with 38 putts.

Sue Kallas in Division 1 won the 9-hole competition with a nett 37 and scratch of 50, while **Margaret Collins** won Division 2 with a nett 44 and scratch of 62.

Here's hoping the weather will allow the playing of more medal rounds!

Ambrose

The rain stopped for a day so we could play this enjoyable game on the 9 March. The winners were **Linda Jones-Meader** and **Robyn Seale**, with a nett 62.5.

A Special Birthday

On Thursday 29 March we celebrated **Robyn McElvenny's** "special 0" birthday. She received cards and gifts from the committee and her golfing friends. And, of course, Joan's famous Passionfruit Cake. Happy Birthday Robyn. May there be many more.

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WOMEN'S GOLF *continued*

Upcoming Events

- * **Pennant Host Day; Sunday 23 May** Our team will be playing on this day, so we will need extra people as spotters and clubhouse helpers. Please let Marghanita know if you can assist on this, the last day of the Weekend Pennant.
- * **Dormie House** getaway will be 26th-28th April
- * **Mixed Visitors Charity Day**
This much anticipated annual event will be held on Thursday 18 May. It will be a 4BBB with a Singles in Conjunction. Invite your friends for this very enjoyable day.

SUE KALLAS

MEN'S GOLF

Well the month of March has been nothing but a wet one. We were lucky to get the medal in with a small field taking on the soaking and difficult wet conditions.

The results are as follows:

- A Grade; **Wayne Belgre** nett 63, Scratch 69
B Grade; **Alasdair Caush** and **Vern Pilkington** nett 66 to play off (Scratch score not worthy of a mention!)
C Grade; **Brian Doherty** nett 60, Scratch 80.

The highlight for the month must go to Linda Jones-Meader who combined with Phil Dennis to take out the Wednesday competition in the best ball. It's great to see the ladies joining us in the men's comp and keeping us fellas on our toes! Great scoring Linda. You must have sore shoulders after carrying Phil for 18 holes!

I think after this result, Linda's husband Wayne must have hit the practice range as the next two weeks in succession he shot 40 points! Bookies already are pencilling them in for the Mixed Foursomes!

The last two Saturdays of the month were washed out. At least we were notified on the second week and this allowed some of us to make alternative arrangements.

This gave Ben Pearson and myself a chance to take on Chatswood Golf Club in their medal round. It's worth a mention that Ben shot 14 over par. Not bad when you consider he took a 14 on the par 4, 12th! Credit to Ben, he took my sledging all in good spirit - It was my revenge for Manly beating the Roosters the night before!

The April medal was finally played and it's great to see the course in such great condition considering the recent weather. The results are as follows:

- A Grade: **Mark (Shagger) Spence** nett 57, Scratch 67.
B Grade: **Paul Kelly** nett 59, Scratch 74
C Grade: **Barry Watkin** nett 60 and Scratch, **Kieron McGarry** 82
Great round Spencey. I don't know if Ben would cope if Wayne won three medals in a row!

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MEN'S GOLF continued

There were a couple of playoffs for previous medals. They were won by Vern Pilkington in the March B Grade and Paul Kelly in the February B Grade. Well done to all!!

Special mention to Rick Mayhew for taking out the longest drive of the day in all grades. It's not often that a C grader does this. It would have given Pete Doherty a run for his money had he been playing! Nice work Rick. Also a nice Birthday present for Mike Meade who didn't quite take out the medal but did win the Supapin for a nice earner! Happy Birthday mate!

The Centennial Cup is being played next week over the Easter weekend, being a mixed stableford event. I encourage you to join in on what is always an enjoyable day.

Finally, not good news that long-standing member and all-round good bloke, **Doug (Never off the Fairway) Cameron**, is having some health problems at the moment. All at the Club wish Doug a good and swift recovery so that he might continue to shoot below his age!

Looking forward to seeing you on the course!!

EVAN JONES



"IF IT DOESN'T LET UP A LITTLE BY THE TIME WE GET ON THE BACK NINE, LET'S CALL IT A DAY."



"The weather was much too rotten to go to work."



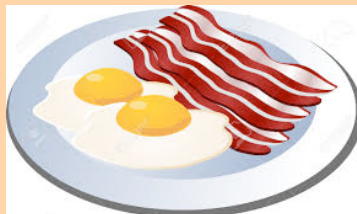
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