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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we head in to Autumn, we have the opportunity to witness what is often considered to be the pinnacle of golf tournaments.

But before I go there, let me first share with you what I consider to be one of the greatest things about golf. As a young teen I was able to play many rounds with my Dad and recently I was pleasantly reminded of the joy and life lessons I derived from those opportunities.

Playing with James Abbott and his son Lewis, I saw an awesome display of teamwork, positive reinforcement and absolutely great golf. What a terrific score they had and what a great bond that comes from playing this very special and unique sport. As Tom Watson pointed out, there's no other sport that provides the same opportunity to play and compete across all ages and abilities.

So back to Augusta as I watch a Master class, excuse the pun, in par 3 golf. Not as one might expect from the likes of Spieth, Johnson and Fowler, but from the veterans Nicklaus (76), Watson (68) and Player (82) who are today collectively 11 Under par after just six holes. All of them are in the top five, with three holes to play, against the current best in the world, who would be on average about 40 to 50 years perhaps younger. As I said above, what other sport can provide that sort of opportunity even without a handicap, to compete at such an elite level irrespective of age. Truly a unique sport.

And Wow it just got even better. Jack's caddy, 15-year-old GT and one of his 22 grandchildren, just scored his first and a terrific Hole in One. And Tom Watson at 6 under par, taking just 8 putts to complete the 9 holes, two of which were on the last hole. He has just become the oldest winner of the Par - 3 Masters Competition. Understandably Jack is choking back the tears of pride joy for his grandson's first ace. What a marvellous prelude to the main event.

So back to local activities and what a wonderful evening we enjoyed at the Men's Presentation Night! Congratulations to all those who took away a trophy and to my table mates for the Trivia Win.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

Those on our table and many others I spoke to, had a great night and many thanks to all those involved in the organisation, catering and for looking after us so well on this special night in our social and golfing calendar.

Thanks also to our relatively new Mayor (and Club Patron) Pam Palmer, for her contribution to our table's trivia win but far more importantly, it was most pleasing to hear her commitment to improving the golf course and associated facilities. Lots to look forward to and a welcome relief after the months of uncertainty. Much work still to do in this area and with the re-establishment of the Precinct Liaison Committee we look forward to promoting the Clubs' interests in this exciting phase of our history.

ALAN MOSS

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB FULL SWING QUARTET

Fridays 7.00 – 10.00



GUEST ARTISTS

13 April – Gregg Arthur

20 April – Dan Barnett

27 April – Ian Cooper

4 May – Marilyn Mendez

11 May – Johnny Nicol

***Note, an entry fee of \$10.00 applies -
(children free)***

BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD



March was a month for the ladies to find out just who could put a couple of rounds together to win the Blunts Player of the Month award.

Margo Anderson was just the person to play consistently over the two rounds and returned scores of 20 (over 9 holes) and 31 (over 18 holes) to win with 51 points.

Margo has been a longstanding member of the Weekend Pennants team and displays the same fighting spirit during those matches as she showed to win this award.

Many members would also be aware that Margo is a glass artist and regularly donates examples of her hand-made plates as prizes for various events at the Club.

Congratulations Margo. A deserving winner.

WAYNE BELGRE

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE? DO WE STILL NEED LINKS?

From the Editor

The *Links* newsletter is now in its 13th year of production. It had its origin in 2006, when I was first elected as a Director of the Club. At our first Board meeting, I was nominated as the Communication Director whose first task was to produce a monthly newsletter. Little did I realise that I would still be producing the newsletter thirteen years later. As we all know, over these last years, digital social communication devices have escalated in number and form.



Links had a low key introduction in February 2006 when a 6 page document was produced, headed No Name Newsletter. In the first paragraph of this fledgling bulletin (pictured), I wrote –

This newsletter represents a new approach to communication in the Club... New times require new ideas and it is hoped that this newsletter will more regularly address the need to keep both golf and social members informed about the range of events, functions, happenings, results and issues of concern and interest to the Lane Cove Country Club community. The newsletter will be produced monthly. Other communication improvements that are planned include making use of members' email addresses and, a little later, the development of the Club's website.

The name for the newsletter, *Links*, was selected following a competition for Club members to provide a suitable name.

For some years, *Links* was presented in print form only as an 8 page “booklet”, but gradually, as more members acquired email addresses, we moved towards dissemination of the newsletter by means of email and the Club’s website.

Utilising the technical skills of previous Club member, Karen Williams, I was able to establish the Club’s first website. At the time, this seemed a significant step forward in communications, with bookings being able to be made online, handicaps able to be checked etc. With the assistance of Golf NSW, we are about to move into an updated third version of the website with improved uploading possibilities.

I am proud to say that, over the past 13 years I believe that I have managed to address the set of communication tasks noted above. My underlying principle has been to ensure that members were kept well informed with items of interest and concern. But, cliché as it is, *new times require new ideas*, and those forms of communication noted in the first edition, use of emails and the establishment of the website, have been joined by other social communication devices; for example, Facebook, which made its embryonic appearance in 2006, and soon following were others such as, Twitter, Skype, Facetime and Instagram, amongst many others.

As well, a few years ago, the Club began making use of Mailchimp on a weekly basis to deliver email messages about social activities, events and functions in the Club. This has become a vital part of the Club’s communication outreach. Members are advised in this way when *Links* is available on line. Members can also access it, and past editions, from our website at any time.

At the recent MGC Presentation Night I held a quick litmus paper test when the question was asked via a trivia quiz, if those present could name the person who appeared on the front page of the latest *Links*. Sad to say that only two of about eight tables were able to name Ian Cooper, jazz violinist and regular guest artist at Friday Night Music at the Club. Not a promising result. *(Continued over)*

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE? continued

The Women's Golf Committee currently makes extensive use of the OnegGolf website, via TeeTime, to deliver detailed weekly updated messages about golfing activities. The Men's Golf Committee is now making more regular use of emails to perform the same task. Do these messages need to be addressed again in *Links*?

As the editor, I very rarely receive any feedback from members about items in the newsletter, or *Links* content generally. That's OK. It comes with the territory and I am not asking for a pat on the back. But it is true to say that neither I, nor anyone else, has any idea as to whether *Links* is meeting the 2018 communication needs of the Lane Cove Golf Club community. Is it all wasted effort on my part as well as the time of those members who regularly provide most of the content for the newsletter?

Since 2006, it is very rarely, if ever, that I have used the first person singular pronoun to talk to my fellow members through *Links*. However, I believe it is time to make a decision about the future of *Links*, so it is over to you. As my headline says, is it time to say goodbye to *Links*? Do we persevere or is it time for *Links* to go? Has its function been superseded by other forms of communication? Has it become overtaken by more appropriate formats? Is it outdated? Irrelevant? Can what it does and has been done over thirteen years be done better in another way? Does it serve a different purpose from other forms of communication? Do you actually read *Links* in its present format?

If you want to make a contribution to any discussion about the future of *Links*, please contact me by **text message** on **0424 555 961**, or **email** me on ralphsadler@icloud.com. I look forward to hearing from you. Your response or lack of response will in itself be enlightening.

RALPH SADLER

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Rules

Most men members would be aware that the Men's Golf Committee has been coming down hard on incorrect score cards that are handed in at the end of a round. In the past we have sometimes let things go when we should have taken a tougher stance. Well, as you are aware, that is changing

During the last couple of weeks we have had to disqualify some players and teams for what is a lack of care when scoring. Sometimes the reason for the disqualification is a lack of knowledge of the rules.

Hopefully, members would be aware that there will be a lot of changes to the rules of golf to be introduced in 2019. So it is probably a good idea if we all learn and understand the current rules before we have to cope with changes next year.

The Men's Golf Committee has decided to give out a condensed version of the most common rules that most often need to be applied at Lane Cove. This version was originally developed by the WGC and has been refined by Graham Webster. Thanks to both for their work.

In the coming weeks this version will be given out with your scorecard. Please look at, read and try to understand these rules. *(Continued over)*



CAPTAIN'S CORNER continued



In particular, one rule to carefully consider is when you have to take a drop "at the nearest point of relief". So many players take the "nicest point of relief" and leave themselves open to disqualification if the error is not rectified.

Any problems please ask. Don't be a victim of carelessness that could cost you a competition win and the glory of your name in the paper.

WAYNE BELGRE

AROUND and ABOUT and HERE and THERE

I am sure that members will have noticed some changes taking place about the clubhouse recently -

- * Painting of the external areas of the clubhouse has been completed with colours matching the internal colour theme. The finance for this activity to improve the appearance of the clubhouse generally, was provided from a Community Building Partnership grant from the NSW State Government. Thanks to our local member, Anthony Roberts for his help in our securing this \$19,800 grant. But particular thanks to Director Barry Watkin who was the man who did all the tedious but necessary paper work required to ensure success in gaining the grant. (picture left)



- * Also from the same grant, to improve disabled access to the clubhouse, money has been used to lay a new concrete path at the main entrance. (picture right)



- * Barry was successful again in securing a \$2000 grant from Golf NSW to assist with the cost of the erection of a new buggy shed on the northern side of the clubhouse, such shed to allow for storage of motorised drive-on carts, together with other buggies. A cost of \$100 will be charged for access to the new shed, and this of course includes use of power for battery recharging. Word has it that Barry is sounding out some other possible grant applications.



Many thanks to Mark Spence, who was responsible for the building of the new shed. (pictured left above) Not just a good golfer (Club Champion no less) but also a very accomplished handy man. Mark was on hand to help with the installation of the banner advertising Friday Night Jazz at the course entrance on River Road. Noticed it?

- * Toni Watkin, that family again, has been seen in several different places around and within the clubhouse, wielding a paintbrush. Thank you Toni. It's becoming quite a Watkin family affair around the Club.
- * That Watkin man again, the first to take advantage of the approval of the use of ride-on buggies on the course. Word has it that there are several other members just awaiting the arrival from Melbourne of a different version of a ride-on buggy. The use of such buggies will enable members, who find the hilly course difficult to manage, the opportunity to continue to play golf, a thoroughly laudable development and in line with Lane Cove Council's mission statement regarding making sporting facilities more accessible for our ageing population. ***(Continued over)***

AROUND and ABOUT, HERE and THERE continued

* A get-well call to member Wayne Meader who underwent a rather serious back operation recently. The latest report is that he is making good mending progress..

* Congratulations to long-serving member Doug Cameron who turned 89 on 6 April. Doug also went through some serious health scares last year, but now seems to be thriving. A win recently was followed up by what should have been another win, but for an error with the score cards! Doug plays regularly and loves beating his age with the number of strokes taken. (Ed's comment; I suppose it does get easier as you get older!)



* A number of indefatigable ladies, too many to name, but you know who you are, have been busy on the gardens around the clubhouse, as well as on the first tee. Very much appreciated ladies and it does make a difference!

* The Club's third incarnation of a website is in development. With a huge amount of help from Golf NSW, a template is being used to bring our website facilities up to date. Look for announcements about this development by the end of April. Many thanks to Barbara Oliver, Jan Sadler and John Erasmus for the good work being done here.

* Have you been checking the Club's website? Facebook? A lot going on there lately!

DON'T YOU WISH ??



WOMEN'S GOLF

The Weekend Pennant

The Lane Cove Team has been doing very well in this Pennant, with some decisive wins and some very close results!

At Cammeray on 18th March, we played Bayview, on what was an extremely hot day! **Jo Cunningham** and **Vanna Mutton** squared their match while **Tilly Torrevillas** and **Angela Pearson** won 2 up. On the 25th March, at Chatswood, **Angela** and **Jo** teamed up and were victors with a 1 up win against the host team Chatswood. So, overall we're in 4th place on the ladder. Well done team!

The Centennial Cup

This annual Easter event was held on Saturday 31st March. A full field enjoyed the fine weather to play a mixed 4BBB v Par game. The winners were **Rosanne Antico-Hall** and hubby **Adrian** (pictured), with a great +9, on a countback to runners-up, **Vanna Mutton** and **Wayne Belgre**. And didn't **Linda Jones-Meader** have a good day, winning Nearest the Pins on the 4/13th and also on the 6/15th. Then, to top it all off, she also won the "Supershot" competition for the best NTP of the day, from all players, both men and women! A nice little cash return here.



The Singles Knockout

The first rounds of the knockout have been played. Results as follows;

In the midweek matches...

Joan Weine def **Evie Nikellys**. 4/2

Janet Lean def **Jan Sadler**. 6/4

Kerin Moorehead def **Edie Downs** 4/2

And for Sunday's....

Rosanne Antico-Hall def **Barbara Oliver** 5 up

This year's first Medal round

We all love a stroke event.... don't we? And our first one of the year was on Thursday 5th of April.

Joan Weine won this month's medal with a nett of 69 and a gross score of 89.

Janet Lean won Div 2 with a nett of 69 and a gross of 102.

Jan Sadler won the 9-hole competition with a nett of 35 and a gross of 48.

Joan also won the Div 1 putting with 34 putts and **Edie Downs** won Div 2 with 34 while **Sue Kallas** won the 9-hole putting with 14.

Upcoming Events

- * **Dormie House** payments are now due. Linda Jones-Meader is your contact person for this event.
- * There will be a special "0" birthday celebration for Janet Lean after golf on the 3rd of May.
- * The Weekend Pennant **Host Day** will be on April 15th (see Tee Time for the day's timetable).



SUE KALLAS

Dormie House, Moss Vale.

MEN'S GOLF

Well it's hard to believe that it's April already! Summer is over and we're in the best part of the year for golf in my opinion.

We've had some great results over the last month with some great individual and team scores.

The Split 6's was played mid month and Peter Doherty had the best round of the month with an impressive 44 points off a handicap of 7. That equates to 1 under par! Great golfing Pete. Doug Cameron, Josh Wilson, Steve Barnes and Nick Fischer-White won the team event with an impressive 91 points.

Teams events are always great fun. Look out for the **Yellow Ball** team event coming up on 21st April. It's always a fun format. I've seen the best golfers in the Club go to water when they have that yellow ball in their control. It sure puts the pressure on!



Dougy Cameron could have had his second win for the month if it wasn't for an incorrectly marked score card. That's a tough call for the Captain to make but a fair one. As Dougy said afterwards, "If I was disappointed, I wouldn't let you know about it!"

Other events coming up this month are as follows:

Saturday 28 April is the **Keno 4 Ball Best Ball Championship**. This, despite the name, means teams of **TWO** compete in stableford. There is an entry fee of \$5 payable at the Pro Shop on the day for those who want to enter. The winners represent the Club at the Keno 4BBB championship at Glenmore Golf Club on Friday 10 August and several winning teams from that day qualify to play at Bonville near Coffs Harbour later in the year. We've had a number of players qualify for the Bonville event, the most recent being Rocky. From all reports, it's a great weekend away and you've got to be in it to win it.

The Final for the Singles Knockout will be played this Saturday. Club President Alan Moss (B Grade) takes on Pete Siapos (C Grade) in what should be a great match play contest. Good luck to you both.

The Club Presentation Night was held in mid March and congratulations to Wayne Belgre for once again taking out the Alan Price Medal. This is the award for the most consistent golfer at the Club over a twelve-month period and Wayne is a well-deserved winner. Congratulations Wayne. It was also Mark Spence's time to shine when he was awarded the Club Champion trophy for 2017. Congrats Shagger!! See an extensive range of pictures from the night on the Club's Facebook site.

The April Medal was played last Saturday and there were some great scores. **Ben Pearson** celebrated his 40th birthday with an outstanding round of 67 (net 58) to take out the A Grade Medal and Scratch. **John Joyce** took out the B Grade Medal and Scratch with Scores of 78 (net 62), while **Bob Staley** had a great round to take out the C Grade Medal and Scratch with a score of 80 (net 60). Well done gents. Great golfing!

We have purchased a limited number of high quality **black woollen golf vests** with the **Lane Cove Club logo** proudly displayed. They come in glorious black, are resplendent in sizes M, L and XL and will become a collector's item at **\$50 each**. Please notify your request to Wayne or Andrew Corish whilst stocks last.

Look forward to seeing you out on the course!

EVAN JONES

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