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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Alan Moss, our President has been overseas for a short break, hence no message this month. Watch this space in September. However, the Board is able to announce that Joan Weine has agreed to take up the Board vacancy following Mike Meade's imminent departure to Perth. Thank you Joan.

In the meantime..... See below for the 2017 Charity Pro-Am first call.

FIRST CALL –

LANE COVE GOLF CLUB 2017 CHARITY PRO-AM

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Only a little over a month away, so time to start thinking about your participation.



Remember, this is our major community

fundraising event for the year, so mark the date and get involved.

Cost is \$70 per person.

Raffle tickets are now available at \$20 per book, with the usual great prizes.



Working Bee scheduled for Sunday 10 September

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB
FULL SWING QUARTET

Fridays 7.00 – 10.00



GUEST ARTISTS

August 11 – Nick Jeffries

August 18 – Dan Barnett

August 25 – Jo Fabro

Sept 1 – George Washingmachine

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

Help! Marketing Assistance Needed

With Michael Meade moving interstate in August, the Club urgently needs a volunteer to assist the Club Manager and Board.

This is mainly in the areas of the website content, social media and promotions.

It does not require a great deal of time and is very important to the Club.

So, if you can help, please call Kent on 9427 6631



GOT AN EVENT COMING UP?

If you have a family occasion to celebrate, or a club or work-related social activity, why not hold your function at the clubhouse?

Do yourself a favour and consider the Club as a function centre, the right place to make the occasion a special one.

Expert help in organizing your function and a bonus is that there is a Member's discount on request.



EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An EGM was held at the Club on Monday 7 August. Attended by over 50 Golfing and Social Members, the meeting was called by the Board to address the matter of the Club's lease with Lane Cove Council. Since our previous lease expired in March 2016, we have been unable to finalise a new lease. Combined with the Council's attempts to alter/reduce/eliminate our Block Booking Time ("BBT"), the Club is operating in a period of great uncertainty.

The Board resolved to call an EGM of members to:

- 1 Appraise members of the situation
- 2 Discuss courses of action and
- 3 Pass a motion(s) for further action.

In September 2016, Council forwarded a Draft Proposed Lease "updated" following a meeting on 25 August. Council's proposed Lease contained entirely new BBT material not previously raised or discussed with the Club, which, if executed, would wipe out the Club. This proposed Lease removes the Club's guaranteed right to its BBT, and the BBT schedule, and asks the Club to trust and co-operate with Council.

Our Club's BBT is essential for its survival. Lane Cove Golf Club's existence is dependent on being able to conduct its 18-hole Member Golf Competitions in the BBT. These BBT times have (until Council's proposed lease forwarded to the Club in September 2016) always been set out and guaranteed in its Lease (Second Schedule) with Lane Cove Council.

Without the guaranteed BBT times the Club will fail as we will not be able to offer Members the certainty of Club Competitions, which are the basis for Members joining and renewing their Membership.

A Council initiated report in 2013 laid the foundation for Council's planned development of the Golf Course Precinct. If this development does take place, our current Clubhouse would be demolished and we would be offered temporary facilities during construction.

Since 2013 Council has not confirmed any more detail with the Club. Council has refused to rule out any changes to the footprint of the Golf Course.

Will the current amount of green open space continue?

Will the golf course continue in its current configuration?

Since late 2015 there have been around thirty meetings and items of correspondence between the Club and Council in an attempt to secure a new lease. For the Club all this work is done by volunteer members. It has been extremely time consuming, demoralising and counter-productive. Council rarely reply to our requests, emails and letters.

In December 2016 the Club sent a letter to Council's General Manager. The Club's letter rejected Council's 11th hour changes and requested Council to:

- * Reinstate the Second Schedule in full
- * Define "land" in the lease and
- * Include a clause prohibiting redevelopment on the playing surface of the golf course.

At the meeting, Members were asked to consider the following options:

- 1 Do nothing and wait to see what happens.
- 2 Widen this issue to the Lane Cove and wider community and seek support.
- 3 Issue a final letter to Council requesting action.

Robust discussion followed with many members expressing a range of views and responses with the result that items 2 and 3 above were endorsed by a significant majority.



BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD

The first award for the new year was run and won in July, with **Vanna Mutton** taking the prize.

Vanna has been very busy around the Club during the last few years and perhaps her golf may have suffered as a result.

Vanna had four years as Women's Captain as well as spending considerable time computerising all aspects of Ladies Golf events so that the capabilities of One Golf can be used to the maximum. As well, Vanna spent time on the Board, played Weekend Pennants and led the organizing committee for the 2016 Charity Pro-Am.

After discharging those responsibilities, Vanna can now concentrate on her golf and it looks like she may be back to her best. Two rounds totalling 70 points were enough to win the July Award.

Congratulations Vanna

WAYNE BELGRE

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

I know that sometimes old subjects are a little tedious but nevertheless we all need reminders every now and then.

Some months ago I wrote about the need for members to volunteer for various jobs around the Club.

Well, at least I know a few members read my column as Andy Moran and Ralph Sadler volunteered to manage the Men's Warren and Gibson pennant teams. Thanks very much gentleman.

Further to the volunteering theme is that we are coming up to AGM season, for the Board, plus the Men's and Women's Golf Committees.

I can't speak for the Board but as far as Men's Golf is concerned, the more interest from members to participate in the running of Men's Golf, the easier and smoother things run. The same I am sure applies to Women's Golf.

Have you ever noticed the same people seem to run the Men's result presentations on Wednesdays and Saturdays?

We are always looking for extras to help in any way they can. Many members have ideas about various issues around the Club, but if you happen to elect to take a position on the Golf Committee, you might well be able to realize those ideas.

WAYNE BELGRE Men's Captain



WOMEN'S GOLF

The Championship

This month we've played the three rounds of stroke play that give us our Club Champions for 2017.

Congratulations go to our Club Champion, **Suzique Doughty** and B Grade Champion, **Rosemary Hurford**

Here are the results of the three rounds:

ROUND ONE	THURSDAY COMPETITION	SUNDAY COMPOSITION
A Grade Scratch	Vanna Mutton89	Jo Cunningham83
Nett	Robyn Seale 62	Jo Cunningham 61
B Grade Scratch	Robyn McElvenny ...105	Lucinda Brown105
Nett	Robyn McElvenny ...70	Lucinda Brown66
ROUND 2		
A Grade Scratch	Joan Weine93	Suzique Doughty86
Nett	Robyn Glover70	Suzique Doughty70
B Grade Scratch	Rosemary Hurford ...103	Lucinda Brown103
Nett	Evie Nikellys68	Lucinda Brown65
ROUND 3		
A Grade Scratch	Joan Weine89	Jo Cunningham88
Nett	Joan Weine68	Jo Cunningham67
B Grade Scratch	Rosemary Hurford . 100	Lucinda Brown117
Nett	Rosemary Hurford66	Lucinda Brown80

So the totals were.....

A Gradea tie! Both **Suzique Doughty** and **Jo Cunningham** had the same total! So, a playoff was needed.

On Sunday 30 July, there was an 18-hole match play final, supported by caddies **Joanne Hannay** and **Cindy Brown**, and referee **Robyn Glover**. There was some exciting golf, which eventually saw **Suzique** winning 4/2. A very happy Mum (and 6 time Champion) **Joan Weine**, made sure there was plenty of champagne to celebrate the outcome. **Jo** is the A Grade Nett Champion.

So, here are our Champions

Club Champion is **Suzique Doughty**

A Grade Nett Champion is **Jo Cunningham**

B Grade Champion is **Rosemary Hurford**.

B Grade Nett Champion is **Lucinda Brown**

The Champion's Lunch will be on Sunday 29th October. *(Continued over)*



2017 A GRADE CHAMPIONS; JO CUNNINGHAM AND SUZIQUE DOUGHTY

WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Blunt's Player of the Month

Congratulations to **Vanna Mutton** who won her voucher with a score of 70

The Pewter Plate.

On Monday 17th July **Jan Sadler** and **Rosemary Hurford** represented Lane Cove in the Pewter Plate, held at Long Reef Golf Club. They had a lovely day, playing with ladies from Muirfield and Killara Golf Clubs. The team from Richmond won the day, with Morrisset as runners-up

The Knockout

Helen Prentice defeated **Linda Jones-Meader** 5/4, and then **Jan Sadler** defeated **Helen** in the final match, 3/2. Congratulations, **Jan!**

This Year's Medal Winners

Every year we play six medal rounds. The ladies with the best nett aggregate of three rounds win medals and this year's winners are.....

The Midweek competition

Division 1 and 2 **Susan Ridd** aggregate 197
Division 3 **Robyn Seale** aggregate 197

Sunday Competition

Division 1 and 2 **Tilly Torrevillas** aggregate 210
Division 3 **Joanne Hannay** aggregate 206

The Metropolitan Playoff will be held at Bankstown Golf Club on Tuesday 28 November. **Susan, Tilly** and **Joanne** will play in this. Do you remember that last year **Joanne** did very well at the Metropolitan playoff and went on to win the State final? Maybe.....?

Weekend Pennant Dinner

On Friday 4 August, eight of our ladies attended the Weekend Pennant Dinner at Northbridge Golf Club. This year's Pennant was presented to the winners, Chatswood Golf Club. **Marghanita da Cruz** was presented with flowers in appreciation of her 16 years involvement with the Pennant

Then, a lovely surprise for **Angela Charters**. She won the Shirley Toms trophy! This is awarded to the Pennant player who had the best round of golf, at their own club, during the Pennant season.

And **Angela** had a surprise for us, when she said, "**Ben and I are engaged!**" So there were many congratulations for her. What a night! We wish **Angela and Ben Pearson** every happiness. We hope you have a beautiful wedding and a wonderful life together.

Bye Bye James

On Thursday 3 August we farewelled our Pro, James Purcell, who, with his wife, also a golf pro, is taking up a position at Highlands GC at Mittagong. We've enjoyed lessons and clinics with James, and we wish him and his wife well in his new venture.

Upcoming Events

- * Captains v Presidents Day on Sunday 20 August
- * 24 and 27 August is the NSW Bowl 4BBB..... sign up with a partner now
- * Foursomes Championships start at the end of this month
- * Put 20th September in your diary. It's the Pro Am!
- * Mixed Foursomes Championship, postponed from earlier, rescheduled for November 18 and 19

SUE KALLAS



MEN'S GOLF



Well the month of July has been a very busy one. Starting with the opening rounds of the 4 Ball Knockout, the opening rounds of the Warren and Gibson pennants and culminating with the monthly medal.

The 4 Ball Knockout opening rounds were very close, with two of the matches going to 19th and 22nd holes respectively. The Round 1 results were as follows:

Jones/Hyde bt Hassalhoff /Fischer-White on the 19th

Pearson/Martin bt Staley/Siapos 5/3

Belgre /Doherty bt Moran/Holmes 1up

Corish/Pierce bt Thompson/Crowther 2 up

Watkin /B.Doherty bt Sadler/Anderson in a nailbiter on the 22nd

Hickson/Pilkington bt Heim/Shaw 2 up

Caush/Meadar bt Virgili/Stephenson 2/1

Hall/McGarry bt Sarajinsky/Taylor 2/1

As the month progressed, a few more matches were completed, with Pearson/Martin and Corish/Pierce qualifying into the quarterfinals with convincing wins over Belgre/Doherty and Jones/Hyde respectively. These two teams have their eye on the prize and are shortening in price with the bookies. More results to come in the next edition.

The Warren and Gibson trophies have begun and this year we have drawn against The Coast, Randwick and Bayview, three courses that can be a nightmare on any given day given their locality and susceptibility to the wind.

Round 1 was at home to Bayview and the men in both teams did our club proud.

The Warren team had a 2/1 win with wins to:

Andy Moran and John Joyce in the number 1 pairing, and

Wayne Meader and Alasdair Caush in the 2s

The Gibson team also had a 2/1 win, with wins to:

No 2 pair Pete Siapos/John Erasmus and Number 3 pair Hamish Anderson/Claudius Sithole

The subsequent Round 2 was played on Bayview's home turf where it was a different story in Warren where we suffered a 3-0 defeat.

Now we get to the Gibson results at Bayview and in my eyes the highlight of the month has to be this.... on the Saturday, John Erasmus played the monthly medal, and let's just say he got to raise his bat with a score of over 100. Most men of John's ability who shot scores like this would be crawled up in the foetal position. Not John, the very next day, he went to Bayview and played in the number 1 pairing with Peter Siapos and showed great mental fortitude to come up with a resounding 5/4 win.

Bob Virgili and Howard Shaw topped off the day with a 2/1 win giving us a vital away win. This result mean that Lane Cove is leading its division, the only undefeated team. Congratulations to all involved. A great effort!!

As mentioned earlier, the August medal was played and lets just say the scores weren't very flattering. In fact, of the 49 starters, only one player managed to shoot better than his handicap. Paul Kelly took out the Captain's Cup with a score of net 63 and to top it off, also took out his first A Grade medal as well. Well done Paul! *(Continued over)*



*Lane Cove GC, Gibson Trophy team v Bayview GC, 29 August Won 2 - 1
L to R; Claudius Sithole, Hamish Anderson, John Erasmus, Howard Shaw,
Peter Siapos, Ralph Sadler (Manager), Jeff Hickson*

All medal results are as follows:

A Grade:

Nett: Paul Kelly 63 Scratch: Peter Doherty 73

B Grade:

Nett: Walter Heim 64 and Scratch 82

C Grade:

Nett: Nick Fischer-White and Graham Webster to play off with 64

Scratch: Nick Fischer -White 87 on a countback

Congratulations to all!

Just a reminder that the postponed Mixed Foursomes has been rescheduled to the weekend of 18th and 19th of November. Always a great weekend.

A farewell to our pro, James Purcell. We wish James and partner good luck as they take over the pro shop at Highlands golf course, Mittagong. James did some great work with our juniors. Good luck James. And a big welcome to Benny Lindskog, replacement for James and no stranger to members already.

Finally, a good recovery for long-standing member Robin (Birdie) Horne. Robin is about to undergo a second hip replacement, as the first round was not been too successful. I look forward to seeing you out on the course

EVAN JONES



WHEN IS.....?

Question - When is a 23 cm Nearest-the-Pin shot NOT a Nearest-the-Pin winner?

Answer – when the player following you has a Hole-in-One!!

Picture - Suzique Doughty's drive on Hole 15 – a tiny 23 cm from the hole. Surely the money ball!

But, did she win the prize?

No – Joanne Hannay followed behind with a HOLE-IN-ONE, the first by the Ladies for a year or two. Hope it didn't spoil Suzique's day.

Congratulations Joanne.

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C\$9.00 Cheese Burger

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