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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



In this first *Links* for 2017, I extend best wishes from your Board to all of our members and supporters for a successful and enjoyable year ahead. The golf and social programme is ready to gear up for the New Year!

We are very pleased to welcome a new caterer for our Friday night live music, dine and dance, Lyn Doherty (where have I heard that name before?). Lyn operates Your Little Secret Catering Services and has settled nicely into our Club. Welcome Lyn! Reports on the quality of Lyn's fare have been very complimentary.

Bill Burton and the Full Swing Quartet have a great line up of guest artists coming up for us. We encourage all members to come along on Fridays; it really is a special and enjoyable evening. As an extra incentive, The Board has made the decision to trial optional free entry on Friday nights for golfing members of the Club.

The Junior Championship was held on 17 December. This was the first time it has been held since 2005 and is part of the Club's revival of junior golf, following two years of competing in the Jack Newton Golf Academy Encourage Shield.

The seven boys and one girl ranged in age from 8 to 14 years and are all students of the Junior Academy run at Lane Cove GC by PGA Professional James Purcell.

Congratulations to the winner, Will Flannigan (handicap 18), and runner up Sean Ryan (handicap 10). After the event, a function was held with the players and parents, to present the trophies and to recognize this important event.

Pictured left are seven of our junior players at the end of the second round of the Lane Cove Golf Club Junior Championship, with champion Will Flannigan in the blue shirt at far right.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

The annual President's Christmas Night was held on Friday 16 December 2016. It was a terrific evening with the clubhouse just about full with member and guests. Many thanks to all those who worked hard to make this special event a success.



Australia Day 26 January saw the Club looking great, with Australian flags everywhere, for the annual 9-hole Harold Kallas Memorial Day (The Keg Cup). Harold passed away on Australia Day 12 years ago. This event in recognition of Harold, started with a BBQ and a few cold VBs with Harold's close friends. It has since grown into a highlight of our calendar. 49 players participated with around 60 people turning up for a fabulous lunch.

Congratulations to the winners Richard Biggs (a great mate of Harold) and Jo Cunningham. Sincere thanks to all those (there were many) who made this day possible and so very enjoyable including, especially, of course, the amazing Sue Kallas. Jo and Richard are pictured left, with Sue Kallas.

Finally, members will remember that in the December *Links* I updated you on the ongoing negotiations with Lane Cove Council regarding a new Club lease. On 13 December, the Club wrote to the Council General Manager outlining our concerns. This letter was signed by all of our Club Directors and Council Liaison Committee and copied to all the Lane Cove Councillors and the Member for Lane Cove.

For a change, we received a swift response from Council on 14 December, with a date for a meeting set. On 20 December, our Patron and Mayor requested this meeting be rearranged in February. We will update you further on this very important matter once that meeting has been held.

In the meantime, happy golfing, dining and socialising!

MICHAEL MEADE PRESIDENT

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



Fridays 7.00 – 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

Feb 3 – Bonnie J Jensen

Feb 10 – Pat Powell

Feb 17 – Gavin Pitt-Ware

Feb 24 – Lisa Michel

Mar 3 – Armondo Hurley

Mar 10 – George Washingmachine

(Note, a small entry fee of \$5.00 applies - (children 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.



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

BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Well, the New Year has commenced and that means we start giving away monthly awards thanks to Blunts of Lane Cove.

Moving into the 11th year of Blunts' most appreciated support of the award, it was appropriate that a long-time member and supporter of the Club was successful.

Monica Cowper displayed her renowned consistency to return two good rounds of 18 points and 20 points to win the January award.

Monica plays off a good handicap of 25 and with her newly purchased set of clubs, is showing that by regularly attending the golf clinics run by James Purcell, everyone can improve their game

Congratulations Monica

P.S. I ran into Monica just leaving Blunts office in Lane Cove. She had been in to thank Blunts for the sponsorship. Well done Monica for doing that. I wonder how many other winners have done the same or similar!

WAYNE BELGRE



"You're suffering from insomnia. So I'm prescribing three of my husband's golf stories. If that don't put you to sleep, then nothing will."



"It's going to be a long day!"

NOTE

The Club's website is temporarily (it is hoped) out of action. Apologies for this and it will be repaired and brought back into action ASAP. The Club's new website is expected to be ready for a grand opening on 13 February. **THE EDITOR**

WOMEN'S GOLF

Welcome to 2017's season of golf!

There have been large. There have been some very good scores in this 9-hole competition, with quite a few 20 and 2

0+ scores. So, the results will be close, and will be announced at the **Opening Dinner on Wednesday, February 15**. The Dinner and Cabaret marks the beginning of our golfing season, and we welcome partners too, for this occasion.

The really BIG news!

On December 9th our medal winners for 2016 represented Lane Cove at the Metropolitan Playoff at Carnarvon Golf Club. **Susan Ridd** and **Jo Cunningham** played in Division 2 and **Robyn McElvenny** and **Joanne Hannay** played in Division 3. They all did very well with good scores on such a great course.

Joanne Hannay did **especially** well with a nett of 68. This result gave Joanne a place at the State Finals of the Medal Competition, to be played at Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club. Although it was an extremely hot day, Joanne played exceptionally well and had a score of 72 (par for the course).

Joanne will tell you, in her humble sort of way, that this was only the second best score of the day. But it was the best score in her Division, making her the winner of the NSW Bronze Medal!

What an achievement! Champagne was necessary, as we celebrated Joanne's win. She really had a great "show and tell" item for her family Christmas parties!

We're really proud of you Joanne. Thank you for representing Lane Cove Golf Club so well.

Australia Day

49 players entered the Keg Cup this year, and quite a few other members and guests enjoyed a great day in the clubhouse.

Jo Cunningham and **Richard Biggs** were the golfing winners. Jo was very pleased to win a bottle of Moët and as Harold (Keg) Kallas was a lifelong friend of his, Richard was thrilled to win his slab of VB. There was a rousing rendition of the national anthem followed by the traditional Australia Day barbecue.



Dave Martin and Andy Moran cooked lunch. The lamb and snags were well appreciated, as were the delicious salads, provided by **Carolyn Biggs**, **Robyn Seale**, **Jan Sadler**, **Lorraine Carnemolla** and **Sue Kallas**. Then there was the usual rush to get one of **Joan Weine's** famous scones, and to finish off the day with pavlova and lamingtons. So many people helped to make this such a happy and successful day, and that's why Harold loved this Club.

Upcoming Events

- * Don't forget to book for the Opening Dinner on **Wednesday 15 February**
- * Susan Ridd and Marghanita Da Cruz are organising the Pennant Teams for this year. Please let them know of your availability to play.
- * Captain Robyn is arranging the draw for this year's knockout competition.
- * Tee Time" starts again soon, so keep checking for news and events on this weekly site.

SUE KALLAS

MEN'S GOLF

Happy New Year to all at Lane Cove Golf Club. I trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas break with plenty of golf during the holiday season.

There have been plenty of highlights over the last couple of months, none more exciting than when one of our members got an eagle on the 18th hole in competition at Bonville! I hear Bonville is a very picturesque and challenging course and when news of this feat reached social media it went viral!

Just like when magic Mike Meade shot 45 points in Wednesday competition in stifling 44-degree heat. It sent Facebook into meltdown and Mark Zuckerberg had to cancel his vacation to deal with this!

All attempted humour aside; the year was off to a good start with the first medal of the year. Results are as follows:

A Grade:

Nett: Evan Jones – 62

Scratch: Wayne Belgre – 71

B Grade:

Nett: Jeff Back – 57

Scratch: Jeff back -72

C Grade:

Nett: Buddy Hyde: 58

Scratch: Buddy Hyde: 81

Some great scores from Buddy and Backy to take out B and C grades, 7 up and 6 up on their handicaps respectively is great going, especially in a stroke round. I played in Buddy's group and he had it on a string!

We also started the new year with a Par bisque event, where you choose when you want to take your handicap shots after each hole. It's an interesting concept and the first time I've played in that format. Big thanks to Andy Moran for meticulously going through the scorecards at the end of the day.

Speaking of Andy, he combined well with Bob Virgili to take out the Worst Ball competition for a score of 34 (great scoring in that format). Bob had a great 46 points taking out the singles as well, with Andy a very solid 7 over par 43 points. Will Flannigan, who has been playing some great golf lately, shot 44 points. Will's handicap is getting lower and before you know it I predict he'll be playing off single figures.

Keep up the good work Will!

A great day was had by all on Australia Day with 49 players and more than 60 people enjoying Dave Martin's beautifully cooked lamb. Thanks Dave! Special mention to Richard Biggs who took out the men's 9-hole comp with a massive 25 points!!

The last Saturday of the month was an aggregate event, which was won by Wayne Belgre and Pete Doherty. Wayne shot an impressive 1 over par round of 42 points,

which included a birdie on the 10th hole (almost as good as an eagle!)

The Singles Knock out is about to commence, so please check the noticeboard for the draw and good luck to all. I wonder how many have noticed that the MGC noticeboard is now located near the Poker Machine room. No excuses now for not checking the board regularly!

Oh and by the way, did I mention that eagle at Bonville???

Happy golfing and I'll see you on the course.

EVAN JONES

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

With our fields getting bigger over the last couple of months, an old issue has raised its ugly head

SLOW PLAY!!!



"That foursome ahead of us is still playing too slow. Fire a burst over their heads. Maybe that will get their attention."

For some reason, members seem to think four hours is OK for 18 holes at Lane Cove. Definitely, definitely not!

And, many members appear to be totally oblivious to the fact that they are behind where they should be in the field.

Even in the smaller fields of a Wednesday, groups can be 2 - 3 holes behind and offer the excuse, "We started 20 minutes behind the group ahead". So what!! Catch up and drag the groups behind with you.

One reason some post-competition presentations have so few members attending, is that the last couple of groups finish so far behind the field that the earlier groups have already had a drink and a 30 minute chat and have decided to leave.

Being just behind the group in front is the beginning of speeding play up. It is naturally up to the group in front to keep going and set the pace for the groups behind.

I won't go through the old slow play remedies, that have been aired many times, often falling on deaf ears.

Rather, I ask members to look at some different solutions to the perennial problem of **SLOW PLAY**. Try these for a start.

1. **"Ready golf"** is essential for all groups; i.e. play if you are ready. Don't wait for the player who's further from the hole and if that player is some distance from his ball.
2. **Don't unnecessarily mark your ball** on the green. Putt out instead.
3. **Take your head covers off** once in a round, at the 1st hole. Put them in your bag until you finish. (You won't lose them that way)
4. **Always move forward.** If you have to go back to get your clubs, you have placed them incorrectly.
5. Take as many **practice swings** as you want while other members of your group are teeing off. However, **over the ball take ONE practice swing only.** Believe me, at our level of golf, taking several practice swings isn't of any great value.

Let's make our great game enjoyable for all. There is nothing worse than being held up by the group in front.

WAYNE BELGRE
Men's Captain



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