

LINKS

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

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Lane Cove Friday Night Chicken Run



Looking for a fun way to start your weekend?
Join us for Friday Night Chicken Run!

- ⌚ 4.44pm tee off, no need to book. Meet on the deck for a drink beforehand.
- ⌚ 9 holes of social golf. Members, non-members, beginners, pros... all welcome!
- ⌚ Runs over daylight savings months, ends April 1st 2018.
- ⌚ Winner presented with the much sought-after frozen chicken
- ⌚ Best approach on the 9th wins a bottle of red.



Questions? lanecovegc@gmail.com or chickensadler@gmail.com



As part of the Club's promotional and marketing plan, we want to increase our following on the Lane Cove Golf Club Facebook page



So, if you are on Facebook, please like our page by clicking the thumb up under the main photo.

You may also like individual posts.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

FULL SWING QUARTET FRIDAYS 7.00 – 10.00



GUEST ARTISTS

February 9 – George Washingmachine & Richard Booth

February 16 – Virna Sanzone & Don Reid

February 23 – Johnny Nicol

March 2 – Joy Yates & David McRae

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

GOT AN EVENT COMING UP?

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

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

And there is a member's discount on request!



NEW MEMBERS

A big Lane Cove Golf Club welcome to the following new members

Women's Golf; Rosemary Fitch, Cathy Roberts, Julie Skuja and Hong Zhong

Men's Golf; Marcus Denney Dermot Duncan, Mark Heath, John Hodges, and Josh Wilson

Social; Vimala Ananda-Rajah, Mauricio Arbaiza, Garth Crosthwaite, Joel Harvey, Brian Larking, Ellen McIver-Ball and Bruce Wright.

BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD



Since the last *Links* we have had two Blunts Player of the Month awards decided.

For the men, **Jeff Hickson** has finally put two good rounds together and took out the December award. Jeff loves his golf and it was good to see his enthusiasm rewarded with a victory.

Jeff had rounds of nett 61 and nett 64 to just take the award from a slew of players hot on his heels.

For the women, **Cindy Brown** won the January award. Cindy only joined our club in 2015 and has gradually reduced her handicap from 45 to 37. She showed her potential early by winning the 2016 /17 Summer Cup and she also won the 2017 B Grade nett Championship.

In her two rounds, Cindy scored 20 points and 17 points for a total of 37 to win the prize.

Congratulations to both the winners.

WAYNE BELGRE

MEN'S GOLF

Happy New Year to you all! The year has been off to a great start with some great scores already being posted and we're only in February. Adrian Hall who took out the Gold Medal in convincing fashion posting a nett 57 - by far the best score of the year, has just won our first major event of the year! Congratulations Adrian.

It seems that to win an A Grade medal, all you have to do is shoot better than your handicap. Only one player did this in January and likewise in February. Below are the results for the January and February medals.

January

A Grade: Andrew Corish Nett 61 and Scratch 73 **B Grade:** Paul Kelly Nett 62 and Scratch 75

C Grade: Buddy Hyde Nett 60 Scratch; Phil Dennis 84

February

A Grade: Ben Pearson Nett 63 and Scratch 72 **B Grade:** Claudius Sithole and Andrew Limmer both Nett 63 to play off. Scratch: Claude 79

C Grade: Adrian Hall nett 57 and Scratch 78

Note that Adrian's scratch score of 78 was good enough to win the B Grade scratch score! Very impressive.

It's great to see some new faces on the course. To all our new members – (Dermot Duncan, Mark Heath, John Hodges, Marcus Denney and Josh Wilson); welcome to Lane Cove. I hope you enjoy this great Club as much as I do and I look forward to getting to know you on the course and on the balcony after a round.

There are some great competitions coming up with the first one of the year being the Singles Knockout. I believe this is the hardest competition to win – individual handicap match play. In saying that, it's a great format and I wish you all good luck. See you on the course!

EVAN JONES



CAPTAIN'S CORNER – SCORECARDS



"What a stupid I am!"

In 1968, Roberto De Vincenzo entered the US Masters as the reigning British Open champion, and hence one of the favourites to take out the tournament.

However, after working himself into contention to win the title in the final round, he (in)famously signed for an incorrect scorecard (one shot higher than he had played) at the end of that day's play, and so cruelly missed causing a playoff by a single shot. Sadly, he never came close to winning the Masters ever again. His comment about his mistake has gone down as one of the most famous in golf history.

Perhaps he should've thought about entering events at Lane Cove Golf Club instead, where his scorecard bungling would have seen him fit right in.

That's right, any member who has had to check and finalise a recent Lane Cove Men's Golf competition would undoubtedly agree that the standard of scorecard marking has slipped quite significantly.

Given the Committee have this year decided to address this, here are a few tips to make sure you don't suffer the same fate as poor old Roberto.

- 1 Make sure you write neatly, with a sharp pencil or functioning pen.
- 2 Verbally confirm all players' scores after every hole (**not by standing in the middle of the green after putting out.**) On the way to the next tee is fine.
- 3 Add up and confirm totals **immediately** after finishing each nine – this saves a lot of time at the end of play.
- 4 Make sure the card has the correct handicap(s) on it.
- 5 Make sure both Player and Marker sign the card before it is submitted.
- 6 As per the Rules of Golf, the scorecard is the final authority on your score, NOT what is entered into the computer (which is more about accurate handicapping).
- 7 To that end, the scorecard should be finalised and signed **BEFORE** entering the computer room. Players changing their card whilst entering scores into the computer is not a confidence building sight.

WAYNE BELGRE



WOMEN'S GOLF

Happy New Year, everyone. Here's to another great year of golf at Lane Cove Golf Club!

Summer Cup

There have been some very good scores in our summer competition. So, both the Thursday and Sunday results will be very close. The winners will be announced at the **Opening Dinner** on Thursday 15th February.

Thanks go to the ladies who have run this competition... **Janet Lean** and **Jackie Sun** midweek and **Suzique Doughty** and **Angela Pearson** on Sundays.

Blunt's Player of the Month

Congratulations go to **Cindy Brown**, who won with two very good 9-hole scores.... a total of 37 points. Well done Cindy!

The Keg Cup

Another great day at Lane Cove Golf Club, celebrating Australia Day (with a rousing singing of our National Anthem!) and the Harold Kallas Memorial Day (i.e. The Keg Cup).



Fifty players enjoyed 9 holes of golf and the winners were **Helen Prentice** with a wonderful 23 points, and **Rod Pattison** who led the men with 20 points. **Joanne Hannay** was the ladies' runner up, and **Andy Moran** was the men's runner up (on a countback).

Other ladies who won prizes were **Cindy Brown** and **Robyn Glover**, who won Nearest the Pins, and **Suzique Doughty**, who won the Longest Drive.

Thanks go to **Richard Biggs** and **Andy Moran** for their efforts in making this day a continuing success.

And of course, we celebrated our National Day, with a great barbecue, beautifully cooked by **Dave Martin**. Lamb and snags were accompanied by delicious salads provided by **Caroline Biggs, Lorraine Carnemolla, Robyn Seale, Jan Sadler** and **Sue Kallas**. Then.... yum...**Joan Weine's** scones with jam and cream!

This event, in its 14th year, has always been an enjoyable Club day, and would have made Harold (The Keg) very proud. So, thank you all.

New Members

We've recently welcomed four new Members to our Club. They are **Rosemary Fitch, Hong Zhong, Julia Skuja** and **Cathy Roberts**. We hope you all enjoy many happy years of golf at Lane Cove.

Weekend Pennants

Good luck to our team, for the first game of the season at Avalon on Sunday 22nd February.

Singles Knockout

Time to sign on for this competition. The sheet is in the message board in the ladies' room.

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Upcoming Events

The Weekly Chicken Runs

Come join us on Friday afternoons, from about 4.30pm, for 9 holes of golf. You could win a chook, or wine at our friendly gathering on the deck after the game.... a lovely way to finish the working week! Our thanks go to **The Pearsons** for organising this fun event and the Men's Committee for the chooks.

Opening Days.

Our golfing season opens on Sunday 18th February and Thursday 22nd February. There will also be rules discussions on these days.

Clinics

Casey Dive will be holding clinics again in 2018. The first one will be on Saturday 10th March. Book in at the Pro Shop.

SUE KALLAS

FOR SALE

Finding it more and more difficult to get around our hilly course? Thinking about a new battery-operated buggy?



Past-President Nicky Thorpe has a pre-used fold-up powered buggy for sale to the highest bidder, with the proceeds of the sale to be donated to the Club. The buggy pictured below is a Relaxt Cruiser Stowaway, website

(http://www.batterygolf.com.au/shopfront/product_info.php/products_id/34), and sold several years ago for about \$1100.

The buggy comes with its original papers as well as the operations manual. The battery is a rechargeable valve regulated battery and comes with a charger.

To make a bid for this buggy, battery and charger and for any more information, please contact Nicky at nickyt@ozemail.com.au.

The sale will go to the highest bidder with bids received until 28 February.

THE DAVE MARTIN BRIDGE

The mystery deepens regarding the plaque placed on the newly completed bridge over the gully on the 4th/13th.

In recent days the plaque disappeared soon after the safety fencing was attached to the bridge. Then, just as mysteriously, it reappeared a few days later and was seen in place on Saturday last. Dave continues to deny any knowledge as to the source of the plaque, but he did hint that the replacement might have been done by a member whose residence abuts the course.

Several possible such candidates for this description have hotly disowned any involvement. Curiouser and curiouser!



AUSTRALIA DAY AT THE GOLF CLUB



DAVID MARTIN'S TEE 4 TWO CAFÉ

Now open on the terrace

Thursdays, Fridays from 9.30am

Saturdays and Sundays from 10.30am



BREAKFAST A SPECIALITY

\$3.50 Coffee

\$5.50 Bacon & Egg roll

\$5.50 Sausage & onions roll

\$6.00 BLT

\$5.50 Ham, cheese & tomato toasted sandwich

\$5.00 Chips

\$8.00 Beef Burger

\$9.00 Chicken Burger

\$9.00 Veggie Burger

C\$9.00 Cheese Burger

\$12.00 Burger & chips

\$14.00 Fish & Chips

\$10.00 Eggs & bacon on toast

\$13.50 Big Brekky

\$8.50 Pancakes with maple syrup

\$6.50 Wedges with sweet chilli or sour cream

\$14.00 Chicken Schnitzel & Chips



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