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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Having missed a few weeks on the course it was great to be back out there at the weekend, even if none of our group could muster a respectable score. Congratulations to all the winners but particularly to the C grade winner Jeff Hickson, with a Nett 59, who managed a scratch score better than many of the A and B graders!

Also terrific to see one of our lady members Jo Cunningham joining the Saturday Competition and posting a great score as well.

Good luck also to all the lady competitors as they continue their Singles Knockout Competition and to the Men's Finalists in their Singles Knockout. And well done to Nick Fisher-White and his partner Alex

Hassell, for their win in the Club's men's C Grade Foursomes Matchplay.

But the best part of the day was seeing our friend Ian Butters back at the course, albeit just for a social drink after his recent illness. Ian is a great contributor to the Club and I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing him well with his continuing recovery.

Best wishes too to Doug Cameron who is making an excellent recovery after an operation at North Shore Private. It was particularly pleasing to see Doug, with wife Margaret, at the Club on Sunday last where they had a drink with the Sunday Medley players. Doug, at 87 years of age, delights in beating his age on the course.

On my return, it was disappointing to see that no apparent progress has been made on the bridge to the fourth. With winter now upon us it seems likely that further delays are to be expected.

On a more positive note it is encouraging to see the positive publicity the Club has recently been receiving online at "In the Cove" www.Inthecove.com.au and on Facebook. Hopefully this will translate to increased patronage of our Club and function facilities. If you've not yet had a look at these online links I'd encourage you to check them out. It's a useful way to keep up to date with events both at the Club and in the local community, for example the upcoming Trivia Night. Why not get your Brains Trust together and book a table.

I look forward to seeing you there and on the course through winter.

ALAN MOSS President

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB
FULL SWING QUARTET

Fridays 7.00 – 10.00



GUEST ARTISTS

June 9 – Susan Gai Dowling

June 16 – Dan Barnett

June 23 – Sandie White

June 30 – Armondo Hurley

July 7 – Maree Wilson

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

BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Good to see a return to some fine weather and everyone able to get back onto the course for some recreation. The return to golf after our time off proved a little bit hit or miss. For some, any form we had prior to the break had to be rediscovered.

For **Suzique Doughty** however it was business as usual. Suzique played two very good rounds of 32 and 35 to win the May award. Suzique's good form has been continuing with strong performances in the Ladies Weekend Pennant Team, having recorded three wins and three half's with her partner from 6 matches!

Suzique has the unenviable job of Handicapper for the ladies, and with all the complexities of the One Golf system, handles the job with aplomb and expertise.

It's good to see some hard workers for the Club being rewarded on the course. Thanks Suzique and congratulations.

WAYNE BELGRE

SO, YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE RULES – NO 4

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

HOLES 7 AND 11

Ball in Out of Bounds

On the 7th hole, the area near the Toilets, the sand store and the Greenkeeper's area is Out of Bounds with white markers painted to show this. On the 11th, the area up near the water tank is Out of Bounds

(With thanks to the LGC and Janet Lean)

Provisional Ball pp 116

Rule 27

If the ball is Out of Bounds you must play a ball (1 stroke penalty) as near as possible as the spot from which the original ball was played. To speed up play, if there is a chance that your ball has gone Out of Bounds, play a Provisional Ball before going forward.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

I wonder if anyone has thought how the Nearest the Markers (NTP) get from the clubhouse to the pro shop each day?

Or how the competition fees paid to the pro shop by members somehow end up in our bank account?

Or how the comp results end up in the newspaper?



Have you noticed the towels in the men's locker room are washed and returned to the locker room ready for use?

Well, like many clubs our size, we rely on volunteers to do all the little jobs that make the Club function. Most members come to play each weekend without any consideration for the effort many people put in to ensure the day runs smoothly.

We need to recognize that without the work of these volunteers, most golf days would resemble, as Rocky says, a "shambles"

Unfortunately like most small clubs we are starting to run short on volunteers. Perhaps it's time for you to ask, "What can I do to help my club?"

The three main bodies within our club (the Board, Women's and Men's Golf Committees) can always use assistance in fulfilling the "little things" that make being a member of Lane Cove Golf Club so rewarding

On 29th July the men will be playing the first round of the Warren and Gibson trophies. These time-honoured events are a highlight for our B and C Grade players who have a chance to represent our Club in an event where for a small club, we have a proud record of punching well above our weight.

We normally have no problem filling the playing spots but finding a Manager is another question. Someone is needed to ensure all players who are selected are aware of the time and place of the contest, fill out all the necessary paperwork as well as a thousand other little things.

Why not put your hand up and relieve the few people who have handled these tasks in the past.

Your assistance in any capacity will be greatly appreciated.

WAYNE BELGRE Men's Captain

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.

Member's discount on request.



VALE WENDY ROSS

Wendy Ross passed away suddenly at home on Saturday last. Wendy has been part of our community since the early 80's. She spent many years on the Ladies' Golf Committee, as Sunday Vice-Captain, and was also on the Board. It was Wendy who created the term "Golfaround" for the annual weekend away. She spent many years running this event.

While recently she no longer played golf, she often joined the Sunday players for lunch and attended many social events. On the recent Weekend Pennant Host Day, Wendy volunteered as a spotter.

It is a sad time for Wendy's immediate family and her "family" at Lane Cove Golf Club.



WOMEN'S GOLF

Each time I've played golf this month, someone has sighed and said, "Ah! This is my favourite time of year!" So, with the perfect weather, and the course in great shape, there's been some wonderful golf.

2017 Women's Fourball Championship Event

This 4BBB V Par was played by both Midweek and Weekend members. The overall winners, who will represent our Club at the Metropolitan Final at Glenmore Heritage Golf Club in October, are **Evie Nikellys** and **Robyn McElvenny**, who had a score of +7. **Robyn Glover** and **Helen Prentice** were the runners-up with +6

Our Charity Day

'This mixed visitor's day is always a popular day. We had a good field with ten visitors.

The winners of the 4BBB were **Susan Ridd** and **Alan Winney** with 47 points. **Dave Martin** and **Monica Cowper** were runners-up with 46. Dave had to play early so that we could all enjoy the delicious lunches he made for us. This important responsibility certainly didn't have a negative effect on his golf!

The individual men winners were **Dave Martin** with 44 points, with visitor **Steve Cimbaly** as runner-up. **Sue Kallas** was the Ladies' winner with 40 points, with **Joan Weine** close behind with 38 points.



Long drives were won by **Hamish Anderson** and **Lori Bell**, while the NTP winners were **Dave Martin** (that man again), and **Lori Bell**. Angela Charters, won the 9-hole event with 20 points, on a count back from **Nic Walser**.

With everyone buying mulligans, paying **James** to hit over the gully, buying raffle tickets and goodies from the stall, we raised over \$1200 for our charities...**The Flying Doctors** and **Bear Cottage**.

Bear Cottage provides support, respite and end of life care for children with life-limiting illnesses and their families. Located on Sydney's Northern Beaches, in Manly, Bear Cottage is like a home away from home - as far removed from a hospital environment as possible. It is a very special place that's dedicated to caring for children with life-limiting conditions and their families.

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Many thanks go to all those who helped to make this such a successful day -

Robyn Glover for all the golf arrangements and prizes.

Evie Nikellys for making the clubhouse look so beautiful and organising the raffles and stalls. And, of course, all the ladies who always donate prizes and goodies to help raise such a commendable donation for our charities.

The Knockout

Rosemary Hurford defeated **Evie Nikellys** 2up

Suzique Doughty defeated **Joanne Hannay** 4/2

Linda Jones-Meader defeated **Robyn Seale** 21

Helen Prentice defeated **Kerin Moorehead** 2/1

So, there are only a few matches to go till we have our Knockout Champ for 2017.

Medal Rounds

Thanks to the beautiful weather over the last few weeks, we're catching up on those washed out rounds from last month.

Thursday 25th May

There was a playoff from the last medal round, and **Joan Weine** eventually won this.

And there was another tied result this round! **Susan Ridd** won Division 1 with a nett 62 and **Rosemary Hurford** won Division 2, also with a nett 62. So another playoff was required with Susan eventually prevailing.

Joan Weine had the best Division 1 scratch score of 86 and **Rosemary Hurford** had the best Division 2 score of 97. **Joan** won Division 1 putting with 29 and **Robyn McElvenny** won Division 2 with 37.

Sue Kallas won the 9 hole Division 1 with 47 scratch and 34 nett. **Margaret Collins** won Division 2 with scratch 54 and nett 35

Sunday 28th May

Joanne Hannay won Division 1 with a nett 62 while Division 2 was won by **Roseanne Antico-Hall** with nett 73. **Roseanne** also won the Division 2 scratch with 114 and **Suzique Doughty** won Division 1 with 82. **Joanne** won Division 1 putting with 29 and **Roseanne** won Division 2 with 35.

The 9-hole event was won by **Margo Vaughan** with a scratch of 55 and a nett of 34. Margo had a good day, also winning the putting with 13.

Thursday 1st June

Susan Ridd won the Round 3 playoff, and in doing so, won this month's medal with a nett 60 and a scratch of 86. The Division 2 winner was **Rosemary Hurford** with a nett 68 and scratch of 103. **Joan Weine** in Division 1 won the putting with 29 and the Division 2 winner was **Robyn McElvenny** with 31.

The 9-hole competition was won by **Jo Cunningham** with a nett 31 and scratch of 42. The 9-hole putting was won by **Sue Kallas**, with 14.

Upcoming Events

* **Bronze III Host Day** will be on Friday June 9th

* **Mixed Foursome Championship**, will be held on the Saturday and Sunday of the June long weekend.

SUE KALLAS



MEN'S GOLF

The month of May was a big one for LCGC, culminating in the 2017 Foursomes being announced. This year's format was a round of stroke with the top four teams to go into the semi finals to play match play.

In A Grade, it was Mark Spence and young Will Flannigan who qualified first after some pretty ordinary scores were posted. They made it through to the final after a well deserved win on the 20th hole in the semi. Wayne Belgre and Pete Doherty also qualified through to the final with a solid win over Alisdair Caush and Dave Leckie.

Then, it was well done to Wayne and Pete, who took out the final with a hard fought 1 up win.

B Grade was fought out between Walter Heim/Howard Shaw taking on the short priced favourites, Wayne Meader and Bill Edmondson. Walter and Howard defied the odds and showed nerves of steel to come home with the goods with a solid 1 up win.

The highlight in C Grade was in the semi final, where Alex Hassel and Nick Fisher-White gave Alex's father in law (Steve Barnes and partner) a lesson, with a 9/8 win!!

They continued their fine form in the final with a convincing 5/4 victory over Adrian Hall and Kieron McGarry.

A score of note from Gary Holmes who recently had an extraordinary round of 47 stableford points. That's a round worthy of winning a pair 2-ball Best Ball competition! Well done Gaz.

We have the latest member of the Hole in One Club, with Richard Biggs finding the bottom of the cup on the 6th. (Much to Andy's dismay!) This makes it three times now that Richard has aced a hole, so he was already a fully-fledged member. Peter Kennedy described the shot and its result as a thing of golfing beauty. Well done Biggsy!

The monthly medal was played and won with results below:

A Grade

Wayne Belgre 64, Vern Pilkington 64, Martin Cunningham 64 to play off

Scratch: Wayne Belgre 70

B Grade

Rod Patterson 60 and Scratch 77

C Grade

Jeff Hickson 59 and Scratch 79

Some great scores there! Congratulations to all winners.



On the Queens Birthday weekend, the Mixed Foursomes (or as one person who should know better described them, the mixed gruesomes!) are being held. This event is played over 36 holes for the Mixed Foursomes Championship (Scratch) and the Col Buddle Trophy (nett). Always a great weekend! Please put your name down if you haven't done so already.

Looking forward to seeing you out on the course.

EVAN JONES

AUGUSTA NATIONAL AND THE MASTERS

The Masters is one of the most unusual events in sports. It's all about tradition, and it's defined by a set of odd rules and customs that just don't exist outside of Augusta National.

Below are some of the oddest traditions that make the Masters and Augusta one of a kind.

- * Food prices are ridiculously low.
*e.g. Egg Salad 1.50, Pimento Cheese 1.50, Bar-b-Cue 3.00,
Masters Club 2.50, Chicken Sandwich 3.00, Chicken Wrap 3.00,
Beer, 5.00, Light Beer 4.00*
- * Tipping is banned.
- * Mobile phones are prohibited at all times and cameras are not permitted during the tournament.
- * It's one of the only places in the U.S. where there are long lines for payphones.
- * There's a huge fence around the course to keep out animals. There has been one deer sighting in the last 65 years.
- * Only four minutes of commercials per hour are allowed during the TV broadcast.
- * TV commentators are not allowed to refer to fans as "fans" or "spectators." They are to be called "patrons," and the rough is to be referred to as the "second cut."
- * The Masters banned CBS broadcaster Gary McCord in 1995 for saying, "They don't cut the greens here at Augusta, they use bikini wax."
- * Players had to use local caddies provided by Augusta until 1983.
- * Players are allowed to use their own caddies now, but they have to wear the Augusta uniform — green hat, white jumpsuit.
- * Like many golf courses, there is good fishing at Augusta National, but the players don't like to talk about it because it is forbidden.
- * A former caddie was willing to tell that the best spots are the creek in front of the 12th hole ("full of bream"; and the pond at the 16th hole ("brimming with bass").



- * Fans .. oops, we mean patrons ... patrons aren't allowed to wear their hats backwards.
- * Patrons can bring collapsible chairs to sit on, but those chairs are not allowed to have armrests.
- * Running is not allowed, unless you are a player.
- * Grounds crew members used to wear hard hats.
- * There is an odd myth that the grounds crew at Augusta packs the azalea plants with ice if Spring comes early. The idea is that this will keep the plants from flowering too soon before the tournament.
- * There is a house located in the middle of the Augusta National parking lot because the owners refuse to sell it. The family has reportedly turned down "millions."
- * It's nearly impossible to become a member at Augusta.
- * You can't apply to become a member at Augusta. You have to be nominated by a current Augusta member, and new initiations generally aren't accepted unless someone quits or dies.
- * The total membership hovers around 300.
- * Augusta is closed in the summer to keep the course in pristine shape.

(With thanks to John Delaney



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- \$9.00 Chicken Burger*
- \$9.00 Veggie Burger*
- C\$9.00 Cheese Burger*
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- \$14.00 Fish & Chips*
- \$10.00 Eggs & bacon on toast*
- \$13.50 Big Brekky*
- \$8.50 Pancakes with maple syrup*
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- \$14.00 Chicken Schnitzel & Chips*



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