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WE WANNA BE LIKE HER!

Sunday 6th May was a beautifully sunny day, and Margaret Tanner, one of the original members of our Club, set out to play 9 holes in the Ladies' Comp. All was going well, till on the 6th hole, her buggy started to roll down the hill. Her playing partners, Margaret Collins and Margo Vaughan, yelled, "Fore! Fore! Look out for the buggy!"



As you would, Margaret chased it, till it ended up all the way down the hill, in the hazard. Then, as you would, she decided to go down into the hazard to retrieve it, disappearing very quickly from her worried partners' view. They were extremely relieved to see her clamber back out, but not, alas, with the buggy.

Then along came three good Samaritans..... Club member Peter Siapos, together with Daniel and Graham, who managed to pull the buggy out of the hazard. Miraculously, it seemed to be okay, but..uh oh.. the battery was missing. So the Samaritans went down again, to slosh around in the water to retrieve the battery.

Surprisingly, though it was dripping wet, it worked perfectly and Margaret was able to finish her nine

holes. The only thing she lost was her sand bucket! Picture shows the unfazed, unsinkable Margaret checking her card at the end of her incident-filled round.

And what will this remarkable lady do in just a few days, on 8 May? SHE WILL TURN 98 YEARS OF AGE! Happy birthday Margaret.

Yep. We wanna be like her!

SUE KALLAS



Two of "the Good Samaritans" Peter S and Graham, with Margaret, at the clubhouse

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB



FULL SWING QUARTET

Fridays 7.00 – 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

4 May – Marilyn Mendez

11 May – Johnny Nicol

18 May – Sandie White

25 May – George Washingmachine

1 June – Dorian Mode

8 June – Susan-Gai Dowling

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

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE? DO WE STILL NEED LINKS?

Judging by the not exactly overwhelming and somewhat disappointing response (eleven women, including the three women Board members, and seven men members), the answer to the above question, posed in the April edition of *Links*, would seem to be YES, some of you still do want the monthly newsletter to be continued.

Many thanks to those who took the time to respond. As I wrote last month, I was not looking for a pat on the back, but I was grateful for the positive comments made and your votes of support.

I also wrote in April that your response or lack of response would in itself be enlightening. With the vote of confidence representing about 15% of our golfing members, I suppose that this means that I continue as editor until or unless someone else wants to take over the blue pencil.

I won't be holding my breath until that takes place, but I do give notice that I will not continue in the job indefinitely and if the newsletter is to be continued, someone else will eventually need to offer his or her services as editor, and in the not too distant future.

In the meantime, and for the moment, it is business as usual.

RALPH SADLER



BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD



Well, for the first time we had a tie for the Blunts Player of the Month award.

After much discussion on whether we should use the countback method to separate the players, or reward both for their efforts, it was decided the prize should be shared to acknowledge that both gentlemen had played some good golf to each finish on nett 124 after 2 medal rounds.

Bob Staley came home the stronger of the two with nett rounds of 64 and 60. **Ralph Sadler**, who had lead the field after round 1 with nett 63, finished with another good round of nett 61. Congratulations to both men for their efforts.

WAYNE BELGRE

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Some say the Captain can be a little grumpy at times so I thought, why not let everyone know the little things that make him "Captain Grumpy". Avoiding these things make for a nice pleasant (at least for me) round of golf.

- * Rule infractions - Despite availability of lots of material, players still make basic errors in relation to rules. Especially "nearest point of relief". If not sure, ASK!!!
- * NTP - Why is it some members are unable to write the name and distance clearly so everyone can understand it? Clearly written names, not nicknames, and distances, in centimetres is not too much to ask. Oh, and don't forget to initial the record.
- * NTP - When the NTP sheet is so small why take all the space writing one name. Some members obviously think they will not be beaten.
- * Scorecards - heaven help anyone trying to decipher some cards. Clearly written scores are a must to ensure correctly awarded winners.
- * Entering scores - finish the card before entering the handicapping room. Don't sit in the room and try then to work the scores thus holding up those who follow and are wanting to put their scores in. If the group behind are waiting to put in their scores and you are still in the room you have a problem.
- * Scores not entered - Wait for confirmation that scores have been accepted. The system will show you where you finished in the field as a confirmation that scores have been accepted.
- * Late arrivals - Why must some members turn up one minute before they are due to tee off? Maybe by getting to the tee early you might, heaven forbid, tee off a little early and keep the field flowing.
- * Scoreboard - any reason some members have to write their scores in red pen when all other scores are in black pen? We use red only to indicate winners. Try to keep the board neat so the winners are easily identified. *(Continued over)*



CAPTAIN'S CORNER continued

* Sand bucket - some members think a sand bucket is permanently attached to their buggy. The only time they touch it is to attach it to their buggy at the 1st and to remove it after the 18th. How many times do members arrive at the 18th with the same amount of sand that they started with? There are usually plenty of divots out on the course just crying for a sandfill.

* Finally my greatest irritation slow play – a major thing each week (and often mentioned) is slow play. Despite repeated mentions some players are still unable to keep their place in the field!

Anyway, have a good game! Grump grump!

WAYNE BELGRE

MEN'S GOLF

It is with great sadness that I bring the news of the passing of one of our members, **Nic Corish**. Nic was a great member and an all round good bloke. He will be sorely missed. We're thinking of Andrew and his family at this very tough time. Vale Nic.

The month of April was a good one with the Singles Knockout finally completed. Congratulations to Peter Siapos who had a convincing 6/4 win over Alan Moss. Well done Pete.

There was also the Teams Yellowball event, which is always a fun day. Ben Pearson, Buddy Hyde and Sam Ranney took this out with an impressive score of 41 points. Lucky I wasn't there to hook that yellow ball into the bushes! I am told that only about four teams managed to keep their yellow ball until the 18th.

A. Alasdair Caush 73 nett 61
Scratch: Ben Pearson 72

B. John Erasmus 79 nett 61 and John Joyce 77, nett 61 to play off.
Scratch: Paul Kelly 77

C. Buddy Hyde 84 nett 59
Scratch: Dave Haugh 83

It's great to see Haughy back out on the course again with his new buggy!

There was also an innovative teams event on Medal day, which was a 2 Ball nett aggregate stroke event. This was taken out by Peter Siapos and Alasdair Caush with a score of 122. This new event offers those having a shocker medal round the chance to still win something on the day,



Not easy being a winner. Buddy Hyde “resting” during his C Grade Medal-winning round of nett 59.

Now the fun begins with this Saturday being the commencement of the Club Foursomes Championship. Find a partner and leave your ego at home! The event can bring out the best and worst in us!! It's always a fun day. (Not according to Bill Edmondsden!)

It was great to see many of you up at the Gold Coast celebrating Paul Sullivan's 50th birthday. A great night was had by all!

I look forward to seeing you out on the course.

EVAN JONES

AROUND and ABOUT, HERE and THERE

- * It has been good to see the return to golf by a number of members, who for various reasons have not been able to play over recent months. These include **Doug Lyall** who, after a knee job, has signaled a return by playing in a recent Sunday medley. **Robin (Birdie) Horn**, following two hip replacement operations, has also made a return, a rather tentative four holes in the Wednesday competition. **Geoff Hickson** also had health problems that laid him low for some time, but he now seems to be back to form in the early Saturday morning group. All three had rather long recuperative periods so it is a big welcome back to the course to these gentlemen.
- * Men members will have by now seen in use several of the individual golf buggies being used on the course. Since **Barry Watkin** took to his wheels, he has enjoyed a golden period with a number of first place results, both individually and in team events. It can be no coincidence that these results have followed since he no longer needs to hike around the course. Perhaps there is a message here for others struggling with their game!
- * It is a big welcome back to the Club to former president, **Dave Haugh**. Dave always said that he would return when he no longer needed to walk the course and he has been true to his word. Seen on the course recently after his investment in an electric buggy, was good news, but a report from last weekend suggests that Dave was not quite as happy with his leg-saver as Barry. Couldn't have been too bad, as he had the best C Grade scratch score at the May Medal event.
- * Good to see the painting at the clubhouse is almost over. The external area seems to be finished, and the Men's toilet also received several new coats. All this has greatly improved the look of the place. Look for the wall murals on the corridor to the Ladies' room. Funds for this work came from the Building community Partnerships grant from the State Government.
- * Several members have of late, expressed concern about the current state of the course. It has been suggested that the Board might, with Council approval, consider arranging for a full working bee on the course in order to carry out some improvements.
- * As a prelude, to a working bee, a small number of members spent a few hours on Sunday May 6 carrying out some gardening around the first tee, and clearing out of part of the weed growth in the hazard on the 8/17th fairway.
- * Thanks to **PK (Peter Kramer)** for supplying and installing the new bench seat, pictured right, at the BBQ area on the southern side of the clubhouse. Apart from BBQers getting the benefit of this addition to the area, it will no doubt be welcomed and appreciated by our women players who use this area to check scorecards. It is always good to hear of a member who sees a way of improving things and then quietly carrying out the job without any bells and whistles. PK was very unassuming in this regard. We are fortunate indeed to have members who without any fanfare, voluntarily carry out a range of tasks or jobs. Such activity certainly makes a valuable contribution to a club that has no full-time employees. Well done PK!
- * Thanks for asking, but things are still quiet on the Council-Club lease negotiations. The Board has been active recently, and we should soon hear news as to just where we are in this drawn out saga. The Council has announced the establishment of a Golf Precinct Advisory Committee, which will include two Club representatives. Watch this space!



WOMEN'S GOLF

Pennants

Lane Cove hosted the Weekend Pennant on Sunday 15th April. The clubhouse looked great, decorated in green and gold, as a tribute to the Commonwealth Games.

Eight teams played their matches in perfect weather, then enjoyed a tasty lunch, provided by **Dave Martin**, with the much loved butterfly cakes made by **Jacqui Brooks**. Lane Cove always provides great hospitality thanks to all our willing helpers. The players also appreciate all the members who "spotted" to help them find their balls.



Our team had three matches that went to the 18th, and at the end of the day we were 5th on the ladder.

Then on Sunday 29th April we scored three wins against Avalon, which will really improve our ranking!

Suzique Doughty and **Jo Cunningham** won 3/2

Helen Prentice and **Vanna Mutton** won 4/2

Angela Pearson and **Joanne Hannay** won 3/2

A great Result! Well done team!

Monthly Medals

Fine weather means that we've been able to finalise quite a few of our Medal rounds.

On Sunday 8th April our junior player, **Tilly Torrevillas**, won Division 1 with nett 65 and **Jacqui Brooks** won Division 2 with another nett 65. **Tilly** had the best Division 1 gross of 88 and **Cindy Brown** led Division 2 with 104.

Margo Vaughan won the 9-hole event with a nett of 42 and gross of 63. **Margot Anderson** won Division 1 putting with 31 and **Cindy** won Division 2 with 33, while **Margo Vaughan** won the 9 holes, with 17.

The next Sunday Medal was on 22nd April. **Suzique Doughty** had a great round, with a gross of 78 and nett of 62, to win the medal, and also The Goodwill Plate. Well done Suzique!

In Division 2, **Rosanne Antico-Hall** won with a gross of 102 and nett of 68. **Margaret Collins** won the 9 hole competition with a gross of 49 and nett of 31 and the best putters were, **Suzique**, Division 1, with 28, **Rosanne**, Division 2 with 33 and **Margo Vaughan** had 17 putts in the 9 hole event

On Thursday 19th April, there was a playoff from the previous Medal round, between Joan Weine and **Janet Lean**, with Joan winning with a nett of 69.

Yve Nikellys won the Medal on that day, with a nett 64. And....TA DA! This meant that Yve won her Silver Brooch. Well done to our President! She also won the scratch with 99.

Division 1 was won by **Rosemary Hurford**, with a nett of 68, and **Joan Weine** won the scratch with 90. The 9-hole event was won by **Sue Kallas** with a nett of 31 and scratch of 45.

The best putters were, in Division 1, **Joan Weine** with a very impressive 26, and in Division 2, new Member **Kerry Mullen** had 31. **Margaret Collins** had 14 in the 9-hole event.

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

A Special Birthday for a Special Lady

After our stableford game on Thursday 3rd May (which **Joan Weine** won with 40 points!), we celebrated the very special "O" birthday of **Janet Lean**.

Thirty past and present Members enjoyed lunch and shared a special orange cake with Janet. Vanna Mutton made a speech outlining Janet's achievements at Lane Cove Golf Club over the last twenty years, to which Janet responded by telling each person present about her wonderful memories of them, over those years.

Janet's been Vice Captain, Captain, Board Member and Handicapper. She's also organised events, such as the club's 50th anniversary celebrations, and arranged the ladies' annual weekend away. She's won many major events and represented the Club in many ways. And always, with a smile.



When Janet's finished opening her many gifts (which should take a while), we wish her many more years of happy golfing at LCGC

The Knockout

Here's this month's results for the ongoing knockout competition;

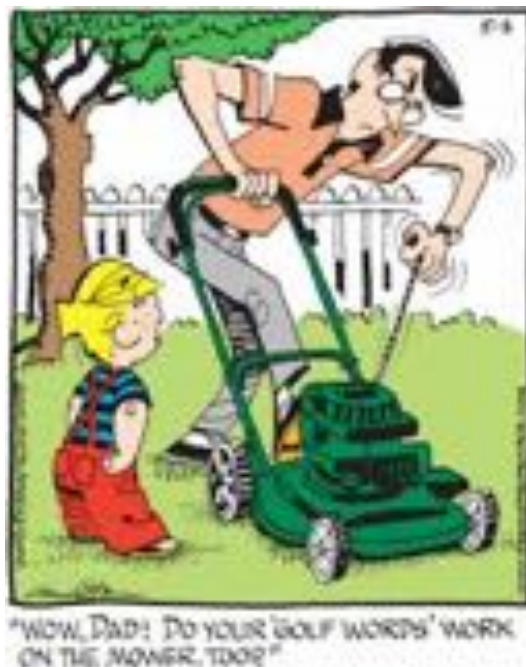
Joan Weine def **Rosemary Hurford** 2/1

Helen Prentice def **Maureen Dunn** 4/2

Upcoming events

- * **Dormie House.** Some of our lady members are off to Moss Vale for a few days of golf, on the 9th/11th May. Have a great time, ladies.
- * **Mixed Visitor's Charity Day** Find your partners for this fun day of golf, Thursday, 24th May. There will also be a "goodies " stall to raise money for The Flying Doctor Service and Bear Cottage.
- * The next **Clinic**, with Kasey, will be on 12th May. Book in at the Pro Shop.
- * **Mixed Foursomes:** This Championship event is held annually on the Saturday/ Sunday of the June long weekend (9th/10th June). Book in now for this enjoyable weekend of golf.

SUE KALLAS



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