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WHO IS THIS MUSICIAN? WHY NOT FIND OUT ON 27 APRIL?



Many of you will have seen the front page item about violinist IAN COOPER, pictured, featured in the March 1 edition of the North Shore Times. Ian has been a popular regular guest artist with the Billy Burton “Full Swing” quartet who perform every Friday at the Club.

“Precocious is a word that could have been invented for Ian Cooper a TV debut aged five, world travels at six, Conservatorium of Music at eight, performing in Vienna with the famous boys’ choir as a twelve-year old, mentored by the legendary Stephane Grappelli at twenty. . .”

“Ian has performed with many big names from Don Burrows and James Morrison to Simon Tedeschi and David Helfgot, Tommy Emmanuel, John Farnham, even Silverchair, and international stars like Neil Sedaka, George Benson and Andrea Bocelli”

“He’s as much at home playing Led Zeppelin as Mozart, Steely Dan as Mozart. One week he’ll be on the stage at the Sydney Opera House, the next playing Irish jigs at the Hero of Waterloo in the Rocks appearing at the Manly Jazz Festival or leading Proms concerts in regional towns. He spends half of his year away from home, and half of that overseas – last year it was Germany, France, Italy, Iceland, Sweden, Norway, Ireland and the UK.”

Fortunately for us, this versatile and thoroughly entertaining musician likes to spend some of his time when home at Crows Nest, at the Lane Cove Golf Club and he admits to enjoying himself here! He likes the relaxed atmosphere.

Ian will appear once again as the Guest Artist on **Friday 27 April**. Put that date in your diary now. Those who enjoy seeing a consummate musician at work, at a bargain price of \$10.00, should not miss this chance to see and hear the man who has been described as Australia’s top jazz violinist.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB
FULL SWING QUARTET

Fridays 7.00 – 10.00



GUEST ARTISTS

9 March – Armondo Hurley

16 March – Trish Delaney Brown

23 March – Kate Wadey

30 March – Good Friday

6 April – Nick Jeffries

**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 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.



BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD



Ever played with **Buddy Hyde**? Blink and you will miss him hitting the ball. I'm not sure if it is because Buddy wants to get back to the clubhouse for a beer or he just likes to play without delay. Anyway, it is a just reward for one of the fastest players we have in the Club, by his winning the February Blunts Player of the Month.

Buddy has been a member for a few years now, and despite being a very consistent player, he has never been able to win this award. Well, that all changed when his consistency in the January and February Medals saw him win comfortably. Buddy had scores of nett 60 and nett 64 for a total of nett 124.

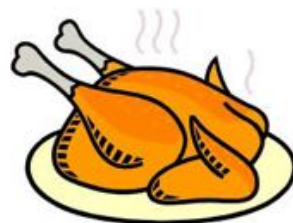
Congratulations Buddy and I'm sorry the secret is out about your win so you might have to shout the boys a few beers

WAYNE BELGRE

CHICKEN RUN CONTINUES

A reminder that there are only a few weeks left to be able to participate in the Chicken Run, which continues until the end of Daylight Saving on 1 April.

Get together from 4.30 onwards to take part in this fun event. A plump frozen chook is up for grabs and sometimes some wine for the winners!



WOMEN'S GOLF

Opening Dinner

On the evening of 15th February, past and present lady members "frocked up" for our annual dinner to mark the opening of our golfing season.

After a welcoming champagne, we enjoyed a delicious dinner, provided by *My Little Secret*.

Janet Lean, **Robyn McElvenny** and **Suzique Doughty** provided some wonderful entertainment and everyone enjoyed catching up with golfing friends.

Many thanks to those who helped **President Yvie** with the night's arrangements...**Monica Cowper**, **Rosemary Hurford**, **Robyn Seale** and **Sue Kallas**. And, of course, a big thank you to **Joanne Hannay** and **Angela Pearson**, for serving the champagne!

Summer Cup Trophy Winners

An important part of the Opening Dinner is the announcement of the winners of the Summer Cup. And the winners for 2017/2018 are.....

Midweek; **Robyn McElvenny 54** points (on a cb from Margaret Collins and Rosemary Hurford)

Sunday; **Joanne Hannay 58** Points

Congratulations to you both

Opening Day Lunch and Rules Talk

This is always a great way to start our golf season. On Sunday and Thursday, we play nine holes of golf, with

(**Rosanne Antico-Hall** (20 points) and **Robyn McElvenny** (18 points) winning the golf on those days), then, over lunch, we have a rules quiz. It's always surprising to find out what you don't know about the rules! The quiz was well designed by **Janet Lean** and **Suzique Doughty** and it encouraged much interest and discussion.



Weekend Pennants

We played Wakehurst at Avalon in the first match in this Pennant, and **Jo Cunningham** and **Robyn Glover** won their match 4/3.

Sadly, our two other teams of **Angela Pearson** and **Margot Anderson**, and **Cindy Brown** and **Robyn McElvenny** lost their matches, but we have scored our first point on the board for 2018!

Upcoming events

- * **The Friday Night Chicken Run** will continue till the end of daylight saving. Come along at about 4.30 on Friday afternoon to enjoy 9 holes of golf, and a drink on the deck afterwards. You could win a chook!
- * **Weekend Pennant**.... a busy month for our team. Here are the dates and venues for March.
SundaysMarch 11..... Castlecove at Bayview
March 18..... Bayview at Cammeray
March 25Chatswood at Chatswood Good luck, ladies!
- * **The Singles Knockout** draw is available and first round of matches will begin to be played soon.
- * **Clinics**. The next clinics will be on Saturday 10th March and Saturday 7th April. Book in at the Pro Shop.

SUE KALLAS

MEN'S GOLF

February has been a busy Month with the Singles Knockout being the highlight. The quarterfinals are coming up this week and the clash between Wayne Belgre and last year's winner, John Joyce, should be a ripper! Personally, I thought Rick Mayhew was going to be odds on favourite after he made light work of disposing of Ben Pearson and myself, but John came through with the goods against Rick in a closely fought out match. He comes up against Wayne who is always so consistent and has an uncanny ability of sinking those clutch putts.



They tee off at 11:00am on Saturday. There are still some spots available in the gallery (tickets on sale at Ticketek). If you can't make it out there, Foxtel are covering the event on Channel 501. Lurking in the background waiting to pounce are Pete Siapos, Phil Dennis, Graham Webster and Ben Leckie who will also go head to head on Saturday. Good luck Gents!

A round that couldn't go without mention was that of Andrew Corish last week. Andrew shot 46 points, which is a great achievement. Throw into the equation that he is playing off 12, and it puts it into perspective. That's 2 over par. A great round in anyone's book especially when many of the pros cannot break par in the annual Pro-am. Lucky for me that Andrew couldn't play in the monthly medal last Saturday.

Speaking of medals. Below are the winners for the March medal.

A Grade:

Evan Jones net 62

Scratch: Pete Doherty 72

B Grade:

Andrew Limmer net 60

Scratch: Andy Moran 77

C Grade:

Paul Johnson net 62

Scratch Bob Staley 84

Andrew Limmer not only took out the B Grade medal for March, he also won the playoff for the February medal against Claudius Sitole, as well as winning the President's Cup. Not bad for a day on the course. Well done Andrew!



Links Editor in Chief Ralph Sadler, with a 61, would have won the C Grade medal if he had signed his card. Likewise with runner up Dermot Duncan. They had played together so who knows what afflicted them that they both forgot to sign their cards! Too anxious to get to the 19th hole? It's a tough lesson but hats off to our Club Captain for keeping the integrity of our competition. Congratulations to Paul Johnson for winning his first medal at Lane Cove!

Great to see (bad) John Stevenson on the course on Saturday, albeit not playing, but carrying the bag for Bob Staley. Looking good mate (except for the mo!). Best wishes too to Wayne Meader who is heading to a pretty important spinal operation soon.

Look forward to seeing you at the presentation night on the 17th of March. It's always a great night and even if you are not winning anything, it's a great chance to socialise. New members take note! We'd love to see you there!

EVAN JONES

LIFE MEMBER RON JEFFREY CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

Life Member Ron Jeffrey marked his 90th birthday recently, with a party at the Club. More than 80 relatives and friends, many from the Club, helped Ron celebrate this important birthday.



Originally from Western Australia, Ron and his family made the trip eastwards in 1970 so that Ron could continue working with the MLC insurance business. Perth's loss was our gain as Ron joined the then Lane Cove Country Club in 1972. This was an interesting time to be a member of the Club as Ron noted, "there was considerable tumult in the Club during the late 1970's – an autocratic president, a disruptive board and strained relations with the Lane

RON AND KIDS AT HIS 90TH

Cove Council, which owned the land. . . . the Club was in financial trouble and the Council had not renewed the lease. Ron together with Alan Price and Ken Davis as part of the Men's golf section managed to steer clear of the Board squabbling and effectively kept the Club afloat. The new Treasurer had been part of a 'palace revolution' that elected a new board."

Ron joined the Board as Treasurer in 1986, then Secretary in 1987, was Vice-President for two years and President 1990-92. In his 17 years as a director, Ron took over as secretary on two occasions to fill casual vacancies and was consequently licensee for a few years! Ron was President at the time of the Club's lease renewal with Council, a process that dragged on for two years (sounds familiar -the Ed)! Ron was Chairman of the committee which ran the first Charity Pro-Am in 1989.

As well as all the above, Ron found time to play golf twice a week. Included in his highlights; Gibson Shield player for over 20 years, C Grade Champion 2002, 4 Ball Champion, C Grade Foursomes Champion 7 times, 5 times in a row with partner Bruce Scott (Ed's note –I was on the receiving end of a losing match against this pair – almost unbeatable!) And to cap it all, three, count them, three, Holes in One. Ron continues to play 9 holes each week off a handicap of 23, and long may he do so. Congratulations Ron, a wonderful clubman and a richly deserved Life Member.

EXERCISE REGIMEN FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

For those of us over 60 - this is a great exercise regimen - for you young'uns out there (under 60), just keep it in mind until you reach that magic 60 number!

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room on each side.

With a 2kg potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides. Hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 5kg potato bags. Then try 10kg potato bags, and then eventually, try to get to where you can lift a 25kg potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm currently at this level!)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.



THE CLUB SAYS FAREWELL TO THE POKIES

Thursday 1 March signalled the arrival of Autumn for 2108, and it also marked the last day that Lane Cove Golf Club provided access to poker machines in the Club.

Following declining revenue over a number of years now, the Board decided recently to sell the licences associated with our pokies. Unlike some parts of Sydney, it would appear that our members and visitors do not fit the demographic of regular poker machine users and there has been a steady decline in usage, and income, from more profitable days. This is despite the alluring enticement of machines named Where's the Gold, 5 Dragons, Golden Pyramids and Lady of Fortune.

As community debate swirls around the use or abuse of poker machines in our society, the Club can now claim to occupy the high moral ground in the ongoing discussion of the effects of poker machine access as we say farewell to the seven remaining machines in the Club. Three machines licences were sold some years ago when the proceeds of their sale were used to carry out updating work in our kitchen. What has the Board in mind for using the money from this sale?



As some would know, there is a limit on the number of poker machines allowed to operate within NSW and the sale of machine licences, sold in lots of three, can cause quite a stir when they hit the market. The Board is waiting at the moment for news about the sale. Our pokies, now quite ancient by modern standards of electronic gambling whizbangery, will be removed and probably broken up with the pieces recycled somewhere.

Pictured above is Hamish Anderson and Ralph Sadler carrying out the last reading of the machines and recording of usage before the pokies are turned off for the last time. Ongoing records were required of all machine results across NSW and monthly reports had to be submitted. At one time this reading work was carried out on a weekly basis, but more recently, a monthly reading and reconciliation only was needed, a very clear indication of the downturn in usage,

Hamish and Ralph have given many years of regular volunteer service to the Club to carry out this work. Many thanks to them and others who have assisted in this task, including amongst others, Ken Davis, Ron Jeffrey, Bert Irwin, Richard Biggs and John Delaney. The end of an era!



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