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For the information of members and their guests

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## ***THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD INVITE YOU TO THE ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S NIGHT***



***Friday 15 December 7.00 – 10.00***  
***Come along to Friday Night Music***  
***with FULL SWING QUARTET***  
***and Guest Artist GREG ARTHUR***

***CHRISTMAS HAMS AS DOOR  
PRIZES***  
***(\$5.00 entry fee to be eligible)***



***with our usual SUPER CHRISTMAS  
HAMPER RAFFLE***



***Dine, dance, enjoy the great music and be  
part of the Club's Christmas celebrations.***

***To assist Lyn with managing sufficient food, we ask that when  
booking through the Bar (9418 6159) you indicate whether you  
will be dining or not.***

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a great Legacy Day again this year and many congratulations to the worthy winners Andy Moran, Rob Virgili, Paul Johnson and Alan Rochford who put together a terrific round. The new format certainly seemed to find favour and I'm already looking forward to next year's event. Congratulations also to Will Flannigan on a great display of golf in last weekend's Medal with a gross score of 68.



This year's AGM was conducted on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2017 with a somewhat disappointing turn out. Thank you on behalf of the Club to those who did manage to make it. Fortunately, we did just have sufficient members in attendance to complete a quorum and the meeting was concluded with all the existing officers being returned in the absence of any other nominations. The Women's golf section was well represented, but it would be nice to see some more men at next year's meeting as it is an important and necessary element of the Club administration process.

Thanks to my co-directors and particularly Robyn and Maureen for organising things to ensure that things went smoothly on the night, and to Dave Martin for the supper.

I'm sure the Club joins me in congratulating Ben Pearson and his new wife, Angela, on their recent wedding. Wishing them many years of happiness together. You've got a long way to go to catch up with another, much loved member of our club, Dougie Cameron who I had the pleasure of playing with a couple of weeks ago, shortly after he and his wife celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Well Done Dougie and Good Luck Ben and Angela and our best wishes to you both.

As we head into Christmas we have one more major function, which is the President's Christmas Party on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017. I have been told that tickets are selling fast so if you haven't already booked you might want to get on to it to avoid disappointment. Ring 9418 6159. As usual, you also have a chance to win one of three Christmas hams!

Only 20 days to Christmas so not much time to get those requests in for your new clubs or a top up of the golf ball supplies. I look forwards to finding some new Titleist's and Srixon's around the course in the New Year, but I do promise to follow the advice from this famous person on fair play:

*It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls while they are still rolling – Mark Twain*

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and lots of sub-par rounds in the New Year.

**ALAN MOSS**



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



**FRIDAYS 7.00 – 10.00**

**GUEST ARTISTS**

*Dec 8 – Maree Montgomery & Johnny Nicol*

*Dec 15 – Gregg Arthur*

*Dec 22 – Dan Barnett*

*Dec 29 – Christmas break*

**RECOMMENCE 12 JANUARY**

*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, 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!**



**BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD**



The last women's Blunts Player of the Month winner for the year came up with someone who has had a great year and is a deserved winner for November.

**Susan Ridd** played two excellent rounds of 35 and 39 to win the award with a total of 74 points.

As I said, Susan has had a very good year, playing very consistent golf in all events. Susan adds this award to her other successes through the year. Her other successes were:

1. Winner of Mid-week Division 2 Veterans Challenge Brooch
2. Winner of Mid-week Division 2 Golf NSW Medal and played in the Metropolitan playoff event on 28 November at Bankstown
3. Part of the winning NSW Bowl team
4. Winner of Melbourne Cup day

Congratulations Susan and let's hope there are more successes to come"

**WAYNE BELGRE**

## **CAPTAIN'S CORNER – LEGACY DAY**

This year's annual Legacy Day was held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

With members able to bring friends along, the field was the largest we have had for many years, with every spot booked a week in advance. Thanks to all those members who participated and helped raise money for a most worthy cause.



Naturally the day can't be a success without the fabulous support of Club members and staff. Firstly we must thank the bar staff who sold the raffle tickets for weeks prior to the event and looked after everyone so well on the day. So thanks to Warwick, Amanda and Lillie.

We can't forget Dave Martin, the sausage and onion man, who looks after the culinary needs of the members each week. Thanks David.

Thanks must also go to the Bob Batho and the green staff for setting the course up to accommodate the special needs of the day.

To all the Committee members and golfing members who helped on the day, a big thank you.

Finally the biggest thank you of all to those members who contributed prizes for the day. Below you will find a list of the generous donors who helped make the day so special.

Porters Northwood – David & Ben Leckie

Barry Watkin - \$300.00 fire extinguisher

Ben Pearson – 2 x ½ tennis lesson

Andy Moran – Wests Tigers apparel

Richard Biggs – 3 bottles of red

Norm Sarajinsky – 3 bottles of wine

Andrew Corish - \$60.00 Power Golf voucher

Wayne Meader – 2 cases of specialty beer

Brian and Anne Doherty – Christmas hamper

Robin Horne – 2 bottles of wine

Alan Moss – Bottle of Moet

Jeff Back and Sue Hazroli – (Angel Gear) – Sport Leisure shirt

Sue Kallas – original painting

David Martin – 2 x breakfast for 2

Graham Webster – 6 bottles of red

David McFarlane – Ping putter

David Haugh – Box of Pepperjack shiraz

Ralph Sadler – case of Corona

Ian Butters – 2 dozen Srixon balls and 2 gloves

Alasdair Caush – 2 dozen balls

Steve Barnes – 1 dozen Titleist balls

Michael Meade – Bottle of Veuve Clicquot)

Hamish and Margot Anderson – Plate

Prizes were given out for the Legacy Shield (best nett over 18 holes), the Legacy Cup (best nett back 9) as well as for the best scratch over 18 holes. Scores on the day were extremely good and with so many scores going up on the whiteboard we needed a good five minutes to work out who won.

The Legacy Shield winners went out early and set up a clubhouse lead that could not be beaten. The team consisting of Andy Moran, Alan Rochford, Bob Virgili and Paul Johnson, sank everything they looked at and finished with a nett score of 44. I hear that master “chipper” Andy Moran also chimed in with a few specials from off the green. This team were also successful in the Legacy Cup with a nett 23 ½ over the back 9.

Scratch winners came in late with the team of Evan Jones, Ben Pearson, Buddy Hyde and Sam Ranney finishing with a score of 53. Evan will never forgive Buddy for losing a stroke off his handicap during the week as it cost their team a countback win in the back 9 event.

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## LEGACY DAY *continued*

After discussions with some of the membership, the Committee decided to change the format slightly and the day proved to be an outstanding success. We made some changes to the “Novelty” back nine with most holes having a different “challenge”. For those of you who haven’t played in this event, it really is a lot of fun! Remember to get your names down next year!

- 10<sup>th</sup> - Normal
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Play to either 2<sup>nd</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> green
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Use driver from tee
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Play to small hole on slope of the green
- 14<sup>th</sup> - One member of the team drops out each shot until only one player left who must finish hole
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Normal
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Each player must select one club to play complete hole
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Tee off from the front tee with a wedge
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Normal



Finally, I am pleased to report we were able to donate **\$3,500** to Sydney Legacy!

I checked the Legacy web site just to get a couple of sentences about what they do:

*Legacy is a charity providing services to Australian families suffering after the injury or death of a spouse or parent, during or after their defence force service. We currently care for around 65,000 widow(er)s and 1,800 children and disabled dependants throughout Australia.*

Over the last twelve years our Club has donated \$33,000 to Legacy. That’s a lot of money for a small Club! Our Lane Cove Members should be proud. Every year, ALL of you put your hands in your pockets, buy raffle tickets, donate prizes, organise help and play on the day. (AND, once again, if you think you didn’t do enough this year, you can always do more next year!)

***WAYNE BELGRE Men’s Captain on behalf of the Men’s Golf Committee.***



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## CHICKEN RUN



Since daylight saving began recently, the inaugural Friday Night Lane Cove Chicken Run was held!! A modest, but impressive group of players gathered to enjoy a lovely way to start the weekend – perfect weather, great company and 9 holes of golf. The winner, with an impressive score of 17 points, was Ms Cindy Brown! Cindy was presented with her well-earned frozen chicken, the first of many more to come.

Everyone is very welcome to join the Chicken Run each Friday, tee off 4.30pm onwards. See you there!

**ANGELA AND BEN**

## INAUGURAL GOLF NSW FORUM

On 28<sup>th</sup> November, Robyn Glover and Jan Sadler represented LCGC at the inaugural Golf NSW forum held at Royal Sydney GC.

The theme of the day was *Embracing the Future* and the day was organised by having a series of speakers followed by a question time after each speaker.



Brad Seymour from *Yellow Brick Road Wealth Management* was the keynote speaker. The other main speaker was Fiona de Jong (in the news recently!) who spoke about increasing women's participation in governance. She told her personal story from working with the *Australian Olympic Committee*.

We heard about some clubs that have reinvented themselves, such as the *Bankstown Sporting Club*. John Tully spoke about his work on the *Greens at North Sydney*, *The Commons* at Camperdown and *The Fernery* at Mosman.

Danny Bowerin from *Golf Australia* spoke about the problems with retaining golfers. Although golf is the top sport for 45+ aged men and women, only 20% of club members are women. He said that a lot of young people are looking for a variety of golf activities that take less time than four hours of golf.

*Topgolf*, using a driving range concept, is popular in America. The *Get Me Started* program is working well as a pathway into golf for women. Our Kasey Dive has introduced that program at Lane Cove. She has also signed up for the *My Golf* program, a joint venture with the PGA and GA, which is an introduction to golf for 5 to 12 year olds. Jason Day and Minjee Lee are ambassadors for the program.

We heard about the success of the *Jack Newton Junior Golf* program, which now has programs in schools and runs a national junior program.

Stuart Fraser from Golf NSW spoke about the support for clubs that is available or being developed by Golf NSW;

- \* Review of Buddy System program,
- \* Establish Classified System for second-hand equipment and furnishings.
- \* Develop and publish online Club Support Tool Kit (including Club Health Check, Green Book, GMA Benchmarking data and Volunteer Training Opportunities).

All in all, it was a very interesting and informative day, with a great lunch!

**JAN SADLER**

## **WOMEN'S GOLF**

*New Member –*

Welcome **Rosemary Fitch**



Royal Flying Doctor Service

### **Melbourne Cup**

**Jan Sadler** organised another wonderful Melbourne Cup Day, with over 60 punters joining in the fun. **Lyn's "Your Little Secret"** provided beautiful canapés and a delicious luncheon.

Some played golf first. **Ralph Sadler** and **Susan Ridd** both had 19 points, to take out the Men's and Ladies 9 hole Stableford and on the Blue course, **Margaret Murden** won with an amazing 22 points! NTPs were won by Life Member **Ron Jeffrey** and **Catherine Mairs**

In the clubhouse the fashions were fantastic. The best-dressed lady was **Vanna Mutton**, who accessorised her outfit with red, this season's must-have colour. The best-dressed gentleman was **Ron Jeffrey**, at his sartorial best. The "Most Creative Hat" prize went to **Rosemary Hurford** and "The Most Glamourous Hat" was that of **Beth Pearce**.

The big screen was a great way to watch the race. Then some lucky ones got to pick up their winnings from sweep organisers, **Joan Weine**, **Monica Cowper**, and **Robyn Seale**. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this such a successful day

### **Presentation Night**

Thursday 23rd November was our opportunity to "frock up", enjoy dinner, and applaud all those who had won trophies throughout the year. Captain Robyn has listed all the trophy winners on Tee Time as well as results of other prizes that were presented during the year and this year's records. Congratulations to all the winners.

### **Mixed Foursomes Champions**

First there was Ben's wedding proposal to Angela, then....another proposal when **Evan Jones** dropped to one knee to ask **Joan Weine**, with those magical words, "Joan, will you play the Mixed Foursomes with me again next year?" Quite understandable when you realise that they broke the Club Record for this event! They led the way on both days, finishing with a total of 148...pretty good, huh? The Col Buddle Trophy, for the best Nett was won by **Joanne Hannay** and **Sam Ranney**, with a great total of 127. Start practising for next year everyone!

### **Blunt's Player of the Month**

Our latest winner of this award is **Susan Ridd** who had a total of 74 points. Well done Susan!

### **The Sunday Charity Day**



The ladies have two Charity Days each year to raise money for our charities, The Flying Doctor Service and Bear Cottage.

The Sunday Charity was a mixed visitors event held on Sunday 26th November. We could purchase mulligans (very handy!) and pay Clinton, the Pro, to hit over the gully.

46 points was a winning score in both Men's and Women's divisions. For the men the winner was **John Dowey** and the winning lady was **Evie Nikellys**...great scoring! The 4BBB team event was won by **Rosanne Antico-Hall** with hubby, **Adrian**, winning with 49 points on a count back from **Evie Nikellys** and **Geoff Reed**. NTPs were won by **Alan Winney** and **Robyn Glover** and Long Drives were won by **John Dowey** and **Jan Hughes**. Everyone went home clutching golf prizes, raffle prizes or goodies from our stall of homemade goods.

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## ***WOMEN'S GOLF continued***

Thanks go to all those who helped with organising the golf, the clubhouse and the stall, and to Dave M, who was run off his feet making lunch for everyone. Many visitors commented on our friendliness and hospitality. They'll be back next year!

### ***Sunday's Christmas Party***

As small but happy group enjoyed the Sunday Christmas party last Sunday. It was lovely to see past member **Dulcie Leedow**, who joined us for the delicious lunch that our ladies cooked up.

We played a silly 9 holes, with bonus points, free throws and no hazards. The winner of the day was that very consistent player, **Margaret Collins**, with 28 points. Runner-up, **Sue Kallas**, was way back behind Margaret with 21 points. The "Most Bonus Points" prize went to **Jo Cunningham**, with 8. The "Mystery Team" prize went to the team of **Rosanne Antico-Hall, Linda Tsung** and **Sue Kallas**, who called themselves The Christmas Tees. NTPs were won by **Suzique Doughty** and **Margo Vaughan** while Long Drive prizes went to **Helen Prentice** and **Bronwyn Arnold**. Our Best Dressed lady was our oldest player and flower provider **Margaret Tanner**. In the spirit of Christmas, at our Christmas Parties our ladies make donations to Telopea Children's Home, so that the children there can enjoy outings in their holidays. Another fun day at Lane Cove.

### ***Upcoming Events***

#### ***Thursday's Christmas Party***

...as above...just on a different day!

#### ***The Summer Cup.***

Check Tee Time for dates and conditions of play.

Robyn has also included special dates and events for all of next year, so you can plan your calendars. Robyn does a great job with Tee Time, keeping us informed and up to date (with some pretty funny jokes, too). Thanks, Robyn.

#### ***Australia Day .***

It's on again. The Keg Cup will be held on **Friday, 26th January 2018**. 9 holes of golf, with great prizes, followed by a sensational barbecue lunch (or you can just come for lunch). Book in online or at the Pro Shop for golf.....no need to book for lunch. This is always a great day and a great fundraiser for the club.

#### ***Opening Dinner***

Put Thursday 15th February in your diary for this event.

**Merry Christmas everyone!**

***SUE KALLAS***





## **MENS GOLF**

The weekend was a very special one where we celebrated the marriage of two special members, Ben and Angela Pearson. Big congratulations to the lovely couple and, as I said in my speech, “You may not have won the golf (the mixed foursomes), because Joan and I did, but you won each other!” They look beautiful together.



Well the year is coming to an end and Christmas is approaching, meaning the December Medal is the last competition of note for the year. November had two important events, one being the Mixed Foursomes and the other the Legacy Cup ambrose event. It was great to see such a strong field in the Mixed Foursomes after the postponement from earlier in the year. We had five groups shooting sub-80 rounds.



I had the pleasure of partnering Joan Weine for a chance to defend our title. On the Saturday we paired with the newlyweds-to-be pairing of Ben and Angela. It is said that a round of foursomes will test even the strongest of marriages (just ask Ralph and Jan! Ha, Ha) and I’m glad to say that Ben and Angela passed the test with flying colours and will be Husband and Wife in the first week of December (Ben is even missing out on the monthly medal for the big day - that’s commitment!)

On the Sunday we paired with Andy Moran and Suzique Doughty. They played some great shots, combining really well. They had two sub-80 scratch scores and their score would have won last year’s event. However it wasn’t to be this year.

Thanks to my partner Joan, who played some fantastic golf, we managed to defend our title shooting 148 scratch for 36 holes and 118 nett (10 shots better than our handicap!!). Sorry Gents, Joan accepted my proposal and will be my partner again next year!

It was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend and I encourage anyone who missed out to make sure you put your name down in 2018.

The following weekend on the Legacy Cup day, Andy was able to make amends with style with his teammates Alan Rochford, Bob Virgilli and Paul Johnson. Unlike the Foursomes, where a team, or pair cannot win both events, this group shot a fine round of 11 under par, thus coming out winners of both the Plate and the Shield. This included a magnificent eagle on the 6th. My teammates, Buddy, Sam, and Ben also shot 11 under but handicapping got the better of us.

Personally I think the Ambrose format on Legacy Day is a winner as it allows casual golfers to join in a team format. The full field on the day will attest to that. Note, even with the full field, there was minimal waiting on the tees and it was great fun. Thanks to all who donated prizes and to Dave Martin for cooking the food at half way.

The December medal was played and won and I wasn’t there to witness it as I had other duties to attend to. The results were as follows:

**A Grade:** Will Flannigan net 61 and scratch 68

**B Grade:** Claudius Sithole nett 60 Scratch Gary Holmes 76

**C Grade:** Greg Rothery nett 62 Scratch Jeff Hickson 85

Merry Christmas to all and I look forward to seeing you on the course over the holiday period.

**EVAN JONES**

## **OUT AND ABOUT OR BITS AND PIECES**

### **1) Winners are gridders**

Question - How lucky do you have to be to win a brand new Genesis car?

Answer - One in 163,000 is how lucky you need to be.

And the winner is .....our very own club member and Director, **Barry Watkin** who religiously clicked on the Genesis Golf Link Cup messages received through the year. All eligible players had the chance to win the new Genesis luxury sedan valued at \$61,500 plus on-road costs, but Barry won it!!

The prize car is described -

*For the second year running, the Genesis has been awarded the prestigious title of Australia's Best Large Car under \$70,000 by Australia's Best Cars. It was also given the highest ANCAP safety score ever awarded.*

Made the rest of us who received the Genesis message regularly but who also regularly consigned the message to the Trash, look rather foolish.

The happy man is shown, proudly wearing his Lane Cove Golf Club shirt at presentation time.

Congratulations Bazza. Plenty of room to fit in the clubs. Beep beep!

### **2) A tale of two balls!**

**TALE 1** – found on the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway recently, a ball labelled Gospel Golf – not a well-known brand! A closer inspection found a message headed, Philippians 4-13, which I have been reliably informed, is a Bible quotation, to wit, “I can do all things in Christ who gives me strength.” Obviously not enough strength to retrieve the “lost” ball, but perhaps the ball was not lost but was meant to be left there to be found. Cue conspiracy theory!!

*Is this a new way of getting the Christian message to a wider audience out there? Perhaps there are more people who play golf than attend church!*

**TALE 2** – pictured left, a ball in a tree in the hazard on Hole 1. This was the result of a drive from the tee in the recent mixed foursomes event. What is the correct playing procedure here? Play as it lies? If so, club selection would be vital.



As it was, the tree was in the hazard, so a long-suffering wife decided to play three from a drop outside the hazard. The husband, who was responsible for the ball's placement, wisely offered no club selection advice.

A reality test of any relationship is the mixed foursomes. This cautionary example is just one of a myriad ways in which married partners might put pressure on each other in this event.

Always remember, paraphrasing a thought from a movie of some time ago, married partners playing together means that you are always having to say, “Sorry dear”, (for putting you there).

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## ***OUT AND ABOUT OR BITS AND PIECES continued***

### ***3) Baffling Bridge Banner***

Members may have noticed the plaque, pictured below, which appeared several days ago on the western side of the new super-bridge on the 4<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>. The man in question, the always-genial Dave Martin from Tee 4 Two, denies any knowledge of its source and is as much in the dark as the rest of us.

No one can dispute the message contained on the plaque, and clearly, Dave has some fans, as the plaque is professionally produced and contains the Club logo.

Anyone able to shed some light on this mystery? Dave should be thankful that the dedication is not a memorial one!



### ***4) Buggies on the course?***

Noticed on the course recently, several Council employees carrying out some kind of inspection. When questioned about this activity by one of our Club members, the information received was that they were assessing the course for the use of motorised golf carts on the course.

Some one could have told Council that such an assessment was carried out in June 2015, when a single-seater cart was trialled on the course by a group of people, comprising several members, the Council and the Pro Shop.

Interesting to note that two Club members have recently written letters to Council asking to use single seater motorised buggies on the course, It seems as if these letters have elicited a relatively swift response, something we don't often experience in our communications with Council.

Watch this space for further information. A precedent has been established in the use of carts on the course. Some years ago a number of members were able to play the course using mini-motor bikes.



# ***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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