



# LINKS

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For the information of members and their guests

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**As Editor Ralph is away on holiday, this month's Links is entirely devoted to our major event for the year, the Lane Cove Golf Club Charity Pro Am**

**Links will be back in its usual form in November**

Lane Cove Golf Club staged its 27<sup>th</sup> annual Charity Golf Pro-Am on Wednesday, 21 September 2016.

The course was in tip-top condition thanks to the course ground staff led by Greenkeeper, Bob Batho. Our appreciation goes to Lane Cove Council for donating the use of the course for the event and Mark Wallace and the Pro Shop staff, especially Ben Lindskog who manned the desk and called players to the tee. The Sponsors, visitors, members and the 37 professional golfers who played in our Pro Am were full of praise for the organisation of the day, the condition of the course and the warm reception in the clubhouse.

The "weather god" provided sunshine for the morning teams but unfortunately the skies turned gray and the afternoon field finished playing in showery rain. Luckily, the rain stayed away for the Shoot Out, the stirring performance by the Manly Warringah Pipe Band and the presentation of prizes went ahead as scheduled.



*The Manly Warringah Pipe Band*

The format of the Pro-Am provides amateur club golfers, sponsors and guests, with a chance to play alongside professional golfers. Each team of 4 included one or more PGA professionals from New South Wales and Tasmania. They competed for team and individual prizes provided by the club and sponsors, including an Eagle Hole for the first time.

We are indebted to the following sponsors for helping to make the day such a great success:

*Longueville Hotel*  
*Jocelyn and Greg Gregory*  
*L J Hooker Lane Cove*  
*2M Hospitality*  
*The Mountain Garage*  
*Porters Liquor Northwood*  
*Business Professionals*  
*Hillross Financial Services*  
*Coca-Cola Amatil*  
*Caltex Star Shop Longueville*

Our thanks also go to the Hole Sponsors – a new initiative in 2016.

*Men's Golf Committee*  
*Usher & Roberts Pty Ltd*  
*Chartered Accountants and Tax Agents*  
*Play Better Rounds*  
*Women's Golf Committee*  
*David Brooks-Horn*  
*PremierNorthpak*  
*Crafers Law*  
*Ian Butters & Helen Prentice*  
*Nicky's Kids Town*

I cannot forget our Raffle Donors. Thank you for your generous contribution toward the raffle. All winners were delighted with their prize.

*Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley*  
*Dormie House Moss Vale*  
*Power Golf – Artarmon*  
*James Purcell – PGA Professional*  
*Infinity Hairdressers*  
*Tee-4-Two Breakfast for two – Thank you, Dave, for the extra breakfast voucher*  
*Margot Alexander – Glass Bowl*  
*Hooked Gourmet Seafood Greenwich*  
*Gaz Man Clothing*  
*Figtree Greengrocers – Fruit basket*  
*Hummerstons - Gourmet Meat Voucher*  
*Coles/Myer Voucher and Gold Class Movie Voucher*

At the end of the game players enjoyed a burger and chips lunch prepared by Dave Martin at Tee for Two. Coffee and sweets were provided by the lady members and were very well received with plenty of choice – all served with a smile by Sue Kallas and her helpers. As players came in for lunch there was an exciting buzz of anticipation and plenty of discussion about the day's play coming from all the tables as the competitors exchanged their views and experiences on their day's golf. Some good. Some bad. It really was a good atmosphere.

As usual, Lane Cove and North Side Community Services (LCNSCS) was the beneficiary of the Pro- Am proceeds. The Golf Club and the sponsors are very proud of the support they have provided to the Lane Cove community. In excess of \$160,000 has been raised since the event began in 1989. At the presentation, Gill Batt, General Manager of LCNSCS, spoke of the organization's work in the community and thanked the Golf Club for its support over many years. The receipts and expenses are still being reconciled, however the Club is hoping to contribute more to LC&NSCS than in 2015

**Simon Hawkes** from Tasmania had the winning score – a four under par 60. Jason King came in second with a -3, followed by Brad McIntosh and Alexander Pitty -2 and Scott Bennett, Neil Sarkies and Taylor Cooper -1. Simon Hawkes also won the NTP on the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> hole kindly sponsored by Business Professionals (Dave McFarlane). In his winner's speech, Simon commended the Club on the organization of the day and thanked the greenkeeper and his staff for the excellent condition of the course.



*Pro-Am winner Simon Hawkes (TAS) with Gill Batt (LCNSCS) and Club President Michael Meade*

The team event was won by Jason Butt (PGA), Konstantine Fondas (PGA), Rhett McIvor (PGA) and our very own promising junior Will Flannigan with a score of 89. They were followed into second place by James Carter (PGA), Walter Heim, Frank Hurford and Howard Shaw with a score of 88 on a countback from Alexander Pitty (PGA), Ralph Sadler, Jan Sadler and Susan Ridd.



*Will Flannigan with Men's President, Jeff Back, Mayor of Lane Cove Deborah Hutchens and Michael Meade*

There was no winner for the Eagle on the 9<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> hole – maybe next year!

Other Prizes won were:

NTP

4<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> T Hickson and Vanna Mutton

6<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> A Causch and Vanna Mutton

## LONGEST DRIVES

Women: Linda Jones-Meader

Men: A Grade – Sam Ranney    B Grade – Alan Moss

C Grade John Erasmus

The Porters Northwood “Shoot Out” by the PGA Professionals provided us with great excitement this year. Wayne Belgre and Andy Moran made the call after carefully measuring both distances – it was a tie! It was the first time we have had a tie in the Shoot Out to the 18<sup>th</sup> green from the 100m marker. The two winners were John Serhan and Nathan Miller.



*Dave Leckie (Sponsor of the Porters' "Shoot Out"), John Serhan and Nathan Miller (Winners on a tie) and Michael Meade.*

Congratulations to the organizing Committee; it has been planning for the event since April this year. The overall success of the day was due to a huge amount of work by everyone involved. The Pro-Am Committee included Michael Meade, Club Manager Kent Lipman, Secretary Robyn Seale, Director Maureen Dunn, Jan Sadler, Ralph Sadler, Sue Kallas, Women's Captain Robyn Glover, Women's President Joan Weine, Men's President Jeff Back, Hamish Anderson, Wayne Belgre and Doug Lyle and ably assisted on the Pro Am Day by Janet Lean, and Anne Reilly. As Chair of the 2016 Pro Am Committee I thank everyone for their support. I am grateful for all the time and effort you all put into making the day a success. We made a great team!

A special thank you to Lorraine Carnemolla who came down early to help out and stayed for most of the day. A heartfelt thanks from the club goes out to all of our volunteers who assisted at the work party and selling raffle tickets, to Warwick Bowman, Bar Supervisor and his staff and to Dave Martin from Tee for Two.

Finally, I have to thank the people who contributed photos and ideas for the slideshow. It was enjoyed by many members and visitors during the day. Seeing the old and new photos of the club and the course woven together amongst the sponsors, hole Sponsors and raffle donations was interesting. Highlighting our oldest and youngest playing members was a special feature of the slide show.



**We are inspired by Margaret Tanner 96 and Lawrie Sullivan 92.**



*We look forward to encouraging Tilly Torrevillas 12 and Lewis Abbott 8 to develop their skills in the future as members of Lane Cove Golf Club.*

It really was a memorable day and a privilege to have taken part.

Vanna Mutton  
Director/Chair of 2016 Charity Pro Am Committee