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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



As many of you will already know, Michael Meade has decided that it's time to move on from his role as our Club's President. This decision was announced at the AGM last year and I've been asked, and have agreed to take over from Michael. However, I'm pleased to say that Michael's considerable talent and experience will not be lost to us, as he has generously agreed to continue on the Club's Board for the time being and to provide mentorship as I learn the ropes. There's some mighty big shoes to fill but I'll do my best.

I'm sure you will all join me in thanking Michael for his excellent leadership and considerable hard work in steering the Club through some very tumultuous times. Despite the many challenges faced, Michael, in his time as President, has been instrumental in effecting many valuable changes. We've seen improvements around the clubhouse thanks to various grants and the contributions of our member volunteers, and a rebranding of the Club name and logo. There are several further projects, which are not quite complete, but have been driven hard by Michael over the past year. Such as our new website and club signage, both of which we hope to finalise in the next month or so. Michael can be justifiably proud of his contribution to the Club. I understand that part of the reason for moving on relates to travel commitments and a desire to focus more on his golf. So watch out if you encounter him in the match play he's now on a new mission !!!

Looking forwards, we can expect some interesting times ahead. I expect the Club that we enjoy now will look and feel quite different in three - five years' time. The future is not certain especially with the prospect of the "on again" Council merger of Hunters Hill, Lane Cove and Ryde. However, I'm committed to ensuring that the core element of our golfing facilities and course access will remain essentially the same if not better. Again, it's up to us as members to make full use of the available access. If Council see the course being fully utilised, then it's much harder for them to argue for modifications to our Block Booking arrangements. Studies show that if you play more golf then your golf improves, so there's even more reason to get out there. On that particular point, I'm very much in favour of negotiating improved terms for members to access the course outside of our Block Booking arrangements to allow for practice or a quick 3, 6, 9 or 18 holes during the week. I note that this type of "Gold or Platinum" Membership concept has been presented to Council before but was ultimately placed in the "Too Hard" basket. I would be very interested to gauge the level of support amongst our current membership.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

As Michael mentioned in his last *Links* (Feb 2017), we received a rapid response to the Board's letter outlining concerns with respect to the lease negotiations. The proposed follow up meeting scheduled for February has not yet occurred but we have received some encouraging positive support, which is much appreciated. I sincerely hope that by the next *Links* issue in April, I will be able to report some positive outcomes in this regard. Also on a positive note, the Fourth (4th Hole) Bridge Replacement work commenced on February 20. Work will be carried out Monday to Friday for 4 - 6 weeks and the 4th hole will be out of play on week day times for that period. Hopefully the construction process will be conducted without incident, unlike the Forth Bridge (Scotland), which sadly claimed the lives of 50 or more workers. As a civil engineer myself, I suspect that the 4-6 week time frame is an exercise in setting expectations, and with luck and some more good weather we may be enjoying our new bridge access much sooner.

And so to golf. Some extremely hot days recently, including a Saturday which saw temperatures rise to over 40 degrees and invoked an extension of time to complete matches in the Men's Knock-out. Well done to all those who braved the elements and completed their games. The following Saturday saw similar challenging conditions culminating in a "Stop Play Horn Alert" calling players back to the safety of the club house while a storm front passed through. With reports of severe hail in the area we were lucky to miss the worst of it. Apparently, the only damage the club house received was a "solitary hail stone about the size of a golf ball" which struck the clubhouse roof about 4.5 seconds after our illustrious former President teed off on the 8th. Subsequent investigations have determined that this shot occurred about two hours prior to the Storm Front and Michaels' golf ball is therefore available for anyone who is willing to collect it from the clubhouse gutter. I raise this only to placate any members who may be questioning why Michael needs more time to focus on his golf !!

As I write, the Wednesday players will be teeing off for what will be the last round of the Summer Eclectic. Current Leaders are David Martin, Graeme Jack & Michael Meade. Only one shot separates them at this stage so a Birdie today on the right hole could make all the difference. Good luck and congratulations to the ultimate winner.

Congratulations to the Women's Golf for what I have heard was a great opening night function last week, with a good attendance and a lot of fun. And best wishes to the ladies as they begin their 2017 golf year after the completion of the 9 hole Summer Cup program over the last few months.

Although I've not had chance to experience the new caterer's fare yet, I am looking forward to the Men's Presentation Night Dinner, 11th March. It should be a great night again. Fingers crossed for some stability, quality and value for money in our catering arrangements, which have been a significant concern for the Board and members alike for quite a while. It's timely to note that the Longueville Bowling Club, "The Diddy", is now experiencing similar problems after their very successful caterer moved on.

Please remember, as a club if we want good catering and a lively club, it's very much up to us to support this by attending the various Club functions and Friday Music Nights. There is again a great line up of talent for the next few weeks including one of the Clubs favourites, " George Washing Machine" on the 10th March, who's sure to get our Jazz/Swing fans in a Spin!!

OK. I've just checked and have well exceeded my target word count so I promise to reduce the content next month. Let's just put this down to first time enthusiasm.

Have Fun out there.

ALAN MOSS President

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



Fridays 7.00 – 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

Mar 3 – Armondo Hurley

Mar 10 – George Washingmachine

Mar 17 – Marilyn Mendez

24 Mar – Dan Barnett

31 Mar – Maree Montgomery

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

GOT AN EVENT COMING UP?

If you have a family occasion to celebrate, or a club or work-related social activity that needs the right place to make the occasion a special one, why not hold your function at the clubhouse?

Do yourself a favour and consider the Club as a function venue, and you will be assisting your Club as well!



A Member discount is available on request.

BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Well we are getting into golf again after the Christmas and New Year break and some of the rustiness is beginning to wear off.

Scores were not all that good early but some members have started to show some real form lately.

Walter Heim is the type of golfer who is capable of very good scoring. Unfortunately that was not the case in January medal when he came in with a nett 66.

True to form Walter put his head down and blitzed the field in the February medal to record a nett 57 with a nett total of 123 for the two medals.

Congratulations to Walter for a terrific start to the new year.

WAYNE BELGRE



THE BRIDGE ON THE 4TH



Short time pain for long time gain as the old bridge on the 4th/13th was dismantled, cut up and carried away.

Those who saw this process in the last week were intrigued by the variety of materials that had been used on the old bridge construction.

The bridge has a special place in the history of the development of the course. Together with the rest of the course, it was built by members, something that is sometimes forgotten in discussions about the future of the course and the Club itself.

The bridge spanning the gully was constructed from materials that were scavenged from a number of sources by founding member Arch McKinnon.

These materials included:

- * Old railway lines and four stanchions from the cableway used to carry sand and gravel to Warragamba Dam during its construction
- * Over 90 metres of old boiler piping
- * Miscellaneous second hand angled material
- * Boarding on the footway, which was the only material purchased.

Apart from hiring a crane for the erection, most of the work was done by members on a voluntary basis.

The picture above shows the bridge soon after construction, with the newly built 4th hole in the background. Note the bunkers, four or five of them on the front and side of the green. Even the grass for this hole was recycled, collected from a nearby bowling club which was returfing its greens. I think we should all be thankful that those bunkers disappeared when the hole was rebuilt later.

Let us hope that the dimensions of the replacement bridge are such that it is wide enough to allow for single seater motorised buggies to be used on the course, something that we have been trying to arrange with the Council since such a buggy was trialled on the course in June 2015.

It is expected that the new bridge will be in place in 4-6 weeks time. Any questions you have about it can be addressed to Hamish Anderson. It must be the engineer in him, as Hamish has taken a special interest in the bridge replacement. The picture above was sourced from our archival material held in Lane Cove Library, part of the collection of our 50th anniversary material. Many thanks to Janet Lean for accessing the collection and providing the photo and information.

THE EDITOR

NOTE

The Club's website is now back in action. Many thanks to Social Member Warwick Kowalczyck for getting us back on line. Sadly, there have been delays in getting the new website off and running. Watch this space for news of its implementation.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

What to talk about each month so that members will actually read the column? Well, Ralph Sadler certainly read the column last month as I saw him take his head covers off at the 1st and put them back on his clubs after playing the 18th. Well done Ralph! Saved heaps of time.

What is great about our game is having a nice walk in great surroundings, hitting the ball a few times, having a drink afterwards and finding out who won the day.

Filling out the scorecard in a correct and timely fashion is a very important part of the game. It is so important to mark the scores on the card after each hole.

If you are in the last couple of groups, please do not sit down and have a drink before completing your scoring duties. You must complete your scores and enter them into One Golf and the board ASAP.

This allows the member on duty to complete the presentation soon after the last group finishes. Nothing better than a full house for the presentation. Some great stories are told at this time.



To all the Wednesday golfers, the new temporary course is now in operation while the bridge replacement takes place. Hopefully it will only be necessary for 4 - 6 weeks.

One thing. When you are playing the 3rd / 12th hole take your clubs with you to the green. When you finish the 3rd / 12th continue walking down to the 4th tee and out onto Dorritt Street to get to the 5th tee. I've seen quite a few members leave their clubs at the 3rd tee, walk back from the green to the 3rd tee, continue on past the 2nd green and up to the 5th tee.

This is very unsafe and the practice must be discontinued. This practice slows down the field as players on the 3rd have to wait for others to move out of the way before teeing off and you may also be hit by players hitting their 2nd (or 3rd or 4th) shots to the 2nd green. Overall it probably saves only 40 metres.

Please don't forget the **Men's Presentation Night** on 11th March. Come along and celebrate the winners of 2016.

Finally someone asked me the other day, "Whose honour is it?" I said mine (match play excluded), because I was at the tee first!!! You want the honour, get to the tee first. Again, saved heaps of time!

Farewell until next month

WAYNE BELGRE Men's Captain

BALLS! DID YOU KNOW...?

- 1 Golf balls were originally made of wood. Later, they were made from boiled feathers stuffed into stitched leather known as "featheries".
- 2 The modern, and cheaper golf ball, filled with gutta-percha, was not developed till 1848.
- 3 Balls travel significantly further on hot days. A golfer swinging at around 160kph will carry the driver up to seven to eight metres longer for each increase in temperature of 25 degrees.
- 4 Approximately 20 million golf balls are lost in water hazards in the UK each year.
- 5 Golfers use an estimated \$800 USD million worth of golf balls annually.



SO, YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE RULES – NO 1

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

HOLES 1(10) and 2 (11)



SCENARIO - Ball is in hazard to left of fairway

(*RULE 26 Lateral Water Hazard pp 112 -115*)

OPTIONS

- 1** Play the ball as it lies (not grounding club, not moving loose impediments).
- 2** Under penalty of 1 stroke, replay a ball from the spot where the original ball was last played (“stroke and distance”).
- 3** Under penalty of 1 stroke drop a ball outside the hazard within 2 club lengths of the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard.

(With thanks to Janet Lean)



WOMEN'S GOLF

Summer Cup The Summer Cup has been concluded, with the winners being announced at the Opening Dinner. So, the winners of the 2016-2017 Summer Cup were...

Midweek...**Monica Cowper**, with a total of 58 points for her three best rounds.

Sunday.... **Cindy Brown**, with a total of 61 points.

Their names are on the trophy, the first time for both winners. Congratulations!

All the ladies who helped run the Summer Cup were presented with orchids in appreciation of their work. We enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by Flavours and then we were entertained by some of our members in "Cabaret". Even ABBA made an appearance. Many thanks to the entertainment organiser, **Robyn McElvenny**

The 2017 season of golf begins

Sunday and Midweek players started the season with 9 holes of golf and rules talk, where some rules relevant to each hole were presented and discussed. Captain **Robyn Glover** also informed us of events and changes.

Weekend Pennant

The first match of the 2017 Weekend Pennant was played at Bayview on Sunday 26th February. Lane Cove played Castle Cove with the following results;

Suzique Doughty and Tilly Torrevillas won 5/4

Linda Jones-Meader and Jo Cunningham won 5/4

Marghanita da Cruz and Angela Charters lost 5/4



So that gives the team a win! 2 points! We're on the top of the ladder!

Watch this space for news of more wins!

Weekend Pennant team, L to R Jo Cunningham, Linda Jones-Meader, Suzique Doughty, Tilly Torrevillas, Angela Charters, Marghanita da Cruz

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WOMEN'S GOLF *continued*

Happy Birthday

On Thursday 23rd February we celebrated the "Big O " birthday of ex-captain, **Vanna Mutton**. Vanna received lots of gifts and cards, an orchid and well wishes from the ladies who enjoyed lunch with her. Of course there was a beautiful orange cake, cooked by **Jan Sadler** and fruit kebabs provided by **Rosemary Hurford**. Many Happy Returns, Vanna

Upcoming Events

- * **Dormie House....** time to organise your deposits for this fun getaway
- * **Weekend Pennant** is underway. Let Marghanita know if you're available to help on our host day on Sunday May 7th

SUE KALLAS

MEN'S GOLF

Well the month of February has been a very mixed one. The weather has been different to say the least with many days going above 40 degrees and then there was the thunderstorms stopping play on other days!

February saw the start of the Singles Knockout - the handicap matchplay format that I believe is the hardest tournament to win.



Looking at the form guide, there are a few players who come to mind as potential winners. Wayne Belgre has been in a purple patch lately, playing some great golf, which showed after a solid, Round 1 win over Pete Doherty. Andy Moran has hit his straps after a fine win over Sam Ranney, but there is a lot of money on the lightweight Buddy Hyde who continues to sneak under the radar.

Buddy takes on Andy after the March Medal and the wise punter sees the winner of this match as a serious threat to the title.

Good luck to all who are still playing.

The February medal was a hard fought tussle in all grades. The winners were as follows:

A Grade:

Wayne Belgre, Nett 60 and scratch 66

B Grade:

Andrew Limmer and **Paul Kelly** to play off with nett 63 Scratch: **Fraser Taylor** 78

C Grade:

Walter Heim, nett 57 and Scratch 78. Great round Walter!

The Gold Medal was also played on this day, and congratulations to Wayne Belgre on taking this out.

More results on the Singles Knockout to come next month and I look forward to seeing you on the course.

EVAN JONES

LEGACY DAY 2016

This year's annual Legacy Day/Rum Cup was held on Saturday 5th November 2016. Once again, it was a



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- JAMES PURCELL – 2 x ½ HOUR GOLF LESSON
- BEN PEARSON – 2 x 1/2 HOUR TENNIS LESSON
- GRAHAM WEBSTER – 6 BOTTLES RED
- ANDY MORAN – 2 DOZ BALLS
- DAVID MCFARLANE – PING PUTTER
- RICHARD BIGGS – 3 BOTTLES RED
- RALPH SADLER – CASE OF CORONA
- ANDREW CORISH – 1 DOZ TITLEIST BALLS
- IAN BUTTERS – 2 DOZ TITLEIST BALLS
- WAYNE MEADER – 2 CASES SPECIALTY BEER
- ALASDAIR CAUSH – 2 DOZ BALLS AND 5 GOLF SHIRTS
- BRIAN DOHERTY – CHRISTMAS HAMPER
- STEVE BARNES – 1 DOZ TITLEIST BALLS
- ROBIN HORNE – 2 BOTTLES OF WINE
- SUE (ANGEL GEAR) – SPORT LEISURE GOLF SHIRT
- MICHAEL MEADE – BOTTLE CHAMPAGNE
- ALAN MOSS AND JOHN ERASMUS – GOLF BAG
- LANE COVE COUNTRY CLUB - RUM

Thanks to Dave Martin for doing the Snags & Onions at halfway! Thank you the Bar Staff, particularly Amanda, who sold raffle tickets in the weeks leading up to the Legacy Day!

Thanks also to the people who helped out on the day, particularly President Brian Doherty and Men's Captain Wayne Belgre, MGC Secretary Andrew Corish plus, Greg Stephenson, Pete Doherty, Hamish Anderson and Alan Moss for writing up the results, working out the count-backs and doing the raffle prizes draw.

The winner of the Legacy Cup "9 hole" event was **Greg Stephenson** (34) who had 23 points. Runner Up on a count-back was **Wayne Belgre** (6) who also had 23 points.

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LEGACY DAY *continued*

The Legacy Shield 2BBB team event was won by **Keiron McGarry** (21) and **Howard Shaw** (19) who had 43 points. Runners Up on a count-back were **Greg Stephenson** and **Wing Cheung** with 42 points.

We made some changes to the “Novelty” back nine this year, and each hole had a different “challenge”.

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| 10 th - Tee Off Blindfolded | 11 th - Tee off in Gully |
| 12 th - Use Driver from Tee | 13 th - Small Hole on slope of the tier on the green |
| 14 th - Tee Shot with Cricket Bat and hose Tee | 15 th - Tee off with Putter - Honest Attempt! |
| 16 th - Use opposite handed club (i.e. if right handed, use left handed; 5 Iron supplied & vice-versa) | |
| 17 th - Tee off from the front tee with a sand wedge | |
| 18 th Only - From a spot 100m out, at \$5 a shot. NTP wins a new PING Golf putter! | |

The winner was **Fraser Taylor** with a fantastic shot that never looked like being beaten all day!!!)

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!

What is Legacy?

“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 80,000 widows and 1,800 children and disabled dependants throughout Australia.”

This year I am pleased to say that we were able to donate **\$2,500** to Sydney Legacy! Over the last eleven years we have donated **\$29,000** to Legacy. That's a lot of money for a small Club like ours! It is a record that all Lane Cove Members should be proud of.

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!)

DAVID MCFARLANE

Treasurer Men's Golf Section - Legacy Day Co-ordinator February 2017



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