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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



I sincerely hope everyone is enjoying the excellent golf weather as we head through Autumn. It certainly looks like there has been some very good golf because of the improved conditions.

As mentioned in my previous *Links* contributions, negotiations are progressing with Council regarding the lease. Ralph Sadler & Ian Butters represented the Club in my absence at a productive meeting recently. I'm ever hopeful that a good outcome for the Club will eventually be achieved but I expect I'll have a few more *Links* contributions to write before I can announce that a new lease has been signed. Current discussions hinge around the possibility of increasing member access to a 7 - Day format as

foreshadowed in my earlier messages. But the details and any limited block booking time concessions associated with such an arrangement are still to be resolved. As always, I will keep you informed and can assure you that the Board will be endeavouring to obtain at worst an equivalent but hopefully a better outcome for our members through this process.

Not much news to offer on the bridge construction process. Having, I understand, lost a piece of machinery into the creek during the wet weather, the contractor appears to have abandoned the process for now. My March *Links* prediction of a timely completion was clearly far too optimistic so I will refrain from making any further estimate of how long it should or might take to complete.

For now, we will continue to enjoy the walk along Gamma Road and use that time to contemplate how we could have missed the 4th Green with our tee shot yet again!! Or for the better golfers, the anticipation of completing the nearest the pin card and sinking another easy birdie putt.

Congratulations to the remarkable Margaret Tanner, who recently celebrated her 97th birthday at the Club with over 30 of her colleagues. Margaret was a foundation member of the Lane Cove Country Club in 1964 and she was the first Sunday golfer to hit a ball off the tee in competition. 53 years later, Margaret continues to play competition golf and walks the 9 holes. In 1997, she scored an ace on the sixth hole.

Recently I had the pleasure of witnessing an impressive performance by David Leckie, who is to be congratulated on a superb 5 over par round but even more importantly, an 18-hole gross score that matched his age which is a very rare event in the amateur golfing world.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

Unfortunately, my game was not quite as successful but congratulations to John Joyce who now proceeds into the Knockout Finals against Alex Hassall or Will Flannigan. Good luck to the remaining finalists and congratulations to the ultimate winner.

With the singles almost done and dusted we now head into the Foursomes Competition to be held over three rounds. The first is a qualifier, with the top four pairs in each grade progressing into the Knock Out Match Play. I'm not sure if this will be published prior to the closing date for entries but if it is I would encourage all members to team-up and enjoy the Foursomes Format which is a very much loved by the Pro-Golfers in the Ryder Cup as it's a rare opportunity to play in a team event.

With that in mind the men now head into the Warren & Gibson Pennant Series with Lane Cove Golf Club teams competing against other clubs in our area. This is a great opportunity to experience the vastly different pressure and elation a club team event brings along with the opportunity to play and enjoy the hospitality of other Sydney courses. The team Captains will be selecting the squads shortly and I wish you well in the upcoming matches. It would be great to see Lane Cove making it into the Finals this year as the Gibbo's only just missed out last year after a protest involving two other clubs resulted in a play-off for the last spot in the finals. A very wet, windy and gloomy day at the Coast resulted in an equally gloomy result for Lane Cove on the day.

The ladies have been busy too, and congratulations to the Weekend Pennant team, which finished with a highly creditable fourth place in the eight-club competition. Thanks go to Marghanita da Cruz for organising the teams and making the arrangements for our host day on the last round of the event. Well done too those ladies who were Medal winners for April, see Sue's report later.

And more congrats to Life Member Helen Prentice who was the winner of the March Blunts Player of the Month award.

Have Fun out there.

ALAN MOSS President

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

Fridays 7.00 – 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

May 12 – Gregg Arthur

May 19 – Virna Sanzone

May 26 - George Washingmachine

June 2 – Isaac Martin

June 9 – Susan-Gai Dowling



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

The ladies were finally able to complete the March Blunts Award with a break in the weather allowing some qualifying rounds to be played

It appears that early in the year must be the time for some "long standing" members to show their wares and play winning golf. You will remember Brian Doherty finally broke his drought to win the Men's award last month, well this month it was the turn of **Helen Prentice** to take out the prize.

We all know Helen very well and have always appreciated her efforts off the course, but finally after a seven year break since her last Blunts award, Helen has now won her second award.

Ploughing through the mud, Helen proved too good as a "wet tracker" to post rounds of 18 and 28 to take out the March award.

The ladies had better watch out as I know Helen is planning to spend her winnings on some lessons with James so some even better scores might be on the way.

Congratulations to Helen who I believe is the only Life Member to win the award.

WAYNE BELGRE



SO, YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE RULES – NO 3

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

HOLE 5/14

Scenario - Your tee shot or second shot has gone into the trees on the left of the fairway.
(RULE 27 Provisional Ball pp 117-118)

Procedure

The **Provisional Ball Rule** helps speed up play.

If you are not sure where your ball went, **before you proceed to search**, announce that you will play a **provisional ball**, otherwise under a penalty this ball will become the ball in play.

The Provisional Ball becomes the 'ball in play' (**1 stroke penalty**) when you reach the spot where your first ball is likely to be found and cannot be found.

If the original ball is found **it must be played** even if unplayable.

(With thanks to Janet Lean and the WGC)

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Two words for this month - Scorecards and Safety!



SCORECARDS

How many times have you stood on the 6th tee and your marker asks, "What did you have on the 2nd?"

Happens a lot. And how many times do you see members on the balcony after completing their game, filling out the scorecard? "Not sure. What did you have on the 13th? "

Scorecards are supposed to be handed in and entered into the computer asap after finishing a round. Groups should not enter the clubhouse until scores have been agreed upon. You should stand outside the balcony (or at your car) and compare cards.

Filling out your cards on the balcony is not the time to go and get a drink.

The ladies set an excellent example here as they **always** check cards at the table near the BBQ before they come into the clubhouse! It has become part of their completion routine.

By not keeping score after each hole causes a frustrating delay (for everyone else) in holding up the results for the day and the presentation.

Scores should be verified after 9 holes (before hitting off the 10th) to ensure all cards agree. Saves a lot of time later if at least half the cards agree.

My group always has a score check on the 18th tee. "Peter you need a birdie for a ball, David a par will do you. Jeff you need a par also and Wayne, there is always next week!"

SAFETY

There has been a few instances lately when members have hit from the 8th/17th tees and landed very close to others playing the 9th /18th.

Generally our members are responsible in hitting into danger areas throughout the course. But for some reason, some members lose all sense of caution when hitting off the 8th/17th.

Calling "Fore" does not absolve anyone from playing safely. Members playing 9th/18th generally can't see the ball hit from the 8th/17th tee anyway.



I know I preach fast play but safety beats speed every time. Look down the 9th/18th fairway and see where the group is. If you have to wait for that group to move further towards the green before hitting, so be it.

Let the short hitters go first. No danger there and then the "musclemen" can fly one over the trees.

The feeling when you have hit someone is not one to be experienced.

WAYNE BELGRE Men's Captain

WOMEN'S GOLF

We've had beautiful weather this month...which means no excuses! Here's what's been happening.

The Knockout

Now that the rain has stopped, the Knockout matches are progressing very quickly.

Jan Sadler d Jackie Sun **5/3**

Vanna Mutton d Susan Ridd **7/6** and then **Jan** d Vanna **2/1**.

Rosemary Hurford d Janet Lean **3/2**

Robyn Seale d Joan Weine **2 up**

Angela Charters d Joanne Hannay. **6/4**

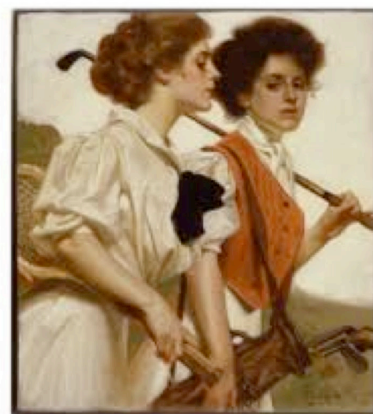
Suzique Doughty d Robyn Glover. **4/2**

So, we're getting to the exciting final stages of this competition!

Medal Rounds

It's been a catch-up month for medal rounds, with so many games being washed out last month. On Thursday 13 April, the Medal went to **Helen Prentice** with a nett 72. The Division 2 winner was **Jackie Sun**, with a nett 77. The best Division 1 scratch score was **Joan Weine's** 92 and **Jackie** won the Division 2 with 120. Joan won the Division 1 putting with 30 and **Jackie** won Division 2, with 35. In the 9-hole competition, **Margaret Murden** won with a scratch of 58 and a nett of 39.

Another Thursday medal round was played on 20 April. **Joan Weine** won Division 1, with a nett of 69 and 88 scratch. She was pretty chuffed with that! **Evie Nikellys** won Division 2 with nett 69 as well, which means that Joan and Evie will play off for the medal on 25 May. Evie also won Division 2 scratch with 109. **Margaret Collins** won the 9-hole competition with a nett of 26. She also led the putting with 16



Then on Sunday 23 April, **Sue Woodman** won with a nett 68 and scratch of 109. This meant Sue won her Silver Brooch. As well as the **Goodwill Plate**. What a great day for Sue! Suzique Doughty with a nett 68 and scratch of 85 won Division 1. Her Mum, **Joan**, bettered her Thursday score with a nett 63 and 82 scratch (but, as a midweek player she doesn't qualify for the weekend medal). Still, a pretty good score, Joan. **Suzique** won the Division 1 putting with 30 and **Sue Woodman** led Division 2 with 37. **Jacqui Brooks** won the 9-hole competition with 32 nett and 52 scratch, and 17 putts.

The Traill Trophy.

This year's winner of the Traill Trophy goes to our youngest member, **Tilly Torrevillas**. Congratulations, Tilly.

Blunts Player of the Month

Helen Prentice was our latest winner, with 46 points. Well done, Helen. Enjoy your winnings.

The Centennial Cup

Congratulations to **Linda Jones-Meader** and husband, **Wayne**, on their win in this prestigious mixed event. They had +9 in the 4BBB v Par event. **Robyn Glover** and **Peter Doherty** were runners-up with +8. Individual winners were **Wayne**, with +6 and **Robyn** with +1.

Dormie House

The weather was glorious for our Dormie House golf trip this year. The winner of the Stableford game was **Vanna Mutton**, with 29 points with **Jo Cunningham** the runner up with 28. **Jo** then combined well with **Helen Scott** to win the 9-hole Canadian Foursome the next day, with a nett 44.5. **Joanne Hannay** and **Linda Jones-Meader** were the runners-up with net 46.

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WOMEN'S GOLF *continued*

The ladies also enjoyed playing Mahjong, competing in a putting competition, and singing along with **Jo's music**. Our thanks go to **Linda** for organising such a fun golfing break.

A Special Night.

On Friday 5 May, over 30 ladies dined at the club, to celebrate the 97th birthday of **Margaret Tanner**, our oldest playing member. We enjoyed a beautiful meal from "**Your Little Secret**", followed by a towering croquenbouche made by **Robyn McElvenny**. (*Editor's comment – what is a croquenbouche??*) Margaret danced to her request, "The Anniversary Waltz", played by **Full Swing** and the amazing violinist **Ian Cooper**. Happy Birthday Margaret. You are such an inspiration,



Weekend Pennant

We've had a very successful season in this Pennant, with some great wins and close matches. Our thanks go to **Marghanita da Cruz** for organising the teams and making the arrangements for our host day. The last day of this Pennant was held at our Club, as the ladies like to watch the concluding holes from the deck and we do such a good job of catering. **Mary Smith** organised morning tea, **Dave Martin** provided a delicious lunch

and **Jacqui Brooks** made her famous butterfly cakes. There are always plenty of volunteers on the course, too, spotting wayward balls, to help with the speed of play.

The winner of the Pennant for 2017 is Chatswood, and the final results were;

Chatswood -	15 Points
Wakehurst -	11.5 points
Northbridge -	11.5 points
Lane Cove -	11 points
Cammeray -	10.5 points
Avalon -	9.5 points
Bayview -	9 points
Castle Cove -	6 points

So, we came a very creditable 4th, including two wins and a half on the last day. Congratulations to all those who played this year.

Upcoming Events

Mixed Visitors' Charity Day. Thursday May 18 is the date for this annual event. Book in now for this 4BBB stableford game. There will be lots of goodies for sale too.

Riverside Oaks Getaway. Put Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd October in October in your diary for this fun weekend

Pewter Plate. Jan Sadler and Rosemary Hurford will be representing our Club in this event on 17th July.

Bronze III Pennant starts on June 2nd. Good luck to our team

Women's 4BBBvPar, to be played on Thursday 11 and Sunday 14 May. The winners will represent the Club at the Metropolitan Final on 6 October, and then, perhaps, represent the metropolitan area at Bonville, in November. Try hard, everyone!

SUE KALLAS

MEN'S GOLF

With the wet all but gone, the beautiful Autumn weather has given us some great conditions for some great golf. The month of April started with the Centennial Cup, a mixed par best ball event. As I predicted in last months edition, Wayne Meader and wife Linda took out the event with a great score of +9. Wayne also took out the singles with a great score of +6. The next stop for them is the mixed foursomes- or as someone once called it, the mixed gruesomes, the greatest test of any marriage!!

The Singles Knockout keeps going with giant killer Alex Hassalhoff beating Andy Moran on the 20th hole. Being a fairly new member, "The Hoff" is making a big impression on the Club and his father David is getting constant updates from the Baywatch set in LA.



The Yellow Ball event is a fun team event where each team member takes turn teeing off and being responsible for the yellow ball for that hole and that score is recorded for the team. If the ball is lost - game over! The team that kept the ball and scored the highest points was Vern Pilkington, Marten Van Hattem, Jeff Hickson and Rod Paterson with a great score of 40 points. Special mention to Steve Barnes for losing the sacred yellow one! Searching for a lost ball is never more diligent than in the Yellow Ball event.

The next week was a Par event, not normally worth reporting on except in this case where Dave Leckie shot an exceptional score of +9 equating to a score of 5 over par!!

The April medal has been played and won with the results as follows:

A Grade - Wayne Belgre 61 and Scratch 67

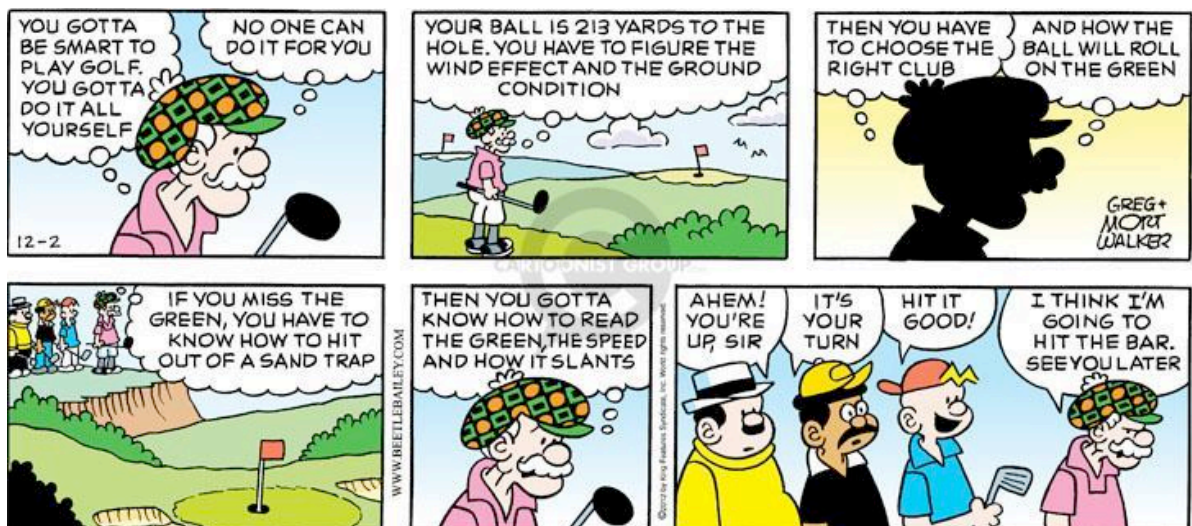
B Grade - Paul Kelly 59 and Scratch 73

C Grade- Steve Barnes 62 with Scratch John Erasmus 82

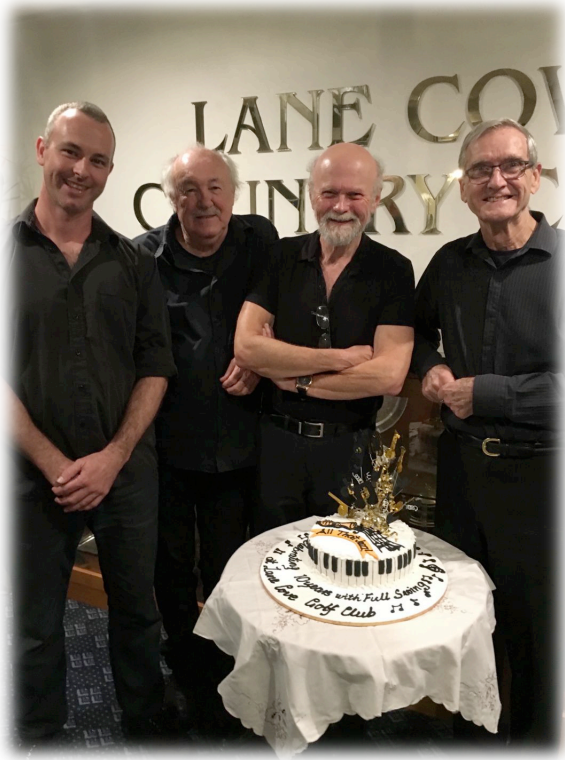
The highlight of the month has to go to Wayne Belgre for taking out the longest drive in A Grade. I didn't have my GPS on me, however reports say it was close to 260 metres! Normally better known for his solid short game, Wayne has shown another element that leaves us wondering if anyone will ever take the Alan Price medal off him!

Men's golf, has been knocked about lately by a number of regulars being laid low for health reasons. Good luck to Ian Butters, Doug Cameron, Frank Hurford and Ralph Sadler who have all been absent from the course for some time. Good luck to you all and I look forward to seeing you all on the course soon.

EVAN JONES



TEN YEARS ON – MUSIC ON FRIDAY AT THE CLUB



Full Swing Band celebrates the 10th anniversary of Music on Friday at the Club.

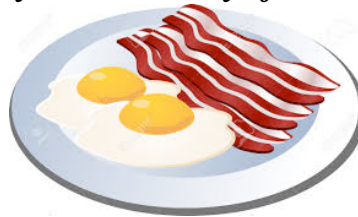
L to R James McCaffery (Drums), Ray Forster (Keyboard), Craig Scott (Double Bass) Bill Burton (Trumpet and Flugelhorn)

With thanks to Jan Sadler and Sue Kallas for the birthday cake.

*Ever been to Friday Music at the Club?
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- \$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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