

# LINKS

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For the information of members and their guests

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## ***FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Tis the season for AGMs!

The three “engine room” committees of our Club recently held their AGMs. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward to serve the Club. It’s often a thankless task and a lot of the work is unseen by members. However, without these vital volunteers, the services and benefits we take for granted would not happen.



The new Women’s Golf President is Yve Nikellys, Captain Robyn Glover, Secretary Kerin Moorehead and Treasurer Joanne Hannay. A huge vote of thanks is due to retiring President Joan Weine who served five years as President and three years as VP.

The new Men’s Golf President is Brian Doherty, Wayne Belgre the Captain, with Secretary Andrew Corish and Treasurer David McFarlane.

Congratulations to all the elected Committee members and many thanks to those who have retired from Committees.

The licenced Club held its AGM on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. Our constitution requires a quorum of 30 members, without which the AGM cannot proceed. We only just made it with 31 members present! History was made with two social members participating in the AGM. It was also decided that a sub-committee will be formed to refresh our social offerings.

Elected at the AGM were Secretary Robyn Seale, new director and Treasurer Stuart MacDonald and Directors Maureen Dunn and Alan Moss.

Subsequent to the AGM, Alan Moss has agreed to step into the role of President after a handover period with me. Under the casual vacancy rule we also welcome new directors John Erasmus and Barry Watkin, which completes the seven directors required.

More history was made in October with the opening up of most men and women’s competitions as mixed events. Initially there is a trial period until the end of December 2016 with a view to long term adoption of this progressive step.

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT *continued***



The annual Melbourne Cup 9-hole competition and lunch is taking place on Tuesday 1 November. We have almost 90 people coming to the lunch so it should be a lot of fun as usual.

The MGC are holding the annual fund-raising event for Legacy on Saturday 5 November, which is another fun day and a highlight of our calendar. Our Club punches well above its weight for fund-raising and Legacy are most appreciative of our work.

Captain Wayne Belgre and I recently represented the Club in the 81<sup>st</sup> Governor's Legacy Trophy at the Australian Golf Club. Following John Erasmus's success last year with Nic Walser a winner a couple of years ago, I won the C Grade event! The Australian GC clearly suits our C Graders!

Happy golfing, dining and socialising!

***MICHAEL MEADE PRESIDENT***

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



***Fridays 7.00 – 10.00***

### ***GUEST ARTISTS***

***Nov 4 – Marilyn Mendez***

***Nov 11 – Gregg Arthur***

***Nov 18 – Lisa Michel***

***Nov 25 – Ian Cooper***

***Dec 2 – TBC***

***(Note, a small entry fee of \$5.00 applies (children free))***

## **BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH**

Well, we have had two Blunts awards decided since the last *Links* edition and the winners are players on the up.

September was taken out once again by Tilley Torrevillas, her second win in four months. Tilley put together rounds of 41 and 43 points to win going away.

Tilley has improved greatly since taking up golf, with her handicap reducing from 45.5 to 34.1 in a very short time.

As mentioned previously, Tilley is only 12 and has had a number of wins in significant events at Lane Cove, including a Medal comp and a Silver Brooch. Recently Tilley competed in the City of Sydney Junior Girls Championship and is also a member of Lane Cove's Encourage Shield team.

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## ***BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH continued***

The October award was won by another up and comer, although not as young as Tilley.

John Erasmus has been taking all before him recently, winning the C Grade Foursomes (with Rick Mayhew), the 2 Ball Knockout (with Alan Moss) and the Lane Cove Shield.

John started with a great round of nett 56 followed by a nett 67 to win the award.

Congratulations to Tilley and John and the good news for everyone else is that they can't win another Blunts award this year so others now have a chance!

## ***WAYNE BELGRE***

## ***DAVID MARTIN'S TEE 4 TWO CAFE***

*Now open on the terrace*

*Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays from 9.30am, Sundays from 10.00am*

### ***BREAKFAST A SPECIALITY***



*\$5.50 Bacon & Egg roll*

*\$5.50 Sausage & onions roll*

*\$5.50 Ham, cheese & tomato toasted sandwich*

*\$5.00 Chips*

*\$8.00 Beef Burger*

*\$8.00 Chicken Burger*

*\$8.00 Veggie Berger*

*\$12.00 Burger & chips*

*\$10.00 Eggs & bacon on toast*

*\$13.50 Big Boy Brekky*

*\$8.50 Pancakes with maple syrup*

*\$3.50 Coffee*

*\$6.50 Wedges with sweet chilli or sour cream*

*\$13.50 Chicken with salad*

## ***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.**

## **PETER THOMPSON**

Peter Thompson, age 87, is Australia's most accomplished golfer (5 times British Open winner) as well as its finest writer on the sport. In 2005, he collaborated with author Steve Perkins to produce *Lessons I Have Learned*, a book chock full of wisdom on the state of the game of golf, how its played, and his thoughts on golf course architecture. The book was recently reissued as *A Life in Golf*.



This book is a gem and features Thompson's trademark penetrating observations and tight prose. Importantly, his writings have sometimes rankled. Yet there is always a sense that he puts the game first and that he has campaigned for the betterment of the game. In June this year, the magazine *Golf Course Atlas* interviewed Thompson. Some of that interview follows.

### ***You won five Open Championships. Does one stand out?***

I have no hesitation in calling the 1965 Open by far the greatest of my successes. I have achieved a great ambition by winning with the American big three (Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tony Lema) in the field.

### ***The Old Course is very special to you as you won the Open there in 1955. Talk to us about the Old Course.***

Generally speaking, one's opinion of the Old Course depends very largely on how you have dealt with it, or to put it another way, how the course has dealt with you. My own experience has taught me the utmost respect for it as a championship test. No other course on the British Open rota quite measures up to it. It provides a difficulty second to none, combined with variation of wind from all directions. Temperature comes in all degrees, even during an Open week in the middle of high-summer, July. The course, almost entirely nature made, has a subtlety no man can ever completely fathom. There is a razor edge between success and failure at every turn. It has two par three holes, which makes the breaking of 70 a meritorious achievement. More than any other course I know on earth, the Old Course demands discipline and judgement – and both in abundance. To describe the St Andrews course to those that have not yet felt its magic underfoot, it can be summoned up as an adventure in risk-taking, and, on first tackle, an odyssey through a golfing minefield.

### ***When is she at her best?***

History tells us that the Old Course is at its fiercesome best when it is parched dry, when the turf is scorched brown and dusty, and drives run 50 metres and more after hitting the ground. Then it is only a player's skill and prudence that keeps him out of trouble in the form of the deep, straight-walled bunkers. Approach work, too, is a matter of pitch and long run over hollow and ridge, a circumstance that modern professionals hate. Greens, too, in dry times can assume a glassy, cricket-pitch appearance that makes putting a defensive exercise.

### ***How did your opinion of golf in America evolve over time, from your first experience in the 1950s through the 1980s when you played the Seniors Tour?***

When I was a young man starting off on my professional career, I played some events in the United States, and in those days we played mostly on public courses, which did nothing to assist any of us, Americans or foreigners, in our quest to better our games. I did play quite a lot in the States, but I found the British courses far more to my liking. In the eighties, I returned to America to play the Seniors Tour, and it was quite a different story. When I finally retired, it was with regret in some ways, as I had really enjoyed the experience of travelling in the States, renewing old friendships, as well as making many new ones. So, in some ways, I regret my remarks of 1965, which were somewhat derogatory to the game in the States. *(to be continued)*

## **WOMEN'S GOLF**

### **Our New Committee**

At our AGM, held on the 19th October, our President, **Joan Weine**, announced her retirement after five years as President, and a prior three years as Vice-President. She has been a wonderful, popular President and is proof that being on the Committee doesn't hurt your golf! Joan will be a great mentor to our incoming President.

Our New Committee is:

**Captain.....Robyn Glover**  
**President.....Yvonne Nikellys**  
**Vice President.....Edie Downes**  
**Treasurer.....Joanne Hannay**  
**Secretary.....Kerin Moorehead**  
**Handicapper.....Suzique Doughty**  
**Assistant Handicapper.....Janet Lean**  
**Pennant Co-ordinator.....Susan Ridd**



### **Tilly Does it Again!**

Our amazing junior player, **Tilly Torrevillas**, competed in the City of Sydney Open Junior Boys and Girls Championship at Bondi Golf Course, on September 29th.

Tilly was runner-up in the field of 40. Tilly also won the Bronze II Championship, here at Lane Cove, with a total of 86 points (including a round of 48 stableford points). That crashing noise you've been hearing is Tilly's handicap coming down. Congratulations on a great year Tilly!

**Robyn Glover** was the winner of the Bronze I, with 77 points. **Robyn** was also the winner of the Veteran's Cup. Retirement suits you, Robyn.

### **President's Cup**

How appropriate that our newly elected President should win the President's Cup, held on Thursday 6th October. **Yve** won with an impressive nett 58.

### **Captain's Salver**

This year, Joanne Hannay won the Captain's Salver, played on Sunday 9th October, with 38 points. Those lessons are paying off, Joanne! Well done.

This was also the day for our Champions Lunch, a celebration for all the ladies who have won A and B Grade Championships, and Foursomes Championships.

So, **Joan Weine, Helen Prentice, Jackie Sun, Robyn McElvenny, Monica Cowper, Susan Ridd and Kerin Moorehead** were presented with flowers, and had photos taken with the trophies they have won this year. And, of course....there was cake!

### **Riverside Oaks**

Our annual trip to Riverside Oaks was, again, a great success, due to the arrangements made by **Jackie Sunn** and **Janet Lean**. There were 22 of us, including past members of Lane Cove.

Traditionally, on Saturday we play an individual Stableford, and this year's winner of the Touring Cup was **Helen Prentice**, with 37 points, on a count back to runner up, **Jo Cunningham**.

Nearest the Pins were won by **Averill Chase** and **Sue Kallas**, and **Sue Currie** and **Joanne Hannay** won the longest drives.

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

The Sunday game was a Canadian Foursomes, and the winners were **Jenny Walsh** and **Joanne Hannay**, with a nett 81. Runners up were the team of **Helen Prentice** and **Yve Nikellys**, with a nett 83. **Averill Chase** and **Sue Currie** won the Nearest the Pins, and the longest drives were won by **Susan Ridd** and **Lori Bell**. Everyone loved the prizes chosen by past members **Sue Currie** and **Jenny Walsh**.



A great time was had by all!

**The Margaret Tanner Tanner Trophy** goes to **Janet Lean**, who had 38 points.

### **The Gold Brooch**

There have been quite a few silver brooches awarded this year, so this year's Gold Brooch event saw a large field trying to win this coveted trophy. And the winner for the day was Susique Doughty with a nett 61, but as she already is a Gold Brooch holder, and keep it in the family, the winner of the Gold Brooch was her mother, Joan Weine with a 65 nett.

### **Condolences**

We were saddened to hear that Vanna Mutton's mother died recently. Condolences to Vanna and family from all at Lane Cove Golf Club.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Presentation Night** will be held on Wednesday 16th November. See you there!

**Christmas Parties** held on Thursday 3rd December and Sunday 6th December. Make up your teams and get your costumes ready!

**SUE KALLAS**

## **MEN'S GOLF**

It's been a busy couple of months, which started with the final rounds of the Warren and Gibson and culminated with the Foursomes Championships.

Congratulations to our Gibson team for taking out their division and progressing to the quarterfinals. It's a great effort especially for such a small club like ours. Our Warren team had a good end to the season but it wasn't enough to go through to the next stage of the competition. Our final two Warren rounds were as follows:

v Leonay (away) – a great away win!

John Joyce/ Andrew Corish won 4/2

Rod Patterson/ David Leckie lost 1 down

Jeff Back/Andy Moran won 2/1

Our final round was at home to the eventual qualifiers Kareela.

v Kareela (home)

John Joyce/ Andrew Corish Lost 4/3

Alasdair Caush/Dave Leckie Lost 2/1

Jeff Back/Andy Moran Won 5/4

Thank you to all those who participated and represented the Club in style. Also to Dave Martin for catering our home games, and all those who came out to support, spot and caddy. It certainly doesn't go unnoticed! Looking forward to next year. *(Continued over)*



## ***MEN'S GOLF continued***

Since our last edition we have had two monthly medals with results as follows:

### **September Medal:**

A Grade: Paul Sullivan nett 61. Scratch: Anthony Powter 67

B Grade: Bob Staley nett 62. Scratch Fraser Taylor 79

C Grade: John Erasmus nett 56 and scratch 77.

That's a great effort from John; his score would have won the B grade scratch!

### **October Medal:**

A Grade: Wayne Belgre nett 61 and scratch 67

B Grade: John Joyce nett 62. Scratch Vern Pilkington 76

C Grade: Alex Hassall nett 52 and scratch 78.

No that 52 is not a typo! Alex, playing off 26, shot a brilliant round of 78 to easily take out his first Monthly medal at Lane Cove. Congratulations Alex.

This leaves us to the Foursomes...

### **A Grade**

After talking ourselves up against Wayne Belgre and Pete Doherty, Ben Pearson and I didn't deliver in Round 1, handing Wayne and Pete the cash in our side bet as well as a 4 shot lead going into the final round. The following week the roles were reversed and the scores are all tied at 145. An 18-hole play off will take place next month to decide the winner.

### **B Grade**

Congratulations to Dave Leckie and Jeff Back who were odds on favourites to take out the title. They proved the odds were correct when they won with a total of 157.

### **C Grade**

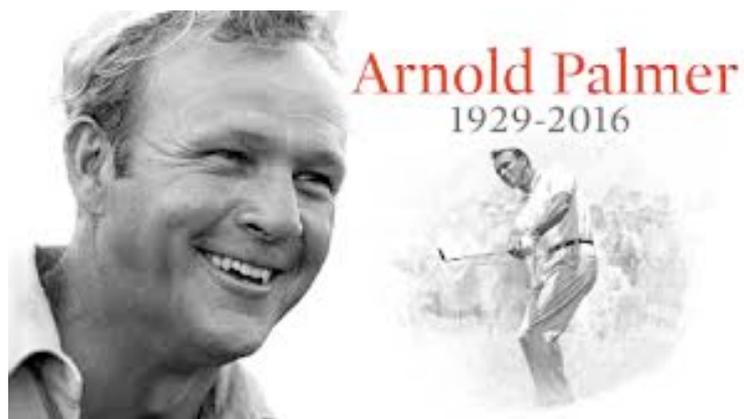
Congratulations to Rick Mayhew and John Erasmus who blitzed the field for a great win with a total score of 170. This is Rick's first 'major' win at the Club. Congratulations!

The November Medal was played last Saturday with the results in next month's edition.

Don't forget the Legacy Day on Saturday 5th November. It's always a fun day with the back 9 having novelty holes which will test your character!

Look forward to seeing you out there.

## ***EVAN JONES***





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