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LANE COVE
GOLF CLUB

2016 **CHARITY** **PRO-AM**

WEDNESDAY 21
SEPTEMBER

*MAKE SURE YOU ARE PART OF THE
BIGGEST ANNUAL EVENT ON OUR
GOLFING CALENDAR,*



**\$70.00 REGISTRATION PAYMENT
NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BAR**

2016 CHARITY PRO-AM

The 2016 Charity Pro-Am is on **Wednesday 21 September 2016**.

Proceeds will go to Lane Cove and Northside Community Services.

Thank you to all our Sponsors and Hole Sponsors and Raffle donors.

Business Professionals has donated the NTP for the Professional Golfers on the 1st/10th Holes and **Porters Liquor** is donating for the Shoot Out by the Professionals at the end of the day.



Manly Warringah Pipe Band has been booked to perform prior to the Shoot Out, thanks to the generous donation by **2M Hospitality**.

Raffle tickets are for sale at the Bar, Pro Shop and Reception at Lane Cove and Northside Community Services.

Member volunteers are also selling tickets at the Club.
Please support us by buying tickets and /or selling tickets to family and friends.

Social members of the Lane Cove Golf Club are welcome. Call in to the Club for a drink on the day and buy your raffle tickets at the bar.

To help raise funds for our Charity Pro Am, there is a **DONATE YOUR COINS** bucket at the Bar. This is a new initiative. Don't carry your small change away with you –drop it in the bucket!

The Charity Pro Am **playing sheet** now available at the bar.
The \$70 entry fee is payable on booking.

Be quick – places sell fast! 37 pros already nominated! (31/8/16)

NB - Working Bee on clubhouse and surrounds, Sunday 18 September

FROM THE PRESIDENT

On the 25th of August, a meeting was held with Lane Cove Council and the Golf Course Managers. Attending from our Club was Ian Butters, Ralph Sadler and Michael Meade.

It seems that the mooted precinct redevelopment is on the back burner and we understand any further action is pending the outcome of the proposed Council amalgamation with Hunters Hill and Ryde.

Some outcomes from the meeting:

* Analysis of the Saturday Block Booking Time (BBT) trial showed no evidence to support a reduction from the current ten-minute hit off intervals. The Council, Course Manager and the Club have accepted this.

* The first hole is to be made a compulsory call up hole.

* This BBT issue was the final (we hope) impediment to finalising our new 5-year lease and that will now proceed to conclusion. ***(Continued over)***



FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

- * The Club and Course Manager will work together to design and implement a new River Road entry sign as soon as possible.
- * We are awaiting Council's response to the Club's request for a mid-week membership category.
- * Small, motorised carts for members (who want them). The Club now has to formalise our request to Council following previous discussion.
- * The bridge to the 4th green needs some future work. Council is working with their engineers on this.
- * The practice green is now open after some 6 months. The green keeper has worked hard to bring it back as soon as possible after a serious fungus.
- * Council will investigate new nets for the practice facility (they are now dangerous).
- * The Club has requested that tree trimming along fairways (that impede fair line of shots) be completed. We have asked if it can be done prior to the Pro-Am.
- * The Club has asked Council and Course Manager for a documented medical and adverse weather emergency plan.

UPDATE ON CATERING

Dave Martin is doing a great job looking after us for breakfast and lunch Thursday to Sunday and the Friday evening jazz.

For functions, the Board has now selected a panel of professional caterers who can provide services at the Club. So far we have;

FoodzbyML <http://www.foodzbyml.com.au/page/home/>
and Flavours: <http://www.flavourscatering.com.au/>



In addition function organisers may also provide their own catering. This provides maximum flexibility to attract more functions to the Club.

We have made some recent changes in the kitchen to ensure we are set up to efficiently handle functions.

THE NEW CLUB LOGO

The new Lane Cove Golf Club logo has made its first appearance on the men's 2016 pennant shirts and caps as proudly worn by our Men's Golf President Jeff Back

2016 CHARITY PRO-AM

Golf bookings are now open for our annual Charity Pro Am to be held on Wednesday 21 September. Book and pay at the bar. This is a highlight event in our calendar; please support it by playing or by coming along for the Manly Warringah Pipe Band with the Pro Shoot Out around 5pm, and by buying raffle tickets.

Happy golfing, dining and socialising!

MICHAEL MEADE

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

FULL SWING QUARTET



Fridays 7.00 – 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

Sept 2 – Gavin Pitt-Ware

Sept 9 – Mitch Capone

Sept 16 – Trish Delaney-Brown

Sept 23 – George Washingmachine

Sept 30 – Pat Powell

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

An early reminder

2016 MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Tuesday 1 November

- * 9 holes of golf beforehand*
- * Sweeps to suit any budget*
- * Fashions in the field prizes*

Look out for tickets on sale soon



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

And Friday Night Supper menu for Friday Jazz at the Club

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 tough scoring on our little course continued for the last two months with the winning scores for the Player of the Month being consistent rather than outstanding.

Peter Doherty won his first Blunts award for a while with two even rounds of nett 63 for a nett total of 126 strokes.

It appears gone are the days where big scores are the order of the day and this just goes to show that slow but steady wins the race.

Peter, in breaking with tradition for the men, has decided to spend his winnings on books from Dymocks rather than put it over the bar.

It just goes to show furthering your education by reading can be beneficial to your golf.

WAYNE BELGRE

MEN'S GOLF – Gibson Trophy Pennants

Our Gibson Trophy team has enjoyed a very positive start to the 2016 campaign. It's been forty years since our last Gibson triumph; we came close with a semi-final recently, but could this be the year to break the drought?



We had a tough draw with first up away matches at Kareela and Northbridge. This was followed by home matches versus Leonay and Northbridge. We are currently top of our division with 3.5 from a possible 4 points. Well done to our team, which is a mixture of seasoned pennant players and debutantes.

We certainly looked great in our new Lane Cove Golf Club shirts and caps!

Gibson Trophy Pennant Team

l to r - Tim Broomham, Claudius Sitole, Mike Meade (M), Alan Moss, Phil Dennis, Peter Siapos, John Stephenson (C), Bob Staley

MIKE MEADE

WOMEN'S GOLF

Club Championships – One word - Wet wet wet!

Thursday players are having difficulties managing to get the three Championship rounds played. It reads like this.....

Thursday 4th August..... Course Closed

Thursday 11th August.....Course Closed

Thursday 18th August.....Yay! Course open! We played!

Thursday 25th August.....Course Closed

Here are the results of that lone game! **Vanna Mutton** won A Grade scratch with 86, on a count back to **Joan Weine**. Vanna also won the nett with a 64.

Robyn McElvenny led the B Grade with a scratch of 99 and **Jackie Sun** had the best nett with a nice 64.

Thursday players should check Tee Time to check the rescheduled dates.

The Sunday ladies have had more luck, and have finished their three rounds. On Sunday 7th August, **Suzique Doughty** won the A Grade scratch with a very nice 84. She also won the nett with 66. **Joanne Hannay** won B Grade scratch with 104 and the nett with 69.

Then on the 14th August, **Suzique** again won A Grade with a 91 scratch and 72 nett. **Roseanne Antico-Hall** won B Grade with 106 scratch and 68 nett.

The third round on 21st August was again won by Suzique, with an 89 scratch and 71 nett.

Mum, aka Joan, had a scratch score of 87 and a nett of 67 that day. Joan's a midweek player, so those scores don't count in the Championship, but they're pretty good, aren't they? In B Grade **Angela Charters** won with a scratch of 99 and also led the nett with 64.

So here's hoping the weather will be kind and we can complete our Championship.

Our New Member

A big friendly Lane Cove welcome to our new Sunday player, **Maria Xavier**, who's already putting in her handicap cards. May you have many happy years at the Club.

The Knockout

Suzique Doughty and **Helen Prentice** have won their matches and progressed to the last rounds.

Bronze I and II, and Veteran's Cup

The Sunday players have started these competitions (while Thursday catches up!) So, on Sunday 28th August out junior, Tilly **Torrevillas** had a great 41 points to lead Bronze II. Well done Tilly. **Robyn Glover** did the best in Bronze I with 39 points.

Bronze Medallion

Good luck to our Lane Cove ladies playing in this event on Friday 2nd September; Susan Ridd, Robyn Glover, Vanna Mutton and Linda Jones- Meader. They'll be playing at Roseville and Concord.

The Charity Pro-Am

Put Wednesday 21st September in your diary, to play in the Pro-Am, or to come and watch those pros play. If any ladies could bring cakes or slices on the day, they would be very appreciated.

SUE KALLAS



MEN'S GOLF

It's been a big month for Lane Cove Golf Club, Starting with the monthly Medal and culminating with the Warren and Gibson Trophies. President Mike, manager of the Gibson team, has filled you in on their fantastic start to the season. Meanwhile, here are the Warren trophy results to date.

Monthly Medal

We were lucky to have a new member join our club this month. **Ben Pearson**, a visitor for the last couple of months from Howlong Golf Club, who has finally renewed his membership. Just in time, as he took out the A Grade medal and scratch on a countback from **Peter Doherty**. It's great to have Benny back as the banter between him, Pete and Wayne is always a highlight of my Saturday. (Looking forward to the A grade foursomes where Ben will help me defend the title!)

Alan Moss has had a great year to date. After winning the Fourball Knockout with John Erasmus, Alan backed that up with a nett 57 to take out the B grade medal as well as the Captain's Cup. Well done Alan.

Howard Shaw also had a round to remember with a net 59 to win the C Grade and Scratch. Results are below:

A Grade: Ben Pearson 68 nett, 59 (won scratch on countback to Pete Doherty)

B Grade: Alan Moss 74, nett 57

C Grade: Howard Shaw 80, nett 59

The next day was the start of the Warren Trophy against Kareela. It's a tough track to play on especially if you haven't played it before. Special thanks to **Hamish Anderson** who came to the rescue in the 11th hour. Hamish and **John Joyce** (who made his Warren debut for the Club) did exceptionally well to record a hard earned away win. Being all square coming to the 18th (a tough par 3 with an elevated green), John put his tee shot to 5 feet (the only ball on the green) to give him 2 putts for the match, which he did with ease. Great work under pressure!

Warren vs Kareela (Away)

Paul Sullivan and Alasdair Caush lost 5/4

Jeff Back and Andrew Corish lost 5/4

John Joyce & Hamish Anderson won 1 up

The next week we welcomed **Andy Moran** into the team after recovering from surgery. He didn't let us down, combining with **Jeff Back** for a great victory away at Northbridge. Results below:

Warren vs Northbridge (Away)

Paul Sullivan and Andrew Corish lost

Alasdair Caush and Ian Butters lost

Andy Moran and Jeff Back won 2/1

Finally we got to play on our own turf and it was great to see, with all three grades having convincing wins against Leonay. It was smiles all round!! Results below:

Warren vs Leonay (Home)

Corish and Joyce won 5/4

Sully and Caush won 7/6

Moran and Back won 3/1



Warren Trophy team – l to r; Andrew Corish, Andy Moran, Jeff Back, Paul Sullivan, Alasdair Caush, Ian Butters

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MEN'S GOLF (continued)

Last week was a match that we were desperately unlucky not to win. With our 1s and 3s having a win and loss respectively, it all came down to Alasdair and Ian who were all square coming up 17. Both Al and Butts hit great tee and second shots and were sitting pretty with both on the green looking at birdie putts. Their opponent also hit a nice second shot, however when they got to the green it was nowhere to be seen. To our dismay, you guessed it; the ball was in the hole! Our men battled on gallantly to halve the 18th and lose 1 down. It took a miraculous eagle to give Northbridge a well earned away win.

Warren vs Northbridge (home)

Corish and Joyce won 7/5

Caush and Butters lost 1 up

Moran and Back lost 1 up

Well done to all who have participated this month.

Monthly medal this week and a Happy Fathers' day to all the Dad's. See you on the course!

EVAN JONES

ORIGIN OF BUNKERS Part 2 FAIRNESS Ian Andrews, Golf Club Atlas 2015

Many players believe you should be able to get out of a bunker easily and advance the ball as far as you want. If they had their way all bunkers would be flat.

If the bunker is shallow, golfers will play exceeding close to them with no fear of having to extricate themselves. They will also swing the club freely since there is no fear of punishment for missing the shot. If the bunker is very deep, and the possibility exists of losing more than one shot, the player will play farther away to lessen the risk.

The origins of golf had only two rules that applied to hazards; play it as it lies and the rub of the green. Now there is so much money and so many egos wrapped up in the game to accept any bad breaks. We insist that bunkers be uniformly maintained, consistent in condition from course to course and fairly easy to get out of. We have gone from a bad lie being a bad break, to questioning the golf superintendent's ability and the design of the bunker. The game has changed ... for the worse.

We began with the uncertainty and unpredictability of links golf where bad lies were expected and simply played. But the modern concept of players aiming at bunkers because they can reach the green from the fairway bunker or get up and down easily from a greenside bunker illustrates how much the game has deviated from its origins.

George Thomas says, "*Hazards should be arranged to tempt and challenge but laid out so all classes of players have optional routes to the hole. Hazards should not unduly penalize from which there is no chance of recovery.*" The weaker player should have options to play around and away from trouble and all golfers should have an option to recover based upon their ability.

Other opinions are harsher regarding the fairness of bunkers. Willie Park Jr. said, "*If a bunker is visible to the player, and there is sufficient room to avoid it, it is the player's responsibility to steer clear of it.*" Again, there is the mention of options to play away from or around the bunker, and this is another form of fairness. Fairness has nothing to do with the removal of a hazard but everything about providing sufficient ground beside the bunker to avoid it even with extra shots. ***(Continued over)***



ORIGIN OF BUNKERS continued

Bill Coore has always advocated a mixture of bunkers from simple to the fearsome, believing that all have a place on the course. *“No element that creates interest can ever be seen as unfair. The players must simply deal with what’s put in front of them with the most efficient use of strokes that they are capable of using. Everything is up to them and everything is fair.”*

The most unfortunate aspect is that for nearly fifty years our architecture was dumbed-down in the name of fairness. When the difficulty was eased or maintenance made more “player friendly”, there was a detrimental effect on architecture. Tom Doak has long been advocating for the return of more natural, rugged bunkers with a less clearly defined outcome. His bunkers appear more natural in appearance and closer to their origins. There is a greater risk of getting a difficult lie; and most importantly more emphasis on the hazard being where you will likely drop a stroke. The last word should go to Mike DeVries who simply says, *“It’s a hazard, deal with it.”*





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- * 2M Hospitality*
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