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For the information of members and their guests

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LANE COVE GOLF CLUB 2017 CHARITY PRO-AM WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER



Remember, this is our major community fundraising event for the year, so mark the date and get involved.

* *Buy a place in the field at only \$70 per player. Now available at the bar*

* **Raffle tickets, with the usual great prizes, at just \$10 per book**

The one day of the year - Come along for a great day in the clubhouse overlooking the 18th green. See the pros finish and then have a bird's eye view of the Porters Shootout



Working Bee scheduled for Sunday 10 September .See inside for details

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Spring is just a few days away and I'm sure we're all looking forwards to some warmer weather after the last bite of winter. That said, I thoroughly enjoyed my first game back after our overseas trip on a very warm Sunday morning. Yes, we played in the Sunday Stableford Competition for the first time as the Saturday bookings were fully allocated, with Lane Cove hosting the Warren and Gibson Pennant event. The ladies were very generous with their welcome and I'm please to say that our four ball which included Margot Anderson, Matilda "Tilly" Torrevillas & John Erasmus managed to achieve a clean sweep 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in the comp.

I'd certainly recommend all members try a Sunday game if you find, as we did, that Saturday is fully booked. This is obviously great for the Club, as it will help boost the Sunday numbers.

It's strange and somewhat counterintuitive, but often do we find that after a long break from golf, in my case about 6 weeks, that the first game back everything goes really well. That was certainly the case for me but how different the next game was. I was invited to join two of our Gibson Team for a practice round at Randwick GC. By the time we teed off the wind was gale force and did not let up all afternoon. Needless to say, the scores were pretty terrible. However, it did serve the purpose, as John and Peter Siapos learnt well from the practice round and managed a pennant win the next day. Unfortunately, the rest of the team did not fare so well, losing 2-1 for the team's first loss. They now are placed second in Pool 2 with a home match against The Coast (placed 1st) to come, so, good luck on September 9. The Warren Team will also be in action that day but need to pull off a spectacular home ground win to advance to the next stage of the comp.

Some activity has at last occurred on the bridge with the abutment & deck now complete. It looks like we're pretty close now, with only the bridge approaches on both sides to be finished. For the time being at least we will be continuing our walk to the 4th via the diversion but perhaps not for much longer. See pictures over of the almost finished product



On the domestic front, it was great to see our friend Ian Butters is recovering well and is now leading the Wednesday **From 4th fairway, almost finished?**

Winter Eclectic. Good luck Ian, I hope the form continues.

Long-standing member Robin (Birdy) Horne is also in recovery mode after a second hip replacement.

Good Luck also to the Ladies Foursomes competitors and the Lane Cove Charity Pro-Am Teams. Thanks to Barry & Toni Watkin for their hard work and our generous sponsors. We have a terrific array of prizes to be won in the Raffle including golf for four players including carts at Twin Creeks. Please support this important annual event. If you haven't booked your Pro-Am spot yet, tickets are at the bar.

It was also a pleasure to see the new Club signage now in place on River Road. Thanks to all involved, it certainly looks much better than the previous signs and with a changeable top piece, it provides a good opportunity to advertise special events like the Live Music and Annual Pro-Am.

With the impending departure (defection over to the West!!) of Michael Meade, I'm pleased to announce that Joan Weine has agreed to join the Board. Welcome Joan and thank you in advance for your contribution to the Club.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT *continued*

Also, and following the recent EGM and a subsequent meeting with Council, we now appear to have a path forward. As previously mentioned, our circumstances will change, particularly during and post any development of the clubhouse and surrounding precinct. The Council will be re-establishing a committee of stakeholders to provide the Club with a voice in this process and they have confirmed that they do not have any intention to affect the golf course green space.

I will keep you informed of any further developments and can assure you that the Board will be endeavouring to obtain an attractive outcome for our members. We should however, expect some

New street frontage sign disruption to our off-course social activities during the construction process if, and when, that occurs, and note that some objections to the 266 Longueville Road Development still exist, which may delay the Councils' plans.

In the meantime, the Club will operate as normal and continue to host functions and a variety of live music on Friday Nights. And don't forget Dave's Tee 4 Two offerings, Thursday-Sunday. I had a great brunch there after Sunday's Golf and I still think he does the best Big Brekkie out of anywhere I've tried - Please check out the Club's website for opening hours.

ALAN MOSS

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

FULL SWING QUARTET



Fridays 7.00 – 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

September 8 – Pete Kelly

September 15 – Virna Sanzone

September 22 – Greg Arthur

September 29 – Ian Cooper

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

GOT AN EVENT COMING UP?

If you have a family occasion to celebrate, or a club or work-related social activity, why not hold your function at the clubhouse?

Do yourself a favour and consider the Club as a function centre, the right place to make the occasion a special one.

Expert help in organizing your function and a bonus is that there is a Member's discount on request.



BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD



You know the feeling when you leave the golf course and it has not been a good day.

There is absolutely no need to look up the results because you know there is no way you could have possibly won anything. But as everyone knows all you have to do is

beat the field on the day.

This is exactly what **Paul Kelly** did. Paul had a nett 63 in July and a net 68 in August to win the Blunts August Player of the Month award.

I bet Paul has no idea he has won but obviously he was able to play the tough conditions better than anyone else in the field.

In a game where records are made to be broken, Paul might be happy to know that his aggregate score was the highest ever to win the monthly award.

WAYNE BELGRE

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

We are certainly coming up to a very busy time of year with some major events both on and off the golf course on the horizon.

Everyone would be no doubt aware the Pro-Am is only a few weeks away. The later tee times are always snapped up quickly but I'm sure if you want to play early, and then had to dash back to work, spots would be available. Some later tee times may also become available once sponsor playing requirements are known. The sponsors may decide not to play and that will open up some later tee times as a result.

Just check at the bar to see what time is available and book your name in. It's not often we get a chance to play with a professional at our course.

Another major event coming up is the Club Championships starting on Saturday 7th October. This year the format will be four rounds of stroke. As with previous years we will be pairing the top four players in each grade to play the last two rounds together. The tee times for those groups will be around the 11.30 time slot.

Please be aware that if you are top four in your grade after two rounds, you will be asked to play in these seeded groups. It is always great to see how people handle the pressure playing with their closest opposition.

Something else on the horizon is the AGM for Men's Golf! If you have considered standing for a position on the Committee or just want to help out, come along to the meeting and let it be known. Perhaps there is something you think should be considered by the Committee.

AGM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Well we will be e-mailing everyone to let you know when the AGM will be, so look out for that and come along.

WAYNE BELGRE Men's Captain

PRO-AM WORKING BEE

9.00 AM, SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

**Help wanted in and around the clubhouse prior to the Pro-Am.
See something here that you can help with?**

JOBS

1. Inside clubhouse:

- * Clean fans * Dust all surfaces * Remove cob webs * Clean windows
- * Dust all skirting boards * Dust rungs of chairs



2. Outside clubhouse:

- * Clean windows * Remove cob webs * Mow around clubhouse
- * Collect sticks from course * Trim/weed garden around clubhouse
- * Pick up rubbish in carpark and driveway to Pro Shop
- * Weed/trim gardens beside 1st tee * Sweep gutters around clubhouse

Bring along whatever tools and equipment you need for the job you would like to do.



MEN'S GOLF

Well it's been another eventful month at Lane Cove, culminating in the monthly Medal, Lane Cove Shield and Lane Cove Plate.

The major event this month is the 4-ball knockout. We have come to the final where the cream has risen to the top. The final will be played between Wayne Meader and Alasdair Caush up against Andrew Corish and John Pierce. This will be a great contest with Andrew being the lowest marker of the group and his partner John getting the most shots as the highest marker. Teamwork is crucial and all four are capable of shooting great scores. We'll see who performs best on the day. Good luck to all.

This month we were privileged to play the worst format of all time. Many of us hate the Worst Ball format and plenty also have shown their dislike for the Par format. So we combined to have a Worst Ball Par event! Who won? Who cares? Let's move on...

The Warren and Gibson pennant teams? Special thanks to Andy Moran and Ralph Sadler for managing our respective teams and to Dave Martin for catering for our guests. The Warrens struggled a little to get players and they struck some quality competition, managing only one win from five so far. They have a chance to atone for this record when they play the last round v The Coast at home on Saturday next.

The Gibbo's are in with a real chance of making the play offs. A 3 - 0 win over The Coast in Round 6 at home will see them there. Unbeaten after three rounds, the Gibson team met some astonishing weather at Randwick and The Coast to go down 2 -1 and 2 1/2 to 1/2. The members of these coastal clubs are faced frequently with huge windy weather at times, but we Covies struggled. A southerly storm at The Coast hit hard and the last three holes were played in almost impossible weather conditions – soaked players, horizontal rain, gale-force winds and even hail, that had to be swept off the 17th green so play could continue. Good luck to both teams for the last round.

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MEN'S GOLF continued

The monthly Medal was played and there were some scores of note to be acknowledged. Aiden Powter took out the Lane Cove Plate with a score of 1 over par. Unfortunately with a handicap of +1, Aiden didn't shoot his handicap, but he did manage to get the longest drive on the 18th by hitting the green (albeit off the clubhouse)! It's amazing to see how Aiden can consistently achieve these feats!

John Erasmus took out the Lane Cove Shield with a nett 60 on a countback from Ben Pearson. Ben shot an even par front nine and John shot an even par back nine. That's great golf gents! The medal results were as follows:

A Grade: Ben Pearson 60 nett Scratch - Aiden Powter 65

B Grade: Ian Butters 62 nett and Scratch 77

C Grade: John Erasmus 60 nett and Scratch 79

Hats off to Linda Jones-Meader who convincingly beat myself and Alan Price medal winner Wayne Belgre off the stick. Linda, whether you like it or not you're now one of the boys and that means all bets are off! Look out - hahaha!

Wonderful news for our Club is that two of our members, Ben Pearson and Angela Charters, have announced their engagement and will be married at the end of the year. A big congratulations to Ben and Ange! May the greens run true and the wind be at your back.

See you on the course.

EVAN JONES

WOMEN'S GOLF

Captain's V President's

On Sunday 20 August this annual game was played. The President's red team celebrated a victory, and the Captain's blue team enjoyed the losers' cake. They even shared the cake with the winners!

Thanks go to the helpers.....**Suzique Doughty, Joan Weine, Janet Lean, Jan Sadler** and **Joanne Hannay**. As usual, **Margaret Tanner** provided the beautiful flowers and **Sue Kallas** made that cake.

On this day, we also remember past players, with our Memorial Day Trophy. This year we remembered **Wendy Ross** and **Deirdre Southon**.

Joanne Hannay won the trophy with 35 points. Well done, Joanne! **Angela Charters** and **Robyn McElvenny** won the long drives. Another great day at Royal Lane Cove!

Golf NSW Bowl

The winning team of this Sunday/ Thursday event was **Susan Ridd** and **Kerin Moorehead**. Their score of 44 just pipped the Sunday winners, **Jo Cunningham** and **Cindy Brown**, who had 43 points, as did the Thursday runners up...**Jan Sadler** and **Rosemary Hurford**.

Kerin and Susan's winning card will be submitted to Golf NSW, and the State winners will be rewarded with a place in the Women's NSW Open Pro Am.

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WOMEN'S GOLF *continued*

Foursomes Championship

The Fearsome Foursomes have begun! There's always vigorous competition for this Championship.

The first round was held on Thursday 31 August, on a glorious sunny day. The nett winners of the day were the team of **Rosemary Hurford** and **Jan Sadler**, with a score of 62. They looked very smart, too, in matching outfits that included distinctive red caps. Another sartorial team were the winners of the scratch competition, **Joan Weine** and **Monica Cowper**, who had a score of 94. A team of "golf princesses" competed in this competition at Royal Lane Cove, but they couldn't "command" a win.



We had another beautiful spring day for the first Sunday round. **Jo Cunningham** and **Cindy Brown** had a great game, and won the nett with a score of 56! Impressive! But their scratch score of 85 was bettered by the team of **Robyn Glover** and **Suzique Doughty**, who had 84. So, Round Two will be very interesting!

A New Board Member

Congratulations to former Ladies President, **Joan Weine**, who has taken up a position on the Board of the Club. We are sure she'll do a great job.

Upcoming Events

- * The dates for next year's trip to Dormie House are the 9th/10th May. Put the dates in your diary now!
- * The Pro-Am will be on Wednesday 20th September. Come along and enjoy a wonderful day at your Club.
- * Volunteers wanted. The Working Bee is scheduled for Sunday 10 September. There are lots of little jobs to do, to freshen up the Club and surrounds.

SUE KALLAS

A MESSAGE FROM ALOFT

We have been having a long overdue clean out of the loft in the clubhouse. There are a number of items that we no longer need and they are now available to any interested members.



If you think you might like any of these items, please let Kent know and we will happily arrange a transfer from us to you.

- 1 A large leaf vacuum/blower, complete with collection bag. – looks like a very noisy machine!
- 2 Nine boxes of Hensalite indoor carpet bowls, 4 to a box.
- 3 Two dartboards with black backing boards, suitable for the home bar or garage.
- 4 Two darts scoring blackboards with pine cases for hanging in your bar or garage.
- 5 An electric heater on vertical stand.
- 6 One stick/upright microphone stand
- 7 Several metal-framed notice board stands.



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Thursdays, Fridays from 9.30am

Saturdays and Sundays from 10.30am



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\$3.50 Coffee

\$5.50 Bacon & Egg roll

\$5.50 Sausage & onions roll

\$6.00 BLT

\$5.50 Ham, cheese & tomato toasted sandwich

\$5.00 Chips

\$8.00 Beef Burger

\$9.00 Chicken Burger

\$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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