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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fellow Director Barry Watkin and I attended the first Recreation Precinct Advisory Committee (RPAC) Meeting on Tuesday 29th May organised by Lane Cove Council to allow contributions from the Club, other stakeholders and the broader community regarding the proposed redevelopment of the clubhouse, car park and tennis courts. Members will, I'm sure, be interested to learn more about the purpose and structure of this committee and how Barry and I will be representing the Club's interests in the exciting developments and improvements that Council are considering for the clubhouse and tennis facilities etc., and what if any impact this may have on our Golf and social activities.

The initial committee comprised two representatives from Council, three community representative, including planning experts and Barry and I as representatives of LCGC. The process will involve an initial request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from organisations to either develop and/or run all or some elements of the new precinct, which is expected to include multi-function sports capabilities along with the existing tennis and golf opportunities with bars, bistro and function centre venues as a community hub.

Depending on the outcome of this EOI process, Council then expects to engage with the interested parties to develop a more detailed brief for the tender process.

Accordingly, the final format of any proposed development, will not be known for some time and the re-development will be subject to a satisfactory completion of the current Development Application (DA) process for the adjacent 266 Longueville Road Site. Council expects this DA process will be concluded in June this year and therefore the EOI would only commence after that.

Whilst the exact details of the re-development structure will be determined through the EOI and Tender process, the proposed building is likely to be about 1800m² and 4 storeys high.

Members with thoughts or concerns regarding the proposed development that they would like to bring to the attention of the committee are invited to contact the Club's Board of Directors who will then pass the enquiry or comments to the Club's RPAC representatives. *(Continued over)*

FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

I'm sure others will also touch on the very sad news that we received last week on the passing of our former member Nic Corish. I only got to know Nic briefly through his involvement on the Men's Golf Committee and it quickly became very apparent that when he decided to head to Europe, his knowledge and contribution to the Club's IT capability would be severely diminished. This observation was echoed by Wayne Belgre who expressed the Club's condolences and thoughts to Andrew and family. I, like many others from the Club, attended the Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon followed by a wake at the Club. Despite the sad occasion it was good to see so many members there to support Andrew and his family and to celebrate Nic's life and his many and varied travel adventures and achievements.

As I had observed on first meeting him, his IT knowledge and willingness to offer help and advice where needed, along with his kind, friendly and compassionate nature, was a consistent theme across the eulogies and speeches. What I and many others probably didn't know about prior to the service and wake, was his passion for cinema and TV and I for one, will certainly be taking Nic's advice and having a good look at *The Sopranos*, which was clearly one of his favourites.

Before he headed overseas, Nic and his father Andrew, were a regular pair playing in Club and inter-club competitions, and clearly, both enjoyed the opportunity to play together as a father and son combination. Like Nick and Andrew, before coming to Australia, I was fortunate enough to have enjoyed the same opportunity to play golf regularly with my father and I know how special that was for both of us and it will remain a fond and lasting memory. On behalf of the Club, I wish to express our sincere condolences to the Corish family and look forward to joining with our membership in remembering and honouring Nic through the Clubs' future activities.

On the golf front, many congratulations to Peter Siapos who achieved a sound win over yours truly in the Men's Singles KO. Peter has clearly played very well and consistently throughout the course of this event and is a worthy winner. I'm sure he will now definitely be one of the first picks for the Club's upcoming Gibson Campaign in the interclub pennants later this year, so watch out Woollooware, Rosnay and St George's River who are up against Lane Cove in the first rounds. Many thanks in this regard to Ralph and Ben who have both volunteered their time to be Managers of the respective Gibson and Warren teams this year.

And finally, the Board has recently received representations from some of our members regarding the condition of the course. The Board has written to Council to convey these valid observations and this continues to be an important area of concern for the club. Barry and I will be bringing these issues to the attention of RPAC as well. Hopefully, through the increased focus on the Club re-development process, we will be able to encourage Council to improve the level of maintenance for the course itself and bring the playing conditions back to a standard more consistent with well-maintained public golf facilities.

ALAN MOSS

Vale Nic Corish



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 option, the right place to make the occasion a special one. Member's discount on request.



WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB



FULL SWING QUARTET

Fridays 7.00 – 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

8 June – Susan-Gai Dowling

15 June – Pat Muldrew

22 June – Maree Wilson

29 June – Jo Fabro

6 July – Kate Wadey

Note, an entry fee of \$10.00 applies - (children free)

BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD

Good to see one of the stalwarts of the Club was successful in winning the May Blunts Player of the Month award.

Always a very consistent player, **Joan Weine** played two very good rounds to take out the May award.

Joan had 32 points in the first qualifying round but came home strongly in the second round with 37 points for a winning total of 69 points. It was good to see Joan's enthusiasm and support of the Club being rewarded in this way.

No doubt Joan's current good play has gone a long way to giving her and her partner Evan Jones confidence as they prepare to defend that much sought after title of Mixed Foursomes Champions of the Club, being played over two days on the Queen's Birthday holiday weekend.

Congratulations Joan

WAYNE BELGRE



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

It is coming to the time of the year when the men play our representative pennants games, the Warren and Gibson trophies. The Warren handicap is 11.0 + while the Gibson begins with 17.0.

With a lot of new members joining the Club over the last year, we look like having two strong teams, so get your names down.

I have put a copy of the draw and details of player eligibility on the noticeboard and I would ask everyone who might like to play in these events to look at the draw. We have some interesting opponents this year in Rosnay, Woolooware and George's River clubs. Some travelling to do! *(Continued over)*

CAPTAIN'S CORNER continued

We play on Sundays away and Saturdays at home. Round 1 is scheduled for Sunday 29 July at Rosnay, and the contest continues over the next six or more weekends, depending on results.

One thing I would ask everyone who might like to play is, if possible, make yourself available for every game. While it is not always possible to play all the games, there is nothing worse than chopping and changing the sides.

For a small club, we have a proud history in these events and there is no reason we can't have another successful season this year.

We have been lucky this year with two members volunteering to manage the sides. Ralph Sadler has put his hand up to again manage the Gibson and Ben Pearson has thrown his hat into the ring to manager the Warren. A big thank you to those guys taking on a somewhat onerous task. They might come looking for you if you qualify and don't get your name down.

WAYNE BELGRE

MEN'S GOLF

The month of May was highlighted with the winners of the Foursomes announced. This was played over two weeks of stroke. This grueling format took its toll on many of us. Some were put in positions that they've never been before.

(See pic left)

The winners are as follows:

A Grade

Pete Doherty and Wayne Belgre

B Grade

Jeff Back and Dave Leckie

C Grade

Barry Watkin and Dave Martin



A very well plugged "green" (??) ball

Barry and Dave overcame a 10 shot deficit to beat Buddy and Jeff Hickson by a shot. Barry and Dave were never in doubt with daylight coming second.



With a small field in A Grade, Pete and Wayne still put in a solid performance with back-to-back rounds of 72. That's solid golf and has given us something to beat in the Mixed Foursomes!

Walter Heim finds it all too much in the Foursomes.

Speaking of Mixed Foursomes, this event, played over two rounds on Saturday and Sunday, is coming up next weekend. There are some formidable combinations lined up to stop Joan and myself getting a three peat! Ben and Ange have been seen out there practising, Andy and Suzique are ready to knock us off our perch and the combination of Wayne and Vanna who have won this event on many occasions are ready to go! If you haven't got a partner, speak to captains, Wayne and Robyn, who will happily pair you up with someone.

The end of Autumn means the winner of the Autumn Eclectic is announced. This is where the best score is recorded for each hole over a twelve week period. The handicap is halved giving a best nett score.

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MEN'S GOLF continued

This season's winner is Claudius Sithole with a net score of 47.7. Claude had a scratch score of 7 under par, which is a great score for an 18 marker. Pete Siapos was a close runner up shooting even par with a handicap of 25. The best scratch score for the Autumn goes to Ben Pearson who had a score of 10 under. Well done to all.

The June Medal was played under some very trying, cold and windy conditions. The results showed how tough it was with not many beating their handicap. The results were as follows:

A Grade:

Pete Doherty nett 63 and Scratch 70

B Grade:

John Erasmus nett 60 and Scratch 77 (John also won the playoff for the May medal!)

C Grade:

Richard Biggs nett 64 with Scratch Mark Simonsen 85

Great work gents!

This was Biggsy's first ever medal after many years of coming second! A special presentation was made by the MGC, a pewter mug, with the Club badge, a throwback to a past when all medal winners received such a trophy. It must have been the warm hat that made the difference Biggsy!

On Sunday we farewelled our fellow member and friend Nic Corish who passed away in London last month. The memorial service was held at the Uniting Church at Lane Cove, which was attended, by hundreds of people including a very strong contingent from Lane Cove Golf Club. It was a very touching service and we also shared some fond memories of Nic afterwards back at the club.

I look forward to seeing you out on the course!

EVAN JONES

WOMEN'S GOLF

Dormie House

Twelve of our ladies enjoyed three days at Dormie House in Moss Vale, in early May.

The Southern Highlands lived up to its reputation of being chilly, as by Friday, the photo shows our intrepid golfers hidden under their thickest, warmest clothes. But, once again, the hospitality at Dormie House was warm, and the food, delicious. Cindy Brown organised a trivia quiz for some enjoyable entertainment, too.

Vanna Mutton won the main golfing event, with 33 points, with **Helen Prentice** as runner up. On the Friday, a Canadian Foursomes was played which was won by the team of **Barbara Oliver** and **Vanna Mutton**, with **Jacqui Brooks** and **Jo Cunningham** as runners up (on a countback from **Helen Prentice** and **Janet Lean**). Our thanks go to **Cindy Brown** and **Linda Jones-Meader** for arranging this fun event.



**Jacqui Brooks, Jan Sadler, Vanna Mutton and Jo Hannay
kitted out for the cold at Dormie House**

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WOMEN'S GOLF *continued*

Our Visitors Charity Day

On Thursday 24th May, we welcomed visitors from quite a few other golf clubs... Manly, The Australian, Concord, North Ryde, Royal Sydney, St Michael's, Beverley Park and Moss Vale.



We played a 4BBB with Singles in Conjunction on a beautifully sunny autumn day, and there were some really good scores! **Rosemary** and **Frank Hurford** were the winning pair with 51 points, while **Barbara** and **William Oliver** were runners up with 47 points. **Frank** must have been hitting the ball really well, as he also won the Singles event, with 40 points! Well done Frank. To keep it in the family, brother-in-law, **Ralph Sadler**, was runner up with 34 points.

Barbara Oliver also had a really good day, winning the women's event with 42 points! Runner up with 38 points, was, **Rosemary Hurford**. (So, you can see why the Hurfords won!)

Here's **Frank's** name again...he won the Nearest the Pin with 1.2 metres. The ladies' winner, **Anne Hutchison**, (of Manly) was even closer with 38cm! David Eghart and Anne Hutchison won the longest drives. The nine hole event winners were **Nic Walser** and **Margaret Collins**.

Then we enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by **Dave Martin**, followed, of course, in the Lane Cove tradition, by cake. **Jackie Sun** cooked that beautiful fruit cake.

Marg Macintosh (from Royal Sydney) won first prize in the raffle, a bed/breakfast/golf stay at Dormie House. There were many more prizes taken home by happy members and guests.

Monies were also raised with the sale of mulligans, get out of hazard tickets and a very successful "goodies" stall. Players also paid Club Champion, Mark Spence, to hit over the gully for them, for a gold coin "donation". So, in total, \$1500 was raised for our charities of The Flying Doctor Service and Bear Cottage

Many thanks to all those who made donations, arranged the golf competition and prizes, decorated tables, sold tickets and ran the stall. It was a great day!

Monthly Medal Results

We have completed the third and fourth rounds of our medal competitions.

On Thursday 17 May, **Joan Weine** won the medal, with a nett of 65. She also won the scratch with 85. Joan also won the Division 1 putting with 29.

Yve Nikellys won Division 2, with a nett of 67 and scratch of 101. She also won the putting for this division with 38 putts. **Monica Cowper** won the 9-hole event with a nett of 31 and scratch of 43. She also won the putting with 15 putts

Then on Sunday 20th May, **Suzique Doughty** won the medal with a nett 68. She also won the scratch with 84. **Rosanne Antico-Hall** won Division 2 with a nett of 69 and scratch of 103. **Margaret Collins** and **Linda Tsung** shared the best 9 hole score of 34 nett. Suzique won the putting, with 29 and **Sue Woodman** won Division 2 with 34. **Margaret Tanner**, our oldest playing member, won the 9 hole putting with 18. (*Continued over*)



WOMEN'S GOLF *continued*

On Thursday, 31 May, **Susan Ridd** won the medal, with a nett 70. Division 2 was won by **Robyn McElvenny** with nett 76. The scratch was won by **Joan Weine**, in Division 1, with 95, **Yve Nikellys**, in Division 2 with 108 and **Margaret Collins**, in the 9 holes, with 36. The putting was won by **Susan Ridd** with 30 and **Robyn McElvenny** won Division 2, also with 30.

And on Sunday 3 June, despite a chilly, blustery day, there were some more good scores. **Linda Tsung** won the Medal, with a nett of 65. This win gives Linda her Silver Brooch! Well done Linda. Those lessons are paying off. It's great to see Linda doing so well after some serious health issues. She also won the scratch for her division, with 108 and she won another ball for leading the putting with 35. So I think we can say, Linda had a great day!

In Division 1, **Suzique Doughty** had a nett 68 and scratch of 84. Suzique has had some consistently good results lately. (Check her Round 3 results!) **Jo Cunningham** had the best putting score for Division 1 with 30. **Margo Vaughan** had a good day with a win in the 9 holes with a nett of 35, a scratch of 61 and with 19 putts.

As **Joan Weine** is a midweek player, she wasn't eligible to win the Sunday Medal....but she did play a blinder that day!

A conversation with Joan, that day, went something like this.... "How'd y'go, Joan?"

"Not bad.....nett 59, scratch 78. Yeah, not bad."

"How was your putting?"

"I'm pleased with that ...24. I had 9 putts after 9 holes, but it went downhill after that 15 on the back nine."

"Wow! What a day. How did you play so well?"

"I guess I just relaxed."

So, there you have it folks. If you want to play well, just relax. Who knew it was so easy?!

Upcoming Events

Mixed Foursomes Championship

This important golf tournament will be held on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 of June (the long weekend) Book in now with your partner.

Weekend Pennant Dinner. This will be held on 28th June at Northbridge Golf Club.

Special Birthdays. We will be celebrating two special birthdays after golf on Thursday 21st June.

Rosemary Hurford and **Susan Ridd** will be the birthday girls!

SUE KALLAS

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

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AROUND and ABOUT, HERE and THERE

Marks Brothers?

Seen recently on the course in a Men's event, was a foursome comprised of Mark Spence, Mark Thompson, Mark Simonsen and.....John Pierce. John had a bit of a struggle differentiating between his partners, but eventually settled for Mark 1, Mark 2 and Mark 3. Things got even more interesting when Mark Wallace from the Pro Shop joined the group at the 10th tee. Our Club being blessed with highly intelligent members, a discussion then took place between others waiting to hit off, as to the appropriate name for such a gathering of Marks. In a lively discussion, names suggested were, "a collection", "a conclave" (of Saint Marks), "a miasma" (too cruel), and, "an exam of marks". Peter Kennedy, aka PK, was declared the winner with, "a smudge of Marks." Brilliant!

Right not left

Speaking of Mark Spence, the Men's Club Champion was asked to assist in the Women's Charity Visitors' Day recently. His task was to hit across the gully on the 4th for anyone prepared to pay a gold coin for Mark to do the tee job for them. Many thanks and well done Mark, a tidy sum of \$75 was collected to add to the pool of money raised on the day, money that will go to the Flying Doctor and Bear Cottage. Mark pictured right. Note the reverse grip! And no, he is not a left-hander. Mark obviously didn't read too many coaching manuals when he was a golfing novice but it clearly hasn't done his golf any harm.



Knee's up!

A speedy recovery to Linda Jones-Meader who had a knee job done recently.

Keep up the rehab and members hope to see you back on the course soon Linda.

It's been a big surgery year for the family, with Wayne also spending time in the operating theatre but now well on the mend. Jackie Sun, who earlier this year also had a knee operation, was back on the course in eight weeks. There's a challenge for you Linda!



Backy back to the buses

Our Club is lucky indeed to have so many members who volunteer their services on a regular basis to assist with those many tasks, both in and around the clubhouse and in making sure our golfing activities run smoothly. One such a member is the irrepressible Jeff Back, ex club bar man, ex- cabbie, and soon to be back on the buses. Ever wondered who does the mowing around the clubhouse? Jeff's your man! And, ever wondered who cleans the large windows around the clubhouse? Jeff's your man again. And always with a smile and a cheerful demeanour. Many thanks from all at LCGC Jeff for your significant contribution to the welfare of the Club and its members.



JOB APPLICATION

This is an actual job application that a 75-year-old pensioner submitted to **Bunnings** (largest hardware store in Australia) in Burleigh Heads. They hired him because he was so funny...
Make sure you read the lot, including his first day on the job.

Name: Kenneth Way (Grumpy Bastard)

Sex: Not lately, but I am looking for the right woman (or at least one who will cooperate).

Desired position: Company's Chief Executive or Managing Director. But seriously, whatever's available. If I was in a position to be picky, I wouldn't be applying in the first place, would I?

Desired salary: \$150,000 a year plus share options and a Julia Gillard style redundancy package. If that's not possible, make an offer and we can haggle.

Education: Yes.

Last position held: Target for middle management hostility.

Previous salary: A lot less than I'm worth.

Most notable achievement: My incredible collection of stolen pens and post-it notes.

Reason for leaving: It was a crap job.

Hours available to work: Any.

Preferred hours: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Do you have any special skills?: Yes, but they're better suited to a more intimate environment.

May we contact your previous employer?: If I had one, would I be here?

Do you have any physical condition that would prohibit you from lifting up to 50 kgs? Of what?

Do you have a car?: I think the more appropriate question here would be, "Do you have a car that runs?"

Have you received any special awards or recognition?: I may already be a winner of the Reader's Digest Timeshare Free Holiday Offer, so they tell me.

Do you smoke?: On the job - no! On my breaks - yes!

What would you like to be doing in five years?: Living in the Bahamas with a fabulously wealthy Swedish supermodel with big tits and who thinks I'm the greatest thing since sliced bread. Actually, I'd like to be doing that now.

Nearest relative: 12 Kms

Do you certify that the above is true and complete to the best of your knowledge?: Oh yes. absolutely. --



After landing my new job as a Bunnings Greeter, I started with enthusiasm. But I lasted less than a day.

About two hours into my first day on the job, a very loud, unattractive, mean-acting Bogan babe walked into the store with her two kids, yelling obscenities at them all the way through the entrance. As I had been instructed, I said,

pleasantly, "Good morning and welcome to Bunnings." I then said, "Nice children you have there. Are they twins?"

The woman stopped yelling long enough to say, "No, they ain't effin twins. The oldest one's 9, and the other one's 7. Why the hell would you think they're twins? Are you blind, or just effin stupid?"

I replied, "I'm neither blind nor stupid, Madam. I just couldn't believe someone bonked you twice.... Have a good day and thank you for shopping at Bunnings."

My supervisor said I probably wasn't cut out for this line of work.

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