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For the information of members and their guests

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## ***FROM THE PRESIDENT***



So good to see some rain on the course despite some falling on our Saturday Gibson and Warren pennant matches against Georges River. Well done to both teams for a well fought campaign which I believe, unless some pigs happen to be spotted flying over the course very soon, is likely to be over this year for both teams. My thanks to Ralph and Evan again for their continued efforts and encouragement as the team managers. A second place in the round robin stage is a pretty good result and could easily have been first place and a chance to progress to the next stage if a couple more putts had dropped for us.

Speaking of progress, I can now report that Council have commenced a 7 - stage procurement process associated with the proposed club house redevelopment. The first stage Expression of Interest closes this Friday 14 September, and is advertised for those who may have not seen the details as follows:

*EOI, Build & Operate the **Lane Cove** Recreation Precinct - **Lane Cove** Council Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from organisations who wish to be involved in the development of a new Recreation Precinct at 180 River Road, Northwood NSW currently comprising the **Lane Cove Golf Club, Lane Cove Golf Course and Tennis World Lane Cove**. This facility represents a cornerstone of recreation, health, fitness and leisure program delivery for the **Lane Cove** community and adjoining localities. It will also feature a full dining and function offering leveraging the natural beauty of the course in its natural bushland setting.*

*It provides the prospective operator with a venue that has an opportunity to bring the facility into a new era with a significant increase in membership and overall usage for a term of up to 21 years per the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993.*

*The Recreation Precinct will operate and maintain a Golf Course and provide a variety of other recreation, dining, function space, health, fitness and leisure program opportunities. Council will consider options where organisations contribute capital or seek Council to contribute capital, or a combination of both to deliver the facility. Organisations can seek to participate in all or particular offerings to be provided in the facility, e.g. food and beverage only as a specialty operator.*

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

Barry Watkin and I, along with Graham Webster who kindly offered to step in to assist while Barry recovered from his recent illness, have been actively involved in advocating on behalf of the Club's membership and I'm pleased to say that at this stage we have achieved our major goals and these have been incorporated into the EOI documents as follows:

### **4.3.2 Indoor Facilities (Optional)**

- \* Stage for use as performance venue
- \* Tennis pro shop, change room and amenities
- \* Cafe / coffee shop servicing indoor / outdoor spaces
- \* Crèche
- \* Children's play facilities
- \* Health and wellness
- \* Skate Park
- \* Climbing wall

### **4.3.3 Outdoor Facilities (Mandatory):**

- \* 9 hole golf course (redesign concepts are permitted that cater for retention of existing footprint and par at a minimum, in order to maintain affiliation with Golf NSW)
- \* Practice putting green
- \* Practice nets

### **4.3.4 Outdoor Facilities (Optional)**

- \* Floodlit multi-sport synthetic tennis courts
- \* Practice chipping green
- \* Golf driving range (may be located on the course with appropriate course redesign)
- \* Children's playground
- \* Skate Park
- \* Climbing wall

Please note that there is a general recognition at Council that the Golf Driving Range Option is incompatible with the current space available.

The following key dates apply to the EOI process:

Expression of Interest timelines		
1	EOI issued	3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2018
2	EOI Information Session	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
3	EOI close	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
4	Successful respondents invited to RFT phase	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
5	Request for Tender (RFT) Phase	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018

Following the EOI, Council will then select preferred parties who will then present their proposals for the built form, facilities, operational and financial arrangements. This is Stage 2 and the following 5 stages involve a series of Council administrative and development processes, which need to be concluded before actual work at the site, can commence.

***This is expected to take up to 2 years to complete.*** (Ed's bolding)

In the meantime, Council have been active in resourcing alternative green keeping arrangements following the retirement of Bob Batho, and have engaged "Green Options", who have been maintaining, and have been recently re-engaged at Randwick Golf course.

You will notice some changes as a result, most notably, the synthetic tees in the practice area and to the rear of the 9<sup>th</sup> Tee.

There has also been a recent change within the Clubs' internal administration, with the appointment of Philippa Silva on a 3-month trial job share with Kent Lipman in the Club office. Please join me in welcoming Phillipa to the Club.

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

In closing just a couple of congratulatory and best wishes notes.

First congratulations to Dougie Cameron on scoring better than his age. I'm sure there will be more on this from other *Links* contributors but I did want to acknowledge this terrific achievement and in doing so thought I'd Google the record, which was previously held by Frank Bailey of Abilene, Texas, who matched or beat his age 2,623 times, from age 71 until age 98. But in 2006, T. Edison Smith of Moorhead, Minnesota passed Bailey and continues on with the record.

Unbelievable!! And a bit to go to match these gentlemen, but Dougie certainly joins an illustrious and well-respected group with his achievement.

And finally, best wishes to Director Barry Watkin for his continuing recovery. So good to know that he's back home after a long stint in hospital and we look forward to seeing him back at the Club soon.

***ALAN MOSS***

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



***Fridays 7.00 – 10.00***

***GUEST ARTISTS***

***14 Sept – Bonnie J Jensen***

***21 Sept – Pat Muldrew***

***28 Sept – Sandie White***

***3 Oct – Gregg Arthur***

***An entry fee of \$10.00 applies -  
(Children free)***

## ***BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD***



August was the month for the Men to come up with a winner of the Blunts award and once again it was good to see a "stalwart" of the Club come up trumps. Two contrasting results was good enough for Jeff Back to walk away with the prize.

July Medal must have been a tough day for all participants, including Jeff, as the scores were certainly in the high range. Jeff managed to keep it together and scramble home with a nett 65. He put this all behind him in the August Medal to record a fine nett 62, and when the scores were calculated, Jeff was 1 shot in front of a host of other competitors.

A just reward for someone who is always helping out at the Club, and it just shows that when Jeff is not off on one of his adventures, he is more than capable of leading the field home. Congratulations Jeff

***WAYNE BELGRE***

## **CAPTAIN'S CORNER**

Good to see that most members have taken up the challenge of emptying their buckets on our designated "Hole of the Day". Whilst we are concentrating on one hole each round it doesn't mean we don't fill divots on the rest of the course

One thing some members may have noticed though, is the sight of buckets, still full of sand, hanging from the bucket tree next to the 18th green. When coming to the end of your round, why not aim to finish with an empty bucket. This certainly will help with regrowth of the fairway grass, something badly needed at this time.

By now men members should have received news of two important events coming up on our calendar. Our **Club Championships** will commence with the October Medal on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. This year the event will be two qualifying rounds of stroke with the top eight in each grade progressing to match play.

The match play rounds will be held on three consecutive Saturdays. 1/4 finals will be held on Saturday 20th October, semi-finals on Saturday 27th October and the final on Saturday 3rd November. Please keep these dates in mind, as we will not postpone matches if you cannot play on a particular designated day.



The other important date is the Men's **AGM**. This year it will be held on **Tuesday 2nd October** at 7.00pm. Please attend if possible as it is an opportunity to express any concerns you may have in relation to our Club and golf.

## **WAYNE BELGRE**

### **FROM HERE AND THERE, BITS AND PIECES**

\* On Saturday 8 September, a number of lady members attended the service of remembrance for Lucy Irwin, pictured, who died at the venerable age of 90. Lucy, pictured right, together with her husband, Bert, was a very active golfing member over many years at the Club. Both Lucy and Bert said frequently that joining the Golf Club was the one of the best decision they ever made as a couple. Lucy particularly loved participating in the Calcutta that used to be a part of the Pro-Am.



\* We are about to enter the AGM season, with the Men's scheduled for **Tuesday 2 October** and the Ladies' on **Tuesday 16 October**. Put these dates in your diary, and show your support for the wonderful work done by both committees in running our golfing activities. Attendance at the Men's AGM last year was very poor indeed, only the "usual suspects" making an appearance. Still, it has been said that a poor attendance is a vote of confidence in the work being done by such committees.

\* **Kasey Dive**, the pro shop's resident professional, is holding another Marketing day on Saturday 22 September. Orders can be made through Kasey at the pro shop.

\* It is very pleasing to note that **Barry Watkin** has been able to return home after his long stint in hospital. Let's hope that it is not too long before he will be seen on the course. Good too to see Doug Lyle playing again, but still some missing members, including Robyn Horne, Linda Jones-Meader and partner Wayne, who are still out of action while they recover from operations. Word is that Ralph Sadler might also have a prolonged period of absence from golf while the medicos decide what to do about a torn rotator cuff. Ouch!!



## **MEN'S GOLF**

It's been a very busy month with a lot going on. With the Warren and Gibson pennants being played, we've had to squeeze two medals in to three weeks.

I'll start off with the results of our Warren and Gibson teams where we went to Georges River for Round 3. We had had a solid away win on a dry course with greens like lightning.

### **Results: Warren Won 2-1**

- 1 Andrew Corish and Evan Jones won 1 up
- 2 Alasdair Caush and John Joyce lost 4-3
- 3 Andy Moran and Jeff Back won 1 up

Andrew Corish maintained his undefeated campaign whilst carrying me for the majority of the 18 holes. It's always good to get an away win.

### **Gibson Team had a hard fought draw.**

- 1 Rod Paterson and Mark Simonsen halved
- 2 Bob Staley and Dermot Duncan lost 4-3
- 3 John Erasmus and Peter Siapos had a convincing 3-2 win.

Our Warren and Gibson teams then trekked all the way out to Woollooware to take them on in extremely windy conditions. On a very tough day, we went down in both divisions. The results were as follows:

### **Warren: Lost 3-0**

- 1 Andrew Corish and Alasdair Caush lost 1 down
- 2 Evan Jones and Ben Leckie lost 4-3
- 3 Andy Moran and Jeff Back lost 3-2

### **Gibson: Lost 2-1**

- 1 Rod Paterson and Mark Simonsen won 3-1
- 2 Bob Staley and Dermot Duncan lost 4-3  
Peter Siapos and Matthew Breeze lost 1 down

### **August Monthly Medal:**

It was great to see some thought going into the tee positions on medal day. Some were very challenging, which is what we like to see on a day that is there to challenge us all! Those who rose to the occasion are listed below.

A Grade: **Alasdair Caush**: Nett 65 Scratch: **Peter Doherty** 75

B Grade: **Ian Butters** nett 59 and Scratch 75

C Grade: **Peter Kennedy** net 62 and Scratch 84



Well done to all especially Ian Butters for taking out the Captain's Cup for best nett as well as equalling the best Scratch score of the day. With a handicap of 16, that's great golfing!

I had the pleasure of playing with Fraser Taylor, pictured on his last official game at Lane Cove before he heads over the ditch to settle down north of Auckland. I wish you all the best in the next chapter of your life Fraser. A good bloke, a fine golfer, and a good clubman who regularly attended working bees. We will miss him.

Round of the month goes to Dave Martin who had a very impressive 44 points during the mid-week Wednesday Competition. Well done Dave! *(Continued over)*

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

Thanks to Men's Committee member Peter Doherty, we had the pleasure of playing in the worst format ever! Many have been heard to show their dislike of the Par event (just ask Haughy – noughts and crosses!). Even more have shown their dislike for the Worst Ball event. Pete decided to put them together for a 2 Ball Worst Ball Par event. Who won? Who cares . . . let's move on!

On 25 August we hosted Woollooware to get our revenge. By the time we got to the course there was already plenty going on . . . **Josh Wilson** pictured right, took out the Eagle's Nest with a great eagle on the 8<sup>th</sup>. He was placed behind a tree with no room for error. His partner, Buddy Hyde, took on the caddie role and told Josh to go for it. The 5-pointer went well towards 41 points, which Josh lost in a countback.



**Josh Wilson**



Soon after, **Mark Dooley**, pictured below, shot an amazing hole-in-one on the 13<sup>th</sup>!

Congratulations to you both. Mark gets his name in gold on the Honour Board, a Lane Cove hole-in-one tie and a bottle of scotch. Josh gets a beer from Buddy Hyde.

Now, back to our revenge against Woollooware. Both teams had solid wins with results below.

### **Warren won 3 – 0**

- 1 Alasdair Caush and Andrew Corish won 6 -5
- 2 Ben Leckie and Evan Jones won 1 up
- 3 Andy Moran and Jeff Back won 2-1

### **Mark Dooley**

### **Gibson: Won 2-1**

- 1 John Erasmus and Mark Simonsen won 3-1
- 2 Bob Staley and Alan Moss won 7-5
- 3 Peter Siapos and Matthew Breeze lost 2-1

Our final home game of the season against Georges River was finished in style with both teams having good wins. That'll keep us motivated for next year!

Results were:

### **Warren: Won 3-0**

- 1 Alasdair Caush and Andrew Corish won 2 up
- 2 Ben Leckie and Evan Jones won 8-6
- 3 Jeff Back and Dave Leckie won 8-7

### **Gibson: Won 2-1**

- 1 Rod Paterson and Mark Simonsen won 7-6
- 2 Alan Moss and Bob Staley lost 1 down
- 3 Peter Siapos and John Erasmus won 4-2

Both teams went so close to qualifying for the finals with only 1/2 a point separating us and the group winners, Woollooware.

Thanks to Andy and Ralph for managing our respective teams, to Dave Martin for his fantastic catering and of course to Hamish for spotting out on the course. Also big thanks to Club Captain Wayne Belgre who made the trek to all our away games to support the teams. It was greatly appreciated. Well done to all those who represented our Club with honour.

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

The September medal was played after we finally got some rain on the course. Results are as below:

<b>A Grade:</b>	<b>Mark Spence</b> nett 62	Scratch: <b>Pete Doherty</b> 70
<b>B Grade</b>	<b>Dermot Duncan</b> Nett 61	Scratch: <b>John Erasmus</b> 79
<b>C Grade:</b>	<b>Doug Cameron</b> nett 59	Scratch: <b>Adrian Hall</b> 85

Special congratulations to Dougie for taking out the Lane Cove Shield and for once again shooting his age!!! That's a great effort.

Pete adds the Lane Cove Plate to his ever-growing trophy cabinet. Well done mate.

It's been a busy month! Happy golfing to all and I'll see you on the course.

***EVAN JONES***

*ps Up the Roosters*



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

### **The Bronze IV Pennant**

Our team had a great season in this Pennant this year, with many really good wins and only a few close losses. They came equal second on points, but 4th on countback. So well done to **Cindy Brown, Yve Nikellys, Robyn McElvenny, Helen Prentice, Jan Sadler, Kerin Moorehead** and **Roseanne Antico-Hall**.

### **Captain's Salver**

This major trophy was played on Sunday August 19th. Congratulations go to the winner, **Barbara Oliver**, with 34 points. **Cindy Brown** and **Susan Ridd** won longest drives, while **Helen Prentice** won Nearest the Pin.

### **Golf NSW Bowl 4BBB**

There were some close scores in this event. **Cindy Brown** and **Jo Cunningham** won on Sunday with 41 points (on a countback from **Suzique Doughty** and **Joan Weine**). But that wasn't enough to beat the midweek winners, **Susan Ridd** and **Yve Nikellys**, with 46 points, on a countback from **Monica Cowper** and **Jan Sadler**). Congratulations!

### **The Singles Knockout**

#### **Sunday**

**Julie Skuja** returned to golf after recovering from a broken wrist to beat **Suzique Doughty** 7/6 (What's that saying about... "beware the sick golfer"?). Julie's next opponent will be **Jo Cunningham**.

#### **Midweek**

**Kerin Moorehead** beat **Robyn McElvenny** 4/3, so Kerin will meet **Joan Weine** in the final.

### **Play 9 Hole Event**

For a change, we played a 9-hole event! All cards will be forwarded to Golf NSW and go into a draw, from which two lucky people will win a great day at the Australian Open. **Susan Ridd** won the midweek event, with a great score of 24 points, and **Cindy Brown** did really well, too, on the Sunday with 22 points. Here's hoping a Lane Cove player wins the prize.

### **The Bronze Medallion**

On Thursday 6th September some of our ladies played in the Bronze Medallion. **Jo Cunningham** and **Vanna Mutton** played at Monash GC and **Joan Weine** and **Joan Weine** played at Manly. They had a very enjoyable day, playing in beautiful springtime conditions. Amazingly, all four ladies had the same result.....nett 89! This placed them 24th out of 40 teams. Well done, ladies! Our Congratulations go to **Mona Vale**, who won the Medallion. (*Continued over*)

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

### **The Foursomes Championship**

The Foursomes are well underway.

So far..

Sunday players have played their two rounds.

In Round One, the best gross score was that of **Suzique Doughty** and **Robyn Glover**, with 86 and they also had the best nett of 66.5.

In their second round **Jacqui Brooks** and **Vanna Mutton** had the best gross, of 94 and also had the best nett, of 60.5. **Suzique** and **Robyn** also had 94 gross, but were beaten on a countback..... making the results very interesting!

In the Midweek Round one, the best gross went to **Monica Cowper** and **Joan Weine**, with 89. The winners of the best nett score were **Janet Lean** and newcomer, **Elizabeth McMurray** with 64.5. Now we have to wait for the playing of the Midweek second round to determine our 2018 champions!



### **Fabulous female foursomes frippery**

**Elizabeth McMurray, Janet Lean, Susan Ridd, Kerin Moorehead, Yve Nikellys, Robyn McElvenny** all teamed up at the Foursomes Championship, Round 1

### **Farewell to old friends.**

This month we farewelled three past members, **Lucy Irwin, Sybil Monti** and **Moira Mitchell**. They were all wonderful, inspirational ladies and our sympathies go out to their friends and families.

### **Upcoming Events**

- \* **Bring a Friend Day.** Do you have a friend who would like to try golf, or know someone who'd like to join us for a game? Then ask them along this special day, on Thursday 4th October.
- \* **President's Cup.** This will be played on Thursday 27th September.
- \* **Gold Brooch.** All you Silver Brooch winners should book in for this event on Sunday 7th October.
- \* **AGM.** Make sure you put Tuesday 16th October in your calendars for our AGM.

**AGM**  
Annual General Meeting

***SUE KALLAS***





*To be implemented  
on  
1 January 2019*

David Rickman, Executive Director – Governance at The R&A, said, “We are pleased to

be introducing the new Rules of Golf after a collaborative and wide-ranging review process which has embraced the views of golfers, rules experts and administrators worldwide. We believe that the new Rules are more in tune with what golfers would like and are easier to understand and apply for everyone who enjoys playing this great game.”

- **Dropping procedure:** When taking relief (from an abnormal course condition or penalty area, for example), golfers will now drop from knee height. This will ensure consistency and simplicity in the dropping process while also preserving the randomness of the drop.

- **Measuring in taking relief:** The golfer’s relief area will be measured by using the longest club in his/her bag (other than a putter) to measure one club-length or two club-lengths, depending on the situation, providing a consistent process for golfers to establish his/her relief area.

- **Removing the penalty for a double hit:** The penalty stroke for accidentally striking the ball more than once in the course of a stroke has been removed. Golfers will simply count the one stroke they made to strike the ball.

- **Balls Lost or Out of Bounds:** Alternative to Stroke and Distance: A new Local Rule will now be available in January 2019, permitting committees to allow golfers the option to drop the ball in the vicinity of where the ball is lost or out of bounds (including the nearest fairway area), under a two-stroke penalty. It addresses concerns raised at the club level about the negative impact on pace of play when a player is required to go back under stroke and distance. The Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite level competitions. (Key change: this is a new addition to support pace of play)

*Major proposals introduced in 2017 that have been incorporated into the modernised Rules include:*

- **Elimination or reduction of “ball moved” penalties:** There will be no penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the putting green or in searching for a ball; and a player is not responsible for causing a ball to move unless it is “virtually certain” that he or she did so.

- **Relaxed putting green rules:** There will be no penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits an unattended flagstick in the hole; players may putt without having the flagstick attended or removed. Players may repair spike marks and other damage made by shoes, animal damage and other damage on the putting green and there is no penalty for merely touching the line of putt.

- **Relaxed rules for “penalty areas” (currently called “water hazards”):** Red and yellow-marked penalty areas may cover areas of desert, jungle, lava rock, etc., in addition to areas of water; expanded use of red penalty areas where lateral relief is allowed; and there will be no penalty for moving loose impediments or touching the ground or water in a penalty area. *(Continued over)*

## ***THE NEW RULES OF GOLF continued***

- **Relaxed bunker rules:** There will be no penalty for moving loose impediments in a bunker or for generally touching the sand with a hand or club. A limited set of restrictions (such as not grounding the club right next to the ball) is kept to preserve the challenge of playing from the sand; however, an extra relief option is added for an unplayable ball in a bunker, allowing the ball to be played from outside the bunker with a two-stroke penalty.
- **Relying on player integrity:** A player's "reasonable judgment" when estimating or measuring a spot, point, line, area or distance will be upheld, even if video evidence later shows it to be wrong; and elimination of announcement procedures when lifting a ball to identify it or to see if it is damaged.
- **Pace-of-play support:** Reduced time for searching for a lost ball (from five minutes to three); affirmative encouragement of "ready golf" in stroke play; recommending that players take no more than 40 seconds to play a stroke and other changes intended to help with pace of play.

**Golfers can now access the official 2019 Rules of Golf by visiting [RandA.org](http://www.golf.org).**

More than 30 "how-to apply" videos and a summary of the principal changes are now available at <http://www.golf.org.au/newrules>. Additional education tools will be released in September.



# **DAVE MARTIN'S TEE 4 TWO BBQ CAFE**

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Bacon Egg Roll . . . . .	\$5.5
Sausage + Onions Roll . . . . .	\$5.5
BLT . . . . .	\$6.0
Ham, Cheese + Tomato (toasted) . . . . .	\$5.5
Pancakes w/ Maple Syrup . . . . .	\$8.5
Eggs, Bacon + Tomato (on toast) . . . . .	\$10.0
Big Brekky . . . . .	\$13.5
Beef Burger . . . . .	\$9.0
Chicken Burger . . . . .	\$9.0
Veggie Burger . . . . .	\$9.0
Cheese Burger . . . . .	\$9.5
Burger <u>WITH</u> Chips . . . . .	\$12.0
Chips . . . . .	\$5.0
Wedges (with Sweet Chilli + Sour Cream) . . . . .	\$6.5
Fish + Chips (+salad) . . . . .	\$14.0
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