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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Having been away over the last few weeks I'm unfortunately not able to provide much by way of news from the Lane Cove golf scene but I do wish to note the following.

It was great to have the Nic Corish Memorial Bubbler now operational on the fifth tee (photo attached). We hope to have it landscaped and get a seat up there as well. To honour his memory we are also having a plaque attached which will be in place shortly. I invite your all to enjoy a

drink there after the long trudge to the tee and particularly those who knew and loved Nic.



I'm also delighted to advise that the Club is holding the **Nic Corish Memorial Family Golf Day** on Saturday 4 May 2019. It will be a 4 Ball comp with singles in conjunction, with great prizes and open to all. This is a great opportunity to get other members of your family involved in golf and promote Lane Cove as an intergenerational club in honour of Nic's memory. Further details will be available closer to the date.

The "bubbler"(hydration station in today-speak?) on 5th Tee

(Editor's note; for an excellent article about the Memorial Bubbler, written by Andrew, see pp 36-37 of the February edition of the Village Observer)

Despite my absence I have heard that you've all been sweltering in 30-40 degree heat for the past few weeks. By contrast, and as a massive shock to the system, we arrived in Denver, CO to minus 14 degrees, a massive 54 degree temperature drop. I'm not sure which is best, but either way, staying indoors is not a bad way to manage the situation.

So as we kick off 2019, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very Happy New Year. I trust that at least one of your New Year's Resolutions is to practice more, as we all know that this is the one guaranteed way to improve our golf. I have to confess that with our busy travel schedule I hadn't as yet made any resolutions myself but retrospectively commit to playing more golf in 2019.

That said, my first month has been sadly lacking in quantity, but was very much compensated for in quality. Having enjoyed a winter break indulging our other sporting passion of skiing, my golf buddy Rick Mayhew and I were generously granted permission to abandon our families for a game of golf. But where to play? We scoured Google maps over a few glasses of red, researching our road trip route south from San Francisco through Big Sur.

The first suggestion was Trump National Golf Club just south of LA. That was until we saw Pebble Beach nestled conveniently near to one of our overnight stops in Monterey. Fortunately, the red wine kicked in and when we explained to our respective wives that this was a golfing "mecca" and arguably the most famous course in the US after Augusta, they enthusiastically insisted that it was a once in a lifetime opportunity and we must do it. Surprisingly, this enthusiasm didn't wane much even when we checked out the cost. The red wine really was working wonders.

So it was all agreed and we couldn't resist letting our playing partners know. John kindly relayed a quote from Jack Nicklaus that if he only had one last game to play he'd chose Pebble Beach. Our excitement levels were through the roof. **(Continued over)**

FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

The day prior was miserable rainy and windy weather, but the golfing gods granted our wish and on the day the weather cleared to a fresh sunny day with a light breeze. What a course. The atmosphere and presentation were fabulous, starting with entry through a security gate not just to the course, but also to the whole community, which includes many mansions and I think three golf courses. Pebble Beach was in near perfect condition in preparation for the AT&T PGA Tour event next week. Rick and I will be glued to the TV reliving every shot we played.

The golf I have to say was almost as good as the course, with Rick and I managing a very respectable 49 points Best Ball which included a 5 point Birdy 4 for Rick on the second hardest hole. No doubt you'll all hear about this regularly over the next year or two.

As I successfully holed out from 30 foot over a massive double break for a par 3 on the 17th I could see the headline as I strolled past the spectator stands to the signature hole 18th Tee. "Lane Cove take on US top course and come up Trumps". The glory however was short lived as the mental aspect of the game kicked in. The daunting view from the tee presents rugged coast along the left and OB into the course side mansions on the right. A lone oak tree centre fairway of the par 5 marks the target line. Unfortunately, our first two drives sailed majestically OB. Very safe from the ocean fail on the left but nevertheless no good. Mental note for next time: must check if the ocean counts as a lateral water hazard!!



Despite this initial fail, I invoked the new OB Rule and took a 2 shot penalty and continued from there, achieving a respectable 7 to conclude a very memorable day. Rick similarly managed a successful completion to the round from his provisional drive. Photo' opportunity of course - the Tee is near the green Camera Tower in the distance.

In summary, the course was great with too many fabulous vistas and approach shots to list but it also really showed me how tough our little course at Lane Cove is for Rick and me. But if you do get a chance, I would highly recommend a game at Pebble Beach as part of every golfer's Bucket List. Just make sure you're up to date with your Lane Cove sub's first, otherwise you might have to miss a year's golf at Lane Cove to recover the cost.

Hopefully, this will inspire you all to great things this year and I wish you all good luck as we all embark on our golfing year.

ALAN MOSS

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell



WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB



BILL BURTON QUARTET

Fridays 7.00 – 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

8 February - Nick Jeffries

15 February - Johnny Nicol

22 February - George Washingmachine

1 March - Kate Wadey

8 March - Edo Santoni

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Lane Cove Golf Club is excited to announce the launch of

THURSDAY GAME NIGHT

starting with

Drag Bingo

Thursday 21 February

Balls drop at 7.00pm Last game ends at 9.00pm Food from 6.00pm

FREE ENTRY Only \$5 to play.

To reserve a table, call 9418 6159. Bookings recommended but not essential.

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Friday Night Chicken Run



Looking for a fun way to start your weekend?

Join us for the Friday Night Chicken Run!

- * Tee off any time after 4.30 pm, no need to book.
- * 9 holes of social golf. Members, non-members, beginners, pros, all welcome
- * Runs over daylight savings months, starting 12 October 2018.
- * Presentation on deck, with winner receiving the much sought-after frozen chicken.
- * For dinner bookings, please ring Club Bar on 9418 6159

Questions? joanweine@bigpond.com

BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD



We had two Blunts Player of the Month awards decided since the last *Links* has been produced.

For the men, November and December was the time for **Alex Hassall** to shine and be rewarded for his consistent play over the last 12 months. Alex played two very good Medal rounds, posting a nett 63 and nett 59 to win the

monthly award easily.

For the women, **Joanne Cunningham** also produced two good rounds. Joanne submitted rounds of 19 and 18 points to take out the January award on count back from Barbara Oliver. Joanne is a very enthusiastic golfer whose highlight during 2018 was winning the coveted Gold Brooch.

To both winners, congratulations and we look forward to good golf from these two during 2019.

WAYNE BELGRE

CLUB PIONEERS

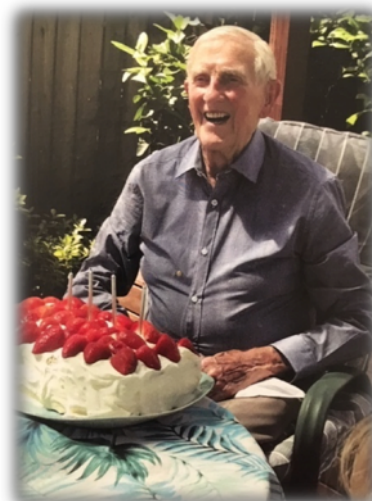
VALE, EDWARD (TED) JACOB, 1924 -2018

As members of our Golf Club in 2019, we may take for granted the access we have to a beautiful open green space, which is a wonderful community asset. What is not always recognised is that this green space which we enjoy today, was planned and built by a number of enterprising and visionary members in the 1960s, members who carved a golf course out of what was regarded at the time as a degraded, rubbish strewn valley.

Thanks to the old boys network of Ron Jeffrey, Laurie Sullivan and former member, Joe Gately, now residing in Narooma, the following is a tribute from Joe to one of these Lane Cove Golf Club pioneers, Ted Jacob.

Ted Jacob was an original member of Lane Cove Country Club and a Founding Director of the 14-member Club Board, as was Laurie Sullivan and the late Keith Edmondson, Bill's father, from 1962 – 1965.

Editor's note; as well as looking after golfing activities at this time, the Board had the responsibility of looking after the bowling activities of the Club, hence the 14 Board membership, with seven directors allocated to each activity. Bowls were played on two greens located where the tennis courts are today.



Ted Jacob served on Ted Cogan's Course and Greens Committee until 1964. They were responsible for construction of the initial Par 3 Nine holes, south of the valley at the back of 1st green, until the walkway bridge was built connecting Richardson Street West with Richardson Street East.

This gave a Par 27 layout enabling competition Golf to commence on Saturday 15th August 1964, and is now the current 1st, 7th, 8th and 9th holes of the existing course.

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CLUB PIONEERS continued

Then in 1965/66, Arthur Partridge, supervised by Joe Gately and Jim White, constructed the five holes north of the bridge at Richardson Streets. Play on the extended nine holes layout of Par 33 was opened on Saturday 10th September 1966.

Ted and his wife Lesley were keen golfers and played in the popular monthly Sunday Mixed 4BB fixture, which was a well-attended social event for many members. Lesley Jacob was elected Golf Associate's President in 1969.

The Jacob family and other early Club members contributed greatly to the community life of the Club with its steady increase of male Golf membership of 316, 232 Associates, 77 Juniors and Cadets, probably because the majority lived in the area of Lane Cove and adjoining suburbs.

JOE GATELY

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

What is the major issue that should be in the minds of most golfers at the moment?

Surely the 2019 rule changes should be top of the list. It is most important members understand the new rules and apply them properly before disaster strikes. By now everyone should have received a copy of the new rules of golf as well as a 1-page flyer explaining the 10 main changes to the rules.

Please read the new Rules Book or alternatively, visit the website www.golf.org.au/newrules to find an excellent explanation of the new rules so as to avert possible misunderstandings. During recent rounds we have seen numerous efforts by members to accommodate the new rules, but sometimes the application of those new rules has been "dodgy" at best.

We have been talking about the new rules for some time and what members must understand is that some changes are actual changes to the rules of golf and some are "suggested" changes to the local rules.

One actual rule change, and one easy to implement, is the method to use when dropping a ball when taking relief (either a free or penalty relief.). The ball must be dropped from knee height and not shoulder height as required previously. Should you not drop correctly, you will be liable to a penalty if you do not correct the error.



Another new rule that members seem to have trouble implementing is the reduced time to search for a ball. The time allowed has been



reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes. So from the time you get to the area where you believe your ball to be, you have 3 minutes to find it or it is deemed lost and another ball must be put into play.

One "suggested" local rule we have NOT introduced is where you can drop a ball (with a 2 stroke penalty) if you cannot find your ball that you believe came to rest in the general area of the course. Your only option if you lose a ball in the general area of the course is to play your

provisional (if you played one), go back to where you played your last shot from or, if playing stableford, wipe the hole and march on. So check out the new rules and please ask if you are not sure as to how to proceed correctly.

WAYNE BELGRE

WOMEN'S GOLF

New Rules

We finished 2018 with some very informative sessions on the new rules of golf. They will make the game easier and quicker, once we've gotten used to them. As we've played our golf over summer we've found those information sessions invaluable, as situations arise where the new rules come into play. Many thanks to Captain **Robyn Glover** in keeping us up to date with the changes and to **Janet Lean** for running the sessions. Her knowledge of the rules is invaluable.

We have a State Champion!

And...on the Thursday, New Rules Day, we found out that our President, **Yvie Nikellys** had won the Golf NSW Bronze Medal! As reported in the last *Links*, Yvie had made it to the state final, which was played at The Horizons Golf Club at Port Stephens. Yvie had a nett 76, which placed her 6th in the field and first in her division, (Division 3.) So, huge congratulations to Yvie for this wonderful achievement.

Summer Cup

There have been some great scores in this event. So, it will be very exciting to find out the Sunday and Midweek winners when they are announced at the Opening Dinner. Whose names will be inscribed on the trophy? Many thanks to, **Jo Cunningham**, **Suzique Doughty**, **Kerin Moorehead** and **Rosemary Hurford** for running this event.

Blunt's Player of the Month

Congratulations go to **Jo Cunningham** who won the December/January Blunt's Player of the Month with a score of 37 points, on a countback from Barbara Oliver.

Australia Day.

For the 13th time, the Harold Kallas Memorial Cup (aka the Keg Cup) was held on Australia Day, with 30 members and guests playing 9 holes of golf. It was very hot day, so congratulations to all who played.

Phil Dennis won the Men's trophy (a case of Harold's favourite tipple...VB) and the Cup, and **Joan Weine** won the Ladies' bottle of Moët (Keg's wife's favourite tipple).

Runners-up, **Angela Pearson** and **Paul Kelly** respectfully, and Mystery 4Ball winners **Nic Walser** and **Kerry Wallan**, took home wine and sweets. Longest Drives went to **Angela Pearson** and **Ralph Sadler** and Nearest the Pins were won by **Linda Jones-Meade**, **Rohut Prasad**, **Angela Pearson** and **Paul Kelly**.

It was lovely to present prizes to **Richard Biggs** and **Bill Edmondson** (Mystery 4Ball Runners -up), as they were lifelong friends of Harold, with their Mums first meeting at the Baby Health Centre all those years ago.



Keg Cup winner Phil Dennis, with Sue Kallas at presentation time

And...of course, being Australia Day, there had to be a barbecue! So, many thanks to **Dave Martin** for cooking the delicious roast lamb and sausages and to all the ladies who provided the yummy salads...**Caroline Biggs**, **Lorraine Carnemolla**, **Jan Sadler** and **Sue Kallas**. Thank you **Ian Butters** some very nice wines.

Then...hooray...we all tucked into **Joan Weine's** beautiful scones! *(Continued over)*

WOMENS GOLF continued

Helen Prentice and **Geoff Hickson** won the lamb dinners. **Monica Cowper** and **Andrew Corish** won wine and chockies. **Mark**, from the Pro shop, won chocolates, too. Our thanks go to all those who supported the raffle.

Those Youngsters!



Yes, Australia Day was a scorcher! Those who played the 9 holes of the Keg Cup came in red-faced and very ready for a cooling ale. Some of our male members played their 18-hole competition after the 9 holes!

Joan Weine said to 92 year old **Doug Cameron**, "Are you sure you should play, Doug?" He just smiled.

We saw him when he came in 4 hours later.....still smiling. He'd hardly raised a sweat, while "youngsters" half his age had that lobster look. (Though they did manage to gobble up some of Joan's scones!) When we asked him how he'd played he said, "I'm a bit disappointed. I only had 15 on the back nine." And that's why we love him!

Upcoming Events

***The Opening Dinner**

This very enjoyable occasion will start at 7 pm on Thursday 14th February. We're looking forward to catching up, over a lovely meal and finding out who's won the Summer Cup.

***The Singles Knockout**

Entries close for the Singles Knockout on 28th February. Edie Downs and Kerin Moorehead are organising this event. More information can be found on the noticeboard.

***Weekend Pennants**

Let Jo Cunningham know if you'd like to play in this Pennant. The first match will be played on Sunday 10th March.

SUE KALLAS

MEN'S GOLF

Wishing you all a Happy New Year! I trust you all had a safe and enjoyable festive season.

The month of December was highlighted with two sensational rounds from Ian Butters and Bill Edmondson who both shot an exceptional 46 points equating to 6 and 7 over par respectively. That's great golf and a fine way to close out 2018!

We had our first medal of the year last week, which saw Jamie Lobb take out his first A Grade Medal at the Club! The results are below:

A Grade: Jamie Lobb 60

Scratch: Pete Doherty 72

B Grade: Bob Staley 62

Scratch: Evan Jones 79

C Grade: Stuart Macdonald 56 (Great Score!!)

Scratch Claudius Sithole 82

We also had the Par Bisque format round which is up there with 4BWB for me. It was won by Hamish Anderson with a score of plus 10. Thank goodness it's another year until the next time we play it. Unfortunately I'll miss it as I'm getting my hair cut that day.

The Keg Cup (Harold Kallas Memorial Day) was held on Australia Day. Unfortunately for me, I was unable to play. It's always such an enjoyable day. It's a 9-hole event followed by an Aussie barbie and socialising with great people. Phil Dennis won this year's event. Well done Phil. Joan Weine took out the Ladies' event. A great day was had by all. **(Continued over)**

MEN'S GOLF continued

Last week I witnessed the “almost” impossible shot of the year! Buddy Hyde teed off on the 2nd, hit a plethora of branches and almost went in the 6th hole! The fellas on the 6th green couldn't believe it as the ball looped around the cup! Buddy never ceases to amaze me!

It's amazing how quickly the events come up on us. The Gold Medal was played on Saturday with all last year's monthly medal winners going head to head, with the best nett score taking out the coveted award. This year it has come down to Andrew Limmer and Bob Staley who will have to play off in March. Congratulations for coming this far and good luck to you both in the play off. With only one shot difference in handicaps, it will be a great tussle!



The other medal winners are as follows:

A Grade: Wayne Belgre 65	Scratch: Peter Doherty 76
B Grade: Mark Simonsen 55	Scratch: Mark Simonsen 74
C Grade: Jeff Hickson 62	Scratch: Jeff Hickson 83

A great round from Mark Simonsen to take out the overall scratch. If he keeps scoring like that he will be a formidable opponent in the Singles Knockout, which incidentally, is the next event to take place. In my opinion, the hardest event to win, especially for the lower markers! Good luck to those participating.

Here's cheers to a prosperous 2019 to you all and I look forward to many an enjoyable round out on the course.

EVAN JONES

And to finish, a space saver of NON-SEQUITIUR QUOTATIONS; feel free to use them

"You have to stay in shape. My grandmother, she started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 today and we don't know where the hell she is." - Ellen DeGeneris

"I'm not into working out. My philosophy: No pain, no pain." - Carol Leifer

"A hotel is a place that keeps the manufacturers of 25-watt bulbs in business." - Shelley Berman

"Don't spend two dollars to dry clean a shirt. Donate it to the Salvation Army instead. They'll clean it and put it on a hanger. Next morning buy it back for seventy-five cents." - William Coronel

"I'm desperately trying to figure out why kamikaze pilots wore helmets." - Dave Edison

"Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window." – Steve Bluestone



"Anytime four New Yorkers get into a cab together without arguing, a bank robbery has just taken place." - Johnny Carson

"Diplomacy is the art of saying 'Nice doggie' until you can find a rock." - Will Rogers

"Celibacy is not hereditary." -- Guy Godin

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