

Newsletter of the Lane Cove Golf Club
For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



After an extended evaluation period, Lane Cove Council has now selected Allen, Jack & Cottier for the Lead Design Architect for the Golf Club Precinct Redevelopment. Details of Council's notice and a link to their other sports projects is provided below:

Allen Jack+Cottier (AJC)

Lead Design Consultant Services - Sport and Recreation Precinct

Tendered Price; \$1,547,500

24 May 2019 <http://Architectsajc.com>

I note from the earlier precinct meetings that LCC were particularly interested in the Sports Hall at Abbotsleigh that was designed by AJC, and more details can be viewed on their website.

I will provide further updates as information comes to hand but based on this appointment, it appears that Council has now decided to separate the design element from the original "Turnkey" process.

On the home front we have some staffing changes with Jacinta Paton joining as our new Bar Supervisor. Jacinta has been in a similar role at Warringah Bowling Club and is a Greenwich local. Also, Angela Galipienzo has joined Kent in our Administration team and is doing a terrific job. It's timely to note the great work that Kent and Angela provide behind the scenes and I would ask you to include a note of thanks with your subs payment to acknowledge the valuable contribution they make to our Club.

I've also asked that all bar staff wear nametags to assist our members in getting to know the new personnel. Please introduce yourself and welcome our new bar staff when you're next at the Club. As they won't immediately know which patrons are members, they have been asked to request your membership details to ensure that the appropriate discounts are applied to bar purchases. Please assist us in this regard as it ensures that discounts are correctly applied and not given to non-members.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

Good Luck to our Gibson and Warren Teams. Unfortunately, I will not be able to join the Gibbo's this year and may be absent from the Saturday Comp' for a few weeks due to an injury, but I will watch their progress with interest.

On a final note, if you have overlooked your sub's payment due at the end of June, please fix this up as quickly as possible to ensure you retain eligibility to compete in the Club and Pennant Comp's and remember to take advantage of the <https://www.payasyougolf.com.au/> system if you'd prefer to pay fortnightly or monthly.

ALAN MOSS

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB



BILL BURTON QUARTET

Fridays 7.00 – 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

5 July – Maree Montgomery

12 July – Kate Wadey

19 July – Andrew Oh

26 July – Edo Santoni

2 August – Virna Sanzone

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

BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD



It has been very interesting lately to see the scores submitted by members. For some reason the scores have not been what we have been used to. We have had the odd score in the 40's but most times scores around the 38 or 39 mark have been good enough to win.

I think we have the new greenkeeper to thank for that as the course has been fairly well grassed lately and as a result the ball has not been running, making second shots much longer than what we are traditionally used to. Personally I like the fact we have to battle to make our ball winning score of 36.

One person who hasn't found it all that difficult is **Barry Watkin**. Now back to full fitness, Barry's form has been getting better all the time. During the May / June medals, Barry returned scores of nett 60 and nett 63 to walk away with the June Blunts Player of the Month award. So watch out for Barry in the future, as he is intent on bringing his handicap down. Might have to let his tyres down!!! Congratulations Barry!

PS Late-breaking news is that Barry unfortunately has had a fall on the course and fractured his shoulder. He is OK but will be out of golf for two months. Barry, we all wish you a speedy recovery.

We all should be very careful in wet weather, as areas of the course can be very slippery.

WAYNE BELGRE

EARLY HISTORY OF THE CLUB; Part 1 COURSE CONSTRUCTION.

In the early fifties members of the Riverview Golf Club were advised that their Landlord, St Ignatius College, would not renew their lease as the College wanted the land to build a new Preparatory School and also to develop some of the land for housing to help pay for the new school.

There followed a series of meetings both public and with Council with the intention of building a new golf course in Lane Cove. Several of the members of the Riverview Club were active in this drive and none more so than Ron and Isabel Goulding. Their efforts were rewarded with Council accepting the concept and assisting in holding some public meetings. The interest generated encouraged those involved to form a steering committee at about 1960 and at a meeting held in the then Masonic Hall, the first elected committee was formed.

After the election of the first committee they quickly moved into action. One of the first decisions was to form a number of sub-committees to better handle the range of activities that had to be initiated. Committees formed included Course and Greens (Construction), Bowls and Finance. Jim White was president for the first five years, Arch McKinnon was secretary and Jim Cowell was treasurer. The latter two were Councillors.

In 1960, the centre of the Board's concerns was, of course, the course construction. The Club was lucky to have as a member, Ted Cogan, a builder with many years of experience, to head the Course Committee. He was determined, willing to give much of his time to the task (of course construction), so the committee knew what it wanted and saw that it happened. He went to great lengths to get things done within budget. Ted was also a very good golfer with experience of playing on many courses. There were many difficulties presented by the site and terrain, but Ted was able to use his knowledge of golf and golf courses to the full.

The initial concentration was on that part of the land now occupied by the 1st, 7th, 8th and 9th fairways, all on the south side of Richardson Street. A great deal of filling was brought in (largely from the Shell Oil Company and other demolition sites). Much of the creek, flowing down the middle of the area, was piped and covered to both raise and widen the fairways. When this area had been filled, 9 short holes were established.



A green keeper was employed from about mid-1963 and he was given the cottage as his residence as part of his pay packet. For the first year or so, the course was played with little grass on the fairways, so teeing up was compulsory. Regular working bees had to be held to clear away the hundreds of stones that had to be removed before mowing was possible. Gradually the new grass grew, was mown and started to make the stretches of earth look like real fairways.

In the meantime, the committee shifted attention to the northern side of Richardson Street where the same pattern of construction was followed. The second hole was made much as it is today, but the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, were all, at first, basically par threes with, as before, tees and greens separated by bare fairways or a steep gully with a bridge to walk over. As each hole approached completion, a tee and green was removed from the "short course" and was re-established on the new fairway. By mid 1964, golf was played on the extended course. *To be continued next month*

LAWRIE SULLIVAN and TED JACOB, with thanks to Ron Jeffrey

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Warren and Gibson Trophies are coming up soon so if anyone out there is interested in playing please contact Evan Jones for Warren and Peter Siapos for Gibson. Evan has stepped up and volunteered to manage Warren (thanks Evan), and Peter is looking after the Gibbo's with Matthew Breeze. Thanks gentleman.

Ralph Sadler has stepped down this year after managing the Gibbo's for the last few years. Enough can't be said of Ralph who put his heart and soul into managing the Gibbo's and no doubt set the example of just how to manage a rep side. Thanks for all the work you did Ralph, it was much appreciated.

One thing members should be aware of is the restricted tee times we will have when Warren and Gibson play at home. Unfortunately some members will miss out.



2018 Gibson Trophy winners, the Coast GC

Home games are on Saturday 27 July, Saturday 10 August and Saturday 24 August. Warren and Gibson take up the 11.00 to 12.30 tee times, so only the 8.00 to 9.00 times will be available. Get your name in early! The best way to ensure you get a game on those days is to make yourself available for Warren and Gibson!

Also don't forget the draw for the 4 Ball Knockout has been made and is on the noticeboard. Please ensure the matches are played on the allocated days, as we will not have postponements.

It is a busy month coming up so I wish all members good golfing.

WAYNE BELGRE

WORN LIPS:

A problem with the new flagstick rule?

Below is a letter that appeared in the July issue of Inside Golf. It refers to what would seem to be an unintended result of the new rule. Has anyone noticed the same thing on our course?

“Since the new “Flagstick in” rule was implemented, I have noticed that the cup lips have started to be worn down/blunted/collapsed. I shared this observation with my playing partners and they too had noticed the deterioration.



My guess is that players, in retrieving their balls, are not removing the flagstick. Instead, they force their hands between stick and cup wall, grasp the ball, pull it out and, as a result, are fouling/collapsing the cup lip.

While some might say this is a very good as it will fall easier into the hole rather than thumb-nail past it, I do think that it might be giving our course superintendents another worry.

Even if it isn't explicitly stated, it would seem to be simple good manners to remove the stick when recovering your ball, to help maintain the cups. “

Robert Burnheim

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Mixed Foursomes

It was an exciting finish to our Mixed Foursomes Championship this year. The event, held over the Saturday and Sunday of the June long weekend, had two couples in a tie for the best scratch score, so there had to be a playoff.

Angela and Ben Pearson had scratch scores of 81 and 79 (total 160) and **Vanna Mutton and Wayne Belgre** (who've won this Championship many times before), had scores of 76 and 84 (total 160).

In front of an enthusiastic crowd on the deck, the play off went to the third playoff hole before **Angela and Ben** became our 2019 Mixed Foursomes Champions. Congratulations on a well earned victory.



Vanna and Wayne won the Col Buddle Trophy, which goes to the best nett score. Congratulations to you too. It was, as usual, a great weekend of golf at Royal Lane Cove.

The Championships

Both Sunday and Thursday competitions played three rounds of golf to determine our A and B Grade champions. This year, damp, heavy course conditions meant that the question "How'd you go?" was mostly answered with, "Don't ask!"

So...the results for the Midweek Competition were:

20th June. Division 1 scratch	Joan Weine	97
Division 2 scratch	Janet Lean	118
27th June. Division 1 scratch	Joan Weine	93
Division 2 scratch	Janet Lean	116
4th July. Division 1 scratch	Joan Weine	91
Division 2 scratch	Janet Lean	134

And for the Sunday Competition:

23rd June. Division 1 scratch	Robyn Glover	93
Division 2 scratch	Barbara Oliver	108
30th June. Division 1 scratch	Angela Pearson	99
Division 2 scratch	Jacqui Brooks	120
7th July. Division 1 scratch	Margo Anderson	94
Division 2 scratch.	Barbara Oliver	118

So, our Champions for 2019 are.....(fanfare....drum roll).....

A Grade. Joan Weine
B Grade. Janet Lean

Congratulations to you both

And the nett A Grade winner is **Margo Anderson**, with scores of 70, 78 and 66. Well done Margo.

New Members

New members, **Sharon Johnson, Barbara Dorsch** and **Mary-Jane Maliphant** are completing their handicap cards and are looking forward to playing in all the competitions. We also look forward to playing with our new junior, **Lara Mandalidis**.

A big Lane Cove Welcome to you all. We hope you have many happy years of golfing.

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

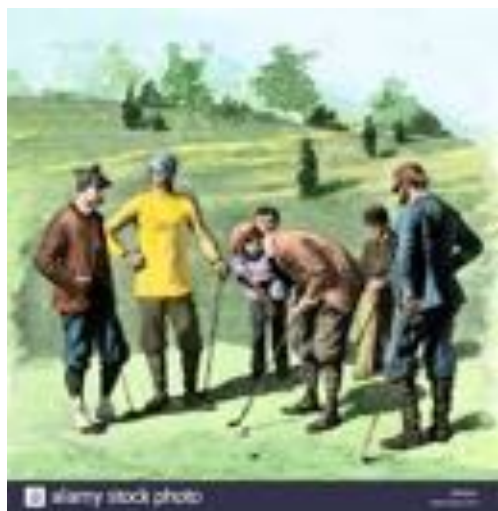
Upcoming Events

- * **Bronze IV Pennants.** This Pennant starts on Friday 12th July when we play Avondale at Gordon. Our host day is Friday 2nd August. Contact Susan Ridd if you can help on the day. Best wishes for a successful season to our Lane Cove Team.
- * **Riverside Oaks:** have you made your payment? Contact Jackie Sun or Janet Lean for details.
- * **Golf NSW Ambrose Championship:** Partners are still needed for this event, which will be held on Sunday 28th July. Check the online booking sheet.
- * **Sue Kallas's "Big O " birthday:** after golf, for lunch on Thursday 18th July.

SUE KALLAS

MEN'S GOLF

Well, there's been a couple of bolters coming out in the last month. Bob Staley shot a great round of 6 over, breaking the bank of being in the Gibson team this year, but is now a genuine possibility of being in our Warren team. Paul Kelly also shot a great round of 67 (45 points) last Wednesday. That's great golf fellas.



This year I'll be captaining the Warren team, which has already given me sleepless nights. This year I believe we have the team to go all the way and without getting ahead of ourselves, anything less than a finals berth would be considered a failure. We have as potential team members our Club Champion Mark Spence and A Grade Foursomes Champions Alasdair Caush and Andrew Corish all available for our Warren team. A home win is expected, however, the away wins are what will take us through to the semis.

I'll be organising a game at Massey Park shortly as well as a chipping and putting clinic. Ben Pearson, our "short game technician", has come on board to offer his advice.

This year's opponents are Antill Park, Massey Park and Camden.

So there is some travelling to do! I'd really appreciate your support especially for the home games. I'm also looking into organising a bus for our away games. Please let me know if you wish to join us.

Peter Siapos and Matthew Breeze have volunteered themselves as managers of the Gibson team. This team will have a number of newer members this year as so many of the 2019 team have broken the magic 17 handicap. So, Peter's and Matthew's experience as 2018 Gibson players will be very valuable.

Monthly Medal results for July are as follows:

A Grade:

Nett: Peter Doherty 62
Scratch: Peter Doherty 70

B Grade:

Nett: Rohit Prasad: 62
Scratch: Rohit Prasad: 75

C Grade:

Net: Matthew Breeze: 62
Scratch: Mathew Breeze: 83

Well played gents. It's a shame that Rohit is not eligible for our Warren team. He would have been a great asset. Looking forward to seeing Breezy dominating in our Gibbo's!

And, I look forward to seeing you out on the course.

EVAN JONES

THE WAY THINGS USED TO BE

Ian Butters, the Lane Cove Golf Club's Poet Laureate

My poem, entitled "The Way Things Used to Be", yearns for the restoration of society's core values such as Truth and Integrity, which, while never perfect in the past, have clearly deteriorated in recent years. The poem also expresses concern about Technology intruding a little too deeply – beginning to dictate, depersonalise and dehumanise our lives. It concludes with a reminder that these are our core values and it is up to us to defend them and restore them back to a state of better health – back to.....the way things used to be!

As I write my heart is yearning for I find it most concerning
That society's core values aren't the way they used to be
But nostalgia's now discarded, sentimental and regarded
As the wistful, mournful longing of the homesick elderly.

And it's really quite upsetting for we seem to be forgetting
That core principles and values should not change from day to day
For our lives won't be improving if the goalposts keep on moving
And society's moral compass is not pointing the right way.

While there's no one single reason why society's cohesion
Is fragmenting at what seems to be a most alarming rate
Though technology's intrusion is now causing much confusion
As it penetrates our daily lives, beginning to dictate.



For our arm in arm procession with technology's progression
Is like shuffling in a conga line, but we are not immune
To the siren's song it's singing and the damage that it's bringing
As we mindlessly embrace its charm while dancing to its tune.

For today our contact's fleeting when we send an email greeting
To friends we used to make the time to meet with face to face
And we need to learn life's lesson that indulging this obsession
Diminishes relationships and lowers human grace.



Yet its really not surprising for apartment blocks are rising
Housing people who are stressed and feeling sad and all alone
And there's seldom a warm greeting or a smile upon your meeting
For most are too preoccupied upon their mobile phone.

And truth's no longer absolute, it's now become low hanging fruit
It's personalised and flexible and at our beck and call
While integrity which once defined our footprints in the sands of time
Can be found in every corporate charter hanging on the wall.

For integrity's now all around, it grows in trees and on the ground!
It's claimed by banks who trumpet it's the mantle that they wear
But close examination shows these corporate emperors have no clothes
Their wardrobe has been opened up and found completely bare!



And there's no vestige of remorse from banks who choose to close their doors
In country towns where they've enjoyed long years of loyalty
For they still claim they can assess a rural loan which they'll address
From city high rise towers with views extending out to sea. *Continued over*

THE WAY THINGS USED TO BE continued

And life insurers do still charge a premium that's rather large
On contracts bought by trusting clients when they were around
Yet even though the client's died the premiums still applied
And charged to these poor souls who now are six feet underground.

And the sanctity of our free speech, which clearly should be out of reach
Of those who now attack it with contempt and disrespect
Whose tactics and contrived defence is that free speech may cause offense
Allowing views they claim are not politically correct.

And politicians are remote forgetting who gave them their vote
While focussing intently on their very own careers
The vision they articulate is geared to the election date
With little long term planning to sustain our future years.



And as we pause and wonder how this moral drift occurring now
Has taken hold eroding and diluting decency
It's up to us to resurrect society's basic self-respect
Returning our core values to the way things used to be.

Editor's note: Because Ian is concerned that club members may feel they have been complicit in the deterioration in society's values portrayed in the above poem, he has added a further verse exonerating Club members from any responsibility.

Yet these fading moral embers are not caused by Club members
Who are pillars of society and held in high regard
Deception simply can't encroach their conduct is beyond reproach
And their honour's there for all to see upon their golf scorecard.

IAN BUTTERS



Finally, a big thank you from the Editor to Nicky Thorpe, perhaps the Club's most fervent and assiduous reader of Links.

It is most appreciated when some feedback is provided and good to know that you enjoy the read. I know I will enjoy the Longueville Mandarin Marlamade, almost as much as the mustard!

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