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DRAG BINGO IS BACK THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Come out and support the Club while having a great time with a chance to win fabulous prizes. Entry is \$10 per person with game night menu available.

Doors open at 6pm, balls drop @ 7pm.

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WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB
BILL BURTON QUARTET



FRIDAYS 7.00 – 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

2 August – Virna Sanzone

9 August – Jacki Cooper & John Morrison

16 August – Johnny Nicol

23 August – George Washingmachine

30 August – Lauren Dawes

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

BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD



On we go with another year of the Blunts Player of the Month Award. We are now into the 12th consecutive year and Blunts have been our longest running sponsor.

For July, the women provided our winner with **Margo Anderson** posting two very good rounds of 31 and 34 to win with a total of 65 points.

Margo has been a member of our Weekend Pennants team for many years and is always hard to beat. She recently was the winner of the Division 2 Golf NSW Medal for Sunday play and also was successful in winning the 2019 A Grade Nett Championship.

Margo has always been willing to help out around the Club, donating her time and skill where she can.

I'm sure many members will remember Margo donating wonderful handmade glass plates for many years as prizes for the Mixed Foursomes Championships.

Congratulations Margo

WAYNE BELGRE



WHO REALLY RUNS THE CLUB?

First of a number of profiles on those staff who keep the Club running on a day-to-day basis, beginning with KENT LIPMAN, Club Administrator.



"It doesn't seem that long, but I have been in the job for seven years. The job covers many things and the work has grown and changed significantly over the years. Predominately, it entails looking after the balancing of cash, reconciliation and accounting, payment of creditors and membership invoicing. Not always too exciting, but a necessary part of looking after such a club as ours. The job now involves only two days a week after management changes were made earlier this year.

Before my time at the Club, I worked in banking for approximately twenty years before owning newsagencies for a similar period.

Outside my work here? I was divorced many years ago and have two adult sons and four grandchildren. I am enjoying the reduced working days as it allows me to continue to be physically active with road cycling and

CrossFit gym exercise.

I am also a keen gardener and enjoy handyman type jobs around the home. I am close to my three Australian grandchildren who I spend valuable time with. I like to keep up to date with news from here and from around the world and enjoy catching up over a good coffee.

Golf? Yes I have thought of it but am limited due to little sight in one eye. I did play several times socially, during my school days."

And as a bonus, a Kent golf joke!

Jim decided to tie the knot with his long time girlfriend.

One evening, after the honeymoon, he was cleaning his golf shoes. His wife was standing there watching him.

After a long period of silence she finally speaks. "Honey, I've been thinking, now that we are married I think it's time you quit golfing. Maybe you should sell your golf clubs."

Jim gets this horrified look on his face. She says, "Darling, what's wrong?"

"There for a minute you were sounding like my ex-wife."

"Ex wife!" she screams, "I didn't know you were married before!"

"I wasn't"



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Firstly I would like to thank everyone for their understanding during the Warren and Gibson season. As everyone is aware, we have restricted playing times on Saturdays because of these competitions, but it is great to see our boys doing so well. Check for results in the Men's Golf report from Evan Jones.

If you aren't playing on these days, you should come down to support our teams. Standing on the balcony watching the teams come through the 8th / 9th / 17th / 18th holes is great golf to watch. It can also help generate club spirit by supporting the teams. You see things happening you would not believe unless you were there; with an exciting last putt finish often occurring.

Good to see the 4 Ball Knockout running on time. We are now down to the semi-final stage with David Haugh and Graham Young playing Josh Wilson and Claudius Sithole, while the other semi-final sees Andrew Corish and John Joyce playing David Martin and Stuart McDonald. Good luck to all.

Not sure if you are aware, but Andrew Corish had to play his 1/4 final match by himself. Unfortunately his partner, John Joyce, was away and couldn't play so Andrew took on his two opponents by himself and left them in his wake. To my knowledge this has only happened once before and just shows anything is possible if you apply yourself. Not to mention the losers by name, but the initials of JB and DD might help you find out who they were. Seem to me that John owes Andrew big time.

I hope everyone is enjoying the course at the moment, as I believe it is in the best condition it has been for some time. It is also great to see the pins being placed in positions we have never used before. It certainly makes the game more challenging and no doubt harder to record those good scores.

Just to let everyone know the greens are due to be cored on Monday 26 August. This is essential course maintenance to ensure the greens stay in tip top condition, and with the Club Championships due to start on Saturday 5th October, the greens will have plenty of time to recover and be in good condition for the Championships

Good Golfing.

WAYNE BELGRE



MEN'S GOLF

It's been a big month for the men's golf at Lane Cove, culminating with the Warren and Gibson teams taking on the first round against Massey Park at home.

The highlight of the month has to go to Life Member Ron Jeffrey for taking out the Wednesday competition with Adrian Hall. Ron, who regularly plays in the 9-hole competition, ran out of 9 hole playing partners, so elected to play in the 18 hole competition, not knowing if he would finish the round. Not only did he finish the round, he played a magnificent one and won the 2 Ball event. Well done Ron!

Prior to starting our Warren and Gibson season, we had a chipping and putting clinic with Nevin Basic and Ben Pearson. It was a great success with 15 players coming down to hone their skills. Thanks to Nev and Ben for giving up their time to help us out.

The Warren and Gibson teams started their campaigns and got off to a good start against Massey Park at home. Our Warren team had a convincing 3-0 win while our Gibson team had a half. The results were as follows:

Warren Trophy Won 3 -0

Andrew Corish and John Joyce won 5/4

Jeff Back and Paul Kelly won 3/2

Evan Jones and Mark Spence won 3/1

Gibson Trophy Halved 1.5 each

John Erasmus and Pete Siapos lost 5/4

Matthew Breeze and Rod Paterson halved

Alex (The Hoff) Hassall and Noel Rowland won 4/3



Our 2019 Warren Trophy team v Massey Park. (Unfortunately Spency didn't get the memo about the navy pants)

L to R Jeff Back, Evan Jones (Manager), John Joyce, Mark Spence, Andrew Corish, Paul Kelly

We travelled down to Anthill Park at Picton for Round 2 and had mixed results. Unfortunately the Warren team suffered a 3-0 loss. Some losses were worse than others. Bob Staley and I suffered the worst. After a birdie on the first it was all downhill, culminating in an 8-6 defeat and a very early finish for the Manager and partner. Andrew and Dermot, Backy and Paul were way more credible, fighting them to the end.

The Gibbo's had a half, which could've very well been a win. A solid win to Noel and The Hoff meant we just needed one more for the match. Howard Shaw and Rod Patterson had a tight match for a 3/2 loss. Pete Siapos and John Erasmus were 4 up at the turn and were terribly unlucky not to win. Their opponents hit a tree and luckily landed on the 18th green to ultimately half the match. Still a great away result.

Looking forward to revenge next week! Bring it on!! Here's hoping this is the year we will be bringing the pennant back to Lane Cove!

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MEN'S GOLF continued

We had the monthly Medal on the 3rd August and the results are as follows:

A Grade:

Nett: Wayne Belgre (9) 64

Scratch: Wayne Belgre (9) 72

B Grade

Nett: Evan Jones (13) 62 cb

Scratch: Evan Jones (13) 75 cb

Please note that Rohit Prasad who plays off the same handicap as me, shot the same score. I was lucky enough to have my double bogies on the front nine, not the back, allowing me to win on a countback!

C Grade

Nett: Rylan Prasad (32) 57

Scratch: Bob Virgili (22) 87

Congratulations to Rylan for winning his first medal at Lane Cove as well as getting his name on the honour board for winning the Captain's Cup! It was almost a Father/ Son quinella! Well done Rylan.

Cheers and I'll see you on the course.

EVAN JONES



WOMEN'S GOLF

Bronze IV Pennant

Our team is doing very well in this Pennant, with good wins and close losses.

Friday August 2nd was our hosting day. The visiting ladies praised the condition of the course. As usual, they loved the Lane Cove hospitality, with early morning cuppas, supplied by **Monica Cowper** and **Evie Nikellys**. **Susan Ridd**, the Pennant co-ordinator, and Captain **Robyn Glover**, made sure the golf ran well. A team of spotters helped the players find their way around the course, with not too many lost balls!

The ladies in all the teams of this Pennant are such a friendly, happy lot. They loved **Dave's** lunch and adored **Jacqui Brooks'** delicious slices.

With only one more match to play there are three teams leading, on 4 points.....Gordon, Castle Hill....andUS! So, we wish our team the very best of luck when they play that final round at Avondale.

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued



Happy Birthday to Me

I've always thought that, if you have to have a "significant" birthday, then let the Lane Cove Ladies do it for you. And this time...it was my turn! I was right. I had a wonderful day, with all my friends.

The room, of course was decorated beautifully. **Vanna Mutton** and **Evie Nikellys** gave a "This is your Life" style presentation, with lots of memories and photos. I even got a certificate of achievement!

Just as I was hoping, **Joan Weine** had made her beautiful "butter-cake-with-passionfruit -icing and I managed to blow out all the candles! I was overwhelmed with how many cards and gifts I received, along with so many good wishes. Thanks so much for all those involved in making it such a special day for me.

It was also a reminder of all that this Club has meant in my life. Lane Cove Golf Club is certainly the best place to be to celebrate a "Big O".

The Singles Knockout

We're coming up to the finals of this event. **Joan Weine** won against **Janet Lean** 6/4 so Joan will play the final against **Rosemary Hurford**. **Vanna Mutton** has to wait for the result of the **Jo Cunningham** and **Margo Anderson** match on Sunday 11th August, to see who she'll play in the Sunday final.

Golf NSW Ambrose Championship

This event for both ladies and mixed pairs was held on Sunday 28th July. It was a close finish, but the final winners of the Mixed were **Evie Nikellys** and the "Almost didn't arrive in time", **Dermott Duncan**, with a nett 60.5. Runners - up we're **Angela** and **Ben** Pearson, with a nett 63.25. The Ladies' winners were **Helen Prentice** and **Joan Weine** with a nett 64.75. Both teams will now go on to represent Lane Cove at the regional finals to be held in October.....and then...maybe...go to the Big Final to be held at Bonville in December. Best of luck to you all.

Golf NSW Medals

Players' best three scores from the six Medal Rounds played this year have been tallied, and the winners are.....

Sunday	Division2.....	Margo Anderson (with scores of 65,66,66)
Thursday	Division2.....	Joan Weine (with scores of 69,69,65)
Sunday	Division3.....	Jacqui Brooks (with scores of 71,77,71)
Thursday	Division3.....	Robyn McElvenny (with scores of 76,81,75)

All these ladies will have the opportunity to play in the regional finals later in the year. Congratulations to you all.

The Pewter Plate

Jan Sadler and **Evie Nikellys** represented Lane Cove in this event played at Bayview Golf Course. Their combined score put them in 24th place out of 38 teams. Well done ladies. The Ryde-Parramatta Team, with a score of 68 points, won the Pewter Plate.

Golf NSW Bowl 4BBBB

The team of Marianne Mitchell and Rosanne Antico-Hall, with 39 points, won this Sunday/Thursday event. Well done you two!

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Mary McBeth's 100th Birthday

On July 25th, **Mary McBeth**, one of our past members, celebrated her 100th birthday. Mary was a member of the Club for many years, serving on committee for most of that time. She welcomed new members with a friendly smile and helped them through those first few worrying months.

"Ask Mary" was a common response to the question "how is this done?"

Mary was always a calming influence in dilemmas! She was one of those golfers who always (annoyingly?) hit straight and rarely saw the rough. One of her golfing highlights was her hole-in-one on the 6th, just a few days short of her 76th birthday.

She had a knee replacement in her 80's. When she asked the doctor, "How long will it be before I can play golf again?" he threw his hands up and said, "If you were in your sixties I could tell you, but ...who knows?" Well we know that she was back at golf very soon after!



She has a lovely, caring family. When Mary's daughter passed away, she took in her granddaughter, Siobhan. When asked, "How's that going?" Mary's response was, "Interesting". With Mary's caring ways, the pair became extremely close.

In the past few years Mary has lived in a retirement village, where she celebrated her big day. We sent her flowers and her long time friend, **Margaret Tanner**, attended the party and passed on our best wishes.

We still see her at the Club for special events, and she's still smiling! She is an inspiration, and we wish her a very happy 100th.

Upcoming Events

Kasey's Clinic. Kasey's next clinic, for pitching and irons play, will be held on Saturday 14th September. Contact the Pro Shop if you're interested.

Kerin Moorehead's Birthday. We'll be celebrating Kerin's Big O birthday after golf on Thursday 22nd August. There will be cake!

Captain's V President's Day. Book in now for this fun day, Sunday 18th August.

Foursomes. Time to find your partners for the Foursomes Championships

SUE KALLAS



EARLY HISTORY OF THE CLUB; COURSE CONSTRUCTION. Part 2 LAWRIE SULLIVAN and TED JACOB, with thanks to Ron Jeffrey

Up to this time (1964). the entire project was financed by the members or by a bank loan, which the members later paid off. There was no income in those early years, apart from debentures, which every new member had to purchase. The Board offered to pay out all debentures that weren't willingly donated to the Club, but as it transpired, probably 95% of debentures, with their interest, were donated to the Club. It must be said that for some years the members enthusiastically supported their new club and put it on a reasonably sound footing.

The plans were to first build a clubhouse and then plan for the course itself and the bowling greens. The major concern of financing the clubhouse construction was done through a bank loan guaranteed by Millers Brewery, conditional on serving their beer exclusively for ten years. The House committee became responsible for both financial planning and control of the clubhouse, its poker machines and its bar. The Clubhouse and the levelling of the site for the future bowling greens was completed well before the official opening, and even without any playing facilities, some income was generated. Once the Club House was opened, which coincided with the opening of the bowling green and the short golf course, it must be said that for some years the members enthusiastically supported their new club and put it on a reasonably sound footing.



***The opening of the number 1 bowling green, June 1964 with a roll off.
The early construction work on the 7th fairway can be clearly seen in the background.***

The first bowling green was built by contract at the same time as the course construction was proceeding. The bowling green attracted many players and generated more income from its very beginning. A second green followed and the bowling section thrived and provided a steady use of the clubhouse and a steady income for the Country Club. But bowls gradually lost its followings and the two greens closed and the bowling membership merged with other clubs having similar difficulties.

Improvements were continuous right up to 1967 – it was a slowly changing layout with the improvements always toward the plan conceived by Ted Cogan and his committee in consultation with the greenkeeper. Where possible, working bees were used as soon as practicable and safe and this proved to be the best of the various motivation attempts – it was “our” course. Individual members would plant grass sow seed and even plant shrubs (in approved positions) all of which helped maintain interest.

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EARLY HISTORY OF THE CLUB continued

It became apparent that a pro shop was needed so this was built by volunteers and a professional was engaged Doug Maggs was a good choice as our first pro, as he was a personable young man at the beginning of his career. He took charge of public bookings and generally ran the shop until later developments with regard to Council in regard to green fees forced some changes.

The “final” layout of the course remained final until 1974 when major improvements were made north of Richardson Street. Gradually both the course and the players improved. Alternate tees were built for the 2nd, 4th and 5th holes and alternate greens for the 2nd and 8th.

It was the nature of the early construction period that most of the involvement in the Club was limited to the Board but these men realised the need to keep the members in touch and enthusiastic and this was done by occasional social events and informative meetings.

Different times and different needs. But there is a great deal current members could learn about a level of support and participation in the running and welfare of our Club these many years after the pioneers built “our” course.

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