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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we head into the warmer weather it's good to see that the course is looking good and the greens appear to have recovered well from the necessary coring process. Although I must qualify that this assessment is made from a distance, as I'm still on light duties following my ski injury in July so I haven't had a chance to test the conditions myself.

The Men's Club Championships start this month so good luck to all players competing in this important event. Next month on the 23 November we have the

Legacy Charity Day, which is always a highlight of our golfing calendar.

Congratulations to Marianne Mitchell for her Hole in One on 13 August. She used an 8 iron on the 6th hole. Marianne joined up last October at our Open Day and has been enjoying her golf ever since – often playing three times a week. News of this event has been published in the recent Golf NSW Newsletter.

The Women's Foursome Championships have now been decided despite the recent very wet weather delaying the completion of the Thursday second round. The winners, for the third year in a row are Suzique Doughty and Robyn Glover. Congratulations to you both; an enviable record!

Also this month in preparation for the Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will be held at the Club on **7:30 pm Monday 28 October 2019**, the Board and our auditor have now completed the Annual Reports and as usual, nominations are now open for Board positions.

I invite any eligible members who would like to contribute to the Club's administration to submit a nomination form. The forms are available from the office. To be eligible for appointment to the Board, nominees must have been a Golf Club member for not less 12 months.

The Agenda for the meeting, as well as the Annual Report and 2018 Minutes were available via links in the message sent to members on 3 October. Please note that no hard copies of this documentation will be available at the AGM.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

I would also ask ALL other members to save the date and attend the AGM, as it is important to have sufficient numbers in attendance to provide a quorum for conducting the AGM business. Last year we had to make some quick phone calls to achieve an attendance quorum. A reminder will be sent shortly requesting an RSVP so that we can gauge attendance ahead of the event. The official component usually doesn't take long to complete and will be followed by drinks, snacks and a chance to chat with fellow members and the new board of directors.

ALAN MOSS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting of the Lane Cove Golf Club on Monday 28th October 2019 all positions on the Board will be declared vacant.

These positions are: -

- President
- Honorary Treasurer
- Honorary Secretary
- Directors (4)

***We need
you!***

The Board is looking for fresh eyes and ideas for the coming year to help with not only attracting new members, but also in the promotion of the Club as a venue destination - "Lane Cove's best kept little secret".

Experience with hospitality, marketing and general management would be beneficial, as would accounting experience and a general keenness to make our Club the place to come and enjoy.

Please submit nominations in writing to the Secretary by Monday, 14th October 2019. The nominee and two golfing members must sign the nomination form with 12 months standing.

ANGELA GALIPIENZO
Club Administration

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

BILL BURTON QUARTET
FRIDAYS 7.00 – 10.00



GUEST ARTISTS

4 October – Susan Gai

Dowling

11 October – Dorian Mode

18 October – Joy Yates &

Dave McCray

25 October – Bonnie J Jensen

1 November – Ian Cooper

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



Melbourne Cup Luncheon



Tuesday 5 November
12:30pm
\$50.00 PER TICKET



Buffet lunch by Your Little Secret

- * Watch the race on the big screen
- * Participate in a range of sweeps
- * Be part of the Fashions in the Field and Hat Parade

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ON TRYBOOKING
<https://www.trybooking.com/BFWAY>

GOLF

Mixed 9-hole golf competition from 8.45 am
Members \$6.00 Visitors \$20 payable at the Pro Shop.
Book online.



EARLY DAYS -

*The Club's original newsletter, The Gumnut, first appeared in October 1966. At nearly the same time, the Club opened the extended course layout. On 10 September that year, the final 32-par layout was made available for play for the first time. Thus ended the overall golf course plan, which commenced over ten years earlier. It was at this time that the layout, almost as we know it today, was completed. Current members owe a deep debt of gratitude to those pioneers who had the foresight and commitment to build the magnificent green course that we all enjoy today. **The Editor***

FROM THE GUMNUT, Volume 1, No, 1, October 1966

In 1964, the Club opened a short 27-par layout on a section of the course, which is now occupied by three holes and one bowling green. Earlier that year, this layout was amended by adding two new holes north of Richardson Street, a par 4 and a par 3. The par rating was increased to 29.

However, because of the way the Board of Directors had to open this section, considerable problems were encountered and members were obliged to play on a rough, incomplete layout involving considerable walking and climbing. The majority of members were prepared to accept this temporary measure.

Now, a little over two years since the original commencement of play, the final scheme has been achieved. In these last two years we have succeeded in more than doubling the area of the course.

For many months members have been wondering about odd bits of work here and there, but gradually the pieces of construction began to knit together and the result is now evident.



It is pleasing to hear the many comments made by members, which confirm that the final layout is a great improvement; a real golf course and a joy to all.

The Golf Association committee has inspected the new layout and have expressed surprise at the progress made in such a short time. They are very pleased with the new holes, apart from a few minor exceptions, which we know about and have planned to remedy when finance becomes available.

1964 Layout			1966 Layout				2019 Layout
Hole	Par	Yards	Hole	Par	Yards		Metres
1	3	65	1	3	230	(210m)	196 m
2	3	230	2	4	356	(325m)	330 m
3	3	154	3	3	144	(131m)	138 m
4	3	138	4	3	141	(128m)	125 m
5	3	157	5	4	306	(279m)	274 m
6	3	121	6	3	121	(110m)	109 m
7	3	103	7	4	282	(258m)	253 m
8	3	192	8	4	284	(260m)	276 m
9	3	132	9	4	276	(252m)	271 m
27		1291	32		2140	(1953) 1972	

The new holes provide many new challenges. Below Richardson Street there was not one bunker. Now there are 13 and several more are planned for key positions. The new fairways are wider; there are fewer hazards, easier rough, bigger greens and more character. Despite this the holes are not easy.

The **second hole** has been in use since the beginning of the year and until such time as the narrow section is filled, it will present a real test of accuracy. *(Continued over)*

FROM THE GUMNUT continued

Third hole is a semi blind hole with only the top of the flagstick visible. (This will become visible when the tee is extended back further at a later date). It is an uphill shot, is quite simple and should become the easiest hole on the card.

The **fourth hole** was subject to considerable controversy during its construction because of the bridge location, bunkers, trees and proposed two level green. However, everyone now agrees this is the best hole on the course.

The **fifth hole** is the one which will really give the player latitude when properly grassed. In the middle it is 70 yards wide and enables golfers to “have a go”.

The **sixth hole** is a real hit or miss shot, a kidney-shaped green with plenty of room on the green but almost none behind. Six feet too long and you can forget your shot.

The **seventh hole**, which now combines two old ones, presents a problem because of its width and length. Several adjustments will be made to this hole. In the meantime, it requires two cautious iron shots.

The **eighth hole** now becomes a dogleg and what a mess some people are getting into by having a lash instead of taking things easy.

The members of the course and greens committee take this opportunity of thanking the many members for their remarks on the new layout and to the greens staff, headed by Mr Arthur Partridge, for the excellent work during a most difficult 12 months.

The Gumnut, Volume 1, No 1, October 1966



BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD



August was the first time the Blunts Player of the Month award was handed out for the 2019/20 golfing year. Which means we are now into our 13th year for the Blunts award and it is good to see some new faces in the winners circle.

For the ladies, it was time for ***Susan Woodman*** to win after she played two very good rounds. She had

27 points in tough conditions in the first round and improved on that with an excellent 38 points in the second round for a winning total 65 points.

Although Susan is one of our higher handicappers, she consistently turns in good scores and as a result, has shaved 2 shots off her handicap since July.

With Susan soon to retire from her part time job as a nurse, the other ladies had better watch out, as she will have more time to devote to golf.

Congratulations Susan

WAYNE BELGRE

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

With the end of the year approaching that means it's time for some of our regular major events to take place. By the time you read this, the Club Championships will be underway. Good Luck to all participating

You should all know by now the AGM for Men's Golf will be held on **Tuesday 15th October** at 7.30pm.

It's very important for as many members to come to the AGM as possible so we can plan the next 12 months of our golfing year. It's also a good chance for everyone to come down and let the Committee know if we are doing it right or maybe let us know what we can improve.



It goes without saying that anyone wishing to put up his hand to help out on the Committee would be more than welcome!

Another big day approaching is our annual Legacy Day. This year it is being held on **Saturday 23rd November** and it would be great for members to start thinking about what they might be able to donate for prizes so we can raise as much as possible for a truly great charity.

The other major event coming up is our Presentation night. **Saturday 7th December** is the date when all the winners will receive their spoils. Everyone seems to have a great time at the Presentation, so put a pencil mark (no make that an ink mark), in your calendar for the 7th so that you don't miss out on a truly entertaining night.

One last thing for this month - the course. At present it is as good as it has ever been. With the greens now recovered after being cored, it is up to all members to help maintain the course. Please fill divots and fix pitch marks. The course will only maintain its current status if we resolve to look after it!

Good luck to all in their upcoming exploits

WAYNE BELGRE



WOMEN'S GOLF

The Singles Knockout.

Congratulations to **Joan Weine**, who won the Midweek final, defeating **Rosemary Hurford** in a close 2/1 match

Blunt's Player of the Month

Sue Woodman won this award this month and is off to Zjoosh, in Lane Cove to pick up that skirt she loved. Congratulations Sue!

The Foursomes Championships

The results are in! After two rounds of this tricky competition, we have our 2019 Foursomes Champions. They are....(drum roll please).. **Robyn Glover** and **Suzique Doughty**, with a total scratch score of 178.

The nett winners are..... (another drum roll...please)...**Joan Weine** and **Helen Prentice**, with a total of 134. Congratulations to you all.



The Bronze Medallion

This Golf NSW event is played at two venues with two Ladies playing at each of those courses, after which their nett scores are totalled. This year there were 47 clubs competing.

Joan Weine and **Robyn Glover** played at Mona Vale while **Vanna Mutton** and **Joanne Hannay** played at Lynwood. The final result saw the Lane Cove Team placed 30th out of the field of 47... a very creditable effort. Well done ladies! Robyn Glover had a very good day at Mona Vale, placing 17th individually. Great score, Robyn! The 2019 Bronze Medallion was won by Windsor Country Golf Club.

Vale Terry Coventry

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Terry Coventry recently. She had been a golfing member for a long time but had become a social member in the past few years.

Terry was one of those consistent golfers who rarely stray from the fairway. Though a right-hander, she chose to putt left handed...and it really worked for her. She won quite a few trophies for her cabinet! She loved a good joke....such as the one she told me one day, while we were waiting to play the 3rd...

Two fellows were on a cruise and one was complaining to the other...

"I'm so bored. There's no one around and nothing to do."

The other guy replied, "Well, why don't you go up on the main deck and listen to the music."

"What music? I can't hear any music!" he said.

"Yes, there must be. About an hour ago everyone was running around yelling a band on ship! A band on ship!"

Terry was a great club member. Our sympathies go to her family and friends.

Bronze1 and 2, and the Veterans' Cup

These events are played simultaneously, over three games, both on Sundays and midweek. After one round the leaders are....

Bronze I.....Jan Sadler

Bronze IIEvie Nikellys

Veteran's Cup....Jan Sadler

There are some very close scores, so the final results will be very interesting!

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WOMEN'S GOLF *continued*

Upcoming Events

- * The Women's AGM will be held on **Tuesday 15th October** at 7p.m.
- * Angela and Ben Pearson are running the Friday afternoon **Chicken Run** again, starting on **11th October**. A nice nine holes on a Friday afternoon is a great way to finish off your week. You can book for dinner afterwards, on 9418 6159.
- * Our annual Golfaround will be on at again at Riverside Oaks, on the **18th-20th October**. Have a great weekend, ladies.
- * **The First Tuesday in November** is the day we frock up and put on a hat for our Melbourne Cup luncheon....book your place now....and start following the form guides!
- * Our Mixed Visitors Charity Day has been moved to **November 10th** as Joan Weine, Helen Prentice, Evie Nikellys and Dermott Duncan will be playing in the regional final for the NSW Ambrose Championship on the original date.....and we don't want them to miss the Mixed Day! Donations of wine, chocolates and goodies for the stall will be gratefully accepted.
- * The Super Vets and OBE Events will be held on the **Thursday 24th** and **Sunday 27th November**.
- * Our Presentation night will be held on Thursday 21 November.



SUE KALLAS

MEN'S GOLF

It's been a big month, but it's really just a build up for this month: the biggest month of the year - the Club Championships! This year it's played in it's purest format - 4 rounds of stroke. The winner of each grade will walk off the 72nd hole with a massive feeling of relief!!



With the business end of the NRL season and with the World Cup rugby going on, many golfers have had other things on their mind. Round One of the Club Champs didn't bother the likes of Jeff Hickson or Alasdair Caush, as their teams didn't make the GF. But it was a tough round for those Rooster and Raiders fans who have had sleepless nights worried about the big dance! (Well that's my excuse anyway!)

(Editor's note; for those few who had not heard, Easts Roosters won the Grand Final, leading to celebrations which made it difficult for their biggest fan the time to complete his monthly report. But he managed it. He will probably be unbearable for some time around the Club, but well done Evan!)

Wayne Meader has fully recovered from his back operation and is in scintillating form coming into the Club Champs. He took out a couple of successive Wednesday competitions. *(Editor's note; Wayne began the Club Champs with a 10 on the first! Then the scintillating form kicked in with 5 pars in a row for a first 9 total of 43. What a recovery!)* **(Continued over)**

MEN'S GOLF continued

First Round Championship leaders were Peter Doherty (A Grade), with 71, Chris Taylor (B Grade) 70, and Walter Heim (C Grade) 86. For those who didn't perform at their best, remember - it's 72 holes and anything can happen!!!

This month there has been a number of highlights. Bill Edmondson joined the hole-in-one club with an ace on the 6th. Andrew Limmer also joined the elite club, jaggging a hole-in-one on the 3rd! Congratulations Bill and Andrew!!

It wouldn't be a *Links* without mentioning that Doug Cameron shot better than his age! It seems to happen more and more often. This time he led the Wednesday field with a 40 point score. Well done Douggie!

We also had the Long Marker trophy, which was won by Rohit Prasad. I think by his form, Rohit won't be a long marker for long!

Monthly Medal and Round 1 Club Championship results were as follows:

A Grade:	Mark Spence (11)	63	Scratch:	Peter Doherty	71
B Grade:	Chris Taylor (13)	57	Scratch:	Chris Taylor	70
C Grade:	Ralph Sadler (27)	61	Scratch:	Walter Heim	86

What a great round!

Good luck to all and see you out there.

EVAN JONES

GOLF NSW: ROADSHOW REPORT

On Monday, 9 September, as the Lane Cove GC delegate, I attended the GOLF NSW Roadshow at Pymble GC. During the last few years these information days have been held annually at various golf clubs throughout NSW. Some of the information that really interested me was: -

1. World Handicapping System

This will come into force in 2020 and the good part is, that the Slope system which is used by Australia, will now be used worldwide. There will be a few changes, including the Daily Rating going to Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) and the maximum handicap going to 54!

2. Play 9

GA will once again stage a celebration of 9-hole golf during the 2019 Australian Open. Four players from NSW/ACT will have a chance to play 9 holes on the Saturday evening of the Open. Any 9-hole competition scores processed into Golf Link will be placed in the draw.

3. Marketing

The importance of having a good website, communication and use of social media were all highlighted. It was pointed out that the culture of the club, from office, bar staff, members, Pro Shop and green staff all influence the culture of the club and how people view the club. First Impressions and how welcome visitors are made to feel are very important.

4. Get into Golf for Women

Women membership is declining in a lot of clubs and they are not attracting new members. A pilot program will start late 2019, run along the same line as the Seniors program, with similar marketing and promotion. Clubs can apply now if interested in the pilot program.



JAN SADLER

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Bacon + Egg Roll	\$5.5
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Pancakes w/ Maple Syrup	\$8.5
Egg, Bacon + Tomato (on toast)	\$10.0
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* <u>Burgers</u> - w/ chips add \$3.0	
Beef...	\$9.0
Chicken...	\$9.0
Cheese...	\$9.5
New Yorker	\$9.0
Veggie	\$9.0
Schnitzel	\$10.0
* <u>Classics</u>	
Sausage + Onion Roll	\$5.5
BLT	\$6.0
Fish + Chips (w/ salad)	\$14.0
Schnitzel + Chips (w/ salad)	\$14.0
Pie + Chips	\$10.0