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### ***TWO NEW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS***

The Club does not lightly elect Life Members. Before 2019, the last member so nominated was Helen Prentice in 2010 and before that, Danny Morris in 2001 and Ron Jeffrey in 1993. Over the Club's sixty years history, only 12 members had been awarded a life membership. Life Membership at Lane Cove GC is not freely given. It must be hard earned.

Rule 26 of the Club's Constitution requires that "nominees must have rendered outstanding service to the Club or its members". So, it was rather special to have two members being so honoured at the Club's 2019 AGM on Monday 28 October; **Barry Watkin** and **Ralph Sadler** are both well-deserved recipients of the honour of Life Membership. Both Barry and Ralph have more than that satisfied the requirement off outstanding service.

A summary of their contribution to the Club follows.

### **Barry Watkin; "the quiet achiever"**

While Barry's formal office bearing tenure over 20 years has been outstanding in its own right, his commitment to and service to the Club has gone well beyond the carrying out of those formal duties. A Director for 10 years, Barry also served three terms as President and then returned as a Board member in 2016.

- \* over some years, certifying and testing the Club's fire safety equipment, at no cost to the Club
- \* overseeing maintenance and repairs around the clubhouse, identifying house maintenance, obtaining quotes and simply getting things fixed!
- \* ran the Pro-Am for four years before running it again in 2017
- \* managing Major pennant team over several years and Captain of the MGC
- \* renovation of the men's locker room (*continued over*)



***BARRY WATKIN and RALPH SADLER***

## NEW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS continued

### Barry Watkin

- \* in past years played a major role in identifying and engaging the Club's restaurateurs on several occasions.
- \* secured a grant from Golf NSW to erect a new golf shed for motorized buggies
- \* painted men's washroom and toilet facilities, the painting of the "conference" room, outside painting of the façade of the clubhouse.
- \* recently, has played a quiet but effective advocacy role on behalf of the Club in dealings with Council.

All this work has been carried out quietly without drawing attention to what he was doing. Barry's service to the Board and the MGC has been extraordinary and his boundless energy in the many tasks he has undertaken bear testimony to his energy and "passionate support of the Club". (Ron Jeffrey)

### RALPH SADLER; the "hands on" contributor

Ralph joined the Club in June 2001. He has held a number of positions in the Club since that time;

- \* Board Director for 10 years
- \* member of the Men's Golf Committee for three years
- \* has managed the Gibson Pennant teams for a number of years
- \* initiated and has edited the Club's newsletter, *Links* for 14 years.
- \* re-established the Club's website and acted as webmaster until its updating in recent years
- \* initiated and managed Friday Night Music for 12 years
- \* 2011 -17, as member of the Marketing Committee, provided monthly marketing copy to the Lane Cove Observer
- \* for many years, managed the weekly poker machine cash count and recording
- \* secured a Government grant for the installation of the disabled toilet, as well as a Golf NSW grant for the installation of a buggy shed
- \* with Ian Butters, represented the Club over ten years in the many meetings with Council staff and councilors over lease related issues.

Whilst the summary is impressive enough over a period of 18 years, there is more to be said as to his contribution to the Club and its members. Ralph has been a particularly "hands on" contributor to the Club. His personal contribution, generosity and selfless involvement in supporting the activities and upkeep of the Club is largely unknown and recognized by Club members. (Janet Lean)

## WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB



BILL BURTON QUARTET  
FRIDAYS 7.00 - 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

**8 Nov – Johnny Nicol**

**15 Nov – Virna Sanzone**

**22 Nov – George Washingmachine**

**29 Nov – TBA**

**7 Dec – TBA**

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

# 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
- \* Presentation on deck, with winner receiving the much sought-after frozen chicken.
- \* For dinner bookings ring Club Bar on 9418 6159



## BLUNTS PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD



*(Editor's Note: it is very difficult when our very modest Men's Club Captain has to report on his own golfing success. So, as Editor, I have taken control of his report).*

It's becoming a bit more common as once again it was not possible to split two of the men when looking to award our Blunts Player of the Month award.

The award for the September and October Medals saw one member play two identical rounds and the other storm home with a very good second round. **Wayne Belgre** showed that consistent golf does pay off with two rounds of 65 for a total of nett 130.

**Jeff Back** on the other hand, started with a nett 68 and played an excellent second round of nett 62 to equal Wayne's total.

These two always play together in the same group so the competition would have been extremely fierce between the pair as they were playing the last few holes.

Congratulations to Wayne and Jeff.

**WAYNE BELGRE**



## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Two of our most important men's events for the year are coming up in the next month so I ask for the usual great support from our members and their friends.

First up is **Legacy Day**. We have been raising money for Legacy for over 14 years and the total contribution so far has gone past the \$45,000 mark. This year it will be played on Saturday 23rd November, and once again the day will be a 4 Ball Ambrose with some novelty holes on the back nine.

The cost for the day will be \$25.00 for members and \$44.00 for all non-members. The additional \$19.00 for visitors is the fee Lane Cove Council charges all visitors when playing at Lane Cove - Charity day or not.

Please be assured that all money raised (including comp fees) will go towards Legacy.

So put your name down, find some friends to play with and don't forget to bring your wallet on the day to support our efforts. Also don't forget to buy some tickets in our monster raffle with tickets on sale shortly behind the bar.



The other big event is the social highlight of the year with our **Presentation Night** to be held on Saturday 7th December.

This is always a good night, where we not only celebrate our winning golfers, but we also find out just who are our champion trivia kings/queens. Competition is fierce for the trivia prize so pick your partners wisely, so that if you don't take home a golfing prize for the year you can always take home the trivia title.

**WAYNE BELGRE**





## WOMEN'S GOLF

### Our New Committee for 2020

Our AGM was held on 15 October at which the Committee election was held, and so here is our Committee for 2020.

President	Joan Weine
Vice-President	Helen Prentice
Captain	Robyn Glover
Treasurer	Joanne Hannay
Secretary	Rosemary Hurford
Handicap Manager	Suzique Doughty

Committee Members; Marianne Mitchell (assistant Captain) Susan Ridd

Our thanks go to these ladies, and the outgoing Committee, for all the work they do to keep our Women's section running so well. It was also decided at the meeting that we will continue to support our charities: The Royal Flying Doctor Service and Bear Cottage.

### *The Golfaround at Riverside Oaks*

This annual golfing weekend was held on the 18th-20th October, when 16 of our ladies stayed and played at Riverside Oaks. The weather was beautiful for play on the Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's game was an 18-hole stableford and the winner was **Evie Nikellys**, with a very respectable 35 points. The runner up was **Rosemary Hurford**, with 33 points (on a countback from **Helen Prentice**). **Joan Weine** won the Nearest the Pin while **Angela Pearson** and **Evie Nikellys** won the Longest Drives.

On Sunday, a Canadian Foursomes was played, which was won by the team of **Evie Nikellys** and **Jo Cunningham** with a nett of 75.5. The runners up were **Helen Prentice** and **Robyn Glover**. Nearest the Pin was won by **Jo Cunningham** and the Longest Drives were won by **Suzique Doughty** and **Robyn McElvenny**. Congratulation to all the winners especially Evie, a multiple winner!

Our thanks go to **Janet Lean** and **Jackie Sun**, for making all the arrangements for this fantastic weekend.

The month of October is when we complete quite a few Trophy events. Three of these events are won with a total of the best two scores of three games. It was a close-run thing for each one!

**Bronze I Trophy.** **Robyn Glover**, who had a total of 75 stableford points.

**Bronze II Trophy** **Janet Lean** with 66 points (on a countback from **Kerin Moorehead**).

**The Veterans' Cup** **Robyn Glover** won this one, too, with 75 points.

**The Margaret Tanner Trophy** This event is an 18-hole stableford for "Super Vets". It was won by **Marianne Mitchell**, with 39 points (on a countback from **Janet Lean**).

**Patti Ayre's OBE Trophy** This event is played as a 9-hole stableford, on the Blue Course. It was won by **Margaret Collins**, with 13 points.

All these winners are now looking forward to Presentation Night, when they'll receive their trophies. Well done, all of you!

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## WOMEN'S GOLF continued

### Upcoming Events

#### **Presentation Night.**

This will be held on **Thursday 21st November** at 7pm. For catering purposes, please book for this by 15th November.

#### **The Mixed Visitors Charity Day**

This will be played on **Sunday 24th November**. Lots of prizes. Lots of goodies to buy at the stall. Lots of wonderful raffle prizes! (donations gladly accepted). Could you please book for golf by the **10th November**, so arrangements can be made.

#### **Christmas Golf Days**

Start organising your teams and preparing your costumes for the parties, which will be held on **Sunday 1st December** and **Thursday 5th**.

#### **The New Rules Day**

Information days will be held after the first 9 holes of the Summer Cup on **Sunday 8th December** and **Thursday 12th**

**SUE KALLAS**



## MEN'S GOLF

Let me start this edition of the Links by congratulating our stalwarts Ralph Sadler and Barry Watkin being announced our newest Life Members of our great club. There are no more deserved members to have this honour bestowed and I thank you both for your ongoing hard work and dedication to our Club. Without members like you, our Club wouldn't exist.

With Ralph being modest and the editor of *Links*, can I ask Ralph that you don't edit my comments, as it's thoroughly deserved!  
(OK, the Editor)

Well, what an eventful month it has been! It started with Ron Jeffrey finding out the hard way that standing in the hazard is not the safest place on the course. Phil Dennis still managed to find his way there and took some flesh off his arm! After some first aid at the clubhouse, Ron was ready to go again.



John Joyce proved to us all that practise sometimes doesn't pay!

Whilst warming up in the nets, a ball deflected off the fence and hit him right between the eyes. The claret was flowing freely, and John had to be taken to the medical centre for gluing up. He has a scar to show for it.

As the 2018 champion, John was one of the favourites for the B Grade Club Championship, so it was a shame to see him miss out. I'm sure he will give it a good shake next year.

Likewise, in A grade, when one of the favourites, Captain Wayne Belgre injured his back on the eve of Round 2, leaving A grade a two-horse race between Pete Doherty and Andrew Corish.

This year the Club Championship was played in the purest form of golf - 4 rounds of stroke. It's inevitable that there will be a blow out at some stage to the point that only ten players in the Club finished all four rounds! Others have to remember that anything can happen in golf and no matter what the score, you should always finish the competition unless of course you are injured. We all have bad scores at some stage but that isn't an excuse to walk away. Hopefully next year we'll have the same number of finishers as we do starters.



IT'S OK, I THINK HE'S MOVING.

Congratulations to Club Champion Pete Doherty who once again claimed the title. Pete was by far the most consistent over the four rounds, finishing off with a final round of 70.

In B grade it was always going to be a play off for second after Chris Taylor started with a round of 70. Going into the final round it was daylight coming second. However, the wheels almost fell off Chris when Alasdair and I caught up 9 shots, but the gap was too big, and Chris took out his first B Grade Championship at Lane Cove. Congratulations Chris!

C Grade was a great tussle, with Jeff Hickson taking a 7 shot lead into the final round. As always, the case in C grade, you cannot take anything for granted and it only takes one hole for

things to go horribly wrong. For Jeff, that hole was the 11th. He took a 13 and opened the door for defending Champion Howard (Armani) Shaw who took control and won his 3rd Club Championship. Well done Howard!

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## MEN'S GOLF continued

This week we had the Monthly Medal which means five rounds of stroke in five weeks for those who stuck out the champs!

There were some great scores highlighted by Mark Spence (former Club champ), who shot a magical 2 over 66 which included a double bogey on the 10<sup>th</sup>. By all accounts, he could have gone under the card. Not bad for an 11 marker!

Noel Rowland has put his hand up for the Warren Pennant next year with a great round of 76 nett 59, taking the B Grade medal. Great golf mate!

Buddy Hyde also shot the lights out in C Grade with an awesome net 59. I had the privilege of marking his card and was very nervous that he was going to beat me off the stick!

The results are as follows:

A Grade:	Mark Spence Net 55 and Scratch 66
B Grade:	Noel Rowland 59      Scratch: Alasdair Caush 74
C Grade:	Buddy Hyde 59 and Scratch 82

Attached is a pic of Josh Wilson who had the misfortune of landing in, not under, an unstaked tree on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Nice effort trying to chop his way out! Can't report on the result of the shot, but I believe the tree survived the abuse. Josh needs to get his left hand round a little more for out-of-tree shots.



Don't forget the Legacy day coming up on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. It's a great chance to bring some potential members. It's a fun day out for all with some interesting novelty holes on the back 9.

Finally, there was a good turnout at the MGC AGM on 22 October, just kidding! Despite there being much lobbying beforehand and an intense competitive voting procedure on the night (just kidding again), the existing Committee was re-elected in the same positions, except for Graham Young who stood down with our thanks for his service. To bring in some "new blood", he was replaced as a Committee member by Mark Simonsen.

So, the Men's Golf Committee remains:

President - Brian Doherty

Captain - Wayne Belgre

Treasurer - Alasdair Caush

Secretary - Andrew Corish

and Committee members Mark Simonsen, Pete Doherty and Dave Leckie.

We do appreciate the work of the MGC, particularly the dedication of Wayne as Captain and Alasdair as Treasurer, who hold down the two toughest positions.

Look forward to seeing you out on the course.

EVAN JONES



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