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For the information of members and their guests

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a disappointment to miss the Legacy Day for the first time, but a valuable reminder to get in early as this popular event is one of the year highlights and books up immediately. By all accounts it was another very successful event again this year and many congratulations to the worthy winners. See later item for more details.

This year's AGM was conducted on Thursday 28th of October 2019. Thank you on behalf of the Club to those members who attended so that the meeting could be properly conducted. As always, the Women's Golf Section was very well represented, and it would be nice to see some more men at next year's meeting as

it is an important and necessary element of the Club administration process. Thanks to my co-directors and particularly Robyn and Maureen, for organising things to ensure that things went smoothly on the night.

Along with the usual AGM business, I was delighted to honour Barry Watkin and Ralph Sadler as our latest Life Members. Their contribution to the Club has been long and substantial and your Club would not be what it is today without members like this, so please congratulate and thank them next time you see them at the Club.

Sad to relate, almost at the same time as we welcomed two new Life Members, we also lost Ken Davis, a Life Member since 1996. A tribute to Ken is found later in this edition. Deepest condolences are extended to Ken's family from myself and all Club members.

The proposed Council Golf Precinct re-development planning is making some slow progress. The latest briefing included the following advice:

Council and AJ + C have undertaken a process that has included AJ + C presenting a concept design encapsulating a range of issues and mandatory items as outlined in the original Expressions of Interest (EOI) document to Council's Executive Team (including the General Manager) on 9 October 2019.

Subsequent to the above presentation, and assuming approval, Council will then be in a position to engage with the Operators and Single (Sporting) Discipline participants identified in the EOI process shortly thereafter. (Continued over)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued

More recently, Council advised that some exploratory geotechnical work will be conducted during the week commencing Monday 9th December within the car park and surrounding areas. The plan provided shows that one borehole will be located to the left side of the 9th/18th. For safety reasons this hole will be closed to play for the morning.

As we head into Christmas, we have one more major function which is the Club Christmas Party on Friday 13th December 2017. I been told that tickets are selling fast so if you haven't already booked you might want to get on to it to avoid disappointment.

Only about 20 days to Xmas so not much time to get those Xmas requests in. If you're still unsure what to ask Santa for you might want to consider the Golf Ball That Cannot Be Lost, like this one.

Two friends went out to play golf and were about to tee off, when one fellow noticed his partner had only one golf ball.

"Don't you have at least one other golf ball?" he asked. The other guy replied that he only needed one. "Are you sure?" the friend persisted. "What happens if you lose that ball?"

The other guy replied, "This is a very special golf ball. I won't lose it, so I don't need another one."

"Well," the friend asked, "what happens if you miss your shot and the ball goes in the lake?"

"That's OK," he replied, "this special golf ball floats. I'll be able to retrieve it."

"Well what happens if you hit it into the trees and it gets lost among the bushes and shrubs?"

"The other guy replied, "That's OK, too. You see, this special golf ball has a homing beacon. I'll be able to get it back -- no problem."

Exasperated, the friend asks, "OK. Let's say our game goes late, the sun goes down, and you hit your ball into a sand trap. What are you going to do then?"

"No problem," says the other guy, "You see, this ball is florescent. I'll be able to see it in the dark."

Finally satisfied that he needs only the one golf ball, the friend asks, "Hey, where did you get a golf ball like that, anyway?"

The other guy replies, "I found it."

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and lots of sub-par rounds in the New Year.

ALAN MOSS



WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB



BILL BURTON QUARTET

FRIDAYS 7.00 – 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

6 December – Maree Montgomery

13 December – Gregg Arthur

20 December – No music

27 December – No music

RECOMMENCING 10 Jan, 2020



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JOIN US FOR A

Christmas Party

Friday 15th December 7pm-10pm

ENTERTAINMENT BY THE BILL BURTON FULL SWING QUARTET
AND GUEST ARTIST GREGG ARTHUR

DELICIOUS CHRISTMAS MENU, LUCKY DOOR PRIZES, HAMPER RAFFLE & MORE!



ALL ENJOY | INDIVIDUAL SEATING | SAVE THE DATE AND BE FIRST TO RSVP

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



Once again it is good to see people who put in to the Club getting a little reward for their efforts, and that is definitely the case with the winner of the Blunts Player of the Month Award for November.

Angela Pearson played two very good rounds of 34 and 38 points to win handsomely with a total of 72 points.

Angela has consistently been one of the low markers within the woman's ranks and gets that ball off the tee prodigious distances, often winning long drive contests. Maybe one reason Angela won this month is her commitment to improvement by playing regularly and being always ready to learn on how to grow her game.

Angela, with her husband Ben, coordinate the Summer Chicken Run and Angela also promotes the Club with her colourful "What's On" posters which she displays around the clubhouse. Congratulations Angela.

WAYNE BELGRE

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

CHARITY GOLF DAY Saturday 23 November 2019

One of the special days held during the year by Lane Cove Golf Club is the Legacy Charity day. Each year this day is held and the support of Club members, as well as the local community, is overwhelming.

With members able to bring friends along, the field was the largest we have ever had. Thanks to all those members who participated, invited their friends and helped raise money for a most worthy cause.

The amount raised this year has not yet been finalised but we are on target to achieve at least as much as the \$5,000 we raised last year. This continues the tradition established many years ago of supporting one of Australia's most worthwhile charities. Over the last fourteen years, the Club has raised over \$45,000 for Legacy. *(Continued over)*



CAPTAIN'S CORNER continued

The Legacy web site provides a snapshot of what they do:

Legacy is a charity providing services to dependants of veteran who gave their lives or health. At Sydney Legacy we currently care for around 1,300 widows and 600 dependants of the 65,000 widow(er)s and 1,800 children and disabled dependants throughout Australia

Naturally the day can't be a success without the fabulous support of Club members and staff. Firstly, we must thank the bar staff who sold the raffle tickets for weeks prior to the event and for looking after everyone so well on the day. So, thanks to Amanda and Jacinta.

We can't forget Dave Martin, the sausage and onion man, who looks after the culinary needs of the members each week. Thanks David.

To all the Committee members and golfing members who helped on the day, a big thank you.

Finally, the biggest thank you of all to those members who contributed prizes for the day. Below you will find a list of the generous donors who helped make the day so special.

<i>David & Ben Leckie</i>	<i>Barry Watkin</i>	<i>Graham Webster</i>	<i>David McFarlane</i>	<i>Richard Biggs</i>
<i>David Haugh</i>	<i>Norm Sarajinsky</i>	<i>Ralph Sadler</i>	<i>Andrew Corish</i>	<i>Ian Butters</i>
<i>Alasdair Caush</i>	<i>Steve Barnes</i>	<i>Kasey Dive</i>	<i>Mark Simonsen</i>	<i>Julian Leitl</i>
<i>Jim Patfield</i>	<i>Frank Hurford</i>	<i>Wing Cheung</i>	<i>Noel Rowland</i>	<i>Wayne Meader</i>
<i>Brian and Anne Doherty</i>		<i>Jeff Back and Sue Hazroli</i>		

Prizes were given out for both the Legacy Shield (best nett over 18 holes) and the Legacy Cup (best nett back 9). Scores on the day were extremely good and with so many scores going up on the whiteboard a good 5 minutes was needed to work out who won.



The winners of the Legacy Shield were visitors from over the bridge brought to our course specifically by our Treasurer, Alasdair Caush, to abscond with the prize. Mission Accomplished. The winning team, ably captained by Alasdair, included Tony McGrath, Craig Smith and Simon Wilson They had 53 off the stick and a nett 46. Congratulations.

Thankfully, the Legacy Cup was taken out by four stalwarts of the Club. This motley crew of Josh Wilson, Ben Pearson, Graham Young and Evan Jones, pictured, put together designer outfits to win both the best dressed as well as the best back 9 score. Their score of nett 23.4 was just good enough to sneak over the line.

Finally, on behalf of the Men's Golf Committee I would like to thank all those who put their hands in their pockets to make our Legacy Day a most enjoyable and successful day.

WAYNE BELGRE

VALE

LIFE MEMBER KEN DAVIS

Died 26 November 2019

Life membership is a reward for exceptional service and Ken devoted most of his 36 years of active membership as a director and helping to run the Wednesday golf competitions and managing the poker machines meter readings and clearances.

His expertise was in the financial affairs of the Club, and although he was official Treasurer for an impressive five years, most of Ken's 16 years on the Board (1987-2003) involved the oversight of the strong position the Club was able to establish. It was a golden period of full membership and clubhouse improvements. He was also Vice President in 1990 and 1991.



***Life Member Ken Davis centre,
together with fellow Life Members Helen
Prentice and Ron Jeffrey at a social event at
the Club***

The Club no longer has poker machines, but for most of the 1990's the income from the pokies was the dominant factor, with annual profits of \$100,000 - \$170,000. This was a period before notes were used in the machines, and silver coins and then dollar coins were the playing options for gamblers. The huge volume of coins in the machines depleted the bar float to such an extent that most Saturday mornings, before the bar opened, Ken, with help from me and Bert Irwin, would often clear about \$2000 from the machines so that the barman had cash in the till for change.

Until about 15 years ago the Wednesday golf competition was always run by volunteers and Ken, Bert Irwin and Bruce Trethewey for a long time checked the cards, conducted the presentation with usually about 30 players present and then banked the collected fees into the Men's Golf Committee account.

Ken Davis was the ultimate club member. Dedicated, conscientious and a wonderful person either playing golf- which he really only started in middle age – or meeting socially. He would have made a great president but preferred a supporting role. Sadly, his last 3 years were spent in a nursing home.

Life membership was bestowed in 1996.

There were nine Club members at Ken's funeral on Friday 29 November and I was privileged to offer his family a tribute on behalf of the Lane Cove Golf Club, which he served so devotedly. He was aged 94.

RON JEFFREY Life Member

WOMEN'S GOLF

Melbourne Cup

The Race That Stops a Nation was run on Tuesday 5 November, and our Club hosted about 70 punters on that day. It was a very stylish event, with the exciting atmosphere that comes when everyone dresses up in their best Spring outfits, whilst enjoying drinks and canapés.

Some played 9 holes of golf before lunch with the following results:

Men's winner.....**Nic Walser**.....19 points

Women's Winner.....**Susan Ridd**....20 points

Then we enjoyed a lovely buffet luncheon provided by Your Little Secret.

Fashion in the Field was another highlight of the day.

Best Dressed Lady.....**Helen Prentice** (in a silvery silk ensemble, with matching hat)

Best Dressed Man.....**Geoff Grinter** (looking very dapper, in suit and tie)

Most Creative Hat**Monica Cowper** (looking very exotic)

Most Glamorous Hat.....**Sue Kallas** (a huge white one with fluffy flowers....handy to hide a "bad hair day").

Then we watched the big race, which was won by the Aussie outsider, Vow and Declare.



Thanks to all those who arranged tables, decorations, flowers, and sweeps. It was a great day!

NSW Golf "Let's Play Ambrose" Regional Final

This event was held at Glenmore Heritage Golf Course on 17th November. Our two teams had previously qualified at games held here at Lane Cove in September.

Evie Nikellys and **Dermott Duncan** placed 4th out of 24 teams in their division, and **Joan Weine** and **Helen Prentice** placed 13th out of 31 teams in their Division. Fantastic results for all of you. Congratulations to you all.

Blunt's Player of the Month

This month the voucher goes to **Angela Pearson** who had rounds of 34 and 38 to have the winning score. Well done Angela.

Presentation of Trophies 2019



The culmination of our golfing year is our Presentation Night, which was held on Thursday 21 November. Pre-dinner drinks and canapés were followed by a delicious meal provided by Your Little Secret.

Then came the presentation of all the trophies that have been won throughout the year. Some trophies are not finished off till the end of the season, so there's always some surprises for those winners. There was lots of cheering and laughter, and many photos taken of winners clasp their trophies. Congratulations to all you winners.

Joan Weine even has her own theme song (hint...."Joan Weine" sounds a lot like "Joelene"!).

Thanks to all those who helped President **Evie Nikellys** with decor, flowers, and trophy cleaning. Special thanks go to Captain **Robyn Glover**, who spent so much time collating results, collecting trophies, and making sure the presentations went so smoothly. *(Continued over)*

WOMEN'S GOLF *continued*

Mixed Visitors Charity Day

A full field of players, including many from other clubs enjoyed golf on Sunday November 24. The winning team was **Les Rozsnyoi** and **Robyn Glover** with 47 points, on a countback from **Evie Nikellys** and **Geoff Reed**. The men's event was won by **Adrian Hall** with 39 points, closely followed by **Ben Pearson** with 38. The women's event was won by **Linda Tsung** with a great 40 points. **Robyn Glover** was the runner up with 39 points.

Margaret Collins won the 9 holes with 16 points, on a countback from **Bronwyn Arnold** while Long Drives were won by **Geoff Reed** and **Mary Allerdice** with NTPs won by **Bob Hughes** and **Lynette Stephenson**.

Players paid junior **Will Flanagan** to hit across the gully on the 4th, and purchases of mulligans went towards the moneys raised .

Thanks to all who donated prizes for the raffle and goodies for the stall to help raise funds for our charities ...Bear Cottage and The Royal Flying Doctor Service.

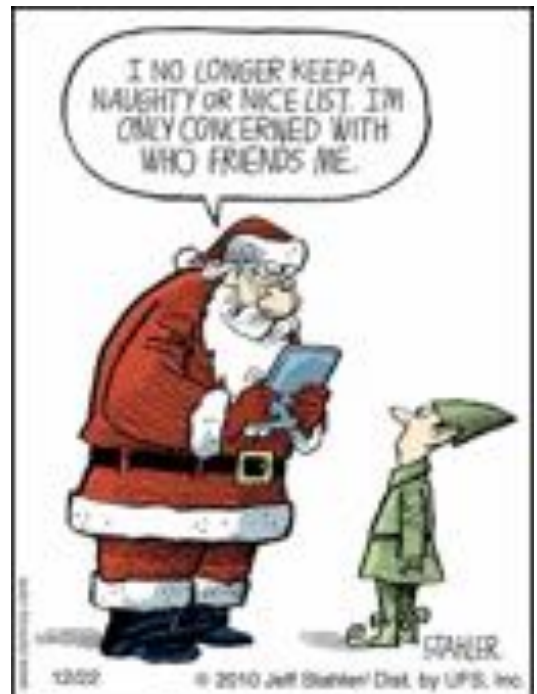
Still to come in 2019

- * One more Christmas Party to go.....Thursday 5 December
- * the Summer Cup starts on Sunday 6 and Thursday 12 December and rounds through till 6 February
- * Let Jo Cunningham know if you'd like to play Weekend Pennants next year, as it starts on 25 February 2020. Midweek and weekend players are eligible to play.

This is my last contribution on Women's Golf to *Links* so, see ya and au revoir and a Merry Christmas to all.

SUE KALLAS

Editor's Note; Sue has been reporting on Women's Golf in her inimitable style since 2013. So a voluntary job well done Sue. I appreciated your reliability and commitment to the task. It made my life as editor that little bit easier. Well done and many thanks.



MEN'S GOLF



Well it's been a big month topping off a big year for the Lane Cove Golf Club!

Dermot Duncan started off the month with a cracking score of 43 points equating to a personal best of 71 off the stick. Editor in Chief, Ralph Sadler, backed it up on the Wednesday with a score of 43 points before going under the knife for rotator cuff surgery. Hopefully we'll see you back on the course sooner rather than later!

We had the 2 Ball Ambrose event at Glenmore Heritage GC where Josh Wilson and I represented Lane Cove in the Men's. Whilst we didn't manage to qualify to go to Bonville, we did take out the Best Dressed! It was great to see Dermot and Yvie representing us in the Mixed and Joan and Helen in the Ladies. Both groups performed extremely well, finishing in the top 6.

We had another Hole-in-One this month with Fairweather Frank Hurford joining the club with an ace on the 4th over the gully. This is a first for Frank so congratulations.

The last event of the month was highlighted by a magnificent score of 45 points by Rocket Rod Paterson! The event was a Team's average one and with Rod leading the way, he joined Josh Wilson, Graham Young and Mark Thompson to win with an average score of 40 points. Great scoring gents!

On a sad note, last week we farewelled Life Member Ken Davis. A number of members attended what was a lovely service and Ron Jeffery represented our Club, saying some very nice words.

I'd like to take this opportunity to plug my mate Ben Pearson's garden and lawn maintenance business. As you know, Benny is a greenkeeper at Royal Sydney and has a great knowledge of how to make your garden looking great! If your garden/lawn needs some TLC, give Benny a call on 0401 926 014. He offers a great service for very competitive rates!

We have the annual Presentation Night coming up on Saturday 7 December. Make sure you grab your tickets and join in on the fun, it's always a fun night.



Being the last *Links* for 2019, I'd to thank all the members for their contribution to our great club, it's been a great year and it's our members that make our Club what it is. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

EVAN JONES



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