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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE EDITOR

February 2, 2020. Maths geeks around the world celebrated a day so rare that - unless they're very, very young - it's certain to happen only once in their lifetimes.

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This was, of course, palindrome day, when the date - in this case 02/02/2020 - reads the same way back to front. A palindrome is a word, phrase or number that can be written the same way forwards or back to front.

But while palindrome days come and go - 20/02/2002 is another example - this one is special. Unlike the date in 2002, this one reads the same in the US, where dates are written as month-day-year instead of day-month-year as in much of the rest of the world. It also works for China and a handful of other countries which put the year first.

The last time a palindrome like this happened was 11 November 1111. (Which is really beside the point, because no-one was using our current dating systems in those days anyway.)

In that year:

* Crusaders led by Baldwin I of Jerusalem were fighting the Turks in what is now Syria.

* Henry I, fourth son of William the Conqueror, was king of England.

* Alfonso I, founder of the kingdom of Portugal, was born.

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We don't have to wait quite so long for the next international palindrome day though - it's 12 December 2121 (12/12/2121). Who knows? Some of us may even live to see it.

This publication month for Links coincides with the unusual mathematical phenomenon of the date being a palindrome. Nothing to do with golf? No, but, as there was a space on the front page, and on an indulgent whim, I decided to link this event with the newsletter for posterity and archival records. Thanks Adam Spencer, and Happy New Year to all my fellow members.

FROM THE BOARD

The first Board meeting for the year was held on Monday 13 January and it is evident that our key focus for 2020 is to increase the use of the Club's facilities in order to generate additional income.

You may have noticed that we now have a re-furbished conference area which accommodates approximately 20 people. This is being marketed to local businesses in the area for off-site meetings. Members are encouraged to use this area when available as it is air-conditioned.



The Board wishes to thank the Women's Golf committee on their proposal to air-condition the main club area. Unfortunately, we are unable to proceed any further after a full analysis of the type of unit required and the ongoing expense to operate the unit.

Friday night Music continues, January numbers were down a contributing factor being the extreme weather conditions. Please support this event as Bill Burton and his Quartet are an institution at the Club. The Board is keen to increase music at the Club and once a month on the second Thursday of the month, Tequila Mockingbird will be performing. There is no charge so please come down from 7pm, enjoy a drink, have a dance and order food from Dave Martin.

Repairs and maintenance are an ongoing issue within the clubhouse. Where possible the cost of these repairs is referred to Council. One such issue at the moment is the floor in the Women's golf room which needs urgent attention. We are awaiting a response following Council's inspection of the problem.



The Club now has a defibrillator which is positioned on the inside wall near Dave Martin's café. Training was conducted at the Club last week so our bar staff know exactly what to do if required. For your information, there is also a defibrillator in the Pro Shop. A link, *How to use a Defibrillator* provides a youtube demonstration by St John's Ambulance so, it's worth a look and could help save a life.

Golf continues to be the Club's key income source so we encourage members to play more golf and come inside after golf and buy a drink from the bar. On

Thursday 13 February, we are holding an information session at the Club as part of Seniors Week to encourage more locals to join.

Some exciting news to end on is that the Club is aiming to reinstate the Pro Am. A number of enthusiastic members from the Men's Golf Committee have got together with Board support to see if this is possible for later in the year. More to come next month.

BARBARA OLIVER for THE BOARD

FRIDAY NIGHT Chicken Run

Looking for a fun way to start your weekend?

Join us for the Friday Night Chicken Run

- * Tee off 4.45 pm, no need to book.
- * 9 holes of social golf. Members, non-members, beginners, pros, all welcome
- * Runs over daylight savings months, starting 12 October 2018.
- * Presentation on deck, with winner receiving the much sought-after frozen chicken.
- * For dinner bookings, please ring Club Bar on 9418 6159



WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

BILL BURTON QUARTET

Fridays 7.00 – 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

31 January – Joy Yeates

7 February - Johnny Nicol

14 February -Jo Fabio

21 February – Armondo Hurley

28 Feb – Jacki Cooper & John Morrison

6 March – Ian Cooper

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



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Welcome everyone to the new golfing year 2020. Let's hope the weather is a little bit more co-operative this year and everyone has a chance to play some good golf.

We are straight into our first major of the year with commencement of the Singles KO Championship and I would like to wish everyone good luck. Don't forget with the schedule of golfing events so tight this year we are unable to accommodate any requests for postponement of matches. Playing dates have been allocated and must be adhered to.

One major change the Committee are looking at this year is the format of Presentation Night.

Members have shown by their lack of attendance they are not keen to support our current format so the Committee has several ideas for a revamped Presentation. I will let you know more about that in the next few months and hopefully we can come up with a format that suits everybody.



We have introduced an additional trophy this year with the playing of the Super Veterans Trophy. We have always run the Veterans Trophy for members over 50 but with our current membership that includes almost everyone! So, we have introduced the Super Veterans Trophy for members over 70.

Doug Cameron has expressed concern as to why we haven't introduced the Really Old Veterans Trophy for those members over 90. Might be a playoff between Doug and Ron Jeffrey.

All members would have recently received an e-mail from Golf Australia (GA) about the new handicap system, the World Handicapping System (WHS), and should you want to find out more about WHS go to the links mentioned in the GA e-mail. www.golf.org.au/whs.

By now members would have experienced their first playing day under the new system - small changes to the way a handicap is arrived at has seen some members handicap go down and some go up.

Finally, good luck to everyone this year and hopefully, we can all achieve a little of our own golfing glory.

WAYNE BELGRE

WOMEN'S GOLF

This has been a quiet time for Women's Golf at Lane Cove with the 18-hole competitions being in recession for the holiday period.

The mid-week 9-hole Summer Cup has been played on Thursdays and Sunday ladies have also been playing in their Summer Cup competition. The number of competition days was reduced because of unfriendly conditions including some very welcome rain and not so welcome heat and smoke on a couple of occasions.

AUSTRALIA DAY – SUMMER CUP



On Sunday 26th January, the Summer Cup round was combined with a very successful Australia Day mixed visitors' day. A total of 32 players entered the event – 20 women and 12 men.

The event was won by Karen McLaughlin, a visitor for the day with a score of 22 points. Karen, pictured centre, was presented with the Keg Cup by Director Barbara Oliver and Women's President Joan Weine and went home loaded up with prizes. Karen is a student of Kasey Dive Golf and we hope to see more of Karen at the Club in the future.

Runner-up was Greg Stephenson with a score of 20 and he also received a voucher.

Jo Cunningham won the Longest Drive and Suzique Doughty claimed Nearest the Pin.

The event was a success and most enjoyable due to the effort of many helpers. Thank you to Joan Weine, Helen Prentice, Sue Kallas, Cindy Brown, Jackie Brooks, Suzique Doughty, and of course Dave Martin who provided the delicious sausage sizzle. And thank you Barbara Oliver for reporting on the day.

OPENING DINNER

The Women's 2020 golfing season begins with the Opening Dinner on Thursday 6th February. This is always a very enjoyable gathering of players and social members and is a very nice opportunity for the Sunday and mid-week players to mingle. The winners of the Mid-week and Sunday Summer Cups will be announced at the dinner. The winner of each Cup will have scored the best aggregate score from three rounds of their respective competition.

Many thanks to the co-ordinators of the summer competitions: Rosemary Hurford and Kerin Moorehead managed the Thursday Summer Cup. Cindy Brown and Barbara Oliver looked after the Sunday competition. Jan Sadler co-ordinated the Tuesday competition. Captain Robyn Glover had a well-earned break during the off-season.

2020 SEASON

The new golfing season will commence with two 9-hole competitions followed by information sessions (Sunday 9 February and Thursday 13 February) and lunch. The Eclectic and 18-hole competitions will begin on Sunday 16 February and Thursday 20 February.

WEEKEND PENNANTS

The Weekend Pennant begins on Sunday 23 February, with Lane Cove hosting the first game. If you are able to assist on the day please contact Jo Cunningham.

SUSAN RIDD

MEN'S GOLF

Welcome back to you all and a Happy New Year. I trust you all had a fantastic Christmas. There's a lot of results to go through since the last edition of *Links* so I'll get right into it.

December Medal

A Grade	Andrew Corish 62 and Scratch 72
B Grade	Dermot Duncan 58 and Scratch 71 (also would've taken out the scratch for A Grade - Great scoring mate!)
C Grade	Steve Tan 53 and Scratch 79



There were a few midweek feats worthy of mentioning. Frank Hurford ended the year with 43 points and Dermot continued his purple patch of form with a Hole -in-1 on the 15th! Other players to finish the year off on a high were Dave Martin and Wayne Blair who both had fine scores of 41.

Prior to Christmas we had the annual dress up / dress down event. Paul Johnson's mate from Shell Harbour put us locals to shame by wearing some fine attire! (See pic left) A pity someone didn't tell Paul about the dress up part of the event! Oops, perhaps he was dressing up! Or down! Hard to tell.

In the final Comp of the year, Ben Pearson and Claudius Sitole took out the team's event with Ben shooting 3 over par. Great way to finish the year.

Both Ben and Claudius backed it up for the January Medal.

Results are as follows:

A Grade	Ben Pearson net 61 and Scratch 67
B Grade	Claudius Sithole 68 and Scratch Alasdair Caush 82.
C Grade	Peter Siapos 62 and Scratch 86.

This round was played under excruciating heat with a few casualties. I was lucky to last 13 holes and poor Dermot and Matt Breeze had to play the last hole with sounds of me throwing up off the balcony! Sorry about that fellas.

Phil Dennis started the year playing 18 holes for the first time in a while. He did it in a canter, finishing with 42 points.

Noel Rowland also had a good start to 2020 with a solid 38 bringing him into Warren contention for this year.

We also recently played the annual Par Bisque event which some love and others hate. It's just one of those things. The event is where you choose where you use your handicap shots after each hole. The event was won by Wayne Belgre in Division 1 with 5 up.

The top score of the year so far goes to Jim Patfield who shot an amazing 45 points. Well done Jimmy!

The Monthly Medal and Gold medal took place on the first week in February and once again was played under stifling conditions.

The results are as follows:

A Grade:	Rohit Prasad 62 and Scratch Peter Doherty 73
B Grade:	Noel Rowland 62 and Scratch 75
C Grade:	Steve Tan 67 and Scratch Howard Shaw 88 (<i>Continued over</i>)



MEN'S GOLF continued

Gold Medal

The Gold Medal was won by Noel Rowland with a fantastic score of nett 62. Considering that he dropped 3 shots on the day due to the new handicapping system, it is thoroughly deserved. With the new rules operating, I think we all took a bit of a beating on our handicaps!

Congratulations to all winners!!

Don't forget the Singles Knockout is about to commence. For anyone not registered, please contact Captain Wayne Belgre and he'll see what he can do to fit you into the field.

Good luck to all and I'll see you out on the course!

EVAN JONES

WHICH AUSTRALIAN GOLFER HAS WON THE MOST MAJORS?

The best answer is Karrie Webb. She has won seven majors.



1999 - Du Maurier Classic.
2000 - ANA Inspiration (sometimes described as the Nabisco Championship).
2000 - U.S. Women's Open.
2001 - L.P.G.A.
2001 - U.S. Women's Open.
2002 - Women's British Open.
2006 - ANA Inspiration (sometimes described as the Kraft Nabisco Championship).

There is a caveat with regard to the women's majors as they are not as stable as the men's.

For example, Webb won the Evian Masters in 2006 before it was declared a major in 2011 and then changed its name to the more appropriate Evian Championship in 2013. Also, in 2001 the Women's British Open gained status as a major, replacing the Du Maurier Classic.

Webb won the Women's British Open in 1995 and 1997, before it was considered as a major. Such is the power of the media and the fickleness of sponsorship.

The men's four majors have been stable for a long time and show no signs of changing. Into the 1960s the British and US Amateur Championships were considered as majors and then slowly began to be not considered as such. The big change in these two championships was that the gradual domination by young golfers on the verge of turning professional and the increase in golfing scholarships for young talented golfers.

Three Australian men have been multiple winners of the majors.

Peter Thomson (pictured) - British Open 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958 and 1965.

David Graham - U.S.P.G.A. 1979, U.S. Open 1981.

Greg Norman - British Open 1986 and 1993.



The Australian Golf Heritage society, July, 2017

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome back to all after what was hopefully a safe and happy Christmas holiday. Unfortunately, that was not the case for many. Who would have imagined that 2019 would end and 2020 would start with such horrific fires leading to death, destruction of so many homes and 6 million hectares of land. That's an area equivalent to Tasmania or the North Island of New Zealand. Our hearts and best wishes go out to all those affected and I would invite our golfing community to consider making trips to the affected areas for a round of golf or two, when it's safe to do so, as this will help the local economies with their recovery.

Closer to home, the course appears to have weathered the extreme weather quite well or at least it looks that way from the beer deck as I haven't managed to get a game in so far this year.

You will recall that late last year Council arranged for some geotechnical investigations to be completed to provide information on the ground conditions in and below the car park and clubhouse areas to assist with the proposed new multi-function sports facility and clubhouse development. No news yet on the outcome of those investigations or the design process.

Planning approval for redevelopment of 266 Longueville Road is apparently still not in place and this has no doubt stalled progress as there have been no further meetings of the Recreation Precinct Liaison Advisory Committee for what seems like over a year now. An amended development proposal for 266 Longueville Road (submitted April 2019) is now under assessment by the independent consultant who will in due course be preparing a supplementary report for the consideration by the Sydney North Planning Panel.

The lease of this development site is meant to provide Council with the funds to complete the proposed work at the golf club so we'll keep monitoring progress in this area and provide updates as required.

Otherwise not much else to report at this stage so plenty of opportunity to focus on GOLF, and with the recent rain, the course should be in great condition for the start of the Men's Singles Knockout. Good Luck to all (Except maybe Bob Staley !! – only joking ... Good Luck Bob)

ALAN MOSS



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Coffee...	\$3.5
Chips...	\$5.0
* <u>Breakfast</u> - (All day)	
Bacon + Egg Roll	\$5.5
Ham, Cheese, Tomato Toastie	\$5.5
Pancakes w/ Maple Syrup	\$8.5
Egg, Bacon + Tomato (on toast)	\$10.0
Big Brekky	\$13.5
* <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