



Newsletter of the Lane Cove Golf Club
For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE BOARD

It is official! Lane Cove Golf Club will be hosting a Pro-Am on Wednesday 14 October 2020. A lot of work has been going on behind the scenes with Dermot Duncan leading the team. The Pro-Am has the approval and support from PGA Australia and the Lane Cove Council.



A Pro-Am raises the profile of the Club within the local community and will generate a profit for the Club. It also reinforces our key reason for existing being golf. A substantial portion of the funds raised will go to local charities within the Lane Cove Council area.

A key task of running the event is securing sponsors. Various sponsorship packages are currently being finalised and will range from a major sponsor with naming rights to sponsoring a hole. If any member has any contacts within the local area for business that may be interested in sponsorship, please contact Noel Rowland noelrowland@optusnet.com.au. Noel will be coordinating this aspect of the event.

At a recent Board meeting a decision was made to increase the charges for venue hire. The Club has various options where the whole clubhouse or selected areas can be hired and rates vary accordingly.

As already reported in the weekly newsletter, Friday Night Jazz entry fee is now \$15.00.

Revenue generation is a key focus of the Board and a number of ideas are currently being explored and costed to entice current members to use the facilities more and to attract the local community to participate in events at the Club.

Unfortunately, there is no update on the floor problem in the Ladies Room. It has been inspected by Council but there is no schedule to repair provided at this stage.

If any member would like issues raised for discussion at the Board meetings please email Kent or Angela in the office at manager@lanecovegolfclub.com.au

BARBARA OLIVER for THE BOARD

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

BILL BURTON QUARTET

Fridays 7.00 – 10.00

GUEST ARTISTS

6 March – Ian Cooper

13 March – Ingrid James

20 March -George Washingmachine

27 March – Virna Sanzone

An entry fee of \$15.00 applies (Children free)



FRIDAY NIGHT Chicken Run

Looking for a fun way to start your weekend?

Join us for the Friday Night Chicken Run

- * Meet at 4.30pm for 4.45pm tee off.
- * 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, please ring Club Bar on 9418 6159



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well isn't it great to see the course providing such a terrific challenge for all our members.

The greenkeepers have allowed the rough to grow in areas we have never seen it before and as a result, scores have been a lot lower than usual.

It's been a long time since 36 points was a big chance of winning a competition but that is a regular occurrence these days. Congratulations to the greenkeeping staff for providing such a challenge for everyone.

I must also give a big thanks to all members who competed in the 1st Round of the Singles Knockout in early January.

What a terrible day it was with rain and wind lashing the course, but we still managed to complete the 1st round. With such a tight schedule of events it is important we stay on track to finish all events as programmed.

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER continued

While we are only a short way into the new golfing year, perhaps it is appropriate to mention some of the things that make life a little difficult for those who have to do the results at the end of each golfing day.

Marking of NTP's recently has been ordinary to say the least. Some simple considerations, please.

1. Write legibly - so often it is very difficult to make out the player's name and/or distance
2. Make sure you write your name under the correct Division on the NTP sheet
3. Remember that not everyone enters the Supapin, so If you want to be considered for Supapin, **you must write your name under both your Division as well as Supapin.**

So many members only write their name down under their appropriate Division and then they expect the Committee to work out if they have won Supapin!



Please note, that from now on, names must be written under the appropriate heading to be considered for a prize, including Supapin.

Something else that has poked its head up again is where members are coming onto the balcony at the completion of their rounds to fill out their scorecard.

As has been mentioned many times previously, **the card must be filled out, signed for and entered onto the computer before you order a drink and sit down on the balcony.**

It really is a bad look when members sit on the balcony, look at the scoreboard and then proceed to complete and submit a winning scorecard.

WAYNE BELGRE



After the rain – 9th fairway

(with thanks to Evan Jones)



7th fairway and green, going, going....!

WOMEN'S GOLF

Opening Dinner and New President

The nine-hole competitions for summer finished at the end of January and we began the 2020 golf year with our annual Opening Dinner on Thursday 6th February. It was a pleasure to welcome back Joan Weine as President for 2020. After a three-year period of rest and recreation, when Yvie Nikellys filled the role, Joan slipped back into it without missing a beat. Many thanks to Yvie for her energetic and charming work as Lady President from 2017-19.

At this very enjoyable function we were served hors d'oeuvres with drinks and sat down to a delicious dinner presented by caterers Our Little Secret. The Summer Cup winners were announced – Sunday Barbara Oliver and Midweek Susan Ridd. As Captain Robyn Glover noted, the scores were rather unexceptional. Nevertheless, the winners are thrilled to get their names on the Cup.

Flowers were presented to those who took on extra duties during the summer. Particular thanks went to Jo Hannay and Angela Pearson for managing the drinks, and to Joan Weine, Helen Prentice, Vanna Mutton, Rosemary Hurford, Jan Sadler and Suzique Doughty for helping on the day. The room looked very attractive.

Our after-dinner entertainment was great fun and gave our brains a workout as well. Jo Hannay and Suzique presented an 'episode' of Letters and Numbers (a la Richard Morecroft on SBS). Thank you very much Jo and Suzique for organising this game for our amusement.

Competitions and Information

The new golfing calendar began with 9-hole competitions followed by lunch and information sessions on Sunday 9 and Thursday 13 February. Documents covering the details of the information discussed in these sessions have been forwarded to everyone by email.

Sunday and midweek 18-hole competition and the Eclectic, began on 16 and 20 February respectively. We are very pleased to welcome a new member, Linda Brushfield, who will be a Sunday player.

Weekend Pennants

Lane Cove hosted the first round of Weekend Pennants on Sunday 23 February and welcomed teams from Chatswood, Bayview, Cammeray, Castle Cove, Northbridge and Wakehurst. It was a very successful day with the visiting teams enjoying their golf and lunch, especially the cupcakes provided by Jacquie Brooks. Thank you also to Joan Weine, Helen Prentice, Jo Cunningham for organising the day and to Sue Kallas for writing up the scoreboard, and the spotters who assisted.



On Sunday 1st March, the Lane Cove team, pictured, of Angela Pearson, Joan Weine, Suzique Doughty, Robyn Glover, Marianne Mitchell and Vanna Mutton squared with Northbridge at Bayview. Suzique and Robyn faced tough competition and lost 6/4. Congratulations to Angela and Joan who squared and Vanna and Marianne who won 1 Up.

Charity Visitors Day at Pennant Hills

On Tuesday 25 February, three of our golfers, Joan Weine, Robyn Glover and Rosemary Hurford, attended a charity visitors' day at Pennant Hills. The day included golf on a highly groomed course, and the luxury of carts, followed by a High Tea and fashion parade. It was lovely weather for golf and our ladies enjoyed the day very much.

SUSAN RIDD

MEN'S GOLF



"IF IT DOESN'T LET UP A LITTLE BY THE TIME WE GET ON THE BACK NINE, LET'S CALL IT A DAY."

The Month of February was dominated by the Singles Knockout, an event that many believe is the hardest to take out (especially the lower markers, who have to give away plenty of shots on some occasions).

Round 1 was played under torrential conditions and those who had a bye were happy to wait until the following week. Others were willing to call it quits after 9 holes as it was raining sideways and really not enjoyable.

The results were as follows:

Round 1

D.Haugh bt B.Virgili	N.Rowland bt I.Hayes	W.Belgre bt G.Stephenson
P.Brown bt J.Hickson	N.Sarajinsky bt J.Back	E.Jones bt J.Dowey
W.Edmondson bt M.Thompson	G.Webster bt P.Siapos	D.Leckie bt J.Wilson
K.McGarry bt G.Carrick	B.Staley bt A.Moss	M.Dooley bt P.Johnson
A.Hall bt D.Martin		

Round 1 was highlighted by a 1 up win for Stormin Norman over Backy and a solid 4/3 win by Dave Leckie over Josh Wilson. Credit to Josh, without any wet weather gear, he didn't give up and pushed Dave to the limit. The dry ones on the deck watched as the club kept flying out of his hands!

Round 2

N.Rowland bt D.Haugh	P.Doherty bt W.Belgre	P.Brown bt N.Sarajinsky
E.Jones bt W.Edmondson	D.Leckie bt G.Webster	R.Mayhew bt J.Singh
M.Simonson bt J.Joyce	A.Caush by M.Dooley	W.Heim bt D.Duncan
S.Tan bt W.Blair	B.Pearson bt G.O'Sullivan	H.Shaw bt R.Paterson
C.Sitole bt D.Perry	A.Hassall bt D.Limmer	

Highlights of Round 2 was a solid battle between the two heavyweights, Wayne Belgre and Pete Doherty, who battled it out to the final hole. Howard and Rod went all the way to the 19th hole. Peter Brown on the other hand ended giant killer Norman's campaign, handing him a 7/6 victory.

In the Par event for others not in the Knockout, Jeff Hickson (square) and Paul Kelly (+1) combined incredibly well for a team score of +11.

Round 3

A.Hall bt W.Heim 2/1	B.Staley bt M.Simonsen 2/1
P.Doherty bt N.Rowland 2/1	E.Jones bt P.Brown 2/1
A.Caush bt C.Sithole 6/5	R.Mayhew bt D.Leckie on 19th
A.Hassal bt H.Shaw 3/1	B.Pearson bt S.Tan (to be explained below!)

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MEN'S GOLF continued

Benny was very fortuitous when playing Dr Tan. Ben was 5 down with 5 to play and had to give Steve shots on every remaining hole. Incredibly, Steve was called out to hospital to deliver a baby. Ben offered to play one more hole, however Steve had lives to save! (The following Wednesday, Steve shot 40 points!)

I will update the results of the Quarter / Semi and Grand Final in the next edition. This week will be the Monthly Medal, so make sure you get your name down as spots are filling quickly. It's great to see some new faces out there and the booking times filling up. I looked on a Friday during the month and there was only one vacant spot!

A Multiplier was played on Saturday 29 February (Editor's note - how often do we get to play on 29 February??) , and a worthy mention must go to Rod Paterson and Jeff Hickson who shot a grand total of 17 points! Sorry fellas but something like that has to be mentioned! Is this a club record? To put the score into perspective, the winners were Jim Patfield and Chris Taylor with 71 points.

I've enclosed some pics of the results of the wild weather we had during the month. Credit to then green staff as by the next week, you would not have known that we had rain!



**Frank Hurford and Dermot Duncan
model the new Hole-in-One shirts.
Certainly an improvement on the ties!**

(Ed's note – are these awarded retrospectively? I had a H in O one ten years ago!)
Looking forward to seeing you out on the course!

EVAN JONES

When and where was the first Australian Golf Championship played?



Answer; The Australian Open was first played in 1904, over two days, 36 holes on Friday 2 September and 36 holes on Saturday 3 September. The venue was the Botany course of the Australian Golf Club. It was won by Michael Scott of Royal Melbourne with a score of 312, seven strokes ahead of runner-up H J Hyland.

There is a report of the Open on page 4 of the Sydney Morning Herald, Monday 5 September. The Open was part of a week of golf organised by the Australian Golf Club. The newspaper gives high praise to Dr E Frazer and Mr E J B MacArthur for the well run event.

Michael Scott had a sterling amateur career. He was born in England in 1878 and spent about 14 years in Australia as a gentleman farmer. In Australia he won the Open twice and the Amateur Championship four times. He was the star of the Great Britain & Ireland Walker Cup team in 1924 and was playing Captain of the team in 1934. Also, in 1934 he led a British team of amateur golfers to play against Australian golfers in what was hoped to become a regular “test match”. His crowning achievement was to win the British Amateur Championship, a gruelling major event, in 1933 just shy of his 55th birthday, still the oldest winner of the event ***Australian Golf Heritage Society, August 2017***



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and Saturday & Sunday (10.00am – 4.00pm)**

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ALL DAY BREAKFAST

1	Bacon & Egg Roll	\$ 6.00
2	Ham, Cheese & Tomato Toastie	\$ 6.00
3	Pancakes w/o Maple Syrup	\$ 8.50
4	Egg, Bacon & Tomato on Toast	\$10.00
5	Big Breakky	\$13.50

BURGERS – with chips add \$3.00

10	Choice of Beef, Chicken, Veggie or New Yorker Burger	\$ 9.00
11	Cheeseburger	\$ 9.50
12	Schnitzel Burger	\$10.00

CLASSICS

13	Sausage & Onion Roll	\$ 5.50
14	BLT	\$ 6.50
15	Fish & Chips (w/o Salad)	\$14.00
16	Schnitzel & Chips (w/o Salad)	\$14.00
17	Pie & Chips	\$10.00
18	Chicken 'Parmy' & Chips	\$14.00
	Coffee	\$ 3.50
	Bowl of Chips	\$ 5.00