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For the information of members and their guests

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### **MARVELLOUS MARGARET - 100 YEARS YOUNG**



Many members, both men and women, would know that our fellow member, Margaret Tanner, is about to reach a remarkable 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday 8 May.

She will proudly tell you that she is turning 100 years “young” – we can’t use the word “old” when talking about Margaret!

Originally, a High Tea had been planned to be held at the Club so that members could join with Margaret to celebrate this remarkable achievement. Unfortunately, at this time when Covid-19 requires that we all stay away from each other, the tea had to be cancelled.

Instead, Vanna Mutton has been able to take advantage of 21<sup>st</sup> century technology to arrange a Zoom hook-up between Margaret and members on Friday 8 May at 12.00.

Margaret’s niece, Wendy, will set up a computer at Margaret’s home to enable the ladies to vicariously celebrate the day with Margaret and

allow them to sing Happy Birthday. As part of the birthday proceedings, a cake and card will be delivered to Margaret and a specially composed song will also be a feature of the celebrations.

A 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday card from the Queen has already been received by Margaret!

With a badge number of 270, Margaret is the Club’s longest playing member, clocking up 60 years membership in 2021, as well as one of its keenest golfers. Margaret joined the then Lane Cove Country Club, now known as the Lane Cove Golf Club, in September 1961.

Her good health and longevity of life is due to regularly playing golf, doing yoga and constantly being active. Margaret estimated several years ago that she had played over 1500 rounds of golf and she was a regular 9-holer until quite recently. The curse of the virus put an end to that for the moment.

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## **MARVELLOUS MARGARET - 100 YEARS YOUNG *continued***

Margaret originally joined Riverview Golf Club in 1958. However, in 1960 the Club land was sold to Riverview school and Margaret recalls that after a good party, the members dispersed. Margaret, who relied on public transport, joined Northbridge because she could get there from Lane Cove by tram.

When the Lane Cove Country Club began, Margaret became a Foundation Member. She became one of the Sunday/Business Lady founding members, and was elected to the first Associates Committee, as was the way lady golfers were named in 1964. History shows that the foundation members would build a course from nothing to a full 9 hole golf course and bowling green (now tennis courts), and Margaret was the first Sunday golfer to hit off the first tee in a competition.

In 1979, the Club suffered major financial difficulties and Margaret was one of the members to buy a \$500 debenture to help keep it afloat. In return these members were recognized as a "Member for Life". This category of

membership was renamed "Prepaid Members" in the 2002 revisions to the Club's Constitution.

In 1997 Margaret achieved a Hole-In-One on the sixth hole which was very exciting for her.

Margaret is particularly known for an amazingly active life and the flowers she produces for club functions. She has over many years provided flowers from her own garden to decorate the clubhouse for dinners, visitor's days, the program, and pennant days.



We have always been able to count on Margaret's help at Weekend Pennant Host Days and over the years, Margaret was a valued member of the Opening Dinner Show casts.

In 2012 the Committee announced that the Non-Trophy Winner Trophy was to be renamed the Margaret Tanner Trophy in her honour. Ask Margaret about it!

Margaret was an avid bushwalker, she is an active member of Legacy, a life member of the Widow's Association and a regular in the City to Surf until a few years ago.

- \* She walks every day;
- \* She volunteers at the Glaucoma Association;
- \* Yoga at St Columbus. Weekly classes that Margaret said enabled her to stay flexible so that playing a round of golf was easy!
- \* Gardening at home;
- \* Attends all functions.

Aged 99, Margaret was still playing regularly, but for the time being her golf is confined to those nice flat holes, 1, 7, 8 and 9.

Margaret has been an inspirational and committed member of the Club, and a major contributor in so many ways both on and off the course. All members wish her a wonderful 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



## ***CAPTAIN'S CORNER***

In all the history of Lane Cove Golf Club I don't think we have seen Wednesday and Saturday fields so full.

Thanks very much to all those members who have taken the opportunity to play during this difficult time. I sincerely regret the fact we can't accommodate everyone, but due to the 2 person limit per group, as well as restrictions on block booking times, some members have unfortunately missed out on playing.

Hopefully, the new booking procedures introduced and the adjustment to the timesheets has resulted in everyone being able to book at least one game per week. Let's hope when the crisis is over everyone continues to play on a regular basis



Absolutely there is no better exercise than a 3 - 4 hour stroll around the beautiful setting of a golf course and I must say the course has never looked better. We really must thank the green staff for their recent efforts, as well as the pro shop staff for their flexibility when allocating tee times..

Another person we should thank is Stephen Barnes. Stephen has spent a lot of time adjusting timesheets in One Golf to accommodate the almost weekly changes to our booking regime, so thanks Stephen.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind members of their responsibility when marking cards. With the Committee entering all scores after each round, several concerning things have come to light.

\* Firstly, the Committee have requested members use a pen to mark their cards. With the cards laminated, it is difficult to read scores when members use a pencil. Please use a pen so the scores can be easily identified. Some pens come with an eraser thus allowing corrections.

\* Secondly, members often score a different game to that being played. Last Wednesday the game scheduled and actually printed on the card was Par. However, cards for over half the field were scored as stableford! Some were even scored with 9 holes of stableford and 9 holes of Par. Duh!!

While this does not result in disqualification, it takes a tremendous amount of time for the Committee to adjust the results from stableford to Par.

\* Thirdly please take more care when allocating stableford points for each hole as they are often incorrect. The Committee has had several enquiries about scores because a member thought, for example, they had 38 points, but when the scores were entered the correct total was actually less.

Almost invariably, the error in scoring stableford points normally results in the player giving himself more points than he actually got. Funny that!

\* Lastly, please put initials of each player above the column in which their score is written. Also please put the score for the 1st player nominated on the card in the 1st column. Cards have been submitted with the scores for the 2nd player on the card in the 1st column and no initials to identify whose score it is. This has resulted in scores being reversed for both players.

The good news is that it looks like we might be over the worse with the virus, so let's hope we can get back to our normal routine as soon as possible.

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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER *continued*

Time	Date	Event	
11:49 AM	11 Apr 2020	Par	
Player	Name	Golf LINK No.	Handicap
1	JONES, Evan	2031300525	13 -4
2	HYDE, Buddy	2031301829	21 -6

White			Player				Marker	
Metres	Par	Index	E1J	B2H	Result	Hole	1	2
196	3	1	4/0	5/0	0	1		
330	4	4	5/0	-	0	2		
138	3	7	4/0	4/0	0	3		
125	3	8	4/0	-	0	4		
275	4	10	5/0	5/0	0	5		
109	3	17	3/0	4/0	0	6		
253	4	16	5/-	6/-	-	7		
271	4	12	4/+	5/0	+	8		
268	4	13	6/-	6/-	-	9		
1965	32		-1	-4	-1	OUT		

COURSE COMMENT

Please note the card as an example of best marking practice:

The card is marked in pen, so everything is very clearly visible.

The Player 1 and Player 2 columns are labelled with initials and they match the listing order at the top of the card.

The stroke and par result scores for each player, on each hole, are clearly written.

The Best Ball result for each hole is clearly written.

The stroke index for each hole is correctly applied. (This has been an issue on MANY cards!)

The card is neat, clear, legible and totally user friendly for those who have to check and enter scores.

Good Golfing

**WAYNE BELGRE**



## ***WOMEN'S GOLF***

It is encouraging to hear that golf has had somewhat of a renaissance during the social isolation conditions we have been living under for the past six weeks or so in NSW. Sundays have been particularly popular at Lane Cove with our regular ladies booking in to play each week together with quite a few men members. The number of public players has been 'extraordinary'.

With players being restricted to play in pairs, and therefore taking more than the usual number of lines needed for our Sunday Ladies' competition, the Sunday tee times have regularly become over-booked. This is an exciting bit of news in our strange world at the moment.

At this time of the year we would usually be thinking about medal rounds and Friday pennants competitions, but under the new conditions our players are enjoying stableford competitions only. The results during April have been quite varied with a nice mixture of women and men players taking home the winning vouchers and receiving ball credits.

Winners for April are listed below:

Sunday 5: 18 holes Vanna Mutton, 9 holes Margaret Collins

Tuesday 7: 9 holes Susan Woodman

Thursday 9: 18 holes Robyn Glover, 9 holes red Vanna Mutton, 9 holes blue Bronwyn Arnold

Sunday 12: 18 holes Yvonne Nikellys, 9 holes blue Monica Cowper

Tuesday 14: 18 holes Dave Martin, 9 holes Joan Weine, 9 holes blue Margaret Collins

Thursday 16: 18 holes Adrian Hall, 9 holes Hamish Anderson, 9 holes blue Margaret Collins

Sunday 19: 18 holes Joan Weine, 9 holes Hamish Anderson, 9 holes blue Margaret Collins

Tuesday 21: 18 holes Yvonne Nikellys, 9 holes Adrian Hall, 9 holes blue Susan Woodman

Thursday 23: 18 holes Adrian Hall, 9 holes Rosemary Hurford, 9 holes blue Bronwyn Arnold

Sunday 26: 18 holes Linda Tsung, 9 holes blue Bronwyn Arnold

Tuesday 28: 18 holes Robyn Glover, 9 holes Adrian Hall, 9 holes blue Bronwyn Arnold

Thursday 30: 18 holes Jacquie Brooks, 9 holes Ralph Sadler, 9 holes blue Bronwyn Arnold

Sunday 3 May: 18 holes Greg O'Sullivan, 9 holes Hamish Anderson, 9 holes blue Margaret Collins.

Many of our members are looking forward to celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of our wonderful player, Margaret Tanner, with a Zoom get-together on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. It will be lovely to see Margaret and so many friends at the same time even if we are in our own homes at the time.

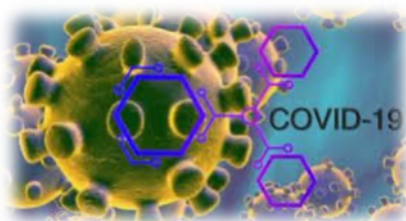
Our best wishes go out to our former player Margaret Cameron and her devoted husband Doug who are separated from each other due to the shutdown of the aged care facility where Margaret is a resident.

Thank you to our Captain, Robyn Glover, for the very helpful information in her weekly column Tee Time. Take care and keep well.

***SUSAN RIDD***



## FROM THE BOARD



The closure of the Club house and the impact on our staff due to Covid -19 has been the key priority for the Board in the last few weeks. Our Treasurer Stuart McDonald has been liaising with staff re the government packages that may assist. Directors have also reviewed expenses and asked suppliers where possible for reductions in fees and charges.

The only income for the Club has been via golf so we wish to thank all members who continue to play following the new guidelines for social distancing. We hope it is not too long until the Club house opens and we can get back to enjoying a drink and a chat after a round of golf.

The Board also wish to congratulate Margaret Tanner celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. Margaret is an inspiration to all of us. A founding member of the Club, Margaret has seen many changes over the years but most importantly she has been a constant source of positivity and encouragement for old and new members alike. We thank you Margaret for all you have done for the Lane Cove Golf Club and wish you a very happy Birthday.



## MEN'S GOLF

After a month of what I can say is the most unusual month of golf I've played, all I can say is, how lucky are we that we are still playing! (Unlike the poor Mexicans down south.)

Playing in groups of 2, no sand buckets, no rakes in the bunkers, no touching the pin and no sharing score cards. Add into that the social distancing and it's a different game to what we're all used to. Thanks to all for jumping on board and obeying the rules, for as you all know, like the NRL, it takes just one idiot to disobey the rules and we could all be back home mowing the lawn.

The course is playing the toughest I have played it for a long time. The greens are now back to their slick selves and the rough is rough. Handicaps are sliding as there have been quite a few occasions this month where 36 points won the competition.

Thanks to some bloke in China who ate a bat, we can't have monthly medals. However here are some of the results over the last month.

**4th April.** Peter Brown won the day with 35 points. That's right, there was 46 starters and not one could play to their handicap. Well done Pete for coming close! Pete and Claudius also won the 2 Ball with 40 points.

**11th April.** On what would have been the Mixed Foursomes event except for that bloke in China, Tim Sinclair took out the Par event, shooting an all square to his handicap. Wayne Blair and Steve Tan took out the teams with a score of 5 up. *Continued over*



## ***MEN'S GOLF continued***

**18th April.** Things are getting better, with Bob Staley not only shooting his handicap but breaking it by 3 shots shooting 39 points. Noel Rowland came runner up on a countback with 36.

**25th April.** ANZAC day this year was also a lot different. With dawn services on our driveway, no march in the city and no footy to go to, at least we could still play. Well done to Stuart McDonald who took out the day with 38 points on a countback to Wing Cheung. Special mention to Buddy who brought some of Lynn's delicious home-made ANZAC biscuits!

**2nd May.** Just like the mighty Roosters, Stuart made it back to back wins shooting 37 points on a countback to Benny Pearson. Alan Moss and Rick Mayhew took out the best ball with a credible 46 points.

The highlight of the Wednesday competition would have to be Bill Edmondson who shot the best score of the month with 6 up.



In case you missed it, it was a great sight to see our stalwart **Doug Cameron** partnering with one of our junior members, **Angus Pearce**. I'm reliably informed there was an 81 year gap between the two. Surely that must be some kind of record! I had to take a photo to document it. Just goes to show that golf is a sport for all ages.

Well until next month, stay safe, keep your social distancing and I'll see you out on the course (that is if you get in early enough to get a booking.) Things are getting pretty fierce just to get a spot these days!

***EVAN JONES***



