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For the information of members and their guests

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CLUB RE-OPENING

It is with great delight that we advise that the Clubhouse is slowly but surely reopening. Initially, we will be opening on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from June 3 as follows:

Wednesday; 3rd June 2020: 3.00pm - 6.00pm

Saturday; 6th June 2020: 10.00am - 6.00pm

Sunday; 7th June 2020: 10.00am - 6.00pm

And then every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday until further notice.

We are fortunate that Dave Martin will be operating the Tee 4 Two BBQ Café on Saturdays and Sundays.

Opening up again brings with it a set of responsibilities for all of us. Covid-19 cleaning procedures will be adhered to and the number of patrons in the Club will be limited to 50, with social distancing mandatory. Throughout the Clubhouse, there will be hand sanitiser as well as soap and paper towels in bathrooms. When in the Clubhouse and on the deck it is important to be seated and not mingle while standing.



Another change is that from our re-opening on 3rd June 2020 the Club will be going cashless. This means that all payments at the bar are to be made by card. If this does not suit any member, arrangements can be made to have funds added to their account. The ATM machine will no longer be available.

We hope that we can extend the opening hours as restrictions ease and functions and gatherings can be accommodated.

Until then, we look forward to having you back enjoying your Club!

THE BOARD

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

It really has been good news with some restrictions being lifted and we can get back to some sort of normality in our golf.

Good news also is that the Club will be open (albeit with COVID-19 restrictions) so we can now have that quiet drink celebrating or otherwise our round of golf.



There is plenty of news to pass on as the Men's Golf Committee looks to catch up some of the fixtures we have missed out on.

Firstly you should have received an email listing the fixtures for June. In case you missed out the fixtures are as follows:

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| Saturday 6th June | June Medal - A, B and C grade - (no visitors) |
| Saturday 13th June | Round 1 - A, B and C Grade Foursomes - (no visitors) |
| Saturday 20th June | Round 2 - A, B and C Grade Foursomes
Other 2 Ball Best Ball + Singles in conjunction |
| Saturday 27th June | 2B Aggregate Stableford + Singles in conjunction (Draw for 4B KO) |

Nominations for the 4 Ball Knockout will be accepted as of Saturday 6th June.

As in previous years, rounds of the 4 Ball Knockout must be played on the stipulated dates as with such a crowded schedule we cannot afford to be in a "catch up" situation.

For your information, dates of each round of the 4 Ball Knockout are displayed on the nomination form.

For new members who may be unaware of just what is involved with the Foursomes or 4 Ball Knockout, please search out a member of the Committee or ask someone you may be playing with. Both events are a lot of fun and these events make up 2 of our 4 "majors".



In other news, the GolfNSW has also made a preliminary draw for the Warren & Gibson Trophy events. A final decision on whether the events go ahead won't be made until the end of June but it certainly looks promising.

The draft draw has Lane Cove playing Barnwell Park, Woollahra and Cammeray with the first round v Barnwell Park at home on Saturday 25th July. There will be more information about these events to come at a later date.

Finally, one last thing. With full fields (and early darkness) it is vitally important that each group keeps up with the group in front and we are able to complete our rounds in reasonable time.

Best of luck to everyone in the upcoming events.

WAYNE BELGRE

WOMEN'S GOLF

Our women golfers at Lane Cove have proven to be creative and adaptive in May 2020 while managing the unusual circumstances brought on by Covid-19. Apart from getting used to playing in pairs and adhering to the social distancing restrictions, our members learnt to use Zoom for meetings and celebrations and the smart phone app Miscore to keep their score, rather than marking a card.

Margaret Tanner – 100 years

Our most pleasant event this month was the celebration of Margaret Tanner's 100th Birthday on Friday 8th May. Rather than a dinner with music and dancing, as you may remember, we celebrated Margaret's 90th birthday, this wonderful 100 years landmark was shared by Margaret and 25 of her golfing friends, in their own homes or workplaces, via Zoom. It was a truly happy occasion with Margaret looking beautiful as usual and proudly showing us her birthday cake and the tributes she had received, such as messages from the Queen, the Prime Minister and other dignitaries.



Our thanks go to Vanna Mutton for setting up this session for us all to enjoy. On behalf of the ladies, thanks must also go to our Editor Ralph for his lovely tribute to Margaret's golfing career in last month's Links.

Competitions

As this goes to press, many restrictions are being lifted and once again we will be able to enjoy some of the social activities that make playing golf so rewarding. Also, as we are now able to play in groups of three and four, the Medal and Championship competitions are able to go ahead. Two rounds of the Bronze I and II and Veteran's Cup were played in the last week of May, and June will bring forth the A and B Championship rounds and 4th and 5th Medal rounds, including putting competitions.

During May, players enjoyed mixed golf, 18 and 9-hole competitions, and some very good scores were recorded. Several players including Yvonne Nikellys, Rosanne Antico Hall, Helen Prentice and Joan Weine won the 18-hole competitions twice, and Hamish Anderson, Margaret Collins and Bronwyn Arnold appeared more than once as winners of the 9-hole comps.

Results for May

Tues 5:	Winners, 18 Yvonne Nikellys,	9 blue Bronwyn Arnold
Thurs 7:	Winners, 18 Rosanne Antico Hall,	9 red Barbara Dorsch
Sun 10:	Winners, 18 Helen Prentice,	9 mixed Hamish Anderson, 9 blue Bronwyn Arnold
Tues 12:	Winners, 18 Yvonne Nikellys,	9 red Rosemary Hurford
Thurs 14:	Winners, 18 Jan Sadler,	9 red Margaret Collins
Sun 17:	Winners, 18 Joan Weine,	9 mixed Margot Anderson
Tues 19:	Winners, 18 Ben Pearson,	9 red Suzique Doughty
Thurs 21:	Winners, 18 Helen Prentice,	9 red Hamish Anderson, 9 blue Margo Vaughan
Sun 24:	Winners, 18 Rosanne Antico Hall,	9 red Hamish Anderson, 9 blue Bronwyn Arnold
Thurs 28:	Winners, 18 Joan Weine,	9 red Monica Cowper, 9 blue Margaret Collins
Sun 31:	Winners, 18 Angela Pearson,	9 red Susan Woodman, 9 blue Margaret Collins

Until next time, enjoy golf and keep well.

SUSAN RIDD



MEN'S GOLF

Hallelujah!! We are back! Back to groups of four and the clubhouse will be opening soon. (Wednesday 3 June!) It's been a tough couple of months for everyone and I hope you are all mentally well after being isolated from family and friends for so long.

After last month's scores where 36 points would win a comp, the greenkeeper must've felt sorry for us and decided to put all the tees forward. This month's scores were significantly better so well done to all.

Here are the results for the last month.

Wednesday 6th May

Brian Doherty - 42 Points

Saturday 9th May

Ben Pearson - 39 points (3 over off the stick). On a count-back to Backy.

Wednesday 13th May

Doug Cameron - 40 points and combined nicely with Christopher Tan for a 79 aggregate.

Saturday 16th May

Walter Heim 43 points - Steve Tan and Matt Breeze took out the best ball with 48 points.

Wednesday 20th May

Mark Spence - 43 points, playing off a handicap of 8, relating to 1 over. The best round of the month! Also took Dougie Cameron on for the ride to take out the Best Ball.

Saturday 23rd May

Rick Mayhew - +4 while Father and son-in-law combination of Steve Barnes and Alex Hasslehoff took out the teams with a great score of 8 up. (Don't Hassle with the Hoff!)

Wednesday 27th May

Greg Rothery - 43 points combining well with Adrian Hall to take out the 4s and 3s with 40 points.

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MEN'S GOLF continued

Saturday 30th May

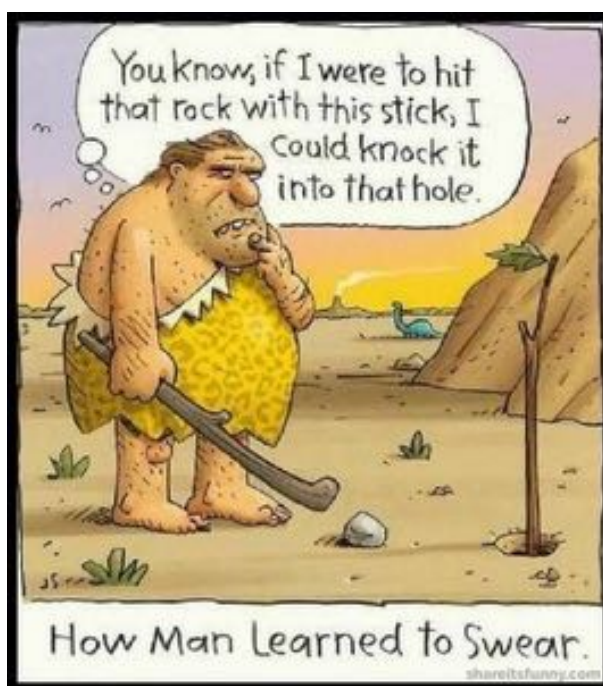
Pete Doherty - 37 points. Barnsey added another string to his bow with another win, combining with Stu McDonald with a 47 best ball score.

Finally, next week is the monthly Medal! Hope you have all got your names down. I'm sure the tees will be back and the greens slick, so bring your A game.

Don't forget the Foursomes are also coming up soon so make sure you find a partner and put your name down. It's a great format.

See you on the course.

EVAN JONES



FROM THE ARCHIVES (Space filler!)

This now being the winter of our discontent (thanks Covid-19), the Warren and Gibson matches cannot be too far away, conditions permitting. As a warm up to this enjoyable interclub competition, the editor has decided to pull from the archives, the report of the first Gibson Trophy match from the 2010 campaign. Some famous Club names here! Perhaps, reading of the deeds of previous Lane Cove legends, may engender some enthusiasm for the forthcoming contests.

Eastlake Effortlessly Embarrass Early Eager Expectations

Sunday 8 August; Round 1 of the 2010 Gibson Trophy, and a magnificent, sunny winter's day saw the Gibbo's assembled, looking resplendent in their Mitchell blue shirts, at the Eastlake GC.

Expectation were high that this was going to be good year for the Lane Cove Gibson campaign. We had a strong and experienced team, ready to take on our opponents from the Eastlake, Ashlar and Asquith golf clubs, and confidence was high. "Let's bring it on" was the eager message, as the first game got under way at 11.30.

Sadly, at 5.30, the result sheet read as follows: (Continued over)

FROM THE ARCHIVES continued

Eastlake 3 ½ - Lane Cove 0

Ones – Gary (Gazza) Holmes and Dave (Pres) McFarlane	Lost 7 and 6
Twos – Tim (The Major) Broomham and Little John Delaney	Lost 5 and 4
Threes – Dave (Tiger) Martin and Ralph (La Plata) Sadler	Lost 1 up
Fours – Steve (Mad Dog) Barnes and Kit (Hong Kong Pro) Foo	Lost 8 and 6

What a comprehensive thrashing! And some well-qualified people were heard to say that we were lucky to get nil! Three pairs managed to get no further than the 14th. Night comes early at this time of the year, so it is best that we allow these results, with one exception, to slip into the darkness of obscurity without further analysis.

The exception is the Threes result, which amongst the catalogue of misery above, stands out like a Labor voter at the Liberal party campaign opening, which coincidentally was launched on the same day. Modesty prevents the editor in dwelling too long on this match, except to say that it was a closely fought contest throughout, and while we were never in front, we pushed to the last hole. Our apologies for holding up dinner and drinks for all the early finishers.

Tiger Martin is to be congratulated for playing so well while suffering badly from a very heavy dose of something nasty, and hopefully, non-catching. Tiger was grateful indeed to accept a lift from Little John, while the Major toted the clubs over the last few holes. From a team spirit point of view, it was very pleasing to see a number of the team members providing much appreciated support by walking the last 4 holes with the Threes.

Unfortunately, the results for the Warren team were even worse than the Gibbo's first-up effort (all lost, 8/6, 7/6, 6/4 and 5/4). All in all, a day to forget. We now know how the Wallabies feel after they have played the All Blacks. However, next week provides us with a chance to exact some revenge for the pummelling received in Round 1. Not our greatest result, but, we didn't win at Gallipoli either!

The 2010 campaign starts in Round 2!!



That's the only time all day that poor Ed's put two shots together.



How was your game, briefly?