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For the information of members and their guests

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### ***FROM THE BOARD***

The Board's primary focus at this time continues to be saving our golf course in its current format.

As you know, Council held two information sessions where the community could come and see the proposed development for the precinct. These sessions were held at the Club and were attended by golf members, but more importantly, by local residents who clearly voiced their dismay that such a proposal was even on the table.

On the first Saturday there were around 50 people in attendance. Last week overall there would have been 70 people which required two sessions. At both sessions there was not one speaker in favour of the driving range and reduced footprint of the course. Also, in attendance at both sessions was Mayor Pam Palmer and a number of Councillors also attended. They would be in no doubt that this proposal has zero support.

Board members were present at both meetings and Dermot Duncan clearly stated the Club's position and opposition to the proposal. *(Continued over)*

## ***FROM THE BOARD continued***

The Board is contacting all Councillors individually, stating the Club's opposition to the reduction in the footprint of the course. Barry Watkin has also met with our Federal Member for North Sydney, Trent Zimmerman, advising him of our position.

A detailed formal response to the development is being prepared by the Board to be delivered to the Council.

A number of community associations are also strongly opposed to the development and the Board is supporting these groups.

Thank you to all members who have been working on getting signatures on the Petition. We have well over 500 signatures which will be presented to Parliament this month.

Lights, camera, action! We are also making a short video to reinforce the importance of the course, not only to golfers, but the local community. The video features a number of members, including our founding member Margaret Tanner. The video will be shown on social media.

You may have also noticed the sign at the entrance to the Club. "Save Our Golf Course, Save our Green Space" (see above). We wish to thank Jan and Ralph Sadler for organising this powerful communication piece.

Thank you to all members who are complying with Covid-19 Safe requirements. It is essential that we all continue to follow the rules. A big thank you to our staff who are implementing our Covid-19 plan.

And, amidst all of this, some good news. The Club has received two grants, one from the NSW Government for \$3,000 as a recovery grant and the other for \$1,000 from Golf NSW. Thank you to Maureen Dunn and Robyn Seale for completing these detailed submissions.

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



Members hopefully are now aware that with our golf back into full swing we are gradually working our way through events that had to be postponed earlier in the year and as such we have had to make changes to the playing schedule. I want to take this opportunity to let members know about our revised playing schedule for the upcoming months. With the **Warren and Gibson**

matches now being played we had to move events around so we can complete them within this golfing year. *Please note the dates listed below and include them in your golfing diary.*

One of our premier events, the **4 Ball Knockout**, is through to the 1/4 final stage with the next round due on Saturday 8th August.

The last two **Warren and Gibson** home matches are now scheduled on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August and Saturday 22nd August. As Warren and Gibson takes up the tee times from 11.00 to 12.30, members should be aware there will only be 32 spots available on those days for our own competition. Get in early!

On Saturday 29th August we will have the **semi-finals of the 4 Ball Knockout** followed by the **September Medal** on Saturday 5th September.

Saturday 12th September will see one of our more important days on our calendar with the **Nic Corish Memorial day**. This is a day when we encourage members to think about the importance of family and we would like to see as many family groups playing golf on the day.

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

There is a special trophy to the winners of the family event so the Men's Committee would like to see as many family members playing together on this day as possible.

To round out September, we have the final of the **4 Ball Knockout** on Saturday 19th September and the "**Yellow Ball Game**" on Saturday 26th September. For those new members who have not played the Yellow Ball Game, it really is a fun event.



Each group is supplied with a yellow ball and members of the group takes turns playing a hole with the yellow ball. The score while playing with the yellow ball is noted on a separate scorecard. To win the event your group must finish 18 holes with the yellow ball and have the highest stableford score.



Certainly is a lot of pressure for those group members who have to play the 2<sup>nd</sup> / 11th and 4th / 13th holes with the yellow ball. In years gone by, we have seen all four group members down in the gully on the 2nd or 13th holes searching for the yellow ball, alas often to no avail.

Finally I have had queries recently about 4 Ball pairings in One Golf. One Golf automatically pair players 1 and 2, and players 3 & 4 together in any 4 Ball event.

If John and Peter want to play together in the 4 Ball event of the day they must book in One Golf as player 1 and player 2, or as player 3 and player 4. If John books in as player 1 and Peter as player 3 or 4 they will not be grouped together.

As well if your group only has 3 players One Golf will automatically make the player with the lowest handicap the "swinger". If you decide on the day to change pairings it must be done in One Golf via the Pro Shop before you hit off.

Wishing all our members "good golfing" and please stay safe.

***WAYNE BELGRE***





## WOMEN'S GOLF



July has been a busy month for Lane Cove women golfers. They have endured difficult conditions on course, made a great effort trying to defend our course against Council's proposed redevelopment, and celebrated many birthdays – at least six!

Despite some lovely sunny weather during the month, there have also been torrential downpours that have prevented the course from drying out. It has been difficult for players to avoid the large muddy patches and the scores have reflected the lack of run on the fairways. It is also fair to say that our Lane Cove ladies have probably made a significant difference to the revenue of the local golf stores with their purchases of new, water-proof shoes in recent weeks.

Our golfers and social members have been busy responding to the Lane Cove Council's proposal to drastically modify our course. This is a worrying development and the general feeling among our women members is that it would have a disastrous effect on our game at Lane Cove. This week we noted that in a normal year of golf, we would be playing in a Bronze IV Pennant. In fact, Lane Cove was scheduled to host the visiting teams on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

It is difficult to imagine that golfers from lovely, long courses such as Elanora, Castle Hill and Killara, where our team has enjoyed competition in recent years, would find our course in the proposed reduced format worthy of being included in that Pennant competition. Our 18-hole course has always been short compared to other courses. But our Pennant visitors have found it interesting and challenging because of its trees and shade, its narrowness, and of course the gully! The 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes give substance to the course providing extra length and the only open, sunny fairway. In your columnist's humble opinion, the course will lose its integrity as a proper golf course if these two fairways are removed.

For now, our Sunday and mid-week players are enjoying a variety of games especially in those wonderful mild, sunny winter days we've been experiencing. The Singles Knock Out for Thursday continues while Suzique Doughty won the Sunday SKO by defeating Cindy Brown 1 Up after playing 19 holes. Congratulations, Suzique. Another title to add to your Club Championship.

The NSW Bowl 4BBB v Stableford event was played on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. The winning team were Sunday players Marianne Mitchell (35) and Rosanne Antico-Hall (41) with 43 points. Well done, ladies!

The 4<sup>th</sup> Medal round was played in beautiful weather on both Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. It was no surprise that our Joan Weine (23) won both the Nett with 71 and the Scratch with 94 and the Putting competition with 27 in Division 1.

Sunday Division 1 winner was Suzique Doughty (19) with Nett 75 and Scratch 94. Jo Cunningham won the putting with 35.

The Thursday Division 2 winners: Helen Prentice (36) Nett 81 and Scratch 117. Rosemary Hurford won the putting with 35.

Sunday Division 2 winners: Marianne Mitchell (35) Nett 77 and Scratch 112 and Putting 38.

The 9-hole medal competition was won by Monica Cowper (28) on Thursday with Nett 37 and Scratch 51 and 15 putts. Bronwyn Arnold (43) won the Sunday 9-hole comp Nett with 35 and 20 putts. Susan Woodman (34) won the Scratch with 55. *Continued over*

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

In other news, our friend Patti Ayres has moved to The Pines in Cronulla where she'll receive extra care and be closer to her family. We will miss her visits to the Club on Thursdays.

Your correspondent Susan returned to golf for the 4<sup>th</sup> Medal round after a six-month sabbatical. It was very good to be back.

We are looking forward to a variety of interesting games during August with another Medal round, an Ambrose and the Captain's Salver on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>.

Till next time, please take care and keep well.

***SUSAN RIDD***

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

A great start to the month with the nicest man on the planet, Ian Butters, getting another hole-in-one on the 15<sup>th</sup>! No one had to open their wallet in the clubhouse. Thanks mate. (I'm hoping Chris doesn't read this or you'll be in trouble!)



It was raining holes-in-one when John Dowey shot the most miraculous hole-in-one on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. After teeing off, John's ball hit the trees and his playing partners advised him to hit a provisional (being a stroke round). After playing his provisional onto the green, and then much searching for the "lost" ball, that classic hole-in-one scenario occurred when his first ball was discovered in the hole!

The Warren and Gibson has started and we got off to a great start with both teams having solid home and away wins against Barnwell Park GC.

In Round 1 at home, the Warren team number 1 combination of Chris Taylor and Wayne Belgre came back from 4 down after 12, to climb back to manage an all square result, a clutch putt from Chris on 18 secured the halve. Solid play from Andrew Corish and Alasdair Caush secured a 2/1 win while Mark Spence single handedly won 5/4 while I watched on.

**Lane Cove 2 ½      Barnwell Park 1/2**

Gibbos was a similar tale. Rick Mayhew sunk a brilliant 20 footer on the 18<sup>th</sup> to win the hole and halve the match with John Erasmus in the 1's. The 2's pairing of Alan Moss and Dermot Duncan, and 3's pairing Jeff Back and Alex Hasselhoff showed their class with dominant wins of 8/6! You can't get much more dominant than that!

**Lane Cove 2 ½      Barnwell Park 1/2**

The Medal was played on the Saturday and the results weren't that flattering. Results are below:

<b>A Grade;</b>	Medal:	Wayne Belgre 70	Scratch:	Pete Doherty 77
<b>B Grade:</b>	Medal:	Paul Hofman 68	Scratch:	Paul Hofman 83 c/b
<b>C Grade</b>	Medal: :	Ian Hayes 67	Scratch:	Keiron McGarry 91

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

You may have noticed that during the month, QANTAS flew their last 747 to the Californian Mojave Desert. Not something usually mentioned in a golf report! However, the pilot was Captain Ewen Cameron. I'm sure Uncle Doug Cameron was a proud man watching the "Queen of the Skies" take off for the last time.



Speaking of Doug, he took out another competition during the month, no doubt shooting better than his age, which is becoming the norm!

The 3rd round of the 4 Ball Knockout was played between Ben Pearson /Evan Jones playing against Howard Shaw and Walter Heim. It went down to the 18th and Walter with Howard proving too strong with a 1 up win. The remaining rounds will be played next week.

Our Round 2 away match against Barnwell Park in the Warren saw us get a solid 2/1 win. Wayne Belgre and Chris Taylor battled hard for a 2/1 win. Alasdair Caush and Paul Kelly went down 4/3. Thanks to Paul for filling in at late notice as Andrew Corish tore his hamstring the day before running back to the tee on the second.

The 3's pairing of Mark Spence and myself had a solid 4/3 win. Mark must have sore shoulders after carrying me for most of it!

### **Lane Cove 2 Barnwell Park 1**

Our Gibson team also had a solid away win. Number 3 pairing of Jeff Back and Alex Hassall were defeated 4/3 while the seconds, the Presidential Pair, Alan Moss and Dermot Duncan, had another comfortable victory, 4/2. The number one pairing of Mark Simonsen and the reliable John Erasmus, had a nail biting victory on the 18<sup>th</sup> for a 1 up result. Mark will be dining out on the tee shot on 18 for some time!

### **Lane Cove 2 Barnwell Park 1**

We are the current zone leaders in both events. Our next game is against Woollahra away, which will be a tough assignment

See you on the course

***EVAN JONES***



## ***CLOSE TO SYDNEY'S GPO***

***From Ian Butters, Lane Cove Golf Club's Poet Laureate***

### ***July 2012 – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club***

There's a very special golf course  
Built just fifty years ago  
In a suburb known as Lane Cove  
Close to Sydney's GPO.

It was built by special people  
Who were members of our Club  
For they carved a public golf course  
From a valley full of scrub.

There was blackberry and privet  
And lantana everywhere  
With old car wrecks and rubbish dumps  
And noxious weeds to spare.

Yet these hardy souls undaunted  
Set about the task at hand  
And built a public golf course  
On this wild neglected land.

So we celebrate their efforts  
Looking back these fifty years  
For the gift they gave to Lane Cove  
Came from member volunteers.

For today instead of houses  
We've green open space on show  
And a special public golf course  
Close to Sydney's GPO.

### ***July 2020 – Council's Plan to redevelop the course***

Now today just eight years later  
We're all saddened to report  
That this special public golf course  
Is about to be cut short.

For they're driven by the dollar  
And don't care if they estrange  
By removing par four golf holes  
For a day/night driving range.

For Council has ignored advice  
And decided to embark  
On swapping this green open space  
For another Luna Park.

So this special public golf course  
With its fairways lined with trees  
Will become a golfing token  
A collection of par three's.

It will impact all our Members  
Most of whom are bound to go  
Abandoning the course they built  
Close to Sydney's GPO.

***THIS OR THIS?***





## ***ALL YOU WANTED OR NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOLF BALLS PART 2***

### ***How big are dimples on golf balls?***

The size of golf ball dimples are most frequently measured by their depth. The average depth of a golf ball dimple is roughly 0.010 inches. The circumference of dimples also varies from model to model. While most dimples are spherical in shape, they don't have to be. Callaway's HX ball has hexagon-shaped dimples, for example. However, golf ball dimples are required to have a symmetrical arrangement and must be within a specific range of radius and depth.



### ***How big is a golf ball and what does it weigh?***

Golf ball weights varied dramatically for much of the game's history. With older golf ball designs dating back hundreds of years, the most consistent thing about their weights, shapes and sizes, was the inconsistency. But in the modern game, golf's governing bodies have set out clear regulations for how much a ball can weigh. Currently, a golf ball is required to have a mass of less than 45.93 grams.

The general size of golf ball has a similar history to the golf ball weights. In the past, there was great variation, but now golf balls are required to have a consistent size. According to the rules, the diameter of a golf ball must not be less than 42.67 mm.

### ***What would happen if a golf ball didn't have dimples?***

We've dipped a little bit into the physics behind how golf ball dimples work and the importance of dimples to performance. But what would happen if a golf ball had no dimples at all. Or if dimples covered only part of the ball?

In 2014, Nick Nardacci of Titleist performed a dimple test. In the test, they set up a swing robot to hit two different balls: one with dimples on just one side, and one that was completely smooth. The ball with dimples on one side produced a snap hook. The one with no dimples at all produced a low-flying "knuckleball". "The dimples help to create lift", Nardacci said. "Once the ball leaves the clubhead, the only thing acting on the golf ball are the aerodynamic forces of gravity. It's the fact that the air is moving faster over the top, and as a result of moving faster, the pressure is lower. That's what creates the lift force that's acting in that upward direction" (The same principle applies in getting aeroplanes off the ground!).

With this knowledge, golf ball makers began etching raised protrusions into balls. In the early 1900s, another inventor found that indentations in golf balls performed far better than raised protrusions. In 1905, an English manufacturer named William Taylor registered a patent for a golf ball dimple design. Before long, all golf balls featured dimples that would be more or less recognizable today.



As ball technology advanced, so too did dimple science. In the modern era, dimple patterns are thoroughly tested using high-tech equipment to find the optimal design for distance and control.

Now you know all there is to know about dimples on golf balls. It is somewhat reassuring to know that there is so much science supporting the size, weight and dimple depth. Now, if only the scientists could come up with something to assist

in the hitting the golf ball straight, and, finding it when it goes missing!

**From Golf Magazine, Kevin Cunningham, March 2019**



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

## MENU

### ALL DAY BREAKFAST

Bacon & Egg Roll	\$6.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato Toastie	\$6.00
Pancakes w/o Maple Syrup	\$8.50
Egg, Bacon & Tomato on Toast	\$10.00
Big Breakky	\$13.00

### BURGERS – with chips add \$3.00

Choice of Beef, Chicken, Veggie or

New Yorker Burger	\$9.00
Cheeseburger	\$9.50
Schnitzel Burger	\$10.00

### CLASSICS

Sausage & Onion Roll	\$5.50
BLT	\$6.50
Fish & Chips (w/o Salad)	\$14.00
Schnitzel & Chips (w/o Salad)	\$14.00
Pie & Chips	\$10.00
Chicken ‘Parmy’ & Chips	\$14.00
Coffee	\$3.50
Bowl of Chips	\$5.00