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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE BOARD

The signatures have been obtained and the Petition to retain the footprint of the Lane Cove Golf Course given to our local member, The Hon Anthony Roberts. Mr Roberts will submit it to the NSW Legislative Assembly. In total we had 891 signatures. Thank you to all the members who actively worked with the community to gain the signatures.

We also received 123 written objections to the proposal, copies of which have been given to each of the Lane Cove Councillors. Each councillor has also been personally contacted by a Board member to detail the Club's objections to the proposal.

The video was a powerful tool and proves what talented people we have within our membership base.

David Stevens from Council has advised that he will let the Club know directly when the Concept plan will appear on the Council meeting agenda. As soon as we know the outcome from that meeting, we will contact all members via a newsletter.

The Club continues to operate within a Covid safe environment with the recent addition of a scanning option now available. (see details below). We now have all our staff back with us and appreciate their involvement in keeping the Club clean and safe. Thanks to all members who continue to support the Club via playing golf and buying a drink or two at the bar.

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HINT – By ticking 'Remember Me' at Step 4 you will bypass the SMS verification process on future visits 😊

NIC CORISH MEMORIAL DAY 12 September



The Nic Corish trophy will be contested for the best 4 Ball score by any “family team”. A family team can comprise any child/ parent/ grandparent/ sibling/ spouse/ partner/in-law/ aunt/ nephew/ cousin, or other pair with family links, playing together on the day.

We encourage all Lane Cove members to play with or bring along a family member, who can be a visitor from another club with a golf handicap. But if you have a special family member, good at golf, who you would like to play with you on the day, but not a club member; then contact Wayne Belgre wbelgre@bigpond.net.au to be included and have a handicap allocated.

An extended Time Sheet is available so please get your names down. You will need to ring the pro shop on 9428 3336 to register the names of visitors and guests.

Everyone else is very welcome and will compete for special prizes in the 4 Ball Best Ball Club event, with a Singles in Conjunction. The entry fee

is the normal one for Members, with visitors paying \$36. You can indicate on the day as you check in if you are playing for the Nic Corish Trophy or not.

A special sausage sandwich (with onions) will be provided by Dave Martin to all competitors after the 9th hole for free. At the end, because of the virus, there won't be a presentation this year, so the trophy will be presented at a later suitable date.

Please be mindful of social distancing guidelines. Everyone is required to be seated with no standing or mingling on tables of 4, with a maximum of 19 on the veranda and up to 55 inside the Club (36 upper area and 19 lower). Please move on if people are waiting.

We are grateful for this great celebration of Nic's life. He loved playing with family members and enjoyed his many friends at Lane Cove and socialising afterwards. So we are delighted to have a family golf day which encourages and supports family members playing together, which is a feature of our Club.

But Nic was also battling personal demons of which we were not aware and which he kept well hidden. This is worth keeping in mind; the stress and pressure felt by some, and particularly younger people, more so in these current difficult times. It is worthwhile speaking to your loved ones to make sure they are OK, and utilise the many excellent resources available to help with mental health issues.



We support *Beyond Blue* and will have brochures and promotional materials available on the day for you to take.

We have raised \$10,533 so far for the Nic Corish Memorial Fund (<https://beyond-blue-in-memorial.everydayhero.com/au/nicholas-corish-memorial-fund-golfers-supporting-beyond-blue>)

Andrew Corish, on behalf of the Men's Golf Committee

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

One good thing to have come out of the COVID pandemic has been the increase of our membership and the number of players participating each week. With so many people working from home, golf is a great way to get the exercise that is so important to our wellbeing

It has also been terrific to see the pace of play has generally been good despite the increased field sizes. I'm sure members understand it is important to maintain a steady pace to ensure members playing at the end of the field are able to finish at a reasonable time to have that well-earned refreshment.

One thing members might not be aware of is that the Pro Shop can insert public players into our fields if we have gaps between groups! So don't be surprised if you are more than a hole behind coming to the 10th tee and find a group of public in front of you. The way to avoid this is to make sure you are right behind the group in front when coming to the 10th tee so there is not space to insert a public group.

In the next couple of weeks pace of play will become even more critical. We have several events on the horizon that will have full fields so it will be even more important to ensure each group stays just behind the group in front.

Events such as The Nic Corish Memorial Day, the Yellow Ball game and the Club Championships (in October) will be fully booked, so please do not be late to tee off and make sure the group in front do not disappear "over the hill".

One thing I have noticed where groups lose time is searching for a lost ball. Everyone should remember you only have three minutes to search and not as long as you want. It is very frustrating to stand on the tee and watch the group in front run all over the course trying to find a lost ball, especially when the group has taken a lot longer than the 3 minutes allowed. Everyone in the group should help each other in trying to find each ball but once the time is up please move on quickly.

The other thing that can increase speed has been mentioned many times before.

Once a hole has been completed all members of a group should move quickly to the next tee so the group behind can have their shot to the green. So many times players stand behind or on the green to count up their shots and this causes further unnecessary delay.

For members who may be unaware, the Club Championships will be played in October and this year are in match play format.

Two rounds of stroke will be played on Saturday 3rd and 10th October and the top eight players in each grade will qualify for the playoffs. The top eight players in each grade will be seeded for the match play section commencing on Saturday 17th October

Best of luck to all in the coming events.



WAYNE BELGRE

WOMEN'S GOLF



The women golfers at Lane Cove have had an enjoyable month in August. The hard work of writing submissions to Council was mostly over early in the month and the weather was more often like spring than winter. Everyone was very pleased to be playing on a drier course and to benefit from

some run on the fairways.

It was an interesting month of golf with the Single Knock Out competitions being finalised, the Captains Salver being played on Sunday 16th, and the final two Medal rounds for the year giving us the feeling that the end of the golf year is closing in already.

Singles Knock Out

The Sunday event was finalised this week with Suzique Doughty defeating Rosanne Antico-Hall 7/5 on 30th August. Congratulation to Suzique and apologies to Rosanne for inadvertently declaring Suzique the winner after her game against Cindy Brown in last month's *Links*.

Joan Weine played her first round in the Thursday SKO competition this week (an unusual run of byes) and defeated Rosemary Hurford 5/4. Joan will play Kerin Moorehead in the mid-week final.

The Captain's Salver is a combined Sunday/Thursday stableford competition, and this year it was played on Sunday 9th. Thirteen players competed on a very muddy course. Joan Weine on a handicap of 23 was the winner with 34 points. Congratulations to Joan. It is not easy to win a stableford event with a low handicap.

Let's Play Ambrose On Sunday 16th, 23 players consisting of 7 mixed teams and 4 ladies teams competed in this Golf NSW qualifying round in beautiful weather at Lane Cove. The day had a most welcome 'festive' feel to it. Perhaps this was because there have not been very many opportunities for men and women players to socialise in recent months. And being an Ambrose event, many of us appreciated having a partner to pick up the slack if our own shot went awry. The winning mixed team of Angela and Ben Pearson (6.25) turned in a par scratch score for the course and nett score of 57.15. The winning Women's team was Susan Ridd and Jo Cunningham (12.25) with 69.25 nett. These two teams happened to be playing together. It was a very happy game of golf for all four.

The 5th Medal rounds were played on Thursday 20th and Sunday 23rd and it is no surprise that Joan Weine's name is prominent among the results on both days. However, it was Helen Prentice (37) who won the mid-week monthly Medal with a nett result of 62 and was also the scratch winner for Division 2 with 99. Well done, Helen. Our Captain Robyn Glover (26), who is a Sunday player, won the day with nett 65 and scratch 91. Joan won Division 1 with nett 73 and scratch 95.

On Sunday, Joan won with nett 69 and scratch 91 (countback to her daughter Suzique) but being a mid-week player was not eligible for the medal. In Division 1 Suzique Doughty (19) won with 72 nett and a scratch score of 91. The Division 2 winner and winner of the monthly medal was Rosanne Antico-Hall with Nett 70. Marianne Mitchell was the scratch winner with 104. Congratulations Rosanne.

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

The 6th and final Medal rounds were played on Thursday 3rd and Sunday 6th September. The President's Cup was played in conjunction on the Thursday. The Medal and President's Cup were won by Kerin Moorehead (39) in Division 2, with a nett score of 63 and scratch score of 102. This was Kerin's best ever stroke game.

In Division 1 the Nett Winner was Yve Nikellys (33) with 66 and 31 putts. Congratulations to Kerin and Yve. Joan Weine won the scratch with 95. The 9-hole competition was won by Bronwyn Arnold (43) with 31. Monica Cowper did very well to win the scratch with 50 and 14 putts. Sigh!

The 6th Medal round for the Sunday players was completed on (6th September) with the Division 1 winner being Jo Cunningham (24) with Nett 72. Suzique Doughty was the Scratch winner with 95. Again, Joan Weine (22) won the day with nett 65 but as a Thursday player was not eligible for the medal. The Division 2 winner and winner of the monthly Medal was Marianne Mitchell (33) with 67 Nett and 100 Scratch. Marianne has also won her Silver Brooch. Excellent work and congratulations, Marianne.

In the **9-hole competition**, Edie Downs was the Nett winner with 32. Our former young member, Tilly Torrevillas who is now a member at North Ryde, was the scratch winner with a very commendable 42.

We are looking forward to two rounds of the **Foursomes Championships** in the second half of September. In the meantime, enjoy the lovely green course and good golf.

SUSAN RIDD



"I tried spending more time with my family, but they all couldn't fit in the golf cart."

MEN'S GOLF

Your usual Men's Golf reporter is having a month off so the Editor will have a go at putting down something for the record. Unfortunately, it won't have the flair and humour that you have come to expect from your regular correspondent. Sounds a bit posh doesn't it, even pretentious perhaps talking of reporters and correspondents for our little Club newsletter. However, and whatever, let's give it a go.



At this time last month, you will recall that we were in the thick of the Warren and Gibson interclub pennant matches, and weren't we doing well! After four rounds of home and away against Barnwell Park and Woollahra, and with only one match remaining, home and away against Cammeray, Royal Lane Cove was the zone leader in both events! And looking a good thing to maintain that lead into the play offs. A home win, a most likely result, would almost certainly send us through.

Then, alas, the unusual year of the virus came thundering down upon us, and the rest of the competition was cancelled! Cancelled! Would you believe it when we were so well placed to give the competition a real shake. There were legitimate thoughts of a new pennant, even two pennants, to add to the three, somewhat aged reminders of more halcyon days in the Club's history.

So instead of spending Father's Day afternoon engaged in the first round of the playoffs, we were obliged to stay at home with the family. ("Not that there's anything wrong with that!" Seinfeld)

It must be quite a long time since we were so well placed as to have the possibility of not one, but both teams doing something momentous. The Club can be very proud of the performances of both teams, and the prospect of further glory was a realistic expectation!

Next year! Perhaps we can convince Golf NSW to start the event in 2021 where it was when so abruptly curtailed this year. Ha! Ha!

For the record, those who appeared for the Club – unfortunately, no pictures available.

Warren team; Evan Jones (and Manager), Chris Taylor, Wayne Belgre, Andrew Corish, Alasdair Caush, Mark Spence, and Paul Kelly

Gibson team – Bob Staley (C), Jeff Back, Dermot Duncan, John Erasmus, Alex Hassall, Dave Leckie, Rick Mayhew, Alan Moss, Noel Rowland, Mark Simonsen, Ralph Sadler (Manager)

To more mundane matters on the Club front. The final of the 4 Ball Knockout is almost on us, and the finalists represent an interesting range of golfing prowess and experience. Good luck to the pair of Barry Watkin and Alasdair Caush and their opponents, Doug Cameron and Graham Webster. Would Doug be the oldest finalist in this event? Already lots of money has been placed in betting on this prestigious event, with the giant-killing pair of Webster and Cameron firming as the favourites as we go to press!

Next on the Calendar, 12 September, is the Nic Corish Memorial Day. As you read this you may not be too late to book a spot for this event. It is an initiative that deserves to be well supported by our members. Details are to be found earlier in this edition.

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MEN'S GOLF continued

With a few weeks of warm dry weather recently, the course has at last begun to dry out, with a commensurate improvement in the scoring. I have never known the course to be as wet as it was in August, so much so that perhaps the course should have been closed on several days when competitions were allowed to proceed. Some of our Woollahra Pennant opponents were not too happy with the state of the course.

I am sure you are busting to know who the individual winners were over the last month. To save space and time, and to avoid boring you for too long, a list of these Members follows; Paul Johnson (twice), Paul Hoffman, Frank Hurford, Bob Virgili, Dave Martin, and Peter Siapos. Congratulations and well done to all these worthy gentlemen. Too many names for the team events, suffice to say that Christopher Tan has been a two-time winner, as partner with the Pauls, Hoffman and Kelly.

Almost unnoticed by most of us, is the small group of 9-holers who diligently turn out for each competition. A small group of regulars, and fiercely competitive, as they seem to take turns in walking away with the money each week. Winners in the last month include Doug Lyle, Nic Walser (2), Norm Sarajinsky, Lewis Abbott, and Phil Dennis (2). Missing from this list is Life Member Ron Jeffrey, who has recently returned to playing after a health issue. Good to see him back. It should not be too long before Ron joins the winners ranks.

The September Medal was completed on Saturday last and the winners were as follows. Apologies if there is an error in these results. Hard to get confirmation when no results in the *SMH*. (Get the *Telegraph* someone said! Never so desperate. See Shaun Micallef's *Mad as Hell* for why! Just a bit of fun.)

A Grade	Scratch	Chris Taylor		74	Lane Cove Plate
	Nett	Chris Taylor	9	65	
B Grade	Scratch	Alasdair Caush		75	
	Nett	Alasdair Caush	13	62	Lane Cove Shield
C Grade	Scratch	James Tregurtha (SGA GC)		85	(Best LCGC Andrew Psalti 87)
	Nett	Andrew Salti	23	64	



Finally, how do you put the cork back in a bottle of champagne? Ask Peter Kennedy. Pete and his playing partners were sure he had aced the 15th last Wednesday. From where they stood on the tee, the group saw the ball disappear after curving gently across the green towards the hole. Shouts of jubilation and arm raising followed. However, as the party moved down the hill to the green, alas, the ball could be seen not IN the hole but BEHIND the hole. The pin had hidden the ball from view. If you are interested, Peter has a picture of the ball resting just THAT FAR FROM THE HOLE. Bad luck Peter.

Which raises the question; was there another hole-in-one recently?

THE EDITOR for EVAN JONES



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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