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For the information of members and their guests

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## ***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

### **Attention: Financial Members**



The AGM of the Lane Cove Golf Club is scheduled for 7.30pm on 26 October 2020. Given the current situation with the Precinct Development Concept, this could be the most important AGM held for some years, and your attendance is required.

We are asking members to RSVP to [lcccgolf@bigpond.com.au](mailto:lcccgolf@bigpond.com.au) as to their attendance or otherwise by Friday 23 October 2020.

All positions on the Board will be declared vacant. These positions are:

- \* President
- \* Honorary Treasurer
- \* Honorary Secretary
- \* Directors (x 4)

The Board is looking for fresh eyes and ideas for the coming year to help with not only attracting new members, but also in the promotion of the Club as a venue destination - "Lane Cove's best kept little secret".

Experience with hospitality, marketing and general management would be beneficial as would accounting experience and a general keenness to make our Club the place to come and enjoy.

Please submit nominations in writing to the Secretary by Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 using the form available from the Club admin office. The nomination form must be signed by the nominee and two golfing members with 12 months standing.

**Angela Galipienzo**

**Functions & Administration**

## FROM THE BOARD



As reported last month, we expected the Council to vote on the Precinct Development Concept Plan at the September Council meeting. This did not happen, as it was not included on the agenda. We have had no further update from the Council on the next steps.

We have however received a letter from The Honourable Anthony Roberts MP, Member for Lane Cove, as did residents who contacted the Member. A copy of the letter is below. It is very pleasing to have it stated, “that the golf course is to retain its current layout, with no reduction in the Par of the Course from 64”.

The Board sincerely wishes to thank all members who have actively been involved with the campaign to “Save our Golf Course”. As any further updates are obtained, members will be informed.

Our Annual General meeting is scheduled for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Details have been sent to all golfing and social members. Please read the information prior to the meeting. If any golfing member would like to nominate for a Board position please do so by the 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you to all members for your continued support via playing golf and utilising the bar facilities. We are also pleased to report that all our staff are back and we greatly appreciate their efforts in ensuring our Club house is Covid-19 Safe.

*Dear ...,*

*I write to thank you for the time you have taken to express your views with respect to Lane Cove Council’s proposal for the Lane Cove Golf Course and surrounding precinct. I have been working collaboratively with Lane Cove Council and Councillors to ensure that any development occurs within community expectations.*



*Since the campaign to save the Golf Course started, my office has received hundreds of signatures, letters and emails supporting my position on the proposal and making it clear that the proposed scope of the project is excessive.*

*The position I have made clear together with Clr Brooks-Horn and Clr Bennison is that the:*

- \* Golf course is to retain its current layout, with no reduction in the Par of the Course from 64.*
- \* The removal of the proposed driving range, which is not within the community expectations in regard to its size and the additional traffic it will bring.*
- \* A more inclusive and comprehensive community consultation process going forwards.*

*Together, I firmly believe we can achieve these goals, and look forward to working positively with the Council to achieve the best outcomes for our local Community.*

***The Honourable Anthony Roberts MP***

***Member for Lane Cove***

***Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections***

## **NIC CORISH MEMORIAL DAY**     **12 September, 2020**



Thanks for the support of members for the Nic Corish Memorial Day on 12 September. It was a great day and wonderful to have a full field and to welcome so many guests and different family members, competing for the Nic Corish Family Trophy.

Congratulation to Yvonne Nikellys, who with her husband Geoff Reed (a visitor from Concord), were the clear winners of the Nic Corish Family Trophy with an impressive stableford score of 47. Jan and Ralph Sadler were runners up with 44.

The Singles was won by Wing Cheung with a fantastic score of 43, while Mark Thompson was only a stroke away for a close second with 42 points.

Thanks to Dave Martin for the cooking and serving of the sausages-on-a-roll, served on the Deck after playing the 9<sup>th</sup> hole.

There was a lot of love out there and it was really heartening to hear from Nic's friends, to keep his memory alive and to support families' members playing together.

It was wonderful to raise \$1,186 towards the Nic Corish Beyond Blue Fund and to spread the word, particularly for any young people struggling with mental health challenges. It is not just family who love and cherish them. But there is plenty of other support out there. On the golf course you have lots of friends and particularly at Lane Cove.



*Nic on the famous bridge on the 18<sup>th</sup> at St Andrews*

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

## ***Friday Night Chicken Run***

***ITS BACK!***

***Looking for a fun way to start your weekend?  
Join us for the Friday Night Chicken Run!***

- \* Tee off any time after 4.30 pm, no need to book.
- \* 9 holes of social golf. Members, non-members, beginners, pros, all welcome
- \* Runs over daylight savings months, starting **Friday 9 October**.
- \* Presentation on deck, with winner receiving the much sought-after frozen chicken.





## CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Well it's been a great month getting back to some sort of normality including some good (and bad) golf being played.

I think the highlight of the month was definitely the new game we played replacing the "Yellow Ball Game."

Devised by your Captain, the game

certainly placed pressure on members of each group to at least score a point on allocated holes. For some time during the day it looked like we would not even have a winner, with not one finished team reaching home with the yellow ball still in their possession. But thankfully, the team guided by one of our oldest members, Dougie Cameron, brought home the bacon, or perhaps more precisely, the yellow ball.

Thanks boys, it certainly saved me some embarrassment and I'm sure we are all looking forward to this game next year (if the Committee allows me to programme it!).

The next month will see the main event for the year being played - our Club Championships. The format this year is two rounds of stroke to qualify, followed by match play for the top eight finishes in each grade. The good thing with this format is that all you need to do to qualify is be in the top eight in your grade, after two rounds.



So, a disaster on one or two holes does not mean the end of your chances, as in the past we have seen the 8th place qualifier progress a long way, and even win the Championship.

As I have said previously, the fields will be at capacity and it is very important to keep moving at a steady pace so the last couple of groups finish at a reasonable time. Remember, should you be late getting to the 10<sup>th</sup> tee, the proshop might slip a public group in front of you so let's all keep up with the group in front.

The top 8 qualifiers and the match play draw will be known by approximately 5.00 pm Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October. For those new members who might be unaware of what to do should you qualify, it is up to the qualifiers in each grade to come to an agreement to schedule their match play games. With the first match play games due the next weekend, it is important that those who qualify must arrange their match for that weekend.

So if you finish in the top eight, please contact your opponent to settle on the time for your match. Remember there are no postponements as matches have to be played as scheduled.

If you are unsure if you have qualified please e-mail Wayne on [wbelgre@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wbelgre@bigpond.net.au) to find out.

One thing to remember is, that if you make the final match in your grade, the tee times for the finals have been set as follows: Saturday 31st October, with the A Grade final match at 11.20, B Grade at 11.30 and the C Grade final at 11.40.

Should be very exciting for all those not in a finals match to be on the balcony to see the matches being played over the last few holes. Best of luck to everyone.

**WAYNE BELGRE**

## WOMEN'S GOLF



It is hard to believe that September has been and gone. The Medal rounds have finished and the Foursomes Championships are also completed. The year is rapidly coming to a close with only two more 'trophy' rounds, the Captains v Presidents and the Gold Brooch, to be played on the first two Sundays of November.

Traditionally in October many of our ladies have enjoyed a weekend 'Golfaround' at Riverside Oaks. This excursion,

like our Southern Highlands weekday trip and the Bronze IV Pennant competition, has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

However, all is not lost and our energetic organisers, Jo Hannay and Angela Pearson, have put forward an alternative arrangement for the same weekend (17/18 October). They have reserved places at Long Reef for a 9-hole competition on the Saturday afternoon and an 18-hole round at Strathfield for the Sunday afternoon.

Thank you to Jo and Angela. There was considerable enthusiasm among the weekday golfers for this opportunity to play on different courses. Please respond directly to Jo Hannay's recent email if you would like to play on either or both of these afternoons.

Earlier in September the greens were cored, which always makes putting even trickier than usual for a week or so. But after some rain and lots of sunshine, we are being rewarded with a course that looks beautiful and is playing long and fast. Much of the long grass has been mown and this has reduced the number of lost balls.

Golf has been very enjoyable in the lovely spring weather and some very good results have been recorded this month. Just this last week, three players scored 38 points on Tuesday. Cindy Brown prevailed on a countback and on Thursday, Marianne Mitchell came in with 40 points and two others on 39. Janet Lean was understandably thrilled with her 24 points for 9-holes on the Tuesday.



**Edie Downs and Kerin Moorehead  
at the Foursomes**

### *Singles Knockout*

After an interrupted beginning in March, the mid-week singles Knock-out competition was finalised this month with Joan Weine defeating Kerin Moorehead 3/2. Kerin had played very well to defeat Janet Lean and Jan Sadler on her way to the final and was a little disappointed not to be able to pin down Joan in this event after being ahead for most of the round. Congratulations Joan. What a champion Mrs Weine is! Trophy presentations could be rather repetitive this year.

### *Team Events*

The **Nic Corish Memorial Day** was played on Saturday 12 September with Yvie Nikellys, Jan Sadler, Rosanne Antico-Hall and Cindy Brown joining the men in this wonderful event played in honour of the lovely young son of Andrew Corish. There was great excitement when two of four ladies were represented in the winning teams. Congratulations to Yvie and her husband Geoff Reed for winning the day with 47 points, and to Jan and Ralph Sadler, the runners-up with 44 points. *(Continued over)*

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



The mid-week **Foursomes Championships** were played on Thursdays 17 and 24. It was a cheerful event with the pairs looking bright in their matching outfits on a gorgeous sunny day. The scores were close and once again Joan Weine and her partner Helen Prentice just managed to keep the sisters, Jan Sadler and Rosemary Hurford, at bay by two points on both days.

Joan and Helen (29) won Round 1 with 64 and Round 2 with 62. Jan and Rosemary (37) had 66 and 64 respectively to be second in both rounds. Joan and Helen were scratch winners in both rounds with 93 and 91.

### **Foursomes Day – Team McClung - Sisters Rosemary Hurford & Jan Sadler**

But not all the glory went to Joan and Helen. Our Sunday players, Rosanne Antico Hall and Marianne Mitchell (35), won the Thursday second round with 61. Congratulations and well done to all.

The **Sunday Foursomes** Round 1 was delayed by rain and played on 27 September. Robyn Glover and Suzique Doughty (20.5) won with 67.5 and a great scratch score of 88. Round 2 was played on 4 October, when Robyn Glover and Suzique Doughty with 92 were the scratch winners and Marianne Mitchell and Rosanne Antico Hall (35) the nett winners with 64.

So, it is with great pleasure that the 2020 Foursomes Championship results can now be announced:

**2020 Foursomes Nett Champions: Joan Weine and Helen Prentice (29) with 126**  
**2020 Foursomes Champions: Suzique Doughty and Robyn Glover Scratch 180**



***Helen Prentice (L) and Joan Weine ®***



***Suzique Doughty (L) and Robyn Glover ®***

### ***Juniors and new members***

Our professional, Kasey, is preparing her team of young golfers for the Encourage Shield, an 18-hole tournament, by entering them in the Women's competitions. Lane Cove is hosting the event on 11 October. It is charming to see these well-mannered juniors hitting some excellent shots and seeming to enjoy playing with the ladies who are very much their senior.

Our new mid-week player, Payao McLeod, also known as Mon, joined us on Tuesday and Thursday to complete the cards for her handicap. She impressed the field with a scratch score of 95. We are looking forward to playing with Mon very soon.

Enjoy your golf during October.

***SUSAN RIDD***



## MEN'S GOLF



It's been a big month at Lane Cove starting with the disappointment of the Warren and Gibson cancelled for the year and culminating with the first round of the Club Championships.

The month started with a 4 Ball multiplier, with Dave Martin and Stuart McDonald winning with a very respectable score of 79. Dave got the

double taking out the Singles with 40 points. The day was highlighted with a hole-in-one to Ben Pearson on the 15th! Great work mate.

The following Saturday saw the Veterans Trophy and Super Veterans Trophy being played. Congratulations to Pete Siapos for taking out the first of these and Jim Patfield the second. Not sure what the difference is between a Veteran and a Super Veteran. Pete also took out the Individual with 40 points and Jim took out the Best Ball with Mark Simonsen with a great score of 51 points. Almost an average of 3 per hole!

Speaking of great scores, Wing Cheung turned in a 43 pointer to win the Club event on Nic Corish day, and then Ian Hayes stunned us all when he clocked in with 46 points on Wednesday 16 September, probably the best score of the year.

Another trophy winner was the Editor's Long Markers Trophy win on 19 September. Congratulations Ralph. We certainly look after our "more experienced" members with a number of these one-off trophies. Some pass unnoticed until there is a tap on the shoulder when all results for the day are processed.

Other individual winners through the month were Paul Johnson, Christopher Tan, Dave Leckie, Ben Pearson, Rod Paterson, Andrew Corish and Stuart McDonald

The Final of the 4 Ball Knockout was finally completed on 19 September with Barry Watkin and Alasdair Caush taking out the Championship with a run-away victory over Graham Webster and Doug Cameron. Word was that Alasdair played out of his skin that day, being only 2 over at the turn. Being the sportsmen that they are, Graham and Doug were the first to acknowledge that they were beaten by a far superior pair on the day.

Then there was the infamous "Yellow ball competition", only this year because of the virus, it was a white ball event, with complications. For instance, one team reported a score of 138! There's that pressure of

hitting over the gully and losing the ball meaning your team is out of the competition. Your Captain, Wayne Belgre, somewhat apologetically has already reported on the results for this event.



Good to see the 2019 Yellow Ball winners team dress up for the occasion with fluoro-yellow team shirts being worn. Until the last group came in with their ball still in possession, the defending champions looked to be about to go on to be the

defending champions for another year! The team is pictured left, but like that famous toothpaste tv ad of some years ago in which a dentist was not allowed to show his face, the team was pictured from behind, some would suggest their better side. Just kidding. Team left to right, Jim Patfield, Mark Simonsen, Bob Staley and Peter Siapos. *(Continued over)*

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

Finally, we had the first round of the Club Championships, a big event on the golfing calendar. This year the format is two rounds of stroke followed by KO matchplay. In every second year, the format is four rounds of stroke. The October Medal round acted as the first qualifying round of the Championship.

Results are as follows:

### **A Grade**

Medal: Alasdair Caush : 73 nett 61

Scratch: Ben Ikin (Visitor from Foxtel) 71. Chris Taylor best LCGC scratch 72.

A Grade was a tightly tested round with all nine players shooting in the 70s. Alasdair Caush maintained his good form of late and managed to take out the Medal with a nett 61.

### **B Grade**

Medal and Scratch: Noel Rowland 71 nett 57

Noel Rowland managed to card the best score of the day in all grades and has put a large gap in the B Grade field already.

### **C Grade**

Medal: Steve Barnes 86 nett 62

Scratch: Keiren McGarry 85

C Grade will be a tightly contested competition with a large number of players vying for the top 8 qualifying into the finals.

Well done to all involved and I look forward to round 2 next week. By all accounts it will be a windy day so good luck!

***EVAN JONES***

## ***WATCH OUT !***



### ***GOT HIM!!***

It is always rather dangerous on the course at this time of the year, with magpie parents bombarding or swooping innocent golfers.

We usually accept swooping as a part of living with the bird life around the course. But now, it seems we will have to look out for pooping as well as swooping.

Rod Paterson's son-in-law, Andrew Reid, was the unfortunate victim from such pooping, is. He was pictured as he came off the course recently after a round with his father-in-law.



Well pooped indeed. Score; Magpies 1, Golfers 0



# Tee 4 Two BBQ Café

**Opening Hours: Thursday & Friday (12.00pm to 3.00pm)**

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

## **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	\$13.50

## **BURGERS – with chips add \$3.00**

Choice of Beef, Veggie or New Yorker Burger	\$9.50
Cheeseburger	\$9.50
Schnitzel Burger	\$10.00

## **CLASSICS**

Sausage & Onion Roll	\$5.50
BLT	\$6.50
Fish & Chips (w/Salad)	\$14.00
Schnitzel & Chips (w Salad)	\$14.00
Pie & Chips	\$10.00
Chicken ‘Parmy’ & Chips	\$14.00
Coffee	\$4.00
Bowl of Chips	\$5.00