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FROM THE BOARD

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The Sport and Recreational Precinct Development was on the Council meeting agenda for 16th November.

Prior to the meeting, we discovered that there was a third option being proposed: that the golf course becomes a parkland with walkways, picnic areas and ponds. This was an option that was never previously proposed by the Council.

We also discovered that the building component of the development was being considered in isolation to the golf course.

The Council meeting minutes are as follows-

SPORT AND RECREATION PRECINCT CONCEPT PLAN - POST CONSULTATION

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Zbik and Bennison that Council:-

1. Proceed with the Multi-Sport Facility building as shown in the Concept Design included as AT-1;
2. a. Undertake due diligence for the Multi-Sport Facility building including; facility/ program mix and entertainment facilities utilising the consultation feedback when undertaking further operator engagement; construction costs; and funding models;

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b. Include in the due-diligence that, investigation of Council building a co-owned Sport & Recreation Precinct with Willoughby Council at Gore Hill Oval and report this option back to Council.

3. In relation to the future of the golf course, undertake further analysis and community consultation to identify if there are further golf options / components for other uses and provide further information on the proposed options before ultimately determining the broader community's preference for the future use of the space; and
4. Request the General Manager to develop a Community Consultation Plan that includes options for involvement and collaboration per Council's Community Engagement Policy and the Plan be presented to a Councillor Workshop.

Upon being put to the Meeting the Motion was declared carried.

For the Motion were Councillors Palmer, Bennison, Brent, Strassberg, Zbik and Morris (Total 6).

Against the Motion was Councillor Vissel (Total 1).

(Editor's note; Note absent on his honeymoon,, Cr David Brookes-Horne)

So what does this mean for us?

The building will now progress to consultations, with outside third parties being engaged to prepare more detailed plans. The Board will be insisting that the Club is consulted on the space to be allocated to members within the building.

The current Concept Plan has the building encroaching on the 1st Tee, our signature hole, which we will continue to fight to have retained in its current form of the course.

On the future of the golf course, the Board and members will need to be once again involved in voicing our opposition to point 4 of the Council minutes. The fight to "Save our Golf Course" in its current format continues.

The Board would like to thank -

- All members for their patience and understanding during a most unusual year.
- * The Golf Committees that kept competitions running and players engaged with the Club.
- Our staff who had to be flexible with rosters and take on Covid Safe protocols in addition to their job description.

Finally, we wish all members and staff a safe and happy Christmas as we look forward to 2021.



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, we are fast coming to the end of the year and the Men's Golf Committee certainly hopes everyone has enjoyed the year despite the obvious challenges.

For those who may have missed the news, we had our AGM during November. All positions were declared vacant and by an overwhelming majority, all sitting members were returned.

One addition to the Committee however is Noel Rowland. It was great to see new blood coming onto the Committee and I'm sure Noel will be a valuable addition.

On the golfing front, a couple of special days are scheduled for December with the first of them being our "Presentation Day". Unfortunately, with COVID restrictions still in place, it is not possible to have our normal Presentation Night. In its place we are having a Presentation Day.

Saturday 5th December is the day when we will give out the trophies to all those who won during the year, and we have decided to give each member on the day a little present of their own.

After playing your normal game of golf we want all members to spend a little time on the balcony. You can applaud the winners of events during the year and indulge in some drinks and food provided by the Committee. Our wonderful Chef Dave Martin will provide everyone with some culinary delights and Amanda and Jacinta, behind the bar, will fill your glasses.

Even if you are not playing on the day and you have a little spare time, why not drop down to the Club for a quick drink.

This year the Committee has decided to run a Junior Championship, the first for some years. But, with so many of Kasey's Juniors joining the Club it seemed only natural to let them compete for their own "major". *Continued over*



CAPTAIN'S CORNER continued

The event will be held on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th December. The Juniors will play 18 holes of stableford on each day with the winner having the best aggregate score.

On the Saturday the Juniors will play in groups of two with two "Senior" (old) members playing with them as markers. It will be the same format on the Sunday.

This naturally affect the number of spaces available for senior members to play on Saturday 12th, but it is a small price to pay when you consider the encouragement that this event will provide for the juniors.

One thing to remember that during the Christmas holiday period is that we will be running events every Wednesday and Saturday for all those members who wish to play. Don't forget our competitions are open to all, so why not bring a friend down for a game,

As this is the last Links before Christmas, on behalf of the Committee, I would like to wish everyone all the best and have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

WAYNE BELGRE



LEGACY GOLF DAY Saturday 14 November 2020

One of the special days held during the year by Lane Cove Golf Club is the Legacy Charity Day. Each year this day is held and the support of Club members, as well as the local community over the years, has been overwhelming.



With members able to bring friends along, the field this year was the largest we have ever had. Thanks to all those members who participated, invited their friends and helped raise money for a most worthy cause. The amount raised this year has not yet been finalised but we are on target to have raised approximately \$4500.

This continues the tradition established some years ago of supporting one of Australia's most worthwhile charities. Over the last fifteen years, the Golf Club has raised over \$50,000 for Legacy.

Looking at the Legacy web site provides a snapshot of what they do:

"Legacy is a charity providing services to dependants of veterans who gave their lives or health. At Sydney Legacy we currently care for around 13,000 widows and 600 dependants of the 65,000 widow(er)s and 1,800 children and disabled dependants throughout Australia."

Naturally the day can't be a success without the fabulous support both of Club members and staff. Firstly, we must thank the bar staff who sold the raffle tickets for weeks prior to the event, and then looked after everyone so well on the day. So thanks to Amanda and Jacinta.

We can't forget Dave Martin, the sausage and onion man, who looks after the culinary needs of the members each week. Thanks David.

To all the Committee members and golfing members who helped on the day, a big thank you.

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LEGACY GOLF DAY continued

Finally the biggest thank you of all to those members who contributed prizes for the day. Below you will find a list of the generous donors who helped make the day so special.

David and Ben Leckie	Barry Watkin	Graham Webster
Richard Biggs	Norm Sarajinsky	Ralph Sadler
Andrew Corish	John Dickson	Bob Staley
Ian Butters	Alasdair Caush	Brian and Anne Doherty
Jeff Back and Sue Hazroli	Kasey Dive	Neven Basic
Mark Simonsen	Julian Leidl	Jim Patfield
Frank Hurford	Wing Cheung	Ian Hayes
Rod Paterson	Chris Tan	Mark Anson
Bill Edmondson		

Prizes were given out for both the Legacy Shield (best nett over 18 holes) and the Legacy Cup (best nett back 9). Scores on the day were extremely good and with so many scores going up on the whiteboard you needed a good five minutes to work out who won.



But eventually, the winners of the Legacy Shield were no doubt the best dressed team on the day, with all members wearing matching shirts. This must have inspired their golf as they returned a score of 53 off the stick and a nett 45.6. Congratulations to, pictured left, Alan Moss, John (Beef) Erasmus, Andrew Limmer and Rick Mayhew, on a very worthy victory.

Legacy Shield winners, aka Holden Scramble Team, aka "The Seth Efricans", with apologies to Alan and Andrew!

The Legacy Cup was taken out by four early morning stalwarts of the Club. Thrown together at the last minute, Doctor Steve, Greg Stephenson, Claudius Sithole and Frank Hurford was the first group out and managed to withstand all comers for the rest of the day. This team had a scratch back nine of 30 with a nett score of 23.5 to take out the prize.

Finally on be behalf of the Men's Golf Committee I would like to thank all those who put their hands in their pockets to make our Legacy Day a most enjoyable and successful day.

WAYNE BELGRE Captain Men's Golf

From the *Links* Team, Editor Ralph Sadler, roving reporters Susan Ridd, Wayne Belgre, Evan Jones and the President and Directors, who month by month provide the majority of copy to the Club's newsletter, Christmas greetings to all Lane Cove Golf Club members and visitors, whose exploits are featured here each month.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we will see you all in February 2021



WOMEN'S GOLF



Can you believe it? Our golfing year for 2020 has closed.

The ladies held their annual presentation function at the Club on Thursday 26 November and the Christmas Golf Days on Sunday and Thursday in the coming week will mark the end of formal

competition and the beginning of our 9-hole Summer Cup rounds.

It has been a remarkable year and one that is bound to feature in the history books, along with other momentous events of the 21st Century, because of the Covid-19 pandemic. At Lane Cove we have been particularly fortunate that none of our members have succumbed to the virus. Perhaps we can give credit to golf, an outdoor activity which was allowed to continue while other sports and gyms were closed, with keeping our players healthy.

The final stroke round for the year was played on Sunday 8th November. The trophy for this event is the Gold Brooch and only those who've previously won a Silver Brooch are eligible to win the Gold. It was wonderful to see Angela Pearson, playing off a handicap of 22, win both the Nett with 67 and also the Gross with 89 strokes. Congratulations Angela on winning the much-coveted Brooch.

It was a close-run finish with Lisa Blackwell (48) the runner up on 68 and Yvie Nikellys (31) coming in third place with 69.

The Mixed Foursomes Championships, which are usually played over the June long weekend, were postponed this year and played on Saturday and Sunday 21 and 22 November. Eight of our women golfers played this event with their husbands or golfing partners for the day and enjoyed beautiful spring conditions.

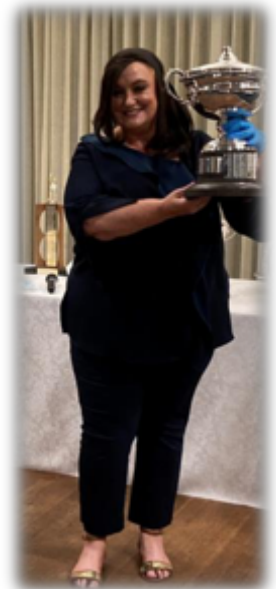
Suzique Doughty and Wayne Belgre won Mixed Foursomes Championship with a total 165 over the two days. Congratulations on a great score. The Nett winners and Col Buddle trophy winners were Helen Prentice and Alasdair Caush.

As usual, our Presentation evening was a most enjoyable event. It was a smaller function this year with numbers restricted to playing members, but that didn't dampen the spirits of those attending, especially the 'chorus' led by Jo Cunningham and her table mates. We have become accustomed to Joan Weine taking home a wheelbarrow full of trophies and this year was no exception. It's been noted that Joan's name appears nine times in the list of winners. Each time she was mentioned, Jo's chorus cheered to the tune Jo-lene!

Apart from singing for Joan, Jo Cunningham herself made five appearances at the winner's podium. Sharon Johnson was also mentioned on four occasions and reduced her handicap by 7 strokes over the year. The wonderful Margaret Tanner added grace to the evening and presented the trophy named in her honour to Yvie Nickellys for her Super Vet win.

Other players who received multiple trophies included our Club Champion, Suzique Doughty, who set a stableford record for the year of 46 points, won the Foursomes with Robyn Glover and the Singles Knock Out.

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***2020 Ladies' Club Champion, Susique Doughty
at Presentation Nigh***

WOMEN'S GOLF continued



Other winners who haven't been mentioned previously included Rosanne Antico-Hall, Cindy Brown (so disappointed not to win the Eclectic after leading all year!), Monica Cowper, Marianne Mitchell, Kerin Moorehead (President's Cup), and Helen Prentice who broke the Nett record in a stroke round with 62.

Congratulations to everyone and thanks to all those who helped prepare for the evening and contributed so much to its success.

Finally, best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful, less eventual new year for 2020.

SUSAN RIDD

THE 2 C'S, CHRISTMAS and COVID-19



MATT



'I'm making Christmas plans. Are we not coming to you, or are you not coming to us?'



"I knitted it myself."

MEN'S GOLF



Almost Christmas and what a year this has been. We are extremely lucky that we have been able to continue playing golf, and pretty much without too many problems. Other parts of the country have been less fortunate, I'm looking at you Victoria! And spare a thought for those who were so affected by the fires in the early part of the year.

Some of the big comps are out of the way, Legacy Day, the Club Championships and Mixed Foursomes, so an easy run down to the new year. And what a relief to come to the end of this monster of a year. A reminder that competitions will continue on the appropriate days through the holiday period, see in particular Wednesday 23 December and then Boxing Day. It could be easy to put your feet up and watch the cricket from Melbourne on Boxing Day, but after the excesses of Christmas fare, it may be a much better plan to get out on the course for some exercise!

Results over the last month suggest that the course is not playing easily, even with the longer run on the fairways over the last few weeks. I can find only two winning scores over 40, with Ben Seamen shooting 42 on the Foursomes Day, and Howard (Armani) Shaw clocking up 42 stableford points last Saturday. Jeff Back also became the second to crack the 40 mark for the runner-up place. And these latter scores were achieved in spite of the horrendous heatwave conditions that players faced on the day.

I was surprised to note that 40+ starters headed out in the heat in the team aggregate event, but the weather obviously took its toll and five teams called it a day before completing. Congrats to all those who soldiered on, a ball to each of those who finished? Winner on the day was the Belgre/Doherty team with an aggregate team score of 138. Not bad, an average of almost 35 per team member. Can't tell you who the other team members were, I was at home hiding from the heat.

Individual winners over the last few weeks have been Bob Staley (38), Bob Virgili (39-close! with a countback runner-up place in his next round), Ian Butters in a welcome return to form (38) and Fairweather Frank Hurford made a long overdue trip to the winner's stand with the double, 35 for a countback win for the Singles event and then pairing with his brother-in-law to take out the team event with 43. It must be noted that Frank made the significant contribution to the countback win.

Winning team events is all about picking the right partner and your editor was twice successful, once with Frank as above, and then a surprise win with the other member of the Coffee club, Wing Cheung, with a multiplier score of 71. This event was won on the 17th when Wing and I each scored a par 4, and with 2 handicap points each, we scored a 4 x 4, all of 16 points on the one hole. Club record? Without the 16, we were nowhere after a very ordinary first 9 holes.

The Mixed Foursomes Championship was held over the weekend of 21 and 22 November. Covid-19 meant that this event was postponed from a mid-winter date to a much more pleasant time of the year, so that



players enjoyed two beautiful late Spring days for the contest. Only eight pairs started this year, but what an eight it was. Those who did front up to the 2020 version enjoyed some great paired golf and the results were very close indeed. Captain Wayne Belgre and Ladies' Champion Susique Doughty took out the major trophy with a scratch 165 strokes, 85 and then 80, great teamwork golf, just 3 three ahead of Joan Weine and Evan Jones.

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Mixed Foursomes Champions, Wayne Belgre and Susique Doughty

MEN'S GOLF continued

The Col Buddle Trophy for the nett score, saw Life Member Helen Prentice pair with Alasdair Caush to finish with 137, three better than Yvie Nikellys and Club President Dermot Duncan.

There have been some suggestions about reducing this Championship event to a single round contest. There is no doubt that it has been difficult in recent years to attract players to the event, especially men members.

From a personal point of view, now that you ask, I would be sorry to see it changed, it has some almost unique status as a two round competition, with two prestigious trophies attached to it.

From Men's Golf, Season's greetings to all our members.



Col Buddle Trophy winners, Helen Prentice and Alasdair Caush

THE EDITOR for EVAN JONES

SEEN RECENTLY.....?



*Seen recently, two club-spirited people, giving their time to keep things shipshape at our club.
Many members would not be aware of the amount of work done by such volunteers.
Can you tell who they might be? Hint – think Administration.*



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