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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE BOARD



As part of the Board's process of keeping golfing members updated with respect to developments of the golf course, the Board invited all "golfing members" to an "informal" briefing by the Board at 7:30pm on Monday 8 March 2021 so that the Board could update members on recent developments regarding the Golf Course and Club as well as provide members with an opportunity to provide feedback to the Board.

Approximately 50 members attended the meeting at which time the Board provided some details about a proposal being prepared for discussion with Lane Cove Council. A number of members were able to comment on the proposal presented at the meeting. More detailed aspects of the proposal will shortly be available to members for their consideration and comment.

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, no need to book
- * 9 holes of social golf. Members, non-members, beginners, pros, all welcome
- * Runs over daylight saving months
- * Presentation on deck, with winner receiving the much-sought after frozen chicken

FREE GOLF?



Want to play a lot of free golf? Try winning lots of majors. That's how it works for Tiger Woods. He was asked recently (before the car roll!) if he could remember the last time he paid to play golf. "It was back in 96 or 97 at the Royal Navy Golf course in Cypress, California", he recalled. "It was either right after my third US Amateur or my 97 Masters win. Fifteen bucks, I think it was. I was home for a visit. They told me I was no longer of age to be dependent of my dad. They said I could still play, but I'd have to pay. I did. I played pretty good too."

CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Well, it's great to be back into the swing of things with our first "Major" for the year well under way.

It's also pleasing to see all matches in the Singles KO completed on time as any postponement really does create problems with our scheduling. We are now down to the last 8 (see Men's Golf report over), so we wish all competitors the best of luck in trying to win what is probably the toughest event on our schedule.

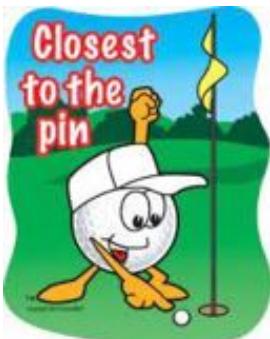
As a little bonus, the Committee has decided to reward members who win matches during multi-week events such as the Singles KO.

After a suggestion by Adrian Hall, the Committee has agreed that anyone who wins a match during a multi-week event will be given 2 balls on their account as a "well done" from the Committee. This initiative will commence with our next multi week-event, the 4 Ball KO.

Another event coming up shortly that everyone should be aware of is the Centennial Cup. This is played on Easter Saturday (3rd April) and is a Mixed 2 Ball Best Ball competition. The booking sheet for the Centennial Cup will be open 2 weeks prior to the event (i.e. Saturday 20th March) to give everyone who wishes to play in the event a chance to book in.



Only members who wish to play in the Centennial Cup should book in that day. The sheet for the Men's competition on that day will open as normal a week before.



Members should note that as our booking sheet is almost capacity each Saturday, we may have trouble fitting in everyone who wants to play on that Saturday as we expect a lot of ladies will book in. The Committee will look at buying extra lines for the day but that may still not be enough. Priority will be given to members who wish to play in the Cup, so to ensure you have a game that day, why not pair yourself with a lady and play in the Centennial Cup.

I can only ask anyone who misses out to understand that golf (especially at Lane Cove) is experiencing a resurgence and while the Committee will do all it can to assist members in playing, everyone may not always be able to play when they want

to.

On another matter, the Committee have had a few enquiries recently from members regarding Nearest the Pins.

The reason they are not back in play, as with bunkers, is of course, COVID. As part of COVID precautions, it is assumed that safety protocols reducing the number of areas touched by many people will go a long way to minimising any chance of transference of the virus.

To partly work around this precaution, the Committee has decided to introduce a slightly different NTP procedure. Starting Saturday 6th March, anyone who hits their ball to within 2 club lengths of the hole on the 6th or 15th holes will win 2 ball credits.

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER *continued*

To decide whether your ball is within 2 club lengths you can use any club in your bag to measure the distance. If you are within 2 club lengths, please write your name in the space provided on the whiteboard and you will be rewarded with the ball credits . You do not have to write a distance, just your name.

And just to let you know, we will not accept a phone call on the Sunday telling us you forgot to write your name down! Good golfing to everyone

WAYNE BELGRE

EDITOR'S BITS AND PIECES

DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME

The late daredevil Evel Knievel used to play a lot of golf at the Rivermont Golf Club in Georgia, USA, a course where the 17th hole is a steep downhill par – 3. The cart path featured a wall to prevent runaway carts from falling. Naturally, Knievel once felt the need to jump it in his cart. “Halfway down the hill I realized I'd made a mistake”, he recalled. “You have no idea how unstable a three-wheeled golf cart is when it becomes airborne. On the landing, the tyres were like basketballs and the cart bounced like a SOB. When I stopped down near the green, I got a royal chewing out from my wife. I couldn't blame her. She's been in the passenger seat the whole time.”



GOLF IMPOSTOR

Maurice G Flitcroft never broke 100, but he became a British folk hero for his zany ways of trying to compete in the venerable British Open. The 46-year-old had been golfing for only 18 months when he decided to enter the 1976 Open. Because he had no handicap, he put down “professional” and was given a tee time in the qualifying round. Undetected, he shot what is believed to be a record worst of 121. When informed of the score, his Mum responded, “Does that mean he's won?”

STREAKER SEEKER

The most famous streaker of all time is arguably Englishman Mark Roberts. According to the fanatically comprehensive Web site, thestreaker.org.uk, Roberts is the most prolific streaker with more than 170



streaks under his, er – belt, at sporting events. He dashed sans clothes across the 18th green at St Andrews while John Daley was celebrating his victory in 1995. On Robert's back were the words “19th hole” and a downward arrow that wasn't pointing to any nearby pubs. The web site has an interview with the now almost 60 years old Liverpool born showman, as well as a comprehensive list of all his streaks, the first of which was at the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens in 1993. I am not aware of any streaks on the Lane

Cove golf course by Roberts or any other streaker. But who knows what goes on at night, especially where there is regular evidence of some pretty well stocked drinking sessions. (Venture into the pine tree on the right side of the 3rd hole!)

WOMEN'S GOLF

Our golfing new year got off to a very happy start with the Opening Dinner held at the Club on Thursday 11 February.



ever dinner' were overheard! Many thanks to Suzique Doughty and Vanna Mutton for their presentation.

Our President, Joan Weine, presided over the formalities. Cindy Brown was welcomed as a new Committee member as Helen Prentice steps down and takes up the role of the Veterans' representative for Lane Cove.

Joan thanked those who had organised the summer competitions, including Jan Sadler, Kerin Moorehead, Marianne Mitchell and Cindy Brown and also those who had helped set the tables and decorated the room in colours which set the mood for the Italian-themed dinner.

Just before dinner was served by Lyn and her helpers from Our Little Secret, Joan announced the eagerly awaited results of the Summer Cup.

Congratulations go to:

Helen Prentice (32) Winner, mid-week with 60 points,
pictured with Yvie Nikellys at the Opening Dinner

Marianne Mitchell (29) Winner, Sunday with 51 points.

On reviewing the results for February, Rosanne Antico-Hall has set the pace by appearing as winner or runner-up on five occasions. Particularly noteworthy were her wins on Sunday 7th with 18 points (9 holes) and Tuesday 23rd with 38 points. Well done, Rosanne.



Another excellent 9-hole result was recorded by Mon McLeod (27) with 20 points on Tuesday 9th. Joan Weine (21) made us take notice with a 40-point win on Tuesday 2nd March. Another winner of note was Barnard Dutoit (31) who joined the ladies for the Sunday 21st competition and blitzed the field with 48 points.

The First Medal round was scheduled for Thursday 24th and Sunday 28th but unfortunately the Thursday event was interrupted by a thunderstorm and postponed to 4th March. For various reasons, the fields on both days were rather small which was disappointing when the course is looking so beautiful.

Congratulations go to:

Sunday Division 1: Nett and Gross Winner – Robyn Glover (25) with 76 and 101 strokes

Division 2: Nett and Gross Winner – Cecilia Ko (38) with 70 and 108 strokes

Putting Division 1: Robyn Glover – 30 putts

Division 2: Rosanne Antico-Hall – 34 putts

Thursday Division 1: Nett Susan Ridd (29) with 69 (C/B from Mon McLeod (28)

Gross, Joan Weine (20) with 93 strokes

Putting: Yvie Nikellys – 32 putts

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Being the overall nett winner of both Thursday and Sunday rounds, your correspondent Susan Ridd, is thrilled to be the winner of the Traill Trophy. Cecilia Ko won her Silver Brooch.

(Editor's note; whenever our copy providers achieve a newsworthy result, it does present them with a problematic decision of reporting the result in too humble a way, and/or understating their success in their report for Links. Loudly and clearly, congratulations to Susan for her well-earned and outstanding result of winning this sought after trophy.)

On a more sombre note, I would like to extend our sympathy to long-time member and former captain Janet Lean whose younger sister died suddenly a few weeks ago. Janet joined us for lunch on Thursday and is looking forward to returning to golf soon.

And one of our 'older' former members who remained a 'special social' member until a few years ago, Mary McBeth, passed away on 2nd February. The notice in the Sydney Morning Herald described her as 'Funny feisty 101 year old legend – adored by all who knew her.' She was born in Gullargambone in 1919. Imagine the stories!

Good luck and best wishes for enjoyable golf in March. We will be playing stableford rounds until Thursday 25 and Sunday 28 when the second Medal rounds and Goodwill Plate will be played.

SUSAN RIDD

MEN'S GOLF

An enthusiastic start to 2021 was had by all Lane Cove golfers with full fields happy to be out of Covid-19 lockdown and walking off those Christmas dinners.

January medal results were,

A Grade;

Winner - Declan MacMahon [10] 70/60

R/UP – Chris Taylor (5) 66/61 Scratch: Chris Taylor 66



B Grade;

Winner: Paul Hofman [17] 78/61 c/b R/Up - Josh Wilson [18] 79/61 Scratch; Paul Hofman 78

C Grade;

Winner – Buddy Hyde [22] 84/62 R/Up - Christopher Tan [26] 89/63 Scratch; Kieron McGarry 83

Other highlights for the month were as follows:

* Guo Xaiping shot a personal best 43 points on Wednesday 13th February.

* On Saturday 23^r, Andrew Psalti carded a +8 in the 'ever popular PAR BISQUE' (Just ask Hoffy!). *(Editor's note; recently, Hoffy's playing partners, knowing Dave's aversion to competing in a Par bisque event, kept Dave away from scoring duties, as well as remaining very close lipped about the hole-by-hole scoring. So successful was this strategy that it was not until the 9th hole had been completed that Dave realised that he was actually in the middle of a dreaded par bisque event! He didn't win!)*

* Wednesday 23rd saw our very own master chef, Dave (I'll cook that for you) Martin, shoot an unbeaten 41 pts.

* To see the month out, Tim Sinclair fired a respectable 39 pts on the last Saturday of January.

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MEN'S GOLF continued

February Medal and Gold Medal Results

The Gold Medal is a hard prize to win as you have to 'win a ticket' in the competition held every year and played during the February Medal, by winning a monthly medal during the previous year.



The winner this year is the hard working and passionate player, Noel Rowland (12) 75/63. Well done Noel! You can thank Jeff Back for dropping 7 shots in 3 holes to be Runner up with a nett 65 c/b.

The Medal was won by Steve Paridis, (9) 70/61 with Noel Rowland runner up with nett 63., Scratch; Chris Taylor 69

B Grade Medal

Winner - the ever reliable Keiron McGarry, (18), 81/63 Runner up was Bob Virgili (18), with 82/64 Scratch; Jeff Back 79 c/b

C Grade Medal

Winner – Wing Cheung, (24) 86/62 with Fred Tearle (35) the runner up with 100/65 Scratch; Wing Cheung 86.

Good to see Wing on the winner's list. Wing who must be one of our longest serving members, having over 20 years membership, is enjoying a purple patch recently with some excellent results.

The Summer Eclectic was completed and it's not often a Club record is set as many great players have gone before. That didn't stop **Ben Seaman** from posting an unbeaten, and now new Summer Eclectic record of 68/41. Well done all.



February saw the commencement of the Singles Knockout, a match play format which pits (to put it in the Roy and HG vernacular, 'mate against mate, date against date'), which they used to say commentating at the State of Origin, or as I like to say, 'the state of oranges'. And if you haven't visited one of our many big oranges around our beautiful country you are truly missing out! My favourite is in Gayndah. But I digress.

Matchplay is Golf in its purest and original form. Before par, or even 18 hole golf courses were crafted, players would venture out into the 'links' (name derived from the land that links the land to the sea). It was here

GAYNDAH BIG ORANGE

where land unsuitable for farming was used by our intrepid golfing forefathers to evolve our game, playing matchplay exclusively, where a hole halved in twelve would not be uncommon. I remember seeing somewhere a club specifically designed for extricating one's ball from between railway tracks!

Am I still digressing?.....Sorry!

13th February saw all matches completed during damp and tough conditions. Most other comp players pulled up stumps, so well done troops for getting those matches resolved as this comp does put pressure on future fixtures if not resolved in the allotted time. At the time of writing we had reached the quarter finals.

- * Steve Paridis & Dermot Duncan seemingly on 'cruise control', have now come head to head, I'm predicting a battle royal.
- * Buddy Hyde v Andrew Limmer will be a true battle of the Lane Cove Locals.
- * John Joyce v Mark Simonsen, former B Grade and C Grade Champions respectively, have both experience in representing our great Club in matchplay. It's anybody's guess as to the result except to say I'm sure there will be plenty of 'sparkling repartee'.

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MEN'S GOLF continued

* Wayne Belgre (Capitaine extraordinaire) v Rod (I'll hit it a hundred past you) Paterson will be a match duelling it out between two of our most respected golfers.

Good Luck to all and remember, if you're going to duff 'em, duff 'em straight and long.

JEFF BACK for and on behalf of EVAN JONES

MORE BITS AND PIECES

SO THAT'S WHERE HE IS!!

Many members will remember popular golf professional James Purcell who was attached to Lane Cove course some few years ago.

It was good to hear from James and his wife Tegan recently that they are now both well and operating as a pro team at Wagga Wagga Country Club. The club is lucky enough to have the services of Purcell Golf, made up of two head professionals in a husband and wife team, running the Pro Shop and golf services.



A former Australasian Tour Player, James is a member of the PGA and an accomplished coach who has spent the last 15 years learning from some of the best golf coaches in the world.

Previously a Wagga Wagga Country Club Junior member, Tegan is a member of the PGA and ALPG Tour. Her coaching focus is on introducing new ladies and junior girls into the game of golf.

The big news is that recently James and Tegan became first-time parents. Their son, Tyler, is now 3 months old, an adorable baby, who will no doubt be living the dream one day. Congratulations to them all .

JUST PRACTISING

I was walking my dog at my home course and stopped to watch a woman teeing off the 13th. She took out her driver and took a wild swing at the ball, hooking it violently way out of bounds and into a river. She put another ball down and made a far more controlled swing, sending it beautifully, straight down the fairway. I walked along beside her and stopped to watch her approach. She took out a wedge – surely not nearly enough club with 150 metres yards left. She gave it everything but, as expected, the ball came up well short of the green. She pitched on nicely to 3 metres or so then raced her putt six metres by before calmly holing the return.

"Sorry, I must ask," I said. "You played that hole rather strangely and I was wondering why?"

"Just practising for the mixed foursomes," she replied.



DRIVER OF SATISFACTION

A Golf Digest study of 2,400 golfers revealed that what golfers loved most about the game is a course that's in good condition. Dr Dan Sachau, who conducted the survey, said, "Far and away, course conditions proved the most important driver of satisfaction, far more than the pace of the round or the cost of the green fees. Clear evidence about the importance in maintaining all aspects of the course, not just the greens, tees and fairways, to provide an enjoyable golfing experience.



Tee 4 Two BBQ Café

MENU

ALL DAY BREAKFAST

1	Bacon & Egg Roll	\$ 6.00
2	Ham, Cheese & Tomato Toastie	\$ 6.00
3	Pancakes w/o Maple Syrup	\$ 8.50
4	Egg, Bacon & Tomato on Toast	\$10.00
5	Big Breakky	\$13.50

BURGERS – with chips add \$3.00

10	Choice of Beef, Chicken, Veggie or New Yorker Burger	\$10.00
11	Cheeseburger	\$10.50
12	Schnitzel Burger	\$11.00

CLASSICS

13	Sausage & Onion Roll	\$ 5.50
14	BLT	\$ 7.00
15	Fish & Chips (w/o Salad)	\$14.00
16	Schnitzel & Chips (w/o Salad)	\$14.00
17	Pie & Chips	\$10.00
	Coffee	\$ 4.00
	Bowl of Chips	\$ 5.00

Opening Hours: Thursday & Friday (12.00pm to 3.00pm) and Saturday & Sunday (10.00am – 4.00pm)



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