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FROM THE BOARD



The Board continues to busily work for the members to ensure the future of our Club and course.

The Board has finalised its proposal to Council to run the course which will be submitted any day now, “subject to members’ formal approval”.

President Dermot Duncan participated as one of six speakers in the Community Consultations via Zoom on Tuesday 1 June. It was an interesting format, with Dermot presenting to six different groups for ten minutes each in one long sitting. He thought it went well and that the Club’s views were communicated well and that the consultees heard the Club’s position. He did receive quite a few

questions on the proposal that the Board is submitting to Council.

As members are aware, the Board has notified members of our special General Meeting on 17 June at 7:30pm for members to vote on “whether the Club should take over the operation of the Golf course”.

In preparation for this meeting, the Board held the second of its “informal” Members meetings on Thursday 3 June, which was well attended. Members were taken through the financials associated with the Proposal which would see membership fees increased to \$1400 per annum.

It was an interesting meeting as Rosemary Hurford, who was selected to be one of the local consultees in the Community Consultation panel, gave members an update of her experience to date. Also, two representatives of the Northbridge Pro Shop management attended and presented their vision for running the new pro-shop should they be formally appointed by us as pro-shop operator. Northbridge are the Club’s preferred tenderer at present (subject to further negotiation and references).

Kasey and Martin Dive did submit a bid but later decided not to proceed at this stage. Kasey will continue to provide lessons at the course and the Club very much supports her continuing her business and hopefully prospering from the future arrangements.

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FROM THE BOARD continued

The Board is waiting on feedback from Council as to whether we can use the old pro-shop for the new pro-shop operations. Dermot asked member Alan Moss to inspect the old pro-shop as the Council had indicated it was not fit-for-purpose due to flooding during heavy rain.

The flooding is something that a member's working bee could alleviate as debris appears to have built up at the back of the building, prohibiting the drainage of water away from the building and resulting in its flooding. So, subject to Council's approval, we are likely to be calling on members to assist in getting it ready for us.

If the old pro shop is deemed not fit-for-purpose by Council, we will be looking to use the old green-keeper's house near the first tee, and we also would require members assistance in bringing it up to a fit-for-purposes standard.

The Board will be liaising with Council in the coming weeks to finalise our Proposal and be assured that we will keep members advised of developments in this continuing negotiation.



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

It is the time of year when we start thinking about playing the Warren and Gibson interclub competition.

Members might remember last year we were in a great position to win both our sections before COVID struck and the competition was cancelled.

This year we have been drawn to play Woollahra, Barnwell Park and Woollooware and the home matches at Lane Cove will be played on Saturdays 24 July, 14 and 21 August.

Eligibility for these matches is the same as last year - for Warren you must have a GA of 11.0 or higher and for Gibson you must

have a GA of 17.0 or higher one week before the comp starts. We will be calling soon for expressions of interest from those wishing to participate in these teams .

Members will understand that on those dates above, we will have restricted tee times as the representative matches take up all the 11.00 - 12.30 tee times. Where we normally have a capacity for 68 members to play on most competition days, we will have the space to allow only 28 members to play 18 holes and 6 members to play 9 holes. Those 28 members will be playing between 7.50 and 9.00.

The Men's Golf Committee understands some members will miss a game but unfortunately, with our restricted tee times this is something we must do so we can compete in these competitions.

In other news, the second of our Majors, the 4 Ball Knockout will be starting soon. Don't forget to put your name down on the sheet on the noticeboard. Please remember we cannot postpone matches so please be prepared to play on the dates specified.

The draw will be made on Saturday 12th June, and the first match is to be played on Saturday 26th June. ***Continued over***



CAPTAIN'S CORNER continued

After the Medal on 3 July, the KO will continue through 10, 17 and 24 July with the Final scheduled for 31 July. Also remember, winners of each match will receive a ball credit each as they progress through the event.

A number of members have asked recently if we are going back to the old nearest the pin (NTP) procedure. The simple answer is that we are not!

Under the new system, multiple members can win a NTP. In fact a single member can win four NTP's if they hit their ball within two club lengths on each of the NTP holes.

Under the old system, you can only win a maximum of two NTP's, and in fact , you can be beaten even if you hit the ball to 10cm of the hole, so the opportunity to win under the new system is greater.

Another problem with the old system is a COVID issue – transference. To measure your shot means several members are handling the same marker over and over again and the possibility of transferring the virus remains.

One other issue is setting up the NTP markers and bringing them back to the clubhouse. On numerous occasions the first group has forgotten to take the markers out and the and/or, the last group forgot to bring them in! You can understand we don't get many volunteers to walk back to the 4th and 6th greens at 5.00pm to retrieve the markers.

The Committee have also decided to introduce an additional NTP. Commencing Saturday 19th June we are bringing back a drive and chip NTP for the 9th and 18th holes. The rules are similar as for other NTP's in that all you have to do is hit your second shot to within two club lengths of the hole.

So, if you have a great day, you can win 6 NTP's if you are good enough! Good luck and good golfing to everyone

WAYNE BELGRE



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MEN'S GOLF

This month started with the much enjoyed and well attended ***Nic Corish Memorial Event.***

This year's winners were Steve BARNES and Nick FISCHER WHITE with 45 points while the Singles winner was Paul JOHNSON setting a great individual score of 41 points.

May Monthly Medal

A Grade

Winner	Noel ROWLAND (11)	76 – 65	Scratch	Peter DOHERTY	70
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B Grade

Winner	Adrian HALL (19)	82 – 63	Scratch	John JOYCE	79
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C Grade

Winner	Steven TAN (21)	79 – 58	Scratch	Steven TAN	79
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Foursomes Finals

A Grade Winners;

Chris TAYLOR and Alex HARRIS won 2 up, defeating Peter DOHERTY and Wayne BELGRE who had their chances but faded towards the back half.



B Grade Winners;

Bill EDMONDSON and Ian BUTTERS won 7 and 6. Ian normally marks his ball with an IB but decided to change it, in honour of his playing partner Bill, to BI (Bill and Ian) thus now being referred to on the deck as the 'BI BOYS. (I'll let the reader infer whatever innuendo they choose at this point.) Their opponents will be referred to as 'their opponents' for obvious reasons!



C Grade Winners

Mark DOOLEY and Dave MARTIN won 2 up in a closely fought match with Barry Watkin and Christopher Tan.

Thanks to the owners of the 21st birthday party at the Club, who generously allowed use of the numeral background for our champions. The 2 was not needed!



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MEN'S GOLF continued

The Mid-Week Championships played over three rounds, were completed, with Adrian HALL winning with 109 points with Xiaoping GAU runner up with 99 pts. Adrian is having a particularly good month!

2 Ball Ambrose qualifying was ably won by Mark SPENCE and Jeff BACK 64 (5 3/4) 58 1/4. We now go to the next stage in November at Cumberland Country Club GC.

There always seems to be a special week or day pretty much every day of the year such as the current RECONCILIATION WEEK etc. But one that might have slipped through the radar this month was INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK.

With the current negotiations our Club is going through, this is a good time to acknowledge our volunteer Board of Directors, Golf Committee members and those other members behind the scenes, all rolling their sleeves up and spending much of their valuable time working for the good of all.

Can I say thank you on behalf of everybody and ask members to give all our hard workers a 'covid safe virtual' slap on the back!

**NATIONAL 17-23 MAY 2021
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RECOGNISE. RECONNECT.
REIMAGINE. WEEK**

Good Golfing to all and remember – “if you’re going to duff ‘em, duff ‘em straight and long!”

BACKY for and on behalf of EVAN JONES

Space filler from The Saturday Evening Post Archives - Bandages



When will he be ready to finish the painting?



How was the vacation?



After you told him to leave the premises, what did he do?

WOMEN'S GOLF



There is one simple word to describe the Southern Highlands trip that our Lane Cove ladies were so looking forward to, and that word is 'WET'! After several weeks of lovely autumn weather in April, the rain started as we were leaving the city on Wednesday 5th May and continued relentlessly until we were back on the M4 on the Friday afternoon.

As far as playing golf at Mt Broughton was concerned, it was very disappointing, but the 22 ladies who made the journey all agreed that it had been very enjoyable despite the inclement weather. The

accommodation at Peppers was very comfortable, the dinner there was excellent and there were many snug spaces in which the ladies could play bridge, enjoy a cocktail or listen to Jo Cunningham playing the piano near the fire.

We entertained ourselves after dinner with a trivia quiz compiled by Kerin Moorehead. We played in the teams as they'd been drawn for the (cancelled) Canadian Foursomes game, resulting in a very happy mixture of Sunday players and mid-week ladies, high handicaps joining low handicappers, younger and older brains together, making for great fun. Your correspondent was delighted to be a member of the winning team consisting of Jacqui Brooks, Angela Pearson and Mon McLeod.

Many thanks to Jan Sadler and Kerin Moorehead for their impeccable planning and organisation of the trip. We're looking forward to returning next year in good golfing conditions.

Happy Birthday Margaret Tanner 101

As you may remember, Margaret turned 100 years in May 2020 and unfortunately the celebrations had to be trimmed to a Zoom party due to Covid restrictions at the time. It was therefore a huge pleasure to welcome our wonderful centenarian and founding member to lunch after golf on Sunday 16th May to celebrate her 101st birthday. Margaret's niece Wendy accompanied her and brought the tributes and acknowledgements Margaret received on turning 100 including letters from the Queen, the Prime Minister and her local MPs.



Our President, Joan Weine, reminded us of Margaret's remarkable achievements in her life and as a golfer and Jo Cunningham sang Happy Birthday on our behalf (no group singing due to restrictions), and performed a lovely tribute to the tune of As Time Goes By. As Joan said, we felt as if we were in the company of royalty. We ate cake.

Golf NSW Bowl

And to add to the excitement of this lovely event, the result of the annual Golf NSW Bowl, played over Thursday and Sunday, was announced. The very happy winners were Sunday players Joanne Hannay and Angela Pearson with 43 points. Congratulations! Runners-up were also Sunday players, Marianne Mitchell and Rosanne Antico-Hall with 41 points. Well done.

Third Medal Round

The third medal rounds were played on Thursday 27th and Sunday 30th. The Thursday nett results were very close and Helen Prentice (33) prevailed with 73 nett, just coming in ahead of Joan Weine (21) on 74. Congratulations to Helen, Winner of the Monthly Medal. Her gross score was 106. Joan Weine won the Gross with 95 and Jan Sadler (36) won the putting competition with 33 on a countback to Robyn Glover (29).

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

The Sunday Medal was also an exciting round for mother/daughter competitors Joan Weine and Suzique Doughty. Nett winner and winner of the Medal: Suzique Doughty (17) with 73. Gross winner: Suzique Doughty with 90 strokes. (Mother, Joan scored 91.) (Thursday player Joan (21) won the day with 70 nett and Lisa Blackwell (45), also a Thursday player, had an excellent nett 71. Suzique won the putting with 26 putts.

Captains v Presidents Memorial Day



Our captain, Marianne Mitchell and President Joan Weine led teams of 14 players each, wearing Blue and Red respectively to play in this annual stableford event on Sunday 6th June in glorious sunshine. It was a pleasure to welcome past president Nicky Thorpe, past captain Anne Reilly, and Margaret Tanner to join the golfers for lunch and to share in the celebrations of Jo Cunningham's 60th birthday. Past members who are no longer with us were remembered and honoured with a minute's silence.

And the winning team – yes, you guessed it!

Captain Marianne and President Joan before the play off.

Joan Weine's President's Team in red, won the engraved glasses with 309 points. Robyn Glover (29) won the day with 32 points and Suzique Doughty (17) was runner-up with 31 points. Coincidentally, both played for the Captain's team which came in with 301.

It has been an action-packed month and apologies to those who won competitions and haven't been mentioned this time due to lack of space. Enjoy your golf in June.



SUSAN RIDD

The Winners!

THE PIN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE CLUB?

When watching your favourite professional golfer on the PGA tour, you'll often hear the announcer on television say something like "He's really getting aggressive and attacking the pin with that club!"

If you didn't know what they were referring to, one would think that a golfer was having anger management problems. And that certainly may be the case for those ambitious weekend golfers struggling to play the game. However, for a golf professional, determining what club to use and how hard to swing it in order to "attack the pin" almost sounds barbaric. So what is a "pin" and why are they being attacked?

Often times the phrase "attacking the pin" is used when golfers take risks and try to go for the more complicated, unsafe shots if not performed with precise accuracy or with a touch of good luck, these risks can often be disastrous, resulting in balls lost to water hazards, shots from behind trees and within bunkers or undesirable long puts.

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THE PIN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE CLUB? continued

As every golfer knows, it's not as easy as it looks to make those shots seen on television. Why is that? Golf is a game of precision. The diameter of a golf ball can be no smaller than 1.68 inches. The diameter of a golf hole is 4.25 inches. This doesn't leave much room for error, and it's even more difficult when the pin is in the cup. The pin is 1/2-inch in diameter, which means there is less than 1/5 of an inch for a golf ball to narrowly squeeze between the edge of the cup and the pin in order to fall into the hole. That's pretty tight! No wonder golf can be so frustrating!



Ever wonder why golf course greens keepers change the location of the pin placement? Typically, during the golfing season the pin placement or hole location on the green surface is rotated every morning. This is done for a few reasons. Rotating the placement keeps the edges of the cup clean and crisp, so the golf ball can fit more easily into the hole. Secondly, it's for the turf health. After many golfers play the same hole in a day, the foot traffic in that area wears greatly on the turf. The soil becomes compacted, the leaf tissue of the turf becomes compressed and the wear and tear of golf shoes rubbing against the turf leaves it susceptible to fungal disease, moisture loss and heat stress. Not a good combination for greens keepers when they're trying to keep the turf healthy! Lastly, by changing the pin locations, a golfer can play numerous times at the same golf course, but the golf course will never play the same twice. By changing the hole location a golfer must strategically change the way they play the hole. Is the pin in the front, centre or back of the green? Is it left, middle or right? Is it near a bunker or in the upper or lower section of a two-tiered green? Many factors must be considered when playing a hole and knowing the pin placement helps the golfer decide how to play the approach shot and set up for the putt.



So how's it done? Greens keepers use specific tools to change the pin placement. The cup cutter is a metal blade in the shape of a cylinder attached to a handle, and it is used to cut the hole into the putting green surface. The cup cutter is forced into the green surface 7 inches deep and forms a perfectly symmetrical hole when removed. The cup, which is 6 inches tall, is placed into the hole with a tool known as the cup setter. This tool sets the cup to its proper depth to where there is a 1-inch lip of green surface above the top of the cup. The pin is then placed into the cup and is ready for play. But what about the old hole location? A tool called the cup puller is used to pull out the old cup. Once this is done, the soil plug from the new cup is then ejected from the cup cutter into the old hole location. After mending the turf together and stepping down the turf/soil plug, the new pin placement is ready to be attacked for the day.

According to the USGA, there is no such thing as an "illegal" pin placement. There are no rules regarding hole locations as long as the pin placement is on the putting green surface. However, a Greens keeper must evaluate many factors when selecting hole locations. The most important factor is a hole location that will give fair results and not tricky situations. Generally speaking, Greens keepers will try to avoid placing the hole near sloped areas and the edge of the green by at least the length of the flag stick, which is commonly 7.5 feet in length. Greens keepers are trained to avoid these challenges and would much prefer golfers attacking the pin instead of them for cutting an unfair cup.



So now that you know all there is to know about pin placements, there's still one question yet to be answered. Is the pin mightier than the club? I guess it depends on how you play. But it certainly can be conquered!

Great Parks, From the Field, 2014



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

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