



Newsletter of the Lane Cove Golf Club
For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE BOARD



The Board now has approval from Council accepting our proposal to pay Council \$300 of the \$400 increase in full golf membership subscriptions.

The other change is that of our competition fee of \$15.00 per 18 holes, \$5.00 now goes to Council with the balance coming into the Club. These changes substantially decrease Council's deficit in running the course. Please note that the competition fee of \$8.00 for 9 holes comes to the Club.

We understand that the Council is continuing to negotiate with the Northbridge Pro Shop team to become the alternate operator of the golf course.

We have no further updates on the timing of the building of the Sports Complex. However, we are delighted that the community consultation process acknowledged the importance of golf in relation to the green space.

The latest Covid restrictions have seen an increase in our golf membership. To ensure that current members can get a game, the "3-month trial" membership has been suspended and visitors are not permitted to play in competition rounds.

Thank you to the members who have paid their fees. Please be advised that all fees must be paid by 15th August to play in competitions.

The Club has submitted applications for government grants available due to the lockdown. The outcome and value is yet to be confirmed.

We also advise that Sharon Johnson has stepped in as Treasurer until the AGM, which is scheduled for October. The end of year financial accounts are with the auditors for review.

Please note that as soon as we are permitted, the Club house and bar will reopen so we can enjoy a drink on the deck and catch up with each other.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

With us being well and truly in lockdown, I felt it was time to remind members of some of our rules and expectations during this time.

Everyone is no doubt aware we have more members wishing to play than tee times available. Your Committee is already purchasing more tee times out of our block booking time each week so additional members can play. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate everyone.

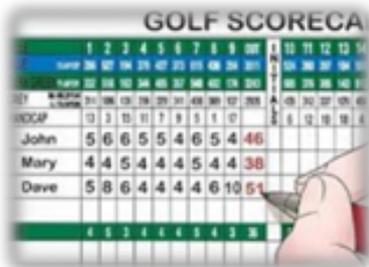
So please do not book a spot unless you are sure you will be able to play. Let's be fair to everyone and try to spread the bookings around.

If you have booked a spot and find you cannot play, please cancel as early as possible. That way a member wishing to play can find out early and the possibility of leaving a member "one out" is negated.

For the foreseeable future no visitors will be allowed to book into any of our Men's competitions.

One thing members must be aware of is that with the members and public times being fully booked, there is every possibility of slow play. It is important for everyone to be patient and just enjoy the day.

Complaining will not do anyone any good.



A hand is shown writing on a golf scorecard. The scorecard has columns for holes 1 through 18 and a total column. The names John, Mary, and Dave are listed with their scores for each hole. John's total score is 46, Mary's is 38, and Dave's is 61.

GOLF SCORECARD		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	TOTAL
NAME	SCORE																			
JOHN		5	6	6	5	5	4	6	5	4										46
MARY		4	4	5	4	4	4	5	4	4										38
DAVE		5	8	6	4	4	4	4	6	10										61

I would also like to remind everyone to score the card properly. It is important everyone uses a dark coloured pencil or pen. It is not easy putting the scores into the computer when the scores cannot be read and there is every chance a mistake could be made.

Also don't forget to circle and note down any NTP's. If you want to be rewarded for a great shot, the proper notation on the card is necessary.

Finally, the Board has now issued invoices for 2021 / 22 year.

Fees are due Sunday 15th August and members are reminded anyone that has not paid by that date will not be able to play in our competitions.

One last thing is a reminder to please make sure you wear your mask and sign in when entering the Pro Shop. It is most important we follow the health rules as we are the lucky ones able to continue to play the sport we love.

WAYNE BELGRE



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MEN'S GOLF

Well, it seems our little golf course won again, perusing the July Monthly Medal Results. Lane Cove Golf Club 1, Players 1. Only one player achieved their handicap on what was a damp and muddy track. Well done to our life member, ever ready volunteer and illustrious *Links* editor in chief, Ralph Sadler.

There were at least a dozen 'double figure' holes carded with a couple of exemplary ones as follows.

A certain popular player, noted for enjoying 'fair weather rather than foul', started his day on the first with a 16! One might ask how in the heck could that happen but it's there in black and white. Another player whose name will remain private (to protect the innocent), scored a 23 on the 11th!!! I'm sure quite a few balls were deposited in the gully to achieve that feat.

Having once many years ago seen a temperamental player hook one off the first well into the bushes, turn to his 2-ball partner and say, "I hate this course. I'm going home".

Well, that wasn't the case on this day, with Churchill like dogged determination, stoicism in the face of adversity, irrational optimism. As Churchill said "Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts!" May we strike a medal for these golfing heroes!



I awoke on the Sunday after a vivid nightmare of being ankle deep in mud unable to make any sort of meaningful contact with the ball on the 17th, scoring a horrible ten. When fully awake I realized. "Wait a minute...that was reality!"

Two events played in conjunction with the Medal (which I've suggested to our Captain should be re-scheduled to a less mud holeish month) were:

ANNIVERSARY PLATE - Won by Tony Happell, a returning member, with 72

JIM O'LOUGHLIN PLATE - Won by Ralph Sadler, with nett 61

JULY MEDAL RESULTS

A GRADE Win – Andrew Corish (9) 76-67 Runner Up – Tony Happell (4) 72-68
Scratch – Tony Happell 72

B GRADE Win – David Pritchard (18) 85-67 c/b
(Ground hog day Dave, we'll call him. That's two on the trot.)
Runner Up - Mark Simonsen (15) 82-67 Scratch - Mark Simonsen 82

C GRADE Win - Ralph Sadler (23) 84-61 Runner Up - Angus Pearce (25) 93-68
Scratch – Ralph Sadler 84

Other stand out scores for the month. On the 21st Barry Watkin fired an amazing 43 points, winning the individual and aggregate with Dave Leckie's 27.

Two Best Balls achieving 48 pts are worth mentioning. On the 24th, Wing Chueng and Frank Hurford shot 48 points in 2 Ball, a remarkable combination considering neither achieved better than 29 points individually.

Unfortunately, upon further investigation, the pair were disqualified because Wing played from the forward tees, mistakenly thinking he qualified handicap-wise, but failing to apply to the Committee for approval first.

This handed the win to new father and son team, Ronan and Michael Daly, 42 points. That man again, Ralph Sadler took out the individual for the day with 38 points.

Another 48 points was carded by William Oliver and John Joyce on the 28th. *Continued over*

MEN'S GOLF continued

To top off a very successful month, our editor Ralph Sadler, and handy Two Ball partner Greg Stephenson, survived an incredible 7-way countback, with 44 points, returning the last card in on the last day of July. (Thank God for the compu-tator, say's our very committed Committee members, Wayne 'the postman', ('cause he always delivers) Belgre, and P (diddy the bus) Doherty, who await all the cards to be in and enter them into the system. Thanks for your service gents!

Surely Ralph deserves the MUD RUNNERS WINTER AWARD.
Congratulation and well done to all.

During these strange and trying times we must be thankful for being able to play our favorite game, albeit 'Noah's Ark Golf' as I call it, 'two by two'.

An interviewer asked Jack Niklaus once, "Do you always tee the ball up when on the tee?"

Jack replied, "From all my experience, I've found air puts much less resistance up than earth".



May your God go with you and as Jack would advocate - *TEE IT UP HIGH AND LET IT FLY BACKY for and on behalf of EVAN JONES*

WOMEN'S GOLF

Thank goodness for the Olympics!

After two months of interesting golf for the women at Lane Cove in May and June, and some very enjoyable social occasions, we find ourselves back in the dreaded Covid lockdown. Your correspondent has become a complete Olympic tragic and is writing this piece on the back of the sensational wins in the pool by Emma McKeon and the women's swimming team.

Yes, golf can be very exciting but this week in Tokyo has been very special. If we have to stay home, there couldn't have been better entertainment.



It seems that our restrictions and isolation will continue for the whole month of August. So, thank goodness for golf! We are very lucky indeed to be able to do exercise in the outdoors and play our game at the same time. The weather in July has been kinder and the course is finally becoming a bit dryer. The run on the fairways has helped improve some scores.



July has been a month of stableford competitions, played in twos, due to the restrictions. It has been rather tame after the excitement of the 4th and 5th Medal rounds in June as well as three Club Championship rounds.

Congratulations to the Stableford winners. It is great to see such a variety of players claiming the winners' spots.
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Relay Gold! Gold! Gold!

WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Results for July

Thursday 8	18 holes	Winner: Helen Prentice (34)	31
	9 holes	Winner: Tiffany Huang (49)	15
Sunday 11	18 holes	Winner: Sharon Johnson (38)	31
Tuesday 13	18 holes	Winner: Sharon Johnson (37)	37 Nice work!
	9 holes	Winner: Dave Martin (22)	19
		Runner up: Rosemary Hurford (35)	17
Thursday 15	18 holes	Winner: Sharon Johnson (37)	32 On a roll!
	9 holes	Winner: Barbara Dorsch (36)	17
Sunday 18	18 holes	Winner: Adrian Hall (19)	38 Very good, coming in in front of visitor
		and former junior Lara Mandalidis (11)	33 and regular Sunday player Jo Hannay (31) 32
Tuesday 20	18 holes	Winner: Cindy Brown (33)	37 CB
		Bronwyn Arnold (45)	37
	9 holes	Winner: Kerin Moorehead (39)	20 Well done!
Thursday 22	18 holes	Winner: Jan Sadler (37)	38 CB
		Rosanne Antico-Hall (37)	38 Nice scores, ladies
	9 holes	Maree Faulkner (49)	20 Excellent!
Sunday 25	18 holes	Winner: Adrian Hall (19)	37
		Runner up Jo Hannay (32)	32
	9 holes	Winner: Jon Devine (13)	18 These men are showing us up!
		Runner up Bronwyn Arnold (43)	15
Tuesday 27	18 holes	Winner: Lisa Blackwell (46)	38 Very nice score
	9 holes	Helen Prentice (34)	18 CB
		Mary Suter (48)	18
Thursday 29	18 holes	Winner: Lisa Blackwell (45)	42
		Runner up Bronwyn Arnold (44)	39 Lisa and Bronwyn, your handicaps
		are down and you continue to make very good scores. Well done!	
	9 holes	Tiffany Huang (48)	21 Excellent!

And to finish the month with a lovely big field of 19 players, including four men, the 18-hole comp results for Sunday 1 August:

18 holes	Winner: Lara Mandalidis (11)	37 points!
Runners up:	Jacqui Brooks (44)	35 CB
	Robyn Glover (29)	35 CB
	Jo Hannay (32)	35
9 holes	Bertie Grayden (32)	24 Impressive
	Kai Mandalidis (16)	20 A great day for the Mandalidis family.

New Members

Welcome to three new members from Pymble – Michele Nelson, Barbara Gautschi, and Lissa Swan – who have joined us while they are unable to travel to Pymble during the Covid restrictions. We hope they might stay longer than the trial three months. We also are enjoying playing with Lyndal Tearle who has joined us while her home club Chatswood is closed due to renovation. *Continued over*

WOMEN'S GOLF continued



Changes

At the end of the financial year, our friend Marianne Mitchell, decided not to renew her membership and consequently relinquished her leadership role as Ladies Captain. We were very sorry to lose her.

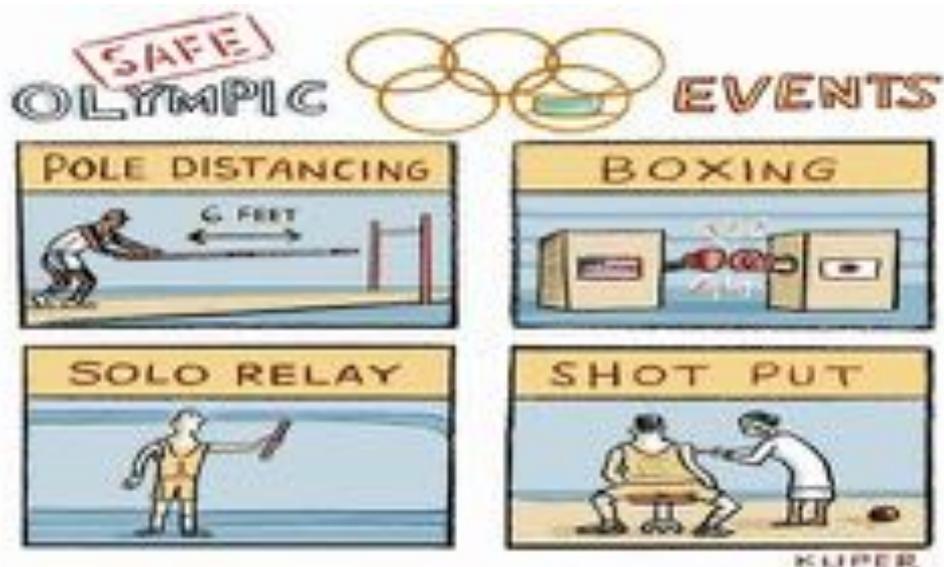
Luckily, our former Captain, Robyn Glover, who had already served in the role for six years, was able to step in and steer us safely through the rest of the year. On behalf of all the women at Lane Cove, thank you for your hard work, Marianne, during 2021. To Robyn, I think I can safely say that we are all very grateful to you for taking on this time-consuming job again.

This last Friday would have seen our Bronze IV team hosting this pennant at Lane Cove. It is very disappointing for us to see this event having to be cancelled for the second year in a row.

*Australian Tokyo Olympic golfer
Minjee Lee*

Till next time, keep safe and best wishes for good golf.

SUSAN RIDD



GOLF AT THE OLYMPICS 1900-2020

Now that the Tokyo Olympic Games are nearly over, all golfers no doubt registered that the men's golfing gold medal was won by Xander Schauffele (USA) from Rory Sabbatini of Slovakia (Silver) with CT Tp Pan (Chinese Taipei - politically correct) the Bronze medallist. At the time of writing, the Women's event had not started, sorry ladies.

OK, but I wonder how many readers would know that golf existed as an Olympic sport many years before its restoration in 2016! Yes, that's right, restoration not introduction.

Back in the early 20th century, in the preparation for the 1900 Paris Games, a special advisory committee led by Jacques de Pourtalès, who along with his wife Helene, won a gold medal in sailing in 1900, proposed a golf tournament be included, given that the sport was popular in many countries (though not well known in France). That's an interesting leap from sailing to golf, suggesting a privileged background, however, thanks to Jack and Helen's enthusiastic support, the result was the introduction of the first Olympic golf tournament, held at the Compiègne golf club. Divisions for both men and women were set.

In the men's event, there were 12 competitors from four nations, and the winner was **Charles Sands** of the USA. Great Britain took the next two spots, with Walter Rutherford finishing one stroke behind Sands and David Robertson in third at 8 strokes behind Sands. Not exactly household names in the golfing lexicon but worthy winners otherwise and acknowledged and immortalised medal winners in Olympic history.

The women's tournament in 1900 was the only time women's golf was featured at the Olympics until its reinstatement of 2016. There were 10 competitors from two nations only, France and the United States, at the event, which was won by **Margaret Abbott** of the United States, the first American woman Olympic champion, though Peg did not realize it, unaware that the golf tournament was part of the Olympics! Sport organisation was rather more casual in days of yore, not necessarily a bad thing.



Margaret Abbott - Women's Gold medal 1900

At the 1904 Summer Olympics held in St Louis, USA, and with no women's event, the golf event took a much different format than the 1900 tournament. 75 golfers from two nations only, competed. The competition was held at Glen Echo Country Club and the event was won by **George Lyon** of Canada, one of only 3 golfers not from the host United States. That must have got up some American noses a bit. Lyon defeated American Chandler Egan in the final, giving Egan the silver medal. Two Americans shared the bronze medal. (Medals still being shared. Note the 2020 Tokyo high jump sharing of gold medals).



A men only event was planned for the 1908 London Games, but an internal dispute amongst British golfers led to them boycotting the event, and the event being cancelled leaving 1904 gold medallist George Lyon as the only competitor. Offered the gold medal by default, Lyon refused to accept it. So, that was golf at the Olympics until its reappearance in Brazil in 2016.

Lyon remained the Olympic champion for 112 years as the sport would not be held again at the Olympics until 2016 at Rio de Janeiro, when women's individual golf was played again. And you all knew that **Inbee Park** (Republic of Korea) and **Justin Rose** (Great Britain) were the Gold medallists.

George Lyon – Men's Gold medal 1904

(WITH THANKS TO WIKIPEDIA)



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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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