



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

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FROM THE BOARD

Thank you to all members who renewed their membership with the Club. Unfortunately, we have seen a few members not renew, largely because they were outside the 5 km limit. As at 31st August, total membership was;

- * 116 Full paying
- * 19 Concessional
- * 5 Life Members
- * 2 Students
- * 32 Juniors



Wattle Day; green and gold on the 5th fairway

With the current Covid guidelines only allowing two players per line, we have suspended the Trial Membership category to enable all members to get a game.

The Club has been successful in applying for Government grants which assist to cover costs while the Club is closed.

With Government rhetoric around “reopening”, we anticipate that anyone who enters the Club in the future will need to be fully vaccinated. There has been no notification from Golf NSW on vaccination requirements for playing golf once we get back to playing in fours.

Lane Cove Council have made significant progress in their negotiations with the Northbridge Golf Course (NGC) operators to take over management of the Lane Cove Pro Shop, although there are still some contractual details to finalise.

The changeover is scheduled for the end of the month, with SSMG finishing on Thursday 30th September and NGC commencing on Friday 1st October. Clinton Russell and Todd Brown are partners in the NGC business, and they have hired experienced managers for Lane Cove – Rob Curtis, PGA Certified Professional and Anthony Tan, PGA Associate.

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FROM THE BOARD continued

Council have decided to accommodate the new Pro Shop in a 6m x 3m demountable building that will be positioned at the rear of the 1st Tee with a window giving staff a good view down the 1st fairway. There will still be room for both a men's and women's tee position from the top tier. They will be stocking golf consumables, drinks and snacks and golf merchandise.

Council have also negotiated a new agreement with Kasey Dive, and she will remain the lead teaching professional on the course. The agreements with both NGC and Kasey include incentives for them to encourage social players to transition into Club membership.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well, it certainly has been a different type of golfing month, but it is great to see everyone who puts their mind to it has had an opportunity to get out and play. Unfortunately, we still have the ongoing problem of too many members and not enough spots. Who would have thought that would ever be a problem, but we have to manage it as best we can. This reminds me of the old days when we always had reserves every Saturday and a tee time was at a premium

Please be assured your Committee is always looking at ways to get everyone a game, but as some have found out, that is not always possible. *Maybe some members who regularly play might consider sitting out one weekend so that others are able to play.* I'm sure those members who can only play weekends would appreciate the gesture.

Male members should be reminded that there is always the chance to play in the mixed competitions on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. If you want to play on those days, please be mindful of the rules regarding booking a spot. The ladies open the sheet well in advance for ladies only, but should a man wish to play you can only book a tee time two days before the event. Please adhere to the booking rules because if you don't you may find your booking cancelled.

At the moment there is the possibility of changes to the current restrictions on outdoor gatherings. The NSW Government has announced that as from 13th September, five fully vaccinated people can gather outdoors. This may mean changes to the way we play golf so it is important that all members keep a lookout as any changes will be communicated by e-mail. Finally, the light at the end of the tunnel is upon us.

One of the things about playing golf in this lockdown period is the dramatic increase in people walking through the course during competitions. While people are not supposed to do this, we must be patient and please take care when hitting your shot. We certainly do not want anyone (members or public) hit by a ball as anyone who has been hit previously, knows it can cause severe damage!

Another feature about playing during lockdown is that the course has the maximum number of players (members and public) all playing. Patience is the key as with so many people on the course it is going to be a nice casual walk. We have been very lucky with the weather lately, so the opportunity to be out and about should be appreciated.

One last thing is a reminder about nearest the pins. NTP's can only be won on the 4th /13th, 6th /15th, and 9th /18 holes. Some members have marked a NTP on their card for the 3rd / 12th hole. This is not a hole where a NTP can be won.

WAYNE BELGRE



WOMEN'S GOLF

After a quick review of our women's golf results for August one can see that it has been a very interesting month with many good scores submitted by a variety of players. It is great to see the unusually big fields, with many men joining the ladies, especially on Sundays and Tuesdays, and except for a couple of wet days, we have enjoyed perfect weather for golf during August.



It is also a pleasure to play with new members. Our three, elegantly turned-out Pymble members, pictured left, are adding some glamour to the course in their smart outfits. When restrictions are lifted, there could well be a shopping excursion to the pro shop up there.

Welcome also to Gayle Guiffrida who has joined us from Roseville, and to Vanna Mutton who has re-joined.

It seems that we are adjusting to playing golf under Covid restrictions and the wearing of masks in the common areas has not been too much of an inconvenience. We have become used to playing in

twos and looking up the results when we get home.

But golf just isn't the same without our social lunches on the veranda with Dave Martin. As we keep reminding ourselves, we are SO lucky to be able to play golf, and let's hope the impact of this horrible virus starts to diminish soon.

6th Medal Round

The sixth and final medal rounds were played on Thursday 12 and Sunday 15 August. Yvie Nikellys played on both days and achieved identical winning nett scores on both outings! What a week you had, Yvie! Congratulations.

Thursday:

Winner of the Medal: Yvie Nikellys (34) Nett: 62
Runners up: Rosemary Hurford (36) Nett: 65 CB and Winner Division 2
Susan Ridd (29) Nett: 65
Gross winner: Susan Ridd (29) Scratch 94
Putting winner: Yvie Nikellys with 30 putts (this is how you win!)
In the 9-hole stableford Edie Downs (42) had an excellent game with 21 points.

Sunday:

Winner of the Medal: Suzique Doughty (18) Nett: 66
Gross winner: Suzique Doughty (18) Scratch 84
Putting winner: Rosanne Antico-Hall with 34 putts.

If we'd been allowed a gallery for this Sunday stroke round, onlookers would have been treated to some excellent golf. Ben Pearson (5) played a par round of 72 which included only 28 putts. Geoff Reed (11), Yvie's husband and visitor from Concord, played 84 off the stick to equal our winner Suzique.

As mentioned earlier, Yvie, a Thursday player, won the day with a nett score of 62, the same as her winning score on the Thursday, and Robyn McElvenny (41), who is also a Thursday player, was runner-up on the day with nett 64.

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Captain's Salver

This annual stableford event was held on Thursday 2nd September with a field of 20 golfers playing in glorious weather and on a dry course. Some excellent scores were posted.

It was also a special occasion for our Captain, Robyn Glover, as we celebrated her 70th birthday. President Joan Weine and Secretary Rosemary Hurford presented Robyn with flowers and champagne on the putting green, pictured right, while we sang Happy Birthday accompanied by Kerin Moorehead's portable speaker – all in masks and at a Covid-safe distance, of course.



And the winner of the 2021 ***Captain's Salver*** was our Life Member: Helen Prentice (34) with 40 points. Congratulations Helen!

Runner up Rosemary Hurford (36) with 37 points
9 holes Edie Downs (44) 20 points

Stableford results for August

<i>Tuesday 17th</i>	Cindy Brown (32)	38		
9 holes	Helen Prentice (35)	20 CB	Linda Tsung (45)	20
<i>Thursday 19th</i>	Cindy Brown (32)	38 CB	Two wins in a row, very nice!	
	Susan Ridd (29)	38		
9 holes	Susan Woodman (40)	19		
<i>Sunday 22nd</i>	Michael Doughty (33)	40		
Runner up	Rosanne Antico-Hall (35)	37		
<i>Thursday 26th</i>	Yvie Nikellys (33)	41	Another lovely game!	
Runner up	Rosemary Hurford (36)	38 CB	to a couple of well-known men,	
	David Leckie (14)	38	and Wayne Belgre (11)	38
9 holes	Mary Suter (48)	20		
<i>Sunday 29th</i>	Yvie Nikellys (30)	36	She does it again!	
9 holes	Maree Faulkner (49)	22 CB	Well done Maree and Linda!	
	Linda Tsung (44)	22		
<i>Tuesday 31st</i>	Jan Sadler (34)	38		
9 holes	Maree Faulkner (49)	20		

Singles Knockout

This competition has been running since March and the last matches were played at the end of August. Congratulations go to Robyn McElvenny who defeated Joan Weine 4/2.

In Sunday's competition, Jo Cunningham prevailed after Suzique Doughty retired hurt. Congratulations Jo. We wish Suzique a speedy recovery from her sprained ankle. ***Continued over***

WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Finally, a result which your correspondent can still hardly believe to be true, the Golf NSW Medal winners with the three lowest nett scores from six medal rounds:

Thursday	Division 1	Susan Ridd	207
	Division 2	Lisa Blackwell	216
Sunday	Division 1	Suzique Doughty	209
	Division 2	Sharon Johnson	219

As with so many other events that have been disrupted this year, the Metropolitan Medal finals have been cancelled.

Our last special event for the year is the President's Cup and Gold Brooch competition to be played on Sunday 12 September. Oh, wouldn't we love to win that brooch!

Good luck, keep safe and enjoy your golf.

SUSAN RIDD



MEN'S GOLF (Backy's Blurbs)

Greetings all from 'lockdown land'.

Being in an LGA of concern, I can't travel to our lovely course. Nor play at the Cumberland Country Club less than a kilometre away as its members only and now closed with the tougher 'exercise one hour rule' imposed. So that's a big double DOH! from me. It's enjoyable reading your results though and obvious that the good 'ole winter westerlies have done their work and dried out our grounds.

It was remiss of me in a much earlier dispatch on the 26th of June not to mention the ultimate shot played by none other than our previous Board member and staunch Club advocate, the honorable IAN



BUTTERS, who on the fourth hole eyed his ball at address with his usual steely-eyed focus and sent it on what, he would have described as 'with parabolic perfection' across the gully of our inarguably called SIGNATURE HOLE to land on the green like a 'butterfly with bruised feet' and trundle into the hole.

Well done Ian, being the second time he has achieved this feat on that hole.

An aside on the signature hole thing. Playing at the fabulous LAKELANDS GC in the Gold Coast, a Jack Nicklaus 'signature' course, I was teamed up with a couple of fellows from Victoria. One of them stopped a rather surly greensman and asked, "Which hole is the signature hole?" To which grumpy replied, "It's all signature mate!!")

With plenty of time on hand I've been catching up on my forever burgeoning back log of books to be read and was reminded in a great bio on Joseph Banks (Grantlee Kieza) of Joe's embracing the categorizing of all living things, developed by his best mate Dan Solander's mentor, Carl Linnaeus. Linnaeus came up with the BINOMIAL NOMENCLATURE, the two-term Latin naming system for all things living, such as Homo Sapien for example or, our pet Kookaburras that visit the deck - '*dacelo novaeguineae*'..... (I think we should just stick to kooka.) It was said 'god created; Linnaeus categorized.

I wonder how he would have categorized us golfers. Perhaps our Captain, who has played more rounds than just about anyone, would get '*golfis saepe*' (frequent) but for sure one, Ian Butters would be on that special day as '*golfis magnificus*.'

Actually, one student references '*bacculus*' for golf in Latin meaning club or staff. I like that! Jeff Bacculus from now on thank you. HERE ENDITH THE LESSON!

MENS GOLF RESULTS

With the course drying out, extra run and forward tees, we're seeing some better scores being carded. To win, one needs high 30's to 40-point scores, not seen very often all thru' winter.

Opening the month with a 2Ball win on the 4th were Paul Kelly and Mike Smith with 45 points, while Mike made it a double with a Singles winning score of 38 points. Bad luck for evergreen Doug Cameron, who because of the forward tee exemption, had his score 39 reduced by 2. (Editor's note – not the first time this has happened to Doug. Your editor was the recipient of Doug's largess with a similar reduction in an earlier event.)

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MEN'S GOLF continued

Incidentally, when writing this, I've noticed Doug is now on 26 and no longer qualifies for the exemption. Featuring at the top of the results list a few times this month shows the extra run is standing you in good stead. WELL DONE DOUG!

Best 2Ball score on the 7th then came from the Abbott family team 48 points
Singles win Rick Mayhew 40 points

On the 14th saw the battle of the 'A' Team with Dave Leckie 40 points winner,
but losing 2Ball c/b to Pete Doherty and Geoff Carrick's 72 aggregate.
(Who was Dave's partner again??)

On the 18th saw realtor Ian Hayes register a 41points win and
'Team Paul' Hofman/Johnson the 2Ball with 47 points

On the 21st saw another 41points from Mark Thompson also taking out the
2Ball with Mark Anson with 47pts

The 25th saw the Best Ball score for the month, Paul Hofman and Bob Virgili 49 points
with Bob the Singles winner with 39 points.

The 28th, the last winter round, being won by Adam Manticas 39 on c/b from Steven Tan
with Adam partnering Mike Smith to take out the Best Ball with 45 points.

For those that recall my youngest stepdaughter Enisa, who worked at our bar some years ago, I'm happy to announce she has given birth to a bouncing 8 and 1/2 pound boy, Theodore (Teddy to his friends!) Both doing very well.

Good things can still happen in these troubled times. Good golfing all and stay safe.
Cheers!

BACKY (Bacculus) for and on behalf of EVAN JONES



Lousy Ventriloquist Fears Return to Normal





Tee 4 Two BBQ Café

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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

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



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