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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



In this my first message for *Links*, I want to start by thanking the members who attended the AGM. It was wonderful to be back in the Club after such a long period. We had a new board elected and the following positions were filled.

Cindy Brown – President,	Sharon Johnson – Treasurer	Jo Cunningham – Secretary
Barbara Oliver – Director	Dermot Duncan – Director	Ralph Grayden - Director

There is still a vacant position on the Board so if any member feels they have time to contribute, please come forward. I also encourage you all to contact any of the Directors if you have concerns or questions as we intend to be open and transparent with members on all issues facing the Club.

Currently there are two important matters that the Board is negotiating with Lane Cove Council. We have drafted a Heads of Agreement to document all the aspects of our financial relationship with Council. They have replied this week with some amendments and we will discuss at our board meeting on the 8th November and set up a meeting with Council.

Council have also brought to our attention that there is discrepancy between the member numbers published in our annual report and the snapshot of members taken early in the financial year which is used to calculate the payment to Council for our Block Booking Times.

There is a clear pattern of 20-30 more members at the end of each financial year and the numbers drop back down in the new year. Council have sought back payment for the difference in the member numbers between these two snapshots for the past four years. We have for several months traded spreadsheets to demonstrate that a significant part of the discrepancy relates to new members taking up the three-month trial period, many of whom never converted. *Continued over*

FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

We have agreed a new process going forward from this year where we will pay a pro rata amount for all new members joining during the year. As the payment process was mutually agreed by both parties for many years, we have argued that it is not reasonable for the Council to now ask for four years of back payment. However, we do recognise that the process has inadvertently resulted in a disadvantage for Council and in a spirit of good relations, we have offered to pay for the FYE 2021 only, the amount that would have been payable if the new process had been in place last year, which at \$5926 is a significant sum for our budget to absorb.

Our main priority, however, is to address the financial deficit from our Clubhouse Operations and the introduction of the Cinnamon Klub restaurant in the evenings is a key element in our strategy to encourage patrons from the local community to support the Club. It is early days, but we are seeing some encouraging numbers from our bar sales that align with restaurant bookings and live music nights. All take away orders or inhouse dining bookings can be made online at www.cinnamonklub.com. If you live locally, please spread the word amongst your friends and come and enjoy a relaxing dinner on the deck.

It is with sadness that we received the resignation of Angela Galipanzo this month. We can't thank Angela enough for her contribution to the Club. Her professionalism and "can do" attitude was evident in her contact with members and function hirers. I know the 9-hole golfers on Wednesday will miss Angela who got her RSA just to be able to serve them. The Club got a face lift thanks to Angela as she painted and decorated to make the Club more appealing to hirers. In true Angela style she has given 8 weeks' notice with her last day being 24th December.

From Monday 8th November, the Public Health Orders will enable us to seat more patrons inside as the "2sqm rule" kicks in. We were fortunate to have played golf all through the lockdown period, but now that we can socialise with each other again and share stories of our rounds, I think we can all appreciate how much being part of a membership community adds to our enjoyment of the sport.

Finally, the Board recently agreed that it would be a good idea to have a single point of Club communications with Green Options, the group which provides the day-to-day maintenance of the course. We have asked Ralph Sadler to take up the role as the touchpoint for members to communicate their suggestions and concerns about the course maintenance that can be relayed to Green Options. Some of the items may be matters for Council to address. It has also been suggested that Ralph establishes contact with the Pro shop on course issues. Members are invited to contact Ralph (ralphsadler@icloud.com) with concerns about the course maintenance. The Board is very grateful to Ralph for taking on this responsibility on top of the many other tasks he performs for the Club.

CINDY BROWN

NOW OPEN - CINNAMON KLUB

Lane Cove Golf Club is delighted to announce that a new and exciting catering option is now operating from the club house.

For take away orders or inhouse dining, Cinnamon Klub is open to the public Wednesday to Sunday. 5.30pm to 9.30 pm, with a delicious menu that encapsulates the best of owner and chef Kailash Bhandary's 30-year career. Kailash is a Greenwich local with many ties to the community.

Simply head to www.cinnamonklub.com and peruse the menu. Orders can be placed from 5.30pm Wednesdays. Please join us in welcoming Kailash and his team. We hope you will all support this exciting joint venture between Cinnamon Klub and Lane Cove Golf Club



FRIDAY NIGHT CHICKEN RUN IS BACK!

Come and play 9 holes on a Friday afternoon from 4.30pm onwards and compete for the coveted frozen chicken for best stableford score, or a bottle of wine for the nearest-to-the pin on the 9th green.

Regular players will see their chicken icon up on the board and watch it progress over the summer, with 3 points for a win, 2 for second and 1 for third.

It is not essential to book, you can just show up, but if you intend to play it would be helpful to the Pro Shop if you did book online as they will not be reserving spots for the Chicken Run.

Everyone is welcome, Club members and social players, adults, and junior players. Encourage your friends to play, then stop for a drink and a delicious meal at the Club's new restaurant, Cinnamon Klub. A great way to launch the weekend!

Golf Bookings here: lanecove.quick18.com or 0433 519 974
Dinner bookings & menu here: www.cinnamonklub.com



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well, isn't it just great to be able to be out and about playing golf and having a quiet drink in the clubhouse after the round - life almost back to normal. As everyone is aware, our programme of events was completely disrupted by COVID and we are now just arranging things week by week, until next year, when we can get back to our normal schedule

Luckily, we will be able to complete all our "Majors", with the Club Championships finishing this week and the 4 Ball KO being finished before Christmas.

Congratulations to our latest batch of Club Champions. The winners were as follows -

A Grade	Tony Happell
B Grade	David Leckie
C Grade	Kerion McGarry
9 Hole	Ron Jeffrey



Good to see a couple of new names will be etched onto our honour boards and isn't it good to see Life Member Ron Jeffrey win an event named in his honour.

A couple of dates for everyone to remember;

Wednesday 8th December - The date for our new "informal" general meeting. The Committee has decided to forgo the normal format for an

annual general meeting as members do not seem to have a great interest in attending such a meeting.

Instead, after golf on Wednesday 8th December, at around 5.30 pm, Committee members will be available to discuss any matter a member may wish to raise. Copies of our financial report will be available for members to peruse at that time.

So simply turn up, have a chat, raise any issue you wish, and go home. Simple format!!!

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER continued

In other news there are a couple of events I want to tell members about coming up early December.

Saturday 11th December will be our **Legacy Day** fund raising event. This year, with lack of time and other associated difficulties, has seen us move away from the traditional day to a much simpler format.



This year the event will be a 4 player Multiplier with a \$25.00 entry fee for all players.

The Men's Committee will naturally donate to Legacy our share of the comp fee and we will be asking the Board and the Pro shop to donate their share of the competition fee as well, so hopefully, all of the \$25.00 will go to Legacy.

Saturday 18th December - This will be our Presentation Day. If you remember last year, we moved away from a Presentation Night to a Presentation Day. More details will be available later, but the day is basically a combination of golf and a presentation of prizes.

A day to celebrate the end of a different and difficult year.

WAYNE BELGRE

WOMEN'S GOLF

The ladies have enjoyed the new conditions at Lane Cove during October, especially the tee areas which have been rested for several months and are looking very green and lush as a result. It has also been a pleasure to meet the Northbridge team in their new pro shop.



After so many weeks of golf being 'just golf', it has been lovely to be able to socialise again on the verandah and enjoy the kookaburras. They are looking plump and beautiful, obviously finding plenty of worms on the course and not suffering too much without Dave Martin on Thursdays. Thank you to Cindy Brown and Sharon Johnson for arranging toasties, salads and coffee for Thursdays.

Another most welcome change has been the fact that we could meet in person at the Club for the two recent AGMs. The women members met on Tuesday 19th and a new committee was elected.

President	Joan Weine
Vice-President	Lisa Blackwell
Captain	Robyn Glover
Vice-Captain	Yvie Nikellys
Secretary	Robyn McElvenny
Treasurer	Jo Hannay
Handicap Manager	Suzique Doughty
Pennant co-ordinator	Susan Ridd
Board representative	Cindy Brown or Sharon Johnson

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

The women were very well represented at the Club's AGM on Monday 25th and it is with considerable pride that we see the majority of the Board members being drawn from the women's membership. Congratulations to Cindy Brown on being elected President of the Club. Sharon Johnson has taken on the role of Treasurer and Jo Cunningham has stepped up to be Secretary. Barbara Oliver continues in her role as Director. After more than ten years of service each, Maureen Dunn and Robyn Seale have stepped down from the Board. They were presented with beautiful flowers in recognition of their dedication.

Vale Patti Ayres



It was with great sadness that the ladies learned of the death of our beloved long-time member, Patti Ayres on 8th October at the grand old age of 99 years. Several of our members and friends attended the funeral in Cronulla and President Joan Weine wrote a short and sweet piece which summed up our great affection for Patti.

Farewell Little Patti,

You are a Legend at Lane Cove Golf Club and an inspiration to us all. Always interested in how we played at the end of the day, especially interested in new players with your Special Encouragement Award presented by you every year at our Presentation Dinner.

We loved your company at our Club Functions and especially Lunch with a Glass of Wine or two, every Thursday. You are sorely missed and much

loved by us all. From all the Ladies at Lane Cove Golf Club.

R.I.P. "Little Patti"

October was a month of Stableford competitions except for the postponed **Foursomes Championships** played over two Sundays (24th and 31st) and two Thursdays (28th and Nov 4). What an exciting competition this turned out to be! After Round 1, the results were extremely close, with the Sunday team of Jo Hannay and Robyn Glover coming in with 74 Nett and Thursday's winners, Yvie Nikellys and Robyn McElvenny, scoring 74.5 Nett. Jo Cunningham and Cindy Brown (Sunday) and Joan Weine and Helen Prentice (Thursday) were tied with 101 Gross.

On completion of Round 2, the results were even more exciting. Sunday Round 1 winners, Jo Hannay (31) and Robyn Glover (29), improved their previous score considerably and won Round 2 with 65 Nett and the Gross with a scratch score of 95. Our Captain and Treasurer played a great game.

And on Thursday, after not playing any golf for months due to the Covid travel restrictions, our Nett winners, Jacqui Sun (47) and Janet Lean (44) were thrilled and surprised to score 61.5. Congratulations on winning the day, Jacqui and Janet. It was a great achievement and a pleasure to share your excitement over lunch.

It was no surprise that our Thursday Round 1 scratch winning team also won Round 2. Yes, Joan Weine and Helen Prentice played an excellent game, despite the rain, to improve on their first-round score and came in with 98 off the stick.

When the final scores were tallied, our Captain Robyn Glover faced a new challenge. Never had three teams achieved the same Scratch score after playing two rounds of Foursomes. Jo Hannay and Robyn Glover, Joan Weine and Helen Prentice, and Cindy Brown and Jo Cunningham all achieved a final score of 199. This resulted in the need for a three-way play-off.

A final match-play play-off was played on Sunday 7th November between Thursday winners Joan Weine and Helen Prentice and Sunday winners Robyn Glover and Jo Hannay. Unfortunately, Jo Cunningham and Cindy Brown had to forfeit due to a prior commitment. Thank you to Jan Sadler for refereeing the play-off.

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

So, drum roll please!

Match Play Result:

Joan Weine and Helen Prentice defeated Robyn Glover and Jo Hannay 3/2



2021 Foursomes Champions:

Helen Prentice and Joan Weine (Scratch 199)

2021 Nett Foursomes Champions:

Jo Hannay (31) and Robyn Glover (29) (Nett 139)

Congratulations to the winners for providing such an interesting championship.

It appears from the Stableford results for October that the men playing on Sundays and Tuesdays are finding the company favourable and have come in winners on several occasions. Robert Hipsley, visiting from Pymble, Graham Webster and Christopher Tan, all played well over their handicaps on various days.

Other outstanding results included;

Robyn McElvenny (38) scoring 41 early in the month. Joan (20) and Cindy (29) also scored 39, Sharon Johnson (39) and Yvie Nikellys (26) had scores of 38. In the 9-hole competitions, Barbara Dorsch (35) had four wins, and Mary Suter (47), Lisa Blackwell (35), Rosemary Hurford (32), Edie Downs (44), Hannah Xuan (49), Robyn Seale and Susan Woodman all had at least one score of over 20 points.

The year is flying by. Our presentation dinner is scheduled for Thursday 25th November and after that we'll be looking forward to the festive season and summer golf. Fingers crossed for good health and no emergency lockdowns.

SUSAN RIDD

Editor's note: I Promise, the last Covid-19 cartoon!

Remember when.....?



MEN'S GOLF (Backy's Blurp)

Greetings fellow golfers, now 'unlocked' and happily back on course. It's been great seeing everyone and playing our challenging little track again.

A very eventful month it has been and a couple of highlights for me were; our illustrious leader Scom, rushing over to tell the cop26 crowd the wonderful discovery of fabulous future technology yet to be discovered.

At least he did give his' Prime Mincers' Scientist 2021 Award to a very deserving fellow in Holmesy. No, not our hard-working cellarman and ex- bar manager, but Professor Eddie Holmes, our very own expert on viral evolution.

He was the one who effectively got the ball rolling in the fight against Covid by being the first to publish the entire genome sequence of SARS-CoV-2. That act allowed the world scientific community to start the fight against the pandemic.



Professor Eddie Holmes - 2021 Scientist of the Year

Oddly, it was a bad teacher that got him interested in evolution. His high school scientist teacher was a creationist and avoided any talk of 'said' evolution, so when Ed discovered it himself, he became fascinated.

Viruses are the fastest evolvers going, so a life of his devoted study has saved the day. Go the scientists! We know Scom is backing them in!

Another highlight this month was the National Bird Count week, where folks were asked to count the birds in their backyards or parks and send in the data for scientific appraisal.

I'm not sure how easy that is as the little critters don't sit still for very long and on our course, there are plenty such as....Kookaburras, Butcher birds, Magpies, Currawongs, Australian Black Raven (crows), Noisy Mynah, Indian Mynah (feral), Crested Dove, Pidgeon, Rainbow Lorikeet, King Parrot, Galah, Cockatoo, Wattle birds, Common Brown Duck, White Ibis, Heron, at the moment, the migratory Koel and Channel Bill Cuckoo to name a few. A wonderful green space.

What a role the word green has taken on. One can be politically green. Green means go. Green means safe. Green Zone is Covid safe.

Much has been said of Climate Change lately and I like to think I'm doing my bit. I'd like one of our clever scientists, in collaboration with a good statistician , to tell us how big a carbon footprint is caused producing a new car , and compare that to the total emission made by say, a car 25 years old. I speculate that buying a new one every three to five years pumps more carbon into the atmosphere than what my 25-year-old Ford Festiva ever would.

Some may laugh at it, but it gets me from A to B and sometimes via C and D just for a lark.....Wait a minute that's one I forgot! The Magpie Lark, commonly known as the Peewee. Having done five laps



around this wide red land, three by motorcycle, and one on a pushbike, then I got smart and towed a caravan (No! not with the Festiva) purely for leisure, (dammit, there goes the carbon footprint). I've observed the humble Peewee pretty much everywhere. Hot or cold, desert or forest, they're everywhere.

So, if those little guys disappear, we are in real trouble.

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MEN'S GOLF (Backy's Blurb) continued

Most importantly for us, ball on the green means half the job is done, now you simply must get the damn thing in the hole. Unfortunately, the greens renovation was done a month later than normal. Every gardener knows you make your plantings and preparations at the start of spring, not in the middle of it.

Nonetheless we all have the same conditions to deal with, albeit during our Club Championship, which finished this past weekend, the first week of November. Rather than keep you all 'in suspenders' until the next time I will report the results now.

MENS GOLF RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW A and CLUB CHAMPION - TONY HAPPELL

Champion Tony Happell 225
Runner up Chris Taylor 226

B GRADE CHAMPION- DAVE LECKIE

Champion Dave Leckie 244
Runner up Bill Edmondson 249

C GRADE CHAMPION – KIERON MCGARRY

Champion Kieron McGarry 260
Runner up Dave Martin 264 C/b

Well done all!

A few sad stories told on the deck after play of lost balls resulting in DNF's. Remember, especially during stroke rounds and the pressure of the 3-minute search rule, playing a provisional is the best policy when in doubt. Look at it as free practice and it expedites the speed of play. No player should ever need to go back to play another if we use the Provisional Ball Rule properly.

OCTOBER MEDAL

A GRADE

Medal Andrew Corish (10) 76/66
Runner up Alasdair Caush (11) 77/66 c/b
Scratch Tony Happell 71

B GRADE

Medal Ian Butters (15) 78/63
Runner up Walter Heim (18) 83/65
Scratch Ian Butters 78

C GRADE

Medal Ralph Sadler (22) 83/63
Runner up Ronan Daly (28) 91/63
Scratch Ralph Sadler 83

NOVEMBER MEDAL

A GRADE

Medal Sebastian Grehan (6) 71/65
Runner up Dermot Duncan (11) 77/66
Scratch Sebastian Grehan 71

B GRADE

Medal Paul Hofman (17) 83/66
Runner up Bob Staley (16) 83/67
Scratch Dave Leckie 82

C GRADE

Medal Chris Tan (22) 86/64
Runner up Kieron McGarry (20) 85/65
Scratch Kieron McGarry 85

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MEN'S GOLF continued

A few special mentions.

Best individual score starting the month, on the 2 October, goes to Captain Wayne Belgre with 44 points. (Where was that form during the Champs?), blowing Derms' and Butts' 40 points out of the water! And the same goes for Peter Kennedy on 6 October, with a close 43 points individual.

Best Best Balls go to John Joyce and handy partner Bobby Virgili on 6 November setting the pace with 48 points, with Team Daly equaling on the 16th October with 48 points.

Good golfing to all! Looking forward to seeing you all 'on the green' Cheers!

BACKY (Bacculus) for and on behalf of EVAN JONES

COVID-19 AND GOLFING BOOM AND BUST?

Editor's note: There is a saying that it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good. Translated, even a very bad situation must have some good results. Clearly, one of the good results of developments during the very bad situation of the NSW Covid-19 lockdown has been the surge in golfing participants and course usage over the period.

Michael Court, below, has taken out some of the figures that highlight this increased usage. The big question now is, will those numbers stay, or will there be a decided downturn as we return to a period of social and golfing normality. Boom and bust?

By Michael Court, Inside Golf, October 2021

One club boasts an incredible 159 per cent jump in membership. And that's just a part of a golf membership 'boom' that has come about due to the Covid-19 pandemic in New South Wales. The golfing landscape has changed dramatically in the 18 months as golf has become the real 'go-to' sport with so many other forms of exercise put on the backburners.

Sydney has led the way as many clubs have been forced to close their membership books as tee-times are suddenly at a premium and sharing tee-times with other clubs in other local government areas has become quite the norm.



It's not just one or two regions either. Club memberships right across the state are at record highs and city clubs are busier than they've ever been. Antill Park at Picton leads the pack as many clubs across Sydney have reported double-digit increases in membership. Their club has had an amazing 26.4 per cent membership increase.

Bonnie Doon GC

Asquith in Sydney's north is up 15 per cent; Bonnie Doon in Sydney's east is up 14.4 per cent, clubs in the west such as Penrith (24.7 per cent), Cumberland (14.3 per cent) and Fox Hills (14.2 per cent) are also thriving.

In the north-west, the Muirfield club at North Rocks is up (15 per cent), while clubs closer to the city such as Marrickville (up 49.6 per cent in just 12 months), Northbridge (up 35 per cent) and Lane Cove (up 38.5 per cent) also have figures worth bragging about.

Every Golf Club has had a massive increase in memberships. What started as a slight jump in memberships during the state's first lockdown in 2020 has turned into a wave of new memberships this year.

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BOOM AND BUST continued

Numbers supplied to Golf NSW from clubs show a jump in memberships of around 6.51 per cent across metropolitan Sydney and 6.4 per cent in regional New South Wales.

The largest percentage increase across NSW was recorded by Teven Golf Club in the state's far north. Redesigned by Craig Parry, the impressive nine-hole course in the Ballina–Byron Shire now boasts a membership of 386, a jump of 159 per cent in the past 12 months. “We opened the books in December, and within six days, membership went from 176 to more than 300,” said Teven’s co-owner Nicki Gumbleton. “We closed the books in January and gave ourselves a breather, but then we let another 100 in; membership is almost at 400 now, with a waiting list! “Most of the members are from the Ballina/Byron shire. “Members coming through the door every day keep us going.”

Regional clubs south of Sydney have also reported sizeable increases. Gerrington (20.8 per cent), Worrigee Links (20.86 per cent) and Jamberoo (34.17 per cent) have led the Illawarra surge. Further down the coast, Moruya (10.7 per cent) almost doubled the state average. The story is much the same in the state's north, with Kempsey (13.4 per cent), Nambucca Heads (9.3 per cent), Sawtell (7 per cent) all seeing a boost in members.



Nambucca Heads Island GC

Among the other club numbers of note Duntrig league in the central west, is up 14 per cent, Rich River Golf Club on the Murray, up 18 per cent, and The Vintage in the Hunter Valley has seen its membership increase by 26 per cent.

Tee 4 Two BBQ Café

MENU

Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate	\$ 4.00
Bowl of Chips	\$ 5.00

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	\$10.00
11 New Yorker Burger	\$11.00
12 Cheeseburger	\$10.50
13 Schnitzel Burger	\$11.00

CLASSICS

14 Sausage & Onion Roll	\$ 5.50
15 BLT	\$ 8.00
16 Fish & Chips (w/Salad)	\$15.00
17 Schnitzel & Chips (w/Salad)	\$14.00
18 Pie & Chips	\$10.00
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate	\$ 4.00
Bowl of Chips	\$ 5.00

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



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