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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Board have some good news stories to share in this final edition of *Links* for 2021.

The DA for the Council's sport and recreation facility has been removed from the agenda of the Sydney North Planning Panel for 7th December. So far, no explanation has been provided for why it has been dropped, but it would seem that someone in a position of authority has realised that it is more appropriate to delay this decision until after the results of the Council election have been clarified.

Last month we shared our disappointment that our Functions Manager Angela Galipanzo, had given us notice of resignation. Now we can announce that her replacement will be our very popular bar staff member Amanda Wilesmith. Amanda will spread her working pattern for this administration role a little differently to Angela's and she will continue to work behind the bar on Saturdays and Sundays. In time, we hope to extend Amanda's role into some golf administration duties, to relieve part of the burden on our golf committees. For the short term though, she will be very busy dealing with the many function enquiries that we are receiving now that lockdowns are a memory, and we have a vibrant new restaurant. We are still sad to be losing Angela, but very happy to have such a great replacement.

We also welcome to the bar staff Dan Moss, son of ex-President Alan Moss, who has made great progress in his first couple of weeks.

The Health Orders are scheduled to be re-adjusted on 15th December. Patrons will still need to check-in, and it is the Club's policy that we will continue to only allow double vaccinated patrons to enter the clubhouse.

On 28th November, a group of our members gave many hours of hard yakka to clean out the rubbish behind the old pro shop building, with stunning results. The Club has no responsibility for anything to do with the pro shop, so this was a pure gesture of community spirit to improve the environment and to send a message to Council that perhaps the old building could be useable. Bryan Dempsey and David Stevens were both surprised and grateful for this effort and have communicated their thanks to the team.

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Finally, we would like to thank everyone who makes this *Links* publication happen every month, editor Ralph Sadler and all the regular columnists. It is so important to have a regular communication vehicle to keep us all informed of the matters, both small and large that are the lifeblood of our community of members.

We wish everyone a happy Christmas and a bright New Year and remember, if you become tired of leftover turkey and ham, you can enjoy an Indian feast at the Cinnamon Klub.

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, we are now at the end of what has been a tumultuous year for everyone, not only in their personal lives, but in all our golfing lives as well. Let's hope all is settling down and we can all enjoy a quiet 2022. Now, a couple of events and issues to mention in what is our last *Links* for 2021.



Firstly, a couple of weeks ago we had to play with the white markers missing on a couple of tees. Apparently, we were victims of vandalism, and several markers and flags were stolen.

Some members asked where they should tee the ball if white markers were not in place. Simple – if the markers are missing, you tee off from the white plates permanently embedded in the ground for that hole. For example – if the markers are missing on the 4th hole, you should tee off at the white plates for the 4th hole. The only reason not to do this is if there are two sets of white markers on the 13th tee.

Same for the 9th / 18th holes. If the white markers are missing on the 18th hole, you should tee off from the plates for the 18th hole, unless there are two sets of white markers on the 9th tee.

Another issue is the booking of timeslots, mainly on Saturdays. I note some members like to book right at the end of the time sheet even though there are several spare lines above them. It would be a great benefit to everyone if those late starters would “push” up their booking to just behind the group before them.

There are a couple of reasons for this.

1. Members of the Committee on board duty, must wait for the last group to finish before they can close the comp. I don't think it is very fair to ask Committee members to wait an extra 20 – 30 minutes for the last group to finish
2. On a Saturday our last group are expected to start playing the turn around 10th hole no later than 2.30pm. Starting your round earlier at say 12.15 gives you plenty of time to turn at the 10th hole and not have problems with public players hitting off just behind us, or, in some cases, being inserted in the field before our members have completed their round.

Now, details about a couple of events coming up.

Everyone would have received an email about our “informal” AGM on **Wednesday 8th December**.

Attendance at AGMs in the past few years have not been great, so the Committee have decided to make it informal, after golf. So, if any member wishes to discuss any issue, that would be the time to do so. Our financial reports will be available for anyone wishing to peruse them and there will be a chance for anyone to bring up “issues” of concern.



With so little time to organise our normal **Legacy Day**, the Committee decided to just make it a simple straightforward “donation” day to support Legacy once again. The event will be held on **Saturday 11th December**.

Cost for the day will be \$25.00 per player, with juniors and 9-holers paying \$10.00, with all our slice of the comp fee going to Legacy.

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER continued

The event for the day will be a little unusual – a 4-person multiplier team event. That means all four scores count in a multiplier format, so we can expect some huge scores on individual holes. Should a team only have three people, the lowest marker's score will count twice.

The other special day will be our Presentation Day – **Saturday 18th December.** Obviously, because of COVID we were unable to play a lot of our Major and trophy days, so the Committee decided to have a special day to honour those who were able to win those events that were played. Trophies and vouchers for the winners will be available on the day and the Committee will be providing food and drinks for all those participating on the day.



One final note is in relation to the junior members of the Club. Many members would have noticed juniors are playing in our competitions from time to time. They are just beginners to the game, and like all of us, will need help in various aspects of the game.

The Committee would be interested in hearing from anyone that may have some spare time to help the juniors or would be interested in playing with juniors on comp days to help them understand the finer points. I am talking about help with rules, etiquette, scoring and various other issues that most of us take for granted.

Finally, the Committee and I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy and healthy new year, and good Golfing in 2022.

WAYNE BELGRE



MEN'S GOLF (Backy's Blurb)

Greetings all.

Firstly, may I apologize to our treasured Life Member, Ron Jeffrey as I forgot to add his 9 Hole Championship win to the results last dispatch. A fine 46 points scored with Dougie Lyle a close second. WELL DONE RON! Truly a club legend!

LEGENDS

The humankind I refer to. They walk amongst us, and they are the ones past. May I mention a few?

Now, how many septuagenarians do you know who are happy to climb precariously onto a roof overgrown with lantana (what a pity the ship that brought that stuff out didn't sink on the way out), and spend the best part of six hours hacking away at it?

Well, you know a few. One Billy Edmondson ably helped by Richard Biggs, Graham Webster, Ralph and Jan Sadler, Haughy and a septarian in training. Yes, unsung heroes all, releasing the old pro-shop from the

decades of neglect and clearing all the rubbish piled up behind the building, pictured, which caused the ingress of storm water.

Thanks goes out to all, especially Dave Haugh for the use of his company's large truck which carried two full loads to the tip.

To other matters. This month saw some important anniversaries pass. Another Club legend, Doug Cameron (our most mature and experienced player, I say most respectfully), and his lovely wife Margaret, who played some very good golf in her day, celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. What a milestone and congratulations.

And to other matters, you might have guessed I have various interests and one is nautical history.

From behind the pro shop This month saw the 80th anniversary of the biggest single loss of life the Australian Navy has ever suffered. HMAS SYDNEY was sunk by the German Raider the HSK KORMORAN off Western Australia with 645 Aussie Legends lost.

Thanks to modern day DNA testing, the only sailor to be washed up after the disaster has been identified recently as Thomas Welsby Clark. This Aussie Legend is now no longer known as 'THE UNKNOWN SAILOR,' see below.

Sue and I, on one of our trips around OZ, were lucky enough to be in CARNARVON on the 70th anniversary, and the local RSL put on a free bus for us 'keenagers' to head the 70 odd kays up to QUOBBA STATION where a modest memorial cairn was in place. (See over)

Now why was a cairn here, may you ask (if you're not bored to tears and nodded off by now), as at this stage in history the final resting place of the SYDNEY had not been discovered. It's because this is where a lifeboat full of Germans washed up.

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On the roof



Thomas Welsby Clark, RAN

MEN'S GOLF (Backy's Blurbs) continued



Memorial cairn at Quobba

Incidentally just along the coast from QUOBBA are the Blowholes, where little Cleo Smith was strangely abducted recently. Many questions still to be answered on that one.

Anyhow, a wonderful story was told when the formalities were over and morning tea was served. When the German raiders washed up, a message was sent to Carnarvon and a Militia was quickly formed and rushed to the site. Now the local farmer was too scared to go near them, but all the German sailors were calling for was WASSER, WASSER!

When the rather nervous lads from town arrived, one, sporting a rusty old rifle, shakily cocked and pointed at the distressed and thirsty sailors. They then thought, not only are we not getting water but are going to be shot. NICHT SCHIEBEN was now yelled, "Don't shoot!"

Fast forward 50 years and some of the surviving German sailors were invited to come back for the memorial event, and at one of the get togethers, one of the old Germans went white with shock when he walked the dead ringer for the gun toting Militia man that he thought was going to send him to kingdom come.

Laughter all around ensued when the story was told, with the young grandson, used to being told he looks just like grandad, saying, "You needn't have worried as Grandad was a terrible shot, he couldn't hit the side of the barn!"

Yes, Legends abound. We thank all who serve, especially our unsung heroes here at the Club. So don't forget to say thanks to all our Committees, Board members and volunteers when you see them next.

MENS GOLF RESULTS

HOLE -IN-ONE!!!! GRAEME JACK ON THE 4TH.

The odd position of the markers had the tree obscuring the hole, but everyone agreed it was a great shot. So, when no ball was to be seen near the hole, the obligatory optimistic look in the hole was rewarded.

Unfortunately, no such reward in the results column. Thanks to that dirty rotten Par format, it only being a measly +. CONGRATS GRAEME. Choose a shirt from the pro shop and we'll get it embroidered.

Given the calamity of lockdowns etc. many events were under threat of being cancelled or delayed, so to see one of the most hotly contested events the 2 BALL KNOCKOUT FINAL played on Dec 5th was great.

Team DERMOT DUNCAN and PETER SIAPOS won 4/3 over ROD PATERSON and JEFF HICKSON.



Thanks Haughy – one of 2 truck loads

The final score belying the match played, with barely a hole difference between the competitors until the final four holes. I always call the last few holes the "business holes" during a close match, where the player who keeps their 'nerve' best kicks on. All agreed it was a great match-up, and match play is golf competition at its purest form.

Having covered the November Medal last month, we start the report on the 10th of November where seven stalwart players braved the elements and saw Paul Kelly win with 39 points, while the Best Ball pair of Daves, Leckie and Martin prevailed with 45 points.

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MEN'S GOLF (Backy's Blurb) continued

13 November

Winner Andrew Limmer 37 points, Runner up Richard Biggs 35 pts
Best Ball; Andrew Limmer and Ian Hayes 44 pts

17 November

Winner Brian Doherty 43 pts Runner up Paul Johnson 39 pts
Best Ball aggregate Brian Doherty and Ian Butters 78 pts

20 November

Winner Stuart MacDonald, score of the month, 44 points Runner up Fred Tearle 41 points c/b
Best Ball multiplier Stu MacDonald and Xiaoping Go 90 points

24 November

Winner Paul Hoffman +4 Runner up Brian Doherty (having a great month)
Team Best Ball v Par Brian Doherty Graeme Jack +9

November 27

Winner Jeff Back 42 pts Runner up Chris Taylor 34 pts
Best Ball Wayne Belgre and Jeff Back 44 pts

9- HOLERS saw Ron Jeffrey and Phil Dennis each win twice, with Phil shooting the score of the month with 17 pts.

A very MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL And remember to look surprised when you unwrap that little string bag of orange topflight cross outs. CHEERS

BACKY (Bacculus) for and on behalf of EVAN JONES



WOMEN'S GOLF

It's hard to believe that we're almost at the end of this quite unusual year.

The ladies golf year is complete with the Foursomes Championships being decided in the first week of November and the Eclectic competitions finishing on Thursday 11 and Sunday 14.

Two very special functions have been held to mark the end of the season.

Presentation Dinner

The annual dinner was held on Thursday 25. This was a very happy occasion with thirty ladies attending. It seemed that everyone was very pleased to have a reason to dress up after many months of not going out, and altogether we made an attractive and colourful crowd. The room and the tables looked special and the silverware was sparkling thanks to Monica Cowper's polishing skills. Helen Prentice made a lovely arrangement of flowers and Jan Sadler and Susan Ridd helped Captain Robyn Glover arrange the trophy table.

Catering was done by Cinnamon Klub. This was a new experience which proved to be very successful. The food was delicious and at our table at least, it was agreed that sharing the Indian dishes enhanced our enjoyment.



Of course, the main event of the evening was the presentation of trophies. This year our Club Champion, Suzique Doughty, shown left, showed us why she won this prestigious trophy. She also collected prizes for the Eclectic, the Veteran's Challenge, number of Birdies (7), Golf NSW Medal, and the record for lowest stroke round (82).

Not surprisingly, Joan Weine was not far behind with wins in Putting, the Veteran's Cup, and the Foursomes Championship with Helen Prentice. As well as the Foursomes, Helen won the Captain's Salver, the Gold Brooch and a Veteran's Challenge brooch. Jo Hannay won the Foursomes Nett with Robyn Glover and the NSW Bowl 4BBB with Angela Pearson. Other winners included Cindy Brown, Lisa Blackwell who reduced her handicap by 14.1 points, Sharon Johnson, Jan Sadler with a record 60 Nett for President's Cup, Robyn McElvenny, and your correspondent Susan Ridd.

WINNERS with Joan Weine, President, Ladies Golf



**President Joan
with Life Member
Helen Prentice**



**President Joan
with Jan Sadler**



**President Joan
with Susan Ridd**

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Christmas Golf Days

These annual golf days are always great fun with the nine holes of golf played with one club and a putter.



This year's Thursday event, held on 2nd December, was particularly special with 36 ladies in attendance. As well as marking the beginning of the festive season, the golfers and some special visitors gathered for lunch to celebrate two 90th birthdays. Yes, our elegant, long-time member Monica Cowper, who still has a beautiful golf swing and can win the 9-hole comp on a cool day, has turned 90. Margaret Collins, who has played wonderfully consistent golf for many years and has only recently retired, has also reached this marvellous milestone.

Margaret and Monica were guests of honour and were each presented with a huge balloon, an orchid and a card signed by their golfing friends. Margo Vaughan and Robyn Seale spoke of their golfing achievements and their voluntary work at the Mater for many years. Their golfing highlights were also presented in a lovely poster created by Suzique Doughty.

Margaret and Monica Happy 90th

Before the special birthday celebrations began, the winners of the day were announced. Rosanne Antico-Hall, who scored some great bonus points, was the individual winner and Barbara Dorsch, Susan Woodman and Tiffany Huang came in as the winning team. The Jingle Bells team of Helen Prentice, Yvie Nikellys and Robyn McElvenny won the honour of Best Dressed team.

Vale Jocelyn Kirby

It was with great sadness that we heard about the sudden death of our golfing friend Jocelyn Kirby. Many of us remember her kindness in welcoming us as new members and her musical talents when she played piano at various opening dinners and concerts.

Best wishes for the festive season. Enjoy your golf during the summer and let's hope Omricon doesn't upset your holiday plans.

SUSAN RIDD



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

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and Saturday & Sunday (10.00am – 4.00pm)**



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