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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am sure most of you would be aware that Lane Cove Council passed a motion at an extraordinary meeting on Monday 28 February to formally withdraw the DA for the Golf Precinct Development proposal from the Sydney North Planning Panel.

This is a welcome relief for our Club, as it removes the imminent danger of a development that would be highly detrimental to our course and our clubhouse amenity.

The primary motivation for the councillors in this vote was related to the recently published business case for the project, and that four indoor courts was an insufficient benefit for a high development cost.

However, our voice was heard in the debate. I spoke at the regular Council meeting on 21st February, and I was joined by Rosemary Hurford, who refreshed the councillors' memories of the community consultation outcome. Dermot Duncan spoke last Monday.

The Council also voted to expedite the timetable to resolve the problem of providing much needed indoor sports facilities, possibly at the golf course location, but also possibly at another location. Workshops are on the agenda, and we will be proactive in representing the interests of the Club and all users of the course whenever we have an opportunity for input.

In other news, the Board has established a third golf committee for the management of Junior players. We have revised the terms and conditions associated with junior membership to restrict their access to the full competition program until they have demonstrated that they have the appropriate skills, knowledge and maturity to participate.

The committee is working on a pathway for juniors that will include a supervised "juniors only" competition and knowledge tests. My thanks to Ralph Graydon for heading up this committee, which also includes Lisa Blackwell, Tony Happell, Kasey Dive and myself.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

Dave Martin is a hard act to follow, but we managed to set up an interim café service and I offer sincere thanks to Mish, Amanda, Andy, Sharon and Barbara for a great team effort. Sadly, the weather and subsequent course closure has stalled both the momentum of the café and our renovation plans, as plumbers and other tradies are busy with emergencies. We have had some major leakage in the roof of the conference room and our insurers have removed the carpet and several ceiling panels and there are industrial drying machines on site. The Council have been very responsive to the problem and will be fixing the roof as soon as the weather allows.

Some members have raised with me a concern related to the sign that has been erected behind the teaching mats indicating that it is only to be used for formal lessons through Kasey's golf school. I have enquired with Kasey and David Stevens if this also applies to members, and they have confirmed that members are still free to practice from the teaching mats when there are no lessons being held.

It is more than ten days since I last played golf (9 holes in the rain) and I am feeling the withdrawal pain of a seasoned addict. Surely the rain has to end sometime soon, and we can enjoy a balmy autumn on the course.

CINDY BROWN



CINNAMON KLUB

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

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 ALMOST OVER!

Daylight Saving almost finished! But still time to 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, 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 certainly have had our fair share of rain over the last couple of weeks and unfortunately it has badly affected our golfing programme. If possible, we will send you an email if we are aware that the course is closed. But sometimes that is not possible and you may have to contact the pro shop to find out the state of the course. You may also, but not always find this information on our website.

All members should have received an email about the programme changes, especially in relation to the Singles KO. If you missed out on that email, please contact me and I will send you a copy. For those still in the KO, please remember that if the course is open, the match must be played. Being a little wet is not a reason to postpone a match.

Once again slow play is becoming an issue. I know I mention this issue a lot, but some members just don't get it. Slow play especially by morning groups affect the whole day. Late afternoon groups end up having public being inserted into the field in front of them. So please consider other members and remember ***"your place in the field is just behind the group in front and not just in front of the group behind"***.

It has become a concern for the Committee about how some members have been applying the rules of golf. It appears some members just make a "best guess" without actually referring to, or knowing, the rules. Recently all members were sent a copy of the latest new and amended rules and hopefully everyone has read and digested these changes.

The Club has copies of the Rules of Golf book, and should anyone require a copy, please ask a member of the Committee and refer to the publication when any dispute arises. Don't forget, if you can't resolve the matter, you should talk to the Committee to find the answer.



**HOW WELL
DO YOU
KNOW THE
NEW
RULES?**

One area that has caused confusion recently is just when a provisional ball may be played. A provisional ball may be played if you believe your ball is lost outside a penalty area or may be out of bounds.

If you decide to play a provisional ball, you must inform your marker that you intend to do so and you must play that provisional ball before you go forward to search for the original ball. You cannot go forward to search for your original ball and then decide to play a provisional.

Should you fail to inform your marker that you are playing a provisional ball, the provisional ball, when hit, will become your ball in play and the original ball is considered lost (even if you find it).

Also, if you play a provisional and then go forward and find your original within the 3-minute allowed time, the original ball is your ball in play and the provisional must be abandoned.

Also please remember the time limit for searching is 3 minutes only!

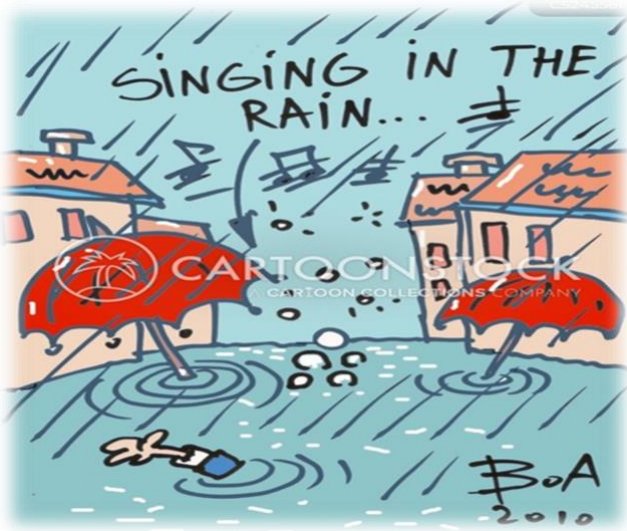
Providing the rain stops, we have a couple of major events for members to look forward to in the next couple of months. The Centennial Cup and Nic Corish Memorial Day are on the agenda, and we will give more information about those in next month's issue of Links.

Let's hope we can all get back on the course asap.

Good Golfing

WAYNE BELGRE

AND DIDN'T IT RAIN!



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"To be honest, I don't think the garden does need it anymore."



'You'll have to excuse my wife...she's solar powered.'



AND ISN'T IT STILL!

MEN'S GOLF (Backy's Blurb)



GREETINGS SOGGY SOLDIERS!

Not much golfing going on lately, but one mustn't complain too loudly. If we're warm and dry, alive, and not ducking for cover or watching our house float away!

Weather allowing, the Medal due to be played on Saturday 5/3/22 is postponed to a date to be fixed and Round 3 of the Singles KO will be played as scheduled on Saturday 12/3/22.

Meanwhile, the month of February hosted the Gold Medal, a tough one to win as at first, you must win a 'ticket' into the event by winning a Monthly Medal during the previous year to get a run at it.

I, myself was runner up with a solid low 60's score off a low handicap, pipped by some 'blow in', short term over handicapped member, shooting some ridiculously low 50's score. who never even bothered to pick up the trophy!!!!

OK this may have happened over 20 years ago, it obviously still sticks in my claw, so you can see how coveted this event is.

Enter one Noel Rowland. Winning two on the trot he fronted up this year, trying for the 'threepeat' something I believe has not been achieved, but as always, I'll happily stand corrected. Then to play his best on the day and . . . end up in a playoff with Bob Staley. It only adds to the uniqueness of it all.

Currently, with the March medal washed out, and the playoff not played, the tension mounts! (a flood rescue boat and floats away:)

Speaking with Dermot Duncan recently, and reminiscing about my most favourite golf book, Bob Hope, *'My Life as a Hooker'*. I promised to lend it to you Derm, but upon digging it up, I couldn't resist a re-read.

Chock full of anecdotes and gags and here's a few.

* "I get upset over a bad shot like everyone else. When I miss, I think what a beautiful day it is, pure fresh air I'm breathing. Then I take a deep breath. I have to do that. That's what gives me the strength to break the club".

* Tommy Bolt was the nicest guy you could ever meet, off the course. But the bad-tempered demons got to him, breaking clubs left right and centre. One bad round he got to the 18th 145 yds out and asked his caddy. "What club do you think?" "2 iron," came the reply... What, for a 145 yd shot!!!!?"
"That's the only club you've got left sir".

* Jimmy Demaret said of Bob's game, "You've got a great short game Bob...unfortunately it's off the tee". (I can relate to that one.)

* US President Gerald Ford (pictured) was a good friend. A tall athletic man, he hit a huge ball. Bob said, with four courses close together at Palm Springs, he didn't know which course he was playing until the ball eventually landed. Sometimes playing all four at once.

* There's nothing more frightening than Gerry yelling FORE when you are in front of him, and that's just in the locker room!

* Sometimes the gallery ended up with more dimples than his Spalding ball. After playing with him for a while Bob decided to get some lessons... yeah, first aid lessons!

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MEN'S GOLF continued

* A fine trap player; never misses one. Great driver; never lost a cart.

* Got a Hole-in-One at the Danny Thomas Memphis Classic. In true Gerald Ford sporting fashion, picked the ball out of the hole and threw it to the gallery... and missed.



* Of course, over 100 rounds were played with Bing Crosby. Bob, says Bing, had such a slow back swing that while he was taking it you could fit him for a tailored suit.

* Bob boasted to Bing how one day at the oldest course in Palm Springs O'Donnell, a nice 9-holer like ours he went around twice in 66. Bing replies, "I've told you before, you can't walk off after

15. You must finish the round."

* Bing was an obsessed golfer. On the practice tee most mornings at 6.00am, even when shooting their road series movies. Playing off between 2 and 4 handicap.

There's heaps more, but lastly, one us older golfers can relate to.

* Bob asked the sweet swinging Sam Snead, the mountain man, who, when receiving his first ever professional winning cheque asked, "Can I have that in cash please?". Apparently, he buried it all in his backyard.

"Have you lost any distance Sam?"

"I still swing as hard as I ever did, but I walk slower, and seem to get to the ball faster!"

Meanwhile, despite the difficulties, some golf has been played amongst, or is it between, the rain and storms.

MEN'S GOLF RESULTS

February Medal

A Grade

Paul Kelly (11) 80/69 Runner up; Alasdair Caush (12) 81/69 c/b

B Grade

Noel Rowland (13) 74/61 Runner up; Bob Staley (17) 78/61 c/b

Tying for the Gold Medal, playoff to come.

C Grade

Michael Foster (30) 97/67 Runner up; J.Rezicka (Visitor) (21) 88/67 c/b

Other competitions

2nd February - Graham Webster started the month well with +3.

9th February - Adrian Hall, 35 points Aggregate: Mike Smith and Paul Kelly 66 points

12 February – Jeff Back, 40 points 2 Ball: Alan Moss and Jeff Back 46 points

Alan sinking two off the best clutch putts you've ever seen in the pouring rain to par the last two to secure the win!

16 February – Frank Hurford, 38 points 2 Ball: Multiplier: Bob Virgili and Paul Hoffman 67 c/b

19th February – Wing Cheung, 39pts c/b 2Ball Aggregate; Wing Cheung and Frank Hurford 74

The winner of all other events.... RAIN!

CHEERS

BACKY (Bacculus) for and on behalf of EVAN JONES



WOMEN'S GOLF

It is raining and at the time of writing, the course has been closed for several days.

The ladies at Lane Cove have enjoyed some important social occasions in February but there is not much to report on the actual game!

Our first medal rounds for the year were scheduled for 24 and 27 February but have been postponed twice due to inclement weather. It is very disappointing but spare a thought for those who were in the path of the flood waters in Brisbane, the Northern Rivers and now, the Hawkesbury and other Sydney waterways. Not being able to play golf seems rather trivial by comparison.

Fortunately, during February, we had some very pleasant indoor activities including the annual opening dinner, the junior girls' scholarship induction, and an 80th birthday celebration.

Women's Golf Opening Dinner

On the evening of Thursday 3rd February, President Joan Weine welcomed 32 ladies to the Opening Dinner held at the Club. We all enjoyed a welcome drink and as usual, these annual dinners provide a pleasant opportunity for the Sunday and mid-week players to socialise and catch up. Flowers were presented to the volunteers who co-ordinated the results during the summer, namely Robyn Seale, Kerin Moorehead, Susan Ridd, Maree Faulkner, Linda Tsung and Hanna Xuan.

Before our delicious dinner was served, the winners of the Thursday and Sunday Summer Cup competitions were announced. The mid-week winner was your humble correspondent Susan with Joan Weine runner-up only one point behind. The scores are best left unmentioned.

Our Sunday winner and runner-up, however, showed how the Summer competition should be played. Young Sophie Yoo (41) and Zoe Ng (39) who are members of the Australian Golf Foundation Junior Girls Scholarship program, scored 60 and 59 points respectively.

Junior Girls Scholarships

On Sunday afternoon 6th February, five junior girls were inducted into the second scholarship program conducted at Lane Cove.

President Joan Weine welcomed the Director of the Program and Guest Speaker, Bonnie Boezeman AO, our Professional Kasey Dive, and the girls and their families.

Captain Robyn Glover introduced the girls as they were presented with their scholarship packs, which include a distinctive, and inspiring, yellow golf shirt, a cap and other golfing essentials.

Thanks to the Committee ladies who provided afternoon tea. Bonnie Boezeman is a wonderfully motivating speaker, and it is a great pleasure for our women golfers to see these young girls taking on the game so enthusiastically.



**Back row: Bonnie Boezeman, Kasey Dive and Robyn Glover.
Front row L-R: Euna Cho, Sophie Yoo, Sibella Jones, Bethany Tisdell, and Jolena Zheng.)**

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Hole-in-One



Our captain, Robyn Glover had a big day on Sunday 6th. Not only did she play a nice game of golf in beautiful conditions (one of the few fine days in February) and attend the Scholarship Induction but she achieved a Hole-in-One on the Sixth!

This, the first for the ladies for quite a while and caused great excitement. The golfers enjoyed champagne on the day and the ball will be mounted on a trophy and presented to Robyn at our Presentation Dinner. We look forward to seeing your name on the honour board as well, Robyn. Congratulations!

Weekend Pennants

Our weekend pennant team of three pairs played an 'invitational' day with Castle Cove on Sunday 20th. This was a tremendous success as you can see from the winning

smiles in the accompanying photo. Thank you particularly to our new member Lily Guo who joined the team almost immediately after joining the Club. Impressive results were achieved.

Cindy Brown and Lily Guo won 4/2

Jo Cunningham and Yvie Nikellys won 7/5

Lisa Blackwell and Robyn Glover won 4/3

Congratulations to the whole team. Good luck at Castle Cove when you play the return match.



Helen Prentice 80th Birthday



This big birthday was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and to see many of our old friends who've given up golf for other activities. Helen has been a member of the Club since 1993 and her golfing achievements are impressive. You may remember how thrilled she was to win the Gold Brooch (her only missing gong) after 29 years last year.

As always, it was wonderful to see Margaret Tanner looking very well at 101 years, and other former captains, presidents and enthusiasts including Marlene Connor, Maureen Dunn, Anne Reilly, Nicky Thorpe, Marie Hucker, Sue Kallas, and Lorraine Carnemolla.

Thanks go to Jacquie Sun for making the cake, Susan Woodman for flowers and others who helped make the lower room look very attractive and festive. Congratulations on achieving this milestone, Helen, and Many Happy Returns.

A few good results:

Helen Prentice (26)	Tuesday 1/2	20 pts
Lyndal Tearle (33)	Tuesday 15/2	20 pts
Lisa Blackwell (28)	Tuesday 22/2	22 pts
Iris Zhang (49)	Sunday 20/2	43 pts
Michael Doughty (32)	Sunday 20/2	21 pts

The fixtures schedule looks very busy for March. Here's hoping that La Nina has done her worst and everyone can enjoy some serious competition.

SUSAN RIDD