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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



The sun is shining and the wind is blowing and our course is drying out a bit more every day. Those of us who have been playing in the last month have become expert at spotting balls in the mud and the long grass, although we all have stories of the ones that just disappeared. Let's hope the weather stays fine this week and we will have good conditions for the Nic Corish Cup next Saturday, an important event in our calendar that I encourage all members to support.

Lane Cove Council have not yet made a final determination of the site for the indoor courts complex, however there are few clear alternatives to the golf course site and

Council have directed the architects to rework the previous design. I spoke at the last meeting along with several other members of the public, who were all in favour of the provision of the indoor courts, but not at this site. I asked the councillors to please include our requirements in the brief for the redesign:

- support for the existing golf course facilities (practice areas, equipment sheds)
- the preservation of our signature first hole
- a sensible location for the pro shop
- adequate parking for peak weekend periods
- internal and external social spaces that can act as a viable replacement for the current uses

I also called on the councillors to uphold their campaign promises to engage and consult with the community during the building design. Paul Johnson and I have been accepted on the precinct committee that is the body that should have first line consultation for the design. However, there is still no news about a meeting date for this committee and my request to see the brief already given to the architects has not been satisfied.

The last few months has been financially challenging for the Club, and I extend heartfelt thanks to our staff for their perseverance and to those members who have gone out of their way to support the Club. Some members have large balances in their bar accounts, which is an annual point of concern from the auditor, so it would be much appreciated if these balances could be used at the bar, the café or the restaurant.

I am not sure who will be writing this column for the next two months, as Adrian and I will be leaving on the 27th for our much-postponed trip to Cape York with golf clubs and camping gear competing for car space as we rattle our way north. Best regards, **CINDY BROWN**

NIC CORISH MEMORIAL DAY

Saturday 11 June 2022

The weather delayed fourth Nic Corish Memorial Day will finally get under way on Saturday 11 June 2022.

Great prizes for the winner of the Nic Corish Cup for the best family 4 Ball team score, but also for the best other team score and singles in conjunction. Hopefully the Trophy can be presented to the winning team on the veranda at the end.

It is an invitation day and particularly for members to invite a family member; "family" being defined incredibly widely to include anyone you consider as family.

They should have a handicap. But if you have a family member, who would benefit from playing, contact Club Captain, Wayne Belgre, about qualifying him or her for the day.



The day celebrates Lane Cove as a family club and the enjoyment of playing with family members. This was one of the great joys of my life, playing with Nic over a 10-year period. He loved being a member and having a few drinks afterwards and it is wonderful for my family to celebrate his memory in this way.

We also will have material there from Beyond Blue and the day will support the Nic Corish Foundation which, in a small way, publicises the need to never take your kids' and loved one's welfare for granted; that there is no need to hide depression and anxiety, and there are plenty of friends and resources they can reach out to.

The Timesheet is now open for "family teams" only to put their names down. Please keep guests to one unless there is still room on the sheet. I look forward to seeing you there.

ANDREW CORISH

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well, it appears the rain might have stopped but the poor old course still has not recovered from the battering it received during the all too frequent rain events.

Providing the course continues to dry we hope to get back to a normal golfing programme as soon as possible. Looking at the numbers playing, it looks like lots of us have decided to wait until the course dries a bit before coming back to play. Considering the many areas of mud and water still out there that might not be a bad decision.

One thing coming up soon is the **Warren and Gibson Trophies** interclub contests. The draw is now out, and we are playing some clubs we haven't played for a while.

The draw is as follows

Sunday 24 th July	v's Roseville at Roseville
Saturday 30 th July	v's Roseville at Lane Cove
Sunday 7 th August	v's Bayview at Bayview
Saturday 13 th August	v's Bayview at Lane Cove
Sunday 21 st August	v's Palm Beach at Palm Beach
Saturday 27 th August	v's Palm Beach at Lane Cove

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER continued

To be eligible for Warren you must have a GA handicap of 11.0 or more on the day of each match. For Gibson you will need a handicap of 17.0 or higher on the day of each match. The format is the same as previous years with three 2 Ball match play games being played each weekend.

We are lucky this year to have Ralph Sadler again volunteering to be the Gibson manager, and unless we find someone else, it looks like I will be the Warren manager! If you are interested in managing the Warren or playing in the Warren or Gibson teams, please contact myself or Ralph to let us know.

One major event still on hold is the 2 Ball match play KO event. The Committee will be discussing its future at our next meeting, and we will be trying to play the event if possible. When a decision has been made, I will let everyone know via e-mail as to the format and how everyone can enter.

Despite the course condition, the Singles KO is progressing, if only slowly, and hopefully it will be finished in the next month.

One final thing is the old chestnut – **Slow Play!** I understand the conditions make it very difficult to play at a reasonable speed, but some groups are taking it to the extreme.

It is your responsibility to find your ball inside the 3-minute timeframe. It is not acceptable for a group to spend 3 minutes for one ball and then another 3 minutes for a partner's ball and so on. (especially when the search takes longer than the 3 minutes allowed!!)

With the fields getting slowly bigger, the last groups are finishing much later than they should. This means the members of the Committee on duty for the day must wait back much later than is reasonable to complete the day's results. And with Winter now with us, it might even mean finishing in the dark. So please consider others when playing.

WAYNE BELGRE



Good news - the phoenix rises – the pro shop under renovation (with thanks to Jan Sadler for the pix.)



WOMEN'S GOLF

Who could have predicted that May would be another month with virtually no golf being played? It was, however, a big month for birthdays with Lyndal Tearle, Jan Sadler, Rosemary Hurford, Jackie Sun and Jo Cunningham all celebrating another year. Best wishes to you all and the team at Links hope you enjoyed your special day.

Margaret Tanner



Yes, our wonderful member Margaret turned 102 years on 8th May and continues to be our inspiration for living a long, healthy and interesting life. Margaret came to the Club on Thursday 12th and celebrated her birthday with 18 ladies. Our former member, Mary Smith, brought Margaret to the lunch and it was a pleasure to see her again at the Club.

It was another festive occasion with balloons, flowers, cake and of course champagne, thanks to President Joan Weine and Lisa Blackwell who do have a talent for organising parties. Thanks also to our Directors Sharon Johnson and Cindy Brown for providing a wider menu for the occasion.

Junior Girls Graduation

Our first group of five Junior Scholarship Girls have completed their program with Professional Kasey Dive and have graduated. Congratulations to Cecilia Ko, Zoe Ng, Jane Tisdell, Samantha Yu and Iris Zhang. Well done, Girls. We look forward to seeing your names in lights in the future.

The Club organised an afternoon tea ceremony (thanks Ladies Committee) for the girls and their families on the afternoon of Sunday 29th. Three of the girls were able to attend and received their graduation certificates in the company of Director, Barbara Oliver, Ladies President Joan Weine, Captain Robyn Glover and Kasey Dive.



L-R Jane Tisdell, Iris Zhang, Samantha Yu and Kasey Dive

Travel



As was mentioned last month, my partner, Tony and I ventured deep into the outback for a month, driving as far west as Dubbo Zoo and Lightning Ridge and north to Winton via Roma, Carnarvon Gorge, Emerald, Barcaldine and Longreach.

We managed to endure the intense rainfall and dodge flooding by hunkering down in Emerald for two nights before changing the itinerary and cancelling coastal destinations. Blackall, Charleville and Miles became the alternative stopovers before returning south via Toowoomba, Brisbane and Coffs Harbour when luckily for us, the locals enjoyed the first sunny day for weeks. It was wonderful to be out in the wide, open spaces with the countryside looking spectacularly green.

Sand and oil “greens” at Miles GC, Queensland ***Continued over***

WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Sick list and sad news

Joan Weine is recovering well from surgery and hopes to be back playing golf after mid-June when she sees her specialist. Edie Downs is also recovering from a knee operation. We look forward to seeing you both on the course when it's dry and safe.

My particular friend, Kerin, has had a horrible time over the past month when her dear husband of 47 years, David Moorehead, became very sick and sadly, passed away on 15th May. Seven of Kerin's golfing friends attended the funeral on Friday 27th and your correspondent, Susan, watched online from out of town.

Until next time, when we hope to have plenty of golfing news to report.

SUSAN RIDD

MEN'S GOLF (Backy's Blurp)

Greetings fellow mud runners. A few brave and very keen golfers have ventured forth on our sodden playground to play their favoured game.

Some have been turning it into an Olympic style lugging event requiring an extra dose of laundry detergent come washing time. Luckily no major injuries have been reported thanks to the soft landings. From a bike rider, an important tip when falling is to 'tuck in'. Don't put your hand out to break your fall. That's when wrists etc. are broken.

HOLE-IN-ONE!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDREW REID who on the 4th hole played the ultimate shot. Incredibly this was in his knockout match against Peter (Diddy the bus) Doherty. Andrew was obviously not happy with only being 3 up after 3 so whacked his ball in the hole just to be sure, and this with a handicap shot, so Peter had to score minus one to get a half!!



As anyone who's ever played Peter has found, he's never out of the game till the last shot is played. Andrew needed that head start when he was only 1 up standing on the 18th tee! Not to be perturbed, he calmly putted in from off the green to stop Peter from storming home. Well done Andrew. A shirt is awarded for a hole-in-one achievement. See your Captain about it.

Paul Johnson and Andrew Moran played their match on Saturday 4 June with Paul winning. The KO matchplay is all over the place thanks to La Nina. Hopefully the wind blowing as I write will dry things out and we can get back on schedule.



Some years back whenever I ventured up to the Gold Coast I'd have a game at the Burleigh Heads GC, pictured, (where incidentally past members Greg 'Deak' Deacon and Paul 'Sully' Sullivan are now members) with Dave Haugh's uncle, Bill Turnbull. Now there was a golfer.

Always a low marker, I found him in his late 70s playing off 13. He didn't hit very far but was straight as an arrow. He'd grumble about not being able to reach the green in reg anymore but when within 50 metres he was

deadly. ***Continued over***

MEN'S GOLF continued

When you think about it, on a standard par 72 course if you regulated every green, that would take 36 shots, leaving 36 putts if you 2 putted each green. So, half the game is the short game. So why do we go to the driving range and blaze away for hours then only spend 5 minutes putting before we play. Bill would get up and down so often you were surprised when he didn't.

RESULTS –yes, some golf has been played!

4 May

2BBB Winners; Walter Heim (19) and Jason Kang (18) 39pts
Singles win; Jason Kang 32pts

7 May

2BBB Agg Winners; Kieron McGarry (20) and Adrian Hall (18) 56pts
Singles win; Kieron McGarry 34pts

14 May

2BBB Winners; Xiaoping Guo (19) and Steve Tan (20) 40pts
Singles win; Walter Heim (19) 37pts

18 May

2BBB Multi Winners; Dave Leckie (13) and Paul Johnson (16) 57pts
Singles win; Paul Johnson 32pts

21 May

A total of four stalwarts, yes four, count them, braved the conditions.

2BBB Winners; Dermot Duncan (10) and Stuart Campbell (29) 39pts
Singles win; Dermot Duncan 31pts

(The other keenagers, and also-rans, being Dave Martin and Steve Tan!)

28 May

2BBB Winners; Chris Tan (23) and Dave Martin (21) 40pts
Singles win; Andrew Reid (21) 35pts, capping off a successful month.

Just wait till all our mud 'dehydrates' and becomes rock hard ground, and we'll be cursing those 'unfair' bounces again.

Happy trudging to all and watch out on the slopey bits.

Cheers, Backy.

BACKY (Bacculus) for and on behalf of EVAN JONES

CINNAMON KLUB

Dine-in and takeaway.

Enjoy 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.

Trading hours and links for ordering are below.

Wednesday – Sunday 5:30pm – 9.30pm

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