



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

VOLUME 17

NO 6

JULY 2022

(Edited by Ralph Sadler - email; ralphsadler@icloud.com)

FROM THE BOARD



President Cindy Brown writes that she will be off the grid for a few weeks as she heads out for a golfing holiday to Cape York which includes the Big Red Bash at Birdsville. The picture attached was taken at Bourke where rain did not seem to be a problem. Note, the sand green. But they are DRY sand greens. *(Ed's comment - make the most of it Cindy – it's b----y wet here, again, in Lane Cove.)*

For the rest of we poor plebeians, another weather event has seen the course closed again this week. Events are truly out of our control on the golf course. However, the Club house is another matter.

Several functions have been booked for birthday celebrations and community events providing much needed income. Feedback on functions held at the Club is always positive and this is a reflection on our staff and their commitment to providing a positive customer experience.

We urge all members to support the café, bar and restaurant and spread the word amongst your friends and neighbours.

Since the last Links there is still no update from Council on the indoor sports complex. We have not been advised or invited to attend the Precinct Committee meeting. The request made by President Cindy Brown to see the brief given to the architects, has not been forthcoming.

By now most of you should have received renewal notices which have been sent out this week for golfing memberships. We held back sending these out earlier to ensure all funds were received in the new financial year. Your prompt payment would be appreciated.

It was wonderful to see the Pro Shop back to where it belongs and the removal of the structure from the first tee. The Pro Shop now has a large range of merchandise to choose from and overall, a much more pleasant environment particularly for the staff.



CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Just when we think it is safe to go back on the golf course.....Grrr – 3\$&^xl4?DH@#ZX!!

As I sit here today, we have a golf course that had recovered sufficiently for us to resume regular golf and it really had been great to do so.

But what is it I hear outside? Sounds like the dreaded sound of rain on the rooftop. Well, I can only just hope it is not enough to take the course back to what it was for the last couple of months.

As I have been doing, I will continue to attempt to let everyone know about course closures etc as soon as I find out anything.

(Ed's comment – sadly, more and more rain since Wayne wrote this. The picture above shows the course on Saturday last, leading to closure until Wednesday next and probably after that as things look.)

Anyway, let's get on with some golf news.

We have had some confusion lately about the local rules in play for our Men's competitions. Since we got back to the course after the rains arrived, we only have three new additional local rules to those on the back of the card since we recommenced play after the wet. These are:

- 1 Preferred lie through the green
- 2 Bunkers - in play – with the exception of those with a white stake. Bunkers with white stakes are out of play and are to be treated as GUR
- 3 11th hole out of play – play the 2nd hole twice.

These additional rules are printed on a sheet attached to the door of the Pro Shop. If you are not informed otherwise, these rules will be in play for some time, but please check the pro shop door before each round.

On other matters, the Singles KO has been progressing slowly and we are at last, up to the final. I have been lucky enough to make the final *(Ed's comment – luck had nothing to do with Wayne reaching the Final – well deserved!)* and I will play Andrew Reid. Just when – not sure – but Andrew and I will get it played as soon as possible.

The other event starting now is the 4 Ball KO. Again, the draw may be disrupted by rain but I'm sure everyone is aware they should try to play their matches as soon as possible.

As I mentioned last month, the Warren and Gibson Trophies start this month, and the draw is as follows:

Sun 24 th July	v's Roseville at Roseville	Sat 30 th July	v's Roseville at Lane Cove
Sun 7 th Aug	v's Bayview at Bayview	Sat 13 th Aug	v's Bayview at Lane Cove
Sun 21 st Aug	v's Palm Beach at Palm Beach	Sat 27 th Aug	v's P Beach at Lane Cove

Members are reminded that on the days Warren and Gibson are playing at home the only spots available for member's competition will be between 8.00 am – 9.00am. Warren and Gibson take up all the spots between 11.00am and 12.30pm. The Committee asks members to be aware that they may not be able to play each of the days Warren and Gibson plays at home and it is important to share the available spots around.

Also please be reminded if you are interested in playing these matches, please contact Ralph or myself.

We can only hope our dear course recovers a little quicker than last time the rains came along.

(Hopefully) good golfing.

WAYNE BELGRE

MEN'S GOLF (Backy's Blurb)

Against all odds, re: La Nina, the Singles Knockout has arrived at the final! Well done to all the competitors.

The semi-final matches were diverse in their results with Captain Wayne Belgre dusting up (or should that be 'muddying up') Andrew Corish 6 and 5. Andrew didn't bring his 'A' game but Wayne's long lost one popped up with some of his good putting on display.

Conversely Dermot Duncan v Andrew Reid was closely fought, with Dermot being 2 up late in the match but perhaps, in his own words, "relaxed a little bit", allowing Andrew under his guard to win on the 19th.

When the Final is to be played is anyone's guess.

With the new LIV PRO tour touted by Greg Norman in the news lately, it had me thinking about the pros and their motivation, which in this case is \$\$\$.

It always has been. Back in the day it was common for a Sam Snead or Walter Hagan or Trevino to abandon mid tournament to play an invitation match on the weekend for a much bigger prize. Quite often not even having to win, but just for the appearance money.



Trophies, or the honour of winning, doesn't seem to be as important.

During the 1980's and 90's, ABC Taxis had a great Monday social golf tour going, where we played a different course every week with cash prizes and a bookie who took bets and gave odds. So, many of the 'sharks' emerged. Jockeys, bookies, professional punters, etc mainly from the City Tatts Club. It wasn't just cabbies, but a lot of them fitted that genre. Bets were placed where some blokes were playing for thousands, and sometimes chaos reigned!

In the back of the old Rules of Golf there was a single page titled, THE ROYAL & ANCIENT VIEW ON GAMBLING IN THE GAME OF GOLF, and the first sentence said it all:



"When money and gambling is introduced to the game of golf, evils arise"

Standing next to the bookie, as I was the treasurer collecting entry fees, I would observe all the punters coming from the carpark and I would say to the Bookie, "Lookout, the evils are arising"

We played some of the best golf courses in Sydney! Truly we had the run of the place such as Monash, Mona Vale, Long Reef, even Royal Manly for a time, until one of the yobbos upset management. It seemed no one played on Mondays.

So, it's not just the Pros. We had a jockey who showed up who claimed he hadn't played much, was given an 18 handicap which I thought was way too much after observing his swing. He cleaned up the bookie several times and didn't come back once the handicapper had him down to two. What a cheat, no shame!

Here endeth the spray.

Continued over

MEN'S GOLF continued

RESULTS

Wednesday 1 Singles win Steve Tan (21) 36pts
2B Aggregate Steve Tan and Howard Shaw 66pts

Saturday 4 Singles win Andrew Reid (21) 35pts
2BBB Mark Dooley (28) and Jeff Hickson (23) 46pts c/b

Wednesday 8 Singles win Tim Sinclair (15) 34pts
2B Multiplier Tim Sinclair (15) and Paul Johnson (16) 66pts

Saturday 11 Singles win Alan Moss (15) 40pts
2BBB Steve Tan (21) and Xiaoping Guao (23) 46pts

Wednesday 15 Singles win Graeme Jack (15) 34pts
2BBB Ian Butters (15) Graeme Jack (15) 39pts

Saturday 18 Singles win Alan Moss (15) +5 (*top score of the month*)
2BB vs Par John Erasmus and (14) Alan Moss (15) +9

Wednesday 22/ Singles win Chris Tan (24) 35pts
2BBB Agg Howard Shaw (20) and Walter Heim (20) 60pts

Saturday 25 Singles win Bob Staley (15) 35pts c/b
2BBB Peter Siapos (22) and Bob Staley (15) 45pts

Wednesday 29 Dave Martin (23) 35pts

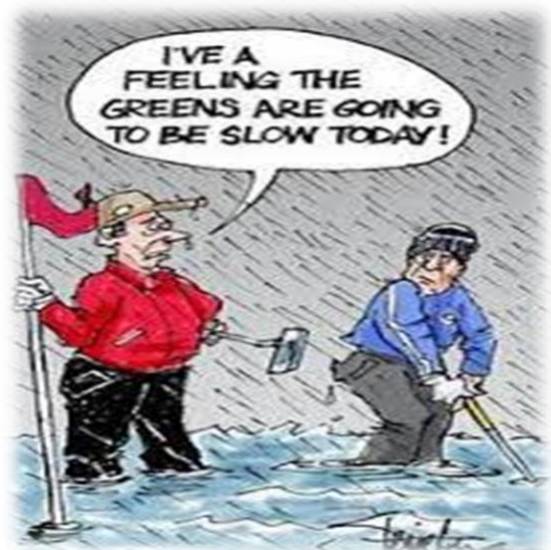
There being no team result recorded, as almost no one else turned up on a day when the rains returned!
9 Hole score of the month goes to **Nic Walser** 19pts with **Nick Kennedy** scoring a couple of 17s.

WELL DONE ALL

Having been washed off the course with a torrential downpour on the Saturday before writing, and seeing the course go under again, doubts arise as to when our next game will be. Weather experts assure us La Nina has passed and this is just another East Coast Low. The mind boggles at whatever that consolation provides. Hope you are keeping your socks dry and be safe!

CHEERS

BACKY (Bacculus) for and on behalf of EVAN JONES



WOMEN'S GOLF



It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the year. EOFY sale signs are everywhere. Charities are busy trying to get donations before the end of June. It is definitely winter!

After an incredibly soggy start to the year, and no golf being played for ages, it is a pleasure to report that some golf competitions were played in June.

Winning President's winning team v Captain's, Memorial Day story below.

It was a month of Stableford competitions with the medal and championship rounds being postponed until July and August. You may have noticed from the list of fixtures that we will play the **Fourth** Medal on 14 and 17 July, the **Second** Medal is scheduled for 17 and 21 July, **Fifth** Medal will be on 24 and 28 July. The **Third** Medal is to be played on 24 and 28 August.

Phew! This is going to be a busy time. If we're not all exhausted and confused by the time the **Sixth** Medal is played on 25 and 28 August, we can be congratulated on our stamina and brain power!

The **Bronze IV Pennant** will be played on five consecutive Fridays from 22nd July, just to add to the excitement. Lane Cove is the convening club this year and the final result will be decided with the last game on Friday 19 August at our course. A presentation and lunch for all five teams and their captains will conclude the competition.

Stableford Results

Our Tuesday games are being played on the Blue (short) course with correspondingly low daily handicaps. When combined with the slow course, the scores for June have been low.

Tuesday 7	Robyn Glover (26)	31	Anything over 30 is excellent these days!
	9 holes Helen Prentice (27)	14	
Thursday 9	Lisa Blackwell (36)	30 cb	Get used to Lisa being the winner
	Cindy Brown (28)	30	
	9 holes Barbara Dorsch (35)	15	
Tuesday 14	Lisa Blackwell (32)	37	Best score for the month
	Cindy Brown (23)	27	
	9 holes Janak Shah (18)	12 cb	
	Barbara Dorsch (30)	12	
Thursday 16	Lisa Blackwell (36)	32	Well done to our new member
	Cindy Brown (28)	29	
	9 holes Bina Kassam (48)	15	
Sunday 19	Jacquie Brooks (46)	33	
	Sharon Johnson (36)	30	
Tuesday 21	Sharon Johnson (32)	34	
	Lisa Blackwell (32)	31	
	9 holes Jan Sadler (27)	16	

Continued over

WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Thursday 23 Lisa Blackwell (36) 29
Rosemary Hurford (34) 28
9 holes All seven players accidentally played the wrong course! Disq - Tough!

Sunday 26 Rosanne Antico-Hall (37) 29 cb
Robyn Glover (32) 29
Lily Guo (21) 28
9 holes Grishma Shah (49) 15

Captain's v President's Memorial Day – Sunday 12 June

This is a special event played each year with all players on the day lining up behind our current Captain and President to make two teams. Any past presidents and captains take their places on the appropriate team and others are placed according to their handicap to make an even competition. It is always a fun day with the winning team taking home an engraved glass. I believe some ladies have collected a set of six or more over the years!

It is also a day when those friends and past players who have died in the previous year are remembered. This year 22 players participated.

Our wonderful Margaret Tanner, pictured right, presented the Memorial Trophy. **Congratulations to Rosanne Antico-Hall (37)** who won the trophy with 34 points.



And congratulations go to the **President's team, pictured above**, who defeated the Captain's team 231 points to 215.

Condolences

Many good friends of Janet Lean attended a funeral service for her special friend and long-time housemate, Dr Ronnie Harding, on Thursday 30th. Our sincere sympathy and condolences go out to Janet who has had a very stressful time over the past couple of years. We look forward to seeing you back at golf soon.

The **Golf NSW 4BBB Bowl** was played on Thursday 30 June for two teams. However, the Sunday round on 3rd July had to be postponed due to the very wet conditions on the golf course. This is the first team event to be played this year. The remaining 6 teams will play their round in conjunction with one of the medal rounds later in the month when the course is drier.

The winners on Thursday had a very impressive score:
Lisa Blackwell (36) and Sharon Johnson (36) with 48 points.

As you will have read above, our Club President, Cindy Brown, has taken off on her big trip to Cape York via Birdsville and other interesting destinations. I believe the golf clubs have been packed and we look forward to some good stories for the next couple of editions of Links.

Fingers crossed that the course will dry out soon and enjoyable golf will resume in the next few weeks.

SUSAN RIDD

JUNIOR GOLF



June was a massive month for junior golf at Lane Cove. The stars aligned, the Sun came out and the course dried up just enough to get in the first round of our much-anticipated Junior Competition.

On Sunday 26 June, 11 juniors (eight boys and three girls) competed in a nine-hole mixed event played from the blue tees. Almost all were accompanied around the course by enthusiastic parents who carried bags, explained rules and

made sure the pace of play was kept up.

It was truly a great day, seeing so many juniors who had been champing at the bit to play in a competition at their home course finally have the opportunity to do so. A big thank you to Robyn and the Ladies' Committee who kindly donated two lines of their timesheet to make the day possible. Another big thank you to our President, who has put in so much work behind the scenes to make the junior competition a reality.

In the end, the modified Stableford event was won by 10-year-old Millan Wang, who managed to notch up a mind-blowing 24 points based on his quickly tumbling handicap of 47. It was a big day for Millan who also took out the long-drive competition on the seventh hole and tied with Ishaan Ingerji in the scratch scoring, shooting a very respectable 43.

More than anything, however, it was just a great experience for everyone and something we hope we can make a regular monthly event.

Outside of the club, it has been great to see so many Lane Cove Juniors continue to be involved in the Jack Newton Junior Golf (JNJG) competitions. While the current deluge washed out this week's Pennant Hills Junior Cup - one JNJG club event a few of our juniors were scheduled to play in - we managed to get some good golf in over June. In fact, Bertie Grayden took out the most recent JNJG Juniors on the Move event at Barnwell Park Golf Club, shooting a handicap-adjusted score of 12 under par over just nine holes.

In short, it's been a wonderful thing seeing so many juniors playing and enjoying their golf over the past month. Hopefully, the course will become playable soon enough and all the work we've put in over the wet season won't be in vain!

RALPH GRAYDEN



Kooka's Cafe



Coffee / Tea / Hot Choc	\$4.20
Bowl of Chips	\$6.00
Sweet Potato Chips	\$8.00

All Day Breakfast

BACON & EGG ROLL	\$7.00
(with Aioli & BBQ Sauce)	
HCT TOASTIE	\$7.00
(Ham, Cheese & Tomato)	
BIG BREAKFAST	\$15.00
(with 2 Fried Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Tomato, Hash Brown & Toast)	

Burgers

BEEF	\$14.00
(Angus Beef Patty, Tomato, Beetroot, Lettuce, Cheese, Onion with Aioli, Mustard & BBQ sauce)	
VEGGIE	\$11.00
(Veggie Patty, Tomato, Lettuce, Beetroot, with Aioli & Sweet Chilli Sauce)	
SLIDERS	\$15.00
(3 Beef Sliders with Fresh Tomato, Cheese, Aioli & BBQ Sauce)	

Favourites

SAUSAGE & ONION	\$7.00
(on a Roll with Mustard & BBQ sauce)	
BLT	\$9.00
(Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato with Aioli & Mayo)	
CHICKEN SCHNITZEL	\$15.00
(with Chips & Side Salad)	

Lighter Side

SOUP OF THE DAY	\$12.00
(Please enquire. With Bread/Toast)	
QUICHE & SALAD	\$15.00
(Assorted, please enquire)	

Kids

CHICKEN NUGGETS	\$6.50
(4 with Fries)	
BEEF SLIDERS	\$10.00
(2 Sliders with Cheese, Tomato Sauce & Fries)	

Extras

WHOLEMEAL WRAP (swap roll)	\$0.50
EGG	\$1.00
BACON	\$1.00
TOMATO	\$1.50
HASH BROWN	\$1.00
SIDE of CHIPS	\$3.00

Please order and pay at the Bar
Card only, no cash.