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For the information of members and their guests

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## **FROM THE BOARD**



The Board would like to thank the members who have supported the Club during the closure of the Course.

To those members who have arranged lunches at the Club, and those who have come in for a drink, it is much appreciated, as our fixed expenses don't go away.

Thank you too to those who have renewed their golfing membership.

A reminder to those that haven't yet renewed that membership, that you must be paid-up prior to playing in any competition.

There hasn't been an update provided to the Club by Council on the proposed indoor sports complex. However, more might be available after a meeting arranged by Council for 9<sup>th</sup> August which will be attended by Sharon Johnson and Paul Johnson, representing the Club.

We will advise members of the content of the any update from this meeting prior to the next Links.

The Course is now open so let's get back into golf, enjoy our beautiful course and reconnect with our golfing mates.

As regards some improvements around the course, the Board suggests that you might want to consider participating in helping look after the gardens around the tee areas. See the following item from Jan Sadler.

Our President Cindy Brown is on her way home, and was last sited in Cooktown GC, picture above, where Cindy writes, "Cooktown; money in the honesty box, course all to ourselves."

What an adventure!

## ***VOLUNTEER GARDENERS WANTED***



Now that we are back on the course, and as it begins to make a recovery from the big-wet, it would be great to have the gardens looking good too.

On Monday 8 August, three men and two women members did some work on the 1st tee and surrounding areas. This work mainly included trimming and clearing of the garden area. The result was a vast improvement of the water damaged garden. Picture attached left after the trimming of the geranium garden on the tee.

It showed what could be done to our tee gardens with a little loving attention and care. A wonderful example of what might be done is the Nik Corish Garden on the 5<sup>th</sup> tee, a garden looked after by the Corish “team/family.

I am wondering if people might like to form a small volunteer group to work as a team on a designated tee garden, to provide gardening maintenance as required. Depending on numbers, gardening could be done on a monthly basis or whenever required. That would be determined by the team.

The gardens I’m thinking about that lend themselves to such care are:-  
1st, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> tee areas, and the club house garden.

If you think this is a good idea and you would be interested in playing a part in improving the look of our course, please contact me and let me know which garden you would like to help maintain.

***JAN SADLER*** [jansadler@me.com](mailto:jansadler@me.com)

## ***CAPTAIN’S CORNER***

Well, what do we write about with golf not having been played for the last month? How about upcoming events? Well, with the weather looking like it is clearing up and we have the real possibility of getting back to the course.

For those that don't know, we are now in the middle of our representative season for B & C Grade Pennants, that is the Warren (not lower than 11.0 GA handicap) and Gibson (not lower than 17.0 GA handicap) Trophy competitions.

Jeff has detailed our results so far in his column, so I will let you know about our upcoming fixtures. We have two remaining home matches, against Bayview on Saturday 13th August, and against Palm Beach on Saturday 27th August.

While it appears the Warren side have the task in front of them, the Gibson side are doing quite well. Hopefully in our next Links we will be able to report the side has moved onto the finals and in with a real chance to win the trophy last won by Lane Cove back in 1977.

One thing I must mention is that old chestnut - SLOW PLAY.

This week, the first day back on the course after the weather delays saw many groups taking far too long to move around the course. Last weekend one group was hitting off the 8th while the group in front had finished the 9th hole and was walking to the 10th tee. The 11.00 am group did not hit off until 11.25 - far too late - and the round ended up taking 4 1/2 hours - again far too long.

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## ***CAPTAIN'S CORNER continued***

Delays in morning groups are reflected in the afternoon groups all being late and clashing with public golfers.

With Warren and Gibson playing this weekend, it is imperative all rounds are completed in 2 hours for the 1st 9 and 4 hours in total.

The last morning group (8.50am) must tee off on the back 9 no later than 11.00am. I can't remember the last time the 11.00am group teed off before 11.20.

If slow play continues the Committee will look at blocking the 8.50 line so the afternoon groups can tee off on time. Your cooperation is requested in ensuring everyone can enjoy their game of golf.

***WAYNE BELGRE***



## ***JUNIOR GOLF***

**Another month of limited golf...**



For the Lane Cove juniors, it was yet another month of no golf, at least on the home course.

But that didn't mean a complete break from the tees.

Several juniors managed to sneak a round in at other venues, with Stone venturing as far south as The Links Shell Cove to play in their men's competition. It was a big month of golf (and travel) for Stone, who also played in the Combined Catholic Schools Polding Group Tournament at Blackheath and finished third.

Unfortunately, Stone was too young to be selected for the Polding team to play at the State tournament in Moorebank this September. However, Bertie will be there flying the flag for Lane Cove after being selected for the PSSA Sydney North team.

It was also a big month for another of our juniors, Lewis, who many members will know as a Saturday regular. Away from the course, Lewis has been turning his hand to the adrenaline-fuelled world of long drive. In late July, Lewis entered an indoor tournament (using Trackman) in Alexandria put on by the Professional Long Drive Association (PLDA) of Australia.

Lewis competed well, with his best drive topping out at 270 metres. To give you some idea of just how far that is - it's almost exactly the same as the distance from the back tees to the middle of the green on the fifth, eighth and ninth holes. Impressive stuff!

Finally, it's worth mentioning that Encourage Shield time will soon be upon us this October and we'll be looking to enter at least one Lane Cove team in the event.

With so many quality juniors coming through Kasey's school and into the Club, we're hopeful of putting on a good show in 2022 and helping more of our boys and girls enjoy this great sport.

***RALPH GRAYDEN***



## **WOMEN'S GOLF**

Spirits soared among the ladies at Lane Cove as we said 'goodbye' to rainy July and welcomed in August and a few days of dry weather.

Our regular Thursday competition was played on 4<sup>th</sup> August, and it was the first result to be recorded since the Golf NSW 4BBB Bowl round played on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Yes, a whole month with no golf!

The ladies have chosen to play on a temporary red course which avoids the soggy 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> holes. These holes have been substituted with a temporary tee (8a and 17a) at the corner of the 11<sup>th</sup>. The players are walking from the third tee down the hill to the temporary tee, playing the new hole, and then going on to play the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 11<sup>th</sup> is not played and is substituted by playing the 2<sup>nd</sup> twice. It is a bit complicated, but thanks go to Captain, Robyn Glover for writing good instructions.

### **Bronze IV Pennant**

Lane Cove joined this pennant in 2018 and enjoyed two years of competition at some very nice courses before Covid interrupted and the matches were cancelled in 2020 and 2021.

This year Lane Cove is the convenor of the pennant and will be hosting the final day of play on Friday 19 August. We have decided to use the temporary course and volunteer 'spotters' will be called on to help the visitors on the day.

Unfortunately, the first two matches at Asquith and Muirfield were cancelled due to wet and dangerous conditions on those courses. The results for all teams were Squared.

The third match was played at Castle Hill on Friday 5 August in beautiful sunny conditions. Our five team members, Robyn Glover, Sharon Johnson, Lisa Blackwell, Kerin Moorehead and Barbara Oliver, all reported that they thoroughly enjoyed the day. We are thrilled that they Squared against Gordon with two wins, a square and two losses. Robyn Glover reported that her opponent didn't miss a putt all day! Tough. Next match, Avondale.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Medal Rounds**

The first Medal round was played in April, so it was a bit of a shock to be playing stroke after such a long break. However, the Thursday ladies were very pleased to be out on the course in pleasant weather. It didn't seem quite right that Joan Weine wasn't on the front line as we've become accustomed. She is recovering from surgery but had a very enjoyable nine holes.

### **Thursday results**

It is a great pleasure to announce Rosemary Hurford, pictured, as the winner of both the Stroke and Nett competitions played on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Rosemary Hurford (33)</b>	<b>Nett 63</b>
Scratch	Rosemary Hurford	96
<b>Winner Putting</b>	<b>Robyn Glover</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Great work!</b>		
Runners Up	Rosemary Hurford	29
	Yvonne Nikellys	29

This is a great result, Rosemary. Looking back at the results for the First Medal in April, you won the Division 1 Nett on the day with a score of 85. What a difference a dry course makes!

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## ***WOMEN'S GOLF continued***

### **Sunday results**

Our handicap manager and all-round terrific committee member, Suzique Doughty, played a fabulous game on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> to come in two strokes ahead of Rosemary to become the winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Medal. When asked about the game, Suzique said, 'I putted like Cameron Smith.'

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Suzique Doughty (18)</b>	<b>Nett 61</b>
Scratch	Suzique Doughty	79 Wow!
Putting	Suzique Doughty	23 Oh my!

### **Winner 2<sup>nd</sup> Medal – Congratulations Suzique Doughty**

### **Lunches**



On Sunday 24 July, about twenty friends of Jo Hannay gathered in the conference room for a big birthday celebration. By all accounts it was a very happy occasion with balloons, bubbles and lovely food.

Congratulations Jo, on reaching this 50<sup>th</sup> milestone. At a guess, this makes you one of our younger ones!

During the wet weather, a consistent number of members have been enjoying lunch at the Club on Thursdays and Sundays. Thank you to the Kooka's Cafe and baristas for providing tasty food and excellent coffee.

August is known for windy weather in Sydney, and it will be very welcome this year if it helps dry out our course. It will be a pleasure to write more about good golf results next time.

***SUSAN RIDD***



*"Do you guys need a fourth?"*

## ***MEN'S GOLF (Backy's Blurb)***

### **GREETINGS ALL**

July Results .....Nil. But for one exception! Four hardy? Foolish? Or overly keen and optimistic souls headed out on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> to commence the TWO BALL KNOCKOUT.

Yes, Dermot Duncan and handy partner Peter Siapos, showed up in the carpark to find me there wondering where my partner, Bill Edmondson, was. A quick call got him heading down to start the match in what looked to be ok conditions, but that lasted only a couple of holes then down it came.

Arriving at the 9<sup>th</sup> hole saw us 5 down. I proposed to Bill that we shake hands upon reaching the green to which he readily agreed. To add insult to injury Dermot drained a 20-footer for par that beat our bogey to go 6 down.

Needless to say, a hasty retreat to the clubhouse to dry out was made only to see our decision vindicated as the course disappeared under a raging torrent of water. Truly if we'd played on, we would have had to have surfed back!



More amazing golf news this month saw our mighty CAM SMITH break records winning the BRITISH OPEN and joining Aussie greats on the Auld Jug such as Kel Nagle, Peter Thompson, Ian Baker Finch and Greg Norman. In true Aussie style, punching way above our weight internationally, shooting a record equaling 64 matching Greg.

We have a connection with the British Open. As you know, I love the 'one degree of separation' (as I call it).

Our 1968 Club Champion Graham Robinson, as a budding golf photojournalist, befriended the one and only, the flamboyant US golfer Payne Stewart pictured. Not hard as they were both hard drinking larrikins. Graham told me Payne could be leading on Saturday and still be propping up the bar till closing.

On Payne's invitation Graham headed over a few times to try to pre-qualify for the Open, never succeeding but having a great time with Payne who came second twice, missing by one shot against Sandy Lyle on one occasion.

When Payne came to Australia to play, Graham decided to get some action shots on the practice range. Telling Payne 'I'm going to lay down out on the range and get some telephoto shots of you.'

Well, Payne swung, Graham's shutter went 'click, and this went on successfully (so Graham thought) when a cry of WHOA!! Went up from the crowd of onlookers. Then another WHOA with much merriment.

Graham decides to look above the viewfinder for the next shot to see Payne deliberately topping the ball trying to hit Graham in the lens. Apparently, Payne took a bet from one of the punters he reckoned he couldn't do it. I'm pretty sure if Graham hadn't scarpered, he would have got him!

Sadly, Payne had that terrible airplane accident on the 25 October 1999, a sad loss for family and golf fans the world over.

With the sun now shining and the Westerlies blowing I think we can look forward to some nice Spring golf to be played. Fingers crossed.

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## ***MEN'S GOLF continued***

As Wayne noted earlier, the Warren and Gibson interclub pennants matches got under way at Roseville on 7 August. Our hosts did well to get the course ready for play. We had mixed results, with the Warren team going down 2 to 1 while the Gibbo team had a 2 -1 win, an excellent result as it is always hard to record an away win.

Unfortunately, the reverse matches to be played v Roseville at home, had to be cancelled because of the state of our course. We shared both matches 1.5 each.



Round 3 saw us at Bayview and we could not have asked for better results, with both teams winning 2 -1, and as a result, both teams are leading their zone with good prospects of getting through to the play offs after the zone round robin contest. Gibson team, left, at Roseville, resplendent in their “orange” shirts. Club caps??

This weekend we host the second home and away with Bayview. Perhaps if you don't get a game on Saturday, you could come down to cheer on our pennant representative players. They would appreciate the support.

*L to R Bob Staley, John Erasmus, Mark Simonsen,  
Alan Moss Rick Mayhew, John Joyce, Ralph Sadler (Manager).*

**CHEERS, BACKY**

***BACKY (Bacculus) for and on behalf of EVAN JONES***

## ***CINNAMON KLUB***



*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 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.*

*Head to [www.cinnamonklub.com](http://www.cinnamonklub.com) and peruse the menu. Orders can be placed from 5.30pm Wednesdays.*

*Book a table for in-club Dining: [www.cinnamonklub.com](http://www.cinnamonklub.com)*

*All pickup orders attract a 15% discount for a short time only – use coupon code TAKE15 and save!*



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Bowl of Chips	\$6.00
Sweet Potato Chips	\$8.00

## **All Day Breakfast**

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

## **Burgers**

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

## **Favourites**

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

## **Lighter Side**

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

## **Kids**

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

## **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.**