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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Once the rains ended, the year seems to have shifted into a higher gear and suddenly, here we are in December! The tree trimming program is now completed with huge improvement on the 3rd and 4th fairways, but unfortunately no

further work can be achieved in the current budget cycle of the Council.



Last month, Paul Johnson and I attended the Recreational Precinct Committee meeting and good discussion was held about the logistics of playing on the course during the building period. We have proposed a layout of a 9 hole course that would begin from the current 3rd tee. The key issue is parking, and a few solutions are on the table. Lane Cove Council have now formally lodged the revised DA for the building redevelopment.

This weekend the Women's Committee completed their annual program with a novelty Christmas Golf day on both Thursday and Sunday and this has brought to a close the tenure of Joan Weine's role as President of the Women's Committee. Joan was one of the first faces to welcome me into the club and I have watched her extend the same favour to many others. Joan has cared greatly for every event under her supervision with extraordinary attention to detail, whilst still turning in a card to trouble the scorers. I warmly welcome Lisa Blackwell as the incoming Women's President – she may have a hard act to follow, but she will not be short of supporters.



A trio of Presidents!

CINDY BROWN

I wish all our members an occasion to connect with family or friends over the holiday period and an opportunity to reflect on the value of our close-knit community as we venture into another challenging year.

Warm regards,

CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Well, we have come to the close of another golfing year and it certainly has been a difficult year. Constant weather interruptions and rearrangement of fixtures tested our limits but luckily, we were able, in most cases, to complete our major events with a few exceptions.

One of our Majors saw an incredible result. Alan Moss and John Erasmus were able to win both the Club Championship Foursomes and B Grade Foursomes this year.

How do members win both the Club Championship and B Grade? Each year we have both a stroke Club Championship and a Foursomes Club Championship. Some people might call these events the A Grade Championship but calling these events by that name

would restrict the winners to A Graders only.

So, both these Club Championships are open to all members, with winners submitting the best scratch score irrespective of handicap or grade. Alongside these Championships, we play a B Grade Championship (handicaps 13 – 19) and a C grade Championship (handicaps 20 – 36).

Alan and John posted a scratch 76 to register the best score on the day, therefore winning the Club Championship and with them both eligible for B Grade, they won the B Grade Championship as well. To my knowledge this has never been done before and is a mighty effort. Congratulations to both Alan and John.



We had several players this year who distinguished themselves by taking out multiple events. No doubt the biggest winner was Jeff Hickson. Jeff managed to win the Lane Cove Shield, the Spring Eclectic, C Grade Foursomes (with Mark Thompson) and was runner up to Mark in the C Grade Championship – great effort Jeff.



As normal we will be having a Presentation Day and this year it is on Saturday 10th December. Vouchers and trophies will be given out to the winners, and everyone can have some food and drinks in the clubhouse after their round on the day. So, everyone should book in for the day and please enjoy one of our last days of golf before Christmas.

All the best to everyone for Christmas and the New Year. Stay safe

WAYNE BELGRE



WOMEN'S GOLF



November has been a very busy month for the ladies at Lane Cove. We started with Melbourne Cup on the first Tuesday, we have celebrated a couple of 'big' birthdays, played the President's Cup, finalised the Singles Knockout, put on a charity visitors' day and had our annual Presentation Dinner as well as holding our Thursday and Sunday Christmas fun days. Phew!

No wonder our busy Captain Robyn Glover and outgoing President Joan Weine are looking forward to a rest over the summer season. Before we get to more details, this is a good opportunity to thank them both for their constant efforts and attention to detail that have kept our competitions and functions running smoothly throughout the year.

What a difference a few weeks of sunshine makes to the course! At last, we have had some run and our stableford scores are looking much healthier than they were last time. One standout performer is our new President, Lisa Blackwell, with at least four wins with 40, 39, 40 and 37 points. Her handicap has dropped during the year but not nearly enough! Congratulations, Lisa, on your consistent and enviable game.

Fourteen players entered the President's Cup on Thursday 3rd. This is a handicapped event that rotates each year between Thursday and Sunday. Our champion of nearly everything over the years, Joan Weine, played off 24 and had a great game to come in with 65 but it was our Treasurer, Sharon Johnson (35) who won the Cup with a fabulous 64. Winner President's Cup: Congratulations **Sharon Johnson**.

Stableford results of note

Sunday 6	Cindy Brown (28)	37	A great start to a good month, Cindy.
	Hannah Xuan (49)	33	
9 holes	Maree Faulkner (45)	19	Very nice!
Thursday 10	Lisa Blackwell (36)	40	
	Mon McLeod (25)	38	
Sunday 13	Lily Guo (22)	38 CB	Well done, Lily and Cindy
	Cindy Brown (28)	38	
Tuesday 15	Lisa Blackwell (31)	39	
	Susan Ridd (26)	36	
9 holes	Jan Sadler (30)	19	Nice, Jan!
Thursday 17	Lisa Blackwell (36)	40	Yep, she did it again!
	Susan Ridd (30)	39	
	Joan Weine (24)	37	
	Cindy Brown (28)	36	
Sunday 20	Yvie Nikellys (30)	39 CB	4BBB and individual
	Alex Hewitt (24)	39	(more about Charity Day below)
Tuesday 22	Mon McLeon (20)	38	Welcome back, Mon
	Joan Weine (19)	37 CB	
	Cindy Brown (23)	37	
9 holes	Graham Webster (23)	21	Good game, Graham
	Maree Faulkner (41)	17.	

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WOMEN'S GOLF *continued*

Thursday 24	Cindy Brown (28)	31	
9 holes	Susan Ridd (30)	17	CB
	Kerin Moorehead (39)	17	
	Rosemary Hurford (35)	17	Nice result for good mates



Sunday 27	Four 9-hole players only		
	Margo Anderson (32)	20	Good golf, Margo
	Jacqui Brooks (46)	16	

Tuesday 29	Lisa Blackwell (30)	37	What a month of golf, Lisa!
	Mon McLeod (20)	34	
9 holes	Jan Sadler (30)	19	

Mixed Visitors Charity Day

On Sunday 20th, Lane Cove ladies welcomed 27 players including social members and visitors, to play a 4BBB and individual in conjunction competition. The day included lunch and raffles and its purpose was to raise funds for our two charities, Bear Cottage and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Yvie Nikellys and Helen Prentice played with Geoff Reed and Rhys Lenarduzzi (Yvie's husband and her daughter's partner respectively) to make a formidable group. Yvie and Helen were the winners with 48 points. Yvie was the Women's winner on 39, with Helen runner-up on 37. To top off the day, Helen won the Longest Drive and Yvie the Nearest the Pin. Great work ladies. And not to be left out, Geoff won both the Longest Drive and NTP for the men.

Our Captain Robyn Glover and partner Steve Cimbaly were runners-up with 45 points on a countback from Mon McLeod and Alex Hewitt and also Grishma Shah and Suzique Doughty. All in all, it was a successful day for the charities and some very good golf was played in lovely sunny conditions.

Two special birthdays.



Our recently retired golfer and bridge player, Marie Hucker (pictured left) celebrated her 90th birthday at the Club on Thursday 10th with current players and some special friends including former captain Marlene Connor who shared humorous tales about Marie's achievements.



Our other big birthday for this edition was celebrated together with Thursday's Christmas festivities. Barbara Dorsch has achieved 80 years and won the longest drive for her handicap on the day. Pretty good achievement, Barbara, pictured right.

Presentation Dinner

Suddenly, it seemed, our golf year was over, and it was time for our annual 'prize night' and dinner. This is always a lovely social occasion, where our golf clothes are swapped for frocks, and good food and bubbles are shared. Badges were exchanged as Susan Woodman took over the VP role from Lisa Blackwell and Lisa stepped up to President as Joan Weine handed over the role after two long stints of 6 and 3 years.

A full list of trophy winners has been published by Robyn Glover in TeeTime, but it is worth mentioning a few who were multiple winners.

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Robyn Glover had a Hole in One and was presented with the Margaret Tanner trophy by Margaret herself, pictured.



Lily Guo won the Gold Brooch, the Sunday Singles Knockout and the Eclectic.

Our busy Treasurer, Sharon Johnson, won the Traill trophy, the Bronze II (34-54), the Veteran's Cup, the President's Cup, and the Foursomes Nett with Lisa Blackwell.



Our Club Champion, Suzique Doughty, showed us why she is such a worthy winner by also taking home the Goodwill Plate, the Veterans' challenge brooch, winning the Putting, and being Foursomes Champion with Robyn Glover and set the annual record of 79 for best Stroke Gross.

As mentioned before, Lisa Blackwell has had a great year winning the Bronze I (0-33), Thursday Singles Knockout and the Foursomes Nett with Sharon Johnson.

Others who haven't been mentioned before and were thrilled to be presented with trophies:

A Grade Champion Nett – Margo Anderson

B Grade Champion – Jan Sadler

B Grade Champion Nett – Barbara Oliver

Veterans' brooches: Susan Ridd, Jo Cunningham, Yvie Nikellys

Most reduced handicap – Iris Zhang

Captain's Salver – Helen Prentice Bronze I (2021) – Mon McLeod

Festive Season

To close the year, both Thursday and Sunday golfers had fun days on 1st and 4th December. Teams of three played nine holes dressed in festive colours and enjoyed the concessions and novelty arrangements such as free relief from hazards and putting with one hand or eyes closed!

Our office bearers, Cindy Brown, Sharon Johnson and Lisa Blackwell won the day on Thursday. Rosanne Antico-Hall won the individual event with 28 points on a countback to yours truly! Ah, well, it was good to play a reasonable game. Rosanne, Robyn McElvenny and Mon McLeod won best team outfits for obvious reasons.



On Sunday, the best individual player was Joan Weine with 23 points and the runner-up was Jacqui Brooks with 21. The best team score was 75, with Sharon, Barbara Oliver and Lisa Blackwell all achieving 19 points individually. The 'Three Marilyn's' provided colour and movement.

(Ed's comment – who are these people?)

Longest drives were won by Robyn Glover and Barbara Dorsch on Thursday. Joan Weine and Robyn McElvenny won NTP in their handicap group. On Sunday, Margo Anderson and Rosanne Antico-Hall won the longest drives and Cindy Brown and Linda Tsung won NTP.

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Finally, after all the excitement and silliness of our Christmas golf days, I would like to take time to reflect on our wonderful, recently departed friend, Margaret Collins. Many of us attended her funeral on the last day of October and loved hearing more about her life from her family members. Her friends at Lane Cove always knew she was clever and determined, warm and supportive, and of course an excellent golfer. We miss her very much.



And on behalf of our women members, I would like to make special mention of Sue Kallas who comes to the Club most Thursdays to do gardening. Susan Woodman who has supplied flower arrangements for our various functions this year. Jacqui Brooks and Jackie Sun have both supplied cakes on several occasions as well. Thank you everyone. Your contributions are much appreciated.

Best wishes for a most enjoyable summer season of golf. May you and your family and friends have a wonderful festive season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SUSAN RIDD



MEN'S GOLF (Backy's Blurp)

Season's Greetings All.



"You can't always get what you want", the Rolling Stones sang, and I found that to be very true getting about one legged after being T Boned by a careless driver whilst innocently riding my motorcycle. Although, on the bright side, of which there are many, I can watch all the golf on telly and the cast comes off the broken ankle before Christmas.


Season's
Greetings

Watching Pro Golf always seemed to help my swing. Seeing how it is supposed to be done over and over manages to seep into our greatest 'handicap' (the six inches between our ears), I always like to point out that we've all played (insert your favourite pro's name here) like shots. You know that shot!

As our resident poet laureate Ian Butters would describe as 'a shot of parabolic perfection', we've chipped in, sunk a pearler, flushed a 7 iron, nailed a drive, hit it out of the screws, even for some of us, aced a hole. So physically we can do it, it's doing it repeatedly that's the trick.

Club Championships have been played, with the Winners Grinner, the Runners Up Rue' ers (is that a word? If not, well it is now!) The opponent's lucky bounce, desire getting in the way of ability, the grip tightening at the crucial moment, head popping up wanting to see the result before you've got one.

All these things we've experienced, it's what makes the game great and keeps us coming back for more when we overcome our faults. Most importantly all played with a great spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie. WELL PLAYED ALL!

MENS GOLF RESULTS

A GRADE CHAMPION AND CLUB CHAMPION 2022 is **Peter Doherty** who defeated Alasdair Caush 2/1. It's the 5th Championship win for Peter, quite a feat!

Alasdair 'manned up' and played above his handicap grade, qualifying for B Grade, but gave it a red-hot go, beating Dermot the top qualifier earlier, and making a good account of himself in the final.

CONGRATULATIONS BOTH!

B GRADE CHAMPION 2022 is **David Pritchard** who defeated Rick Mayhew 1 up. The Battle of the GIBBOS went right down to the wire.

I'm sure there would have been a tremendous display of long drives coming from these boys being the biggest hitters in our successful rep team. I was privileged to play with Rick in the Gibbos and some of his striping drives made our opponents go visibly weak at the knees!

CONGRATULATIONS BOTH!

C GRADE CHAMPION 2022 is **Mark Thompson** who defeated Jeff Hickson 4/3.

Mark is one of our steadiest players, always in the mix. I had a chat with him not long before the comp and we both remarked on what good form Jeff was in of late. But as we know it's hard to keep the momentum and Jeff hit a speed hump on the day, namely one 'Thommo'.

CONGRATULATION BOTH! *Continued over*

MEN'S GOLF continued

FOURSOME CHAMPIONSHIP winners in 2022 are John Erasmus and Alan Moss scoring 76. Qualifying for B Grade didn't stop these mighty Gibbos defeating all the 'A' Graders at their own game. A Club record first! Well done boys! Runners up; Alasdair Caush and Andrew Corish c/b



B GRADE FOURSOME CHAMPIONS 2022 are as above, John Erasmus and Alan Moss with Paul Johnson and Tim Sinclair the runners up with 83

C GRADE FOURSOME CHAMPIONS 2022 are Jeff Hickson and Mark Thompson with Chris Tan and Dave Martin the runners up with a score of 92.

The nett event for the day went to guess who, John and Alan as above with 62 ½, with Jeff and Mark also as above, with 66 ½ coming second.

LEGACY SHIELD WINNERS were....

Paul Johnson, Peter Hoffman, Jeff Hickson and Mark Anson with 48.45
Scratch; Alasdair Caush, A Morris, A McGrath, S Wilson with 45

LEGACY CUP (the masters of the trick shots)

Tim Sinclair, S Sinclair, Ben Seaman, S Appleby with 25.125

Well done to all the participants and a big thank you to all for all the charity dollars raised.

I won't post all the other results for this month as I don't want everyone nodding off before you read the startling **SCORE OF THE MONTH!!!**

On the 26th, the much improved and remarkable run these last weeks was topped off by Jeff Hickson scoring 46 points getting cut 4 shots! No big deal as if he'd played off his new handicap on that day, he still would have scored 42. But that wouldn't have beaten Tim Sinclair on the day who had 43 points. What the heck did they have for breakfast we ask?

Wishing all golfers' family and friends, social members, our helpful and professional staff, season's greetings, and a successful new year.

Cheers.

BACKY



LANE COVE JUNIORS GOLF

A busy couple of months for Lane Cove Juniors.

The last couple of months have been big ones for Lane Cove's Junior Golfers. Over four weekends in October and November, our Encourage Shield team took to the courses of the North Shore and Northern Beaches, taking on Long Reef, Cromer, Mona Vale and Balgowlah. Unfortunately, the first round - which was due to be played against Killara - was washed out. *(Ed's comment – how lucky are these kids to be able to play at so many different courses. Great way to start a golfing career.)*



The Encourage Shield is a matchplay event with teams of six taking on individual golfers from other clubs. Our team, easily the youngest in the competition,

found itself facing some stern opposition. However, it acquitted itself well, running our opponents close in most matches and snaring the odd victory.



The rotating squad of nine players included Bertie G, Euna C, Millan W, Stone C, Ishaan I, Jeremy B, Shawn T, Ben V and Zoe N. Zoe deserves an extra special mention because she was our only team member to go undefeated, winning all three matches she played.



With so many of our juniors getting a taste for competitive golf, we had a solid turnout for our Junior Championships on Sunday, 27 November, and played two events.

First Division was a scratch event open to juniors with a Daily Handicap of less than 22. found the course challenging, and the event was

The unusually dry and fast conditions meant most golfers won by Sebastian G, who went around the course in a respectable 79. Ronan D finished runner-up with 82.

Second Division was a Stableford event open to players with a handicap over 22. True to form, Zoe N took out first place with a very impressive 39. She was followed in second place by a three-way tie between Iris Z, Stone C and Alex H, with Alex winning on a countback.

While the weather has made this a challenging year, I hope our juniors have enjoyed their season and that they manage to get some good golf in over the holidays. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and see you in 2023.

RALPH GRAYDEN



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 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

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 and peruse the menu. Orders can be placed from 5.30pm Wednesdays.

Book a table for in-club Dining: 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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LANE COVE
GOLF CLUB

Coffee / Tea / Hot Choc	\$4.20
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.