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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to the 2023 golfing year at LCGC. After a cool December, the summer has kicked in with heat and humidity now our biggest on-course challenge, but at least it is a weather pattern we can all recognise and not the deluge we were facing this time last year. The course is looking great and participation by both members and social players is almost at full capacity.

Congratulations to the Women's Committee for organising a successful mixed event on Australia Day and a huge thank you to our clubhouse staff – Amanda and Andy - who worked very hard to keep up with the food and drink orders on the day, earning every cent of their public holiday rates. Also, a big thank you to Sharon, Lisa and Greg for helping out in the café, and to Sue Kallas for running a raffle that raised a tidy sum to contribute to the Club's income for the day.

Just before Christmas, I received a formal notice from Lane Cove Council that it is their intention to commence the building project before 30th June and we must therefore vacate the premises. A specific date has not been agreed. Although the DA has not yet been approved, Council seems to have sufficient confidence that it will be approved to give us this notice.



Thank you to all the members that responded to my call to make a submission supporting our request to keep the course available and intact during the construction period. The DA is expected to be on the agenda for the Sydney North Planning Panel in March and I should be afforded an opportunity to address the panel.

Once there is certainty about the availability of the course, we can have detailed conversations with the Council over the amenities that will be available, such as parking, toilets and pro shop services and our membership fees for the coming financial year.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

The Board has commenced planning for the shutdown of the clubhouse. Our priority is to provide a social environment for the golfing members for as long as possible, but we also need to sell off whatever assets we can and so the timing will be a balancing act. We will be sure to communicate any changes to our opening hours and service offerings as we run down to June, and I anticipate your understanding of the hard choices we will need to make.

We recently brought down 40 boxes of documents from the attic and have made good progress on sorting through the material. A big thank you to Graham Webster and Ralph Sadler for hours of work handling boxes. It is comforting to know that some material that documents the history of the Club was previously sent to Lane Cove Library for safe keeping and some of it has also been transferred to the NSW State Archives.

Kung Hee Fat Choy to all and lets us see what the Year of the Rabbit (or Vietnamese Cat) will have in store for us.

Warm regards,

CINDY BROWN

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



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well, here we are back into another golfing year and with the weather cooperating, it is great to be back out on the course.

Some things to catch up on. Firstly, the draw for the Singles KO is now on the noticeboard and as has been mentioned many times, we cannot allow postponement of matches this year. I'm sure everyone will remember the problems we had finishing the 4 Ball KO last year because of postponements. – No-one's fault, but the atrocious weather meant it was impossible to play matches on time.

All matches must be played on time. Ensure you find out who you are playing and arrange your match accordingly.

We are not playing the Gold Medal this year. This is normally played in conjunction with the February Medal between the winners of any Medal the previous year. However, with so few medals played last year the Committee decided not to play the Gold Medal this year.

One thing I must remind members about is that they must submit a fully completed and correct scorecard after each round. During COVID and the wet weather last year, we allowed some simple errors in scoring to slip by, but that will no longer be the case. The Committee have already disqualified some members for lodging incorrect scorecards so please check your card carefully.

For those who use the Miscore app to enter results, a reminder that you **MUST** fill out and submit a fully completed scorecard to be eligible to win any competition. You must also check your score in the computer after the round to ensure it is correct.



Recently one of our members, playing at another course, did not check the computer and somehow had incorrectly registered a hole in one on a Par 5. If there is any dispute as to a player's score, the Committee will always go to the scorecard to resolve the dispute. No scorecard - no win.

With our reduced level of membership, the size of our fields has reduced somewhat. That has not stopped slow play creeping back as a problem. Please remember your slow play affects every group behind you.

The flow on effect of an early morning group being slow is felt throughout the day with some of our later groups encountering public players trying to hit off as well as our last few groups finishing much later than they should. Please be considerate to other players. Good Golfing.

WAYNE BELGRE



PEANUTS, SNOOPY AND GOLF



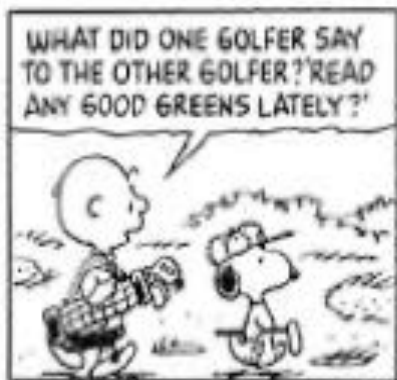
From the editor. I have been a Peanuts fan from my youth in the 1950s. Please indulge me in what I have designated as the Snoopy Special. I hope you enjoy the examples of some gentle, whimsical Schulz humour.

The First “Peanuts” cartoon debuted in 1950, the good-natured antics of Charlie Brown, Snoopy and their friends have brought laughter and comfort to generations of readers. Peanuts” was loved and trusted by diverse audiences, and Charles M Schulz used its unique appeal as a unifying and educational tool during a time of considerable cultural change.

During its nearly half-century run, golf was a frequent theme of the comic strip. That owed much to the fact that its creator, Charles M. Schulz, had a lifelong passion for the game. He played on his high school golf team and caddied the summer after graduation at his neighborhood course. Later in life, he enjoyed a weekly foursome with his friends, maintained a Handicap Index of 10, and competed in several Pebble Beach National Pro-Ams.

Through Schulz’s commitment to making the world, and golf, a better place, his “Peanuts” characters, particularly the basset hound, Snoopy, continue to connect readers to new subjects and impactful initiatives.

As part of one of the world’s premier collections of golf cartoons, several original golf-themed Schulz illustrations depicting “Peanuts” characters are included in the USGA Golf Museum and Library.



WOMEN'S GOLF



Summer made its presence felt with a vengeance on Australia Day this year. It was somewhat of a shock after mostly cool and sometimes damp conditions in December and January.

As the public holiday fell on a Thursday this year, our usual ladies comp was opened to the men and visitors. We had 32 men and women playing nine holes and enjoying lunch afterwards.

The Club was busy with special friends joining us, including Margaret Tanner and Nikki Thorpe, pictured left, and tennis players and other visitors filling up the verandah.

Thank you to Joan Weine and Sue Kallas for providing lamingtons and Anzac biscuits as a special treat. Amanda and Andy did a great job producing special menu food and drinks for the crowd under quite difficult circumstances. Our multi-skilled treasurer, Sharon, stepped in to make coffees, and thanks to others who helped with picking up glasses, dishwashing and food delivery.

Congratulations to Jan Sadler (33) on winning the competition with 19 points on a countback to our visitor from Nelson Bay, Jaki Stewart. Pictured right, Jan with other less well-known Australia Day revellers.



Summer golf

A few energetic souls have played 18 holes on Tuesdays but mostly our summer golf has consisted of 9-hole Summer Cup rounds played on Thursdays and Sundays. As usual, our Tuesday golf is played on the Blue Course with correspondingly lower handicaps. Despite these conditions, some outstanding results have been posted.

Tuesday results

Jan Sadler (30) started us off with 20 points on 6 Dec. Your correspondent (25) was pleased with 19 points on the 13th.

On 20 December, Ronan Daly (17) won with 39, runner-up was Ben Vaz (32) with 38. Cindy Brown (23) would have been pleased with her 36. In the 9-hole comp, Jan Sadler played another excellent game to get 23 points, ahead of John Russell (22) on 21 and Joan Weine (19) scoring 18 points.

Immediately after Christmas and Boxing Day, Ben Vaz (27) scored 43 and Junior Jolena Zheng (43) came in with 40 points for 18 holes. Excellent results. Kerin Moorehead (34) won the 9-hole with 18 points.

Many of the same names appeared as winners in the New Year. On 3 January, Jan Sadler (29) did it again with 20 points. Next week on the 10th, Robyn Glover (27) played 18 holes and won with 39 points on a countback from Ben Vaz (23). Note the drop in handicap! And Kerin (35) won the 9-hole again with 21 points. Well done!

On January 17, Ben Vaz (21) and Lisa Blackwell (25) played 18 holes and came in with 37 and 36 respectively. For the 9 holes, Mary Suter (38) and John Russell (21) both scored 20 points.

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

And now for a drum roll! On Tuesday 24 January, Ronan Daly (13) played 'my best game ever' to get 43 points. Robyn Glover (20) also had a great game to score 39 points. And to complete the day, Jan Sadler (29) and Lisa Blackwell (24) both scored 18 points.

Summer Cup – Thursday and Sunday

This 9-hole competition is played over six rounds and the Thursday and Sunday winners will be announced at the Opening Dinner to be held on Thursday 2 February.

Round 1

Thursday 8/12	Lisa Blackwell (35)	21 points
Sunday 11/12	Lisa Blackwell (35)	26 points – exceptional!
	Hannah Xuan (49)	20 points

Round 2

Thursday 15/12	Jan Sadler (34)	21		
Sunday 18/12	Cindy Brown (27)	15 CB		
	Lily Guo (22)	15	Lisa Blackwell (30)	15

Round 3

Thursday 22/12	Robyn Glover (32)	21
Sunday 1/1	Hannah Xuan (49)	22

Round 4

Thursday 29/12	Joan Weine (22)	19
Sunday 8/1	Cindy Brown (26)	20

Round 5

Thursday 5/1	Hannah Xuan (49)	15 CB
	Joan Weine (22)	15
Sunday 15/1	Joan Weine (23)	21

Round 6

Thursday 12/1	Robyn McElvenny (38)	21
Sunday 22/1	Suzique Doughty (18)	18

Belated special mentions

You will remember that November was a particularly busy month for the ladies at Lane Cove and my report was rather long. Therefore, it is a pleasure to take this opportunity to include a couple of extra photos from the 2022 Presentation Night that couldn't be squeezed into the December Links.



Lily Guo, pictured left, joined us in 2022 from Cammeray and immediately made a big impression on Sundays. Playing off a handicap around 22, she won her Silver Brooch in the August Medal and then cemented her reputation as a lovely golfer by winning the Gold Brooch in October, the Eclectic and the Sunday Singles Knockout. Congratulations Lily on a great year.

Sharon Johnson, pictured right, had a purple patch with multiple wins in Thursday competitions. She won the Traill trophy, the Bronze II (34-54), Veteran's Cup, President's Cup and the Foursomes Nett with Lisa Blackwell.

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Juniors

In news just in, one of our Junior members, **Jolena Zheng**, finished runner-up in the 11 years and under Nett event in the Harvey Norman week of Golf, 8-12 January, played at Cabramatta, Liverpool, Lakeside Camden, Bankstown and Muirfield courses. Congratulations Jolena, pictured at the presentation ceremony at Muirfield GC.



Our golfing season is starting early this year. There is still great uncertainty about what the second half of the year will be like as far as golf is concerned and our Captain Robyn Glover has scheduled as many events as possible for the first six months. Happy golfing and good luck to everyone in 2023.

SUSAN RIDD



MEN'S GOLF (Backy's Blurp)



GREETINGS ALL AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. Let's hope another 'full' year of golf on YE OLDE LANE COVE is ahead of us.

New Years is a funny old time of year which I observed for 18 years in a row from behind the wheel of my taxi. The frantic antics of our Human Race I found most amusing, just because the calendar clicks over.

I gave up after 18 years then, for some long-forgotten reason, 5 years later took the cab out again and was, very quickly, reminded of why I gave it away before.

It's not the easiest night to work, especially for a North Shore cab, because of the harbour side road closures and hot and cold hours of demand.

One can't believe that every year, thousands of motorists decide, "Let's drive down to Blue's Point or Milsons Point to watch the fireworks". Early days, before any traffic control, the points of interest would get grid locked and people would just abandon their cars in the middle of the road and run like billy-oh down the hill to see the display!

When the authorities took over, people would head down the North Sydney off ramp from the Warringah Freeway only to be turned back up Alfred Street, which sent them back up the hill to Military Road Neutral Bay. Causing another grid lock!

Fast forward to a couple of years ago when I was seconded into driving my bus on New Year's. I got to thinking about our street bums and wondered what they thought of the invasion of what at midnight, is normally their private domain. On one hand, all their park benches (read beds) are being hogged. The normally quiet time of the evening is now exploding all around them!

But, on the bright side, the garbage cans are brim full of hearty fare which I assure you after decades of people-watching, the street dwellers make a good living from.

Not all eat out of the bins though. There are professional beggars too. My favourite is a fellow on the corner of York and Market just outside the QVB who, on his knees, curled up in a ball, with hands out in front of his head, holds a disposable coffee cup. He does a pretty good business and on the odd occasion when a passenger would comment about him, I would joke, "Yep, and I bet at knockoff time he ducks downstairs to the QVB carpark and drives his Porsche home to Darling Point."

Another fellow who's been around for years I had a New Year's interaction with. This man was checking the bin near my bus stop in the city as I was cleaning all the rubbish that my young New Year's Revelers had kindly left behind, I found an unopened can of this modern Spritzer stuff, of which there are literally hundreds of varieties.

Now if you haven't ventured to that section of the Bottle Shop lately it's worth a look if not for nothing else the colourful display of artwork on the labels is mesmerizing.

So, in an act of seasonal philanthropy, I said to old mate, "Would you like a drink mate?", and in perfect Oxford English he replied, "Oh, yes thank you and a very happy new year to you."

I did think, gosh I hope he isn't a recovering alcoholic! Those things do look remarkably like soft drink.

Ah the Humanity! *Continued over*



MEN'S GOLF continued

RESULTS

4/1 Singles win David Leckie (16) 37 c/b
2BBB Mike Smith (24) and Walter Heim (20) 46

7/1 First Medal of the Year

A Grade win J. Bartlett (visitor) (10) 70/60 R/UP Peter Doherty (5) 70/65
B Grade win Alasdair Caush (13) 77/64 R/UP Paul Johnson (15) 80/65
C Grade win Stuart Campbell (22) 84/62 R/UP Dave Martin (23) 85/62

11/1 Singles win P Sullivan (28) 37 9 Holes Graeme Jack (16) 21 Welcome back Graeme.

14/1 Singles win Dermot Duncan (12) 41

18/1 Singles win Peter Doherty (5) 35 Surviving a 5-way c/b!!
2B Multi Wayne Blair (20) and Adrian Hall (17) 72

25/1 Singles win Peter Sullivan (27) 43 (leaving Paul Johnson's 41 in his wake!)
2Ball aggregate Paul Johnson (15) Paul Hofman (17) 76 c/b
(Team Paul getting their own back beating Sullivan and co.)
9 Holes Ron Jeffrey (32) 18

29/1 Singles win James Abbott (30) 45, sneaking the score of the month just in time WELL DONE JAMES!

Sorry, I missed the Worst Ball result.

Coming up is the Singles Knockout. Good luck to all the participants and great golfing to all.

Cheers

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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!

Kooka's Cafe



Coffee / Tea / Hot Choc	\$4.20
Iced Coffee	\$7.00
Bowl of Chips	\$6.00
Sweet Potato Chips	\$8.00

All Day Breakfast

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

Burgers

BEEF	\$15.00
<small>(Angus Beef Patty, Tomato, Beetroot, Lettuce, Cheese, Onion with Aioli, Mustard & BBQ sauce)</small>	
VEGGIE	\$12.00
<small>(Veggie Patty, Tomato, Lettuce, Beetroot, with Aioli & Sweet Chili Sauce)</small>	
SLIDERS	\$15.00
<small>(3 Beef Sliders with Fresh Tomato, Cheese, Aioli & BBQ Sauce)</small>	

Favourites

SAUSAGE & ONION	\$7.00
<small>(on a Roll with Mustard & BBQ sauce)</small>	
BLT	\$9.00
<small>(Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato with Aioli & Mayo)</small>	
CHICKEN SCHNITZEL	\$17.00
<small>(with Chips & Side Salad)</small>	

Lighter Side

QUICHE & SALAD	\$15.00
<small>(Assorted, please enquire)</small>	
CHICKEN SALAD	\$13.00
<small>(Warm Lemon & Herb Chicken, Corn Kernels & Fresh Mixed Salad)</small>	
SALMON SALAD	\$15.00
<small>(Smoked Salmon, Capers & Fresh Mixed Salad)</small>	

Kids

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

Extras

WHOLEMEAL WRAP (wrap 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.

<i>Friday</i>	12.00pm – 3pm
<i>Saturday</i>	10.30am – 4pm
<i>Sunday</i>	11.00am – 3pm