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For the information of members and their guests

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### ***FROM THE PRESIDENT***



The heat rolls on.....we seem to be living a case of “be careful what you wish for” as the summer we so desperately missed last year keeps on delivering heat and humidity and we collapse into the clubhouse with red faces and parched mouths.

The Council’s DA is due to be assessed by the Sydney North Planning Panel on March 15<sup>th</sup>. I will update members as soon as I am advised of the outcome. Over the last few months, I have provided detailed submissions to the architects on our needs and am hopeful that these will have been taken into consideration in the detailed design

process.

In the meanwhile, Council have set up a series of meetings in the next fortnight to discuss the logistics of playing golf during the construction period. This edition will go to print before any of these meetings occur, so I can give no details, but it is surely a good sign the Council is keen to workshop the various issues with ourselves, the Pro Shop, the greenkeepers and Kasey Dive.

I am very aware that members are wondering about the future and looking at alternative clubs. I encourage you to remain positive that Lane Cove Golf Club will continue to operate our normal competition schedule and that we will be able to offer an attractive membership deal for the financial year beginning July 2023. The Council has acknowledged that the price we pay for our BBT will be reliant on the level of facilities that they will provide, and this is what we are about to negotiate. As we will no longer be supporting the running of an aging clubhouse, our own overheads will be greatly reduced, thus the annual membership fee will certainly be significantly lower than the last two years.

Our arrangement with the Cinnamon Klub restaurant will come to an end on the first weekend of April, when daylight saving finishes. We have given notice to Kailash Bhandari that we will be no longer be opening in the evening except by prior arrangement for functions and we would like to publicly thank him for the huge effort he has put into making the restaurant a success. Our priority in the next few months is to be open at times that are frequented by golfing members.

I would like to remind all members that they need to use their bar tab balance, or they will lose it. These can be used for food or drinks. Any balances remaining when we close our doors in June will not be refundable.

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](http://lanecove.quick18.com) or 0433 519 974

Dinner bookings & menu here: [www.cinnamonklub.com](http://www.cinnamonklub.com)



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



Good to see each round of the Singles KO being played on schedule – a first for some time regarding multi-week events.

Everyone should note that, just in case we end up closing later in the year, we have programmed a “special” event almost every weekend until June, so make sure you book in and chase a win in a big one.

For example, this year our Club Championships will be played in May rather than October. Not that far away so prime yourself for your best

golf in May.

A reminder also to our mid-week golfers. The Mid-Week Championships start this week (March 1). Remember the Championships are a stableford event played over 3 rounds. Good luck to all the mid-week golfers.

Another event coming up soon is the Golf NSW 2 Ball Ambrose qualifying on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Winners will go through later in the year to the Regional Qualifying with a chance to spend a week at Bonville playing in the state finals. Might be an idea to start thinking about your partner now.

By now everyone should have received a refresher on some of our most common or recently changed rules. It is a really good idea to brush up on the rules as over recent weeks, we have seen some very simple errors made.

These errors don't only relate to incidents on the golf course but also in scoring. Remember we are carefully checking winning cards, so make sure they are correct to avoid an embarrassing disqualification.

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



One simple error made on the cards is to not clearly mark which column of scores relate to which player. Unless you identify at the top of the column the name of the player whose scores are in that column the committee may be placed in a position where they have no option but to disqualify that member or group.

The course has been in great condition lately with only the bunkers out of play on some days. Members should make sure they check the conditions of play posted each day on the noticeboard outside the pro shop.

For the last few months, we have played “preferred lie through the green” but with the course condition improving we may change that soon to “preferred lie fairways only”. Make sure you don’t get caught preferring your ball in the rough when the change is made.

Good Golfing

***WAYNE BELGRE***

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

As is appropriate, our 2023 golfing season started with the Opening Dinner on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

This is always a special occasion when the mid-week and Sunday golfers can mingle and enjoy a glass of sparkling before dinner. We enjoyed delicious Indian food and were entertained afterwards with a musical trivia quiz conducted by Suzique Doughty and Jo Hannay, pictured right.



It was all good fun although those at your correspondent’s table obviously haven’t been paying attention to what’s been happening in popular music since the Beatles!

Thanks go to our new President, Lisa Blackwell and VP Susan Woodman for decorating the room and making it feel welcoming and festive.

As usual, there were many thank-yous and presentations for tasks performed during the summer. These included Tuesday helpers Robyn Seale, Mary Suter, Jan Sadler and Cindy Brown. Sunday results were done by Lily Guo and Hannah Xuan, and summer Thursday results were done by yours truly and Maree Faulkner. Chocolates were gratefully received.



### ***Summer Cup***

The winners of the Thursday and Sunday competitions were announced at the dinner. Congratulations to the winners, pictured left.

**Sunday Summer Cup      Winner: Hannah Xuan (48)    58 points**  
**Mid-week Summer Cup    Winner: Joan Weine (22)    56 points**

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

### ***2023 Golf Season***

**Tuesday competitions** continue to be played on the Blue course with more ladies opting to play 9 holes rather than 18 during February. However, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> our three hard-working office bearers Cindy Brown, Robyn Glover and Lisa Blackwell played 18 holes and came in within a point of each other. Note the low Tuesday handicaps.

Robyn Glover (26) 32 points

Cindy Brown (22) 31

Lisa Blackwell (24) 30

Rosemary Hurford (31) won the 9-hole with 18 points.

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, a 9-hole comp was played and again Rosemary prevailed with 15 on a countback to Robyn Seale (35) and Jan Sadler (28). Jan Sadler has been playing well and won the 9-hole again on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> with 18 points.

### ***Back to work***

The first official competition of the season, and the Eclectic, opened on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> with Jan Sadler (34) storming in with 41 points. Great start to the year Jan!

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, your correspondent, Susan (28) won the 18-hole comp with 32 points and Kerin Moorehead (40) won the 9-hole with 18 points on a countback to Joan Weine (23).

The first Medal round was scheduled for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> but was postponed due to wet conditions and will be played on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

### ***Sundays***

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>, Sharon Johnson (33) won the day on a countback from Jo Cunningham (24) with 37 points. Jacqui Brooks (45) won the 9-hole with 15.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>, the winner was Anthony Hobbs (22) with 37 points coming in ahead of Robyn Glover (30) with 33 points.

In very hot conditions on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>, Suzique Doughty (20) won the day with an impressive 38 points.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> the First Medal round and Traill Trophy was played. The winner for the trophy will be decided after Thursday's game but the winner on the day was:

Rosanne Antico-Hall (38) Nett 69 **Congratulations Rosanne!**

Stroke winner: Lily Guo (23) Gross 93 Putting winner: Robyn Glover (30) 31 putts

Okay, Thursday players – let's see if we can do better.

### ***Pennant Hills***

On Valentine's Day, six of us got up very early to be at Pennant Hills for a 7.30 am shotgun start for a visitors' charity day. This was a very pleasant event which included a high tea and fashion parade of smart golf gear after an 18-hole stableford round and team competition in conjunction.

Robyn Glover, Cindy Brown and Susan Ridd played together, and Sharon Johnson, Yvie Nikellys and Lisa Blackwell made up the second Lane Cove team. We were very lucky to only get slightly damp in a shower while on the course and to be indoors when the heavens opened.

The course is long which meant our ladies were playing on unusually high handicaps. Your correspondent enjoyed the conditions and did well to get 40 points while playing off 38. The Thursday game at Lane Cove seemed more difficult! ***Continued over***

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

### **Junior Girls Graduation**

The Lane Cove women's committee is pleased to see another group of Junior Girls graduate from the scholarship program which was conducted by Kasey Dive with help from our Captain Robyn Glover and former President Joan Weine.

A small ceremony was held at the Club on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> for the girls and their families and afternoon tea was provided by the Committee members. Unfortunately, Kasey was unable to attend on the day. Robyn stepped in and put the girls through their putting and chipping exercises so they could demonstrate their skills to their parents and our Club President, Cindy Brown, made an impromptu speech about the program and particularly thanked Robyn and Joan for the time and effort they put into developing these young golfers. Five girls graduated and four attended the ceremony.



***L-R Joan Weine, Lisa Blackwell, Bethany Tisdell, Sophie Yoo, Euna Cho, Jolena Zheng, Robyn Glover.***

There has been lots of rain, some very hot weather, the fairways are much wider, and the course looks pretty with plenty of birds, all of which makes for enjoyable golf. Let's make the most of it and get ready for plenty of medal and championship stroke rounds over the next few months. Good luck.

***SUSAN RIDD***

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

GREETINGS ALL.



Singles Knockout Matchplay has commenced with results to follow.

Matchplay is golf in its purest and most original form. Before there was a standardized 18 Hole configuration, or even 'Par' for that matter, Matchplay was the only competition played between two opponents.

Players would head for the 'Links' (the disused or land useless for farming, perched between the 'good' land and the sea) where a course layout had been set.

The Tee may be found atop a sand dune, flattened at the top. There being no Tees invented at that stage (the early 1900's, when the Reddy Tee, a wooden peg we are all familiar with appeared) a small mound of sand was permitted to place one's ball on for your first shot.

The first kind of ball was a Feathery, a leather pouch stuffed full of boiled feathers. It is said a top hat full of feathers was crammed into the pouch. Superseding that was the Gutty-Percha, a hard rubber ball sourced from the same named South American rubber tree. These were very expensive so often a 'Fore caddy' was sent forward to observe where the ball landed. Thus, the origin of calling FORE!

Players would play matchplay over however many holes there were. Halving holes in a 10 was not uncommon! Some things have never changed! ***Continued over***

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

### **MATCHPLAY 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND RESULTS**

Dave Pritchard 3/1 v Graham Webster  
Dermot Duncan 3/2 v Chris Tan  
Wayne Belgre 1up v Mark Thompson  
Paul Johnson 5/4 v Adrian Hall  
Walter Heim 3/2 v Bob Staley  
Rod Paterson 4/3 v Mark Dooley

Howard Shaw 2/1 v Peter Siapos  
Alasdair Caush 1up v John Joyce  
Tom Montefiore 2/1 v Ian Hayes  
Stuart Campbell 5/4 v Andrew Corish  
Peter Doherty 2/1 v Xiaoping Guo  
Andrew Reid 4/3 v Dave Martin

### **MATCHPLAY 2<sup>nd</sup> ROUND RESULTS**

Howard Shaw 8/6 v Dave Pritchard  
Tom Montefiore 7/5 v Chris Taylor (*Tom scoring a Hole in One on the 3<sup>rd</sup>!*)  
Walter Heim 19<sup>th</sup> v Stuart Campbell  
Wayne Belgre ft v Alasdair Caush (unforeseen circumstances ruling out Alasdair's participation in the next round)

Steve Tan 4/3 v Dermot Duncan  
Peter Doherty 3/2 v Rod Paterson

That didn't stop them teaming up to not only win the daily 2 Ball but Wayne's 39pts winning the indiv!! (Perhaps the right player has gone thru' after all.)

### **MATCHPLAY 3<sup>rd</sup> ROUND RESULTS**

Steve Tan 1up v Howard Shaw  
Paul Johnson 19<sup>th</sup> v Walter Heim

Wayne Belgre 5/4 v Tom Montefiore  
Peter Doherty 2/1 v Alan Moss

So then there were 4! We'll have to wait till later in the month as up next is the March Medal.

I'm away on our annual cycling tour, a loop out of Mudgee so, unfortunately won't be able to witness the finals. The very reason I didn't nominate to play in the 'best event of the year'. Perhaps a reminder to players to check their diaries for future events (if any!).

On Saturday last, as is often the case, the last group to come in, won the lot, with John Stephenson winning the Individual with 39 points. Aply partnered by John Dowey with (19) 32pts, they were the winners of the Best Ball with 45 points. John D helped the cause with a 3 strokes /4 points birdie on the 18th. Well done to all. Cheers

***BACKY. And more below.....***

## ***Alex Harris reports -----yes, we have news gatherers everywhere...!***



I was playing in a corporate day at Concord yesterday, with fellow member, ***David Pritchard***, (2022 Gibson Trophy Champion) pictured left, in the group ahead.

There was commotion on the fourth hole, a short par 3, with the pin tucked at the front, where one of David's playing partners was celebrating winning the nearest the pin competition with a hole in one! A rare feat for any golfer.

But not to be outdone, and this time with the gallery comprising our group of ready hecklers, who had caught up – David stepped up to the recently renovated 6<sup>th</sup> hole (previously a par 5) and guided a 4 iron 165m to the bottom of the cup. A hole in one of his own (I believe it's his first), achieving the feat only two holes after his

playing partner!

An unbelievable achievement and an amazing story. You wouldn't read about it. (*Editor's comment. Yes, you would and here it is!*)

***ALEX HARRIS***

## **GOLF AND WHAT IT ALL MEANS**



Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

Golf ! You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins, on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.

If you find you do not mind playing Golf in the rain, the snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip ..... your life is in trouble.

Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ...neither of whom can putt very well.

An interesting thing about Golf is that no matter how badly you play, it is always possible to get worse.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all you really stink.

If your best shots are the practice swing and the 'gimme putt', you might wish to reconsider this game.

Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.

Golf is like marriage, if you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

The best wood in most amateurs' bags is the pencil.

## **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!*

# 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

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

## Burgers

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

## Favourites

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

## Lighter Side

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

## Kids

<b>CHICKEN NUGGETS</b>	\$6.50
<small>(4 Nuggets with Fried)</small>	
<b>BEEF SLIDERS</b>	\$10.00
<small>(2 Sliders with Cheese, Tomato Sauce &amp; Fried)</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.**

Friday	12.00pm – 3pm
Saturday	10.30am – 4pm
Sunday	11.00am – 3pm