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For the information of members and their guests

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Council's DA has now been passed by the Sydney North Planning Panel. Unfortunately, they chose not to apply the conditions that we were seeking to guarantee both the course and access to the 9th fairway, but at least we gave it our best shot.

There is now one decision point remaining. The tenders for the building construction are due to be received on Monday 26th June. If the prices are within the set budget, the project will definitely proceed to demolition. If the prices are in excess of that budget, there will be no demolition of the clubhouse or tennis courts and the project will return to the councillors for a decision. The Council believes they can still receive the \$5 million grant money by doing some site establishment within June.

We had set a clubhouse closing date of Sunday 11th June, so that we could responsibly dispose of our assets in the timeframe initially requested by Council. The Board have now decided to push this date back to Sunday 25th June as we cannot proceed with asset disposal until we are sure that the demolition will proceed and we may as well enjoy our clubhouse for a little longer. Council will allow us extra time into July to complete our shutdown.

I would remind members that they need to use the money in their bar tabs before the clubhouse closes or they will lose it.

The Council is working on a plan to establish the infrastructure to transfer the start of play to the 3rd Tee by 30th June. This will include -

- installation of temporary greenkeeping facilities at the beginning of the 1st fairway
- installation of a temporary pro shop building at the 3rd
- moving of our members' equipment shed to the 3rd
- provision of power and internet to these buildings
- temporary toilets in the park on Gamma Road
- construction of a safe pathway down the hill behind the 11th green down to the temporary pro shop.

I will keep you updated as these plans mature. *Continued over*

FROM THE PRESIDENT continued

Council have also given notice of two other on-course projects. They have found funds to replace the bridge over the gully from the men's 2nd tee and they also need to allow the development at 4 Northwood Road to implement a stormwater drainage solution across the 1st fairway. Now that they have firmed their plan for the greenkeeping equipment to be re-housed on the 1st fairway, they are proposing to build the temporary tee for the 1st in conjunction with these other activities. This temporary tee will be 105 metres from the green and will be in place for the duration of the construction period. The proposed date for this work is Monday 29th May. Please note that the new 1st tee to be built after the building is completed is expected to be 160 metres from the green.

The Board are resolving the details of our membership offer for the year beginning July 2023 and will be circulating this by email.

Finally, I am saddened to hear of the passing of Hamish Anderson, one of the true characters of our Club. My introduction to playing in competition was with Hamish and Doug Cameron in the Sunday Medley and I have fond memories of those rounds. I expect to see many members present at the Club on Friday to bid him farewell.

Warm regards,

CINDY BROWN

CAPTAIN'S CORNER



By the time this edition of Links comes out we would have already started our Major event for the year – our Club Championships. Just to confirm this year that we are playing the Club Championships, B Grade & C Grade over 4 rounds of stroke. The 9-hole championship is played over 4 rounds of stableford with the best 3 rounds counting.

Remember we have 4 divisions playing for Club Championships -

Club Championship – All members eligible

B Grade – members with handicaps of 13 - 19

C Grade – members with handicaps 20 - 36

9 hole – all members eligible

Hopefully we can get lots of members playing – all trying to win the number one Major at our Club.

The latest from the Board is that, the clubhouse will be closing on Sunday 25th June. Naturally, because of this, there will have to be various changes to the way we play (i.e. submitting scorecards etc) after that date. So, it is important that everyone continues to check their emails so you can be alerted to these changes. Hopefully, such changes will be limited as we continue to play golf during the construction period of the golf precinct development site.

To “celebrate” the clubhouse closing, your Committee will be looking to have a low-key function, similar to our Presentation Day, with drinks and food for our morning and afternoon players. The date for this will be sent to you via email.

We would like as many members as possible playing that day. Even if you don't play, why not come down for a drink.

The day will just be a simple affair and we can all listen to various stories of the old days. So, make sure you bring all those old stories, true or enhanced, with you.

WAYNE BELGRE



VALE HAMISH (JAMES) ANDERSON



Check out the names on the men's Hole-in-One honour boards. Guess whose name appears there more than any member of the Club in its 60-year history.....James Hamish Anderson - SIX holes-in-one.

Proudly Scottish in background, 24-year member Hamish was an accomplished bagpipes player. Many would remember Hamish piping the pros to the shoot-out hit off point on the Club's Pro-Am annual day. At St Andrews Church at Longueville, he readily assisted by piping in the Haggis for the St Andrews Day luncheons on more than one occasion.

Formal positions held at various times and years included membership of the Board, Membership of the Men's Golf Committee, several times at the same time as a Board Director, Membership of the Pro-Am Committee.

In 2012, after a successful State Government grant of +\$20,000 was won by the Club for the provision of a wheelchair toilet in the clubhouse, Hamish assumed responsibility for the project, and he made good use of his professional skills as an engineer in taking on the planning, and then managing the associated building work.

Hamish did the same with the installation of another grant, from Golf NSW, the Members' shed, which allowed members to store their clubs as well as charging buggy batteries. Once again Hamish did the bulk of the work with labouring help from one less qualified. I wonder how many users noticed a plaque on this shed acknowledging Hamish's contribution! It could now be renamed the Hamish Anderson memorial shed in the little time left before it is moved, or before we lose it to the forthcoming demolition!

Before the time slot slipped off our block booking time, Hamish took responsibility for looking after the Sunday medley competition. This was a fun event and was instrumental in producing a number of new members whose first golfing experience was with the medley.

For some years Hamish worked with me on a weekly basis as we counted and recorded the diminishing takings from the Club's poker machine usage, with never an error in the balancing of the books. This task became a fortnightly then monthly one as use of the machines declined significantly prior to their removal from the Club several years ago.

He was frequently the first to raise his hand for any jobs that needed doing. I can think of no other member who so regularly volunteered for jobs around the Club. Hamish was always available and sometimes he may have over committed himself to the many tasks in a club such as ours which relied so much on volunteer support.

No matter how difficult the task, he had a go! I wonder how many members of our Club can make the same claim about their contribution to the Club.

Hamish, bantam sized, (he had played scrum half for Eastwood rugby club), was a fierce, sometimes aggressive protector of the course itself, and he was sometimes seen in "discussions" with members of the public taking advantage of our course and using it for practice, often damaging it, and failing to repair divots or pitch marks.

Can there have been a more assiduous finder/collector of golf balls? He had a collection running in to the thousands and he made a point of returning balls with identification marks to their owners across the years. I was a grateful regular receiver from Hamish, a bag of good-used Srixon balls. He made a point of topping up the supply "for the ladies". *Continued over*



VALE HAMISH (JAMES) ANDERSON continue

Hamish was very stringent on golf rules and associated personal discipline, and he would not tolerate carelessness in this regard with the result that he occasionally had altercations with members of the public not supervising their children. And sometimes with members as well!

Probably because of some of the above, Hamish was given the nickname The Sherriff, a name he was not always happy with as it hinted at an element of disparagement by some members who failed to appreciate Hamish's contribution to the Club, and who certainly did not go close to matching the commitment Hamish made.

Hamish was a fine golfer, reaching the playing status of a middle-ranked B Grader. He represented the Club on many occasions as a member of the Warren and Gibson teams. If not playing, whenever the Club entertained visiting clubs for pennant matches, Hamish could always be found tucked away as a "spotter" on the 2nd fairway.

Hamish leaves an unparalleled legacy of support and commitment as a proud member of our Club through generous volunteer participation, both on and off the course. At times irascible, at times difficult, at times irritating and at times pedantic, actions sometimes got heated. However, always his intentions were honourable and as remarked by Life Member Helen Prentice, his heart was in the right place.....!

RALPH SADLER,

a personal tribute with help from Helen Prentice and Ian Butters

MEN'S GOLF (Backy's Blurp)

GREETINGS ALL.

Sad news of our Club stalwart, Hamish Anderson's passing this month.

Hamish was an avid golfer and enthusiastic Club member, ably running the Sunday medley for many years and always ready to roll up his sleeves and lend a hand for any task around the Club that needed doing such as helping count the pokie cash, to frequenting the course at any time of the day as a self-appointed course marshal.



This last job occasionally got him into a bit of a pickle. I know for sure he would not be happy with the careless individuals who sneak on up the 11th and 4th to practice hacking the hell out of the turf with no attempt to repair their divots. A good reason for us to always carry a full sand bucket.

I played and enjoyed his company many times. One 2Ball Champs final comes to mind.

My young partner Tom Luck was having a bit of a meltdown on the 15th (not being helped by his enthusiastic caddy/father arguing as to what club to hit). Reluctantly, Tom hit his father's suggestion. It went long next to the bunker. Hamish rolls his onto the green, 5 metres under the hole. Tom chips in! Hamish laughingly strolls up and rolls in his putt for half. Hamish and partner took us right down to the wire with the final putt on 18 deciding the match.

He used to practice a lot and hit a low rakish draw which I believe is the reason for his remarkable record of hole in ones. The ball has a much better chance of holing out if rolling towards the hole as opposed to coming in from on high, I believe and his 6 hole in ones, accompanied by his standard ball flight goes a long way towards proving my point.

Vale Hamish and I bet he'll be running the Sunday medley in that big golf course in the sky by now.

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MEN'S GOLF *continued*



MENS GOLF RESULTS APRIL 2023

Monthly Medal; April

A Grade

Win Chris Taylor (7) 67 60 +scr R/up Alasdair Caush (12) 76 64

B Grade

Win Mark Simonson (14) 77 63 +scr R/up Walter Heim (19) 83 64

C Grade

Win X Ping (20) 80 60 +scr R/up Ian Hayes (23) 84 61

9 Holes Steve Tang (35) 21pts

Wednesday Wed 5/4

Win Andrew Reid (20) 41pts 2Ball agg Andrew Reid, Rod Paterson 77

Sat 8/4

Par Tim Sinclair (14) +4

2Ball vs Par Rick Mayhew, Alan Moss +10 c/b R/up Steve Tan, Alasdair Caush +10

Wed 12/4

Win Dave Martin (22) 40pts 9 Holes Ron Jeffrey (31) 12pts

Sat 15/4

Win Howard Shaw (22) 41pts

YELLOW BALL

The game much looked forward to by all. This year only 3 yellow balls were returned!

WINNERS; Wayne Belgre, Peter Doherty, David Leckie, Alasdair Caush 35pts c/b

R/up Doug Cameron, Gordon Beed, John Dowey, Graham Webster 35pts

Wed 19/4

Win Dave Leckie (14) 39 pts (new knees working well!) 2Ball Dave Leckie, Wayne Belgre 43pts

Sat 22/4

Mark Simonson (13) 40pts c/b R/up Alasdair Caush (12) 40pts (earning the tag, the countback kid')

2Ball Multi Bob Staley, Mark Simonson - 91 pts!!! (Blitzing the field with next best 65)

Veterans Trophy Mark Simonson 40pts **Super Veterans Trophy** Bob Staley 39pts

Wed 26/4

Win Xio Guo (18) 36pts 2Ball Multi Xio Gio, Paul Hofman 74pts

Sat 29/4

NIC CORISH MEMORIAL CHARITY DAY

Nic Corish Trophy Adrian Sue, Cindy Brown 40pts R/up Rhys Lenarduzzi, Yve Nikellys 39pts

Singles win Alasdair Caush (11) 41pts (shaking the countback curse)

2Ball Alasdair Caush, Jeff Back 48pts

Finally, this month saw the invasion of LIV GOLF on our Adelaide shores.

Opinions are varied from full support, it is argued, from folks who would never watch a golf game to golf, traditionalists who think it is a carcinogenic, calamitous, cacophony of crass over capitalized crap!

(Just saying) Cheers

BACKY

WOMEN'S GOLF



What a big month we've had with Easter and Anzac Day holidays in April and the annual Southern Highlands visit in this first week of May.

We've played a lot of golf including the Foursomes Championships, the Captain's Salver and the Sunday NSW Bowl 4BBB which was finally completed after being postponed for several weeks due to bad weather. Some of our ladies also played in the Centennial Cup on Easter Saturday and the Nic Corish memorial.

Ever since your correspondent joined in 2009, there has been anxiety amongst the membership about the future of golf at Lane Cove. Now, at last, the issue seems to have been settled with the course remaining open and the development of new sporting facilities going ahead.

For the women, the imminent loss of our club house and all the good times that are associated with it, has started to sink in. The women's committee is trying to plan for alternative social and admin routines. Thanks to Lisa Blackwell, Robyn Glover and Jo Hannay for stepping up to these challenges.

Our Club president Cindy Brown has had an even busier month than usual liaising with Council, making presentations, and keeping us informed with almost daily updates on the progress, or not, of the development project. She has also managed to fit in quite a lot of golf.

Let's look at Cindy's results over the past five weeks.

Centennial Cup on Easter Saturday:

Winners – Sharon Johnson (31) and John Dowey (20) +7 Congratulations, Sharon

Runners up – Cindy Brown (28) and Andrew Corish (8) +5

Nic Corish Memorial

Winners 2BBB – Cindy Brown (28) and Adrian Sue (29) 40 points

Round 1 Foursomes – Sunday

Scratch winners – Jo Cunningham and Cindy Brown 97

NSW Bowl 4BBB – Sunday

Winner of the day – Cindy Brown and Jo Hannay 40 points

Southern Highlands Stableford Thursday 4 May at Mount Broughton GC

Winner – Cindy Brown (33) 24 points

Congratulations Cindy on a great month and thanks from all the ladies for your managerial efforts. They are very much appreciated.

Southern Highlands



After two years of not being able to play golf, due to terrible weather on our annual trip to the Southern Highlands, it was very pleasing for thirteen players to arrive at Peppers Manor House in sunny weather on the afternoon of Wednesday 3rd May.

The wind abated in the evening and Thursday's 18-hole stableford was played in crispy conditions on the nearby Mount Broughton golf course. It is a long course with bullrushes and very long grass bordering most fairways. We found it very challenging.

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

As you can see above, Cindy's winning score was 24. Three 'runners-up' achieved 23 points. On a countback Sharon Johnson led Jacqui Brooks and Susan Ridd. Rosemary Hurford won the longest drive and Jan Sadler was Nearest the Pin.

On Friday, three teams of 3 and one team of 4 played a 9-hole Ambrose competition. Jan Sadler, our 'tour' captain, had organised the teams so that all teams had handicaps of 10 or 11. It was a close finish with only five points between the best and last scores. Congratulations go to the team comprising of Sharon Johnson, Robyn Glover and Janet Lean (11) winning with 37 points on a countback to runners-up Susan Ridd, Rosemary Hurford, Jan Sadler and Paulina Ingall (10)! It was a fun game played in mild, sunny weather. Perhaps we can play more Ambrose in the future?

Jan Sadler and Kerin Moorehead organised this trip away and thanks go to both for doing a fabulous job. Jan had only just arrived home from a great holiday in Europe but had obviously planned the golf well in advance, and Kerin collected the money, paid the bill, bought the prizes, and wrote a trivia quiz for our entertainment on Thursday evening. Like the golf, this was also pretty challenging.

Foursomes championships

Round 1 Thursday 13 May

Scratch Winners – Susan Ridd and Kerin Moorehead	93
Nett Winners – Susan Ridd (29) and Kerin Moorehead (40)	58.5

Round 1 Sunday

Scratch Winners – Jo Cunningham and Cindy Brown	97
Nett Winners – Rosanne Antico-Hall (39) and Linda Tsung (45)	70

Round 2 Thursday 20 May

Scratch Winners – Susan Ridd and Kerin Moorehead	99
Nett Winners – Susan Ridd (29) and Kerin Moorehead (40)	64.5

Round 2 Sunday

Scratch Winners – Suzique Doughty and Robyn Glover	90
Nett Winners – Suzique Doughty (19) and Robyn Glover (31)	65

Your correspondent and Kerin thought we might have it but our Club Champion, Suzique Doughty and Captain, Robyn Glover played a great second round and won the Championship by three shots. Sigh!

Congratulations Suzique and Robyn – 2023 Foursomes Champions

Susan and Kerin are the Nett Foursomes champions with 123 points.

Captain's Salver 27 April

This Stableford event alternates between Sunday and Thursday each year and is open to mid-week and Sunday players. This year, however, only ten Thursday players entered due to various absences and injuries. It was a lovely day for golf and the course seemed to play kindly. Our winner took advantage and came in with 36 points.

Congratulations: Winner of the Captain's Salver – Robyn McElvenny (40) 36 points

To add some extra interest to the day, two longest drive prizes were awarded:

Division 1	Susan Ridd	Division 2	Kerin Moorehead
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NSW Bowl 4BBB

In last Links, we reported that your correspondent, Susan Ridd (28) and Rosemary Hurford (36) were very excited to win this mid-week competition on Thursday 30th March with 43 points. We have been on tenterhooks for a month waiting for our Sunday players to finalise their part of the competition. On Sunday 30th April, the game was finally played in enjoyable conditions with Jo Hannay (30) and Cindy Brown (28) scoring 40 points ahead of Lily Guo and Hannah Xuan with 38 points.

Winners NSW Bowl 4BBB 2023 – Susan Ridd (28), Rosemary Hurford (36) 43Points,

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Good golf Tuesdays – Blue Course

On 4th April, Robyn Glover (27) won the 18-holes with 36 points, Susan Ridd (24) scored 21 points for 9 holes, coming in ahead of Mary Suter (40) with 18.

On 18th April, Kerin Moorehead (35) played well to win with 19 points. Mary Suter achieved 18 again, and Lindal Tearle (38) came in with 16 points which included a thrilling birdie on the gully hole - one shot to the flat and a chip straight into the hole! One to remember, Lindal.



**Rosemary Hurford and
Susan Ridd, NSW Bowl winners**

On Anzac Day, our visitor from Peregian Springs, Amy Thai (25) won the 18-holes with an impressive 38 and Mary Suter (40) had another excellent game to get 21 points for 9 holes.

On reading the results so far, you may have noticed that Joan Weine hasn't been mentioned. Unfortunately, Joan fell on the course a few weeks ago and is recovering from an injured shoulder. The competition is poorer for her absence. We have three medal rounds, played in conjunction with the Club Championships, coming up immediately. We hope you are well enough to play, Joan.

On a sad note, we would like to send our sympathy to Margot Anderson for the loss of her gregarious and bagpipe playing husband, Hamish, this last week. Hamish was very well known to all members of the Club. We are thinking of you, Margot, at this very painful time for you and your family.

Late News

Sunday Championship Round 1 and Medal 4 competition was played today (7 May).

Nett Winner – Lily Guo (24)	65
Scratch Winner – Lily Guo	89 CB
Runner-up – Suzique Doughty	89
Putting Winner – Robyn Glover	30

A great game, Lily. Good luck to everyone playing in the stroke rounds over the next three weeks. The stakes are pretty high with Medals and the Championships both on offer.

SUSAN RIDD

FOR SALE

IM4 Golf/Mobility Cart 4 years old garaged when not on the golf course. The cart can be used as a mobility cart with a basket on the rear. The basket has an insert bag to protect contents. Included are an unused set of ramps, a cart cover, tool kit, instruction booklet and battery charger. The batteries were replaced 12 months ago and have had little use due to weather and illness. Price \$2500 negotiable.

BARRY WATKIN

