



# LINKS

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For the information of members and their guests

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## **FROM THE BOARD**



As members would appreciate, the proposal to take over the management of the golf course has been the key priority for the Board in the last month.

We have had numerous meetings with Northbridge Pro Shop, Stuart Cameron, an accountant with experience in this concept, and of course Council staff.

To assist in getting various views and representation we've involved Peter Doherty from the Men's Committee and have been fortunate to have Graham

Webster devote considerable time to the financial implications.

Cindy Brown has been the key driver in working up the numbers, together with both Graham and Stuart McDonald, our Treasurer.

Scenarios have been developed on what the financials look like prior to the commencement of the building. The financials during construction are based on the assumption that the course will be available with modifications required to a few holes.

The Board believes it will be at least two years until building commences.

This week we are having a meeting with Council and will advise an update as soon as possible.

Many thanks to those members who attended the special general meeting at the Club on 21 April.



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

The year seems to be rolling along so fast with more and more major events being run and won.



Congratulations to Mark Simonsen on winning his second Major, the Singles Knockout, over a very determined “Pres” Dermot Duncan. The final went right down to the wire with Pres being unable to withstand the pressure mounted by Mark. Congratulations Mark

The next Major coming up is the Foursomes. Always a great event with plenty of stories to be told at the end. This year we will have one only qualifying round on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May and the

top 2 qualifiers in each grade will then play off for the Championship on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Please note that on the Foursomes qualifying day (15<sup>th</sup> May), there will not be another competition so everyone should look for that partner who will not hit them into trouble.

Another special event coming up at the end of May is the qualifying for the NSW 2 Man Ambrose. Winners of the event at Lane Cove go forward to the regional qualifying with a chance to win a place in the NSW final to be played at Bonville later in the year.

So, like the Foursomes, start thinking about picking the right partner to see if you can win our event and then go on to further glory.

Everyone will remember when COVID first started we introduced several rules to ensure we played golf in a safe environment. Recently I have been asked whether the “preferred lies” in bunkers still applies.

Well, up until now it has.

However, the Committee has decided it is now time to withdraw that local rule and go back to play as it lies in bunkers. So as of the May Medal (Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May), should your ball end up in a bunker you must play it as it lies.



And don't forget, please use the rake to smooth the bunker after you play. If you still feel unsure about touching the rake, at least use your feet to smooth the area from which you played.

Something that has come up recently involves members using an app on their phone to input scores to the computer. There have been instances recently where the score recorded in the computer differed from the actual scorecard when using the app.

It is essential that all members check the computer to ensure scores match that recorded on the scorecard and the app. All members should note the written scorecard is the official and only instrument used when determining scores.

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

One final note is a reminder to members to please consider others when booking on a Saturday for the next week's event. Recently we have had many instances where the booking sheet has virtually no spaces left by Saturday night but by the next weekend we have had several cancellations, sometimes whole lines cancelled. Often this is too late for members to book as they have made other arrangements.

So please consider others when booking on the "possibility" you may be playing the next week.

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## **MEN'S GOLF**

Greetings all.



Amazing to contemplate another month gone of 2021, marking a third of the year done and dusted. 'Time flies when you're having fun', they say. (Whoever 'they' is sure has a lot to say.)

I reckon time flies the older you get. It's a perspective thing. Consider a 4 year old; a year to them is 25% of their life, whereas Prince Phil, who we lost this month, for the discussion's sake, was 100. So a year to him is only 1% of his amazing life so it must have gone by in a flash from his outlook.

Time is precious and we are the lucky ones to be spending some of ours on our beautiful golf course pursuing that perfect shot every time we address that incorrigible ball.

This month's golf started with the CENTENNIAL CUP with Congratulations to the winning pair, Adrian Hall and Rose Antico Hall, with +7 followed closely by runners up Mon (Payao) McLeod and Andrew Limmer, +6. Well done to all the other participants, including the 7 NTP winners. There obviously was some very good golf played.

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

The final of the important major event, the SINGLES KNOCKOUT was played on the 10<sup>th</sup> April where Mark Simonsen beat Dermot Duncan, as recorded, 3 and 1. Speaking to Dermot, he thought it might have been 2 and 1, but none the less, he spoke of a couple of missed opportunities late in the second half, a 3 putt on 15<sup>th</sup> being a turning point for him

Congratulations to Mark Simonsen MENS MATCHPLAY CHAMPION 2021! As I've said before, truly one of the hardest comps to win and Mark is shaping up to be a tough opponent in this format and is, and will be, a valuable representative golfer in the future.



The MONTHLY MEDAL was played on the same day, with results as follows -

### ***A GRADE***

Winner; Dave Leckie (11) 73-62  
R/UP; Declan McMahon (8) 73-65  
Scratch; Chris Taylor 70

### ***B GRADE***

Winner; Rod Paterson (15) 79-64  
R/UP; Mark Thompson (19) 87-66  
Scratch; Rod Paterson 79

### ***C GRADE***

Winner; Steve Tan (22) 85-63  
R/UP; Dave Martin (20) 88-68  
Scratch; Steve Tan 85

A novelty event, added by our imaginative scheduler, was a nett aggregate, which was won by Steve Tan and Andrew Psalti with 132.



### ***YELLOW BALL TEAM EVENT***

A much anticipated annual game was played on 17<sup>th</sup> April. Many a story has gone down in history from this event and this year was no different.

WINNERS for the second year in a row, with 38pts, were TEAM YELLOW resplendent in their team shirts; Mark Simonsen, Bob Staley, Peter Siapos and subbing in for the AWOL Jim Patfield, John Joyce. (This point was made abundantly clear emblazoned on the back of John's jersey).

It was Mark Twain who wrote, "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society". These boys have proven the former, but here's a chance perhaps for a team next year to disprove the latter. Or would that be too many yellow balls for one team? Ruling please match committee!!!

A close second with 37pts was remarkable on a couple of fronts! Being a 3 Ball, not 4 Ball, and two players having handicaps over 30! Well done Doug Cameron, Ian Hayes and Frank Hurford. ***Continued over***

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

Now, this game is supposed to be an A Grader's game, as they rarely lose a ball and score consistently. If you had an A grader in your 'A' team that has for weeks sent the ball arrow straight off the first tee towards the green, it would be obvious to all that that's the man for the first tee shot.

Unfortunately a roping hook crept into his repertoire virtually overnight and sent the precious yellow ball rocketing towards the boutique suburb he had only recently departed. A tragedy well received by a certain yellow clad team staring them down in the gallery!

Special mentions in the dispatches go to;

- \* **Mark Thompson** who has had quite a month with r/up in the Medal and a couple of two ball wins.
- \* **Steve Tan** with a couple of singles wins and a team win.
- \* **The Doherty brothers** winning a 3s and 4s match earlier in the month.
- \* Also low markers **Ben Pearson** returning with **Mark Spence** to win the last Wednesday of the month with aggregate 68. WELL DONE ALL!

Next month we have the 'sorry partner champs', the Foursomes, a true test of mateship. Good luck to all.

***BACKY for and on behalf of EVAN JONES***

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



April has been a month of special events, including the Centennial Cup over Easter, Anzac Day and three rounds of Bronze I and II competitions, all played in beautiful autumn weather.

The course is looking green and picturesque after the abundance of rain in March and is now dry enough to provide some run. There have been some very good scores over recent weeks.

### ***GOOD GOLF***

Our relatively new member, Mon (Payao) McLeod, playing off 29, set the tone with her individual win in the Centennial Cup. She was in esteemed company, winning on a countback from Peter Doherty (5) and Wayne Belgre (10) with +1. Congratulations on a great game, Mon.

On the following Thursday, Round 1 of the Bronze I and II stableford competition was played and again Mon McLeod (28) won with 38 points. In the Sunday competition, Sharon Johnson (39) won the first round with 35 points. The winner of these competitions is the player with the best two scores over three rounds. There was no argument about who would win Thursday's Bronze I when Mon again played an outstanding game in Round 2 to score 43 points on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>. She won with an excellent total of 81 points. And yes, her handicap has come down to 27. Sharon Johnson, who has also reduced her handicap by two, won the Bronze II competition with 63 points.

The Veteran's Cup was played in conjunction and our President, Joan Weine (22) was the winner with 68 points. The Margaret Tanner trophy for players aged 70+ was played in conjunction with Round 3, and your humble correspondent, Susan (28) won the event with 38 points.

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

There have been some other notable results, especially on Tuesdays. Why is it that some of us play so much better on days that don't count for trophies? Your correspondent, Susan (29) and Sharon Johnson (39) were very excited to both come in with 41 points on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Blackwell's (48) name has appeared in the results as runner-up on four occasions with scores of 35, 39, 36 and 34 and we're looking forward to her handicap being reduced very soon. Rosemary Hurford (33) enjoyed her 9-hole game on Tuesday 27 and scored 24 points. Other winners during April were Yvie Nikellys, Jo Cunningham and Rosanne Antico-Hall.

## ***JUNIOR GIRLS' SCHOLARSHIPS***

As mentioned in April Links, Lane Cove is supporting a scholarship program for junior girls. At a very special event held at the Club on the afternoon of Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>, five young golfers, aged between 9 and 13 years, were inducted into the Australian Golf Foundation Junior Girls Scholarship Program.

Its founder, Bonnie Boezeman, who plays at Killara, was present and gave a talk which inspired all who were there including the girls and their families. The scholarship winners are:

***Cecilia Ko*** (9 years), who was Lane Cove Junior Girls Champion for 2020 and incidentally won the 9-hole competition on Sunday 2 May with 20 points.

***Zoe Ng*** (13 years)     ***Jane Tisdell*** (12 years)  
***Samantha Yu*** (9 years)     ***Iris Zhang*** (12 years)

The girls each received a welcome pack containing a special yellow shirt, a cap, some balls and a Lane Cove ball marker from President Joan Weine. Joan stressed their significance as rewards for winning and that they weren't commonplace.

It was a privilege to meet Bonnie and these aspiring young champions on this very enjoyable occasion. Thank you to the ladies committee and other helpers who provided afternoon tea. We look forward to hearing more about these girls as they progress during the year.



***L-R Joan Weine, Samantha Yu, Bonnie Boezeman, Jane Tisdell, Iris Zhang, Zoe Ng, Cecilia Ko, Kasey Dive.***

It is a pleasure to welcome new members Emily Fanning, Nola Van Huissteden, Margaret Kneller and Mary Suter.

The Sunday ladies were able to appropriately acknowledge Anzac Day recently with a small ceremony.

In May we have much to look forward to including a golf-away trip to the Southern Highlands, Margaret Tanner's 101st birthday, the Golf NSW Bowl and a monthly Medal.

## ***SUSAN RIDD***





## **NIC CORISH MEMORIAL DAY**

The Nic Corish Memorial Day was a great day of commemoration, fund raising and some outstanding golf. Thanks to all those who participated, particularly those who invited family members along, and the women's golfers for their support.

The winners of the Nic Corish Trophy for best 4 Ball score by a family team were stalwart Steve Barnes, who had the benefit of 2 sons-in-law playing with him to choose from, and Nick Fischer-White came good, the team having a winning score of 45 between them. They were closely followed by last year's winners Yvonne Nikellys with husband as runner up and Cindy Brown and husband were third.

The individual winner was a great performance by Paul Johnson with 41.

The alternative team's event would have gone to Steve Barnes, this time playing with Noel Rowlands. I don't know how Steve arranged to be a swinger with 3 people. But the Committee ruled only one prize per team. So, unless Steve Barnes lodges a late appeal, (Steve being a barrister) the winners have been declared as Jeff Hickson and Rod Paterson with 45 points. Congratulations to them.

The proceeds of the round were generously donated by the Club to the Nic Corish Memorial Fund with Beyond Blue.

We didn't emphasise donations but couldn't stop members donating about \$1500 online and in person. The total may be about \$2800 for the day which is a wonderful effort and takes the total sum raised on the Nic Corish Memorial Page to close to \$25,000.

As I mentioned after the round, 1 May was the third anniversary of Nic's death in London, which was a shocking and totally unexpected event. My family and I deeply appreciate the support of the golf Club and this commemoration of Nic's life. This was a great family event and hopefully plays a part in publicising issues of young people and mental health, the need to talk about these issues sometimes and that there are wonderful organisations like Beyond Blue who can help.



*Nic at St Andrews in 2016, where it is alleged that he recorded three birdies!*

## **ANDREW CORISH**





# Tee 4 Two BBQ Café

## MENU

### **ALL DAY BREAKFAST**

1	Bacon & Egg Roll	\$ 6.00
2	Ham, Cheese & Tomato Toastie	\$ 6.00
3	Pancakes w/o Maple Syrup	\$ 8.50
4	Egg, Bacon & Tomato on Toast	\$10.00
5	Big Breakky	\$13.50

### **BURGERS – with chips add \$3.00**

10	Choice of Beef, Chicken, Veggie or New Yorker Burger	\$10.00
11	Cheeseburger	\$10.50
12	Schnitzel Burger	\$11.00

### **CLASSICS**

13	Sausage & Onion Roll	\$ 5.50
14	BLT	\$ 7.00
15	Fish & Chips (w/o Salad)	\$14.00
16	Schnitzel & Chips (w/o Salad)	\$14.00
17	Pie & Chips	\$10.00
	Coffee	\$ 4.00
	Bowl of Chips	\$ 5.00

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