



Reef Breezes

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

1. WETLANDS PROJECT

The Club has submitted a Grant Application for the project. A decision will be given on the 1st March 2018. Thank you to Neil Hitchcock for his ongoing efforts.

2. CLUBHOUSE UPGRADE

I had a meeting with our Mayor Michael Regan who has accepted the position of Patron of Long Reef Golf Club. The meeting was very positive and included a discussion on renewing the current lease and other areas which will benefit the Club

3. FINANCE

The net profit for the month of October was \$107,284. The YTD net profit is \$142,410 which is \$77,658 ahead of Budget.

4. BY-LAWS

The Board has approved the final draft of the proposed new By-Laws which will be adopted on the 1st January 2018. The new By-Laws now has 14 sections less and is 29 pages in length compared to previously 31. There are 8 new sections covering Communication, Companion Animals, Occupational Health and Safety, Privacy, Canvassing, Car Parking, Drones and Discrimination and Harassment. Thank you again to Neil Hitchcock and David Costello for their efforts

5. MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING REPORT

Playing Membership is currently at 895 which is the highest in over a decade.

6. DEVELOPMENT LEVY

Over the next few years the Club plans to undertake major capital works (Wetlands project and Clubhouse Redevelopment) and while we are fortunate to have a healthy balance sheet, we need

to ensure our financial position remains viable and that any capital outlay does not put the Club at risk. It is for this reason that the Board has made the decision to increase the development levy from \$7 to \$10. As from 1st January 2018 the competition fee will be \$15. We are confident that this will be the only initiative that will directly impact members. Please also be aware that the 2018 members subscriptions will only be increased in line with CPI.

As this is the last From the Boardroom before Christmas, I would like to wish all members and staff a very happy & and safe Christmas.

Stephen Twigg

President

Note: This document is not intended to be a minute of the relevant Board meeting but is intended to provide members with a summary of the significant decisions made or issues discussed by the Board at its most recent meeting. Certain matters may be commercially sensitive, subject to privacy considerations or otherwise confidential and will not be included in this summary document.

Welfare Notes

The following is a brief update on some of the Members or Ex Members who we have been in contact with in recent times:

Max Glanville is now enjoying some Respite care at the Peter Cosgrove Centre, War Veteran's facility, Collaroy Plateau, having had some of his health issues stabilised.

Fred Loveridge is currently undergoing further treatment in Royal North Shore Hospital and is hopeful of getting back home in the next few days. The ever-smiling Sammy Gaundar, who recently had a complete knee replacement, is recuperating at home and progressing very well. Remarkably, he hopes to be back on the course by about the end of January.

Still on the subject of joints (of the bony kind), John Stuart, our esteemed Treasurer, was seen testing out his two new knees on the putting green and is straining at the leash to get back to competition golf very soon.

No doubt Members were very pleased to have the opportunity of catching up with some "old" friends at the Cocktail Party, including Past President Keith Huntingdon, Judy and John Lockhart and Shirley Loveridge.

Brian Cummins

Coordinator

CAPTAIN'S CORNER



I thought last week produced some high scores but this week topped it with Ric Wray recording 49 pts (not a misprint) and to top it off his 4ball partner Dave Prior had 45 with a 4BBB score of 57, it is understandable that the Ford/Bracey team with 51pts were a little put out.

In the NSW Women's Foursomes Championship Tanya Heber and Julia Bowen ran 4th but took out the net and just missed out on the Champion of Champions trophy by one shot.

The Captain's Cup on Sat was won by Jack Meakins with a fine 64.

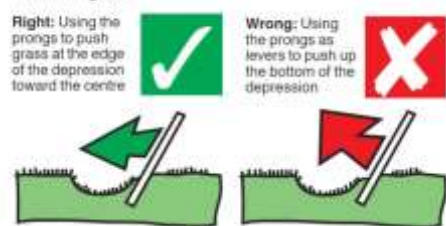
Thanks to Teed up for the prizes on Wednesday.

It was good to see some good rain even though it disrupted play. Remember if you feel you are in danger you can leave the course immediately.

Course Care.

The greens are under stress with the fickle weather and some disease. Please ensure you **properly** repair any pitch marks.

Pushing the bottom of the depression upward only tears the roots, and kills the grass.



Once repaired you should **only** see grass NOT dirt.

Juniors

More good results from our Juniors. Kai Komulainen was a member of the winning Ambrose team in Adelaide with 12 under, while sister Millie won the Adam Scott two-day girls B grade event at Sanctuary Cove with a massive 89 points.

Sam Newbrun will be running a 'Junior Camp' during the school holidays; dates are Tue 19 & Thu 21 Dec. Tue 16 & Thu 18 Jan. Details on notice board or Contact Sam to book on 0401 818 630

Avondale Times still a few left.. be quick

The times for Long Reef are as follows – there are 4 players for each time slot.

There is a fee of \$5 to play Competitions and no charge for 'Social' rounds.

Date - Dec	Time		Event
Sun 24	9.00am	Men	Stableford & Medley
Sun 24	10.00am	Mixed	Stableford & Medley
Sun 24	1.00pm	Men	Social

If you would like to use one of these times please advise Ben.

Christmas FUN Day

On Saturday 23 December we have scheduled a **Two Ball Ambrose**. It will also be the annual Christmas Dress Up Day so prepare your best Attire which should be respectable with a Xmas theme.

Christmas Invitation - this Sat

There are still a few PM spots on the timesheet. Green fee will be \$30/pair, which includes a Long Reef ball marker for your guest.

AM hit off 7.30am

PM hit off 1.00pm

There will be an AM presentation about noon and a PM presentation about 6pm

Hams and wine prizes.

Only a 7 Day member and their guest can enter and the **Guests Golf Link number MUST be included when booking in.**

New Chipping Green – at 1st Tee

The new green next to the new nets is now in play. Balls can only be chipped in a southerly direction and must not be hit from, or finish on the 'course' (marked by OOB posts).

Les Browne Captain

Vale Ronald Benedict Smith

Members were shocked to learn this week of the sudden passing of Ron Smith. His funeral service was held today.

Ron had been a Member of the Club for 29 years, having joined on 1st December 1988. Until recent times he was a regular playing member, particularly in Friday Club competitions.

Ron is survived by three sons, two daughters and their families. He was Grandfather to 12 children and Great Grandfather to three children.

On behalf of all Members, I extend sincere condolences to all Ron's family at this very sad time.

Stephen Twigg

President

FROM THE WOMEN



Congratulations to our 2017 Women's Foursomes Champions, Julia Bowen and Tanya Heber who last weekend competed at the NSW Foursomes Championships. Julia and Tanya were the Net winners of the Women's event and narrowly missed the Champion of Champions by 1 stroke. Very consistent golf on the day from 2 of our lowest markers to card a nett 73.

On Tuesday the Women's Annual Christmas Dinner and Concert was held.

Congratulations to all performers on a great evening. Special mention goes to first time concert conveners Angela Brown and Mandy Biffin who did a tremendous job coordinating the entertainment. Sincere appreciation to all committee members for their efforts prior to and on the evening. Special mention to Lynne Parsons for the unenviable task of seating plan and to Marg for her smooth running of the event.

The Christmas Fun Day will be held next Thursday 14th December and is a shotgun start. Dress up if you wish - prizes for innovative costumes. Entry is online. Teams may be 3 or 4 people. The 9 Hole Comp will be from the 1st Tee.

Good golf this week from Tanya Heber on Saturday, Diana Sier (16) 35points on Sunday. In Sunday's 4BBB Pauline and Kim McMahon scored 45 pts, Monica and Kurt Raidy 44 pts and Catherine and Brett Hancock 42 pts.

Good results in Tuesday's Single Stableford go to Larka Kliman who scored 37 pts, Karmon Whitford 33 pts and Maria Russell 32 pts and in the 9 Hole competition Marg O'Connell scored 22 pts, Jan Press 15 pts and Kerri-Ann Perks 14 pts.

Winners Thursday's Ambrose

1st Lynne Clayton (9.88) Net 59.12
Gay McCorby
Kim Sloane
Sue Smiles

2nd Jenny Watts (10.75) Net 61.25
Rosemary West
Emma Thurlow
Veronica Bertram

3rd Lyn Harper (13.38) Net 61.62
Cathryn Piper
Di Kirby
Kerry McCallum

NTP

7th Kathie Nelson
13th Emma Thurlow

9 Hole Ambrose

1st Judy Hore (15.83) Gross 45
Fay Sinnott
Anne Nielsen

2nd Helen Kook (20.0) Gross 48
Shirley Blackburn
Kaye Miller

Wendy Millson Women's Captain

What do new directors and ex Women's committee members do on a golf day?

They bring home the bacon from Cabramatta Golf Clubs Hams Day with a winning score of 91 pts.



Robyn McCormick, Natalie Driver, Jan Daniel, Pam Burke

RULES WITH GEORGE



QUESTION: In a stroke event, Peter was on the second green for one stroke and had a putt about one metre long. After putting, as his ball was moving towards the hole it struck a moving leaf which was being blown by the wind across the green. The ball was slightly deflected by the leaf and finished about 5 cm from the hole. Which is correct?

- Peter should tap his ball into the hole for a score of 3.
- Peter must cancel his first putt, replace his ball and putt again without penalty.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

On Thursday 12th December the women golfers will take part in their Annual Dress-up Fun Day. It is 22 years since the then Women's Captain Sandra Gillies included the event in the programme to fill a gap between Presidents and Captains Day and the Annual dinner, with Christmas. It is certainly now very much one of the very well supported "red letter" days of the year - well red, green, gold and any other colour that can be included in the costumes. Christmas is a dominating theme, but current affairs and general silliness play a part. The challenge is to play in all the gear as well as be ready to parade in front of everyone at the Presentation. Here the judges may be using varied criteria to award the prizes - originality, work load, quality of sewing and gluing! It will be a fun game of golf, using 3 clubs and a putter, with the added distraction of flowing garments, wigs and crazy hats.

The photographs below were taken on the tee in 1995, the first year of the Fun-day event.



L-R Pam Burke, Barbara Johnson and her daughter Tracey, Di Malloves, Nola Burke, Shirley Jenkins and in the front Nancy Leaver.



L-R Annie Dyer, Judy Hore, Lilith Gollan, Rebecca Goldsmith, Sandra Gillies, Shirley Blackburn, and in front Marie Fairhall.

As a point of interest these photos include those who went on to be our first female Gold Member, (Nola Burke), three Board Members, two Club Champions, two Life Members, four Women's Committee Captains, four Women's Presidents, multiple Secretaries, Treasurers, Handicappers and General Committee and a Partridge in a Pear Tree (or that could read an Australia accredited referee!)

(If you should ever need to know who did what - there are extensive lists in the Archives. Many thanks to Judy Hore for the recent updating typing.)

Sandra Mellowes

Weekly Results

Saturday 2 nd	Medal – Captains Cup	
Cup	Jack Meakins (14)	64
A Grade	Paul Rouse (7)	65
C Grade	David Halliday (29)	66
Women	Tanya Heber (11)	72
Scratch	Paul Rouse	73
NTP	2 nd M Saad, 13 th C Battams	
Balls		73cb

Sunday 3 rd	Stableford & Team	
Winner	Ross Hankey (18)	41
Team	P Ford/H Phillips	45
Mixed	A & G Gruzman	46
Balls		34cb

Monday 4 th	Stableford – small field	
Winner	Luke Cummins(7)	37
Balls		23

Tuesday 5 th	Stableford	
Men	Chris Pope (20)	36
Balls		32cb

Wednesday 6 th	Stableford & Teams	
Team	R Wray/D Prior	57
A Grade	Steve Sapsford (2)	40
B Grade	John Malcolm (13)	42
C Grade	Ric Wray (22)	49
Scratch	Steve Sapsford	38





Nikki Wiebe, Madame Vice-President of the Friday Club records her first ever win.

This Friday the 8th is the conclusion of the Friday Club for 2017.

We shall resume in 2018, likely on the 2nd of February as the last Friday in January is Australia Day.

Thanks to all members who played or supported the Friday club throughout the year.

Rob Keir **President**

Results for 1st December 2017

Division 1

1 st	John Williams	(9)	41
2 nd	Paul Garrod	(15)	40c/b

Division 2

1 st	Michael Smiles	(27)	45
2 nd	Ken Higgins	(25)	38

Division 3

1 st	Dale Ronald	(29)	37
2 nd	Sue Smiles	(30)	36

NTP

Div 1	Steve Spillane
Div 2	Wayne Grundy
Div 3	Nil

Balls to 34 c/b

BAR HOURS MON 11TH DEC

Please note due to our annual Staff Christmas Party, the bar will close at 5.30pm with the club closing shortly after at 6pm this Monday 11th December. Thank you for understanding and Merry Christmas

Alex Knight **Food and Beverage Manager**

BRIDGE CLUB



Results of Pairs competition 29th November

N/S

1 st	Jan Steward/Phyllis Way
2 nd	Val Miller/ Joan Rutherford
3 rd =	Jan Byrne/Flo Stanton
3 rd =	Elaine Luscombe/Judy O'Brien

E/W

1 st	Jan Herringe/Mary McAdam
2 nd	Ada Duignan/Trish Turner
3 rd	Rae Milsted/Elaine Coldham

RULES WITH GEORGE



ANSWER: b. is correct. The leaf which deflected Peter's ball in motion, after his stroke on the putting green, was a moving outside agency other than a worm, insect or the like so **Rule 19-1b** applies. If a player's ball in motion after a stroke on the putting green is deflected or stopped by any moving or animate *outside agency*, the stroke is cancelled and the ball **must** be replaced and replayed. If Peter had failed to replay his stroke he would have incurred a penalty of 2 strokes for playing from the wrong place and breaching **Rule 19. Decision 19-1/3 applies.**

**WHAT'S ON?
ON THE COURSE**

Dec

Sat 9	Xmas Invitation
Thu 14	Women's Xmas Fun Day
Fri 22	Nine & Dine
Sat 23	Ambrose - Xmas Dress Up Day
Mon 25	Course Closed
Thu 30	Left Handers Golf Association C'ships

IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Dec

Mon 25	Clubhouse Closed
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HOLE ADVERTISING AND CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS AT LONG REEF GOLF CLUB

As part of the LRGC Strategic Plan the Board has made a commitment to renovate our ageing Clubhouse over the next four to five years. We hope that through the club's continued profitable performance, government grants, bank loans, community and council support and other fund raising initiatives we can meet the cost of this project.

The first fund raising program will be the installation of sandstone blocks on the 18 tee boxes where all funds raised through hole advertising and corporate partnerships will be allocated to the renovation of our clubhouse. There is an opportunity to come on board and promote your business to over 60,000 rounds of golf played at Long Reef every year and more than 125,000 clubhouse visits. Included in the hole advertising package is:

- Signage on the sandstone block of a selected hole
- Advertising on the golf cart GPS on the selected hole
- Two dedicated corporate partners Screens in the clubhouse
- Monthly Corporate Newsletter Advertising
- Logo and link on LRGC Corporate Partners page
- Opportunity to sponsor or run promotions through members competitions

We would like to offer our Members the first opportunity to advertise at Long Reef Golf Club before opening up to local businesses, suppliers and industry based corporates. Please contact Ben in the office on 9971 8113 or ben@lrgc.com.au



MEMBERS' COCKTAIL PARTY



Ball and voucher Credits

Members please be aware that your Pro Shop/ Teed Up account is no longer available to go into Debit. This does not mean you are unable to use your ball and voucher winnings in the shop. To the contrary, we would encourage you to! The credit that you see through your members' portal is available to be spent in the Shop at any time.

If you currently have an outstanding bill with the Pro shop you are also able to use the credits in your portal as payment

With the new system on board in the shop there has been some confusion regarding the accounts so if you would like to discuss further please call the pro shop at any time

Thanks
Danny

WEEKLY PROSHOP SPECIALS

Hi Members,

Christmas is approaching rapidly so it is time to start thinking of what gifts to buy your friends and family. Below is just a couple of items currently in stock at ridiculously low prices. We are participating in the On-Course Summer Sale, so be sure to grab a copy of the catalogue off the counter to find other amazing deals. If we do not stock the item you are after, do not hesitate as we will get it in for you. If you can't make your mind up on any gift item you can't beat an On-Course gift voucher which can be used for everything in the shop, as well as green-fees, carts and lessons with our teaching staff.

In addition to these on course deals, current shop specials include the following:

- **30% OFF ALL Ladies Birdee Clothing**
- **20% OFF Men's Footjoy Shorts**
- **15% OFF ALL BAG'S IN STORE**
- **SPEND OVER \$150 IN STORE AND RECEIVE A FREE MIZUNO TECFLEX GLOVE VALUED AT \$25 FOR FREE!**

ENJOY YOUR WEEKEND!

THE PROSHOP TEAM

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