



# Reef Breezes

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board I would like to wish all our members, staff, guests and their families a wonderful and safe Christmas and a magnificent new year. My tip for a happy Christmas is to play more golf, spend more time at the Club and avoid going to the Mall.

**Stephen Twigg**

**President**

## CAPTAIN'S CORNER



### Long Reef – Top Scores Again

In the recent Golf Australia (Express) publication they listed the “50 Favorite Golf Courses in Australia for 2017”. Long Reef rated 6<sup>th</sup> ahead of the likes of NSW, The Lakes, Royal Sydney, Kingston Heath, The Australian, Royal Adelaide, and no other Northern Beaches course rated a mention.

The comment was “Spectacular views with interesting, beautifully maintained golf holes. What more could you want.” ...But we all know this...

See full report <http://express.golfaustralia.com.au/#folio=52>

Was good to catch up with Scott McGuinness who played here Wednesday but struggled with the sledging from his partners. Scott is in his 13<sup>th</sup> year on a PGA tour and in 2018 is on rookie Conrad Shindler's bag.



Caddying for Matt Jones in his 2014 Shell Houston Open win.

## Christmas Invitation

Was a great success with 120 Guests enjoying the course and hospitality. Thanks to all the staff who made the day.

### Course Care.

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

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

### Juniors

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

### Masters Pennant

After two successful seasons we are looking to go a couple better in 2018. We have drawn Cromer, Strathfield and Richmond in the home and away contests. The dates are 29 Apr, 6, 20, 27 May 7, 17 June with finals over the following 4 weeks. The matches are played on Sundays around 11am

If you are 50 or over on 29 Apr, on a handicap of 3 or better, available for the above dates, and wish to be considered for selection please advise the Office or the Team Captain Doug Campbell.

### Avondale Times still one left. be quick

There has been a late cancellation on Saturday 23 Dec at 11.30am for 4 (Male) players. Comp fee \$5. If you would like to use this time, be quick and let Ben know.

### Christmas FUN Day – This Saturday



The event will be 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. Prizes for best dressed up individuals and best group.

As this is the last newsletter for 2017, would like to thank Lilith, George, Phil and Michelle for their input and editing.

All the best for the Festive Season, be safe and well. Looking forward to a good 2018

Dear Santa,  
  
This year I'd like a  
**LARGE** bank account and a  
**LOW** golf score. Please  
don't mix them up like last  
year!  
  
Thanks,

**Les Browne**

**Captain**

## FROM THE WOMEN



This week has seen much frivolity with the Annual Christmas Fun Day being played with the Dress Up costumes and subsequent parade. We were privileged to be in the company of the Morning Stars, Turkey Basters, Greenkeeper's Assistants, Rays of Sunshine, Bonnie Longy Lassies, Christmas Tees and the Irwin family made an appearance from holidays complete with snakes and crocodiles. Lovely to see some "babies first Christmas" – but not sure what they were drinking. A good time had by all.

Our new Women's Committee held their first meeting this week and as we farewelled our outgoing members we made plans for 2018. We will send a note out in early January detailing some changes and sharing some exciting plans. It has been wonderful having Jan, Robyn and Kim on the Committee and their contributions have been enormously valued. Jan has been an extremely dedicated convener of the Rookie Programme and we are delighted to announce that 6 women have joined the membership group with more to follow. Wonderful work and thank you to all who have worked alongside these women and shared in the preparation to joining the club. I will be in contact with our women members to provide mentoring roles to these women.

Welcome to Judy Gietz, Karen Pethybridge, Maryann Ward, Jude Sandvoss, Trish Timms and Lisa Mackenzie.

Good golf this week from Julia Bowen (2) who won Saturday's afternoon field with 34points. Pauline McMahon (26) was Sunday's winner with 34pts on C/B. Steve and Maria Russell won the mixed 4Ball with 47points. Di Murray (23) was the Monday winner with 36points and a fabulous 40 point round saw Lyn Ashton (40) take Tuesday's prize. Pauline McMahon was a close second with 39points. In the 9 Hole competition it was great to see Marg Mullins (37) win the day with 20points.

### Some dates to remember

Next week is a Stableford round from the first tee only.

Women's Opening Day is Thursday February 1, 2018 and will be a 4BBB v Par. 1 score to count. 8am shotgun start. Competition dues will be payable on that date or soon after.

Women's Weekend Opening Day will be Sunday February 4, 2018. This will be a 4BBB Stableford. We will have a block booking on that day. Weekend competition dues will also be payable. Both these events will be online entry.

### Rookies Results (apology for last week)

#### Tuesday December 5 11 Holes.

Winner Michelle Ison (R43) 19 points

Runner up Sally Woodey (R41) 18points C/B  
Balls to Lisa M, Jude S, Trish T, Robyn L and Babs R.

Wendy Millson

Women's Captain

## CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

### 4BBB PAR

1 <sup>st</sup>	Linda Sinclair	(33)	
	Colleen Thompson	(34)	
	Robyn Storey	(37)	+12
	Carolyn Howells	(37)	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Meriam Matheson	(25)	
	Jeanette Nell	(24)	
	Sandra Gillies	(17)	+11cb
	Sandra Mellowes	(32)	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris Hasler	(43)	
	Kerry McCallum	(34)	
	Mary Payne	(38)	+11
	Gilda Severino	(22)	

### NTP

7 <sup>th</sup>	Elaine Coldham
13 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Millson

### Longest Drive

Div 1 (0 – 30) Sandra Gillies

Div II (31 -45) Dani Montgomery

### 9 Hole Comp

Marg Mullins	(37)	
Carol Cummins	(35)	
Betty Twight	(44)	+3
Arlene Veith	(37)	

Longest Drive Hole 1 Marg Mullins

## RULES WITH GEORGE



**QUESTION:** In a stroke event, Ryan was on the second green for two. He lifted and cleaned his ball and waited for his turn to putt, putting the ball in his pocket. He placed a ball on the correct spot and holed the putt. When he removed the ball from the hole he realised that he had used his spare ball in his pocket to putt. Which is correct?

- a. Ryan's score for the hole is 3.
- b. Ryan's score for the hole is 5.
- c. Ryan has played a wrong ball so must correct the error before hitting off the 3rd tee. He must add a 2 stroke penalty for playing a wrong ball, and putt out with his original ball.

### Welfare Notes

As I indicated a little while ago, John Briscoe and Neil Hitchcock have joined me in undertaking, at least to the best of our abilities, the Welfare functions set out by the Club's Board. These include: Telephone contact with ill/injured Members, home/hospital visits, bereavement support, and the preparation of correspondence and of items for inclusion in "Reef Breezes"

I am now very pleased to say that Marg O'Connell, President of the Women's Committee has joined our little group.

If you are aware of any Member who you believe might be in need of some form of assistance, please contact one of the above. Our contact numbers are in the Program Book.

We wish all Members a peaceful and safe Christmas period and our thoughts are especially with those Members and their families who are going through a tough time just now.

**Brian Cummins**

**Coordinator**

### WHAT'S ON? ON THE COURSE

**Dec**

- Fri 22** Nine & Dine 4.30 Shotgun  
**Sat 23** Ambrose - Xmas Dress Up Day  
**Mon 25** Course Closed  
**Thu 30** Left Handers Golf Association C'ships
- Jan**
- Sat 6** Medal/Summer Cup/Founders Cup  
**Sat 13** Summer Cup  
**Fri 26** Australia Day 2 Tee start

### IN THE CLUBHOUSE

**Dec**

- Mon 25** Clubhouse Closed

## HOLE-IN-ONE!

Sam Newbrun from the pro shop played in the Commercial Club Albury Pro-Am on Wednesday where he recorded his first ever hole in one!

And what a time to do it!!! He drove home in a new C330 Mercedes-Benz valued at over \$80,000 thanks to Baker Motors for his hole in one on the par-3 10<sup>th</sup>!



## BRIDGE CLUB



Results of Pairs competition 6<sup>th</sup> December

**N/S**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Kaye Miller/Judy O'Brien  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Helen Gunther/Josie Murray  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Una Mingay/Peggy Hulton

**E/W**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** Joyce Low/Shirley Blackburn  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Lilith Gollan/Helen Kook  
**3<sup>rd</sup>** Pru Haydon/Noeleen Stewart



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

As our six and a half years as a committee draws to a close it is timely to thank everyone who has contributed in any way to the 'work' we do and to wish everyone a Happy Christmas. So thank you to all the Archive committee members and all those who in the club, present, and past members who have give us extra information, and made donations or loans. As the Committee tries to complete the aims of preserving and copying material, filling in the gaps in our recorded history and adding recent achievements, we are reminded of how the club has been built on layers of members paying fees, levies, and contributing as volunteers both intellectually and physically. Perhaps one of the roles of the Archive Committee is to keep the history and club's culture alive and spread the word!

There are many members that we would like to have met for a chat and an interview! Our first committee men from 1921-22 for example, or Annis Soutar the first female Life Member who was Associate President for 16 years from the late 30's. As well there are the likes of Wally Smith, a great player from the 20's and administrator in the 50's, and President Sneddon who battled a three cornered fight to keep the club going during the war. It could all so easily have ended then and there and we certainly wouldn't be preparing for our 100th birthday in 2021.

As a Committee we have the confidence to start listing the most notable 100 moments and/or members ready for the birthday, and it is hoped that all members can contribute to this list. Perhaps this can be your homework over the Christmas break! Happy Christmas everyone



The newsletter is a great resource for future Archives and in its on-line format is read far and wide. Someone who reads it regularly is former member Pat Robison who is having a special birthday on Saturday. Happy 80th Birthday Pat. Pat now lives in Ballina, and although she is now a cool weather golfer at the Club that runs along her back fence, she keeps active on summer days, Ten-pin

bowling in the air-conditioning! Pat was a member from, 1985-2014. She was a Bronze star with so many winning moments including the Premiership on five occasions. Pat played Pennants for years, was on the Women's Committee and was the first woman on the Friday Club Committee. Pat was a great supporter of the club and a very special member.

**Sandra Mellowes**

## FROM THE COURSE



We have had a few hot days this week but missed out on the thunderstorms.

The amount of rain we have been getting is not enough to keep the course green for long which is very stressful for the grass. A lot of energy goes into the grass regenerating every time it rains and within a week it is dying again making the plant weaker each time.

The greens are also suffering with the dam levels being so low for so long the water quality is very poor. When it does rain and water does enter the ponds it is very dirty water from the local roads and drains which brings lots of rubbish and oil residue. They seem to be still predicting a wet Christmas which would suit green keepers fine at this point.

2017 has been around 400mm short of average rainfall.

The new turf areas are all establishing well and have already been cut a number of times. These areas will hopefully be back in play very soon.

As we near the end of another year we wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and let's hope 2018 is good to everyone, Merry Christmas!

## Weekly Men's Results

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Invitation Stableford & 4BBB

<b>AM 4BBB</b>	Andrew Daddo/Richard Ryan		
		47	
<b>AM Member</b>	Max Rennix		40
<b>AM Guest</b>	Robin Farr		39
<b>PM 4BBB</b>	James Hobday/Kaj Humlin		54
<b>PM Member</b>	Peter Klauser		42
<b>PM Guest</b>	Adam Frost		42

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Stableford & Team

<b>Winner</b>	Steve Holdstock	(22)	42
<b>Team</b>	P Bardwell/A Kim		47
<b>Mixed</b>	M & S Russell		47
<b>Balls</b>			34cb

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Stableford

<b>A Grade</b>	Derek Jensen	(10)	39
<b>B Grade</b>	Nick Lagreca	(15)	41
<b>C Grade</b>	Neil Armstrong	(19)	41
<b>Scratch</b>	Mark Cruise		35
<b>Balls</b>			36

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Stableford

<b>Men</b>	Ken Higgins	(25)	43
<b>Balls</b>			35cb

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Stableford & Teams

<b>Team</b>	RB Brennan/K Wyss		52
<b>A Grade</b>	Mark Lenz	(8)	46
<b>B Grade</b>	Konrad Wyss	(17)	43
<b>C Grade</b>	Noel Langthorne	(28)	43
<b>Scratch</b>	Ian Brown		40
<b>NTP</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> T Waters, 13 <sup>th</sup> & Circle J Gough		
<b>Balls</b>			35cb

**Hole in One** Jesse Gough

## RULES WITH GEORGE



**ANSWER: b. is correct.** Ryan has not played a wrong ball but has played a substituted ball when not permitted to do so. The substituted ball became the ball in play with a penalty of two strokes. He is required to play out the hole with the substituted ball, which he did, so his score for the hole is 5. He is not required to replay his putt. **Rule 15-2 and Decision 15-2/3 apply.**

## SOFTDRINK VENDING MACHINE

From Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, there will be a soft drink vending machine available on the course close to the 13<sup>th</sup> tee. Drinks available will be waters, Powerade and soft drink.

## FROM THE EDITOR

This is the last edition of Reef Breezes for 2017. We'll be back on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Many thanks to all who have contributed throughout the year – President Steve, for the Board, Captains Les and Wendy, Rules expert George, Sandra for the Archives, Course Superintendent Peter, Brian for Welfare, Rob and Bob for the Friday Club, all the team managers and captains who have reported on the progress and activities of their teams, Pro-Shop staff and all those who have sent in stories and photos.

Thank you to Anthony and the Office staff, with particular mention of Michelle who makes it all possible with her technical expertise and her interest in collecting and keeping photos of the course and its wildlife. Phil's attention to proofreading and ensuring that members' names are spelled correctly is invaluable.

