



# Reef Breezes

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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER



A great win at home against The Aussie last Sunday and some fine performances at home. James Hobday had his best round ever, Steve Sloane and Trevor Lobb with +6 on Wed, however the highlight was on Wed where members had a drink thanks to Ric Larkins hole in one on 13 (and 40 balls for the circle).. This was Rick's 6<sup>th</sup> hole out and he has averaged one every 12 years, so he will be 94 when he does it next!!!

### Booking in and Cancelling your Time

With full timesheets and waiting lists on Wednesday and Saturday it is imperative that if you can't play you cancel as soon as possible. This gives other members the opportunity to get a game.

Recently there has been an average of 30+ members cancelling just before the day they play with half of these cancelling on the day and 6 or 7 less than 10 minutes before their allotted time.

Also please, when making a group booking, ensure all players are available to play.

The Match Committee is looking at options to minimize these late cancellations.

### 4Ball Knock Out

The Semi Finals on Saturday are

M Frith & A Koch v D Karlsson & J Bowen

G Davies & J Davies v C Battams & M Hodgett

### The New 'World Handicap System'

Golf Australia has just announced Australia will adopt the new World handicap System (WHS) in 2020 (may be before if the 'systems' can be updated timely).. extract from the GA advice;

#### *What will the WHS changes of substance be for Australia's clubs and golfers?*

1. *There will be a Hard Cap of 5 strokes as per GA's current regulation. There will also be a Soft Cap at 3 strokes which will be a new regulation for Australia.*

The Soft Cap will allow a player normal increases in their GA Handicap unless it increases to 3 strokes above their best GA Handicap from the previous 12-month period. Above this point the GA Handicap will only be permitted to increase by 50% of the calculated amount.

2. *The Daily Handicap calculation will be changed to incorporate the difference between the Scratch Rating and the Par.*

This is all that needs to happen to enable 36 Stableford points (or net par) to become the equitable measure of whether a player has played to their handicap, irrespective of the course or set of tees. To determine a WHS Daily Handicap GOLF Link will start by performing the exact same calculation as currently occurs under the existing GA Handicap System. And then it will simply adjust this amount by the difference between the Scratch Rating and the Par.

This second item is quite a change and will take some thought to get our head around it... More details after we have had a good look at the changes.

You might be interested in the GA 'press release' and subsequent comments.

<http://www.golf.org.au/newsdisplay/world-handicapping-system-gets-nod/99732>

### Time Sheets

With the change in Sunrise there will be some minor changes in hit off times which will again change when daylight saving finishes.

Les Browne

Captain

## FROM THE WOMEN



Matchplay has been a prominent feature this week. Wild conditions on Tuesday saw the regular field retreat to the coffee shops, however the brave match players played on for their results. Some well fought matches going down to the wire. Great to see some of our newer members working through Matchplay. Thank you to their opposing players for guiding them.

Women were well represented on Monday evening at the Member Information evening. Our Grade team headed to Castle Hill for their first match against Carnarvon. Jenni Brown, Catherine Gould, Jennifer Jansson, Karen Smith and Sandra Gillies (F/C) were ably supported by caddies Robyn McCormick, Rosemary West, Mick Snell, Wendy Millson and Diana Sier. Thank you to those women who have stepped up to caddying roles. We wish Natalie Driver all the best for a speedy recovery.

### Reminders

Stroke round on March 8.  
Entry in locker room on blue sheets.  
Par round on March 15  
Entry sheet in locker room. This will be in mixed divisions  
Team event on March 22 after the course renovation

### Winners this week

**Saturday** Karen Smith (13) 39pts  
**Sunday** Josephine Garrett (27) 39  
No Monday or Tuesday Women's competition

### Thursday Stableford

**Div 1** Fiona Bone (16) 33  
**Scr** Jenni Brown 24

**Div 2** Marg O'Connell (20) 34  
Julie Simpson (27) 33  
Lynne Parsons (26) 32

**Div 3** Di Muncke (38) 37  
Kerry McCallum (35) 35  
Judy Gietz (45) 34

## NTP

7<sup>th</sup> Fiona Bone  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shot 10<sup>th</sup> Lorraine Dickinson  
13<sup>th</sup> Susan Hay

**9 Holes** Sandra Gillies (16) 20  
Jean Conway (44) 19

Congratulations to our Long Markers match play finalists Lyn Ashton who will play Sharyn Hillman on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**Wendy Millson Women's Captain**

## RULES WITH GEORGE



**QUESTION:** In 2017 Tim and James were playing in a stroke event. On the 14th hole both players hit their tee shots left and they were both in the lateral water hazard. Both players were using a Srixon ball. Tim found a ball and played it from the lateral hazard. James found the other ball about 20 metres farther down and said to Tim. 'It looks as if you played my ball Tim. Bad luck you have played a wrong ball. Lucky for you there is no penalty for playing a wrong ball from a hazard'.

Tim was relieved and they sorted out the problem. James **placed** a ball on the spot from where Tim had played his ball and played out of the hazard and Tim identified his ball as the second one found and played it out of the hazard. Clearly, James has now played two strokes but which of the following is correct with regard to the number of strokes played by Tim?

- a. Tim has played 2 strokes.
- b. Tim has played 3 strokes.
- c. Tim has played 4 strokes.
- d. Tim has played 5 strokes.





## LONG REEF FRIDAY CLUB

Aided by fine weather the Friday Club is off to a great start for the year with fields up by 40% on last year.

Scores in the three divisions have been fantastic over the first three weeks with the winners averaging 43 points and the runners up nearly 40.

We have had a number of afternoon shotgun starts as we move our times to accommodate corporate days which provide substantial income for the LRGC. We will revert to normal times gradually over the weeks ahead.

Just a reminder that all members of LRGC are welcome to play and invite guests, and that across the three divisions we cater for players of all levels.

**Rob Keir**

**President**

Results of competition on 16<sup>th</sup> February

### Division 1 (1-19)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mark Broadhead	(12)	40 c/b
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Laurie McCourt	(16)	40 c/b

### Division 2 (20-27)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jens Knoop	(23)	41
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John McCririck	(23)	40 c/b

### Division 3 (>27)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Hanson	(36)	38
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Hanson	(34)	36

## BRIDGE CLUB



Results of Pairs competition on 14<sup>th</sup> February

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jan Byrne/Jean Kirk
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Helen Crott/Mary McAdam
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joyce Low/Trish Turner

### E/W

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jean Morey/Kay Brideau
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sue Cameron/Gail Thompson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rae Milsted/Lilith Gollan

## MAJOR PENNANT

Our opponents for the second week in a row, The Australian GC, were obviously thrilled to be met with a perfect windless Sunday morning at Long Reef. Thankfully they were not so happy leaving the Peninsula, with the LRGC major pennant team delivering a magnificent display to record a 5-2 win and set up some thrilling games for the next 4 Sundays.

Pride of place in this week's summary goes to Tom Bateman, who was 7-under par through 14 holes in recording a facile 5&4 win at Number 3. As his caddy Mick Snell reported, Tom played like a professional and showed true strength of character to rebound from his struggles of a week earlier. Geoff Cranfield was similarly impressive on his return after successfully representing Australia in New Zealand. Cranny made some great birdie putts when they mattered to beat one of the country's top amateurs 2&1 in Game #2; this performance proved inspirational to the rest of the team.

As we have come to expect, Anthony Stockini was rock solid in Game #7 and beat another rising star from The Australian on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Clayton Small showed great resilience in overcoming injury and fighting back late in Game #4 to win 2-up and get his revenge from a week earlier. Chad Mackey won his first pennant game in Long Reef colours, winning the battle of the big hitters 1-up in Game #6. Chad was effusive in his praise of super-caddy Jamie Duff.

Matt Saad and Khan Gallagher ran into birdie machines in Games #1 and #5 respectively and were certainly not disgraced in defeat.

Thanks to Snelly, Duffy, Rob Watson, Matt Oaten, Pete Watson, Dwayne Stockini and Andrew Frith for giving up their Sunday mornings to caddy for us. It is greatly appreciated and immensely valuable.

We are at home again next Sunday against Cabramatta, when tougher 'local' conditions are anticipated. Your support would be most welcome. We were greeted with perfect golfing

**Sean Lee**

**Team Manager**

## Maintenance Man

If any members are looking for some extra work we need a handy man to complete various chores around the club for 2 days a week over the next month until Colin returns to work.

Referrals from members also welcome.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Special February dates

#### The Official Opening



As has been mentioned before in the Reef Breezes at this time of year, the Club decided all those years ago to hold the Official Opening of the Course and Clubhouse on 17th Feb 1923. It celebrated the completion of the bungalow style construction that fitted in so well with other homes in the Basin, eighteen months after play on the course had begun. On display in the Members' bar at the moment is a photo of the day, showing seated guest and decorative bunting. This smaller photo shows everyone in their finery.

The following extracts are taken from an account at the time written in the *Golf in Australia* Publication. It was Vol 1 No 1 of the magazine!

“The waiting lists of Metropolitan clubs is enormous. It is pleasant to note that another club has been added to the list, namely Long Reef Golf Club which was officially opened by Sir W. Vickers, President of Bonnie Doon. The whole affair was a great success and the Club are to be congratulated on their links and particularly the site which was chosen for the laying down of the course.”

“One of the attractions of the afternoon was a match played by Eric Apperley and Carnegie Clarke, vs Merrilees and Soutar, the game being followed by a large and enthusiastic gallery. Later visitors were given the opportunity of playing over the links. The afternoon terminating all too soon, leaving an impression of welcome, hospitality and success.”

Three months later the magazine completes a detailed hole by hole review of the course. Much too long to repeat here, but the introduction gives an idea of how well the course was received.

*Golf in Australia* - April 1923.

"Long Reef Golf Course is beautifully situated in

Griffith Park, ... standing on the 5th tee the players have a magnificent panorama before them of golden sands, foam topped breakers and bold headlands. he greens are small but are being enlarged... It is an ideal summer course for on the hottest day there is

always some breeze, especially on the Headland. The course is proving a great asset to the town as about a hundred houses have been built since it was opened.” (Ed. From when play began in 1921.)

"At present there are nine holes but the intention is to extend to the full 18. There is excellent ground available but it is a matter of expense to level it off. Several sand hills overtop a swamp which could easily be filled in by trucking the sand down. The sandy soil would make ideal golfing country and a fine nine holes added thus be added to those already existing. Perhaps the Warringah Shire Council, recognising what an asset an 18-hole course so beautifully would be to the district might be induced to lend its assistance.”

Well we know that gradually through the late 20's, under the guidance of, initially, Club Captain William Whytock, and the design of Manly and also Long Reef's Professionals, Dan Soutar and Frank Eyre, the course very slowly became 18 holes. The full course was reported as finally 'in play' in February 1932.

“.. and despite the dry spell is in excellent condition which is all to the good for the country visitors who are sampling its charm.”

The Club did not take the option to fill in the swamp. In fact the sand Hills remained until 1943, instead pipes were used to drain the wetland in the direction of the Basin and Fisherman's Beach. “..It is intended that the full course will be officially opened in conjunction with the open mixed foursome on April 2 which is incorporated in the golf tournament of the Sydney Harbour Bridge Opening.”

What a difference the opening of the Harbour Bridge would make to members travelling from the city, but the Club was still very much a part of the weekender and holiday scene. In the summer of 1931-32, this use of the course idea could only have helped. “A new and much appreciated innovation is the regulation permitting visitors to play at all times without restrictions.” We can't begin to compare February 2018 with the February of 1932!



Club House late 20's

*Resources - Golf in Australia - quotes from notes made by Ross Lanes.*

**Sandra Mellowes**

## Men's Weekly Results

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>		Irish Stableford	
A Grade	Jason Green	(10)	80
B Grade	Stuart Mulvena	(17)	79
C Grade	James Hobday	(20)	88
Women	Karen Smith	(14)	78
Scratch	Ross Bockman		Par
NTP	2 <sup>nd</sup> B Kinsella, 13 <sup>th</sup> J Green		
Balls			68cb

### 4 Ball Knock Out R 1

G & J Davies def Cunningham/Jones 1up  
Bowen/Karlson def P Frith/McLoughlin 2up  
Battams/Hodgett def Elysee/Parson 2/1  
M Frith/Koch def Toole/Kelly w/o

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>		Stableford & Team	
Winner	Philip Hammel	(20)	40
Team	J Gruzman/J Pysaris		
Mixed	M & K Raidy		
Balls			36cb

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>		Stableford	
A Grade	Roger Ehret	(10)	41
B Grade	Ivan Bradshaw	(14)	40
C Grade	John Veale		40
Scratch	Boaty Boatwright		31

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>		Stableford	
Winner	Doug Mansfield	(15)	29

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>		Par & Teams	
Team	W Portlock/A Dean		+13
A Grade	Lindsay Bates	(12)	+5
B Grade	Steve Sloane	(14)	+6
C Grade	Trevor Lobb	(26)	+6
Scratch	Geoff Cranfield		+1
NTP	2 <sup>nd</sup> P Quill, 13 <sup>th</sup> R Larkins Hole in one & Circle		
Balls			+1cb

## Beverage Price Increase

Due to the biannual government excise tax there will be a small increase on select beverages effective 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

## RULES WITH GEORGE



**ANSWER: c is correct.** Rule 15-3 is very clear on this matter. Prior to 2008 there was no penalty for playing a wrong ball from a hazard but in the Rules changes in 2008 a two stroke penalty applied whenever a wrong ball was played. In the changes in 2008 players were permitted to lift and identify their ball in all parts of the course including hazards under **Rule 12-2** following the necessary procedure. Additionally strokes made with a wrong ball do not count in the score.

Unfortunately James was wrong in thinking that there was no penalty. Tim has played his tee shot, has a 2 stroke penalty and has then played his correct ball ...4 strokes. Interestingly in 2007 before the change, Tim would have played two strokes.

### Welfare notes

Max Glanville's family brought him down to the Club last Friday evening and many Members had the pleasure of renewing acquaintances with him. It would be a gross understatement to say that Max is a determined individual and no doubt this attribute has been to the forefront in Max's ability to progress his mobility and general health over the last few weeks in particular.

Fred and Shirley Loveridge, both long term Members but unable to play golf for some time, were also able to enjoy the ambience of the Club this week and catch up with many of their 'old' friends.

Also, former President, Keith Huntingdon, visited the Club last Saturday and was seen in a cart checking out the form of some of his former playing partners. We trust he was suitably impressed. As a result of our increasingly busy lifestyle, even for retirees, it is not always easy or indeed possible to maintain the level of contact that we would desire with our Member friends, present or past. However, the enjoyment displayed by all the above mentioned reinforces the realisation that our Club and its Members provide a significant social outlet for those who are no longer able to avail themselves of the beauty (and vagaries), of our course.

**Brian Cummins**      **Coordinator**

## NORTHERN PENINSULA INTER-CLUB CHALLENGE

I'm sick of writing this and I'm sure you are getting tired of reading it but we lost - AGAIN!

On Monday we travelled to Wakehurst to take on the strong Cromer side. A change of order did little to help our cause.

Ian proved that consistent golf is the way to go and won 5 & 4.

Steve was down early but fought back to win 2 & 1. Max and Tony went to the 18<sup>th</sup> but unfortunately ran out of steam and both lost narrowly.

Tim, Fergo and Paul tried hard all day but could not quite get the job done. Frithy was not at his best and finished early. We are now in desperate need of a win to salvage a bit of pride.

Next Monday we are at Bayview against Wakehurst and I look forward to a more diligent effort from all our players!

### Sheepdog

## WHAT'S ON?

### ON THE COURSE

#### Feb

**Fri 23** Women's Grade @ Castle Hill

**Sun 25** Major Pennant @ Long Reef

#### March

**Fri 2** Women's Grade @ North Ryde

**Sat 3** Final Four Ball Knock Out

**Sun 4** Major Pennant @ Cabramatta

**Thur 8** Dan Cullen – Hickory event

**Fri 9** Women's Grade @ Elanora

**Sun 11** Major Pennant @ Mona Vale

**Fri 16** Women's Grade @ Long Reef

**Sun 18** Major Pennant @ Long Reef

**Mon 19/Tue 20** Green Renos Course Closed

### IN THE CLUBHOUSE

#### March

**Thurs 1** Dine In (Booked out)

**Fri 2** Crazy Whist

**Thurs 15** Dine In (Booked out)

**Thurs 22** Dine In

#### April

**Fri 13** Crazy Whist

## FROM THE PRO SHOP

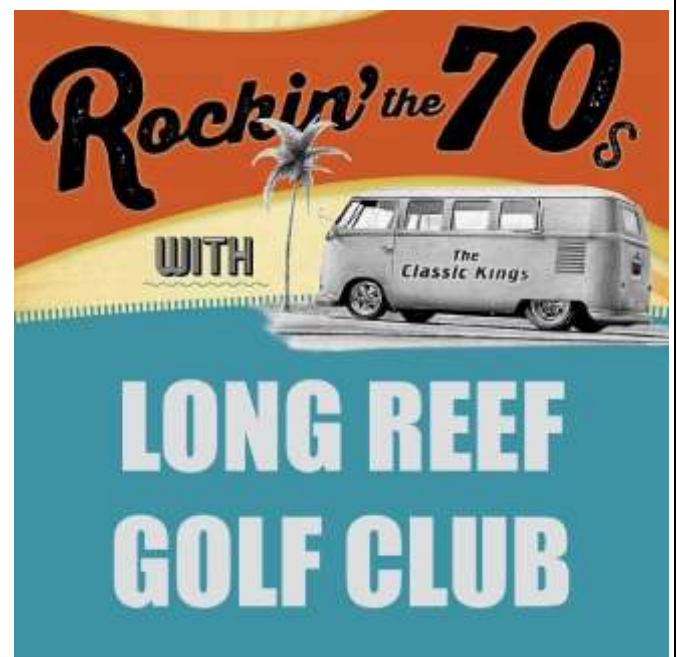


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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018

6.30 Doors Open

8.30 Band starts

Tickets \$30.00

## LRGC IN THE COMMUNITY

On 20 February [Cancer Council NSW](#) launched its second annual **Stars of the Beaches: Dance for Cancer** line-up for 2018.

*Stars of the Beaches* is fundamentally about community. The common ground uniting everyone involved, is an experience with cancer, either in the *Star's* own lives, or those of friends and family.

Two of our own have been selected to compete based on their community leadership and empathy with the cause:

Long Reef Golf Club VP Catherine Gould  
Lorraine Dickinson's daughter Merryn McLachlan,  
Founder Soul Safari..

In the tradition of *Strictly Ballroom* and *Dancing with the Stars*, the local heroes will be paired with professional dancers from [Tempo Red Academy of Performing Arts](#) and [Arthur Murray Dance Centres](#), both located in Brookvale. These dynamic duos will be tasked with learning a routine in a style that has been randomly chosen for them. Dance genres include *Contemporary, Jazz, Cha Cha, West Coast Swing, Freestyle, Foxtrot* and brand new category for 2018, *Country*.

Once assigned their dance styles, the *Stars* will begin eight weeks of rigorous training and fundraising, ultimately leading to a performance of their routines on **Saturday 14th of April**, for the **Charity Gala Dinner** at [Miramare Gardens](#), Terrey Hills.

How can you help?

1. Get behind our girls and share this information with anyone you know who has been touched by cancer and may wish to contribute in any way ..
2. Attend the Ball-tickets selling fast!  
<https://www.123tix.com.au/events/1168/beaches-dance-for-cancer>
3. Donate an item for the Charity auction at the Ball - email [catherinejgould@me.com](mailto:catherinejgould@me.com)
4. Make a contribution on the Everyday Hero website  
<https://starsofthebeaches2018.everydayhero.com/au/catherine>
5. Participate in the fun fundraising event we are planning ... to be announced soon.

