



Reef Breezes

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



The good follow up rain this week gave the course another good soaking, almost filled the dam and the rough has shot up.

A big day this Sunday morning for the Major Pennant team at the Reef where we need a win to have a chance to make the Semi's, love to see a big following.

The play off for the Hudson Shield went to Richard Thomas (+1) on the count back from Marty Jones, who must have used up all his luck with the 9up in the November qualifying.

Some other fine performances during the week..

3 under by Ross Bockman and Geoff Cranfield, even par by Ross Kocass and Kristian Hooker, after a lay off from the game.

Men V Women – Sun 25 March

The event is open to 5, 6 and 7 Day Members. The cost per pair is \$30, which includes golf, prizes and nibbles after the game at presentation. More details and **entry form** on Notice Board.

The main event the 4Ball Matches, however there will also be a Singles Stableford in conjunction. Members' Time sheet will be blocked out for the event.

Singles Knock Out, Mick Snell Cup - 14 April

There will be a slightly different format this year. 8 players from the 'AM' field and 8 players from the 'PM' field will qualify.

The 'AM' qualifiers will play off in morning times and the 'PM' qualifiers in later times. The final will be the 'AM' v 'PM'. More details shortly.

Green Renovations – March 19 & 20

The course (including practice areas) will be closed on Monday & Tuesday.

We have a couple of greens, particularly 12 & 13 that we may have to 'rest' for a week or so to help recovery.

Wednesday 21 Mar - 2 Ball Ambrose

Each player must play at least 6 tee shots.

Pairs are as per the timesheet draw. **Note the 'pairings' can't be changed after Tuesday lunchtime as the Score Cards are preprinted.**

Full Details/Conditions on Notice Board and at Pro Shop

Pace of Play

The pace of play over the last couple of weeks has greatly improved, thanks to all.

There are a few groups that do struggle a little keeping up... best action is to call following group through.

New Rules of Golf – Effective Jan 2019

The R&A have just released the rule changes from 1 Jan next year as a result of the extensive review. In summary the key ones that will affect us are;

- Dropping procedure: When taking relief (from an abnormal course condition or penalty area, for example), golfers will now drop from knee height.
- Removing the penalty for a double hit: The penalty stroke for accidentally striking the ball more than once in the course of a stroke has been removed. Golfers will simply count the one stroke they made to strike the ball.
- Balls Lost or Out of Bounds: Alternative to Stroke and Distance: A new Local Rule will now be available in January 2019, permitting committees to allow golfers the option to drop the ball in the vicinity of where the ball is lost or out of bounds (including the nearest fairway area), under a two-stroke penalty. It addresses concerns raised at the club level about the negative impact on pace of play when a player is required to go back under stroke and distance. The Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite level competitions. (Key change: this is a new addition to support pace of play) ***This needs to be approved by our Match Committee.***
- Relaxed putting green rules: There will be no penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits an unattended flagstick in the hole; players may putt

without having the flagstick attended or removed. Players may repair spike marks and other damage made by shoes, animal damage and other damage on

the putting green and there is no penalty for merely touching the line of putt.

- Relaxed rules for “penalty areas” (currently called “water hazards”): Red and yellow-marked penalty areas may cover areas of desert, jungle, lava rock, etc., in addition to areas of water; expanded use of red penalty areas where lateral relief is allowed; and there will be no penalty for moving loose impediments or touching the ground or water in a penalty area.
- Relaxed bunker rules: There will be no penalty for moving loose impediments in a bunker or for generally touching the sand with a hand or club. A limited set of restrictions (such as not grounding the club right next to the ball) is kept to preserve the challenge of playing from the sand; however, an extra relief option is added for an unplayable ball in a bunker, allowing the ball to be played from outside the bunker with a two-stroke penalty.
- Pace-of-play support: Reduced time for searching for a lost ball (from five minutes to three); affirmative encouragement of “ready golf” in stroke play; recommending that players take no more than 40 seconds to play a stroke and other changes intended to help with pace of play.

Don't miss out

On Wednesdays and Saturdays we have 230 times available and the time sheets fill up quickly. However on the day there are generally 20+ times available due to cancellations. So if you can't initially get on the time sheet put your name on the wait list or just call the Pro Shop on the day and you will get a game.

Reminder - it is imperative that if you can't play you cancel as soon as you are aware you can't. This gives other members the opportunity to get a game.

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

Les Browne

Captain

WHAT'S ON? ON THE COURSE

March

Fri 16 Women's Grade @ Long Reef

Sun 18 Major Pennant @ Long Reef

Mon 19/Tue 20 Green Renos Course Closed

Mon 19 Fisherman's Beach Clean-up

Sun 25 Men v Women

Fri 30 – Mon 2 Apr Easter

April

Sun 1 Daylight Saving Ends

Mon 9 US Masters Breakfast and Golf

MAJOR PENNANT

Our major pennant team lost 4-3 at Mona Vale last Sunday and our fate is now out of our own hands. If The Australian wins at Cabramatta next Sunday, they will qualify. If they lose and we win at home to Mona Vale, then Long Reef will progress to the semi-finals on Sunday March 25th.

We have now lost 2 matches, both away from home, and both by the narrowest of margins to very strong teams. That said, we really can have few complaints about last Sunday's result as the games we lost were all by clear and comprehensive margins.

Khan Gallagher continued with his recent run of strong form and he was always in control in Game 6, eventually winning 3&2. His long, straight driving had his opponent under pressure from the off.

Mark Cruise played perfect matchplay in Game 3, keeping the ball in play at all times and making his opponent chase the game. Mark's approach to the tough 17th for a tap-in birdie was the cherry on top of an excellent 3&1 win over a strong opponent.

The art of matchplay was on full display in Geoff Cranfield's final-hole victory in Game 4. With the game on the line, Cranny sank clutch putts from 5-feet, 20-feet, and 8-feet on the last three holes to snatch what seemed like an unlikely win. This point could yet prove to be very important.

It's tough travelling away to play against a strong in-form opponent and our other 4 team members ran into exactly that. Chad again played well in Game 5 but his opponent literally sank every putt from the 6th hole onwards. But he, along with Matt, Tom and Anthony, has carried us at various times this year and they will undoubtedly bounce back hard next Sunday.

A special mention to Cian who acquitted himself magnificently in the reserve game. He was unlucky to lose on the last and our future looks bright. Kai will play reserve this weekend.

Finally, at the risk of embarrassing him, we would like to send a special note of gratitude to Pete Watson who has billeted Khan and his Dad every weekend, getting up before dawn to make them breakfast and then delivering them rested and on-time for pennant duties. It's this sort of selfless action which puts the spirit into a club community.

Sean Lee

Team Manager

IN THE CLUBHOUSE

March

Thurs 22 Dine In

April

Thurs 5 Dine In

Fri 13 Crazy Whist

Thurs 26 Dine In

FROM THE WOMEN



Some welcome rain for the course this week made the course staff very happy. At least we didn't receive quite as much as Mona Vale.

Our Grade team went very close last week but came up just short. A fighting effort from Sandra Gillies to come from 5 down to square her match. A fine first-up appearance from Diana Sier who lost at the 18th hole as did Jen Jansson. Catherine was our winner 3/1.

We impressed the teams with our course today as we played hosts. We hope to have Natalie Driver return to play next week.

The Annual Men versus Women match is on Sunday March 25. The entry sheet will be at the kiosk this week. This is open to all 5,6 and 7 day members. We would love to see many of our women in attendance and bring back the trophy which the men have held for too long.

We welcome Ruby Kavanagh to the women's membership. Last Saturday saw her playing with Sandra Gillies and Catherine Gould in the Par round. We also welcome Shaz Young who has transferred from the Rookies.

For those women who play well enough to win a Long Reef medal on either the Weekday or the Weekend, you may like to have it engraved. This will be done free of charge if left at Reception.

A reminder that the Course is closed for green renovations next Monday and Tuesday. The Annual Fisherman's Beach Cleanup will take place on Monday.

Busy times ahead on the Women's Programme. Please read the notice board regularly.

Next Thursday is a team event following the course renovations. Stableford Multiplier with a lot of fun components. Thanks to Gilda for organising.

Thursday April 5 is a Par round in mixed divisions and will also be the Grandmothers' Trophy.

Thursday 12 April is our second GNSW and Long Reef medal round. Entry sheet in Locker room.

The Long Reef Plate entry sheet is in the locker room. This event is open to outside entries so please encourage your friends from local clubs to join in. Played in 2 Divisions as a Stableford event. A \$15 ENTRY FEE for Long Reef Members and \$25 for outside entries. The event is on **Tuesday April 10**. Tuesday April 17 will see our Annual Charity day in aid of Mona Vale Hospital Auxiliary. Teams of 4 and 2, best Stableford Scores to count. Look for this entry sheet in Locker Room soon. If you are inviting a visitor you will need their Golfink number.

Winners this week

Saturday Par

Catherine Gould	(8)	sq -
Sunday Monica Raidy	(30)	39points
Monday Susan Hay	(15)	32 points
Tuesday Jean Reitzer	(15)	37points
9Hole – Jan Press	(36)	16points.

Thursday PAR

Division 1

1.	Wendy Millson	(15)	-1 c/b
2.	Catherine Gould	(7)	-1 c/b
3.	Rosemary West	(17)	-4 c/b

Division 2

1.	Gilda Severino	(22)	square
2.	Robyn Lyon	(30)	-2 c/b
3.	Robyn McCormick	(24)	-2

Division 3

1.	Diana Muir	(32)	-3 c/b
2.	Mili Sanchez	(42)	-3
3.	Fran Candrick	(44)	-4

Balls to -5 c/b

NTP

7 th	Julia Bowen
13 th	Julia Bowen
2 nd to 10 th	Julia Bowen

Wendy Millson Women's Captain

Fisherman's Beach Clean Up – this Monday

On Monday (19th March) we will be having the Fisherman's Beach clean-up. Would be great to see members there to help. Only an hour or so of your time to improve this pristine area.

Volunteers, meet in the car park at 8.00am.

RULES WITH GEORGE



QUESTION: Jim and Peter were playing the 12th hole in a stroke event. The hole was at the top of the green with a blue flag. Jim was on the front of green about 15 metres from the hole. Peter's approach had gone just through the green and his ball ended about 5 metres from the hole. Terry, a fellow competitor, was attending the flagstick. Jim had putted and while his ball was rolling towards the hole Peter played his ball onto the green. The two balls finished about a metre apart on opposite sides of the hole. Which is correct?

- No penalty to either player because the balls did not collide.
- Jim incurs a 2 stroke penalty.
- Peter incurs a 2 stroke penalty.

NORTHERN PENINSULA INTER-CLUB CHALLENGE

8th March

SAME OLD SAME OLD

Last Thursday we were at Cromer to play Manly. The course was in excellent condition but unfortunately our team was not.

Ian again played well but his opponent was a seasoned campaigner. This match was tight all the way and finished all square as both parred the 18th.

I went 4 down after 4 but mounted a comeback to be beaten on the 16th, still not good enough. So much for the captain leading from the front.

Jim never really got going and went down early.

Frithy again showed his mettle with a tenacious 1 up win on the last. Steve played well and scored the best win for us 3 & 2. Fergo tried all day but was beaten on the last, 1 down. Tony played hard but went down 4 & 3.

Special thanks to Rex who filled in at short notice and went down 4 & 2.

This ends the "round robin" series and leaves only the finals. We meet Mona Vale at Manly on Monday, 19th where we have to win to avoid the "wooden spoon".

Fingers crossed!

Sheepdog

FROM THE COURSE



It is so nice to see some regular rain for a change. We have had 70mm this week and this added to rain over the past few weeks we are finally seeing our dams nearing full. The course is responding well with strong growth everywhere but many areas will take a while to fully recover from almost 10 months of dry weather and drought.

We will be busy now trying to keep up with the cutting; most areas of rough have been cut at least twice this week.

We have Autumn renovations on Monday and Tuesday and the course is completely closed for these two days. Last spring, renovations did not go to plan and changes were required to complete the task so these renovations will be bigger than past autumn renovations. The greens will be cored using 16mm tines 140mm deep and top-dressed heavily with fine sand to fill all the holes. We also plan to aerate tees and number of weak areas on fairways. Over the coming weeks we have a number of construction jobs planned, we will re-turf and reshape the green side bunker at the 1st, rebuild both bunkers on the 3rd plus a few other minor projects. Weather is looking to be quite warm this weekend which will be good to keep the grass growing strong hopefully for a few weeks to come. Have a good weekend.

BRIDGE CLUB



Results of Pairs competition on 7th March

N/S

- Joan Rutherford/Mary Farrell
- Lilith Gollan/Edith Oldfield
- Judy O'Brien/Jan Byrne

E/W

- Jean Morey/Ann Campbell
- Shirley Blackburn/ Noeleen Stewart
- Di Kirby/Liz Davis

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Volunteers and families No. 2

The Soutars

The Soutars may not have achieved four generations of memberships but their influence was most important from the late 20's to the mid 50's.

(Dan Soutar - Golf Professional - not a member)

Annis Soutar joined 1931,
Gordon joined in 1932, and Heather joined in 1933.

At the time of the opening of Long Reef Golf Club in 1921, Dan Soutar was completing ten years as the Professional at Manly Golf Club and moving on to Moore Park Club. He was a foundation member of the PGA of Australia in 1911. He had influenced many a young caddy and player the likes of Frank Eyre and Wally Smith who were swift to join Long Reef in 1922. He is known to this day as a designer of great courses including Kingston Heath in Melbourne, and Indooroopilly in Brisbane, not to forget Avalon! He was commissioned by Long Reef in 1927 to work with Frank Eyre, the Long Reef Professional, to design the 9 hole extension to the course, which was to open in 1931. The family home was in Manly. He died in 1937 at the age of 55 with complications following an appendectomy.



Annis Soutar (nee Jackson) playing at Blackheath. Dan was the professional at Leura at the time. They married in 1909.

It is his wife Annis that can be acknowledged as the leading family volunteer at Long Reef. They had three children, two of whom became members. In 1956 Annis became the first female Life Member of the Club having served 16 years as Associates' President from 1939. There is every reason to believe that if Ruby Watts has not suggested limiting the time spent in Executive positions in the by-laws Annis may have carried on! In 1925 Annis was playing golf at Balgowlah and was the first Club Captain and then later President there from 1927-31. It seems most likely that she moved to Long Reef in 1931 for the advantages of playing on an 18 hole course and she would know all about the progress on the course through her husband Dan.

She brought several Balgowlah women with her. There is no doubt that Annis with her firm Celtic ways and efficiencies kept the club on its feet during the war years. We have copies of Minute books from 1950 and she didn't miss a meeting as President from 1950 -56. In fact she attended every AGM until her death in 1965.

Two of the three children were involved in the club. A Mr. Soutar acted as the Associates' auditor for as long as Annis was President too, but we don't have an initial. Gordon was a member of the Club's major pennant team in the 30's and his photo can be seen in the 1930 Team photo in the Men's locker room. He also won the Men's Foursomes in 1938 with A. Light.



Heather Soutar joined in 1933, and played the 1936 NSW Junior Championships. Her married name was Harman and it is Heather Harman that we can see on the Honour boards in the late 40's. She suspended her membership during the war years, and of course the championships were suspended too. She came back in 1946, winning the Championships in 1946, 1947 and 1948. She held the scratch score in 1946 and 1947. Heather left Long Reef for Manly in 1950. Here she won the Club Championships in 1959 and 1964. She was Associates' President at Manly from 1978-80.



Heather Harman (nee Soutar)

Soutar is a name we should remember.

Thanks to David Costello for the donation of a Club Beanie which shows the Club logo used by Club Professional Gary Churcher 1985-2006. It is on display in the memorabilia cupboard at the moment along with four crafted and forged clubs made by another Professional - Frank Eyre 1922-63.

Sandra Mellowes

RULES WITH GEORGE



ANSWER: c. is correct. Peter had made a stroke while another ball, Jim's, was in motion after a stroke on the putting green. Such action is not permitted. **Rule 16-1f applies.** There would not have been a penalty if it had been Peter's turn to play but clearly it was Jim's turn to play so a 2 stroke penalty applies to Peter.

Men's Weekly Results

Saturday 10th	Par – Hudson Shield		
Shield P/O	Richard Thomas	(12)	+1cb
A Grade	Simon Correggia	(9)	+4
B Grade	Scott Agnew	(17)	+5cb
Shield Qualifier			
C Grade	Barry Young	(20)	+3
Women	Catherine Gould	(8)	sq
Junior	Millie Komulainen		-1
Scratch	Ross Bockman		+3
NTP	2 nd S Correggia, 13 th B Ratcliffe		
Balls			-2

Sunday 11th	Stableford & Team		
Winner	Kristian Hooker	(3)	41
4BBB	B & M Jones		
Mixed	Heather & Craig Garrett		

Monday 12th	Stableford		
A Grade	Lee Jones	(0 N/bridge)	37
B Grade	Terry Le Roux	(17)	38cb
C Grade	Ken Taylor	(21)	37
Balls			34cb

Tuesday 13th	Stableford		
Winner	Perry Yeldham	(19)	36

Wednesday 14th	Stableford & Teams		
Team	Ken Dewell/Jeff Pross		47cb
A Grade	Ross Kocass	(5)	41
B Grade	Glen Lovelace	(16)	39
C Grade	Peter Lindwall	(23)	39
Scratch	Geoff Cranfield		39
NTP	2 nd C Roberts,		
	13 th & Circle Greg Davies		
Balls			34cb

Attention Members

Membership subscriptions are due by 31st March, 2018. If you wish to transfer, you are required to complete and return a transfer form together with payment by **Friday 16th March, 2018.**

If you wish to pay in instalments, forms with payment details must be returned by **Friday 23rd March, 2018.** The first instalment is due on **23rd March 2018** and the second instalment is due on **21st September 2018** with an administration fee of \$50.

Transfer and instalment forms are available online <http://longreefgolfclub.com.au/subscription-payment-information/> or at the office.

Thank you to all our members that have already paid their memberships.

Rockin' the 70s

WITH **The Classic Kings**

LONG REEF GOLF CLUB FRIDAY 6TH APRIL, 2018
6:30PM DOORS OPEN
8:30PM BAND STARTS
TICKETS: \$30PP

"Rockin' The Seventies" is a new show celebrating the classic rock of THE SEVENTIES with songs from -
 * Queen * David Bowie * Blondie * Creedence Clearwater
 * Fleetwood Mac * Tina Turner * Santana * Led Zeppelin
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The Classic Kings are -
 Amanda Easton - (Wendy Matthews, PowderKings, Marisa Hinos, James Rayne, Vanessa Antonelli) - vocals
 Rex Bolt - (Just Like Band, Eurogliders, Justin Morris, Tammy Emmanuel, everyone) - guitars
 John Spence - (Fragane Beauties, The Big Daddys, Barry Leaf Band) - guitars / vocals
 Tim Wedde - (The Flood, Wendy Matthews, Ten First) - keyboards / vocals
 Ian Lees (Moving Pictures, Chasin' The Train) - bass / vocals
 Paul Whorner - (Footloose, Ian Moss) - drums

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US MASTERS BREAKFAST

Monday 9th April 2018

6.00AM Club open for telecast

6.30AM Buffet breakfast served

Shotgun start at the conclusion of the US Masters

2.00PM Light lunch and presentations

Singles Stableford + Best 3 out of 4

MEMBERS \$60 | VISITORS \$80

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