



Reef Breezes

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



A fine round by Jimmy (Scratch Score) Knox with 5 under on Saturday.

In the NSW Seniors at Nambucca Heads Bocco won his age group and T13th overall and Cranny T16th overall.

Our NPIC team pulled out all stops to avoid the wooden spoon, well done again.

Member Alyssa Starc (nee Healy) was at her brilliant best in the cricket one day international as she hit 17 boundaries and two sixes on the way to a superb 133 from just 115 balls. This was her maiden international century in the 3/0 whitewash of India. Trust better half Mitchell can clean up the South Africans.

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.

The main event is the 4Ball Matches, however there will also be a Singles Stableford in conjunction. Times now appear on the timesheet.

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.

Juniors

The Saturday afternoon 'Chippers' are attracting increasing numbers... Waiting to hit off last week.



Green Renovations

Peter used his new coring machine which was able to do a deeper core. It went well and we should see the greens back to their best in a couple of weeks

3rd Greenside & Fairway Bunker

Over the next couple of weeks we will be rebuilding this bunker using a method called 'Rivitted', which is commonly used on links courses.



The work will start on Monday 26th March and take some days to complete. The hole **will be closed** during the work and the 'temporary' practice hole will be in play.

Don't miss out on a game.

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 time sheet put your name on the wait list or just call the Pro Shop on the day and you will get a game.

Good Friday – 30 March

Although the Club will be open there will be no 'ticket draw'. The internet for Sat Apr 7 will open at 5.30pm.

Les Browne

Captain



FROM THE WOMEN



A big thank you from the women to Peter Donkers and his team. The course is looking wonderful after this week's course renovations.

The recent rain was much appreciated. However, it was disappointing to be unable to play Thursday's fun team event due to the inclement weather. Event organiser, Gilda Severino was excellently prepared. Committee will consider using the same format for one of our future team games.

Long Reef hosted the Grade teams last Friday. The weather was kind and the course looked splendid. Numerous visitors mentioned having an enjoyable time. Chef Michael and his team in the kitchen scored an A plus. Wendy Millson, Marg O'Connell, Leonie Malcolm and Karen Smith helped officiate. Our thanks to them. We wish our Grade team all the best as they continue their campaign into the final few weeks.

As noted in last week's newsletter we have a number of special event days coming up in April.

Thursday April 5 – Grandmother and Great-Grandmother Trophy Day.

Tuesday April 10 – Long Reef Plate

Played in two divisions for handicaps 19 – 30(DH) and 31 – 45(DH).

Enter via the entry sheets in the women's locker room. **Payment of \$15 at reception.** Non-member visitors are eligible to compete in this event.

If you are not participating in the Long Reef Plate please enter the regular competition online and pay on the day at the pro shop.

Thursday April 12 - Goodwill Plate

The Goodwill Plate is played in conjunction with GNSW Round 2 stroke medal event. It is a competition aimed at raising money for Carers NSW Inc.

Enter online. Payment \$15 at the pro shop on the day.

Tuesday April 17 – Mona Vale Hospital Auxiliary Charity Open Day

One of our main charity days. Visitors are warmly welcomed so please alert your friends to the opportunity to play lovely Long Reef. You do not have to have a visitor in order to play.

Enter via the entry sheets in the ladies locker room.

Payment for members is \$20, payable at reception. Non-member visitors pay \$25, likewise

Winners' Circle

Saturday Golf NSW Bowl 4BBB Stableford

1. Jenni Brown/Karen Smith (13) 41pts
2. Monica Raidy/Janet Atchison (29) 37pts
3. Millie Komulainen/Tanya Heber (22) 36pts

Saturday Stableford

1. Karen Smith (13) 35pts
2. Janet Atchison (11) 34pts
3. Catherine Gould (7) 33pts

Sunday Single Stableford

Sue Smiles (25) 31pts
Best woman's score -9th place in a field of 38

Marg O'Connell Women's President

RULES WITH GEORGE



QUESTION: Jack and Owen were fellow competitors in a Stableford event. After each had played 2 strokes on the 12th hole Jack's ball was just in front of the green and Owen's ball was to the right, just wide of the bunkers. Both played their shots to the green almost at the same time and while Jack's ball was rolling towards the pin it was struck by Owen's ball in flight. Jack's ball ended in a left hand bunker and Owen's ball finished a metre short of the hole. Which is correct?

- a. Both players must replay their strokes to the green.
- b. Jack must play his 4th stroke from the bunker and Owen has his metre putt for a 4.
- c. Both players incur a one stroke penalty and may replay their strokes to the green

MAJOR PENNANT

Despite an excellent 5.5 to 1.5 home win against Mona Vale last Sunday, our major pennant team has bowed out at the divisional stage. Our only 2 losses during the season were by the narrowest of margins, 4-to-3, away from home against very strong opposition. We will build on this for a tilt at the flag in coming seasons.

Tom, Geoff, Khan and Anthony all won again to bring home their 4th wins of the season, a very admirable performance against such strong opposition. Mark was also victorious, and like Chad he has booked his 3rd win of the campaign. Clayton suffered the 'unfortunate incident in the bunker' to lose the last, halve his game, and finish with a squared ledger for the season. Ian easily won both his games at reserve in earlier matches and can consider himself very unlucky not to have gotten a full game. Cian and Kai showed that our future is bright with excellent showings in the last 2 reserve games. Kai won his game 2-up on Sunday last. Well done indeed.

A special note of thanks goes to our captain Matt Saad who has made significant and largely unnoticed sacrifices over the last 9 weekends to ensure that our pennant team was well prepared and motivated. The strong camaraderie in the team is testament to his fine efforts.

Again we would like to thank all the caddies for their expertise and support; Rob, Pete, Jamie, Mick, Dwane, Matt, Andy, Paul and Tony.

Thanks to Danny and Billy in the shop, Ben and Phil in the office, and to Les, Steve, Mark and the committee members for their absolute and unwavering support.

Sean Lee

Team Manager

BRIDGE CLUB



Results of Pairs competition on 14th March

N/S

- 1st Val Miller/Joan Rutherford
- 2nd Joyce Low/Ellen Kassel
- 3rd Barbara Dawson/Judy O'Malley

E/W

- 1st Jan Herringe/Jean Morey
- 2nd Mary McAdam/Peggy Hulton
- 3rd Trish Turner/Sue Cameron

NORTHERN PENINSULA INTER-CLUB CHALLENGE

Final match

There's an old saying in sport "Keep the Best till Last"- and that's exactly what we did! A win in the Finals Series was a fitting reward for a team that tried hard all season and never gave up.

We took on Mona Vale (who defeated us in the first round) at Manly – the losing team to be the recipients of the dreaded "wooden spoon". A brilliant captaincy decision made the team immeasurably stronger – I didn't play.

For once Ian's game was a little off but he battled on finally going down 2 & 1. Peter Munro hit top gear for a great win 5 & 4.

Steve Buchan was again strong (against a former Australian Service Champion) to win 4 & 3 but Max never really got going and went down 4 & 3.

The real story was the bottom of the order.

Brian C was down early but kept at the job. A brilliant comeback late, with a par on 18 saw him finish all square. Frithy again played a tight match – 1 up on 18, he almost holed a long bunker shot to hold the advantage and a 1 up win. Fergo and Paul were all square from the 16th. At 18, Paul made a great par to record a 1 up win and Fergo holed a 10 footer to finish all square.

All in all, tenacious performance (especially from the lower order) culminating in a 4 and a half to 3 win.

Thanks to all the players for their efforts over the season but particularly on Monday – I really didn't want to accept the wooden spoon.

Special thanks to Max for his managerial skills – he really did most of the work.....

Sheepdog

GOULBURN VISIT

Our great friends from Goulburn will be visiting on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th April.

Sheets for both days are at the kiosk.

New members are most welcome and are assured of a great time!

Sunday is breakfast, golf and dinner.



LONG REEF FRIDAY CLUB

WowWe are just seven weeks into the Friday Club year and supported by fine weather we have already had an increase of over 150 players on the corresponding time last year.

With so many new faces its appropriate to remind everybody of the famous Friday Club Christmas hamper and mini hamper which will be bigger and better than ever this year, and which is a gift to all players who play the qualifying number of rounds. New players have continued to order our distinctive FC shirts which fly our colours and promote the club.

In coming weeks we will announce special events including a four club plus putter round, an Ambrose round and a ladies day, as well as our winter comp, our fine wine draw and other social events.

So come along and be part the most enjoyable social competition.

All Long Reef members are FC members and are welcome to invite guests. For further information call Rob Keir on 0418619349

Regards

Rob Keir

President

Results of competition 9th March

Division 1: (1-19)

1 st	Neville Crealy	(19)	42pts
2 nd	Nick Hughes	(14)	41 pts

Division 2: (20-27)

1 st	John Hanson	(24)	40 pts
2 nd	Graham Bone	(24)	39 pts c/b

Division 3: (>27)

1 st	Phil Ton-That	(28)	41 pts
2 nd	Bruce Ritchie	(30)	39pts

NTP

Div 1	David Collett
Div 2	Rob Keir
Div 3	Tim Bradford Nil

Balls to 35

Results of competition 16th March

Division 1

1 st	David Collett	(12)	42pts
2 nd	George Kokoris	(10)	37 pts c/b

Division 2

1 st	Ken Higgins	(24)	40 pts c/b
2 nd	Graham Thomas	(23)	40 pts c/b

Division 3

1 st	Albert Bullivant	(36)	36 pts
2 nd	Alan Graham	(39)	35pts

NTP

Div 1	Brian Mora
Div 2	Ken Higgins
Div 3	Nil

Balls to 35

Welfare Notes – 23 March 2018

There are a number of Members experiencing difficulties with their health at the moment including:

John Monahan (Wife Suzanne and Son Adrian also Members)) who has had more than his share of health issues in recent years but has managed to add one more to the list recently and, unfortunately, will have to curtail his golfing outings for a while. I have conveyed our best wishes to John and Suzanne.

Brian Leonard, until late last year a regular Tuesday morning and Friday Club stalwart, enjoyed a great holiday in Vietnam recently with wife Barbara.

However, on his return home, Brian discovered he had a few health related problems which necessitated a visit to Mona Vale Hospital. Brian is undergoing further tests and I have also passed on our good wishes for favourable outcomes.

Fred Loveridge, Husband of Member Shirley, is gravely ill in Neringah Hospice and our thoughts are with Fred, Shirley and their family at this very difficult time.

I will be away (annual leave??) for the next three weeks and during that time John Briscoe will be performing my role. So, please don't hesitate to contact John if you, or a Member you know, is in need of some form of assistance. John's contact details are in the Program Book.

Brian Cummins

Welfare Coordinator.

Alyssa Healy - First International Century

The Club congratulates Club Member Alyssa Healy on hitting her first international century last Sunday playing against India in the women's cricket.

She becomes the first women's wicketkeeper to score a century playing for Australia.

The week before she left for India she also posted a win in the Thursday competition here at Long Reef. Her husband Mitch is also touring with the men's cricket team in South Africa and in the first test vs South Africa took 9 wickets and was named man of the match.

Not a bad month for the Starc family

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Volunteers and families No. 3

The Brownes with an “e”!

The Brownes’ story of service to the Club also started in 1939, as did the Burkes’, but the years have seen four generations pass, but only three have been golfers. Les’s children do not play but his parents certainly did and now his grandchildren are showing a real interest.

Col Browne 1939 - Addie Browne 1956

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Lesley Colville Browne 1964

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Jethro Browne 2015

As I hope everyone would know, Les Browne has been the Captain of our Club since 2016. He is a Life Member, a Gold member plus 4 years, a Club Champion, listed on everyone of the Championship honours boards, and has been a member of the Pennant Teams from Junior to Major to Masters with over 270 games.(2013) He is an accredited referee and a widely experienced administrator on both the Club Board and at State Level.



A Grade Team 1973.

Les Browne Bottom row third from right

This series of stories is written to mainly emphasise the volunteer aspect of members. Les has been on the Club Committee since 1987 on three separate occasions, totalling 25 years to date. He has been Vice-Captain on three occasions and has spent his time on Match, Greens and House Committees. He has captained some of the Pennant teams. At State and National level from 2001 he has been a Director, a Selector and a Team Manager.

It is a long an active service to golf, and Les also has a keen interest in the heritage of golf and is a member of the Golf Heritage Society, happy to play with hickory sticks in plus-fours too. As a member of the Club’s Archive committee he is a mine of “old”, very useful, information!



Les may have been a member for 54 years, joining at the age of 16 as a Junior member, but thanks to his parents he has been involved and interested in the Club for much longer. His father’s stories go back beyond his own 1939 joining date.

Col was passionate about golf, and when he joined the club it was only 18 years after the Club had opened. He played for the next 48 years before resigning because of ill-health but continued to enjoy practising. Stories told by Col brought the history of the club alive and he was acknowledged by Ross Lanes for all his help with content when he wrote his book on the first 65 years of Long Reef. Col played ‘a fair game of golf’ and at his best played off 4. He played a number of Pennant games for the Club and also filled in as Secretary Manager for over six months on an Honorary basis while the club recruited a new manager. In the mid 50’s Les started his golfing career as a young lad with his Dad. He used cut down ladies Clubs. His Dad practised just about every day before and after work. Before he was allowed to join as a Junior at the age of 16, Les was a caddy for his Father.

As Les tells us - “There were a number of caddies for Saturday players, which were arranged by the Pro (Frank Eyre), and they sat outside his shop, which was part of what is now the Men’s Locker Room and storeroom, waiting for a job. I caddied for Dad, who was always first off at 8.30a.m. If this group was held up by the ‘public’ (who played early on Saturday) and they took more than three and a half hours he was straight into the Secretary/Manager to complain. He paid me 3 pence for pars and 6 pence for birdies that he had made. Many thought this a bit mean, however in hindsight it made me take an interest in his game to see how much I would earn.”

When Les was finally old enough to join the club with the rules stating the age of 16, he reduced his handicap to single figures within the year and played off between 1 and 5 for the next 45 something years. He must have been more than well prepared by his Dad for the game of golf and had a flying start!

Addie Browne joined the Club in 1956 and remained a member of the Golf Club and then Bridge Club until her death 42 years later in 1998. She was a member of the Associates/Women's Committee from 1967-71 with two of these years as Handicapper. At the time of Addie's work on Committee the House rules dictated that Women were not allowed in the Clubhouse on Saturdays, and slacks were not to be worn on the course or Clubhouse at any time. As Handicapper all calculations were made by hand and any changes were made on a alphabetical peg board in the corridor. The committee would be keeping their own funds in order and administering the list of those volunteering to donate prizes across the three grades every week, and the flower roster!

Addie and Col often played in the "Sunday Mixed" and Col always wore a tie on the course and a jacket in the Clubhouse (as the rules insisted.). Lilith, our editor-in-chief, tells us that Addie conducted her membership interview on a Sunday afternoon, after she had played golf. The Associates' Committee had wanted Lilith to wait for the start of the financial year, but Addie thought "she would do"! and let her in straight away! Our present day senior members remember Addie very fondly for her kindness and efficiency.



Now it is Col and Addie's great-grandchild Jethro's turn to wave the flag for the Brownes and his sister Lucy is not far behind.

Apologies - last week caption for the team photo including Gordon Soutar went 'walkabout' and didn't make it on to the page. It should have read.-1930 Pennant team. Gordon Soutar, Back Row second from left.

Sandra Mellowes

RULES WITH GEORGE



ANSWER: b. is correct. If a player's ball in motion after a stroke other than on the putting green is deflected or stopped by another ball in motion after a stroke, the player must play his ball *as it lies, without penalty* (**Rule 19-5b**). This is the situation applying to both Jack and Owen. Both must play his ball as it lies and neither incurs a penalty.

Men's Weekly Results

Feb A Grade Medal (correction)

Won by	Dragan Mitrovic	(11)	70
Saturday 17th	Stableford		
A Grade	Jimmy Knox	(+2)	39
B Grade	Steve Spillane	(17)	39
C Grade	Peter Rhodes	(41)	41cb
Women	Karen Smith	(13)	35
Junior	Millie Komulainen		33cb
Scratch	Jimmy Knox		41
NTP	2 nd G Evans, 13 th R Cordaiy		
Circle	R Cordaiy, C Wharton		
Balls			33

Sunday 18th Stableford & Team

Winner	Yutaka Yoshino	(18)	37
4BBB	M Jones/G McConnell		

Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th – Green Renos

Wednesday 21st Stableford – small field

Winner	Peter Werner	(32)	34
Balls			30cb

PRE-PAID HOUSE ACCOUNT

As at close of business on **31st March 2018** all unused credit balances of the original pre-paid house payment will be forfeited.

Credit amounts unused from any subsequent top up payments will remain in your House Account for the 2018/2019 membership year.

The House Levy for the 2017/2018 subscription year **cannot** be used to offset any outstanding amount.

CRAZY WHIST



A reminder that April Crazy Whist will be on Friday
13th April
Friday– 6.30pm for a 7pm start

WHAT'S ON?

ON THE COURSE

March

Sun 25 Men v Women

Fri 30 – Mon 2 Apr Easter

April

Sun 1 Daylight Saving Ends

Mon 9 US Masters Breakfast and Golf

Sat 14 Mick Snell Cup qualifying

Sun 22 Barling Trophy

Sun 29 LR v Goulburn @ LR

IN THE CLUBHOUSE

April

Thurs 5 Dine In

Fri 13 Crazy Whist

Thurs 26 Dine In

FROM THE PRO SHOP



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details.

GOOD FRIDAY

There will be no Reef Breezes next week as it will
be Good Friday. We'll be back on Friday 6th April.



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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6:30PM DOORS OPEN - 8:30PM BAND STARTS