



# Reef Breezes

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*Stunning photos by Pat Duggan*



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## VICE-CAPTAIN'S CORNER



G'day Everyone,  
Hope you've all managed a game or 2 enjoying the great weather at Long Reef this week.  
Captain Les is away this week and passed me the steering wheel till Saturday.

### Mixed Foursomes

One of the premier events on the yearly calendar and again played in good spirit.  
The Championship Leaders after 18 holes are our Captain Les Browne and Jennifer Jansson with a terrific round of 81. Hot on their heels are team Sapsford + Hagan and team Twigg + Gould with fine rounds of 83. Best Net for the day with a tidy 71 were Peter and Jill Hensman.

Good luck to those playing the final 18 holes this Sunday to determine the Champions for 2018.  
Also, the 2018 mixed foursomes "Best Dressed Award" was won by Marilyn and Phil – please see reception to collect your prize.

### Masters Pennants

Doug Campbell and his gallant team had a tough day at Cromer last Sunday.  
The result was a loss, 13 points to 2. (Please see Doug's full report at the end of newsletter).

### Juniors

Young Long Reef superstar Cian Hughes won the Manly Junior Championships last weekend.  
Tied 1<sup>st</sup> with fading light on Saturday, Cian returned Sunday morning to be victor and collect the silverware. Well done Cian!!

### Best shot of the week

Steve Buchan was out enjoying himself last Monday playing comp with his mates when his day became a lot more enjoyable after Aceing his tee shot on 13. Congratulations Steve!

### PGA Tour

Long Reef member and ex Australian Representative now PGA tour pro Brett Drewitt finished tied 6<sup>th</sup> in the Web.com event played in South Carolina. The result lifts Brett's ranking into the all-important top 25 which would give him exempt status for the main tour next year.

### Left Handers Cup

The annual event is on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> June for those that stand on the wrong side of the ball. Matt Oaten has opened a betting market and has himself at \$1.04 to raise the trophy. Good luck to all those that play!

Happy Birthday to Franky Bruce this week! The "Big Cheese" of the table of knowledge has had a crook back and was unable to attend his own birthday lunch on Tuesday. Get well soon Frank!

An ex Captain and prolific scratch winner has been off his game over the past 4 weeks! Rumours circulating the club are that a change in diet over the past 4 weeks is the cause for his slump in form and cranky mood on the course. Keep an eye out for a Jolly Scotsman in the club on Friday night who has ditched the new diet.  
Have a great week!

**Mark Stevens**

**Vice Captain**

### Dates for the Diary –

#### May

**Sun 27** R2 Mixed Foursomes Cship  
**Sun 27** Masters Pennant at Richmond

#### June

**Sat 2** Medal & Presidents Cup  
**Sat 2** Left Handers Cup  
**Sun 3** Masters Pennant @ LR  
**Wed 6** Vince Horan Qualifying  
**Fri 8** Silver Pennant  
**Mon 11** Queen's Birthday 2 tee start  
**Sun 17** Masters Pennant @ LR  
**Sat 23** Winter Eclectic commences

## FROM THE WOMEN



Our Annual Visitors Day took place yesterday under beautiful conditions. Many compliments regarding the course and our lunch. Thank you to the Pro Shop staff, Peter and the Course staff, Ben Russell and our hard-working Women's Committee for a great team effort.

Exciting times for the Bronze 2 shield team who toughed out a Square with the Roseville side last week. This week the team of Catherine Hancock, Prue Bardsley (F/C), Ondrae Heiser, Lyn Ashton and Jill Hensman played Cromer.

Our Silver team was outplayed by the strong Castle Hill team 4/1. Credit to Ali Gattas who was our winner and also to Karen and Emma who made it to the 18<sup>th</sup> Hole. This week we have headed to Bayview to play Carnarvon. The team was Diana Sier, Emma Thurlow, Wendy Millson, Cath Piper and Rosemary West (F/C). Let's hope for another huge effort from both our teams.

Bronze 1 Bowl are due to start next week and we thank Jen Jansson for her role in convening this team.

Congratulations to the women who progressed to the semi-final stage of the Women's President's Trophy on Tuesday. Karman Whitford will play Pauline McMahon in Division 1 and Jill Hensman will take on Prue Bardsley in Division 2. Some excellent golf throughout the matches. Good luck to these players next Tuesday.

**The Rookies** are having an Ambrose game on Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Many of the women members will play with them on the day. Our thanks to Leonie Malcolm for her co-ordination of the event.

Rookies results for Tuesday

**Winner** Julie Campbell (R39) 16 points c/b  
New Handicap 37

**Runner up** Jen McKinlay (R45) 16 points.  
New Handicap 43

**Third** Liz Patrick 14 points.  
Balls to Helen, Felicity, Kerry, Mary and Babs.

Our appreciation to the Women who responded to the request for assistance with the Empower Golf

group. Helen Cregan, Muriel Dawson, Sue Walker and Marg O'Connell will join Julie Simpson as Volunteers for the group. Lachy Foulsham was most grateful for their support.

A reminder of our obligations as golfers regarding **golf course etiquette**. Please all bear in mind that we should display consideration and courtesy to our fellow players whilst adhering to the rules of golf and the pace of play. I would appreciate everyone's assistance in this regard.

We have been able to organize some tuition and clinics starting next month. These will be offered first to the newer division 3 players who may benefit by coaching and strategy for their games. Cost will be \$25 for the 1 hour clinic. If demand is evident more clinic times will be made available. Thank you to Ben Russell who identified this area of need. The date of the first clinic is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 2-3pm. An email will follow.

### Winners this week

#### Saturday

Natalia Chriss (40) 33 points

#### Sunday

#### Mixed Foursomes Championship Rd 1

Les Browne & Jen Jansson 81

Steve Sapsford & Jane Hagan 83

#### Mixed Foursomes Cup

Jill and Peter Hensman (27) 71

**Tuesday** Valerie Wilson (32) 37 pts,

Jeanette Nell (25) 34pts

**9 Hole** Jean Conway (44) 18points

Kathie Nelson, Angela Brown

### Wendy Millson

### Women's Captain

### Results

#### ANNUAL VISITORS DAY

#### Best 2 of 4 stableford

**1<sup>st</sup>** Lorraine Dickinson 82 C/B  
Kim Vautin  
Malveena Creighton (Warringah)  
Stacey Arthur (Port Kembla)

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Rosemary West 82  
Cheryl Baker  
Jenny Watts  
Cheryl Gilmour (Cromer)

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Shaz Young 81  
Marilyn Denner  
Susan Parker (Beverly Park)  
Elizabeth Henderson

**Scr** Jenni Brown 48  
Megan Symington  
Veronica Bertram  
Lanna Tran Thu (NSW)

**Balls to** 73 c/b



## RULES WITH GEORGE



**QUESTION:** Eric was playing the 13th hole in a stroke round. His tee shot hit a tree on the left and bounced back into play well short of the hole in long grass. He walked forward, found a ball which he played into the front left bunker. His next stroke, from the bunker, went over the back of the green and from there he chipped onto the green. At that stage he discovered that the ball he had been playing was not his ball so he went back, found his correct ball and played it onto the green. He took 2 putts to complete the hole. Which of the following is correct?

- Eric's score for the hole was 9
- Eric's score for the hole was 4.
- Eric's score for the hole was 6.

## MASTERS PENNANT

vs Cromer

We expected a tough game away at Cromer but unfortunately we just didn't play well enough last Sunday and ended up being soundly beaten 13-2.

The 13th hole saw the end for three of our matches - Duffy had a day to forget (so we will!) and while Tony Holley staged a bit of a comeback around the turn, he had fallen too far behind to realistically make a difference and both went down 6&5. Having had two easy victories, Bocko found himself in unfamiliar territory - 4 down after 5 - and whilst he too won a couple of holes back, his opponent played steady golf and birdied the 13<sup>th</sup> to win 6&5 as well.

Despite losing the first 5 points, with 6 holes to go, we were still in with a chance of sneaking the narrowest of wins as all 3 of the Scottish mafia were up, Coops was all square and Brownny had cut his deficit from 5 to 2. Knoxy and Jimmy Little had led in the top matches virtually all day. After being 2 up early, I lost 4 holes in a row to be two down but a couple of birdies got me back 1up after 12 and Coops' match had been close the whole way. Tony, however dropped a couple of quick holes and despite his great two putt for par on the 17<sup>th</sup>, his opponent got up and down from a tricky greenside bunker to close out that match 2&1.

My opponent birdied the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to retake the lead and I missed birdie putts of 10ft and 12ft on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> respectively and with a half on the 17<sup>th</sup> went to the last one down and unable to secure the win we needed to stand any chance. I should have won the 18<sup>th</sup> but a halved hole meant I ended up losing 1 down.

Brownny had pulled another back to only be 1 down playing 17 but his fight-back came to an end there with a three putt and we were 11-0 down with only the two Jimmys still on the course. Both came to the 17<sup>th</sup> 1up and secured two of the most different par 4s that you will ever see to ensure neither could be beaten. Unfortunately though both lost the last to par 3s and we ended up with no winners on the day.

We go away to Richmond next Sunday before returning home for the final two matches.

Qualification is still in our own hands despite the heavy defeat and the equation is very simple - win all three of the remaining games and we're through to the knockout stages.

Thanks to all those that came out to support us.

**Doug Campbell** Team Manager

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

I am sure we have all had the conversation around the table after our game, when someone will say “I haven’t seen so and so lately.” Someone on the table usually knows the answer to a missing members whereabouts. “Oh, they have gone to Retention, the Bush, retired to Queensland, given in to arthritic pain or gone to BOWLS.” Without noise or fanfare a resignation of playing membership has been made and one of our golfers has quietly moved away from the Club’s competitions. With this in mind, the comments and explanations given by Brian Cummins in the Welfare report recently is very welcome as goodbyes are said to several long-standing, loyal members.

This year the golfing body has lost Kaye Miller, but she hasn’t gone far and remains in the Bridge Club, and a House member, although the whisper is she will be playing bowls when her back is better! A few weeks ago I mentioned the contribution that her late husband Peter had made to both the Friday Club and Reef Care, now it is Kaye’s turn to be thanked for her 32 years of membership. We can ignore the fact that she is really a New Zealander, and say a thank you for her being a pleasure to play with and against. There is something very special about someone who goes into nursing! As a steady Bronze player she has her name on the Honour Boards and trophies. For example she was a 2004 Bronze Foursomes winner with Jean Conway. She has been a supporter of the Club in every way, including making a slight fool of herself at Dress-up day and in the Concerts. With a good sense of fun and such a pleasant personality. I hope she doesn’t mind me printing the photos below. Too late now!! Thanks for everything Kaye, and good luck with the back, the bridge and the bowls (and croquet, *Ed!*)



L-R Kaye, Rae Milsted and Judy O'Brien



Kaye and Fay Sinnott- a 4BBB win - serious golfers



A gentle angel with Rae Milsted and Marie Fairhall.



One of my very favourite dress-ups.  
Angelic choir boys. Kaye, Marie and Judy



Sugar-plum fairies, as sweet as they come.  
Marie, Judy and Kaye.

We also wish Shirley Loveridge the very best of everything as she also moves away from playing membership to House.

The wall display of photos in the Pro -shop has been changed and for the next few weeks we will see photos and accounts from the early 40’s. Please note, featured in the centre, the President during the war years, Mr Sneddon. There is no doubt that the club would have been in dire straits and forced to close without him and the efforts of the Club Committee. He died in office in 1945. You can also see Captain V.S. Slocombe, who resigned in 1945 after 13 years as Captain, and 15 years in total on the Club Committee.

**Sandra Mellowes**

## SPORTSMAN'S LUNCH

### Sargood Foundation

As many of you might know we are friends and neighbours to Sargood on Collaroy which is Australia's – and possibly the world's – first health and wellness resort providing purpose built, accessible accommodation and services for people living with a spinal cord injury. Last year, thanks to all the generous members of the LRGC community, over \$25,000 was raised to fund the important work that the [Sargood Foundation](#) does in support of Sargood on Collaroy.

Once again we are proud to support this wonderful organisation and our Sportsman's lunch on July 13<sup>th</sup> is fundraising to increase opportunities and independence for those with a spinal cord injury and purchase specialist equipment which will enrich the time guests spend at Sargood on Collaroy and also broaden the activities and opportunities available to all guests



## CRAZY WHIST



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – 6.30pm for a 7pm start  
\$20 pp including Dinner

Bookings Recommended Please see Reception

## FROM THE PRO SHOP

Pro Shop Specials:

- Selected ladies' skirts – **50% off**
- Ladies' birdee clothing – **50% off**
- Callaway / Cleveland / Mizuno clubs **25% off\***
- Tech golf bags – **just \$99**
- new range of men's and women's winter gear in store

\*See in store for all details

## BRIDGE CLUB



Third and final round of Pairs Championship on 16<sup>th</sup> May

### N/S

- 1<sup>st</sup> Helen Crott/Mary McAdam  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Herringe/Lilith Gollan  
3<sup>rd</sup> Peg Hulton/Jan Byrne

### E/W

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trish Turner/Judy O'Malley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ada Duignan/Jean Morey  
3<sup>rd</sup> Gail Thompson/Sue Cameron

### Pairs Championship

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trish Turner/Judy O'Malley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Herringe/Lilith Gollan  
3<sup>rd</sup> Peg Hulton/Jan Byrne  
4<sup>th</sup> Helen Crott/Mary McAdam



**LONG REEF  
FRIDAY CLUB**

**Rob Keir**

**President**

Results of competition 18<sup>th</sup> May

### Division 1: (1-19)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Perry Yeldham (19) 36 cb  
2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Spillane (15) 36 pts

### Division 2: (20-27)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Holdstock (22) 41 pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reg Stevens (25) 37 pts

### Division 3 (>27)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Val Wilson (36) 39 pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> David Langford (28) 38pts

### NTP

- Div 1 Peter Verrills  
Div 2 Paul Garrod  
Div 3 John Fallowfield

**Balls to 29cb**

## Men's Weekly Results

<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stableford</b>		
<b>A Grade</b>	Anthony Stockini (0)		37
<b>B Grade</b>	Phil Blanshard (16)		36
<b>C Grade</b>	Russell Smylie (19)		37
<b>Women</b>	Natalia Chriss (40)		33
<b>Scratch</b>	Anthony Stockini		37
<b>Junior</b>	Natalia Chriss (40)		33
<b>NTP</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jack Davies, 13 <sup>th</sup> Russell Smylie		
<b>Circle</b>	Ben Russell, Patrick Ford,		
<b>Balls</b>			31cb

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stableford</b>		
<b>Winner</b>	Timothy Jones (20)		38
<b>Foursomes Cup</b>	Jill & Peter Hensman		71.5

<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Stableford</b>		
<b>A Grade</b>	Samuel Fung (8)		37
<b>B Grade</b>	Derek Johanson (15)		35
<b>C Grade</b>	David Langford (28)		36
<b>Scratch</b>	Samuel Fung		37
<b>NTP</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> John Davison		
<b>Hole in One</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> Steve Buchan		
<b>Balls</b>			29

<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Stableford</b>		
<b>Winner</b>	Perry Yeldham (20)		38

<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Stableford &amp; 4BBB</b>		
<b>4BBB</b>	Kenyon McKie, Michael Manning		45cb
<b>A Grade</b>	Corey Battams (6)		37
<b>B Grade</b>	Derek Johanson (14)		37
<b>C Grade</b>	John Hesketh (24)		42
<b>Scratch</b>	Lloyd Radcliffe (Koohindah Waters)		38
<b>NTP</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> S Scott, 13 <sup>th</sup> Neil McDowell		
<b>Circle</b>	N McDowell, A Koch		
<b>Balls</b>			32

## RULES WITH GEORGE



**ANSWER: c. is correct.** Eric had played a **wrong ball**, so he acted correctly in abandoning the first ball he had played onto the green, and playing his own ball. He incurred a penalty of two strokes. The three strokes he played with the wrong ball do not count in his score.

**Rule 15-3b applies.** He must count his tee shot, 2 Penalty strokes, his stroke to the green and 2 putts.

## FROM THE COURSE



It seems I mostly start my contribution to the newsletter talking about the weather I guess because it plays a big part in what we do. Being a greenkeeper is like being a city farmer, a lot of what we do is determined by the weather we get on a daily basis.

Here are a few stats on the past 18 months. Last year we received 909mm of rain at Long Reef, 366mm short on average, so far this year we have received 292mm of rain, 360mm short of average just for this year.

Here is the scary one - in the past 50 weeks we have received 497mm of rain which is around 800mm short of average. This is the reason so many of our native trees around the course suddenly die and so many areas around the course are struggling to keep a grass cover.

Our dams have not been full for 12 months; it seems to me that things are certainly changing. I don't think Sydney has ever had a drier 12-month period.

In saying all this Long Reef has fared very well; the course has been difficult to look after for this extended period but we are so much better off than many other parts of Sydney, NSW or Australia.

This week we mini tined the greens to help aerate the soil and reduce thatch in the top layer. New gardens have been created at the rear of the 14<sup>th</sup> tee and near the ceremony lawn. A number of dead trees have been removed and all the branches from all the trimming has been mulched. The new turf areas are establishing well and next week we will continue with filling in another bunker, the right fairway bunker on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy your golf and pray for some rain.

## FREE GARDEN MULCH

We have piles of great quality mulch to anyone who would like to mulch their garden. There are numerous piles of different kinds of quality mulch, bring a truck bring a trailer just don't ask us to load you up. See Jeff the gardener or one of the staff to open the gate for access.

# LONG REEF GOLF CLUB SPORTS LUNCHEON

*Benefiting the Sargood Foundation*

Friday 13th July 2018  
12pm

\$120 per person includes  
Two course meal, cheese platters &  
a 4 hour drinks package



## BOOKINGS

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## GUEST SPEAKERS:

Graham Arnold, Phil Moss & members of the Australian  
Womens Rugby Sevens. MC'd by Cameron Daddo.

