

LONG REEF GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN
MEMBERS, THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2017

The Annual General Meeting held at the clubhouse was declared open by the President Marg O'Connell at 2.00pm and the President welcomed all women members and guests (S Twigg, LRGC President, A Dignan, LRGC General Manager).

PRESENT:

M O'Connell (President), W Millson (Captain), L Parsons (Handicapper), R McCormick (Hon Secretary), J Daniel, G Severino, J Jansson and 64 members.

APOLOGIES:

P Burke, K Sloane, O Heiser, M Denner, H Gunther, A Biffin, M Verrills, L Brown (LRGC Captain), T Carpenter, A Henderson, D Murray. G McCorby, F Sinnott, J Conway, A Pearce, S Walker, L Harper, K Vautin, L Bacon, L Ruthven, J Grundy, D Muncke, L Clayton, A Gattas, S Gillies.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting had previously been distributed via email and copies were available at the meeting. The President asked if everyone had read them. It was then resolved that the minutes be confirmed and seconded.

MOVED: J Brown (No. 01996)

SECONDED: J Simpson (No. 02911)

Passed by a majority show of hands

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There was no business arising.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The committee received 3 written Questions on Notice.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports (below) were presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I present my report for 2017.

It has been most gratifying to receive the support of the members in this my introductory year as president.

Firstly, my thanks to our hard working committee. New committee members Gilda and Jennifer have slotted in most competently and are an asset to the team. Robyn, Jan, Lynne and Kim have continued to be stalwart mainstays and Wendy, in her role as Captain, has been outstanding and incredibly supportive to us all.

In addition to the traditional tasks undertaken by committee, this year has involved discussions on the revision of the club's by-laws. The Board believes that it is important that the club update its governance

procedures in keeping with technological and societal changes. I thank the committee for its work in this area.

I would like to congratulate the women members on the manner in which they approach the game of golf. Both the sportsmanship and friendliness in which you play the game is to be commended. Long Reef is a club where developing players are made to feel comfortable and confident as they work on improving their skills. Well done Ladies.

My hearty congratulations to all who have experienced success in their golf throughout the year whether it be championship events, stroke medal rounds, pennant golf, Barrenjoey golf, 'away' golf; congratulations and I hope you have continued success.

We have had a most successful year socially. Our special open days have been well supported. \$4000 was raised for Mona Vale Hospital Auxiliary. These funds have gone towards the refurbishing of the Assessment and Rehabilitation Building which is remaining on site at Mona Vale Hospital. This year's Legacy fundraiser was well supported with a total of \$4 761 raised.

In our Long Reef v Cromer annual clash our neighbourliness was well on display. We were pleased to achieve a comfortable win against Cromer which perhaps enabled us to be even more neighbourly!

My thanks to the club staff for helping to make our visitor days a success. Ben, Alex, Michelle and Phil in the office; our chefs Martin, Michael and Neil; Kelly, Courtney, Adrian and all the staff working in the cafe and bar. Thank you.

There are many others to thank. Our Board members, Elaine Coldham, Catherine Gould and Natalie Driver; our Veterans' Delegate, Jenni Brown; Lilith Gollan, our tireless newsletter compiler; Sandra Mellowes and Judy Hore for their thorough archival work; Barrenjoey Week of Golf delegates, Susan Ramsay, Nicki Wiebi and Marilyn Denner; Danny Vera, Michael Infanti and Tamra Moore in the Pro Shop; Peter Donkers and the Greens staff and Anthony Dignan, Long Reef's General Manager.

In concluding I would like to wish Robyn McCormick, Jan Daniel and Kim Sloane all the best as they depart committee. Ladies, your contribution to the club has been most valued.

This year has been a rewarding experience for me. Thank you for your encouragement and support.

Marg O'Connell

President

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I am proud to present the Women Captain's report for 2017.

May I start by thanking our extremely hard working Women's Committee who have given their time so willingly and supportively throughout this year. Marg O'Connell and I appreciate the wonderful team effort which combines to deliver great golf at Long Reef.

Our Grade pennant team of Jenni Brown, Natalie Driver (F/C), Catherine Gould, Tanya Heber and Jennifer Jansson were successful in bringing the GNSW Grade 4 Pennant to Long Reef. Congratulations on being

fine club representatives and we look forward to ongoing success in Grade 3 for 2018. Special mention to Jenni Brown who progressed through her matches undefeated and was awarded a medal from GNSW. The behind the scenes work of the very reliable caddy brigade (Karen Smith, Mick Snell, Pam Burke, Robyn McCormick, Jeanette Nell, Lynne Clayton, Wendy Millson and Kim Sloane) combined to provide the support necessary to these players. Teamwork, Practice and Clinics were the secret here.

Our appreciation extends to the Convenors and Field Captains for all Pennant teams.

Grade Wendy Millson & Natalie Driver
 Silver II Kim Sloane & Gaby Bennett
 Bronze 1 Jennifer Jansson & Gilda Severino
 Bronze 2 Jan Daniel & Robyn Halliday
 Bronze 4 Lynne Parsons & Amanda Biffin

Whilst we were unsuccessful in these competitions, the Matchplay experience for some 47 women has proved invaluable.

Representing Long Reef at GNSW events were:

Mandy Biffin and Helen Cregan in the Pewter Plate

Catherine Gould, Karen Smith, Jennifer Jansson and Gaby Bennett at the Coronation Medal

Maria Russell, Jenny Watts, Jan Daniel and Gilda Severino at the Bronze Medallion

Lynne Parsons, Lorraine Stafford, Chez Hickman and Maria Russell at the Keno NSW Fourball

Julia Bowen (Weekend) Rachael Loomes (Div 1) Muriel Dawson and Kim Bradford (Div2), Prue Bardsley (Div 3) were our metropolitan medal play off competitors.

Our Foursomes Champions this year are Julia Bowen and Tanya Heber who defeated Jennifer Jansson and Karen Smith in an enthralling Matchplay. Liz Macqueen and Lorraine Stafford combined well to defeat Jill Grundy and Kerry McCallum for the Bronze Premiership and in C Grade the pairing of Mandy Biffin and Li-Shyan Chen prevailed over Jill Hensman and Wendy Langthorne.

The Weekend Foursomes Championship was won by Natalie Driver and Catherine Gould. This was played on a Sunday and included 6 day members in the field of 30.

The Women's Weekend Premiership winner was Natalie Driver with Alison Gattas having the best nett result.

In our Club Championships, which were played as Matchplay this year, Catherine Gould defeated Julia Bowen in a close finish on the 36th hole. Congratulations to Catherine Gould our Women's 2017 Club Champion.

The Bronze Premiership was won by Nan Crump who also had a nail biting win over Jill Hensman to finish 2 up. Steady golf and great improvement from both players who have made the move up from C Grade.

Sue Dewell won the C Grade Premiership in her first ever Matchplay final against Arlene Veith. They fought hard and played in great spirit with Sue ultimately winning 5/3.

Singles Knockout: Marilyn Denner defeated Julia Deere-Jones

Long Markers Knockout: Kim Bradford defeated Jan Hanson

Women President's Trophy: Gaby Bennett defeated Lyn Harper

Women Captain's Trophy Catherine Gould defeated Kerry McCallum

Fourball Knockout: Angela Brown/Jenni Brown def Sharyn Hillman/Jan Redfern

Long Reef Plate

Div 1 Rosemary West

Div 2 Di Cowle

Long Reef Salver 2016

Felicity Wittenberg (Avondale)

Kaye Miller was the Dot Leonard Rose Bowl Winner.

Our Grandmothers Trophy was won by Marg Verrills. Carolyn Howells was the Great Grandmother winner this year.

Barrenjoey Week of Golf delegates this year were Susan Ramsay, Marilyn Denner and Nicki Wiebe. They all worked extremely hard to contribute to this long standing event. We hope for great results in 2018 when we host on both Monday and Thursday and thank all women and delegates for participating.

Our fundraising efforts this year benefitted Legacy, Breast Care Nurses and Mona Vale Hospital Auxiliary. Thank you to the Club for allowing us to continue this effort and for your support.

Once again it was wonderful to see teams of women heading to the World Masters Games, Nelson Bay and Orange flying the Long Reef flag.

Congratulations to Rachael Loomes scoring a hole in one at the 7th on Sunday Oct 29, 2017.

Thank you to Les Browne and Steve Twigg for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Club and for their ongoing support of the Women's Programme. We have enjoyed the support of Ben Russell and indeed the entire administration staff on a weekly basis. Equally the Pro Shop and Teed Up have supported us by sponsorship, clinics and tuition. Our gratitude to Peter Donkers and his team for presenting a great course each week on which we love to play.

I would also like to acknowledge the behind the scenes efforts of Lilith Gollan, Sandra Gillies, Judy Hore, Catherine Gould and Elaine Coldham who have played supportive roles by way of refereeing, advice and counsel.

For many of our members we have had a year of ill-health, injuries and surgery. Let's hope for all 2018 is much healthier and brighter. On a positive note Pam Martin, Larka Kliman, Shirley Blackburn, Robyn McCreath, Judy Hore and Ingrid Ferguson returned to golf after long absences.

Finally we bid farewell to 3 retiring Committee members. Our Treasurer Kim Sloane has been a valuable asset to the team and her quiet efficiency and outstanding golf knowledge will be missed. Jan Daniel has worn several hats in her time on committee. Firstly overseeing the introduction of the slope system as

Handicapper and more recently as Convenor of the Rookies Programme, all done efficiently and successfully while managing family issues abroad. Robyn McCormick leaves after serving as Treasurer, Vice Captain and Secretary surprising no-one with her array of talents. These women will leave enormous shoes to fill but we are certain more team players will emerge. We will miss their smiles and friendship but our best wishes and gratitude go with them all.

The constant theme throughout this year has been that of teamwork-whether it be on committee, pennant play or helping out where needed. My belief is the success of our women's programme thrives on that cohesive philosophy and the care and support we show in looking out for and after each other.

My final thank you is to Marg O'Connell with whom I have had the pleasure of working alongside for several years. I hope we continue on our successful way through 2018.

Wendy Millson

Captain

HANDICAP MANAGER'S REPORT

I have enjoyed this year as my first year as Handicap Manager. I have met many new members who come in with much enthusiasm and improve their golf monthly. Many of them have reduced their handicaps at a rapid rate.

It has been interesting to watch the see-sawing effects the weather and the course conditions have on our handicaps.

Regardless of conditions there are a few of us, new and not so new members, who have worked hard and had a steady reduction of more than 20% in their handicaps so far this year; Sue Dewell, Prue Bardsley, Ali Gattas, Gilda Severino, Julia Bowen, Catherine Gould, Megan Symington and Elizabeth Mullins.

The trophy for the Most Reduced Handicap is awarded each year and to be eligible you must have played more than 20 games during the calendar year. Because the winner cannot be known until the end of the year it is awarded and presented the following year at Opening Day.

The winner for 2016 was Sue Smiles and the winner for 2017 will be announced on Opening Day 2018. The result is decided by the largest percentage drop in handicap over the year. As indicated above, there are quite a few strong contenders this year.

In closing I would like to thank the committee for their support and help over the last year, especially when I have been away.

I wish you all good golfing and good health for 2018

Lynne Parsons,
Handicap Manager

VETERANS' DELEGATE REPORT

This year has proved to be quite successful for our large group of around 120 Long Reef veteran lady golfers most of which are also VWGA members. I hope everyone enjoyed at least some of your golf during the year.

Many thanks to the committee for their help during the year and to Karen Smith who was kind enough to assist me and did a great job.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

Veterans' Trophy:

June	Di Cowle
September	Di Murray

Challenge Brooch:

Division 1	Rachael Loomes
Division 2	Lyn Harper
Division 3	Colleen Thompson

Senior Veterans

Saturday	Di Murray Jen Jansson
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Point Score:

Jenni Brown in 1st place
Julia Bowen in 2nd place
Susan Hay in 3rd place

Rae Milsted – 9 hole winner

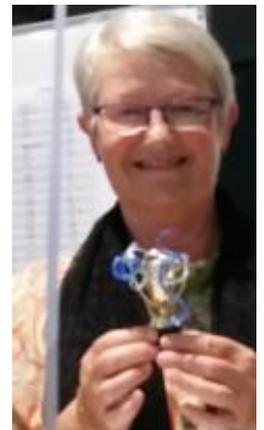
with a special mention to Kaye Miller who had the greatest attendance.

Some of our ladies have entered the VWGA events at other clubs and enjoyed the experience. Eleven of us, once again, headed off to Riverside Oaks for a couple of days while the course was closed for renovations in August. We had a great time will possibly look at doing more in future.



Congratulations to Rachael Loomes for her hole in one (7th) in October only a couple of weeks after her husband, Maurice had one (13th).

September saw a large contingent of us head off to the Nelson Bay Ladies Classic where Di Murray (pictured right) was a winner of one of our internal comps through the week.



Fay Sinnott, although unable to attend this year, prepared all the usual fun trophies including the traditional cookie jar which unfortunately was misplaced.

A quick trip to the local 'Vinnies' and we were able to buy a fitting replacement – a ceramic pelican!
Ondrae Heiser & Marg Mullins pictured with new trophy.

I would like to give a special mention to our special senior vets who are still playing. We have around 40 ladies who are 70 or over, 9 who are +80 and the evergreen 90 year old, Rae Milsted, who won the 9 hole point score this year.

I do hope everyone has a happy and healthy new year and that you keep trying to reduce your handicap whilst continuing to enjoy your game.

Jenni Brown

VWGA Veterans' Delegate

ROOKIES CONVENOR'S REPORT

This year saw the Rookies programme being taken under the wing of the Women's Committee. The idea behind this being to make the programme an all inclusive part of women's golf at Long Reef

With assistance from the main office in the marketing department, Michael Infanti and Tamra Moore in the pro shop, amazing willingness to help from the women's membership and especially the Committee, the membership has gone from strength to strength. Although we lost a few members at the end of the financial year the main reasons was either illness or intention to travel, and just a few who decided golf was not for them. At the end of 2016 5 women transferred to the main membership and two have already played representative golf for the club. To date we have had 20 new members and 7 more are starting this month.

The initial 4 week introduction to golf with supervised play stayed the same for the majority of the year but we were able to introduce a series of 4 follow up clinics to this. We have also been able to afford all the other Rookies the opportunity of 8 clinics with Michael on Tuesdays and Tamra on Thursdays. The results of all these extra clinics has been absolutely amazing in the standard of golf played and motivation to join the main membership is evident (we even had a hole in one on the 2nd!!)

I took over this role as convenor for the Rookies from Pam Burke. I would like to thank her for all the information and advice she handed over to me - it was invaluable. It has been a very enjoyable experience to watch the development of the programme and the members themselves.

Finally, a big thank you to our Captain, Wendy Millson, for her unending help and support this year, especially in the times when I had to travel to the UK at quite short notice

Jan Daniel

Rookies Convenor

There was no discussion on the Annual Reports. The President asked that they be received and adopted.

RECEIVED: A Veith (No 01923)

ADOPTED: H Kook (00870)

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR NEW 2018 COMMITTEE

The following Office Bearers were elected unopposed.

President:	Marg O'Connell
Captain:	Wendy Millson
Vice Captain	Gilda Severino
Hon Secretary:	Kim Bradford
Hon Treasurer:	Leonie Malcolm
Handicap Manager:	Lynne Parsons
General Committee:	Jennifer Jansson
General Committee:	Karen Smith

Our three new members Kim Bradford, Karen Smith and Leonie Malcolm, were warmly welcomed by the members.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RETIRING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President, Marg O'Connell, acknowledged the outgoing Committee members, Robyn McCormick, Jan Daniel and Kim Sloane.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The committee received 3 questions on notice.

1. Regarding our Championships; would it be possible to include an 'A Reserve' Championship' in this event? There are a number of wonderful golfers left in the lurch during this time ie. The 10 – 20 handicappers. What are your views on this please?
J Watts (No 03024)

Response: W Millson, Women's Captain, replied that we can only have 4 grades /divisions when playing numbers reach 100+ With our Division breaks changing (Division 1: up to 15.6 GA, Division 2: 15.7 to 25.7 GA, Division 3: 25.8 to 45.4 GA) this will change the composition of Divisions.

2. I would like to pose the following for our AGM; during the past there have been several events where Long Reef Management have cancelled our golf on Tuesdays for other events. When this is done, there seems to be a notice in the clubhouse, however, we do not receive emails to advise us of the changes. Unfortunately, I do not live close to the club so I book on the website. As a result I have spent quite a bit of time on the computer attempting to book a game & then phoning the office to find out what the problem is. In particular, in the newsletter last week it was announced that time sheets would now be available to book on line on Wednesdays from 5 pm. I tried to book at 5 pm today and the system said it wasn't available for another 22 hours. This, of course, necessitated another phone call to the office. This is not only time consuming for members but surely also for the office staff. I am wondering if others experience the same difficulty and if so, could we kindly request the office to send an email to members when this situation occurs in the future.

Thank you.

A Veith (No. 01923)

Response : A Dignan (LRGC General Manager) replied that the he will look into this and ask Ben Russell email members when this happens.

3. I have been unable to pay for our Christmas Dinners, Open Days & other special events on our Long Reef accounts. I believe this might be due to the fact the system was not deducting the amounts previously. Has this system been corrected? There are many women who are not playing regularly, are on retention or just have house accounts. As a result, they are having to pay by other means when they may have more than enough money on their accounts & may not be able to use it before the end of March each year. Surely, house accounts are meant to be just that and one should not have to pay by credit card or cash if their accounts are in credit. This event last year was either a system fault and or staff errors

A Veith (No. 01923)

Response : A Dignan (LRGC General Manager) replied that the Club had problems with the Point of Sale system and although possible to use for this purpose, it was a convoluted exercise requiring several different accounting entries, with the increased possibility for errors. Until the POS system is upgraded it will not be possible.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Is there any reason why we have stopped providing ball markers for nearest the pins on Par 3's? Measuring with the flagstick holds up play and takes time.
2. Also, I would like to suggest call up on the 2nd hole. This was the practice in the past but I am not sure why we can't do this again.

J Nell – (No.00526)

Response: Women's Captain, Wendy Millson replied that these issues will be considered at the next Women's Committee meeting and will advise.

GENERAL BUSINESS: - None

The meeting was closed at 2.35pm.

President: _____

Date: _____