

Long Reef Golf Club

Women Members'

ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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To be presented to Women Members

at the

Annual General Meeting  
to be held in the Clubhouse on  
Thursday 8th November, 2018 at 2 pm.

BUSINESS

- ❖ Minutes of Annual General Meeting 16th November, 2017 to be confirmed
- ❖ Annual Reports to be presented and adopted
- ❖ Election of Office-Bearers for the ensuing year:  
  
President, Captain, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer,  
and 2 General Committee members
- ❖ General Business

## OFFICE BEARERS 2018

President M O'Connell

Captain W Millson

Vice-Captain G Severino

Hon. Secretary K Bradford

Hon. Treasurer L Malcolm

Handicap Manager L Parsons

### General Committee Members

J Jansson

K Smith

Golf NSW Delegate W Millson

Veterans' Delegate J Brown

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## **President's Report**

It is with pleasure that I present my report, my second and final as LRGC's Women's President.

Although this is only my second year as Women's President, 2018 marks my sixth year on committee. As such I plan to step down to pursue other hobbies and pastimes.

I have enjoyed my time on committee. It has been a privilege to represent you. As the club juggles its various roles as a golf club, a functions venue and a cafe/restaurant for the local area, I have done my best to present the views of the women. At times this has been rather challenging.

Notwithstanding these challenges, I am proud to be part of a team that has achieved much over the past year. In September Long Reef GC was named a finalist in the Metropolitan Club of the Year competition. Awarded by NSW Golf Industry Awards it recognised our ongoing capital works program, our participation programs such as the Juniors and Rookies programs and our community activities such as support for Sargood, Home for Heroes and the weekly Paragolf clinics.

LRGC is home to the Girls' Independent Golf League (GIGL Australia), a not-for-profit sports association with a specific focus in increasing participation of girls in golf and building life skills. Under Julia Bowen and Catherine Gould's direction, the first GIGL pilot program at LRGC led to the establishment of a new Junior Girls' After School Golf Program run by teaching professional Jody Fleming.

A newly-formed Fundraising Team comprising Dianne Muncke, Jill Hensman and Dani Montgomery worked with Committee to achieve outstanding results in the year's key charity fundraisers. \$3636 was raised for the Chris O'Brien Cancer Foundation and \$8522 for the Bringa Women's Refuge.

In addition, \$3812 was raised for Mona Vale Hospital Auxiliary. Due to the winding down of key functions at Mona Vale Hospital, it was decided to confine future fundraising activities to the Bringa Women's Refuge and the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse Cancer Foundation (Chip-in-for-Cancer). Norma Moran and Waveney Perman, Mona Vale Hospital Auxiliary president and secretary respectively, pass on their thanks to the women at LRGC for their generous support over the past decade.

Numerous women members continue to volunteer their services ensuring that our golfing program, not only here at Long Reef but within the wider golfing community remains varied and enjoyable. We thank Elaine Coldham, Catherine Gould and Natalie Driver for representing us at Board level; Jenni Brown remains our Veterans' Delegate; Marilyn Denner, Linda Sinclair and Pauline McMahon are our Barrenjoey Week of Golf Delegates; club historians Sandra Mellowes and Judy Hore regularly update the club's archives. And Nicki Wiebe, along with Rob Keir, continues to maintain a smooth running Friday Club. I acknowledge all who have participated in interclub pennant competitions and those assisting with GIGL. We value your commitment.

And last, but by no means least I thank my committee friends for their support over the past six years. Under Wendy's leadership and Judy Hore prior to Wendy, Long Reef's Women's Committees have been competent, well-oiled machines providing a fabulous golfing experience all year round. Committee co-workers, Jen Jansson, Lynne Parsons and Kim Bradford are stepping down from committee work. I thank them for their efforts and wish them all the best for the future.

My thanks to you all for your warm support and friendship.

Marg O'Connell

## **Captain's Report**

I am pleased to present the Women's Captain's report for 2018.

We welcomed Kim Bradford, Karen Smith and Leonie Malcolm to the Committee and appreciate their efforts this year. In a year of change many of our previous tasks were redirected to administration and Pro Shop duties making for a lesser workload and more efficient functioning. We propose to reduce the Committee number to a group of six women for the coming year.

Our appreciation goes to Ben Russell and Michelle Harradine for their tireless support and indeed to all administration staff. The Committee hosted the second 'staff thank you' in August, where course, administration, function and Pro shop staff were invited and thanked for their year round efforts.

Our 57 women in the Pennant teams were enthusiastic in their approach to matchplay golf with the Grade Team securing their place in Division 3 for 2019.

The team comprised Jenni Brown, Catherine Gould, Jennifer Jansson, Sandra Gillies, Natalie Driver and newcomers Karen Smith and Diana Sier. Caddies were reliable and punctual with Mick Snell, Pam Burke, Rosemary West, Susan Hay, Rachael Loomes, Jan Daniel, Karen Smith, Diana Sier, Robyn McCormick, Gilda Severino and Wendy Millson all undertaking the role. As you can see it takes a huge team effort to realise our goals. Much appreciation to Sandra Gillies and Nat Driver for their roles as Field Captains.

Silver Pennant was a new pathway for us with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  handicap matchplay format. Competition among our players for a position on the team was healthy and a luxury for Gilda who convened the team. We welcomed Emma Thurlow, Alyssa Starc and Cath Piper to this playing group.

Bronze 1 Bowl played solid golf without great fortune, with Marilyn Denner the best performed player.

Bronze 2 Shield welcomed Wendy Thomas and Lyn Ashton to pennant golf with Prue Bardsley as Field Captain for the first time. Catherine Hancock was the standout player with 4 wins.

Leonie Malcolm convened our Bronze 4 team which was very much a novice grouping. Maryanne Yeldham and Caroline Berner performed well each week and Larka Kliman led the team strongly. We hope they are encouraged to continue in 2019.

Following our Pennant season we conducted a workshop with Convenors and Field Captains to establish an improvement plan for our matchplay. We intend to implement more structured and earlier practice sessions with more matchplay into the programme as well as compiling hints for matchplay.

We are active participants in Golf NSW events.

Competing at the Pewter plate were Sue Rossi and Sue Dewell.

Bronze Medallion players were Gay McCorby, Lorraine Stafford, Prue Bardsley and Maria Russell with Gay having the best nett score overall at Manly. The team finished in a tie for 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Coronation Medal participants were Catherine Gould, Natalie Driver, Marg O'Connell and Alison Gattas. These players finished tied for 10<sup>th</sup> place.

Karen Pethybridge and Sue Phillips together with Jane Hagan and Tanya Heber qualified to attend the Keno NSW Women's Fourball at Glenmore Heritage Golf Club. They finished mid field.

GNSW Medal winners Janet Atchison (Weekend), Julia Bowen (Div 1) and Nan Crump (Div 2) will play in the metropolitan medal play off at North Ryde in November with the hope of making the State Final at Horizons Golf Resort on December 11th. Mili Sanchez was our Division 3 winner but has relocated overseas.

Significant work on our hole indexing by Julia Bowen and a submission to have our slope/scratch rating revised resulted in changes being implemented to the women's scorecard. The resultant change in handicap should offer a truer reflection of our playing abilities.

### Championship Results

Our Foursomes Champions for 2018 are Julia Bowen and Catherine Gould. Bronze Foursomes winners were Julie Simpson and Jenny Watts with the C Grade Foursomes Premiership going to Kim Bradford and Larka Kliman. Nett winners over the field were Jen Jansson and Karen Smith.



The Women's Weekend Premiership was won by Jennifer Jansson and Pauline McMahon was the Nett Winner.

Natalie Driver and Tanya Heber were the Weekend Foursomes winners. Elaine Coldham and Jill Hensman won the nett event.

Jennifer Jansson also won the Mixed Foursomes Trophy partnering Les Browne.

Lynne Parsons and Sandra Mellowes both played the perfect golf shot on the same day to record a Hole in One. Lynne at the 13<sup>th</sup> Hole and Sandra on the temporary Par 3.

Congratulations to Pam Burke who was recognised at the Club Annual General Meeting with a John Mullins Distinguished Service Award. I am not certain there is a more worthy volunteer at the Club. Pam has been a wonderfully hard working member of the Women's Committee for 10 years, a researcher with the Archive committee over a 7 year period, a co-ordinator of the Rookie Program, a long term Grade caddy and player. "Mrs Music" at the concert each year and generally the first person to welcome you to the Club. High on Pam's priority is the welfare of our older and established player group. Well-deserved recognition.

We are blessed by the giving nature of the women here at Long Reef. The volunteer efforts of all should be recognised. Di Muncke, Dani Montgomery and Jill Hensman have been outstanding in their fund raising initiatives working closely with Marg O'Connell.

Angela Brown and Mandy Biffin who have taken on the task of Christmas Concert co-ordination for the second year; Jenny Brown as our Veterans Delegate has been very busy; Julie Simpson and her team with the Empower golfers; Nicki Wiebe in her role as Crazy Whist co-ordinator and Friday Club Vice president; Lilith Gollan as the Newsletter editor and "Rules governess"; Sandra Mellowes and Judy Hore for the archives and record keeping. Thanks also to the women who have mentored new members and supported the Rookie Programme. Thanks to Jenny Watts and Nan Crump for organising their touring groups to Nelson Bay and Orange. Julia Bowen for her thorough revision of our hole indexing for both the 9 and 18 hole scorecard. Natalie Driver, Elaine Coldham and Catherine Gould for their unstinting efforts as Board Directors. The Committee who work behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the women's Golf programme. I think it speaks volumes for the character of our group of women.

We have staunch supporters of our Women's Programme in Steve Twigg and Les Browne. Their ongoing guidance has proved invaluable to Marg and myself this year and we are truly grateful.

The Rookies continue to be an integral part of our feeder programme. After a mid-year change which saw us farewell Tamra Moore from the Pro-Shop we welcomed Jody Fleming to the coaching role. Jody quickly established momentum with the group prior to her maternity leave. Currently Sam Newbrun is overseeing the development of these players. Steady numbers and golfing improvements along with participation in some of our events should see this group transfer to membership in the near future.

New initiatives for beginner golfers are underway with collaboration from Marketing, Membership and Pro Shop staff.

We farewell several of our Committee this year:

We thank Kim Bradford for her work in the role of Secretary over the past year.

Jen Jansson has been an asset with her record keeping. We have been fortunate to have her for the past 2 years in her role as photographer extraordinaire, providing a record of our winners and teams.

Lynne Parsons has had several roles whilst on committee and has been a most reliable team member. Initially as secretary and then followed 2 years as Handicap Manager. Lynne's commitment and willing assistance to all committee members and Pennant teams has been excellent.

I am not sure where we would be without Marg O'Connell and her absolute dedication to the role of Women's President. Marg has been on Committee for six years and fulfilled roles as Secretary, Trophy Manager and finally as President with the detail we could expect from her former life as a school teacher. We have been greatly amused by her presentation stories and her wicked sense of humour. We know how much she loves a list and we are always grateful for her attention to the small detail. We will miss her greatly on the Committee but know she will be down at Lockhart spending time with family a little more often. I am particularly grateful to Marg for her generous support, wisdom and friendship.

Wendy Millson

## **Handicap Manager's Report**

Thank you once again for giving me the opportunity to be the Handicap Manager this year.

Many of you have asked me over the year what my role entails now that most things have been computerized. Yes I agree compared with the role when I first joined Long Reef in 1994 it has dramatically changed. We no longer have the need for lengthy weekly manual calculations as most can be gained by plugging in the numbers. However it is important in times of need to have the knowledge and understanding to be able to revert to the more "archaic" methods.

My role today is mostly statistical recording for major prizes and trophies, issuing of new handicaps and keeping up with the changes in the handicapping system as well as general committee duties.

I know that the current handicapping system can frustrate some of you. Some moaning and groaning I hear is 'I don't understand this handicap, it just does not change fast enough' and similar sentiments. If you would like to understand it further please do not hesitate to ask me. I am more than happy to sit with you and help you understand it. Once you understand how it works it can be an excellent tool to help you strive for the handicap you desire.

Having said all that; the second half of 2018 has seen significant changes to our handicaps. The re-indexing of the holes has probably affected some more than others. Our slope rating for Women has reduced from 134 to 132. In addition our daily scratch rating (DSR) has reduced from 76 to 74. These changes will see us better aligned with the clubs with whom we are competing.

2019 will see more change with 1 January kicking off with new rules. There will also be some modifications of the GA handicap system to come in line with a global system.

If you would like to prepare for the new changes in the rules for 2019 please go to [www.golf.org.au/newrules](http://www.golf.org.au/newrules). They have some great short videos. Please be aware some of these new rules can be local rules, so check the board and score card for these in 2019. Also there will be an information night here on Tuesday 27 November.

Thank you also to the wonderful, tireless greenkeepers, who have kept the course in such a wonderful condition during this year's long drought. We can forget sometimes how fortunate we are here at Long Reef.

Thank you

Lynne Parsons

## **Veterans' Report**

This year has proved to be quite successful for our large group of around 100 Long Reef veteran lady golfers with many ladies reducing their handicaps. The winners circle is getting larger every year. 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 has done a great job.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

**Veterans' Trophy:** **June** Jan Daniel, **September** Rachael Loomes.

**Challenge Brooch:** Division 1 Karman Whitford, Division 2 Lyndall Bacon. Division 3 –Lyn Ashton,

**Senior Veterans** Muriel Dawson and Saturday Jen Jansson.

**Point Score:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Jenni Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Gilda Severino, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Helen Cregan

9 hole winner Anne Nielsen closely followed by the perennial Rae Milsted.

Special mention to Sue Smiles, who only missed 1 Thursday all year, and Karen Pethybridge who missed 2.

Some of us headed off to Central Coast this year for a couple of days in August, while the course was closed for renovations. We had a great time at Toukley and Magenta Shores.

Congratulations to Jean Reitzer, Sandra Mellowes (temporary 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Lynne Parsons (13<sup>th</sup>) for their Holes in One early in the year.

September saw a smaller contingent of us head off to the Nelson Bay Classic where Jenny Watts won a Longest Drive in Div 2, Rosemary West won a NTP. The winning team for the perpetual Nelson Bay Pelican Trophy was Fiona Bone, Rosemary West and Jenny Watts.



After the Cookie Jar was thought lost last year we discovered this pelican in the Vinnies shop so it's now the perpetual Nelson Bay Pelican Trophy for the Thursday team winners.

Back L-R

Mary Payne, Rosemary West, Colleen Thompson, Robyn Lyon, Judy Gietz and Jenni Brown

Front L-R

Fiona Bone, Kerry McCallum, Elaine Coldham and Jenny Watts

To the many super Vets playing may we salute you? It's a truly great achievement to continue to be healthy and able enough to still be playing. You are inspirational.

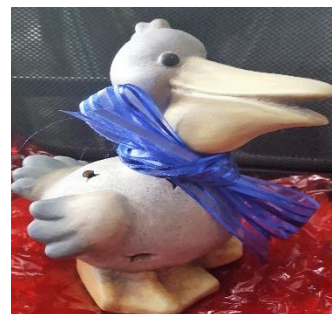
I do hope everyone has a happy and healthy new year and that you keep trying to reduce your handicap whilst continuing to enjoy your game. Much to my chagrin my handicap has been going the wrong way for some time now- maybe it's time for some lessons.

Jenni Brown

Pelican

Veterans' Delegate

Trophy



## TOTAL WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP DATA

@ 09 October 2018

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
7 Day Member	22	18
7 Day Special	0	0
6 Day Member	39	36
6 Day Special	0	1
5 Day Member	79	74
5 Day Special	8	12
Junior Member	0	4
7 Day Retention Plus	1	0
6 Day Retention Plus	0	2
5 Day Retention Plus	5	11
Cadet (now chippers)	2	7
Intermediate 18 -21	0	0
Intermediate 22 - 25	1	1
Country Member	1	1
Retention Member	20	24
Gold Member	2	2
Life Member	2	2
Scholarship	0	1
Rookies *	50	31
Ambassador	0	1
Easygolf	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>230</b>

## TOTAL PLAYING WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP DATA

@ 09 October 2018

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>		
7 Day Member	22	18	Decrease	-4
6 Day Member	39	36	Decrease	-3
6 Day Special	0	1	Increase	1
5 Day Member	79	74	Decrease	-5
5 Day Special	8	12	Increase	4
7 Day Retention Plus	1	0		0
6 Day Retention Plus	0	2	Increase	2
5 Day Retention Plus	5	11	Increase	11
Intermediate 22 - 25	1	1		0
Country Member	1	1		0
Life Member	2	2		0
Cadet (now Chipper)	2	7	Increase	5
Junior	0	4	Increase	4
Easygolf		2	Increase	2
<b>Playing Membership Total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>171</b>	Increase	<b>+11</b>
Rookies *	50	31	Decrease	-19



## MAJOR TROPHY WINNERS

Club Championship	J Bowen
Runner up	J Jansson
Bronze Premiership	M Dawson
Runner up	C Piper
C Grade Premiership	O Heiser
Runner up	R Lyon
Foursomes Championship	J Bowen / C Gould
Runners up	J Jansson/ K Smith
Bronze Foursomes Premiership	J Simpson / J Watts
Runners up	C John / J Preston
C Grade Foursomes Premiership	K Bradford / L Kliman
Runners up	K McCallum / M Sanchez
Singles Knockout (Committee Cup)	W Millson
Runner up	K Sloane
Long Markers' Knockout	L Ashton
Runner up	S Hillman
Women's President's Trophy	P Bardsley
Runner up	P McMahon
Women's Captain's Trophy	A Veith
Runner up	J Brown
GNSW Div I Medal	J Bowen
GNSW Div II Medal	N Crump
GNSW Div III Medal	M Sanchez
GNSW Weekend Medal	J Atchison
Medal Winner's Cup	J Bowen

Club President's Trophy	J Bowen
Club Captain's Trophy	J Brown
Wiedersehn Trophy	J Bowen
McNicol Trophy	R Loomes
Fourball Knockout	J Sandvoss / D Sier
Runners up	N Driver / W Thomas
Supervets Winner	H Cregan
Scratch Score (2017)	J Bowen
Most Reduced Handicap (2017)	J Jansson
Long Reef Salver (2017)	S Thompson (Avondale)
Long Reef Plate Div 1	E Kelly (Bayview)
Long Reef Plate Div 2	H Crutch (Avalon)
Women's Weekend Premiership	J Jansson
Women's Weekend Premiership Net	P McMahon
Women's Weekend Foursomes Premiership	N Driver / T Heber
Women's Weekend Foursomes Premiership Net	E Coldham / J Hensman
Summer Cup	J Bowen