

Reef Breezes

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Photos of the course after the storm on 20th December



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



The new year has produced some fine results. Chris Montgomery had an early NYE with 46pts on 1 Jan, President Steve was just an onlooker in combining with John Cimino (44pts) to record 54pts in Wed 4BBB, while Paul Trisic (43pts) beat his age, for the 3rd time (his coach is taking the credit!!)

The Jan Monthly Medal has Greg McHugh (67) win his first since joining 30+ years ago, Steve Rowe (64) cleaned up B grade and Andrew Daddo (62) had a best round of one under taking out A Grade, only to be outshone in scratch by Adam Lynn (69).

Top 100 Public Access Courses – We were 33rd

The recently released Golf Australia magazine has again rated the top 100 public access courses in Australia. We have been rated number 33, with the only Sydney courses ahead of us Stonecutters Ridge (25) and St Michaels (30). This is a great result when we are up against the likes of Cape Wickham (1), Barnbogle (2), Barwon Heads (5), Newcastle (13), our reciprocal club Portsea (19). Some others behind us, Royal Pines (44), Federal (49), The Coast (57), Mona Vale (64), Mollymook (72), Dundryleague (96). Quote “Long Reef is a solid test in a great location.”

New Rules

Are now in place and there are a couple that may need a reminder.

- Drop the ball from **knee** height, if you make a mistake you can correct no penalty. Ball must stay in ‘Relief Area’ when dropped (i.e. not roll another 2 club lengths).

- Red Penalty areas. You **can't** go across other side equidistant from hole. You can go back as far as you like keeping the point of entry and flag in line to determine ‘relief area’ (1 shot penalty)
- Lost ball – now **3 minutes**. We **are not** implementing the Local Rule to drop a ball with 2 shot penalty. If you think your ball is lost or OOB play a provisional.
- Ready Golf – hit when ready, no penalty for playing out of turn.
- Can ground club and remove loose impediments in Penalty areas.
- Bunkers – can drop ball out of bunker for a 2 shot penalty.
- All animal ‘holes’ are Abnormal Course Conditions.
- Leave flag stick in on putting green
- No penalty for hitting ball more than once or hitting yourself or opponent.
- Caddie can't stand behind player once player takes stance.
- Pace of Play – the rules allow penalties. See Long Reef Terms of the Competition (App B4)

Christmas FUN Day – Saturday 22nd Dec

A fun day with Teed Up, Café Vouchers with Wayne Portlock/Hugh Wilson (61.5) a narrow win over Ben Russell/Brian Ferguson (62.75). The 30 prizes went down to 68.5cb.

The judges rated the following as best Christmas presentation – Luke Edgell, Peter Frith, Catherine Gould and yours truly.

There were also Christmas presents for Rob Cordaiy with an ace on the 2nd, Dragan Mitrovic (44pts), Lee Russell (43pts) and Dad Komulainen was family champ wit 42pts, followed by 43pts.



Course Maintenance

Spraying chemicals Mon 21 Jan & Mon 18 Feb
course closed to 9.00am.

Environmental Area 12th & 16th Holes.

The area to the north of the chain on the 12th & 16th holes are now Red Penalty Areas (the posts supporting the chain will be painted red and additional red pegs will be installed). Note also the Penalty area on 12th extends up past Maintenance Facility, replacing the OOB.

This means a ball hit into this area can be played as it lies or dropped within 2 club lengths at point of entry (1 stroke penalty).

This should speed up play and negate the necessity to play a provisional ball.

Note, the chain is an immovable obstruction, in the Penalty Area, as such free relief is not available.

2019 Programme

The new wetlands, which start in May, will cause disruption to the course for a greater part of 2019. Therefore we have re scheduled some of our Major events to ensure the course is as good as possible as follows;

Men

Club Championships

Qualifying Sat 12/10, 19/10 - 8 to qualify each Grade

Match Play – Sat 26/10, Sun 27/10 Final Sun 3/11

Foursomes Championships

Qualifying Sat 14/9 4 pairs to qualify each Grade
Match Play Sat 21/9 Final Sat 28/9

We will not host the LR Medal or the Senior Medal

Women

Club Championship

Qualifying Thu 15/10, Tue 17/10

Match Play Thu 24/10, Tue 29/10 Final Thu 31/10

We will not be hosting the LR Salver

Mixed

Mixed Foursomes Sun 24/3 & 31/3

Foursomes Cup Sun 24/3

Men v Women Sun 5/5

Left Hand Cup Sat 6/4

Eclectics will run to be completed before May.
The 2019 Programme Book is available at reception.

Pennants

Major Pennant

This year we have drawn Bonnie Doon, Pymble and Bankstown. The squad is - Tom Bateman (Captain) Mitchell Bockman, Geoff Cranfield, Tim Cruickshank, Luke Edgell, Khan Gallagher, Kai Komulainen, Matt Saad, Anthony Stockini.
Our first match is against last year's finalists Bonnie Doon away.

NPIC

The first match is at Cromer against Mona Vale on Thursday 31 Jan.

Good golfing to all in 2019

Les Browne

Captain

Dates for the Diary – Jan/Feb

Sat 12 – R 2 Summer Cup

Sat 26 – Australia Day Normal Sat Comp

Sat 26 – Summer Eclectic ends

Mon 28 – Aust Day Holliday – Members comp off 9th

Thu 31 – NPIC at Cromer

Fri 1 Feb – Friday Club AGM

Sat 2 – Medal – R3 Summer Cup

Mon 4 – NPIC at

Sat 9 – 4 Ball Knockout qualifying

Sun 10 – Major Pennant - @Bonnie Doon

Wed 13 – Postponed R2 Midweek Stroke Play

RULES WITH GEORGE

The First under the "New Rules".



QUESTION: Playing the first hole, on a windy day, Jed had played three very good shots finishing on the green about 10 metres past the central pin. He marked his ball while the other players in the group putted out. Jed then replaced his ball and lifted his ball marker. Before he putted a gust of wind blew the ball to a position about one metre from the hole.

Somebody in the group said "Natural Forces". Without hesitating Jed picked up his ball from its new position, and replaced it in its original position, 10 metres from the hole, from where it had been moved by the natural forces.

Jed holed the putt and said "four". Which is true?

(a) Jed acted correctly.

(b) Because the ball was moved by "natural forces" Jed should have played it from its new position

FROM THE WOMEN



Welcome back to everyone and especially our new members who have transferred from the Rookie programme. We have embraced new rules, new members and some new faces on committee. There has been some great scoring over the holiday break and good handicap reductions, however a few grumblings re slow play. If newer players could join with established golfers it would improve pace of play. Helpful also to send 2 players to the next tee if you fall behind. Play ready golf and don't mark your card as the first option when you get to the next tee. The Lowest marker in the group is always responsible for keeping play moving. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Regarding the new rules, please note the RED Penalty areas on the Left hand side of the 12th Fairway and the Right hand side of the 16th tee. You may play from these penalty areas (remember only 3 minutes to find the ball) but you also have the option to drop under 1 stroke penalty noting the reference point where you last crossed the margin of the penalty area.

We welcome to the 5-day women member group Aki Lee and Helen Ayres and to Easy golf Felicity Brown, Julie Connolly, Judith Kerr, Chris Stokoe, Babs Robertson, Liz Patrick, Mary Locke, Kerry Barclay, Jen McKinlay, Julie Campbell and Sheila Dickson. Our thanks to Sue Smiles, Cath Piper, Prue Bardsley, Marg O'Connell, Jan Daniel, Julie Simpson, Lynne Parsons, Lyn Harper and Rosie West who have all volunteered to assist their transition period.

Pennant practice is in full swing on Fridays from 3pm; improvement in putting and chipping is our big goal and in turn some strong showings this year. Everyone is welcome.

Payment for our Golf NSW events (\$15 weekday, \$10 weekend) and Opening Day lunch (\$30) may be made at Reception or the Bar. Please enter your receipt number to the sheet provided in the Locker Room.

Opening Day on January 31 is a 4Ball Ambrose with an 8am shotgun start. It would be helpful if 1 team member paid for your team on the day and collected the scorecards from the Pro Shop.

Our Women's Grade team will commence their campaign on February 22nd against Muirfield. Jennifer Jansson has been appointed the Field Captain for 2019 and we are confident she will lead the team well.

We have a new group of Rookies commencing their programme next Tuesday 15th January with Sam Newbrun at 10:30AM. If you know anyone interested in joining as a beginner please contact the Pro Shop directly.

The Annual "Keeping in Touch" publication will be emailed next week and hard copies will remain in the locker room. This details new information upcoming events and pertinent information for the coming year.

Feedback thoughts and suggestions are always welcome. Please email ladies@lrgc.com.au

Wendy Millson **Women's Captain**

WOMEN'S RESULTS

Thursday Jan 10 **STABLEFORD**

Division 1

1.	Jenni Brown	(10)	35pts
2.	Leonie Malcolm	(17)	34pts C/B

Division 2

1.	Rosemary West	(20)	39pts
2.	Gaby Bennett	(22)	36pts
3.	Gilda Severino	(22)	35pts

Division 3

1.	Margaret Verrills	(43)	37 pts
2.	Michelle Ison	(43)	36pts
3.	Wendy Thomas	(33)	35pts

Balls to 30 C/B

NTP

7 th	Jenni Brown
13 th	Rachael Loomes

9 Hole Competition

1.	Judith Kerr
2.	Pam Martin

JUNIORS

Our Juniors have been busy practising hard and playing tournaments all over the state and in the ACT. Not only that, their handicaps are coming down rapidly and prize accounts filling up!

The first tournament some of our juniors played this year was the ACT Harvey Norman Week of Golf (Hcap under 10 event). LR was represented by Kai, Cian, Chun-Ta and Jack and the boys battled 36 degree days and 36 holes in the heat on day 2 before the cut was made. The cut was made at +21 for the 3 rounds and those who made the cut would play on in round 4. Unfortunately Cian (+22 - 83, 81, 74), Chun-Ta (+24 - 82,78,80) and Jack (+26 - 81,81,80) all narrowly missed the cut. Kai made the cut and finished in a Tie for 33rd Place with rounds of 78,78,80,78.

This week we have 4 juniors competing in the Sydney Harvey Norman Week of Golf - which is a 5 round event with no cut!! Noah started off well leading the U11 Boys after day 1 with a fine 78! He now sits in 6th position with rounds of 78,81,84,85. Harry currently sits in 9th position in the 12 years boys with rounds of 87,91,80,96. Mitchell has had his best round ever this week with a 5 over 76 nett 61 at Avondale on Wednesday, with the rest of the week a mixed bag - his rounds of 91,92,76,97. Millie has been the most consistent of the bunch with rounds of 95,88,91,89 to be -4 her handicap for the 4 rounds! The final round is Friday - all final round scores can be found at jnig.com.au Our Junior Medal will be played on the 24th January - if you are interested in helping out on the day as a course spotter, registration or scorecard return please see Billy Watson.

Billy Watson, Junior Elite Coach

School Holiday Junior Clinics

Are you running out of activities to keep the kids busy this school holidays?

Long Reef Golf Club is conducting two school holidays junior clinics on Thursday 17th January and Thursday 24th January.

These clinics are open to all kids between the ages of 8-15 and no experience or equipment is required.

Our own PGA Professionals will run the clinics and equipment, morning tea and lunch are provided.

Dates: Thursday 17th January &
Thursday 24th January

Time: 9am to 3pm

Cost: \$65 per clinic

Age: 8 to 15 years old

Forms are available from reception or can be downloaded

from <https://longreefgolfclub.com.au/new-junior-development-program-scholarships/>

FROM THE COURSE



It was not a great start to the week with vandals doing some major damage to the 3rd, 4th, 5th & 17th greens. These greens had huge areas dug up and badly damaged which is very disappointing and totally senseless. We have repaired the areas as best as we could considering how bad it was but it will take some time to recover.

The weather over summer so far has been very friendly to us with some consistent rain keeping the course green and growing strongly. Although rainfall totals have not been high the timing of the storms and rain has been just right to keep everything green most of the time. We had a big hail storm just before Christmas covering in what looked like snow, luckily not damaging anything. It has been a very busy last few months with constant golf and carts on the course during the silly season. It is a difficult time to keep up with all the maintenance.



BRIDGE CLUB



The Bridge Club opened the 2019 season with a competition on Wednesday 9th January.

The Bridge Club is open to men and women who hold any category of membership of Long Reef Golf Club, eg, House Members, playing members.

CRAZY WHIST 2019



Friday 1st February– 6.30pm for a 7pm start
Fun and Easy to play

\$20 pp including Dinner
Bookings Recommended Please see Reception

Pairs and Singles are welcome, we'll find partners for you. If this is not possible, we'll let you know by 5.00pm on the day of play

RULES WITH GEORGE



ANSWER: (a) is correct. **Rule 13.1d (2) applies.** Because Jed's ball had already been lifted and replaced it must be replaced on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) (see **Rule 14.2**), even though it was moved by natural forces and not by the player, an opponent or an outside influence (see **Rule 9.3**, Exception).

FROM THE PRO SHOP



Welcome to the first edition of this year's Newsletter! We hope you all have had a great break and are making the most of the long days and extra daylight to practise your golf! There has been plenty going on within the shop over the past couple of months with the installation of our new simulator, and plenty of things planned to make your experience better for 2019, stay tuned! For now we have one HUGE SALE:

- JANUARY SALE!!! Everything in store is 25% OFF!! Get in quick before you miss out on a bargain. Ends 31st January.

Pittwater Golf Centre Vouchers still available

If your New Year's resolution is to improve your golf, then 1000 balls at Pittwater Golf Centre is certainly going to help.

There are still a limited number of vouchers available from LRGCC Reception for \$130. This includes 1000 golf balls and access to the VIP short game area and is valid for 12 months from the date of purchase.



Photo by David Wing: Australasian Pipit delicately balancing on the closely mown 16th fairway.

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