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Reef Breezes

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RULES WITH GEORGE



QUESTION: Jim and Ted were partners in a Four- Ball Match Play event. As they started out Jim said to Ted "I will drop the ball anytime we have a drop". On the first hole Ted hit his ball into the left side penalty area. On recovering the ball Jim dropped Ted's ball within 2 club lengths of the margin of the area. Ted played a stroke at the dropped ball. Their opponents immediately claimed the first hole, quoting **Rule 14-3b**. Which statement is correct?

- (a) Jim and Ted lost the first hole.
- (b) There is no penalty to Jim and Ted so they must all play on to achieve a result.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER



A good week for our pennant teams with Women's Grade squaring, a win against Bankstown in the Major Pennant and in the NPIC we cleaned up Manly to be the leading qualifier for next week's final.

The scores generally have not been exceptional but after a long drought Neil McDowell (41pts) took out C grade despite his playing partners. Knoxy was back in form with 2 under, Matt Cleary (+4) took out A Grade, will this be the title of a new book!! John Edwards' 43pts was his best for some time.

4 Ball Knock Out – Final on Saturday

The Pennant selectors will be taking notice of the Knock Out final which should be a close tussle.

The combatants;

P Hensman/D Watchorn v J Duff/J Hobday

Dan Cullen – Hickory event

Long Reef hosts the annual Dan Cullen hickory event on Thursday March 7 at 2.00pm.

Members are welcome to play in the 11 hole Ambrose event. Hickories are provided, just turn up.

Mixed Foursomes Championships – 2019

Time to book your partner for the annual 'Sorry' event - Sunday 24th & 31st March

Who's responsible!!!!



On Tuesday morning we found someone had decided to hit practice balls from the 1st fairway rather than walk the 100m to the practice tee (see photos). It was obviously a golfer as they filled the area with divot sand and you can see the golf shoes in the soil.

It is a bit disappointing that players treat the course like this especially after the photos in the newsletter last week. Did anyone see the culprit??

Les Browne Captain

FROM THE WOMEN



Well-deserved congratulations to our Women's Grade team who squared the match last week with the very strong Elanora outfit. We gave a lot away in terms of matchplay experience and toiled solidly for the result.

Exceptionally strong match from Kim Sloane, who was rock steady all day under the watchful eye of caddy Mick.

Jenni Brown put the disappointment of Thursday behind her and played some fabulous golf to win 2/1 against their strong number 1.

Jen Jansson came from well down to be ahead going up 16. Her highly experienced opponent (55 years of golf) played well and they finished square at the 18th. Emma Thurlow in her first Grade match for Long Reef played some beautiful shots and was unlucky to see her approach at 18 roll off the green giving her opponent the win.

Diana Sier in only her second year as a grade player ran into an opponent with lots of experience and not too many errors in her game. We know there is work ahead but thrilled with the first up performance.

Today Catherine Gould returned to the team and made the long journey to Lakeside at 6am to meet Muirfield.

Thank you to all the caddies once again especially newcomers Cath Piper and Maria Russell.

Knockout semi-finals on Tuesday saw Robyn McCormick win 3/2 against Wendy Millson and Julia Bowen defeat Rachael Loomes 3/1 in the Singles Knockout.

In Long Markers Sue Rossi won against Arlene Veith 5/3 and Helen Cregan beat Jill Hensman at the 19th Hole.

A beautiful morning greeted the players for the finals. Robyn McCormick is to be congratulated on her steady play to turn 2 down at the 9th. Difficult for Julia conceding so many shots but the contest

was played in fabulous spirit. Robyn's tee shot on 13 was a highlight - would have won nearest the pin. In the end the experience of Julia was too great and she prevailed 4/3. Thank you to the caddies and the referees for both matches.

Well done to Sue Rossi and Helen Cregan who were locked in a close battle for most of the day. Really good driving display from Sue and Helen playing very consistent golf. Sue was the number one qualifier in this knockout so stayed on form. I am personally pleased to see Helen in it to the end in her first matchplay final.

Great work from the planners of the PINK Charity day. Wonderful to see all the entries in the locker room. Jill has been offered some great prizes for raffles and auctions.

Our Women's Foursomes Championships are on in March with the 2 Qualifying rounds on March 19 and 26. Matchplay will take place over 3 rounds on March 28, April 2 and 4. Please check the entry sheets for handicap divisions.

We welcome Fran Byrne and Lesley O'Rourke to Easygolf membership from Reef Ladies Social.

Jody has been busy with Rookie clinics. We ask that if you have spare time to accompany these girls out on course on a Tuesday from 10am that you add your name to the sheet in the locker room please.

Stroke and GNSW medal round next Thursday with the Goodwill plate played in conjunction for the best net score on the day. Late entry sheet in the Locker Room.

Great golf from Julie Simpson on Tuesday with 41 points. Julie Preston with 40 points on Thursday Dani Montgomery 38 points and Susan Hay 35 pts on Thursday.

LATE NEWS

Lakeside Camden Golf Club,
Long Reef vs Muirfield golf club
Long reef won 3 1/2 to 1 1/2

Wendy Millson

Women's Captain

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MAJOR PENNANT

LRGC home to Bankstown February 24th, 2019

The Long Reef major pennant team is back on track to qualify for the semi-finals after a comfortable home win against Bankstown. Whilst the final score read 4-3 in our favour, the 4 wins were very comfortable indeed and the 3 losses went down to the last hole so I think the manager's grey-hair count stayed steady for another week at least.

We were very glad to welcome back Bomber Edgell's infectious positivity and meticulous preparation and Luke was never troubled on his way to a stress-free 4&3 win. The fact that he sank 2 50-footers (and they really were this time!) on the first 2 greens certainly helped.

Tom Bateman accepted some set-backs during the week with his usual good grace and bounced back to form, also riding a hot putter, to ease to a 4&2 win. Khan Gallagher just kept on doing what he's been doing every week with ultra-power hitting helping him to a regulation 5&3 win in match 2. Watching him hit a 3-iron is alone worth the price of the very affordable admission.

Club champ Matt Saad anchored the team this week and he returned to his imperious best with mistake-free golf leading to another manager-friendly win, this time 4&3 in the top match.

Kai's heroics weren't required this week and he lost a close one, 1-down on the 18th. If his putt on the 3rd hadn't bounced back out of the hole after hitting the top of the cup, then he too would be in the undefeated category.

Bankstown stacked their team, putting their lowest handicapper at number 7, and Anthony Stockini put up a tremendous fight before also losing a very close one 1-down on the 18th.

Tim Cruickshank lost another close one but the deal had already been sealed by then. Tim's honesty regarding his own play and unstinting support for his teammates have added hugely to the excellent team dynamic and his time will come.

Thanks once again to all caddies and supporters and we would like to compliment the green staff on the beautiful presentation of the course, and the catering staff on an excellent lunch.

It's on to Bankstown next Sunday for an 11am start. With Khan away on work commitments, the following players will represent us well, but maybe not in this particular order.

1. Matt Saad
2. Tom Bateman ©
3. Tim Cruickshank
4. Kai Komulainen
5. Luke Edgell
6. Anthony Stockini
7. Mitch Bockman

Sean Lee

Team Manager

Vale Eric Norman Matheson

It is with much sadness that we learned yesterday of the death of Eric Matheson after a rather long battle with illness.

Eric, who had reached the age of 83 years, had been a Member of the Club for 25 years, having joined in June 1993.

Eric was a regular player over all those years, except in the last year or so, and was a very competitive golfer who was particularly tough to beat in Match Play. He displayed this attribute on a number of occasions, none more so than in 2001 when he won the C Grade Championship. In 1997, Eric managed to attain the holy grail of all golfers, the elusive hole in one, not once but twice in the same year. He achieved these on the second and fourth (presumably shortened!) holes.

I am informed that Eric commenced his secondary school education at Fort Street Boys High School and completed it at All Saints Anglican College, Bathurst. This was not the end of Eric's association with the College though, as he was to serve on the College Council and as its Financial Advisor for many years. In recent times, Eric was honoured with a presentation in recognition of the outstanding contribution he had made to the College.

Eric is survived by his Wife Meriam, also a highly respected Member of the Club, Daughter Amanda, Son Angus and two Grandchildren, Jack and Hannah. We extend our sincere sympathy to Meriam and family at this sad time.

NORTHERN PENINSULA INTER-CLUB CHALLENGE

Long Reef vs Manly at Bayview G C

Long Reef old boys ventured up Pittwater Road to Bayview Golf Club to do battle with the best from Manly Golf Club in the over 60s format. We were the last groups off the first tee with the need to win and cement our place in the finals day top 2 playoff with Long Reef, Cromer and Mona Vale the only clubs that could claim a top 2 finish and a spot in the top 2 final. Mona Vale was up against Wakehurst and Cromer against Bayview and on Bayview's home track so the odds were in our favour to progress BUT we still needed to win and win our match well to be sure.

Steve Buchan was first away at No 8 and again played well from tee to green and like most of us found the trees on the odd occasion. Steve's opponent was on his game and made Steve battle for any winning hole early on. There was nothing in the match for the early stages until Steve lost a number of holes in succession and was 4 down with 7 holes to play. To his credit Steve played the next five holes in 1 under par and with the putter working he made up 2 holes but eventually lost his match 2 & 1.

I was next away at number 7 and was either 1 up or square early on until we headed back towards Cabbage Tree Rd. I was able to win 2 on the trot and maintain the lead for the next few holes until another 2 holes were won at the 14th and 15th holes to claim a 4 & 3 win

Brian SHELDON Ferguson was our number 6 again and was in another tight match early on. Brian edged ahead during the middle holes and maintained his lead until faltering over the last 2 holes to finish all Square.

Jimmy Moore was playing in the number 5 spot today at Bayview. Once Jim got the lead he was never going to be beaten. Jim maintained his advantage during the middle holes and eventually won 4 & 3.

Ian Donnelly was back in his familiar number 4 position and did not disappoint. Ian was behind for the first nine holes but found his swing and a way to get back in the contest. At 75 years young Ian certainly calls on his experience of playing many rounds of golf at the tight and tree-lined Ryde Parramatta layout, Ian winning 2 & 1

Les Browne was at number 3. Les was able to maintain a slight advantage for most of his contest. Whilst not at his best with the ball striking Les was

very sharp with his short game and was able to grind out another 2 & 1 win for the team.

Mike Buckley playing at number 2 held a slight advantage for most of the day,. Michael eventually winning 2 & 1 and maintaining his undefeated NPIC record.

Our number, Steve Twigg, played some very solid match play golf to get to an early and comfortable lead of 4 up after 9 holes. Steve was never going to lose this one, bringing home the bacon with a 4 & 3 win.

Result Long Reef 6.5 to Manly 1

After 5 rounds played Long Reef finished in the number 1 spot.

Finals Day Play Off. Long Reef against Mona Vale at Mona Vale G C Monday 4th March, approx. 12.30 pm tee off.

Peter Frith

Team Manager



**LONG REEF
FRIDAY CLUB**

Friday Club Results 22 February 2019

Round Washed Out

Lucky Balls
Bruce Bowden
Kent Sheldon
Bruce Hein
Graham Bone
Ross Sutton
Alan Graham
Veronica Bertram
Ross Guignon

BRIDGE CLUB



Results of Pairs competition on 20th February

N/S

1st Kay Brideau/ Christine McNicol
2nd Ada Duignan/Joan Fawcett
3rd Helen Crott/Trish Turner

E/W

1st Mary Farrell/Arlene Veith
2nd Mary McAdam/Jean Morey
3rd Val Miller/Kaye Miller

RULES WITH GEORGE



ANSWER: (b) is correct. Although Rule 14.3b states "You must drop the ball (neither your caddie or anyone else may do so)", **Rule 23.5 Your Actions Affecting Your Partner's Play**, gives special rights when playing a Four-ball, although you and your partner each play your own ball:

You may take any action concerning your partner's ball that your partner is allowed to take before making a stroke, such as to mark the spot of the ball and lift, replace, drop and place the ball. Naturally, this would not apply when a four- ball is played in conjunction with a singles event.

PARAGOLFER VOLUNTEERS GROUP GET A BOOST.

Fantastic news for the Long Reef Paragolfer Volunteers with the recent addition of five (5) new volunteers, all from the ranks of our women golfers following Julie Simpson's encouragement of the Ladies to get involved Long Reef's rewarding volunteer program.

Sue Walker, Marg O'Connell, Judy Hore, Judy Geitz and Cath Piper have joined experienced Paragolfer Volunteers in Geoff Cranfield, Roger Poignand. Derek Johanson, Greg Black, Julie Simpson and David Costello.

The volunteers assist Empower Golf's PGA professional Lachie Foulsham each Wednesday afternoon with the Paragolfer Clinic, bringing enjoyment and satisfaction to Paraplegics, persons recovering from strokes or severe accidents, as well as persons with varying physical or intellectual abilities.

The Paragolfer Volunteer program continues the long-term relationship that Long Reef Golf Club has with the Sargood Foundation, who will host a training day and tour for the volunteers of the world class "Sargood on Collaroy" facility early in March. If you are interested in joining the Volunteer program please do not hesitate to contact Julie Simpson (0411 199 994) or David Costello (0421 953 332) to learn more about this extremely rewarding and valuable community program.

JODY FLEMING



Jody Fleming (Golf Professional) has returned from maternity leave. Jody will be conducting the beginners/rookies clinic on a Tuesday starting on the 5th March. Jody will also be working in the golf shop on a Monday. In the next few weeks once she has settled back in she will open her diary for individual lessons. Look out for her upcoming lesson packages and clinics.

CLUB ACCOUNTS

A reminder that as from 31st March 2019 all 3 club accounts will be purged at the same time. This means that your House Account, Voucher Account and Ball Account will be treated exactly the same way. On 31st March every year if you have not utilised the total value of your account it will be purged and the value of the accounts will return to zero. The only amounts from your voucher and ball accounts that will not be purged are any winnings won in the **month of March** of each year. These amounts will be carried over to the next financial year. Please note this length of time has increased by two weeks from the original time length sent out to members. The only amount from your house account that will be purged is anything not spent from the original \$250 placed in your house account when you pay your yearly subscriptions.

Please take advantage of this notice so as to utilise all accounts by 31st March 2019.

Anthony Dignan General Manager

Dates for the Diary

Mar

Sat 2 4Ball Knock Our Final

Sun 3 Major Pennant @ Bankstown

Thu 7 Dan Cullen Hickory

Fri 8 Grade @ Long Reef

Sat 9 Hudson Shield Play Off

Sun 10 Major Pennant @ Long Reef

Mon 11, Tue 12 – Green Renovations

Sun 24 Mixed Foursomes

TAKE AWAY ALCOHOL SALES AND CONSUMPTION

Members and Guests

To adhere to the requirements of our liquor licence, as of the 2nd March 2019 no glass bottles will be permitted on the golf course.

The bar will be stocked with Beer Can options to be consumed for takeaway on the course. Glass bottled beer will still be available for consumption in the club house.

We appreciate your cooperation
Long Reef Golf Club Management



KNOCKOUT FINALISTS



Singles Knockout
Robyn McCormick and Julia Bowen



Long Markers Knockout
Helen Cregan and Sue Rossi



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