



Reef Breezes

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

1. FINANCE

The net surplus for March 2019 was \$90,788. Year to date net surplus is \$525,684. At this stage we are \$109,464 ahead of budget and \$176,239 better than last year.

2. WETLANDS PROJECT

The Wetlands Project will commence next Monday. There will be weekly newsletter updates throughout the project. Members will be advised of other course tee times on offer via the kiosk and on the Members' Website portal.

3. HOLE IN ONE

With an additional (temporary) four Par 3's accessible during the Wetlands Project it was decided to formalise the process when a Member achieves a Hole in One. The following will apply from Saturday 4th May.

- Only LRGC Members in official Competitions (not Friday Club) will be recognised.
- Holes in One occurring on temporary holes will be recognised.

The Member will receive:

- Their name on the 'Hole in One' board
- An engraved 'Hole in One' trophy (player to arrange with Reception)
- \$100.00 for 'drinks. This amount can be authorised by – The President, Captain, Board Member, Women's President & Captain, General Manager and Golf Co-Ordinator - and added to the Members House Account by the Bar Staff. The Member can then 'Ring the Bell' and shout those in the clubhouse up to the value of \$100.

- Non Members playing in LRGC official Competitions are eligible for the Hole in One trophy only.

4. AUDITOR RESIGNATION

Our current auditor is retiring due to ill health. As he is the only registered company auditor at Weston Woodley Robertson the Board has appointed Conroy Audit and Advisory as the new auditor subject to ASIC approval.

5. MEMBER SURVEY

During the next week Members will receive the biennial (on-line) Survey. (Paper based copies will be available from the office). This gives the Board the opportunity to gauge the satisfaction levels of our Members with the view to implement improvements and changes if necessary. Please be honest when answering the questions. On completion of the survey the Board will communicate both the findings and our action plan to the Members.

6. PRO SHOP TENDER

The Pro Shop contract finishes on the 30th November 2019. The Board in keeping with the Club's Procurement Policy will be asking for interested parties to tender for the Pro Shop contract. This policy reflects best practice principles and arrangements.

7. RESIGNATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Unfortunately, this month has seen the resignations of Natalie Driver and Mark Stevens from the Board. Natalie has had a change in jobs recently and this has meant that her work commitments will not allow her to attend any meetings. Mark has increased family commitments which have led him to step down from the Board. Both have indicated that when their circumstances change that they would like to return to the Board. I would like to thank them both for their outstanding contributions to the Club and they will be missed.

Stephen Twigg
President

Disclaimer

Note: This document is not intended to be a minute of the relevant Board meeting but is intended to provide members with a summary of the significant decisions made or issues discussed by the Board at its most recent meeting. Certain matters may be commercially sensitive, subject to privacy considerations or otherwise confidential and will not be included in this summary document

CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Wetlands Project – Starts next week.

On Monday 13th May the work starts with the erecting of fencing and we will be playing the Temporary Course (except the 18th, which will be the current hole until works starts adjacent).

Note the following key changes;

- Temporary holes
 - 8th, 10th, 14th, 15th & 16th
- Local Rules to cover the construction – see Local Rule Board.
- Balls finishing in the fenced off area are NOT recoverable
- Par, Scratch Rating and Slope changed
- Stroke index changes to reflect temporary hole difficulty eg 14th now becomes #1 for Men
- Practice fairway can be used until construction starts is this area.

Full details of changes on Notice Board.

Times at other Courses.

We have been offered times at other courses during our Wetlands Project.

Ben will publish tee times (on the notice board and members' portal) each Friday for the week beginning 10 days later (Monday Week).

May Medal

A – Play off on 71 – Richard Smith, Steve Twigg,
Dan Baldacchino, Chun-Ta Wu

B – 68 Adam Davies

C – 65 Phil Hooper

Women Stroke – 77 Karen Smith

Eclectic

There has been a 'systems glitch' with the results. Final results next week.

Men v Women – Sunday 5th May

With the inclement weather the decision was made to postpone the event until later in the year.

Mick Snell Cup – Qualifying Sat 25 May

Singles knock out – details on Notice Board

World Handicapping System

Now we are just used to the current system Golf Australia will move to the proposed World System

early next year. See the end of the Newsletter for the key changes.

Les Browne

Captain

RULES WITH GEORGE



QUESTION: In a Stableford event played after a large amount of rain, Billy hit his third shot to the 15th green and it landed about one metre up the slope on the front of the green and plugged there. He marked the spot as he knew that the ball would be replaced on that spot under Rule 14.2. He repaired the pitch mark on the green and placed the ball on that spot. The ball did not stay there so he again placed the ball on the spot but again it rolled down the green. He realised that it would not be possible for the ball to remain at rest anywhere on the slope so he carefully measured the distance from the hole and found a flat spot on the upper portion of the green equidistant from the hole and placed the ball there. He putted from that position. Which of the following applies?

(a) Billy acted correctly under the rules..

(b) Billy must place his ball on the nearest spot where his ball will stay when placed. This spot may be just off the front of the green where the grass is longer and the slope is less.

LOCAL RULE DURING WETLANDS PROJECT

- All Construction Areas and New Work are **COMPULSORY GUR** (whether marked or not)
- Relief to be taken **according to Rule 16.1a** or the nearest Dropping Zone (if one is available)
- Entering, or recovering balls from Construction Areas, bounded by construction fences, **PROHIBITED**.

Penalty - Disqualification and Disciplinary action by the Board

FROM THE WOMEN



Another week of fabulous weather and equally fabulous golf (well ... for some!)

Our Silver Salver Team played Ryde Parramatta last week at Gordon GC – we were beaten by a very strong team whose handicaps would not have looked out of place in a Grade team. Full credit to Rachael Loomes who tenaciously fought for a square in her match – our only shining light. This week the team to take on Pymble at Pennant Hills is:

Susan Hay
 Karen Smith F/C
 Fiona Bone
 Rosemary West
 Jane Hagan
 RES: Rachael Loomes

Soon we will be calling for players to represent in the Bronze 1 Bowl Pennant (minimum G.A. of 18.0) and Bronze 111 Pennant (minimum G.A. of 27.0)

RESULTS Thursday 9th May, 2019 – Golf NSW Medal Rd 4

Div 1

1st	Jenni Brown	(11)	74
Scr	Jenni Brown		85
2nd	Alyssa Starc	(9)	77

Div 2:

1st	Prue Bardsley	(25)	74
Scr	Pam Burke		99
2nd	Pam Burke	(22)	77

Div 3:

1st	Jill Hensman	(37)	70
Scr	Jill Hensman		107
2nd	Amanda Biffin	(35)	78
9 Hole:	Jeanette Nell	(27)	16
	Robyn Storey	(35)	15

NTP

7th:	Betty Campbell
13th:	Clare John
2nd shot Hole 10th:	Karen Smith

Other Winners for the Week:

Sat	Karen Smith	(16)	77CB
Sun	No Play		
Mon	Catherine Handcock	(29)	29
Tues	Kathy Johnson	(41)	34
9 Hole	Judith Kerr	(45)	19

Winner of the Mother's Day raffle

Betty Twilight

ROOKIES

Some great scores out there today, well done to all the winners!

Here is today's prize rundown.

1st – Wendy Hague (35) 17pts **\$20 voucher**

2nd – Jie Cheng (45) 14pts **\$10 voucher**

Balls to: Fiona Woolley & Tracey Cantwell

Karen Smith for "The B Team"



C Grade Medal Winner Jill Hensman

Welfare Notes:

Eric Tazelaar, Member since the late sixties, is now recuperating after a shortish visit to hospital. Eric is very pleased with progress thus far and is hopeful of getting back on the course in a few weeks.

Brian Tapp is also recuperating from surgery and is straining at the leash to get back soon, as is comeback king Craig Wood.

Meanwhile, it has been great to see that a number of our Members who have been on the injury/illness list have returned to competition golf including Roger Ehret, Dennis Hughes, Denis Watchorn and David Freedman.

Regular exercising and walking have paid dividends for Brian Leonard who has been seen playing a few holes in recent weeks and is showing good form considering his absence from the fairways for some months.

From Monday, I will be away for about a month on a trip to Europe so I wish all Members good health and enjoyable golfing on the new temporary layout.

Brian Cummins

Welfare Coordinator

FROM THE ARCHIVES

1964 - The course and visitors

There are some real gaps in the Archives when it comes to the 60s, so a photo showing part of the course in August 1964 is helpful.

The photo came via Captain Les and shows four visiting players. Keith English is there without the hat and was a Bondi golf club player. Dick Pike, Ron Wicks and Alec James make up the group. None of the players were members of Long Reef. They were playing in an event organised on the August Bank Holiday.

The course looks so bare. I think we are looking at the 16th in the far background. The view has changed since then, to be changed again this year at the same time as the completion of the Wetlands project.



Hole-in-one Registration.

I have just learnt that if you have scored a hole-in-one you can have the results added to a national registry.

Roger Ehret has kindly donated several of his trophies to the club archives over the past few years - and we now have on loan both his and son Robert's hole-in-one registration Certificates. Robert also has a Johnnie Walker sponsored certificate. Roger achieved this hole-in-one in 1987 -32 years ago. Robert's details are more recent - in 1994 - 25 years ago! At this time the issuing company was called the "Aussie one hit register." The award was made up of a numbered certificate, a tie and a lapel pin. There was no charge. Of late a Hole-in-one 'Golfing Legend' framed certificate can be purchased. There are no fees for registering and the list can be viewed on line. Up to 2015 and perhaps beyond it was organised by GolfZone, who give credit for the idea to Golf Australia. Copies of the certificates, the tie and pin will be on display in the Clubhouse memorabilia cupboard soon.



Part of the 1987 letterhead

Display in the Pro Shop.

This month, examples of the use of the club's colours on are on display. Dark and light blue were registered as LRGC's colours with the golf associations in 1922. There are examples too in the glass topped cabinets of a series of men's and women's Grade and Pennant shirts, many with the Logo used by Pro Gary Churcher from 1985. We seem to have wavered from the colours many times, the most outrageous example being the Men's Major Pennant team in a bumble bee moment! At least blue is featured in the shirt and the men are wearing navy trousers!



Major Pennants 1994.

Back Row L-R Bill Finlay (Club Captain) Ross Bockman, Michael Bateman, Greg Snelling, Geoff Cranfield, Keith Huntingdon (Club President)

Front L-R Jason Simpson, Mark Ratajec, Geoff Wood, Les Browne.

Missing from the team photo-Tony Foster and Ian Davis.

Sandra Mellowes



Last Friday we had forty-two starters due to the threatening weather, which is enough for a three division comp, but only one group of four who finished.

This intrepid group led by Canadian “snowshoes” Hanson and “gumboots” Quinn along with Peter Werner and Frank Wu battled the elements and consequently all finished among the prizes.

The previous week we had our first teams event and the feedback was so positive we will repeat it through the year.

Jim and Di Kirby along with Harry Maynes won against the odds against teams with four players, so it was a great effort.

The new **SHIRTS and CAPS** are ready and will be available for collection this Friday.

A reminder to anyone who has played in the Friday Club this year that our social lunch (with a Thai themed meal) will be held in the club following an AM shotgun start on the 31st May.

Friday Club Results 3rd May 2019

Division 1 (1 – 19)

1st David Quinn (18) 27 pts

Division 2 (20 – 27)

1st John Hanson (22) 38 pts

Division 3 (>27)

1st Frank Wu (29) 37pts

2nd Peter Werner (28) 32pts

Leading Lady Sue Walker (38) 18 pts

Dates for the Diary

May

Sun 12 Mothers Day

Mon 13 **Wetlands Project Starts**

Sun 19 Masters Pennant @ Georges Hall

Sat 25 Mick Snell Cup Qualifying

Sun 26 Masters Pennant @ Long Reef

June

Sat 1 President’s Cup

Sun 2 Masters Pennant @ Long Reef

Sat 8 R 1 Mick Snell Cup

Mon 10 Queens Birthday – 2 Tee Start

Sat 15 R 2 Mick Snell Cup

Sat 22 R 3 Mick Snell Cup

BRIDGE CLUB



Results of Pairs competition on 17th April

N/S

1st Elaine Luscombe/Joan Rutherford

2nd Kaye Miller/Elaine Coldham

3rd Mary Farrell/Joan Fawcett

E/W

1st Mary McAdam/Jan Steward

2nd Jean Morey/Di Kirby

3rd Arlene Veith/Ellen Kassel

Results of Teams competition on 24th April

1st Judy O’Malley/Joyce Low/
Val Miller/Kaye Miller

2nd Barbara Phillips/Kay Brideau/
Peg Hulton/Jan Byrne

3rd Joan Fawcett/Gail Thompson/
Trish Turner/Sue Cameron

FROM THE JUNIORS



Kai Komulainen Winner of Australian Boys U14 Amateur Championship - by 7 shots

We had 3 juniors compete in the two day tournament at Foster Tuncurry Golf Clubs. Congratulations to Chun-Ta Wu who won the Year 8 scratch division with rounds of 79,70 (+11 total) who edged out Kai Komulainen who finished in second place with rounds of 80,72 (+14 total). Always good to see a Long Reef 1 and 2 finish! Well done boys.

Billy Watson

Junior Elite Coach

MASTERS PENNANTS

Long Reef v Bayview on Sunday the 5th

This was always going to be a close match, ourselves and Bayview seemingly the two best sides in the Division competing for one spot in the finals. Bayview on paper had a good side and were at home, so with the skies turning black we teed off.

Knoxy, Coops and I enjoyed good wins. Duffy tried his Lazarus moves again from 4 down but couldn't get there. The weather turned foul mid round and we got a good, cold drenching.

Sean and Dougie had tough losses. Tony and Ross had no luck at all and went down swinging.

The end result was a 9-6 loss. A win would have almost assured us a spot in the finals but alas we'll have to win all our matches from here in to make it, just like we did last year.

Thanks to Mitch, Rob, Les Mick and Glen for braving the at times appalling weather.

Mother's Day we're not playing, next is Georges River 19th, then three home games to finish.



Ian Brown

Co-Captain

RULES WITH GEORGE



ANSWER: (b) is correct. Rule 14.2e applies. When replacing a ball which will not remain at rest when placed the first consideration is that a spot selected must be no nearer the hole. When the original ball was located on the putting green, the nearest spot must be either on the green or in the general area. Clearly, the nearest spot in this situation would be just off the front of the green. In choosing a spot on the flat area of the putting green Billy will have played from a wrong place and will be penalised the general penalty of two strokes. It is possible that the Committee may consider that he has committed a serious breach **(Rule 14.7b)**.

FROM THE PRO SHOP



New in Store

New Footjoy Logo jumpers
Sun Mountain Ladies' Vests
Footjoy Wet Weather Gear
Concourse waterproof bags
Pukka Logo Headwear – Available for Men and Women

Specials

All Under Armour Clothing now 20% OFF
Selected Footjoy Shoes 25% OFF
All Mizuno fairway Woods and Drivers Now 25% OFF
Regrips - Buy 10 Grips and receive 2 free of Charge
All Mizuno woods at 25% off
Ladies' Package sets 20% Off
Greg Norman Logo Pullovers now available
New Footjoy Winter Clothing now available

DINE IN VOUCHER



This year you are able to use your Dine In voucher over the next membership year, not just from your birthday month. This means instead of a birthday voucher, you now have a TWO for ONE 3 course Dine In voucher on your membership card that you can use at any Thursday night Dine In this membership year (31st March, 2020).

Present your membership card upon payment to claim your TWO for ONE 3 course meal, hosted on selected Thursday nights each month.

Bookings are essential and can be made through the office on 9971 8113.

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM (WHS) –

What it means for Australian clubs and golfers

The R&A and the United States Golf Association (USGA) have been working together with golf's major handicapping authorities to develop a single World Handicap System (WHS) for the game. Full implementation of the WHS is scheduled to take place in Australia in late-January or early-February 2020.

WHS regulations in Australian will be almost entirely UNCHANGED from current system.. except;

- There will be a Hard Cap (Anchor) of 5 strokes as per GA's current regulation. There will also be a Soft Cap at 3 strokes which will be a new regulation for Australia as follows.
 - A GA Handicap will continue to increase at the current rate of 100% of the '8 of 20' calculation UNTIL it reaches 3 strokes above the best GA Handicap from the previous 12-month period. Above this point the GA Handicap will only be permitted to increase at a rate of 50% of the '8 of 20' calculation.
- The Daily Handicap calculation will be changed to incorporate the difference between the Scratch Rating and the Par.
 - To determine a WHS Daily Handicap, GOLF Link will start by performing the exact same calculation as currently occurs under the existing GA Handicap System. And then it will simply adjust this amount by the difference between the Scratch Rating and the Par.
 - EXAMPLE OF THE NEW DAILY HANDICAP CALCULATION. A player's Daily Handicap under the existing GA Handicap System is 15 for a set of tees; the Scratch Rating is 72, and the par is 71 (ie the course is rated to be 1 shot harder than its par). Because the course is rated to be 1 shot harder than its par, the player gets an extra 1 shot added to their Daily Handicap, so their WHS Daily Handicap becomes: $15 + 1 = 16$... This would occur at Long Reef when Men play off Black Tees and Women off the Red Tees.
- 'Bonus Reduction for Exceptional Net Score' regulation will be a part of the WHS.
 - An 'exceptional score' is one that is at least 7.0 strokes better than what the player's GA Handicap was at the time the round was played.
 - If the player's score is 7.0-10.0 strokes better than what their GA Handicap was at the time the round was played then GOLF Link will apply an automatic additional reduction of 1.0 stroke to their GA Handicap. If the player's score is more than 10.0 strokes better than what their GA Handicap was at the time the round was played, then GOLF Link will apply an automatic additional reduction of 2.0 strokes to their GA Handicap.
- There will be a maximum GA Handicap under the WHS of 54 for both men and women. However the WHS will specifically provide the flexibility for Australia to build default handicap limits into our software of 36 for men and 45 for women (which is what they currently are).



Photo by Julie Preston