



## Reef Breezes 16<sup>th</sup> August



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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER



The August westerlies have arrived as reflected in the scores. Last Saturday the Men's DCR was 71 and playing to your handicap won a prize... balls to 29.

A big thanks to the 20+ volunteers on Monday & Tuesday.



Found inside the fence on 18!!! If the 'Fairway King' wants his ball back see the Captain on Friday night.

### Green Vandalism

There has been no improvement and we are now intending to re turf the affected areas on 4 or 5 of the worst greens. This will start next week and the green being turfed will be closed for the day. A temporary putting surface will be on the fairway for that day.

Monash have kindly offered their nursery grass, which is similar to our greens.

Note; the greens are in play, and looking at the scores are putting OK.

### Spring Green Renovations - August

With the fine weather the reno's went well and recovery of the unaffected greens will be reasonably quick.

**Les Browne    Captain**



**LONG REEF  
FRIDAY CLUB**

Results of competition on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August

### Division 1

1 <sup>st</sup>	John Hanson	(18)	36 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Williams	(8)	29c/b

### Division 2

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Grigg	(22)	35 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alan Graham	(24)	30 pts

### Division 3

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bruce Bowden	(37)	38
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Allen Evans	(28)	36 pts

### Leading Lady

Jan Redfern (35) 31 pts

### NTP

Div 1	John Hanson
Div 2	Mike Smith
Div 3	Mike Haysler

**Balls to 26cb**

## Dates for the Diary

### August

<b>Mon 26</b>	Mixed open competition
<b>Tues 27</b>	Mixed comp, 9-hole, Rookies
<b>Wed 28</b>	Singles Par & 4BBB

### September

<b>Sun 1</b>	Fathers Day
<b>Sat 7</b>	Monthly Medal
<b>Fri 13</b>	Entries for Club Champs
<b>Sat 14</b>	Men's Foursomes Qualifying
<b>Sat 21</b>	R 1 Foursomes
<b>Sat 28</b>	Final Foursomes.
<b>Mon 23</b>	Combined Services

### Upcoming golf days

<b>Fri August 30</b>	Cube Gym 1pm Shotgun
<b>Tue September 3</b>	AON Charity Day
<b>Members 9 hole comp</b>	

## FROM THE WOMEN



Congratulations to our very talented Bronze 4 Pennant Team who last Friday won 3/2 and in doing so won the Pennant with a superior games score. Led by Michelle Ison, the team for the season included Sue Dewell, Kathy Johnson, Sue Rossi, Aki Lee, Helen Ayres and Judy Gietz. Worth noting that many of the group had not previously played Pennant match play. Also that 4 of the team were graduates of our Rookie program. We are all hugely appreciative of the efforts of Leonie Malcolm as their convenor-her support, guidance and attendance at matches has been outstanding.

Strong winds limited our fields over the weekend. Jenny Brown won Saturday with 27points on C/B from Gaby Bennett. Louise Hughes taking the Sunday win with 28points.

Returning to golf on Thursday after the course renovations, we played the GNSW 2Ball Ambrose

1 <sup>st</sup>	Marg O'Connell/Sharyn Hillman	64.5 C/B
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Meriam Matheson/ Aki Lee	64.5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rachael Loomes /Gaby Bennett	66.75 C/B

**9 Holes**

Jean Conway	(45)	22pts
Marg Mullins	(44)	20 pts
Judy Hore	(36)	19 pts

### Upcoming Events

**Thursday 22 August** GNSW Bowl. Played in pairs as a best ball stableford.

**Friday 23August** Players and Caddies day- 9 Holes of golf followed by lunch and awards.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August** Par round in mixed divisions. Enter online.

A reminder for entries to Duntryleague tournament in October. Contact is Nan Crump.

Dani Montgomery and her fund raising team are grateful for the promised prizes for Charity Day on September 19. Please deliver wrapped goods to the Committee room. There will be several silent Auctions as well as Raffles.

Thank you to the members who continue to walk with the Rookies on a Tuesday morning.

Our final thank you this week to the hard working course staff for their tireless efforts with the course renovations.

Wendy Millson

Women's Captain

## RULES WITH GEORGE



**QUESTION:** In a Stroke event Tommy played his tee shot on the 4th hole using a tee which he had found. After he had played his stroke Eric, another player in the group, picked up his tee and said "I think that tee may be too long to comply with the rules". They measured the tee and found it to be 4.5 inches long. Which is correct?

- (a) Tommy played a stroke with a non complying tee, so is disqualified.
- (b) Tommy played a stroke with a non complying tee, 2 strokes penalty.
- (c) No penalty to Tommy since it is his first breach.

## BRIDGE CLUB



Results of Pairs competition 7<sup>th</sup> August

### N/S

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Ada Duignan/Jan Herringe |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Kaye Miller/Helen Kook   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Rae Milsted/Jan Byrne    |

### E/W

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Val Miller/Toni Pfafflin |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Rosalie Black/Di Kirby   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Mary Farrell/Jan Steward |



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Four legged vandals - the Rabbit

European rabbits were introduced into Australia with the First Fleet as a food source and eventually became widespread. Some were released for hunting. They affect primary production on farms and in gardens and disturb native ecosystems. On a golf course they cause soil erosion, eroding of banks with their burrows and help maintain fox and feral cat populations as a food source. The soil erosion impacts on vegetation, wetlands and watercourses.

In the 1920s at much the same time as the club opened there were estimated to be 10 billion rabbits in Australia. The population is currently estimated to be 200 million nation-wide. That is a lot of Akubra hats! Fluffy and cute they may be but they are considered a feral pest.

There are of course references to the rabbit population on the course in Minute books and members' stories.

Local, Patsie McConnell, told us of her exploits during the war, when she crept under the barbed wire of the defence system positioned around the Reef to lay traps for rabbits.

The Club introduced the Myxomatosis virus in 1955 (it had been introduced into Australia, France and Chile in 1950 to try to control the wild European rabbit populations.) Its use was 'legal' but from my own memories on our farm so cruel to see. That was the end of Rabbit pie for many reasons

Below we see a group of children playing on Long Reef golf course in 1966. One of Les Browne's younger brothers, Malcolm, is heading down a rabbit hole!



Such was the rabbit problem in the 90s that this Meldrum cartoon appeared in the Manly Daily. The Club Really had a problem!

One of the committee is saying "Got to do something about all these bloody rabbits.." An enthusiastic bunny supporter is saying "Go on whack it, Morrie." It has been coloured in to hopefully make it easier to see the detail.

When Tibby and Edmund Playfair were interviewed by the Archive committee in 2011, Edmund mentioned this rabbit problem and said briefly that he was able to offer a tried and tested method of eradication that he had used on their South Australia property,- 'He still had something in the shed'- but he didn't elaborate!



Manly Daily Cartoon 1990s

Rabbit information Wikipedia

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Thanks to Betty Twight for recently donating to the Archives a Club tie that had been worn by Dick when he was Captain. The pattern was used in the 80s and 90s.

Thanks too to Rae Milsted for the copy of the book Pictorial Memories - Manly to Palm Beach by Alan Sharpe.

**Sandra Mellowes**

## FROM THE COURSE



With so much happening on the course this winter it has been a very busy time for the green staff. The recent weather has been fantastic for the construction works; although it is quite dry it is very suitable to get lots of turfing complete and the bulk excavation work moving along consistently.

This week has seen the completion of turfing on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole with over 9,000 m<sup>2</sup> of turf laid. The turf will take some time to establish due to the cool winter weather and although it looks a bit yellow it is fine. All the turf is coming from Windsor so over the last few months it has endured many frosts so it is not looking it's best but with spring around the corner and once the roots start to take hold it should establish well.

Next week if all goes to plan we will endeavour to lay over 6,000 m<sup>2</sup> of turf on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole and the haul road and continue to work back towards the new dam. Hopefully within the next fortnight the majority of turfing out on the course will be complete and work will be concentrated around the new dam and practice fairway.

Renovations on the greens went well earlier this week; all the greens were cored using 16mm tines 130mm deep. The greens were top-dressed using fine sand to fill all the holes. Greens will take a few weeks to recover from renovations and they will be a bit soft so please take extra time to repair pitch marks.

The recent poisoning of our greens is very disappointing, especially for the green staff. I was hoping many areas might have had a possibility of some recovery as until recently they showed signs of still having some green tinges through the poisoned areas. It is now evident most areas will have a total kill. On Monday we plan on starting the process of replacing turf starting with the worst greens. This will be a very time consuming process and it will take some time for the greens to fully recover. Please be patient, the damaged greens are not going to be in great condition until they are fully recovered which will take months of care.

Have a great weekend with some warmer weather predicted.

## VOLUNTEERS OF THE WEEK

While the course was closed Monday and Tuesday, the club held volunteer days to assist with the maintenance of the course. Over the two days 22 members volunteered their time to assist the course staff with various jobs around the courses. Jobs included clearing out the bushes between the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and putting green, cutting back the lomandra bushes behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> green and tidy up the gardens around the course and boundaries.



The efforts of our brilliant volunteers allowed our course staff to concentrate on renovating the greens and completing the irrigation work involved with the wetland project.

Thank you to David Costello, Laurie McCourt, John McCrick, Frank Collins, Neil McDowell, Terry Le Roux, Robyn Storey, Gordon Telfer, Sue Telfer, Michael Buckley, Peter Verrills, Denis Hughes, Jeanette Newman, David Langford, James Pysar, Cam Gillespie, Greg Black, Sean Lee, Bob Jones, Chris Thorp, Rachael Loomes and Maurice Loomes.

The Club is very fortunate to have a group of volunteers who contribute a few hours of their time each week to work on the course carrying out a variety of jobs. If you would like to join our volunteer crew, please contact Ben [ben@lrgc.com.au](mailto:ben@lrgc.com.au)

### Ben Russell



Working on the first tee



## ERIC APPERLY ROUND 5

For our last game we headed to NSW to play Avondale where the boys were met with some tough conditions.

Jack got the match underway, the lead changed constantly with never more than 1 hole in it, but his opponent applied the pressure over the last few holes taking the win on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Matt has played really well over the Apperly season and got off to a good start, 2 up early and looking the goods, but the match turned after the 9<sup>th</sup> with his partner winning a few holes on the bounce to take the lead and ending the match on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Cian was out of sorts early on and was 2 down after 5, but a great tee shot on the iconic 6<sup>th</sup> hole swung him into action, finding his form. He was back to square after 13, a few errant chips cost him over the closing holes, going down on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Chun-ta started well and got himself in front early and was 2 up. A fightback from his opponent over the middle holes saw Chun-ta walk off the 11<sup>th</sup> 2 down, but he stuck to the task and some good up and downs got him back to even after 15. His opponent then kicked on to take out the match on 17.

Kai played some of his best Apperly golf today. 3 up early he never looked in danger, always keeping a healthy lead, a chip in for birdie on 15 gave him a 4 and 3 win.

Khan, like most of the boys, started well and was 3 up after 3. He let his opponent back into the game and was soon back to even, but some steady words from his long-time caddie Pete Watson saw Khan kick on. It was a tense finish going all the way down 18, taking the win 2 up.

It's been a great learning curve for the team, especially the young ones, to play a top level scratch event. It will only do them good for the years ahead.

Thank you to all the caddies on the day – Pete, Jani, Les Brown, Mitch and Graham.

I would also like to thank all the board, playing members and office staff for the continued support of the junior and scholarship programs, Billy Watson for all the time and effort he spends coaching and preparing these boys, Danny, James, Sam and Michael in the pro shop for helping out

and to all the parents spending their Sundays driving the boys around.

Thank you

**Paul Hughes**

**Team Manager**



The 2<sup>nd</sup> best golf view in Sydney ?



Final score: Avondale 4 Long Reef 2

## MEET A MEMBER

### The interesting backstories of some of our members

There are many sights, sounds and smells which we associate with Long Reef. For early morning golfers, one of these familiar sounds is an exasperated cry from a neighbouring fairway. The cry is “Oh Colinnnnn” and the crier is a dapper little Englishman in a flat cap, Colin Thomas.

Colin has enjoyed a well-lived life. After graduating as an exploration geologist, he did his post-graduate work at St Andrews University, on the edges of the world's most famous golf course and this is where his lifelong love of the game began.

Colin's working life immediately took him much further afield with his first paid assignment landing him in Africa. At the age of 23 he was working alone in the midst of wildebeest and zebras in the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania. With his nearest office some 500 miles away, this was the original definition of working remotely.

Remaining an international traveller, Colin had his first Australian experience in Western Australia (working with mining legends such as Lang Hancock) in the early 70's before returning to Africa for a two-year stint in Sudan.

It was after this that he had his most tumultuous experience; Teheran in the late 1970's. Colin was front and centre as the regime of the Shah disintegrated and collapsed and he only made it out one week before the Shah. May you live in interesting times!

It was then that Colin moved to Sydney and one of his first acts was to join Long Reef, 40 years ago. Sadly recently widowed, he is now genteelly retired in Cremorne amidst his large flower garden and a fine collection of single malt whiskies. We look forward to many more engaging walks with Colin in the years to come.  
Fore left!

**Sean Lee**

**Vice-captain**

## FROM THE PRO SHOP



### Specials

- Men's Sporte Leisure Pullovers - 25% OFF
- Men's Footjoy pants – 20% OFF
- Ladies' winter apparel 25% OFF

Father's Day is fast approaching – gift ideas can include On-Course Gift Vouchers, Lesson Vouchers or Srixon Z Star Golf Balls (usually \$79 a dozen) Just \$50!

Billy and James are selling Raffle Tickets for their upcoming NSW/ACT Trainee State Championships at the end of this month. Tickets are \$4 each and are sold in the proshop.

### There are Great Prizes to be won! –

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** – 1 set of Titleist 718 AP1 steel irons (custom fitted)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** – 1 Scotty Cameron Putter

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** – Riverside Oaks Golf Resort Stay and Play package for two (includes 2 rounds of golf with carts plus one nights' accommodation in a deluxe room with breakfast)

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize** – Riverside Oaks Golf Resort – 2 rounds of golf with cart plus lunch

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize** – 1 Titleist Stand Bag

**6<sup>th</sup> Prize** – 1 Pair of Footjoy MyJoys

Tickets are sold by Trainee members state wide and the draw is done by the PGA Australia – results will be published in the SMH on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## RULES WITH GEORGE



**ANSWER: (b) is correct.** The tee was non-conforming, being longer than 4 inches (**Definitions:Tee**) so the penalty for the first breach from a single act or related acts is the General Penalty of 2 strokes in Stroke Play. If Tommy had used the tee again on a subsequent hole, he would have been **disqualified** for a second breach unrelated to the first breach. **Full Rules of Golf :6.2b (2).**



## WETLANDS PROJECT 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST UPDATE

View from the hill



Excavation complete



The continuing good weather has meant full steam ahead and we are catching up the delays from the wet weather.

The work that has or will be done in the next couple of weeks;

- The pond excavation is now complete.
- Turfing - the 16<sup>th</sup> is completed and next week will finish 15<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Balance pipe between the 2 main ponds completed.
- Practice tee is being widened and lengthened
- The 'haul lines' used by the trucks will be refurbished.

The following will be addressed in September

- Practice chipping green and bunker.
- Practice fairway, trimmed and grassed
- Landscaping the edges of the Pond
- The safety fence will start coming down early September.

The 8<sup>th</sup> hole will stay a Par 3 until the landscaping is in place for safety reasons.

The 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> will stay as temporaries until the new grass has established, hopefully play (with GUR) in October.

As the fairway has been grassed on the 16<sup>th</sup> it may not be fully playable until November.

There have been a few minor modifications to the original design;

- The height of the pond has been slightly increased to increase the capacity to 13megalitres.
- Additional mounding between 10 & 14 and 14 & 15.
- No mounding between the practice tee and 18<sup>th</sup> fairway.

Playing the course over the next few weeks;

14<sup>th</sup> – With the vandalism we will continue to play the temporary green.

16<sup>th</sup> – Will continue to play to 14<sup>th</sup> green, giving the 16<sup>th</sup> green extra time to recover.

18<sup>th</sup> – On weekends we play the normal tees.

Midweek we will play the shorter tee until the practice fairway is completed.. The Stroke Rating will stay the same no matter which tee we use.

Note players **can't** enter the fenced off area.

NOTE – ALL new work, including tractor marks are GUR.



# LONG REEF GOLF CLUB COMBINED SERVICES CHARITY GOLF EVENT

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**Hole Sponsorships \$800, includes 4 players, 2 carts and the inclusions of the day and your signage around the hole**

***\$20,000 Hole In One Prize and plenty of prizes***

***DATE:* Monday 23rd September 2019**

***TIME:* 7am Breakfast, 8am Shotgun start, 12.30pm Lunch and presentations**

***COST:* \$75 Members, \$90 Visitors**

***Entry forms available from reception***

