

## **REEF BREEZES**



September 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 Ph: 9971 8113 Fax: 9982 4648 Email: office@longreefgolfclub.com.au

## FROM THE BOARDROOM

## 1. FINANCE.

The net profit for the 2018/19 financial year was \$443,278. The net loss for July 2019 was \$41,796. At this stage we are \$9,661 ahead of budget.

## 2. WETLANDS PROJECT

The Wetlands Project is nearing completion with the contractors expected to be finished all major works mid September. At this stage we are on budget.

## 3. PRO SHOP TENDER

The Board has announced that Teed Up Management Pty Limited has been awarded the tender for the management of the Long Reef Golf Shop.

#### 4. BUYING GROUP

The next meeting of the Buying Group was held at Long Reef on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August. The response is very positive with now 15-20 Clubs expressing interest in joining.

#### 5. PARKING

We are currently drafting a proposal to Council with various recommendations to increase parking in the area.

## 6. BOARD ELECTION

Nominations for the Board will commence on the 18<sup>th</sup> September and close 5pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The AGM will be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## 7. MEETING WITH LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Board will be meeting with Council representatives and our State and Federal Members on the 28<sup>th</sup> October to discuss various issues and showcase the completed Wetlands Project. We will also take the opportunity to present Sargood with a cheque for \$23,000.

## 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

## **VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK**

Volunteer of the week is long time member Laurie McCourt.



There have been lots of improvements to the golf course over the 19 years of Laurie's membership and it's great that he wants to help with the future improvements to the course.

Laurie joins the renew crew on Tuesday mornings tackling a range of jobs across the course and the clubhouse surrounds. He and the team have done a great job of clearing out the low lying branches on the left hand side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway and tiding up the garden beds and bushes surrounding the tees. The renew crews next task will be restoring the

surrounds of the new wetlands. The construction team will be finishing up in the next week and there will be plenty of jobs to take on.

After 3 hours of work on the golf course on Tuesday, Laurie came out and shot 40 points on Wednesday as well as winning the circle on 13. It goes to show 'hard work does pay off!'

## **CAPTAIN'S CORNER**



Highlight was Brad Roberge's hole in one on 16. You might see him late one night remove the 'T' from his name on the Hole in One Board!!!

In Saturday's ordinary conditions Mike O'Carroll had a great start with an eagle on 1 followed by 3 pointers to be 21pts after 8. He held it together up to the 13<sup>th</sup> (with 29 pts) when a slight shower intervened and his playing partners made a B line to the Club!!!!!

Some great scores on Wed with, I think I've got it correct, Greg's dad Graham 42pts, Matt Cleary's practice paid off (41pts), Mark Hanson (40pts), Bocko again played to his age and Laurie McCourt picked up 32 balls from the 13<sup>th</sup> circle.

#### **Green Vandalism**



The 6<sup>th</sup> green was 'patched' on Thursday and this now completes the repair work. We now just need to wait until the areas recover, which should be by the end of the month.

If your ball lies on one of the 'seams' you can take relief (up to 20cm), however there is no relief if you are on or need to putt through the new turf.... See Local Rule.

Men's Foursomes Champ, A Res, B & C Grade Booking in tonight - You need to 'enter' at the Pro Shop before you tee off.

#### **Club Championships**

The following are scheduled;

• <u>Men's</u> Club Champs – Qual Sat 12 Oct, Sat 19 Oct Match Play Sat 26 Oct, Sun 27 Oct, Sun 3 Nov.

#### • <u>Women's</u>

Weekend Premiership – Sun 15 Sept, Sun 22 Sept Club Champs – Qual Tue 15 Oct, Thu 17 Oct Match Play Thu 24 Oct, Tue 29 Oct, Thu 31 Oct.

#### 2020 Golf Program

We are putting together the Program book for 2020. The 2019 schedule was varied somewhat due to the Wetlands Project. It is planned to revert back to the schedule we had in 2018, with of course a few improvements.

If you have any suggestions on different events, timings etc please let Ben know and we will look at including.

#### Les Browne Captain

## **RULES WITH GEORGE**



**QUESTION:** In a stroke event, Eric reached the green on the13th Hole and found that the flag had been replaced by the previous group in a position in the hole so that it was sloping away from his ball. He said to Fred who was near the hole "I will putt with the flag in". Fred walked to the hole and centred the flagstick. Eric said "no, I want the flagstick pointing away as it was." He walked to the hole and restored the flagstick to its previous position sloping away. Which statement is correct?

(a) Eric acted correctly. No penalty applies.

(b) Fred acted correctly and Eric must replace the flagstick in the centre of the hole before putting. If he does not do this he will be penalised two strokes.



Results of competition on Friday 30th August

No competition - Rain!

## FROM THE WOMEN



Thank goodness for Spring and the warmer weather. The course is looking better all the time. We hosted our thank you drinks to staff members this week. It gave an opportunity in an informal setting to appreciate the work done for all of us throughout the year. Special mention to the course staff who have worked through some trying conditions.

Stars on the course this week included Catherine Wiggett who had 35points on Saturday. Catherine has recently joined us from Cammeray. Julie Preston was our Sunday winner with 38points.

That was after a long lay off.

Committee member Leonie Malcolm had a great day out on Monday with 39points.

Tuesday was a special 9 hole competition in the afternoon with Judith Kerr taking the prize with 22points.

Next Monday our players will participate in the GNSW Coronation Medal Rosemary West and Susan Hay heading to Camden, while Emma Thurlow and Leonie Malcolm travel to Randwick. Good Luck to all.

We welcomed 2 new ladies to membership this week -Pat Williams and Carolyn Hunter who have been playing on Monday afternoons. Please make them welcome.

Thank you to all who have indicated they will play on Long Reef v Cromer day on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Space for a few more pairs. You pay on the day and purchase lunch afterwards.

Charity Day on September 19 is fast approaching. If you intend inviting a visitor for your team there is a sheet in the locker room to note their payment and GolfLink number. Please get onto this early. Donations are still very welcome and we would appreciate if they are wrapped and delivered to the Committee room. Theme for the day is PURPLE so prepare your outfits now.

The Women's Weekend Premiership is open to all 6 and 7 day women members. It takes place over 2 rounds on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Please

add your name to the sheet in the locker room and you will be placed in the draw. It is a stroke event.

Thursday was our final Par round for the year		
Division 1		-
Leonie Malcolm	(15)	+1
Karen Smith	(13)	Sq cb
Wendy Millson	(16)	Sq
Division 2		
Elaine Coldham	(21)	+3
Veronica Bertram	(21)	+2
Linda Sinclair	(29)	+1
Division 3		
Judy Gietz	(38)	+3
Aki Lee	(35)	+2
Trish Timms	(45)	Sq

## NTP

7 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Sloane
13 <sup>th</sup>	Elaine Coldham
2 <sup>nd</sup> shot 10 <sup>th</sup>	Meriam Matheson
Scratch	Karen Smith

## 9 Hole Competition

Judy Hore	(35)	+4
Judy Lockhart	(43)	+3

Congratulations to some of our newer golfers who are working hard at reducing their handicaps. Trish Timms has been playing consistent golf, as have Aki Lee, Judy Gietz and Julie Campbell.

## Wendy Millson Women's Captain

## **BRIDGE CLUB**



Results of Teams competition 28th August

- 1<sup>st</sup> Val Miller/Judy O'Malley/ Joyce Low/Jean Morey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Kirk/Di Kirby/ Pauline Webb/Ann Campbell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rosalie Black/Elaine Luscombe/ Shirley Blackburn/Lilith Gollan

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

#### Charities

The club has a long history of giving — giving to both fund-raising events from simple raffles to days of golf organised for selected charities. It also welcomes and supports established organisations to hold their day at the club. In this month of September the programme includes the Women's major Charity Day and also the club is running its Legacy event.

The first mention of an organised charity event was in the July 1928 Club Minutes. It was moved that the "privilege of holding an Associates Foursomes in aid of Manly Babies House be granted to the promoters subject to visiting players paying usual fees." Having Charity Days organised by the club as well as welcoming outside bodies to use the course had begun. The nature and causes of those charities have changed with the needs of society. In the '20s there were many orphanages and children's homes in the Manly-Warringah area. The '30s brought a worldwide depression and of course 6 years of war followed, with years of economic and emotional recovery after that.

In the '30s the Associates sponsored 'a bed' at the was displayed on a plaque on the end of bed! Did we sponsor the patient too? In the war the list of charity events reached an all time high and many requests had to be knocked back. The Mayor's Comfort Funds was the largest recipient. Dances, socials and card nights as well as golf days were organised to raise support. Examples of some of the charities are, The Red Cross, Air Force house, Bundles for Britain, City Night Refuge and soup kitchen and for local concerns, War Veterans in Narrabeen, Furlough House, and the Manly N.E.S. Ambulance Drivers Fund.

There were donations large and small. In 1943 the club made a donation of two pounds twelve shillings to the Aust. Comforts fund adoption scheme. Two pounds equalled an annual club membership fee at that time. Food parcels were still being sent directly by ship from the club to a golf club in West Kent, England, in the late '40s.

In the '50s the Associates Programme included 5 charity golf days - The International Day Fund, Legacy, Far West Children's Home, The T.B. (Tuberculosis) Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen Association) and Collaroy Children's hospital each year. More recently and for years the Associates supported the Walter and Eliza Hall Research Institute and until 2018 the Mona Vale Hospital Auxiliary. The volunteers would arrive with their prepared knitting, crochet and cakes for sale, and run a raffle, as the players played golf to boost the funds with match fees. (One of our members also made generous individual donations for some years)

The present list of charities includes the Pink Chip in for Breast Cancer Days, and the Bringa Womens and Children's Refuge, Homes for Heroes and the Sargood Foundation. The support for Legacy continues.

The club also continues to also assist a range of charitable organisations to raise their own funds.





Sandra Mellowes

## Wetlands Project – 5<sup>th</sup> September Update



Preparing the new practice chipper. It's been suggested we play it as the 8<sup>th</sup> green!!!

The good weather over the last week allowed us to catch up and the previous week's rain has been wonderful for the new turf on the mounds. The 100mm of rain has just about filled the new pond... great for next summer.

Next Tuesday we will be starting the landscaping planting: 1,000 immature trees with the help of the 'Renew Crew'.

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

- Turfing down to the fence.
- Practice tee widened and lengthened.

Practice chipping green and bunker constructed.

- 'Seeding' the chipping green with cores from practice green.
- Practice fairway, trimmed and grassed.
- Landscaping the edges of the Pond.
- Water ingress to the new pond from in front of 8<sup>th</sup> green.
- For safety reasons and to protect the new growth the fence will be in place until mid-November and may be moved outward to protect the construction and landscaping around the edge of the pond and particularly on the 18<sup>th</sup> where it will further encroach on fairway.

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. 10<sup>th</sup> – continue to play the shorter hole until grass established on mound.

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, if there is work on the practice fairway, we will play the shorter tee. 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.

## **RULES WITH GEORGE**



ANSWER: (a) is correct. Rule 13.2a (1)/1(Interpretations: Official Guide to the Rules of Golf): A player is entitled to play the course as he or she finds it, which includes the position in which the preceding group left the flagstick.

If the preceding group replaced the flagstick in a position that is leaning away from the player, the player has the right to play with the flagstick in that position should he or she find this advantageous. If another player or caddie centres the flagstick in the hole, the player may keep it in that position or have the flagstick restored to its previous position.

## Dates for the Diary

#### September

Fri 13	Entries	for Club	Champs
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- Sat 14 Men's Foursomes Qualifying
- Sat 21 R 1 Foursomes
- Mon 23 Combined Services
- Sat 28 Final Foursomes

## October

Mon 7	Labour day – 2 tee start
Sat 12	Men's Club Champs Qual
Sun 13	Junior Pennant
Sat 19	Club Champs R2 Qual

Playing the course over the next few weeks;

## **Designated Smoking Area**

The Law restricts patrons from smoking within 4 metres of any club entrance. There are two new designated smoking areas outside the Members Entry, one to the right as you leave the club towards the carpark and one across the road underneath the shelter by the 9<sup>th</sup> tee.

If you wish to have a smoke, please use the designated smoking area and the ash trays provided.





LRGC Management

#### Last year's Foursomes Winners







## VALE

Some of our long-term members will remember Ruth Loudon who died last week.

Ruth joined the golf club in 1960 and in 1976 transferred to House Membership. She was not an A Grade golfer, but a popular player. She was a keen bridge player – a rather ferocious one – until she resigned in 1993.

Those of us who remember Ruth will always think of her with affection. Our sympathy goes to her family.

# LONG REEF GOLF CLUB COMBINED SERVICES CHARITY GOLF EVENT

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO **EGACY** 

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