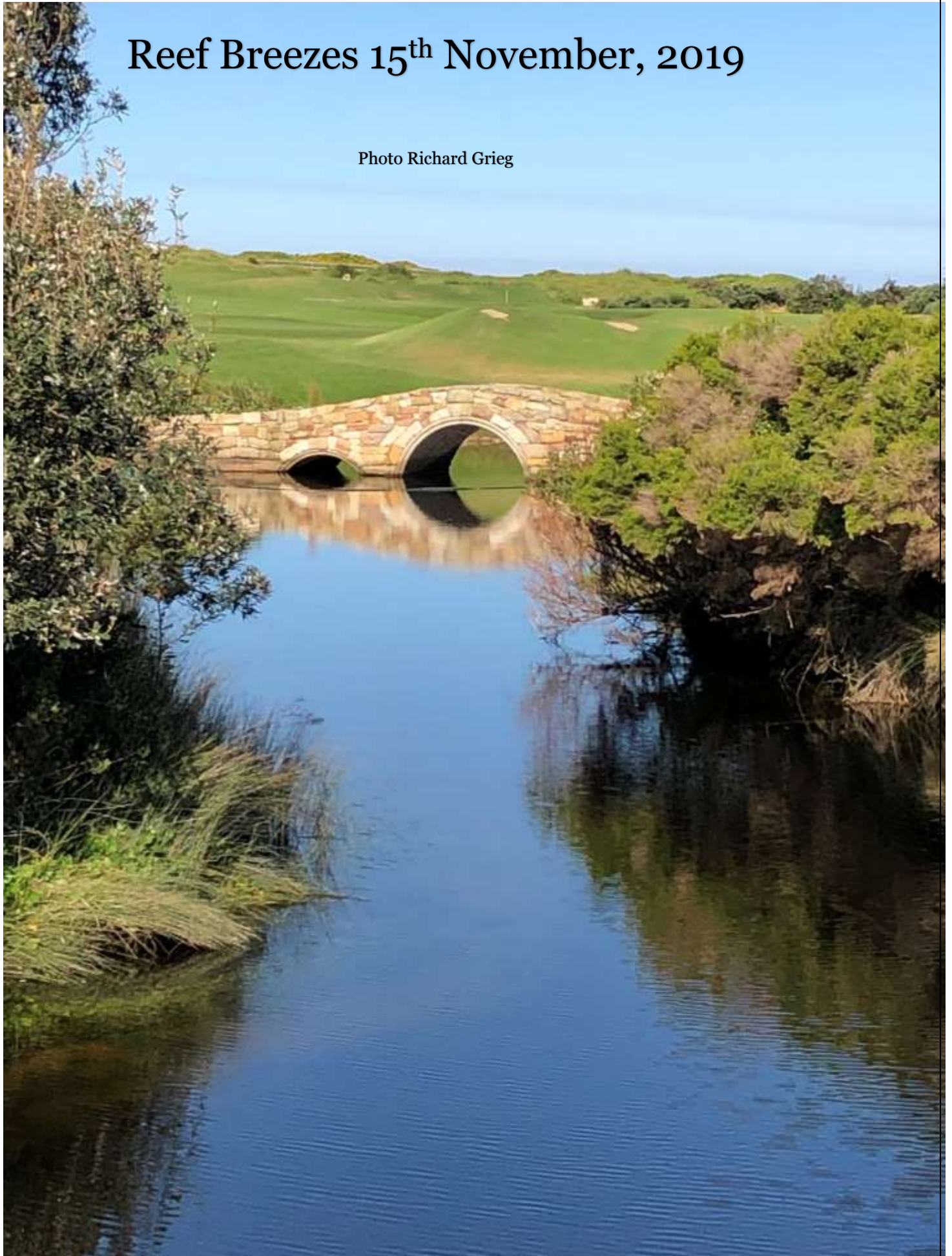


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FROM THE CAPTAIN

Doug's diary

The 16th

After months of walking around it and looking at the progress - and offering opinions on it!!- we got to play the new layout on Wednesday. Those of us that played it early didn't need to worry too much about the mounds because the wind was so strong we could barely reach them anyway and getting to the green in two was virtually impossible. Andy Elysee will definitely have positive memories of playing it for the first time and will go into the record books as the first person to birdie it (he was also the only one to achieve that). It was great to have the hole back and we'll see how it plays over the coming weeks and months with varying conditions but thanks to Pete Donkers and his Team for all the hard work

Junior Golf

Last weekend saw the conclusion of the season for both the Junior Pennant and Encourage Shield Teams. There are more detailed reports later in the newsletter but I would like to thank Mick McKerihan and Jani Komulainen for their management of the teams and to all the boys and girls that represented Long Reef. I trust they all enjoyed the experience and look forward to playing again next year.

Summer Invitation Day

The time-sheet will open next Friday (22nd November) and there will be morning and afternoon shotgun starts. Your guest must be from another club and you will need their Golfink number

And Finally

Jimmy Knox is writing a Goulburn round-up but to paraphrase an historic saying "we counted them out and we counted them back"! One person that usually goes on the trip but didn't this time is Roger Ehret and it certainly seems to have worked for his golf game (and wallet!!) ...with 39 points last Saturday, followed up with 38 on Monday and then 40 on Wednesday. It's been suggested that the average golfer plays to his handicap once in every six games, so to achieve it three times in a row, in the space of 5 days is great golf Roger - well done!

Doug Campbell

Captain

RULES WITH GEORGE



QUESTION: Al, Butch and Jeremy were playing in a singles stroke event.

On the fifth hole, Al hit his tee shot into the fairway bunker. His shot out of the bunker was hit "a bit thin" and seemed to not go very far.

He said "I might have cut or cracked that ball".

When he reached his ball, which was lying on the fairway, he marked the ball, lifted it saying "it is completely covered in sand".

He cleaned the ball to inspect it and came to the conclusion that it was not cut or cracked so he replaced the ball and played his next stroke. Which statement is true?

- (a) Al acted correctly, no penalty applies.
- (b) Al gets a one stroke penalty.
- (c) Al gets two strokes penalty.

FROM THE WOMEN



Congratulations to Monica Raidy, Wendy Thomas and Sue Rossi in playing in the Metropolitan Medal Play Offs at Carnarvon Golf Club this week; alas no winners but everyone enjoyed the day.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner and Concert

planning is well underway with thanks to Rosemary West. If you have not already done so could you please pay for this event at reception or by using your house account. Anyone with any **dietary requirements** please contact Rosemary via email as soon as possible.

Concert planners Angela and Mandy are doing a fabulous job, but are still on the lookout for more acts. Please contact them directly if you are able to assist.

Rookies Christmas party will take place on November 26th. Thank you to the women members who have offered to play alongside the Rookies in the Ambrose game on that day.

February 2020 entries are now open. The information is on the board in the women's locker room.

Some very impressive scores in the winners' circle this week:

Sat	Moira Rowland	(27)	34 pts
Sun	Catherine Hancock	(29)	40 pts
	Julie Preston	(22)	39 pts
Mon	Penny Ware	(39)	39 pts
Tues	Jennifer Jansson	(10)	40 pts
	Aki Lee	(35)	39 pts
9 Hole	Wendy Hague	(40)	20 pts

Thursday 14 Nov results

Division 1

Tanya Heber	(11)	35 pts
Josephine Garrett	(11)	35 Pts

Division 2

Sharman Phillips (Noosa)	(25)	41 pts
Gaby Bennett	(22)	39 pts
Cath Piper	(20)	37 pts

Division 3

Amanda Biffin	(34)	41 pts
Carol Cummins	(40)	40 pts
Helen Cregan	(35)	38 pts

Scr Tamra Moore

NTP

7th	Angela Brown
10th	Gilda Severino
13th	Susan Phillips

9 Hole Competition

Helen Gunther	(39)	24 pts
Jean Conway	(42)	19 pts

Wendy Thomas

Women's Vice-Captain



Results of competition on Friday 8th November
Stroke

Division 1

1st	David Brown (19)	65
2ⁿ	John Hanson (16)	66

Division 2

1st	John Bryant (24)	65
2nd	David Langford (24)	67

Division 3

1st	Kent Sheldon (35)	64
2nd	Trent Bracey (27)	65

Leading Lady

Sue Walker 74

NTP

Div 1	Mike O'Carroll
Div 2	John Elsworth
Div 3	Elizabeth Mullins

Balls to 72 cb

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Research!

Wally Smith.

Wally is certainly one of the club's heroes. It is a name we should all know as he was a great champion and administrator of the club from the 20s to the 70s. Two weeks ago, as I sat in the archive cupboard corner two young men were going from honour board to honour board taking photos. They were at the club for a casual game of golf. They were brothers and when asked proved to be the grandsons of Wally. They were thrilled to be shown the articles about Wally in Ross Lanes' 1988 book and with the wonders of computers we have now been able to send them copies of a variety of articles and photos of Wally. He is on the large panoramic photo of 1927, in teams from the 20s and on the committee in the 50s and 60s. With Wally as winner of the Long Reef Medal twice, a Club Champion in all competition that were available in his time, a frequent course record holder, a President, a Captain and a Life Member they had a variety of honour boards to see!



Top photo-Wally in the swing amongst the sand dunes of a 1936 Long Reef course. Taken from the Golf in Australia Magazine printed on the 19th December 1936. The caption reports that the competition was held on the King's Birthday and that Wally reduced the club record to 66. With him are W.G. Walkeley and E. C. Walters. Below is G. Thomson,(on the right) the previous record holder,

is accompanied by E. Pattison and K. Mc Williams looks on as N. Stirling putts.



Cecil Esdaile

The week before that, our task was to research the Esdaile family on behalf of a family member. Two brothers Arthur and Cecil and Arthur's son Henry joined the club in the early 30s. Cecil was the star golfer and committee man. He was on the committee from 1946 -49. Then in 1949 -50 became Captain, followed in 1950- 53 with four years as President. There were Club Championship wins in 1950 and 1953. He was a Foursomes Champion in 1935 and 1936 partnered by M. Browne and in 1947, 1948, 1949 with R. Ruckley. Team Photos suggests that he was a member of the Grade Team from the 30s onwards. He died at the early age of 46 in 1955. His brother and nephew had left the club in 1943, but did not return to the club after the war.



A GRADE TEAM 1946

Runners up

Back L-R - E. S. Ferguson, R. Ruckley, J. Hathaway, W.J. Welch.

Front L-R - G.F. Thomson, W. R. Smith(c), E. D. Morton, C. F. Esdaile.



Les Browne

The Archive committee is pleased to add our thanks to one of our Archive committee members for his service to the club as his Captaincy comes to an end. In the club's history, in many ways, Les is to the last fifty years to what Wally Smith was to the first fifty! For example, there are similarities in that they both started as caddies, were very young members of the Senior Pennant Team. Les achieved over 300 games many as Captain. They both appear on Champions Boards with Les in the lead in the tally, as the Junior event was not held in Wally's time. Wally played for NSW, Les was a delegate to the State Association and Coach of NSW's teams. For both there were years on general committee, Wally loved to be the Handicapper, Les is the Greens/Match sub-committee specialist! Both were Captain of the Club. There are both Life Members and Les a Gold Member. There's more but I hope that it is enough to say how fortunate we are to have such dedicated members who put so much time and effort over a lifetime into Long Reef Golf Club.

Sandra Mellowes

BRIDGE CLUB



Results of Pairs competition 6th November

N/S

- 1st** Arlene Veith/ Ellen Kassell
- 2nd** Joan Rutherford/ Ada Duignan
- 3rd** Jan Steward/ Joan Fawcett

E/W

- 1st** Helen Kook/ Kay Brideau
- 2nd** Liz Davis/ Pru Christmas
- 3rd** Christine Macnicol/ D Land (vis)

FROM THE COURSE



We have had very little rain in the past 2 months and the course is really starting to suffer, as is the dam. Things turn around very quickly when the weather is so dry and the hot westerly winds really dry things out. The new work is suffering quite badly as all the new turf does not have an established root system, it may take years for the grass to establish a strong root system to help it cope better with dry weather.

Next week we will start to use mega soaker hoses on all the mounds to help with more efficient watering.

When the weather is so dry it puts a lot of extra pressure on the green staff; it is very difficult to keep 40 hectares of grass alive to cope with all the traffic.

The construction fence was finally removed late last week and the practice fairway is now in use it will take a bit longer before we bring the green into play it still has a way to go but it is growing in well.

Ground Pearl is one of our biggest concerns at the moment. They are causing substantial damage all around the course on fairways, roughs and tees. Ground Pearl are a very small pink bug which have a waxy external coating, they live in the soil and they contaminate the soil to the point where grass cannot grow. There is very little know about these pests and there is no known cure for the damage they make or for their eradication. There is no known pesticide registered for control so everything we do is experimental. We are treating areas with very limited success and it seems the drier the climate gets the more they come to the surface and become prolific to the point where they cover the ground. Birds seem to like them but it has been noted that they are still alive in their droppings which causes even more problems as they spread them easily. They seem to mostly exist in the Wollongong, Sydney, Newcastle areas and they are causing major problems on sporting fields, golf courses and bowling greens. When you see the thin grass cover or bare areas around the course this is the damage caused by Ground Pearl.

Bring on some rain and have a good weekend.

JUNIOR PENNANT

The final round of the Junior Pennant was held last Sunday with Long Reef playing host to Warringah, in a match that would unfortunately have no bearing on the finals race.

Long Reef were bolstered by the return of freshly minted Club Champion Kai Komulainen and A-Reserve champion Mitchell Jones, and the team were intent to finish the season on a positive note.

Harry led the team out in near perfect conditions and got off to a flying start winning the opening two holes. However his opponent soon got into stride and produced a string of pars that belied his 24 handicap. Birdies were required by Harry to even halve a hole and he did very well to stay in the match as long as he did, ultimately going down 3/2.

Jack also clicked into gear early, opening up a healthy 3 hole lead after 5. It was a lead he would not relinquish and he finished his match on the 15th hole in a dominant performance - his best of the season.

Chun-Ta and Mitchell seemed to enjoy getting back together to play in the middle matches as both continued the impressive form they have shown this year.

Mitchell never looked like going behind at any stage winning holes with mistake-free golf and closing it out on the 12th with a 7/6 win.

Chun-Ta had a closer tussle, but seemed always in control, pulling away to record a solid 4/3 win.

So with 3 matches in our keeping we were looking for at least another half point from our senior duo in Kai and Cian. And as has been the case all season in the top two matches, they were high quality affairs.

Kai could have been excused for being a bit flat after his exploits in the club championships the previous week, however he showed no such signs. His match was never more than a hole either way and when Kai made a clutch par on 17 to pull level, he would have liked his chances of closing it out. Unfortunately an uncharacteristic bogey from the middle of the fairway on 18 saw him lose 1 down.

That left Captain Cian to steer the team home. With an impressive display of power hitting, he took

calculated risks when appropriate, driving the green on the 6th when giving his opponent a shot, while resorting to his driving iron at other times when he needed to stay in the hole. It was a well thought out strategy that earned him a 4/3 win and saw Long Reef victorious 4-2.

That result placed Long Reef in a tie for 3rd overall, one point behind the divisional winners Manly. While the team may well feel a little disappointed not to figure in the finals again this year, they can be very proud of their efforts.

To field such a strong team in a handicap event does not make things easy. In fact of the 30 individual matches Long Reef played over the last 5 weeks, we did not receive the benefit of a single shot on handicap in any one of those matches!

This of course augurs well for the future ambitions of the club when these kids start figuring in the Major Pennant and Eric Apperly competitions.

Finally, a big thank you to the Long Reef members who came out to lend their support to the team over the season and to the parents for supporting your child in this great game, through this great club.

Mick McKerihan Junior Pennant Manager



Dates for the Diary

November

Wed 27 R2 Midweek Stroke Play

Wed 27 R2 Midweek Premiership

Sat 30 December Medal

December

Sat 7 Christmas Invitation

ENCOURAGE SHIELD

The final qualifying round of Encourage Shield was held at the newly renovated Killara golf club against Mona Vale.

Sitting in third place and a finals berth out of reach, the Long Reef kids were keen to notch up another win for the club.

With Millie and Natalia having to give their male opponents a daunting 12 and 19 shots respectively, the task was always going to be tough.

Millie giving away quite some distance off the tee fought hard against her much larger opponent.

Being 2 down early, Millie brought the match back to even after 10 holes and was looking like she might hold him off but 4 losses through the back saw her shaking hands in the 16th.

Natalia's match was much the same with the shots given being the decider. Playing some great golf against her opponent still found herself 4 down at the turn. Putting up a fight on the back nine Natalia reeled it back to 1 down after 16 but with a loss on the next hole Natalia's season was over.

Second pairing Hamish and Alex also giving shots had quite a job in front of them.

Hamish giving 12 shots started a little shaky, being 2 down through 2 managed to turn it around quickly to be 2 up after 9 holes. Finding the form he has had through the earlier rounds, Hamish the eventual winner of his match 3 and 1, also an unbeaten 5 from 5 for season, well done champ.

Alex found the going easy with some great shots throughout. 1 up through 9, Alex with some convincing wins on the 11th, 12th and 15 putting his opponent to bed on the 16th 4 and 2.

With the match at 2 apiece, another nail biter was on the cards.

Final pairing Tyrone and Kalen were tasked with bringing it home for the team.

Kalen 2 down after 3 holes won holes 4 to 8 to be 3 up at the turn and was never troubled on the back, taking out his match 3 and 2.

As in previous weeks it was again up to Tyrone to bring home the win. It wasn't looking likely being 4 down coming down the 10th but with 5 wins through 6 holes it was down to the wire again. 1 up on the 17th Tyrone's opponent missed a 3 inch putt to win the hole. The match eventually halved giving Long Reef the win 3.5 to 2.5.

Thanks to all kids for making every match a pleasure to watch, win or loss. And a big thank you to the parents and members that made the effort to come out and support the future stars of the club.

Jani Komulainen

Team Manager

GOULBURN VISIT

The Goulburn vs Long Reef weekend was held in Goulburn last weekend and was enjoyed by around 20 Long Reef members. A big thank you goes first to Maurice (President) and Greg (Captain) who have both been fantastic ambassadors over a number of years towards the 66 year inter club visits and also to all the Goulburn members who make us feel so welcome every year we make the short trip down.

Congratulations to Goulburn who took out the Dr McCarthy Shield 7 to 3.5. Although the result may seem resounding a number of matches were lost by a single shot. If only we had gone to bed a little earlier on Saturday night it might have been so different!!

The Rae Harvey Trophy was won by Al Herriot and Greg Dousset (Long Reef) and P Sykes and N Ottaway (Goulburn) with a very impressive 90 points, 45 each.

The Mick McGuigan Trophy (best score Goulburn) was K Gann and M Tozer 46 and (best score Long Reef) was E Hill and H Falk 43.

The Dave Cooper Trophy which is presented for the best Long Reef score on Saturday went to Mark R Stevens with a brilliant 39 points. I think 39 points might have won anyway but Mark became a big favourite when he realised he was the only Long Reef member who actually played.

In conclusion a wonderful time was had by all and I would encourage all Long Reef members to participate next year and keep this historic inter club gathering going for another 66 years.

Jimmy Knox

RULES WITH GEORGE



ANSWER:

(b) is correct. Rules 4.2c, 14.1c apply.

When a ball is lifted from a putting green it may always be cleaned. When a ball is lifted from anywhere else it may usually be cleaned, but there are four exceptions.

The first of these is: *To see if it is cut or cracked—cleaning is not allowed.* **Rule 14.1c**



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