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FROM THE CAPTAIN

Highlights from the Course

Thank you to all the Members that supported the Invitation Day last Saturday and it was great to hear so many positive comments about the course from the visitors.

In the individual Stableford, the usual 43 points were required to win, with Christian Eberhardt achieving that in the morning and Luke Storey (Cromer) and Luke Edgell doing the same in the afternoon - Luke Edgell's being 7 under par!

On Wednesday, Steve Twigg holed in one at the 13th on the way to 50 4BBB points in conjunction with Cam Gillespie, who won A Grade while Peter O'Reilly took out B Grade and David Halliday C Grade.



Time-sheets

There will be no tickets handed out on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve (Tuesdays). Both the

terminals in the Club and the online booking system will go live at 5pm on those days.

"Your Golf Course Needs You"

As a Board we have already thanked the volunteers that have generously given their time on a Tuesday morning to assist with the general maintenance and tidying of our course but I would like to personally recognise Bob Jones, Chris Darby, David Costello, Derek Jensen, Edward Watts, Laurie McCourt, Russell Smylie and Tony Cohen for all their hard work during 2019. Next time you play, please take a look at the back of the 2nd green or the left side of

the 7th tee for examples of their handiwork. If anybody wants to make a New Year's resolution to add to the Team, I know they would welcome the assistance as there is always something to do!

A special "thank you" to Mick Snell too for all the voluntary work he does around the course.

Doug Campbell

Captain

RULES WITH GEORGE



QUESTION: In a stroke round Gerard hit his ball into a bunker on the 18th hole. He carefully addressed the ball without touching the sand. In making his backswing for his stroke he accidentally touched the sand with the head of his club. Which is correct?

- (a) There is no penalty.
- (b) There is a penalty of one stroke.
- (c) There is a penalty of two strokes.

WHITE ROCK CAFE

Now offering all day dining + New Furniture!

Just a reminder that since the release of our Summer Menu the cafe no longer closes off to a limited menu on Saturdays and Sundays between 10.30 and 11am.

We are happy to advise that members and guests can now enjoy our **ALL DAY** dining menu and order from the full menu from 8am – 5pm on weekends.

We have also taken delivery of our new café outdoor furniture this week – Now even more reason to come and enjoy the White Rock Café!

FROM THE WOMEN



So we come to our last Newsletter for 2019. What a year of changed course, rookie graduates, a brand new lake, good and not so good golf and finally some dress up combined with silly golf to finish.

As we do finish up I would like to thank all women for their support during the year and appreciate the efforts of the elected committee. We may not always please everyone but we are all doing our very best.

Some extraordinary golf to finish, with Megan Symington being the best morning player on Saturday with 41pts and Tanya Heber the pick of the afternoon golfers with 39. Regular golfer Kim Sloane kept them company with a solid 40 points on Sunday.

Monday in the Irish Stableford Catherine Hancock was our winner on 76 on a countback from Ali Gattas. Jude Sandvoss with 35 points was our winning score on a smoky Tuesday where visibility was poor and the field very small.

Thursday was our Annual Dress up day and we played 9 holes with a twist! Lots of fun and our winners for golf in a best 2 stableford multiplied by 3rd score were

Front NINE –

- 1st Marg Mullins, Carol Cummins,
Betty Twight and Arlene Veith 54 C/B
- 2nd- Sharyn Hillman, Karman Whitford,
Amanda Biffin and Lyndall Bacon 54
- 3rd – Trish Timms, Maryann Ward
and Jude Sandvoss
50

NTP 7th

Div 1 Lyndall Bacon

Div 2 Jan Press

Nearest Flag

Div 1 Sandra Gillies

Div 2 Marg Verrills

Back NINE

- 1st Kathie Nelson, Muriel Dawson,
Julie Simpson and Jan Hanson 63
- 2nd Karen Smith, Jen Jansson,
Rachael Loomes and Tamra Moore
59

- 3rd Leonie Malcolm, Gay McCorby,
Marg O’Connell and Judith Kerr
58

NTP 13th

Div 1 Jen Jansson

Div 2 Sue Kiproovich

Nearest Flag

Div 1 Diana Sier

Div 2 Linda Sinclair

Best dressed went to The Elves –Karen, Jen, Rachael and Tam. A close second were Rosie, Jenny Kerri and Veronica as Santa’s helpers and third were the “Christmas dinners” Karman, Lyndall, Sharyn and Mandy.

In preparation for 2020 we have an entry sheet in the Locker Room for Opening Day which will be Thursday January 30. It is an 8am Shotgun start and a 4 person Ambrose event. Annual entry fees for GNSW events will be payable on that day.

Preliminary notes have been sent to our prospective Grade players for 2020.

In the New Year we will send via email a “Keeping in Touch” newsletter from the Committee, outlining significant dates as well as pertinent information for events. Hard Copies will be in the locker room.

Thank you to Lilith, Michelle and Ian for their assistance with the newsletter each week. Much appreciation to our hard-working committee- enjoy the break.

To you and all your families we wish you the best for the Festive season.

Wendy Millson

Women’s Captain



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Hopefully you were able to name the artists in this 1998 Navy act featured in last week's newsletter. All joined in the '90s and all but one are still at the club. Dympie left the club a few years ago. They are all special members, who have already reached the Special Member category of membership or are soon to do so.

Left to right - Jean Conway, Ann-Marie Pearce, Marilyn Denner, Jan Press, Dympie Ryan, Lorraine Stafford.

(Note the men's handicap board behind them. This display case donated by Life member Eric Morton is still in position outside the men's locker room.)

The Stonehaven Cup

For those who saw the not so dignified presentation on the television last Sunday of the Stonehaven Cup to this year's winner of the Australian Open, Matt Jones, it is hoped that the presentation in 1930 was conducted with more grace. As a reminder, the Stonehaven Cup was presented for the first time in 1930 by the out-going golf-mad Scottish Governor-General, Lord Stonehaven. It was presented to one Frank Eyre the Professional from Long Reef Golf Club.

Recently Les Browne reported back from visiting the new Australian Golf Heritage Society Museum at Strathfield Golf Club. One of the new exhibits mentions Frank Eyre's win and shows a trophy donated by the rubber manufacturer Dunlop featuring a mounted Dunlop ball. Les has been elected to the Board of the AGHS. This is a very valuable link with our club and the Society.



The Dunlop ball on display at the AGHS museum



1930 Frank Eyre receives the Stonehaven Cup



The trophy Frank was able to keep.

Archive Committee

The committee has had its final meeting for the year. Thanks go to all, as work is completed moving steadily towards the 100th Birthday celebration, and at the same time preserving and creating records of the club's history for the future. The Committee has nine members, Lilith Gollan, Les Browne, Judy Hore, Brian Cummins, Michelle Harradine, Pam Burke, Mick Snell, Joy Reece and myself.

One piece of trivia to finish the year. It is December! In December 1920, 99 years ago, one Cecil Martin received a reply from the Warringah Council approving in principle his request that a golf club could be formed and Long Reef Headland be used for this activity!

Sandra Mellowes



BRIDGE CLUB



Results of Pairs competition 4th December

N/S

- 1st Kaye Miller/ Ellen Kassel
- 2nd Jean Morey/ Jan Steward
- 3rd Ada Duignan/ Elaine Luscombe

- 1st Joyce Low/ Mary McAdam
- 1st eq Kay Brideau/ Peggy Hulton
- 3rd Helen Kook/ Lilith Gollan

THANK YOU

This is the last edition of Reef Breezes for 2019 and it's the time to thank all those who have contributed throughout the year.

First, the Office staff whose technical expertise has made the production possible and enjoyable – Michelle, Ian and Phil.

Our regular contributors – President Steve, Captains Les, Doug and Wendy, Rob and Martin from the Friday Club, Rules expert George, Course Superintendent Peter, Sandra with interesting information from the archives, Brian with the Welfare Notes, Billy bringing news of the activities and achievements of the Juniors.

Then, the team captains and managers, who report on the progress of their teams, and all those members who send in interesting, and sometimes amusing, accounts of occasional things.

We have so many keen photographers who are sending in beautiful and delightful photos taken on the course.
Thank you all.

Our first edition for 2021 will be produced on Friday 10th January.

Happy Christmas

Lilith Gollan

Editor

VISITORS DAY

Doug Moulton in the muddy banks of the dam on the 5th. Showing our visitors that any shot is better than taking a drop. Amazing he hit it clean which is more than what we can say about the state of his shoes.



Welfare Notes:

With all sorts of grim news coming across the airwaves at this time, it was heartwarming to sight a very fit looking and smiling Simon Couch on the practice putting green this week. Simon is in rehabilitation after undergoing the process of kidney donation, and as an indirect result of this wonderful gift, his sister is now recovering very well from the implant of a new kidney. Simon is hopeful of returning to the playing ranks early in the New Year, after, incidentally, celebrating the sixth anniversary of his joining our Club.

However, one of our long term Members, Peter Carson, is bracing himself for a longish time on the sidelines after a medical procedure which he hopes will have him return to normal fitness and being able to rejoin the run on side. Another of our long timers, Brian Tapp, is recuperating from surgery and is looking forward to getting back on the course early in 2020.

Meanwhile, Brian Leonard is continuing along the improvement path and is determined to achieve his goal of being able to return to golf by walking the full course.

There are a number of other Members and former Members who are battling against injury or illness and we all express the hope that they experience a peaceful Christmas period and that 2020 will see marked improvement in their wellbeing.

Brian Cummins

Welfare Co-ordinator

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

We had competitors, spectators, staff meant to be working...



FROM THE JUNIORS



AUSTRALIAN ALLSCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to ChunTa Wu who won the U15 Australian All Schools event at The Coast Golf Club last week. Having qualified for this event through the NSW All Schools Championship in May, ChunTa fired rounds of 1 over, 2 over to win the event in smoky conditions. Well done ChunTa - a great achievement !!!!



BONVILLE CHAMPIONS TROPHY

Kai Komulainen represented the club last week at the JNJG Bonville Champions Trophy. Having qualified for the event a whopping 8 times throughout the year (the most in the field), Kai knew he could compete against the older boys, which he did. Kai fired rounds of 73,74,72,74 to finish 5 over for the 72 holes and 6th overall.

GREG NORMAN JUNIOR MEDAL

This week Kai has also represented the club at the Greg Norman JM at Palmer Colonial and Gold Coast Clubs. After a poor start in round 1, Kai bounced back to have rounds of 70,70 in rounds 2&3 to hold a 5 shot lead heading into the final round. Another round of 70 in the final round and his first bogey free round of golf Kai finished with rounds of 80,70,70,70 to finish 4 over for the 72 holes, win the U15 age group by 6 as a freshly turned 14 year old and finish 3rd overall in the U18 division. A huge effort.



This is the last report for the year. It's been an absolute pleasure to be able to teach these kids week in week out, and watch them grow as golfers but more importantly as good people. On a sad note, we will lose the Komulainen Kids over Christmas as they head back to the Gold Coast. Hopefully we will see Kai come down for a couple of Major Pennant Games, and maybe defend his club championship title. I would like to wish Kai, Millie, Noah and the

family all the best in their future, I know they will visit Long Reef when they are back in Sydney for events.

Have a great Christmas and New Year, and watch out for these juniors handicaps dropping !

Billy Watson

Junior Elite Coach

RULES WITH GEORGE



ANSWER: (c) is correct ...**Rule 12.2b.** This Rule very clearly states that: Before making a stroke at your ball in a bunker, you must not touch sand in the bunker with your club, in making your backswing for a stroke.

The Rule also penalises a player for touching the sand with his or her club:

- i In the area right in front of or right behind your ball, or
- ii In making a practice swing.

The penalty for each of these breaches of touching the sand in a bunker is **The General Penalty i.e. 2 strokes in Stroke Play.**

Surprisingly there is no penalty for striking the sand in frustration or anger.

Have a Happy Christmas and a well-earned break.

FROM THE PRO SHOP



Looking for the perfect gift for Christmas.....Gift Vouchers are available from Long Reef Pro Shop!



Christmas Lesson Special...

Receive a 60 minute lesson with Laura McCahon for the price of 30 minutes!

Conditions

- *Not available with any other offers
- *Applies to lessons held before January 31st, 2020
- *Excludes Rookie Vouchers

Online bookings for all Lessons & Clinics are now available

at <https://longreefgolfclub.com.au/pro-shop/> or call the Pro Shop on 99822943



DINE IN

Your dine in voucher will expire at the end of the membership year. *Please book in advance to avoid missing out!* Remember your voucher is preloaded onto your membership card. 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 or office@lrgc.com.au. For future dates, [please click here.](#)



**1st hole , please Santa can
we have some rain!**

Merry Christmas to all

