

Reef Breezes

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

1. FINANCE.

The net profit for November 2019 was \$100,142. The year to date net profit is \$77,458 or \$102,264 under budget. The Wetlands project and vandalism of the greens have impacted the Club's performance this year. We will be receiving an insurance payment of \$58,469.98 as compensation for the damage to the greens and associated loss of revenue.

2. WETLANDS PROJECT

Even though the project is complete and the new wetlands was at one stage 98% capacity, the course is in desperate need of substantial rainfall. During the last year ending 31st December the total rainfall for the year was 824.6mm. There were 277 days without any rainfall, 88 days with rainfall, 26 days with 3mm or less, 7 days of rain totalling 295mm and only 3.8mm in the last 5 weeks of the year.

In the past 3 years we have only received 65% of our total average rainfall.

We are now buying water.

3. STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY

The Strategic Plan is being updated with a review to being conducted in January before being circulated to Members for comment.

4. SOLAR PANELS

As part of our cost reduction program, the Board is investigating the installation of solar panels on the Clubhouse, Pro-shop and Maintenance Depot. As a renewable energy source we expect to generate considerable cost savings in the longer term.

5. BRAD HAZARD'S NEWSLETTER

Our local State Member wrote an article in his newsletter about LRGc which praised the Club on completion of the Wetlands Project and the donation to the Sargood Foundation.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the festive season and that 2020 is an extraordinary golfing year.

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

DRESS STANDARDS

We have noticed a considerable number of members recently playing on the golf course, on the putting green and practice area are not adhering to the club dress standards. Members need to be aware that the dress standards for the course are different from the clubhouse. These standards are outlined in your club programme book.

We do not wish to stop people from practising or playing social golf but if dress standards are not followed then we will be left with no choice but to take this step. It also makes it very difficult to maintain these standards with visitors if members cannot set the example required.

Please help us with this task so no member is asked to leave the course, the putting facility or practice area.

Anthony Dignan

General Manager

RULES WITH GEORGE



QUESTION: Playing the 8th hole, Jim hit his ball off the tee into the right-hand red penalty area. He thought that he would play the ball because there was very little water in the area and the ball was lying in soft, wet, muddy conditions. He addressed the ball and grounded the club and touched the water. He played his ball out and ended covered in mud. As a result of his method of playing, which applies?

- (a) Jim incurred a penalty of one stroke for touching ground and water in a penalty area
- (b) Jim incurred a penalty of two strokes for his actions.
- (c) No penalty applies. Jim acted within the Rules

FROM THE CAPTAIN

DOUG'S DIARY

My "New Captain's Resolution" was a commitment to open and transparent communication and in that spirit, you will see below the key decisions / actions that came out of the last Match and Course Committee meetings. These meetings are held every two months and, assuming you find it useful, I will continue to provide these update.

Match

Pace of Play policy- proposal agreed, presented to Board and now implemented

Course Record - agreed that the course has not changed "significantly" and current record stands until beaten

Junior Chipper League - agreed to enter a Team if Jack Newton Golf secure sufficient other local Club support

2020 Club Competitions:

Men's Club Championship / Grade Cups - agreed to remain with 8 qualifying for Matchplay with Finals (including Women's) to be held on Saturday 31st October

Men's Midweek Premiership - to be open to 7 day Members

Summer Cup - to move to Strokeplay Championship and be played over 4 rounds with a "cut" to the top 12, in each grade, after 2 rounds and then those remaining play the 3rd and 4th rounds together in leaderboard order.

Opt-in competitions - Hidden Holes and 2s competitions agreed and introduced on Wednesday and Saturday

Invitation Day - agreed that more than one prize can be won by an individual player

Christmas Dress Up day - agreed that hams be provided as Member prizes

Ball prize pool - increase % of field that win 4BBB - "winner only" event to be held every Wednesday and Saturday (except on Stroke rounds). Sunday conditions remain unchanged

Course

Concrete path by 8th tee - cost options of better protecting players

Practice nets by 9th tee - to be retained and quotes being gathered for restoration

Bunkers - previous "bunker audit" to be revisited but agreement reached to re-shape the first bunker on the right hand side of the 18th fairway and to fill in one of the first two bunkers on the left hand side of the fairway

Fence by 6th tee - quotes in be received for repair / replacement

Direction marker behind 16th green - investigate options to assist with "blind" approach shots

Summer Cup

The second round will be held tomorrow (Saturday 11th) but the Top 3 after the first round are as follows:

A Grade –

Ross Bockman (68), Chun-Ta Wu (69) and Doug Campbell (70)

A Reserve –

Roland Merhab (77), Steve Twigg (78) and Anthony Dignan (80)

B Grade –

Andrew Thurlow (80), Phil Blanshard (81), Brian Tapp (82)

C Grade –

Barry Collins (89), Gary Martinolli and Simon Hopwood (both 91)

Founder's Cup / January Medal

Congratulations to the January Medal winners-

A Grade - Roland Merhab (65)

B Grade - Phil Blanshard (63)

C Grade - John Cimino (65)

As there are no grades in Founder's Cup, the leader at the half-way stage is Phil Blanshard.

Good luck to all those playing in the subsequent rounds of both competitions

New Competitions

Last Saturday saw the introduction of the new Hidden Holes and 2s competitions and I'm sure if you ask Phil Blanshard for his thoughts, he'll tell you the Hidden Holes was a great initiative as his 16 points just pipped 6 people tied on 15 and he collected a voucher for \$274 - not bad for a \$2 outlay! 19 Members that paid to go into the 2s competition each collected \$12.95. There was one Member (who shall remain nameless) had 2x2s last Saturday but didn't pay to enter because "I never get a 2" so while some think it is just a low markers competition, you just never know!

Participation in both competitions was really high on Saturday and whilst it dropped off considerably for Wednesday, there was still over \$100 shared between the Hidden Holes winners - John Briscoe and Mark Hanson with 16 points. They would have been beaten by two Members that had 17 points but neither entered so I'm sure they are pleased about that! 20 people had 2s on Wednesday but only 2 of them entered so Jimmy Knox picked up \$36 for his 2x2 and Corey Battams collected \$18.

Thanks for the support of the new competitions and we'll monitor participation and see if any changes are needed.

Local Rule

Due to the continuing dry weather, there are a number of bare patches appearing so we are re-introducing a local rule to enable you to drop off these areas on the fairway (closely mown areas). Please mark your ball first and then drop within one club length. Please check the noticeboard in the Clubhouse or outside the Pro shop or on the 1st and 9th tees.

Doug Campbell

Captain

FROM THE WOMEN



We have seen some outstanding scoring over the holiday break with many women scoring 40 points and more. Well done to Kim Sloane, Marg Verrills, Helen Cregan, Gaby Bennett, Moira Rowland, Emma Thurlow and all who have had handicap reductions over the break.

Preparations are underway for the Women's Opening Day on Thursday January 30 2020. This will be an 8am Shotgun start and we will play a 4-person Ambrose. Pre- payment is required for lunch (\$30) and we also ask for your GNSW entry fee contributions to be paid prior to the first week of February.

For both above events please record a receipt number on the sheet provided in the Locker Room.

We are also holding an Opening Day for the Weekend Women on Sunday February 2. We will have a block booking on the day and play in the regular competition as well as the special 4BBB for the women. Several prizes are awarded on that day and a presentation and refreshments will follow in the Members Area. Please enter on the sheet provided in the Locker Room.

Our first Charity Day for 2020 will be on Thursday March 26 and will be in aid of Chris O'Brien Lifehouse. Payment of \$25 to be made prior to the day and we thank the golf club who agree to entry fees being donated to the charity. Donations of prizes for raffles will be received by Committee members.

Great to see all the women doing their best with the pace of play. Newer players please head to the tee and hit off as your first option. Also endeavour to play with more experienced players.

Welcome to membership from Easy golfing to Mary Locke and Kerry Barclay. We also welcome from the Rookies group Annette Miller, Pamela King and Louise Cox.

The Annual Keeping in Touch will be emailed out shortly detailing some changes for 2020 and some useful information. Hard copies will be placed in the Locker Room.

Get well wishes to Cath Piper, Sue Walker, Betty Twight and Jan Redfern as they recover from surgery.

We will continue with a one tee start until Opening Day.

Wendy Millson

Women's Captain

Chris O'Brien Lifehouse Fundraising

PINK DAY



LONG REEF GOLF CLUB

**8AM Tee Off - Irish Stableford
Thursday 26th March**

To register your team put your name on the sheet in the locker room. \$25 payment to reception.

FROM THE COURSE



It has been a tough summer for the whole country as well as for us looking after the golf course. It was nice to get around 9mm of rain earlier this week. It freshened things up a little and gave us a break for a few days. There has been very little rain around Long Reef for a long time with only 11mm since the end of November and only 90mm since the end of September.

Much like the rest of the country we are getting desperate but doing much better than many others. There are many golf clubs around the state which have needed to shut their doors due to lack of water and many others on the brink.

We have been pumping water from the new dam to the old dam for many weeks to try and keep things going. It was extremely beneficial having all the new work complete and our new dam almost full at the start of the warmer months as this has really saved us this summer.

I certainly hope that things can turn around for the whole country in 2020 and Happy New Year to everyone



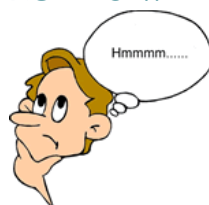
@jasondeegangolfadvisor

HOLE IN ONE

Congratulations to Barry Collins who had a Hole in One on the 30/12/2019



RULES WITH GEORGE



ANSWER: (c) is correct ...**Rule 17.1b (Full Rules of Golf)** This Rule very clearly states that: "The player may play the ball as it lies without penalty, under the same rules that apply to a ball in the general area (which means that there are no special Rules limiting how a ball may be played from a penalty area)".

Surprisingly the "Player's Edition of the Rules of Golf" makes no reference to this fact In **Rule 17.1b**.



Juvenile white faced heron trying to stay cool on the fifth. Dave Wing

20% OFF STOREWIDE SALE

**Long Reef Pro Shop
Limited Time Only!
Jan 13th—Jan 31st 2020**



Conditions:

20% off the original price

Not available with any other offer

Applies to current stock only



Special Olympics
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invitation

2020

JUDY BUCKLEY

MEMORIAL GOLF DAY

& luncheon

Long Reef Golf Club

Friday 28th February

Special Olympics provide the opportunity for people with an intellectual disability to participate in year-round sports training and competition. In the Sydney Northern Beaches, we currently provide support and training for athletes in 10 sports with weekly training and regional and state competitions.

See over for Entry and Event details



invitation

2020 JUDY BUCKLEY MEMORIAL GOLF DAY & luncheon

GOLF DETAILS EVENT

- EVENT.** Team Ambrose (Maximum handicap for non-golfers, Men 18 Women 36)
- TIME.** 8am Shotgun start.
- REGISTRATION.** From 7am (Inc. light breakfast-juice, bacon & egg roll, tea & coffee)
- ROUND OF GOLF.** \$125 (Inc. breakfast & lunch) Long Reef Members \$100
- HOLE SPONSORSHIP.** \$800 (Inc. Golf for 4. breakfast & lunch, 2 carts, signage on designated hole, acknowledgement on communications)

BOOKING

- Yes, I wish to play (\$125)
- Yes, I wish to register a Team of 4 (\$500)
- Yes, I wish to enter a Team of 4 and sponsor a hole (\$800)

PLAYERS NAME	H'CAP	MOBILE NO	EMAIL

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT is required by Friday 21st February 2020 by direct deposit or credit card. Registrations should be sent to;
SydneyNorthernBeaches.Chair@specialolympics.com.au

DIRECT DEPOSIT. BSB: 032 078 Account No: 534834
Account Name: Special Olympics Sydney Northern Beaches

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT.

Please debit my Visa/MasterCard for \$

CC Number: Expiry Date / /

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