

Reef Breezes 6th March 2020



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

1. FINANCE.

The net profit for January 2020 was \$178,137 (which included the insurance payout of \$58,470 to compensate for vandalism to the greens and subsequent loss of income). The year to date net profit is \$406,082 or \$61,071 over budget.

2. CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 2021

Next year is the Club's Centenary year. As part of the celebrations the Club will host a gala dinner on 14th May 2021 and a Pro-Am (date to be advised).

3. PROGRAM BOOK

The new program book has been completed and can be collected from reception.

4. STRATEGIC PLANNING

I would like to thank all those Members who reviewed the Strategic Plan and provided valuable feedback. The final document can be viewed on the Club's website

5. SOLAR PANELS

The Club has decided to appoint Smart Commercial the contract to install solar panels. The first part of the process is a submission to Council.

6. STAFF RESIGNATIONS

Unfortunately, Michelle Harradine and Steph Bull will be leaving us on the 20th March. Audrey Vanamo commenced work at the Club on Wednesday. Please take the opportunity to farewell both Michelle and Steph and welcome Audrey who will be on reception.

7. BAR REFRESH

On Tuesday the new beer taps were installed. The second stage of the bar upgrade is scheduled for early April. Members are asked to give our bar manager, Ross, feedback on the new beers and we would welcome suggestions as to beers to add.

8. NAB WOMEN'S OPEN GOLF DAY

NAB will be sponsoring a Women's Golf Open day on Tuesday 15th September. This will be an opportunity to introduce women not only to golf, but the Club. The day will entail teaching stations staffed by the Teed Up professionals and also light refreshments in the Clubhouse afterwards. Cameron Daddo will be the MC.

9. SARGOOD FOUNDATION CHARITY GOLF DAY

The Club will be holding a charity fund raiser for the Sargood Foundation on Friday 15th May. If any Member would like to sponsor a hole or donate an auction item, please see Ben in the office.

10. MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewals are due by the 31st March.

RULES WITH GEORGE



QUESTION: Playing the second hole Jim found his ball about one metre off the Putting Green so decided to putt the ball. As he was lining up his putt he noticed that there was a considerable amount of sand on his line to the hole. Obviously the sand had come out of a bunker when an earlier player had played a bunker shot. The sand was on the green and also on the apron to the green. Which is correct?

- a. Because sand is a loose impediment, Jim is permitted to clear away all the sand, on his line.
- b. Jim is permitted to clear the sand on the green away, but may not remove the sand on the apron of the green.
- c. Because his ball is not on the green, Jim may not clear the sand from his line of play.

FROM THE CAPTAIN DOUG'S DIARY

Eclectic Update

We're having issues getting visibility through the Micropower system onto the website so in the meantime, we will post updates each week on the Member's noticeboard in the Clubhouse

Knock-Out Cup

Congratulations to Alan Dean and Hugh Wilson who took out the 4 ball Knockout Cup last Saturday. They got off to a fast start and were 3 up after five holes but Rex Langthorne and Peter Watson clawed their way back into it but couldn't overhaul the lead they had given up early.

Mick Snell Cup Reminder

This individual handicap match-play event will be held between March and October and the entry form is next to the Micropower terminals in the Members' area so please don't forget to put your name down before March 15th if you would like to participate

Major Pennant

Luke and his Team followed up the away win at Pennant Hills with a comprehensive 6.5-0.5 scoreline at home to the same opposition last Sunday. I've stolen the phrase before but it's appropriate - "it all happens on the back nine on Sunday" - because the final result looked wishful thinking at the halfway mark but great credit to the team to get across the line so convincingly in the end. With Corey and Josh away at the Riversdale Cup this week, Concord away will be a sterner test but good luck. As always, any support from the broader Membership is much appreciated so it would be great to see you at Concord from 7am on Sunday, if you can make it.

Course Maintenance

If you've played this week you'll know that five fairways and all the tees have been aerated, scarified, rubbed in, blown off and cut. It's the first time in many years that this essential maintenance has been carried out and weather permitting, the remaining fairways will be treated in the coming weeks. The course will also be closed on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March to rejuvenate the greens,

Doug's Diary is taking a break for a couple of weeks as I go on holiday but you'll be regaled by Sean's Stories instead. Enjoy your golf!

Doug Campbell

Captain

FROM THE WOMEN



Good match from the grade team against Muirfield last Friday to open the season. Please see attached report from Emma Thurlow our Field Captain.

Sue Phillips and Judy Gietz have returned from their "celebrity moment in the sun" where they played with the professionals in the Women's NSW Open in Dubbo. What a great experience for the winners of the GNSW Bowl. We will present their trophy vouchers next week.

Plenty of golfers playing well. Jane Hagan (22) was Sunday winner with 38points on a C/B from Kim Sloane. Jane was also successful in the mixed 4 Ball with 48pts.

Tuesday's Division 1 winner was Susan Hay (15) 36points followed by Lorraine Stafford (27) 35points on C/B from Lyndall Bacon.

In Division 2 Jenny Watts (29) 36 points won on a countback from Sheila Dickson (42) 36pts. 3rd was Jan Daniel (31) 35pts.

Marg Mullins won the 9 Holes with 19 points closely followed by Marg Verrills with 18points. 26 players in the 9 hole field.

On Thursday the rain fell and we rescheduled the Medal round to April 23. Eleven brave souls ventured out in the inclement weather to play stableford with Val Wilson recording 29 points to win the day.

Next Thursday is a Par round and we had hoped for players to enter in mixed divisions, perhaps we will all get it right next time around.

Charity Day on March 26th is looking like it will be a great Fundraiser for Chris O'Brien Life House. The Co-ordinators of the day ask if anyone intends donating a suitable raffle prize, please leave it wrapped in the committee room.

Thank you once again to our ladies who assist with Rookies. This week our winner was Sam Sparke with a great 20points closely followed by Katja Knoop with 18points. We have many new Rookies starting their learning phase but always room for more. If you know someone who may be keen to take up the sport, please contact Laura in the Pro shop.

Reminder of Course renovations on March 16 and 17. Course will be closed.

There is also the Long Reef Plate on April 7th. This is for daily handicaps of 19-30 and 31-45. Please see the entry form in the Locker Room. Those players outside that range will play stableford on the day. As it is an Open Stableford event please encourage your friends from other clubs to enter.

Weekend Players please note the GNSW Bowl (4BBB stableford) is on Saturday 28 March. You will need to enter on the sheet at the Pro shop as well as have you and your partner's names together on the time sheet. Your \$10 contribution for GNSW events should also be pre paid.

Wendy Millson **Women's Captain**

GNSW GRADE

Last Friday the Grade team headed to Woolooware for their first match against Muirfield. The team was Catherine Reynolds, Jenni Brown, Jen Jansson, Josie Garrett & Emma Thurlow. With 4 matches going all the way to the 18th they ended up squaring the day which is a great result. Jen & Catherine both had a win. Jen's shot into the 18th and Catherine's chip in on the last to secure their matches were real highlights! Josie had a solid game winning the last hole to square her match and Jenni & Emma went down in very close games.

This week the team is off to Muirfield to play Lakeside. The team is Jen Jansson, Jenni Brown, Josie Garrett, Emma Thurlow & Natalie Driver. Play well ladies!

Emma Thurlow **Team Captain**



MAJOR PENNANTS

Major Pennants at home to Pennant Hills, March 1st

A picture-perfect morning at Long Reef was complemented by a ruthless performance by our major pennant team, romping to a 6.5-0.5 win. This win puts us on top of the table for now but we have tough away-home games to come against Concord over the next two Sundays.

We promised fireworks in the top match and that's what we got. Corey Lamb started eagle, birdie, par in Game 1 to be all-square! This high standard was maintained throughout but it was Corey's clutch putts on 15, 16, 17 and 18 which saw him snatch an excellent 1-up win.

Josh Fuller was equally impressive in Game 2, shooting eagles on 6 and 9, but he missed a few short putts coming in and had to settle for all-square in another entertaining game.

Luke Edgell had his game face on and I'm sure he didn't miss a fairway or green all day en route to a 4&2 win in Game 3. His magic chip from left on 9 to set up a tap-in birdie was a thing of rare beauty.

Matty Saad had the difficult task of backing up his 7-birdie round from Saturday but such is his red-hot form at the moment that he added another 5 birdies on Sunday, easing to a 3&2 win in Game 4.

Cam Gillespie continued where he left off on the previous Sunday, winning 1-up in Game 5. His infectious enthusiasm and ridiculously long hitting are a great addition to this year's team.

Chun-ta Wu's opponent in Game 6 was so slow, he would have made JB Holmes hang his head in shame! But Chun-ta showed great concentration in sticking to his plan and winning 2-up for the second week in a row. His 50-footer for a half on 17 showed that the golfing Gods were watching!!

Paul Rouse again showed steely resolve. After losing a large early lead he simply went about building another large lead and won in a canter, 3&2 being the final result in Game 7.

Cian Hughes was under par in the reserve game which he won easily and I certainly would not like to be playing Cian when it all clicks into place.

There are too many people to thank individually this time; the course was in fantastic condition, the food was excellent as usual, and the caddies were Fluff-esque. A special mention goes to whoever chose the pin positions, they are psychic ☺

So it's off to Concord next Sunday. We expect that Monash will beat Pennant Hills pretty easily so if we want to keep pace, we MUST win. A tough ask but after this week's performance, nothing this group does will surprise.

Sean Lee

Manager



Boardroom Battle

Friday Club committee members Nicki Wiebe and Susan Kelly engaged in a spirited on-course tussle last Friday. Ultimately Susan's 38 was no match for playing partner Nicki's 43 points which wrapped up the debate in Division three. Also returning an impressive 43 points was Brian Moran in division two, who held out Mike Smith on 38.

Next Friday, March 13, we're having a four clubs plus putter competition, so start thinking about your club selections.

Friday Club Winners for Friday February 28

Division 1

1 st	Rex Carroll	17	39
2 nd	Michael Smiles	16	36

Division 2

1 st	Brian Moran	22	43
2 nd	Mike Smith	21	38

Division 3

1 st	Nicki Wiebe	38	43
2 nd	Susan Kelly	36	38

Balls to 36 c/b

BRIDGE CLUB



Results of Teams competition on 26th February

1 st	Judy O'Malley/Joyce Low Val Miller/ Kaye Miller
2 nd	Helen Gunther/ Liz Davis Judy O'Brien/ Helen Kook
3 rd	Gail Thompson/Joan Fawcett Sue Cameron/Toni Pfafflin

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Since the start of the game, golf and the golfer have been a popular subject for the cartoonist. As well as the three pages of character cartoons that we have of Long Reef players in three different decades we also own two photo frames showing several postcards of random golfing moments.

As our 100 birthday approaches this cartoon illustrates how much things have changed.

1921 - "Ok 'Sonny' pass me a 7-Iron and I will show you some tricks."



2020 "Ok 'Sony' I think it's a 7-Iron but send up the drone and switch on the barometer, check ground moisture, wind speed, slope and distance. While you are at it why don't you hit it for me?"

This week the displays in the Pro-shop have been changed, now showing several course layouts, examples of the First 65 Years of Long Reef Golf Club books and The Wetlands.

Sandra Mellowes

Volunteer Day During Course Renovations

The course will be closed on Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th March for the biannual green renovations and over these two days we will be holding a working bee on certain areas of the course.

The volunteers will take on tasks such as clearing out gardens and bush vegetation areas, mulching, trimming trees and filling divots on tees and high traffic areas.

If you would like to volunteer your time on either of these days, please email ben@lrgc.com.au

Ben Russell

GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS –

Be a Pineapple –sausage sizzle - Griffith Park – April 5 –for kids' cancer.

Many of you may know the De Kort family who live on Sydney's Northern Beaches and are active members of Collaroy Surf Club. They lost their beautiful daughter and sister, Alana De Kort, to a rare childhood cancer in July 2018 following a brave 10-month battle. Alana was just 14 years old. A special story followed.

At Alana's Celebration of Life, her family and friends wrote messages of love and support and put them in a pretty little Blue Bottle. They threw the bottle into the ocean at Long Reef NSW, and were amazed when it washed up on Agnes Water Beach QLD almost 12 months later, completely intact. This miracle has given their family great reassurance that Alana is OK and is always with them.

On Sunday 5th April at Griffith Park (next to tennis courts) they are organising the Guinness World Record attempt – "Be A Pineapple" event to raise funds for the Kids Cancer. Alana was their "Pineapple Princess" - she loved all things PINEAPPLE. After her devastating passing, Pineapples have become a symbol of Alana's cherished soul within the Northern Beaches community. They are attempting to set a Guinness World Record for 'The Largest Human Image of a Fruit' by creating the world's largest human Pineapple!! A sausage sizzle will follow directly afterwards.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN THE LOCALS AND BE PART OF THE RECORD ATTEMPT. YOU MUST REGISTER BELOW BY THIS SUNDAY MARCH 8. SEE THE LINK BELOW – ALL WELCOME.

The website for registrations is www.trybooking.com/590698. Registration costs \$25 per person, which includes entry, t-shirt and cap. **REGISTRATIONS FOR THE EVENT CLOSE ON 8 MARCH 2020.**

Thank you,
Liz and Rod Macqueen

NORTHERN PENINSULA INTER-CLUB CHALLENGE

NPIC Report 2/3/20 Round 4
Long Reef vs Cromer at Wakehurst G C

Having to take on Cromer, the bottom team in the NPIC, at Wakehurst one would have thought it should be an easy win for the Long Reef Old Boys. Only problem is I cannot remember the last time that Long Reef had won at Wakehurst.

With the tees as far back as could be we teed off at 1.00pm and within an hour or so Brian and Steve were informing us of very good start for Longy. Unfortunately by the midway point most matches were tightening up all for except our President Steve Twigg.

Terry Hill, Mike Buckley and Paul Harrison were in tight contests while Frithy had a good lead but not enough to be comfortable. Ian Donnelly and Pete Munro were just in front with 5 or 6 to go. Sheldon Ferguson was behind all day but stayed in the contest whilst Twigg was starting run away with his match.

Down to the last 3 or 4 holes and 7 of the 8 matches could go either way. Twigg gets his win whilst Terry Hill and Sheldon Ferguson take losses at the 17th. Frithy shares his match on the 18th. So with 2 holes to play and 3 matches still on the course and with not enough in the bank, Longy needed some luck to go our way. We were behind overall if matches had finished at this point in time. Both Pete Munro and Ian Donnelly had lost their earlier leads and both were one down playing the last. Michael was one up playing the last hole. We needed Michael to win his match and either Pete or Ian to gain a half to get a squared result. Not looking good for us.

Both Ian and Pete knew the situation that Longy was in and the two experienced members of the team knew that they needed to win their last hole to give Long Reef a chance of a win and the team into the finals. Unbelievably both Pete and Ian win the 18th hole to both finish square.

Michael Buckley was heading down the last knowing that we needed his win to have any chance but Michael at this point in time did not know what had happened in front up on the 18th green. Mike played a very solid last hole making his opponent needing to hole a difficult 6 foot downhill twister.

Unfortunately for Cromer, Cracker missed his putt giving Michael a 1 up win. Somehow Long Reef finished up with a 4.25 to 3.25 win.

The Long Reef NPIC team remain the only undefeated team and have now qualified for the FINAL. Well Done, team.

Next game is at Mona Vale against Mona Vale 12.30 pm Tee Off

Thanks again to Brian Cronan and Steve Buckley, our on course managers on the day.

Final Results ...

Terry Hill lost 2 and 1

Steve Twigg won 6 & 5

Michael Buckley won 1 up

Paul Harrison won 2 & 1

Ian Donnelly Square

Peter Munro Square

Brian "Sheldon" Ferguson lost 2 & 1

Peter Frith Square

Long Reef G C won 4.25 matches to
Cromer G C 3.25 matches

Frithy

JOHN MULLINS OAM BURSARY

Thanks to the outstanding generosity of the Long Reef Golf Club Members and Guests who attended the Sports luncheon last year, the John Mullins Memorial Grant has been created to assist the Sargood Foundation to offer two three-night Golf & Stay packages for Australian residents living with spinal cord injury.

The first recipient awarded the John Mullins Memorial Grant will be visiting Sargood on Collaroy next weekend and taking full advantage of the world first, purpose built resort and the activities that both Sargood and Long Reef Golf Club have to offer. The package includes a 2 hour on course lesson with Empower Coach Sam Newbrun, 18 holes of golf at Long Reef and lunch in the White Rock Café.



Saturday Swing Fix

1. Join our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LongReefProShop/>
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2. Submit your golfing questions to our Pro on Facebook every FRIDAY each week.

3. Back SATURDAY your Long Reef Pro will answer one of the questions on Facebook to help you play better golf!

RULES WITH GEORGE



ANSWER: b. is correct. Rule 13.1 c applies. Sand and loose soil are not loose impediments. **(Definitions: Loose Impediments).** Rule 13.1 c allows **Improvements on the Putting Green.**

During a round and while play is stopped under **Rule 5.7 a**, a player may take these two actions on the putting green, no matter whether the ball is **on or off** the putting green.

(1) Sand and loose soil on the putting green (**but** not anywhere else on the course) may be removed without penalty.

(2) A player may repair damage on the putting green without penalty

FROM THE PRO SHOP



3 DAY ONLY LESSON SPECIAL!

Next Tuesday – Thursday (10th -12th March) Billy Watson and Laura McCahon will be running a lesson special for 1x Hour Golf Lessons. Normally \$110 – for these 3 days only they will be \$85! A perfect reason to use your ball and voucher accounts on a lesson to improve your game!



Junior Girls Clinics

Tuesdays 4pm - 5pm

4 week program \$50

Please call us on 9982 2943
or book online at www.longreefgolfclub.com.au

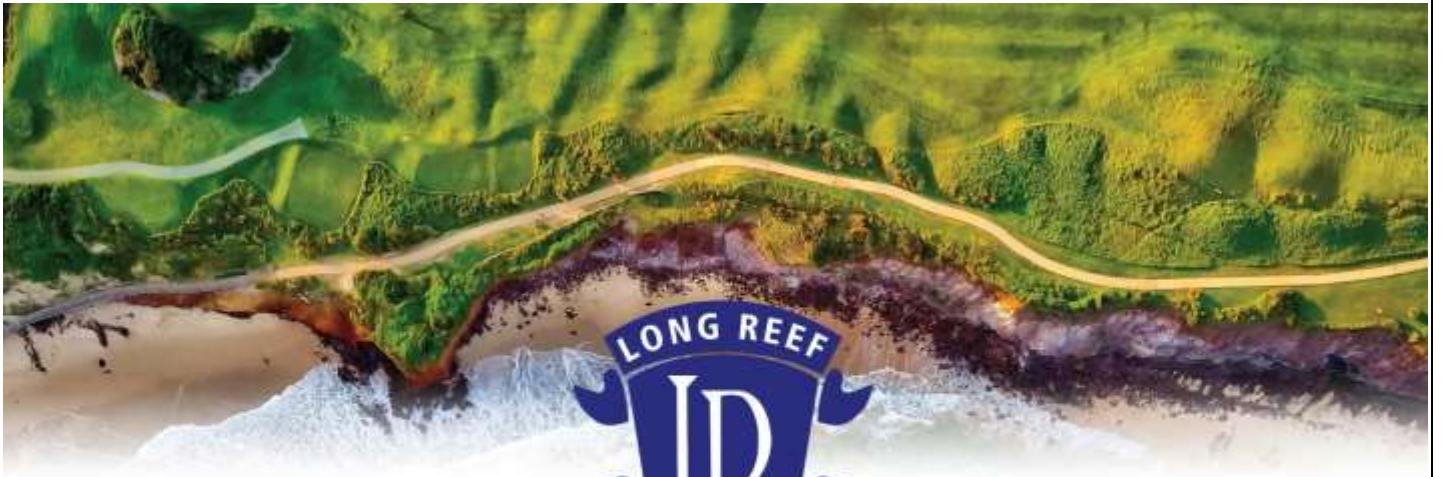


Seniors Clinics

Tuesdays 10.30am - 11.30am

\$25 per lesson

Please call us on 9982 2943
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**Long Reef Golf Club
Charity Golf Day**
Supporting the Sargood Foundation

Friday 15th May 2020
8am shotgun start
4 Person Ambrose Event

\$150 per player
Includes Breakfast, Golf, Lunch & 3 hour drinks package

Raffles, Auctions and Great Prizes
\$1000 Hole Sponsorships available which includes 4 players



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