

LONG REEF GOLF CLUB

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FROM THE CAPTAIN

DOUG CAMPBELL

Course Renovations

The course will be closed on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th August for essential maintenance. Greens will be top-dressed with sand and then spiked using 16mm solid tines to a depth of 130mm, sand will then be brushed in to fill the holes. The fairways will also be aerated and lightly scarified then cleaned up and fertilised. When the fertiliser has been watered in, the profile mowing heights will be reduced and fairways will be reshaped.

Competition change

Canadian Foursomes was scheduled to be the competition of the day on the Saturday after the renovations (29th). This has now been replaced with a 4ball Ambrose as we missed out on that format early in the COVID-19 restrictions.

Course maintenance

The wet weather has softened up the fairways and divots are becoming much more prevalent. Please ensure that we all carry sand and repair our own and ideally another couple of divots.

Visitors

Wednesday and Saturday timesheets remain over-subscribed, so as a rule, visitors are still not able to be accommodated on these two days of the week. Exceptions may be possible but they will only be at the last minute (day before) when it is obvious that there are available spots that are not required for Members. Please check the timesheet and the waitlist before requesting a game for a visitor.

Timesheet survey

Tomorrow is the deadline for sharing your view on the timesheet process. We would like to receive as many responses as possible so we know the preference of the majority of the playing Members. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Major vs Master Pennant challenge

After a few years of talking about it, last Saturday saw the first match between the two Pennant Teams. A very strong "over 50s" Team was confident that bragging rights would be theirs, given the "youngsters" (with one exception!) were missing a couple of first choice players. Jimmy Knox got the Masters' side off to a winning start against Cam Gillespie - helped by 4 birdies in a row from the 3rd to the 6th. The old man of the Major Team - me - evened up the ledger by beating Ian Brown in a match that was always close. Next up for the Major Team were Cian Hughes and Chun-Ta Wu and they were both hitting the ball way past their opponents - Jimmy Little and Jamie Duff respectively and that extra length paid off with both winning to establish a 3-1 lead. Luke Edgell took on Ross Bockman, who had caddied for him during the Major Pennant season so that added a little extra spice to the contest and his win meant that the Major Team only needed a half from one of the three remaining matches. They went better than that in the next match to finish with debutant Dan Baldacchino beating Tony Holley on the last. The final two matches on the course saw previous Club Champions, Matt Saad and Geoff Cranfield, going head-to-head and it was Matt that secured another point for the Major Pennant Team. The final match went the way of the Masters Pennant Team when Adam Lynn, who was making his debut, easily saw off the challenge from Jack Davies.

Overall there was a lot of great golf played with a large number of birdies and eagles from both Teams. All the matches were played in a competitive but friendly spirit but the final score was a 6-2 victory for the "youngsters".

This week's winners

Despite Saturday being a bright sunny day, the wind made scoring difficult and anybody playing to their handicap featured in the places. Both Cian Hughes and I shot level par off the stick for 37 points but my better back nine saw me edge out Cian for both Scratch and A Grade. Jack Edwards took out third place after a count-back from four others on 36 points.

Timothy Cunniffe continued his recent good form and his 38 points saw him win B Grade by three points from John Briggs who beat Frank Skiffington after a count-back.

His love of the Hidden Holes also continued when he shared that prize pool with Rex Langthorne AM and David Farrell C Grade needed a count-back to separate Simon Hopwood and Alan Morriset when both finished with 36 points but Simon's back nine was marginally better and so he took out first place. Third place went to Harry Maynes, also after a count-back from two other players who had 35. Six players shared the Twos' pot, including Murray Zimmer who also won Nearest the Pin on the 13th. Peter Dawson went extremely close to a hole-in-one on the 2nd (15cm) but had to settle for the \$20 voucher for Nearest the Pin.

The big \$ winner on the day was Dan Baldacchino who put his second shot in the circle at the 8th and his great shot won him a voucher for \$240 - well done, Dan!

Only five women played and the winner was Janet Atchison (33 points) with Julia Bowen runner-up (31). The 4BBB winners were Michael Dennis and Matt Oaten with 45 points, after a count-back from three other pairings,

Scores were much better on Wednesday with Matt Savage's 42 points in A Grade the highlight. Wayne Portlock was second with 41 points and Simon Couch was third with 39 after a count-back from last week's winner, Mark Curnow. Mitch Cleary was the winner in B Grade with 39 points, one ahead of both Adrian Myers and Neil Armstrong, with Adrian taking second after the count-back. 41 points saw James Kirby take out the C Grade prize, with Peter West second on 39 points and Brian King beat three others on a count-back for third place with 38 points.

Luke Edgell was the Scratch winner with 2 over par. Michael Buckley won Nearest the Pin on the 2nd while Rod Steet was closest on the 13th. Five pairings finished on 47 points in the 4BBB but after the count-back Mark Curnow and Michael Long were the winners.

The Hidden Holes was won by Ross Kocass while he also had a 2 but had to settle for a share of that prize pool with Luke Edgell and Mick McKerihan.

Enjoy your golf!

DOUG CAMPBELL
CAPTAIN

RULES WITH GEORGE

QUESTION: Gerry was playing the 18th hole and his tee shot ended on the practice fairway, against a post indicating distance from the practice teeing area. It was impossible for Gerry to play a stroke at the ball. With a penalty of one stroke, Gerry may drop his ball within two club-lengths of the post after declaring his ball unplayable.

A. True

B. False

COMBINED SERVICES GOLF DAY

The Combined Services Golf Day has been postponed until restrictions allow the Club to host the event at its full capacity. Members will be informed when a new date has been established.

VOLUNTEER DURING THE COURSE RENOVATIONS

Calling on Members who may be available on Monday 24th August to collect a sand bucket and walk a couple fairways filling divots. Any assistance would be appreciated as we've seen an increase in the number of unfilled divots over the past month. The volunteers will be out in full force on Tuesday 25th August and are always seeking additional help. The crew have done a great job clearing out overgrown areas on the course and improving the presentation of the gardens around the course perimeter and Clubhouse. Any Member who may like to join the renew crew, please contact Ben Russell ben@lrgc.com.au

FROM THE WOMEN

WENDY THOMAS

Congratulations to Jenni Brown on getting an Eagle on the 16th hole on Tuesday.

Results this week

Tuesday

Div 1

Jenni Brown	(13)	39
Prue Bardsley	(24)	37

Div 2

Pauline McMahon	(30)	37
Aki Lee	(40)	35 C/B
Larka Kliman	(45)	35 C/B

9 holes

Lyn Harper	(36)	19
Chris Bush	(45)	16 C/B

Congratulations to our Rookie winner Helenka O'Connell. Thank you to Jan Daniel for walking with the Rookies this week.

Welcome to our new rookie Melissa Booker, and 5 day member Sally Hill, we look forward to seeing you out on the course

Thursday – Remembrance Trophies.

The winner for the Scherrie Hughes Plate (18 holes) was Jill Hensman on a fantastic score of +5 and the Forget Me Not Trophy (9 Holes) was Arlene Veith.

Div 1

Karen Smith	(17)	+ 2
Jenni Brown	(12)	-1 C/B
Julia Bowen	(5)	-1 C/B

Div 2

Gay McCorby	(28)	+1
Robyn Lyon	(29)	sq C/B
Veronica Bertram	(26)	sq

Div 3

Jill Hensman	(39)	+5
Jie Cheng	(40)	+1
Betty Campbell	(40)	-1
Scratch - Julia Bowen		

NTP 7th Colleen Thompson

NTP 13th Julie Simpson

Ball rundown to -4 c/b

9 Holes

Arlene Veith	(41)	18
Chris Bush	(45)	17 C/B

Saturday

Janet Atchison	(17)	33
Julia Bowen	(5)	32

Sunday

Karen Smith	(17)	33
Julie Preston	(27)	32 C/B

GNSW has advised that the Coronation Medal, Bronze Medallion and Pewter Plate events have been cancelled due to the health risks and increased COVID-19 case numbers in Sydney..

Up Coming Events

*Thursday 20th August Visitor

Day. The entry sheet is now full and there is a wait list up in the locker room.

*Thursday 27th

August GNSW 2 Ball Ambrose. The entry sheet and information regarding this competition is up in the locker room.

*Thursday 3rd

September Medal/Stroke round. The entry sheet is up in the locker room* Duntroyleague Orange Ladies Tournament 26th – 30th October 2020

Information and entry form are on the notice board in the locker room. Nan Crump will be sending in entries in the 3rd week in September and will require payment at this time.

Accommodation: Mercure Orange, If you require a room please contact Nan.

WENDY THOMAS
WOMEN'S VICE CAPTAIN

CENTENERARY CORNER



From the office of Centenary Sam

Only nineteen weeks to go before Long Reef's Centenary party begins. Something to look forward to in these rather dark times.

From later this month this part of the newsletter will be devoted to providing members with details about the special events the centenary committee is organising for 2021, starting with the most important – the Gala Dinner in May

But this week I thought it appropriate to hand out a huge vote of thanks to all of you who have responded to my request for an account of the memorable/different/funny things that have happened on and around our club over the years. Who would have thought such unusual and riveting events happen so frequently. It will be hard to cull these down to the best twenty or so prior to publication.

However, don't be shy if you have not got involved yet as the committee will be happy to receive more efforts. Contributions to reception@lrgc.com.au. Attn Ben Russell.

RULES WITH GEORGE

b. is correct. Because the practice fairway is a red penalty area, it is not permissible to take relief for an unplayable ball, dropping within the penalty area (**Rule 17.3 applies**).

The only relief option for Gerry is to take penalty relief under Rule 17, dropping his ball outside the penalty area adding one penalty stroke to his score.

HOLE IN ONE

Congratulations to **Rex Adams** who slam dunked a 5 iron on the 13th Hole in the Monday competition.



A lesson for us all

It's been a while between wins for Friday Club stalwart Kim Cook. So last week Kim took decisive steps and sought professional help.

No one knows exactly what club coach Billy Watson told Kim, but 44 stableford points gave teacher and student a lot to smile about. It was far too many for fellow division three traveller Caroline Berner, who had 37 points, although that was enough to give her an 11-point advantage over Sue Smiles in the women's division of the Winter Cup.

Jens Knoop continued his fantastic run with another win in division two with 39 to hold club mathematician James Pysar at bay by a shot, while in division one, big hitting Harrison Brock and Jack Edwards fought out a photo-finish with Harrison's 38 points giving him the edge on a countback.

In the men's division of the Winter Cup the leaders are well and truly bunched turning into the straight. Kim Cook's spanking 44 points has jumped him into the lead with 182, one shot ahead of Graham Carlton.

With just two rounds to go the leading scores are K.Cook 182, G Carlton 181, N Crealy 180, J Knoop 179, D Quinn 176.

Women: C Berner 173, S Smiles 162, S Ramsay 137, S McHugh-Warner 134, L Hughes 132.

Results Aug 14

Div 1: Harrison Brock (15) 38c/b; Jack Edwards (9) 38

Div 2: Jens Knoop (21) 39; James Pysar (22) 38c/b

Div 3: Kim Cook (30) 44; Caroline Berner (48) 37

NTP: 2nd Doug Mansfield; 7th Graham Carlton

Fine wine winners: Charles Day (for Aug 7), Doug Mansfield, Geoff Bertram.

PERRY YELDHAM

President Friday Club

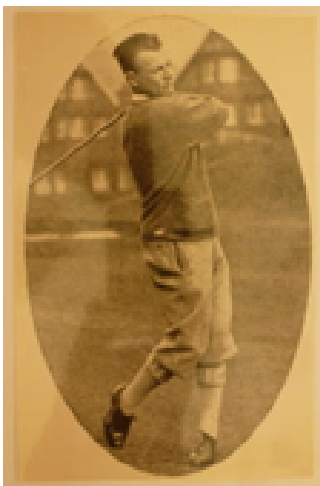
FROM THE ARCHIVES

SANDRA MELLOWES

The Long Reef Medal

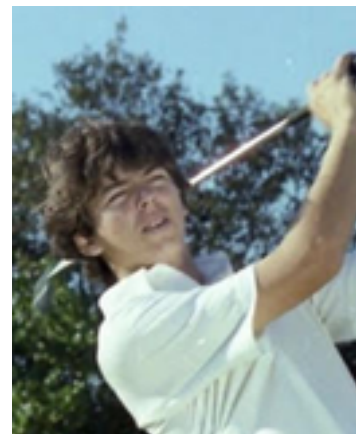
As entries are now due for this year's postponed Long Reef Medal, it is a good time to celebrate and acknowledge our home-grown Long Reef Medal winners over the years. The list of names on the Honour Board, which sits appropriately next to the Club Champion board, does not start at the beginning. There are five years missing and these are an important five years.

The first Long Reef Medal was played in 1951, 69 years ago. It was won by K. Pix of New South Wales Golf Club, an achievement he repeated the next year. Harry Berwick from St Michael's won in 1953 and 1955, and squeezed in between was Long Reef's first winner, Wally Smith in 1954. Wally had joined the club in 1926 in his early 20s. The win may not have been a complete surprise; after all, Wally had won the Club Championship in 1929, 30, 31, 32, and 1934. He had been Champion of Champions in 1930 and was selected to play for NSW. He set a course record with a score of 66 on two occasions. This Medal win in 1954 was 20 years after his last Club Championship and by this time he was 50 years of age.



Wally Smith in his 20s in the 20s and in the 60s when President of the Club

It took another 28 years for another Long Reef player to win. This time a rising young star, Frank Maiolo, followed just two years later by friendly rival Stephen Jackson in 1984. They won 7 Junior Championships between them and were to dominate the Club Championships from 1983-88. They were key players in the 1982 Junior team that had the one and only men's pennant win in 1982. Frank won the Medal again in 1991, and again in 1992 but this time as a Mona Vale GC member. He is the only player to have won our medal on three occasions.



Teenagers Frank Maiolo and Stephen Jackson in 1982

Our Club Professional, Danny Vera, won the Medal in 1995 as a member of The Lakes.

The Complete list of home grown Long Reef Medallists are as follows:

- 1954 Wally Smith
- 1982 Frank Maiolo
- 1984 Stephen Jackson
- 1991 Frank Maiolo
- 1999 Scott McGuinness
- 2003 Lucas Bates
- 2004 Lucas Bates
- 2007 Ross Bockman (also in 1981 as Monash member)
- 2010 Brett Drewitt
- 2014 Mark Cruise
- 2015 Geoff Cranfield
- 2018 Tom Bateman

Next week we will feature the Women's Salver.

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