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FROM THE CAPTAIN

DOUG CAMPBELL

Hole-in-One

Rex Adams got the golfing week off to a great start with a hole-in-one on the 13th last Monday. His 5-iron shot was a "slam-dunk"!! Congratulations Rex.

Competition changes

Don't forget to count your clubs if you're playing tomorrow (Wednesday) only 5 are allowed, so choose carefully and don't get frustrated when you don't have the right ones!! It's a bit of fun and won't be counted towards your handicap.

This Saturday (29th) is now a 4 Ball Ambrose - 1/8 of the combined handicap and a minimum of 3 tee shots per player.

Course alterations

The renovations of the greens will be completed today but the scarification of the fairways will continue over the next week or so. From next Monday (31st August), the 8th hole will be out of play while we carry out some alterations - we will play the temporary hole to the practice chipping green that week. The mounds on the right hand side of the fairway will be removed and the bunker on the right, short of the creek, will be filled in. The area to the right hand side of the green will also be raised to improve drainage. The final adjustment will see the first bunker, short left of the green. reduced in size so it becomes more of a green-side one.

When the 8th is completed, we will start work on reducing the height of the mound in the middle of the 16th fairway (at about 200m from the tee). This is to improve visibility down the hole and minimise the risk of players being accidentally hit.

Timesheet survey

Thank you to the 315 Members that took the time to complete the survey last week and provide commentary. The results will be presented to the Board at this week's meeting and I will come back to you within the next two weeks to advise of the outcome.

Long Reef Medal and Salver

Unfortunately, based on new guidelines from NSW Health and subsequently Golf NSW, we have decided to cancel this year's Long Reef Medal and Salver. The positive of this decision is that we will now be able to make a full timesheet available to Members on Saturday 12th September, which will also see the start of the Spring Eclectic.

Results this week

Scoring was good on Wednesday with A Grade won by Greg Black (40 points), two ahead of Rob Cordaiy who beat Steve Twigg on a countback for 2nd. Trevor Waters' 39 points took out B Grade, ahead of Chris Mitchell and Paul Korbel who had 38 and 37 respectively. The best score of the day went to John Crawley, who had 42 points in winning C Grade. Graham Davies (40) was second with Robert Zink (39) third.

A very impressive 49 points by Adam Elliott and Kenyon McKie won the 4BBB.

18 players had a two but only six of them had entered so they shared the pool while Steve Bowers won the Hidden Holes outright and collected a voucher for \$74 - not a bad return on a \$2 investment!

Geoff Cranfield won Scratch with 3 over par while a couple of tricky pin positions meant nobody got really close on the 2nd or 13th but "Nearest" were Jimmy Knox and Ryan Farrell respectively.

The wind blew, as forecast, on Saturday and scores generally reflected the conditions - thankfully it was a Par event!!- but the "winners" in each grade certainly played well and their scores thoroughly deserved to win. Nigel Mahoney has been having a few good scores recently but I'd suggest his +3 to win A Grade would go down as one of his best. Adam Lynn had a good day, his +2 won him Scratch, runner-up in A Grade, which he took on a count-back from Jonathan Moss and he combined with Chris Thorp to win the 4BBB (+8) on a countback from David Costello OAM and Russell Smylie. He would also have won Hidden Holes, if he'd entered!!

Derek Jensen won B Grade with +1, two ahead of Mark Frith and Billy Edwards who finished second and third respectively, after a countback that also included Chris Stoneman.

Colin Thomas beat Peter French on a countback (both +2) in C Grade, with Russell Smylie third with +1.

Usual story with the Twos - 13 players had them but only two of them entered so Brad Mooney and Matt Hunter each picked up \$40.

Chris Thorp and Wayne Portlock ended up sharing the Hidden Holes and \$44 each.

Mitch Cleary was closest on the 2nd and Brad Mooney got his 2, courtesy of being "nearest the pin" on the 13th.

Cancellations

At 6pm last Friday evening, there was one Member on the waitlist for the following day - there were then over a dozen available spots by the Saturday morning. I struggle to believe that many Members didn't know they were not going to be playing before then. With timesheets full, other Members may miss out on an opportunity to play if we only call off late. I've said it before and I make no apology for repeating it - please show respect for your fellow Members and withdraw your name from the timesheet as soon as you know that you cannot play. Thank you!

DOUG CAMPBELL
CAPTAIN

FROM THE COURSE

PETER DONKERS

The weather was perfect for greens renovations with a breeze and sunny weather helping to dry the sand and allowing us to get plenty of work done. The greens were aerated using 16mm tines 130mm deep and then top-dressed with fine sand to fill all the holes; all up around 40 tons of sand was used. This will relieve compaction, improve the soil profile and allow new roots to thrive and really help the greens cope better through the summer months. Renovations have also started on the fairways; we will be aerating and scarifying all the fairways over the coming weeks and hopefully with spring coming soon and some warmer weather recovery will be quick.

We have also started aerating all the new mounds and the practice fairway. Much of the soil used from the new dam excavation is poor quality acid sulphate soil which may take many years to improve.

We have been and will continue to add amendments to these areas to improve the soil and hopefully as the weather warms up these areas will start to respond better with some colour and growth.

The volunteers have been doing a fantastic job with plenty of work done, divoting tees and fairways whilst the course was closed, including some top-dressing of poorly growing areas. Lots of work continues in the gardens around tees and around the old practice nets with removing debris and rubbish, mulching, trimming and planting out many areas. Thanks for a great effort it is very noticeable and much appreciated by everyone.

Members are welcome to take mulch from the pile to help keep moisture in the soil and the weeds at bay as the weather warms up. Bring bags or bins and take as much as you like.

PETER DONKERS
COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

RULES WITH GEORGE

QUESTION: In a Stableford event, when he was playing the 8th hole, Russel's ball was lying in shallow water in a red penalty area.

He decided to play it as it lay. In addressing the ball and on his backswing he deliberately touched the water with his club.

Which of the following applies?

- There is no penalty.
- Russel gets one penalty stroke
- Russel gets two penalty strokes

FROM THE WOMEN

WENDY MILLSON

A very successful Visitors day with 46 players from 20 visiting clubs making it one of our biggest fields. Many comments regarding the course and our hospitality have filtered through.

Thank you to Pete Donkers and staff for the magnificent course as always. A huge thank you to all committee for a great combined effort led by Wendy Thomas. Appreciation to Laura McCahon for her assistance.

Winning Teams

Kim Barclay, Prue Bardsley, Wendy Thomas and Liz White 124 C/B

Cheryl Baker, Veronica Bertram, Liz Patrick and Rosemary West 124

Wendy Bellamy, Angela Brown, Sue Dewell and Sue Kiprovich 122

NTP

7th Leonie Malcolm, Visitor Anne Catlin (Mona Vale)

13th Jenni Brown, Visitor Louise Gillespie (Mona Vale)

Long Drive Jenni Brown, Visitor Susan Walker (Mollymook)

Balls to 96

This week Tanya Heber (13) won Monday's competition, Tuesday saw Lynne Clayton (23) win with a huge 41 points from Robyn McCormick (28) 37 C/B. Division 2 was won by Jie Cheng (39) with 35 points from new member Sam Sparke (45) also on 35 points. The 9 Hole competition was won by Jan Press (39) with 19 points. Karen Smith had a great weekend of golf winning Saturday's Par round with -1 and Sunday having the leading women's score with 34 points. She also took out the mixed 4Ball.

In Rookie news Helenka O'Connell was this week's winner. Thank you to Pam Burke who accompanied the girls on course. Welcome to new Rookies, Barry Barclay, Don Webber, Marlene Watson, Melissa Booker and Elizabeth Wilkins, who have joined the program. We offer our congratulations to Josie Garrett who won the Junior Girls Championship at Manly on the weekend by 2 strokes.

Josie was a new member of our Women's Grade side in 2020 and played well in the matches to be our best performed player. We look forward to seeing Josie in our premierships rounds later this year.

The Long Reef Salver on Saturday 12 September has been cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions. The annual Duntryleague Women's tournament in Orange (October) has also been cancelled.

Upcoming Events

Thursday August 27 is the GNSW 2Ball Ambrose. Late entry sheet and information regarding this competition is in the locker room.

Thursday September 3. GNSW and Club Medal. Entry sheet is in the locker room.

Saturday September 5. *Medal round. *Round 1 Qualifying Women's Weekend Premiership * Weekend Medal Winners Cup

Thursday September 17 Charity Day for Bringa. \$30 includes golf, 5x raffle tickets and a concession booklet. Please make payment prior to the day at reception and note your receipt number on the sheet in the locker room. The colour theme for the day is purple so start organizing teams and outfits.

Due to a corporate golf event on Tuesday September 8 there will be no morning competition. There is a 9 hole competition from the 9th tee commencing at 12:45pm. Thank you for your understanding. Rookie times are also available in the afternoon.

Please continue to observe the safety and distance measures within the clubhouse and be vigilant with hand washing and sanitising.

**WENDY MILLSON
WOMEN'S VICE CAPTAIN**

Josie Garrett

Junior Champion (girls)
Manly Golf Club 2020



LONG REEF FRIDAY CLUB

Bunched battlers

Despite the Friday Club's enforcement of Covid 19 regulations, there's no social distancing on the leaderboard for the Winter Cup.

As the contenders race for the finish line, there's very little separating the leading bunch. You could throw a blanket over them, but it would blow away in the breezy conditions.

Until now, the leaderboard has been dominated by the male side of the competition, however, in a Winx-like performance, Caroline Berner has bolted to the front with just one round remaining.

After her best five rounds, Caroline sits on 185 points. Just behind is Kim Cook on 182, with Graham Carlton and Neville Crealy on 181. Jens Knoop sits on 179.

Last Friday, players who could manage the windy conditions, or those with outrageous luck, came to the fore. Nick Hughes topped first division with 38, Wayne Grundy returned the same winning score in division three, while yours truly somehow managed 39 points in division two.

Results Aug 21

Div 1: Nick Hughes (16) 38; Allan Hull (19) 36

Div 2: Perry Yeldham (22) 39; Greg Black (22) 37

Div 3: Wayne Grundy (27) 38; Di Kirby (36) 36c/b.

Nearest the pin:

2nd Nick Hughes; 7th David Langford; 13th Susan Telfer

Fine Wine winners: Nick Hughes, Perry Yeldham.

Winter Cup standings:

Men;

Kim Cook 182, Graham Carlton 181, Neville Crealy 181, Jens Knoop 179, David Quinn 176.

Women;

Caroline Berner 185, Sue Smiles 166, Dale Ronald 158, Susan Ramsay 151, Fiona Bone 146.

PERRY YELDHAM

PRESIDENT FRIDAY CLUB

PARKING IN ANZAC AVENUE

Council has forwarded to local residents a parking proposal which will prevent long term parking of boats, trailers etc, whilst providing short term parking for residents and visitors to the area.

In the letter the Council has suggested that this parking be limited to 4 hours Saturday, Sundays and Public Holidays along the western side of Anzac Avenue.

The Club believes that this is too short and has written to Council asking that this be extended to 8 hours for both sides of Anzac Avenue.

We encourage all Members to submit their comments either by ending a written submission to PO Box 82, Manly NSW.1655 or email comments to Council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

Please note comments will be considered only if you provide your name and address.

STEPHEN TWIGG

PRESIDENT

RULES WITH GEORGE

a. is correct. There are no special Rules limiting how a ball may be played from a penalty area. As a result, there is no restriction on a player touching water in a penalty area at address or on the backswing (Rule 17.1 b).

FROM THE ARCHIVES

SANDRA MELLOWES

LRGC Women's Salver

The LRG Salver is a Jean Derrin event, part of the GNSW programme, and the present Salver has been engraved with the names of the winners for the majority of the years since 1970. It was not held between 1978 and 1983. The 1970 Associates' Minutes say that it was reinstated in the club's programme in 1970, but we have no knowledge about the years before that.

For many years it was held in April on a Monday and from 2009 on a Tuesday. However, in 2014 Captain Judy Hore proposed that it be moved away from a midweek event, sharing a date with the Long Reef Plate, and to be played instead on the same Saturday as the Men's Long Reef Medal in November (similarly recognised by GNSW as a major event). The aim was to make it more available for more women, both members and leading amateur players from other clubs. (It rained and the wind blew on that first Saturday leading to many cancellations.) There have been 9 home-grown winners.

The Salver does not have an Honour Board but all the names can be read easily on the large silver Salver in the new trophy cabinet.



Jessica Sullivan (Simpson.)



Molly McAleer, pictured with Mixed Foursomes partner Mick Snell.

In 1974 it was won by Bebe Mclean, a club Champion who was also a member of the Women's one and only NSW Coronation Medal team win. Jenny Roberts won the Salver in both 1975 and 1976 and it was over 20 years before Long Reef held it again. Jeannie Doolan took out the Salver in 1997, ten years after her daughter Wendy, a member of Monash before taking up a highly successful career as a playing professional, had achieved the same thing. There were some young golfers from Long Reef to come, with Jessica Sullivan keeping it at home in 2002 and again in 2005. The youngest of all Long Reef players to hold the Salver was junior, Molly McAleer, who was just 17 years of age in April 2008. Pam Martin had a very popular win in 2003, as such a strong representative in the Grade team who had waved the winning Pennant in 1996. It is over ten years since Tanya Heber/Nolan had her name engraved on the trophy, the only member of this list to still be an active A-Grade golfer at the club. Long Reef must be due a win in November!

1974 Bebe McLean
1975 Jennifer Roberts
1976 Jennifer Roberts
1997 Jeannie Doolan
2002 Jessica Sullivan
2005 Jessica Sullivan
2003 Pam Martin
2008 Molly McAleer
2009 Tanya Nolan



1996 Grade 3 Pennant team.
The team with supporters.
Team Bottom Row l-r Sandra Gilles, Jann Driver, Rebecca Goldsmith, Chris Riddle, Pam Martin)



2017 Grade 4 Pennant team
L-R Tanya Nolan, Jenni Brown, Natalie Driver, Catherine Reynolds, Jen Jansson)

SANDRA MELLOWES

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