

LONG REEF GOLF CLUB

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ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020

Nominations for the 2020 Election of the Board of Directors open at 5pm on Tuesday 8th September 2020. Nominations will be open until 5pm on Tuesday 22nd September 2020. The Board will consist of the positions of President, Vice President, Captain, Vice Captain, Treasurer and up to four Directors.

Nomination forms and a copy of the Board Charter can be obtained from the General Manager during the Club's standard business hours.

Please contact Ben Russell should you have any questions.

FROM THE CAPTAIN

DOUG CAMPBELL

Club Championship and Grade Cups

A reminder that the entry form is available now on the website or from the Office. Those eligible Members wishing to play must return the completed form and pay the \$30 entry fee by Wednesday 30th September, to ensure priority access to the timesheet. The qualifying rounds are Saturday 10th and 17th October.

Hole-in-one

Congratulations to young Harry McKerihan who had his first hole-in-one at the 7th last Saturday. He's still a couple behind his old man, Mick but given Harry is still only 13 years old, I'm tipping, it won't be his last. The Members playing last Saturday afternoon enjoyed a beer on for Harry's achievement - even if he couldn't!!

Mick Snell Cup

This handicap matchplay event was delayed due to COVID-19 but the finalists have now been decided so congratulations to Pete Frith and Anthony Dignan for winning through and good luck when they play-off for the trophy.

Nets

As you will have noticed the artificial turf has been laid for the new nets near the 9th tee. Construction of the nets themselves is scheduled to begin this Thursday (17th September).

Wet and Windy Wednesday

Only 30 players braved the conditions last Wednesday and Harrison Brock was the only one to beat his handicap, winning the day with an excellent 38 points. Matt Brewster was second with 36 while Alan Dean was third (34) and David Bradley took out the fourth and final prize with 33 points.

Sunny Saturday

Corey Battams cleaned up when individually he had 43 points to win A Grade, then combined with Phil Hooper to win the 4BBB (50 points), won "Nearest the Pin" on the 13th and converted that into a 2. The only issue was he didn't win the money off his mates!! Chris Yates was second in A Grade with 38 points while Matt Hunter's 37 points secured him third spot but also won him Scratch on a countback.

New Member, Rob Attanasio enjoyed one of his first competition rounds when he won B Grade with 38 points, two ahead of Anthony Papandrea, Alan Dean and Pete Munro with Anthony second and Alan third, after the countback.

In addition to his 4BBB success, Phil Hooper had 42 points to win C Grade by four shots from Russell Young, with Paul Bradford a further shot back, winning third place after a countback with Chris Payne.

Tim Cruickshank won Nearest the Pin on the 2nd hole while Cha Loh and Chris Thorp shared the Hidden Holes.

Jenni Brown was one of 7 players to qualify for a share of the 2s prize pool and that would have contributed to her back nine being slightly better than Jennifer Jansson's when both finished with 37 points and enabled her to win the Women's comp.

This week's whinge!!

It's not a new one but it is particularly frustrating because I believe it's avoidable - please cancel your name in a more timely manner.

Late the night before or very early on the morning of play is not much help -Members miss out on a game as a result.

To Members on the waitlist late the day before, please ensure you either remove your name if you feel it has gotten too late, or check the sheet and /or your Email first thing in the morning to see if you have come off the waitlist and into the field.

Multiple Members cancelled after 7pm last Friday which moved other Members from the waitlist into the field but many of those Members failed to show for their tee time, presumably because they did not check to see if they had secured a game at short notice.

I realise things can crop up at short notice but as a courtesy to other Members, please remove your name as soon as you know you cannot play because as has been well documented on multiple occasions, there are Members unnecessarily missing out on a game. Thank you!

As an aside on the timesheets, Micropower advises us that for best performance, Google Chrome is the preferred browser for accessing the site.

Enjoy your golf.

**DOUG CAMPBELL
CAPTAIN**

RULES WITH GEORGE

QUESTION:

In stroke play, a player bends long grass near her ball so that she can see the ball while playing her stroke. She plays her stroke.

- There is no penalty.
- The player gets one penalty stroke.
- The player gets two penalty strokes.



LONG REEF FRIDAY CLUB

Less is more

Keeping things simple seems to be a winning formula for our ladies. Dale Ronald found that fewer clubs equalled fewer regrets as she powered to 43 stableford points in division three in our six-club event. Dale blitzed the field with Phil Newman closest, but five points adrift, with 38.

Meanwhile, Rachael Loomes kept her golf even simpler by leaving the right clubs at home and leaving her husband Maurice in a different group when she won division two with 41 points. It was a triumphant return for Rachael in her first 18-hole competition after knee surgery. Driving her pro shop buggy like a demon, Rachael resembled legendary warrior queen Boudica on her chariot, dealing with challengers with ruthless efficiency. Unlike the formidable Boudica, Rachael's attire conformed to the LRGC dress code. Geoff Page came closest to Rachael but was cut down by that cruellest of blows, the countback.

In a close Division One skirmish, David Brown 38 held off Colm Galloway 37.

In a ground-breaking first, we combined a six-club event with a two ball multiplier competition. The result, apart from an elevated level of Friday Club confusion, was a win to those quiet scholars, Brian Ratcliffe and Neville Crealy. Brian and Neville remembered enough of their primary school arithmetic to amass 79 points, two more than Brian Brennan and Colm Galloway.

Div 1: David Brown 38; Colm Galloway 37

Div 2: Rachael Loomes (23) 41; Geoff Page (21) 41

Div 3: Dale Ronald (31) 43; Phil Newman (29) 38

Nearest the Pin: 2nd Evan Kontoulas, 7th Dave Collett, 13th Sally McHugh-Warner

Two-ball Multiplier

Brian Ratcliffe and Neville Crealy 79, Brian Brennan and Colm Galloway

**PERRY YELDHAM
PRESIDENT FRIDAY CLUB**

FROM THE WOMEN

WENDY MILLSON

Another week of great scoring on the golf course and the hope we may see some handicap reductions. Kim Sloane started our week with 41 points on Monday to secure a win. Tuesday was a friendly 9 hole afternoon competition with Angela Brown the standout player scoring 25 points. Thursdays Par round was well subscribed and scoring very competitive.

Division 1

Jenni Brown (11) +2
Lynne Clayton (22) Square
Karen Smith (17) -1

Division 2

Karman Whitford (29) +2
Sandra Gillies (25) Square
Wendy Thomas (27) -1

Division 3

Lyn Harper (36) +1 C/B
Nan Crump (36) +1
Michelle Ison (36) Square C/B

NTP 7th Karman Whitford

NTP 13th Moira Rowland

Balls to -3 C/B

9 Hole competition

Trish Carpenter (36) 20points
Fay Sinnott (36) 18points

Jenni Brown continued her winning ways on Saturday to take the prize with 37points on a countback from Jen Jansson also with 37.

Sunday was Janet Atchison's turn in the winner's circle with a 41 point round. Great to see Cath Piper also back on course and with a great score of 38points. Well done to Rachael Loomes and Kathy Johnson on their 4Ball win with 47points. Many thanks to everyone involved with the Rookie Ambrose game last Tuesday. Playing the back 10 holes and from the red tees there were many challenges for the beginner golfers (and the members!) Winners were Jan Daniel, Chris Stokoe and Barry Barclay by a small margin from Linda Sinclair, Wendy Millson, Tanya Gadiel and Elizabeth Wilkins.

Third place to Leonie Malcolm, Wendy Langthorne, Tracey Cantwell and Melissa Booker. It was such a popular event we will be running another Ambrose event in October. I appreciate all those who have asked to be involved and will be in contact shortly.

This Thursday is our Purple Charity day for Bringa Women's and Childrens refuge. Whilst it will not be on such a grand scale as previous years we have a field of over 105 women thus far. Please ensure all payment for the day has been made at Reception before Thursday. No money will be taken at the Pro Shop (apart from Cart payment) Everyone will have a score card and will receive a concession card. No handicapping of this round. A raffle ticket and concession card per person is included in your \$30 payment. All funds will be directed to the charity and we thank the club for this generous support. We have included some Rookies into teams for this day and hope to incorporate more in our next Charity Event. There is a note to collect at the pro shop detailing the days event. Lunch may be purchased in the club house, but please remember to stay seated throughout the afternoon.

Please note the entry forms for the Weekday Premiership are now up in the Locker Room together with the Conditions of Play.

Long Reef v Cromer is now fully subscribed and a waitlist is on the notice board. Please collect your shirt from a committee member. Details of the day will be available shortly. The event is at Cromer Golf Club this year.

**WENDY MILLSON
WOMEN'S CAPTAIN**

RULES WITH GEORGE

ANSWER:

A player is not necessarily entitled to see her ball when making a stroke. By bending and moving the grass the player altered and improved the lie of the ball and the area of intended swing contrary to Rule 8.1 a.

**Penalty for Breach of Rule 8.1 a: General
Penalty of two strokes in stroke play.**

FROM THE COURSE

PETER DONKERS

Now that spring has arrived the course is well on the way to recovering from the winter months. With very little rain over the past 6 weeks and plenty of wind it is becoming quite dry again and the predicted rain last week did not eventuate as promised.

It has been very busy on the course with greens and fairway renovations now complete these areas are recovering well. Fairways have been fertilised and with some warmer weather including a little bit of rain they should start to respond with some stronger growth. Work on the 8th fairway is progressing quickly with a number of mounds removed and the fairway bunker filled in we have also partially filled in the left front green side bunker. These areas have been reshaped and turfed creating a larger landing area without the hazards. Once the turf has established the fairway will be extended into these areas.

In the past week we have had considerable vandalism damage to a number of greens, flags missing, rakes broken and course furniture damaged which is very disappointing. On top of this numerous machines have been damaged from hitting bolts and coins which have been dropped or lost on fairways and green surrounds. When our machinery hits items such as these cutting units are badly damaged, please keep an eye out for any items which may damage machinery and help us out by picking it up.

Thank you.

PETER DONKERS
SUPERINTENDENT



Vandalism

Loose objects found on the course which can damage our machinery.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

SANDRA MELLOWES

Shirley Blackburn-50 years



L-R Shirley Blackburn, Helen Kook, Josie Murray

Shirley joined Long Reef Golf Club on the 20th September 1970, fifty years ago. She is starting a golden year! There is little doubt that if her eyesight had not let her down over the past few years she would still be out there playing! The Club is built on layers and layers of volunteer time and she is thanked for her service and standards of leadership as a wonderful volunteer. Shirley was on committees when the women were responsible for every aspect of day to day women's golf. It was hands-on and done by hand.

Shirley and husband Bruce worked on a property and it was whilst playing at Duntryleague in Orange before moving to Sydney that she met a male member from the LRGC Committee who said that she could get into Long Reef straight away as at the time there was no joining fee. Both Bruce, her husband, and later son Jonathan were to become members as well. Bruce was on the Club Committee from 1979-82. Jonathan was a champion junior in the '80s and a member of the celebrated 1982 Junior Team Premiership team. The club's only men's win. The Blackburns were regular players in the weekend mixed events on Sundays.

Shirley spent sixteen years on the Women's Committee in total between 1976-2001. She was Women's Treasurer twice, the Handicap Manager for three years, Vice-Captain in 1998, and finally Captain from 1999-02. She was Vice President of the Barrenjoey Peninsula Week of Golf Committee and 8 years on their general committee.

Shirley was also a very competent NSW Veteran's Delegate over a three period from 1996-98. She has been President of Long Reef Bridge Club twice and was also Secretary for a time. From 2011-15 Shirley was a member of the Archive Committee where she wrote accounts of the '80s and '90's events and characters.

She also detailed the Bridge Club's history and the fund-raising efforts and listed donations that had been made to the club since 1975 when it was formed,(eg the main glass door panels). Shirley is back on the Bridge Club Committee this year again bringing her knowledge, experience and humour to the position.

Shirley remembers a time before the Women had an office, but by the time she was on Committee the old buggy room had been fitted out with the help of David Hursey who put in the shelves and the women painted them. When she was Treasurer they held lots of raffles and made enough money to get rid of the old lockers and buy new ones. They also replaced the carpet and bought a cane lounge suite. When Audrey Roger was President they bought curtains for the dining room.

As Handicap Manager Shirley had to enter all the scores into a ledger and work out the breaks herself. Every month she had to send a report to the L.G.U. and every year send in an annual report. There was also the handicap peg-board to keep up to date. When Josie Murray became Handicap Manager in 1989, and the first handicap programme became available, the women's committee bought a little personal computer which eased the burden.



1988 Women's committee. Standing L-R Shirley Blackburn, (Hcp.) Nola Faulkner, Peg Leighton, Pat Brown, Joan Druitt, Aileen McLelland, Josie Murray. Sitting L-R Tibby Playfair (Capt.) Sally Woods (Pres.)

Times have certainly changed. When Shirley was Captain and the next annual programme had to be planned she used a large cardboard sheet on which she had to enter up every entry for mid-week and weekend Women's competitions too and then pass them on to the Club Captain. For all the knockouts she had to draw up all the charts by hand. She remembers well having been approached by the then President of the Club, and then writing out a cheque for the Club for \$1000's as they were in dire financial straits. (This was when the women had their own bank accounts.)

Shirley lists her most celebrated golfing achievements as winning three Foursome Premierships. She lists her hole-in-one on the 13th and beating Jenni Brown in 2011 for the President's trophy as giving her the most pleasure. (Sorry Jenni.) When representing the Club Shirley played in Gordon Shield, Bronze Bowl, Bronze 1 and Bronze 2 in the 80s and 90s.



Bronze Bowl Team 1984
L-R Jenny Lovett, Marie Fairhall, Lilith Gollan, Shirley Blackburn, Joan Corlis.

On the lighter side Shirley enjoyed being a member of the Concert cast. Her favourite role was as Olivia Newton John with Marie Fairhall as John Travolta. She remembers Rose Craighead who was a scream - she was tone deaf but it didn't stop her singing in every concert. Shirley's memories are treasured as is she.

SANDRA MELLOWES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Special Olympics which provides sports training and competition for people with an intellectual disability have been conducting a golf program at Long Reef for many years. Two participants have graduated to club membership, Tom Leray-Meyer and currently Anders Kobula. With the numbers growing we could do with some additional support to either walk with and guide the participants when playing holes on the course or as a partner in an alternate shot format. If you have some time available between 4.30 and 5.30pm on a Wednesday and interested in assisting, please contact Rex Langthorne on 0419 407 201.



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