

LONG REEF GOLF CLUB

# REEF BREEZES

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# FROM THE BOARDROOM

## AUGUST BOARD MEETING

### 1. FINANCE

The Net Profit for the financial year 2019/20 was \$306,575. We have had a very good start to the new financial year with the July net profit reaching \$137,708.

### 2. CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Over the next four months the Club's marketing and communication efforts will focus on a promotional campaign to mark this significant milestone in the Club's history. Our correspondence, our publications and our merchandising will include "1921-2021 celebrating 100 years".

### 3. CLUB ELECTIONS

Nominations for the Board will open on 8 September at 5pm and close on 22 September at 5 pm. Nomination forms can be obtained from reception.

If any Member is interested in learning more about the role and responsibilities of a LRGC Director please contact myself or the General Manager and we will be able to arrange a time to answer any questions.

### 4. ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report should be available to Members by 27 September.

### 5. PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The Board will be proposing the following Constitutional amendments at the AGM.

1. The Constitution be amended as follows:-

· In section 2.1 add after the definition of "Club Notice Board" the following definition:- "Club Website" means the website operated by the Club for Members and the public.

· In each of sections 8.6, 14.8 and 28.3 add the words "and Club Website" after the words "Club Notice Board" and in each of sections 5.9.2, 6.3.2v, 15.2, 15.3, 19.3 and 23.7 amend "Website", "Club's website" or "Club website" to "Club Website".

· Renumber section 14.6 to 14.6.1 and add the following as section 14.6.2:-

"The period for Members to nominate for the Board must be not less than 14 days and the General Manager will notify Members (including posting on the Club Notice Board and Club Website) of the dates for Members to nominate."

· In section 15.3 add "or their nominee" after "returning officer" and substitute "1 day" for "21 days".

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## 6. PARKING

The Club has written to Council asking that parking for both sides of Anzac Avenue be 8 hours. This will prevent long term parking of boats, trailers etc. Members are encouraged to contact Council to submit their comments either by sending a written submission to PO Box 82, Manly NSW.1655 or email comments to: Council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Liquor and Gaming is escalating their enforcement of the Public Health Order and we encourage all Members and guests to assist by maintaining social distancing and observing the Club's COVID Safety Plan.

Stay safe.

**STEPHEN TWIGG**  
**PRESIDENT**

## CENTENARY CORNER

From the office of Centenary Sam

The first meeting of interest regarding LRGC was held on the 14th May 1921 in the Twilight Tea House on Collaroy beach. The council had earlier advised that they would not object to a golf course being constructed on the headland.

This meeting is generally considered to be when Long Reef Golf Club was founded

Exactly 100 years to the very day on May 14th 2021 and in essentially the same location, this event will be rightly marked by a grand Gala Event which your Centenary committee is organising.

The gala will be a "members only" occasion in order to ensure that those who contribute to and enjoy the facilities of the club have the opportunity to celebrate our first 100 years.

I will be providing you with full details of the event and how you can reserve your tickets nearer the time but rest assured it will be night to remember. Food, drink, entertainment, videos, a pop up museum, celebrities and much more will all be included. Speeches will be kept to a minimum!

14th May 2021 – a once in a lifetime experience and so an

**IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**  
**– INK IT IN NOW!**

# FROM THE CAPTAIN

DOUG CAMPBELL

## **Pitch marks, pitch marks everywhere!**

They are particularly easy to spot at the moment, given the recent renovations of the greens, so there is no excuse for not repairing them. Whilst the greens are in the early stages of recovery, it is even more important that we are all diligent in repairing our pitch marks every time. We want the greens as good as they can be so please play your part.

## **Who needs a full set?**

Wednesday's 5 Club competition demonstrated to many that more choice doesn't necessarily deliver better scores. The absolute stand-out on the day was Jack Edwards, who had never shot better than 4 over par with a full set before but managed 1 under off the stick to win Scratch and his 46 points won A Grade by 7 shots from Shane Parsons (39) with Tim Cruickshank third with 37.

Jeff Seed won B Grade with 41 points, one ahead of Mark Frith and Harrison Brock edged out Michael Smiles on a countback for third when they tied on 37 points.

Jim Wilcock took out C Grade individually (42 points) and combined with Peter French to win the 4BBB on a countback with 48 points. Second place went to Ross McNicol with 40 points while Alan Hull won out for third after a seven way countback (38).

A dozen players managed a two but Jimmy Knox and I benefited by being the only ones on the list to enter so split the pool and Chris Montgomery also demonstrated that you've got to be in it to win it, when he took out the Hidden Holes by himself (after finishing in a tie with 17 other people in 13th place!!).

Thank you for the positive feedback about the 5 Club challenge and we will look to scheduling another one after the renovations next Autumn.

## **Get by with a little help from a friend**

The fun continued on Saturday with the 4Ball Ambrose and it couldn't have been closer with only 0.25 separating the winners from 5th place.

Congratulations to Brad Jones, Roger Sharp, David Murrell and Eric Tazelaar who won outright with a net score of 56.25. They were 0.12 ahead of Ken Dewell, Robert Watson, Chris Stoneman and Steve Sheppard. Third, fourth and fifth were all tied on 56.5 but Paul March, Peter Lindwall, Anthony Dignan and Brett Kinsella came out on top after a countback.

The Scratch competition was equally close with three teams finishing with 11 under (60) off the stick but probably thanks to a 3,3,3 finish, Jimmy Knox, Jimmy Little, Andy Regan and I won after the countback.

A 2Ball Ambrose is scheduled for the week before Christmas. Please let me know if you would prefer that changed to another 4 Ball instead and the Match Committee will consider the feedback at the next meeting.

## **Course renovations**

The greens were completed last Monday and Tuesday and the scarification of the fairways is well under way. Weather permitting, we will hopefully have them completed this week so we have prioritised finalising that over starting the work on the 8th, so we will still play the 8th as normal this week and we'll look to commence the alterations on that hole next week instead. The new nets for by the 9th tee have been ordered and assuming they are delivered on schedule, we will install them at the same time as carrying out the work around the 8th.

## **Timesheet survey**

Thank you to the 315 Members that took the time to complete the recent survey and especially to the 147 that chose to expand upon their selection with some qualitative feedback as well. As probably expected, there was no majority for any of the options but with just under 2/3 of respondents looking for a move towards online, the Board has decided that the current process must change to reflect the wishes of the Members overall and provide a fairer solution for all.

Current COVID-19 Clubhouse restrictions will not allow the change to take place immediately but the intention is to allocate 50% of the Wednesday and Saturday timesheets to "internet only" with the other half being made available to those choosing to come down to the Club to book in.



## LONG REEF FRIDAY CLUB

### Berner breaks through

This year's Winter Cup has been an unfolding drama from the first round back on June 5. Conditions have been brutal: winds bordering on cyclonic, cold that would make a penguin cringe, rain that soaked the soul, and panic when you can't park your car in the same postcode as the Clubhouse.

The Winter Cup runs for two months and is awarded to the player with the highest five rounds in this period.

The lead for the overall trophy changed hands every week for the first half of the competition. It was topsy-turvy stuff of the first order.

Finally it came down to five players with hardly anything to separate them, charging at the finish line like the Light Brigade in Tennyson's saga of heroism and courage (editor's note: no horses were injured in last week's golf round).

At the end of the day, standing tallest was Caroline Berner, our first female winner of the Winter Cup. Caroline's best five rounds through the winter gave her a total of 185, putting a little buffer between her and the boys' brigade of Graham Carlton and Kim Cook on 182. Neville Crealy was a shot behind and Jens Knoop a shot further behind.

Caroline's victory is a tremendous advertisement for the LRGC Rookies' programme. Three years ago she joined the Rookies as a never-having-hit-a-ball beginner. Today she's an experienced campaigner, a wily strategist and a winner.

Graham Carlton can take a bow for winning the men's division of the competition on a countback from Kim Cook.

While LRGC Women's Committee secretary, Sue Smiles, took second place behind Caroline in the women's division.

The internet and the kiosk will also both open at the same time. The new opening times will be 5.30pm on a Tuesday (for the following Wednesday) and 6.00pm on a Friday (for the following Saturday). There is no "right" answer to this issue but the decision was made to maintain the camaraderie and spirit that exists within the Club (and to be brutally honest, the income too!) whilst still being fair to those Members that cannot make it down, for various reasons. I will keep you posted on the timing of the change-over but it will not happen before standing is permitted in the Club, so Members can put their own names into the kiosk and choose their own time from those available. I did, however, want to communicate the intended direction as quickly after the survey as possible.

Enjoy your golf,

### DOUG CAMPBELL CAPTAIN



## RULES WITH GEORGE

**QUESTION:** Jim's drive on the first hole ended lying on a plastic bag in the general area in the rough about 50 cm from edge of the closely mown area (fairway).

He knew that he was entitled to relief from a movable obstruction. He lifted his ball without marking it and removed the bag, placed a tee in the ground on a spot which he estimated to be under where his ball was. With his driver he outlined a semi-circle area from his tee, no nearer the hole, and then dropped his ball onto the closely mown portion (fairway) within the semi-circular area.

Jim acted correctly?

- a. True.**                      **b. False.**

In Friday's regular competition, Jie Cheng returned the highest score of the day, 42 points. She finished two points ahead of Jill Hensman in a high-scoring division three contest.

Doug Mansfield, on 35, had a point to spare over Brian Ratcliffe in division one and Graham Carlton notched 35 points to beat Neil Townsend on countback in division two.

### Results Aug 28

#### Div 1:

Doug Mansfield (11) 35      Brian Ratcliffe (16) 34

#### Div 2:

Graham Carlton (25) 35c/b      Neil Townsend (22) 35

#### Div 3:

Jie Cheng (40) 42      Jill Hensman (39) 40

#### Nearest the pin:

2nd Laurie McCourt, 7th Geoff Hunter, 13th Pauline McMahon

#### Fine wine winners:

Caroline Berner, Geoff Lowe, Peter Burke.

#### Overall Winter Cup winner:

Caroline Berner

#### Women's division:

Caroline Berner 185, Sue Smiles 166, Di Kirby 165

#### Men's division:

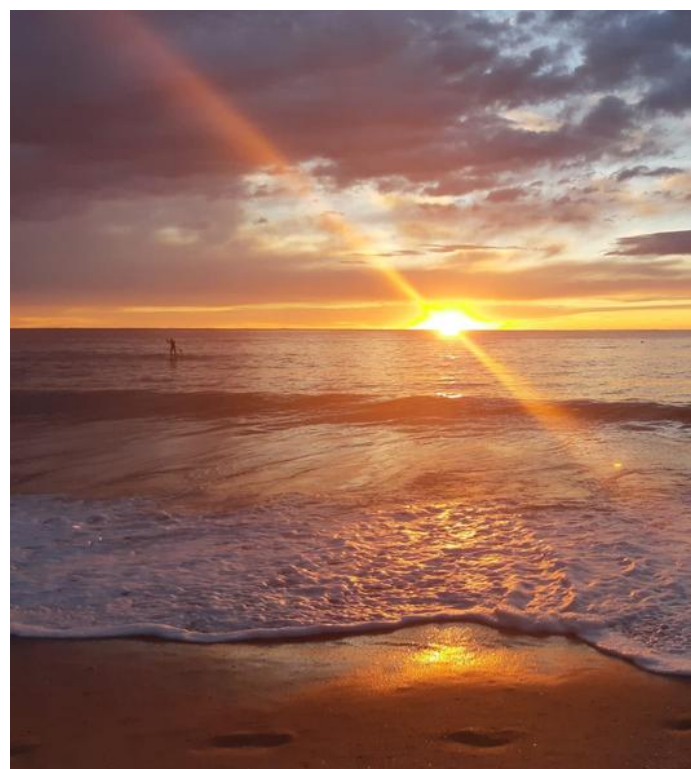
Graham Carlton 182 c/b, Kim Cook 182, Neville Crealy 181.

### PERRY YELDHAM

### PRESIDENT FRIDAY CLUB

### Michael all smiles after circle shot

Michael Smiles hit a great shot in to the 13th green on Wednesday finishing just 16cm from the cup. The shot was good enough to clean up the circle jackpot of \$140 (28 balls) and he is the first winner of the Men's haircut voucher from LRG Corporate Partner – JB Barbour shop & Shave Parlour at Collaroy.





# FROM THE WOMEN

## WENDY MILLSON

The course presented well after the renovations last week and the golfers were untroubled, with healthy scoring last Thursday.

Our GNSW 2Ball Ambrose was a tightly contested affair with very little separating the first 5 groups. Winners on the day were Jen Jansson and Karen Smith (66.5) followed very closely by Alison Gattas and Emma Thurlow (66.75). These 2 pairings will proceed to the GNSW metropolitan play off in October. Rosemary West had her first ever Eagle on 16 (her 3 shots) Prue and Wendy T also combined for Eagle at 16. A great day out. The 9 hole stableford was won by Penny Ware with a score of 19 points.

Jen, Karen Jenni Brown and Elaine Coldham combined well in Saturday's Ambrose for a net 59.- Not too far behind the winners on 56.

Pauline McMahon (29) scored 40 points on Sunday to be the winner from Wendy Thomas (29) 39pts and Ingrid Ferguson (45) 39pts also. Prue Bardsley and Wendy Thomas were the 4Ball winners with 46pts.

This week has a medal round on Thursday and again on Saturday. Winners will be notified by committee as we are still unable to conduct presentations.

This Saturday September 5 will see the first round of the Women's Weekend premierships qualifying in conjunction with the Monthly Medal. Those players intending to qualify should note their names on the sheet in the pro shop on Saturday. We have confirmed players who have opted for the Weekend Premiership. We have also reintroduced the Weekend Medal Winners Cup which will be contested on Saturday.

### Upcoming Events

\*GNSW and Club Medal in 3 Divisions Thursday September 3. Late entries accepted on sheet in locker room.

\*Par event Thursday September 10. Please enter with a Division 1,2 and 3 player in your booking.

This is a mixed division event.

\*CHARITY DAY for Bringa. Thursday September 17. \$30 fee prepaid at reception will cover golf, raffle tickets and a concession booklet. Lunch may be purchased after golf. A 9 hole competition will be run. Please note on the entry sheet. PURPLE colour theme.

\*Long Reef versus Cromer at Cromer Tuesday September 29. This is a pairs event and the entry list is in the locker room. 25 pairs are required. Our final weekday medal round for 2020 will be on Thursday October 1.

Next Tuesday, September 8, there is no morning competition for members. There is an afternoon 9 hole competition. There is also a Rookies Ambrose which is being supported by women members. For many Rookies this will be their first attempt at the back 9 holes.

Thank you to all who have agreed to assist.

Please all note the extension of the General Penalty area on the right hand side of the 16th tee. It has been extended to incorporate the drain area below what was the existing boundary of the General Penalty area. This should save significant time for those who were unable to find their balls.

## WENDY MILLSON WOMEN'S CAPTAIN

## RULES WITH GEORGE

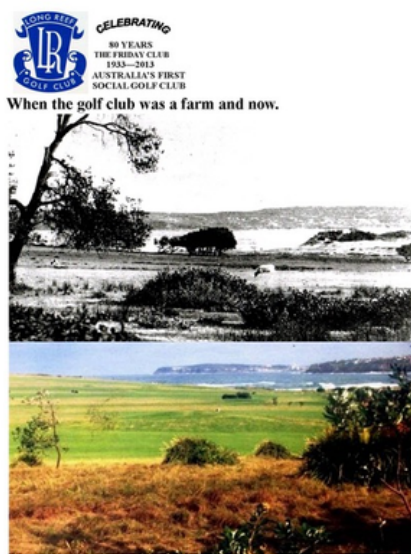
**a. is correct.** Jim was not required to mark his ball before lifting it, and his tee placement was a very good estimation of the position of the ball. This serves as his reference point for relief. His use of his driver to measure his relief area was correct since it was the longest club in his bag other than his putter (Definitions: Club-Lengths). The requirement for his relief area was that it be in the same area of the course as the reference point, which is the general area of the course. This includes both the rough and the closely mown area.  
**Rule 15.2 applies**

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

SANDRA MELLOWES

The following posters were compiled by the late Peter Miller at the time of Friday Club celebrating its 80th Birthday in 2013.

Below, the black and white photo shows a time before the "farm" became a golf course, when cattle grazed freely. Notice the large sand hills in the back ground that were flattened by the army in 1942.



The photo below is the closest we have come to finding a photo of the 1950-70s Bowling Green! We can see a dark layer of black soil which was part of the Greens construction. (Perhaps you recognise the characters on the green!)



The Pro-shop of the late 70s onwards had originally been the small Bowlers' Changing shed. It then had rooms added for buggy storage and a workshop for the Professional. This was Club Professional Garry Churcher's working space for 22 years from 1985. The promised "new" pro-shop was never constructed in his time. The first Pro-shop was within the old clubhouse, on the southern back corner. (Frank Eyre, the first Professional was with the club for 41 years.) The Pro-shop then became the Juniors' Room off the men's locker room and is now a storage room for towels and furniture.

The photo below was taken by me as I played golf down the 8th on the day before the old Pro-shop was to be demolished. Pleased to have captured both old and new, now and then, in the same shot



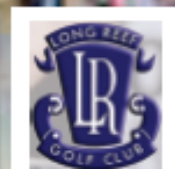
As we move closer to the 100th Birthday celebrations it is hoped that many more Now and Then photos can be featured here.

SANDRA MELLOWES



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