

LONG REEF GOLF CLUB

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FROM THE CAPTAIN

DOUG CAMPBELL

Vale

Sad news over the weekend to report the passing of Bobby Nicholls. He leaves behind many good friends from the Club and we pass on our condolences to his wife, Leanne, children, Bayden, Macey and Kendall and his broader circle of family and friends.

Upcoming competitions

The Spring Eclectic starts next Saturday (12th September) and will conclude on December 12th. Net prizes will go to the winners and runners-up in A,B,C Grades and Women while only the Scratch winner in each category will be rewarded. There is no additional entry fee so inclusion will be automatic. Scores will be updated each Monday and posted on the website. Entry forms for the Club Championship and Grade Cups will be available from this Friday (11th September) online and from the Office. The entry fee is \$30 and covers both qualifying rounds - Saturdays 10th and 17th October.

September Medal

Some great scores last Saturday but none better than Mitch Bockman who shot 1 under par off the stick to take out Scratch, win A Grade, and with net 65, shared the lowest round of the day. Runner-up in A Grade was Paul Piraner with nett 66, while Andrew Kim was third with net 68.

Dragan Durdevic equalled the low round of net 65 in winning B Grade, also by just a single shot to Peter Watson and Matt Brewster with Peter taking second after the countback.

Greg Bush will be very familiar with the phrase "getting off the mark" and after 21 years and 4 months of Membership at Long Reef, that is exactly what he did in winning his first monthly Medal. His net 68 won C Grade by a shot from Lindsay Bates with Phil O'Regan (net 70) taking out third place after a countback, from Denis Lynch. Congratulations Bushy and fingers crossed, the next one comes around a bit quicker!!

Mick McKerihan won nearest the pin on the 13th and by tapping in his 42cm putt, secured a valuable 2. As Andrew Daddo was the only other person that entered to have one, they each won \$42. Jack Edwards was closest on the 2nd.

The Hidden Holes was won by David Farrell on his own so he collected \$104 for his efforts.

The Women's net event was won by Emma Thurlow with 70, two ahead of runner-up, Tanya Heber. Saturday was also the first qualifying round of the Women's Weekend Premiership and the leader is Alyssa Starc with a gross 81, two ahead of Emma (83) and Tanya (84). The second qualifying round is October 10th. Good luck to all as they look to secure a place in the match-play.

Wednesday's wonderful scores

After shooting the best round of his life, with 5 clubs the previous week, Jack Edwards proved he can go almost as well with a full set - shooting level par off the stick for 43 points and a second successive midweek A Grade win. Tony Holley was runner-up with 42 points but it was his turn to win Scratch with the best round he has ever had - he went out in 30 shots (6 under par) and finished with 4 under (67). Congratulations on a fantastic round. It's a tough school when you're Kerry Andrich and have 41 points and that is only good enough for 3rd!!

B Grade was a little more friendly with 8 players all having 38 points but after a countback, the winner was Paul Harrison, with Trent Bracey second and Trevor Waters third.

Two weeks previously John Crowley won C Grade with 42 points - well he went one better last Wednesday when he won again - but this time with 43!! Runner-up was Dennis Hughes with 41, while Russell Smylie came third with 40 points, beating Grant Adams and Ric Larkins after a countback. An incredible 51 points by Shane Summerhayes and Peter Stephenson won the 4BBB.

Brian Cummins hit it closest on the 2nd with Ken Taylor taking out nearest the pin on the 13th. Wayne Portlock and Neil Hitchcock shared the Hidden Holes.

A Breakthrough win

Congratulations to former Member and 2010 Club Champion, **Brett Drewitt**, who won on the Korn Ferry Tour at the weekend. His first win came at just the right time as it lifted him from 73rd into the all- important Top 25, which, if he maintains, will mean automatic promotion to the PGA Tour for next year.

DOUG CAMPBELL CAPTAIN



Congratulations Brett Drewitt ,First Win,
photo source PGA Australia

RULES WITH GEORGE

QUESTION: Boris and Charles were playing a match and at the 18th hole the match was square. After hitting off from the teeing area Boris was in a bunker on the left and Charles had sliced his ball which ended in the practice area just inside the red line so was in a Penalty Area. Charles found his ball, close to a leaf, which he carefully removed. Unfortunately, the removal caused his ball to move.

Which of the following is correct?

- a. Charles incurred the General Penalty of Loss of Hole. Boris won the hole and the match.
- b. Charles incurred a penalty of one stroke and must replace his ball.
- c. There is no penalty and Charles must replace his ball.



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Lovers of classical will be familiar with Vivaldi's famous composition, The Four Seasons (heathens will know it from cheesy tv jingles). It has a particularly uplifting section entitled Spring. And there was a definite spring in Jie Cheng's steps as she notched up her second win in as many weeks in Friday Club's regular outing.

Jie recorded a colourful 40 points in division three to edge out Valerie Wilson on 37.

Despite the musical metaphors and the change of seasons, it rained again. However, this did little to dampen Neil Townsend's spirits as he chalked up an effortless 41 points to win division two. Like Jie, Neil's also a regular on the prizewinner podium and had a handy three-point gap ahead of next placed Simon Crust.

In division one, where the serious golfers live, Brett Hancock, with 38 points, had a point to spare over Dave Collett.

Results

Div 1: Brett Hancock (7) 38; Dave Collett (11) 37
Div 2: Neil Townsend (22) 41; Simon Crust(24) 38
Div 3: Jie Cheng (38) 40; Val Wilson (40) 37.

One Friday we'll be playing a six-club event (probably five clubs and putter), so choose wisely. There'll be a team event and singles in conjunction.

PERRY YELDHAM PRESIDENT FRIDAY CLUB

Winter Cup winner Caroline Berner receives the trophy from Perry Yeldham



FROM THE WOMEN

WENDY MILLSON

Outstanding scoring this week with the works by the course staff seemingly not disturbing the Women's Golf. It must be done and the rain came at just the right time. Congratulations to all who participated in our first round of Weekend Premiership Qualifying on Saturday.

This new format has invoked plenty of discussion but it was wonderful to see the player- support participating in the 2 Divisions. Whilst Alyssa Starc took the Scratch honours with a great 81 (congratulations), our player of the day was Emma Thurlow. She won the Medal, the newly revamped Weekend Medal Winners Cup and she leads going into round 2 of Qualifying. Close on her heels are Tanya Heber, Julia Bowen and Josie Garrett.

Heather Garrett in her first Premiership appearance leads the Bronze Division from Julie Preston and Prue Bardsley. Once again thank you to Karen Smith (weekend liaison) who has encouraged and supported this inaugural competition.

Earlier in the week Susan Ramsay had a Monday win with 32points.

Tuesday was a high scoring event where you had to score 36 points to get a ball. Fiona Bone (21) 39pts from Leonie Malcolm (19) 38pts and Marilyn Denner (28) 37pts C/B. Kathy Johnson (41) 43 points had a day to remember, followed by Karman Whitford (30) 41points and Sue Rossi (44) 38pts C/B.

The 9 Hole competition was won by Gaby Bennett (27) 22points.

Thursday was our Club/GNSW Medal round.

Division 1

Scratch Julia Bowen 81
1. Karen Smith (17) 74
2. Gilda Severino (19) 76cb
3. Julia Bowen (5)

Division 2

Scratch Moira Rowland 101
1. Moira Rowland (28) 73
2. Catherine Devrye (29) 75
3. Wendy Thomas (28) 76

Division 3

Scratch Michelle Ison 112

1. Colleen Thompson (40) 74

2. Betty Campbell (39) 75cb

3. Helen Ayres (45)

Karen, Moira and Colleen now all qualify for the Medal Winners Cup as a monthly medal winner.

NTP

7th Marilyn Denner

13th Robyn Lyon

Balls to 79 cb

9 Hole Winner Dani Montgomery (32) 17points
from Jeanette Nell (25) 15 points.

Lynne Parsons should see a handicap drop after Sunday's 43-point round. Danny Vera may be looking for some credit after recent lessons. Great score Lynne and also Louise Millward (30) 38points (what a difference a day makes!) and Abigail Gruzman (25) 36points.

Our Rookie clinics are well attended and now with Michael Infanti joining Billy Watson in the coaching role, let's hope for even more progress. This Tuesday women members will be playing in an Ambrose with the Rookies on the back 10 holes. Thank you to all who have supported this event. We are looking at another group event in October.

Great to see so many mixed division groups in the Par round on Thursday. If you forgot this time please remember to try for Div 1, Div 2 and 2Div 3 players when next we play Par. I know the Division 3 players appreciate all the experience they glean from these rounds.

Upcoming Events

You would be aware that the Salver has been cancelled next week.

* PURPLE Charity Day for Bringa will be Thursday September 17. This will not be a shotgun start, but we will have some fun. Please make payment of \$30 per player to reception. This covers golf, concession cards and raffle tickets. Lunch may be purchased after your round. The sheet is filling quickly and we have a limit on numbers so please make sure you book your spot.

Please, if you require a cart on that day remember to book it early or note on the entry sheet that you would like one.

*Cromer versus Long Reef at Cromer Tuesday September 29. We require 25 pairs and at this stage we have 19 confirmed. Please add your name to the list if interested. It is a good opportunity to pair with a newer golfer who may not have represented the club before. Everyone will wear the new pennant shirt on the day so please see a committee member to obtain yours.

*Our final GNSW Medal for 2020 will take place on Thursday October 1. The entry sheet is in the locker room.

Sue has also prepared the Entry Sheets for the Weekday Premiership which will soon be up in the locker room.

It is always a positive to see our division 3 players making good progress. How exciting for Judy Gietz (13th) and Mary Locke (7th) to both have birdies last Tuesday. A couple of new players, Julia Mahn and Sam Sparke are scoring well and Catherine Devyre who is new to the club had a lovely stroke round in her first Medal run at Long Reef. Good to see Robyn McCreath back out on course in the 9 hole competition.

WENDY MILLSON WOMEN'S CAPTAIN



Photo Phil O'Regan

RULES WITH GEORGE

Charles was entitled to remove a loose impediment anywhere on or off the course, which includes in a penalty area....**Rule 15.1 a applies.** Because his ball had been at rest somewhere other than on a putting green or in the teeing area, Charles incurred **one penalty stroke** when his ball moved, and the ball must be replaced.....**Rule 15.1 b.**

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.

STEPHEN TWIGG PRESIDENT

FROM THE PRO SHOP

Our Teaching Academy at Pittwater Golf is undercover – so rain, hail or shine, we're committed to professional golf lessons 7 days a week if you are!

FROM THE ARCHIVES

SANDRA MELLOWES

Now it really is time to acknowledge LONG REEF GOLF CLUB's First 100 years.

It only took one letter on the 3rd September 1920, 100 years ago last week, to get it all started!

In our Archive collection is a very fragile file of letters acquired from Warringah Shire in 2016. It is labelled

-FILE No. 249A - LONG REEF GOLF CLUB- and contains original letters from the Golf Club and carbon copies of replies.

There are 26 letters in all, written between September 1920 and February 1926.

The very first hand-written letter-

*Mitchell Road,
Brookvale,
3rd September 1920.*

*Gentlemen,
I have been asked by some golfing enthusiasts if the Shire would grant them permission to set out a golf course on the Long Reef end of Griffith Park.
The club wishes to cater for local players in a more democratic spirit than the Manly club and would be responsible for all necessary work eg putting down holes, etc.*

Should you desire more details I will be pleased to supply them.

Yours faithfully,

C.H.Martin

The typed reply -

21 September 1920

*Mr.C.H.Martin
Mitchell Road
BROOKVALE*

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 3rd inst.,requesting permission to establish Golf Links on the Long Reef end of Griffith Park, was submitted to the Council last evening and I am directed to invite you to discuss the matter with the Council at the nextmeeting, which will take place on Tuesday, 4th prox. A convenient hour for the interview would be, say, 8 o'clock.

*Yours Faithfully,
R.G.JAMIESON*

Shire Clerk C.H.Martin, a local school teacher did attend the Council meeting to put his case. The search continues to find a photo of the man.

Below photo- Shire Clerk Robert George Jamieson. His signature is on most to the Shire's letters of reply.He became the first Treasurer of LRGC in 1921 a position he held for six years



MR. ROBERT GEORGE JAMIESON
has been Shire Clerk for the past 10 years.
He came to Warringah from Coolamon.

SANDRA MELLOWES

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