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FROM THE CAPTAIN

DOUG CAMPBELL

Club Championship and Grade Cups

After the weekend's Matchplay, the finalists have been decided and congratulations to all those that have won through to contest the various grades. The wind and rain made Sunday's semi-finals particularly tricky and everybody would have been glad that they were playing each other, as opposed to the course, for a score!

The top two qualifiers for the Club Championship, Luke Edgell and Cian Hughes will go head-to-head, with a first time Champion guaranteed. In A Reserve, Simon Couch will take on Tommy Mastroianni, while Colm Galloway will be up against Andrew Thurlow in B Grade and Tony Cohen and Lindsay Bates will contest the C Grade final.

It could be a big day for the Thurlow family, as Emma won through to the Women's Championship final, She and Abigail Gruzman must now wait to see who wins through from the Midweek matches to determine their opponents in their respective grades.

Full Semi Final results were as follows:

Club Championship

Luke Edgell beat Dom Dowling 7/5

Cian Hughes beat Tony Holley 5/4

A Reserve

Simon Couch beat Andrew Kim 2up

Tom Mastroianni beat Dragan Mitrovic 2&1

B Grade

Colm Galloway beat Brian Ratcliffe 4/3

Andrew Thurlow beat Brian Cummins 3/2

C Grade

Lindsay Bates beat Brad Mooney 5/3

Tony Cohen beat Cameron Daddo 19th

Please try and come out and watch some of the finals next Saturday.

A "Fish" to water!!

The conditions on Sunday made having a caddy an advantage but Paul Piraner had to go above and beyond for his player - stripping down to his underwear and going into the water between the 6th and 7th to retrieve Dragan's clubs after he left the brake off the buggy and it blew in.

Saturday's winners

A combination of the weather and the Matchplay resulted in a smaller than normal field but there were some good scores, considering the conditions. Kristian Hooker took out A Grade after a countback, when both he and Glenn Evans finished with +3 with Les Browne third with +1, winning after a 7 way countback.

All the place-getters shot +3 in B Grade but Richard Gors edged out Adrian Meyers and Derek Johanson. Richard also won the Hidden Holes. The score of the day came from Aram Margarian (+5) to win C Grade by three from David Moss with James Hobday beating Philip Gors and Chris Payne for third on a countback when they all finished with +1. Aram also combined with Adrian Meyers to win the 4BBB with +11.

Mark Cruise won Scratch with even par, after a countback with Kristian Hooker.

Nearest the pin prizes went to Phillip Barwell (2nd) and Jimmy Moore (13th) while Wayne Portlock and Mark Broadhead shared the 2s pool.

Wednesday's winners

39 points was the score required to win each grade with Sam Johnston (A Grade), Ken Turner (B Grade) and Allan Hull (C Grade) coming out on top. Sam beat Ian Donnelly on a countback with Adam Peacock coming third (38 points). Ian did also hit it Nearest the Pin on the 13th.

Tony Smithyman was runner-up in B Grade, after a countback with Mick Snell when both finished with 37 points. Greg Bush was one behind Allan in C Grade with James Taylor a point further back in third, after a countback with three others.

Tony Holley won Nearest the Pin on the 2nd and converted it into a 2, helping him share the 2s prize pool with Wayne Portlock (again!), Ian Brown, Tim Cruickshank and Tony Smithyman. Adam Peacock and Tony Smithyman shared the Hidden Holes while my 2 over won Scratch.

Ken Turner and James Taylor's 49 points was way too good for everybody else in the 4BBB.

Enjoy your golf!

DOUG CAMPBELL
CAPTAIN

FROM THE WOMEN

WENDY MILLSON

Premiership week is in full swing with Matchplay taking place through the week and the weekend just gone.

Weekday conditions were favourable for golf resulting in some great matches and healthy scorelines.

Tuesday was a great day for the handicapper when scores came in . Winning Division 1 was Wendy Thomas (25) with 39 C/B from Alyssa Starc (6) also 39 and Jen Jansson (12) on 37. Although brilliant they could not match the Division 2 scoring of Sam Sparke (44) 45, Di Muncke (38) 43 and Dani Montgomery (33) 41pts.

Thursday matches saw Jenni Brown, Karen Smith, Susan Hay and Jen Jansson advance in the Open Division with some big scorelines and matches finishing early. Moira Rowland, Sandra Gillies, Sue Smiles and Wendy Thomas will face off in the Bronze semis on Tuesday. Once again some strong matches. C Grade will feature some of our newer players with Sue Phillips, Mandy Biffin, and Di Muncke joining Ondrae Heiser in the next round.

Looking forward to all those contests.

Stableford on Thursday

Div 1 Cath Piper (20) 35, Jeannie Reitzer (23) 33

Div 2 Rowena Robinson (34) 40,
Julie Preston (25) 36 C/B, Dani Montgomery (32) 36 C/B

Div 3 Helen Ayres (43) 38 C/B,
Betty Campbell (38) 38, Sue Kiprovich (36) 37

9 Hole Judy Hore (36) 18,
Merrie Van Wensveen (40) 16pts.

Tuesday we had many of our women members join the Rookies for another Ambrose day. Winners were Barry Barclay, Bronwen Wade-Leeuwen, Lynne Parsons and Chris Stokoe with 25.5, over Helenka O'Connell, Pru Carson, Jan Daniel and Sheila Dickson with 25 5/8. This was a great day and we are extremely grateful to the women who assisted on the day. Members were generous in their praise of the standard of play and some great future members in the making.

Saturday match play in drizzly late morning conditions gave some further interesting match ups. Julia Bowen proceeded to the final to play Emma Thurlow in the Open division. Julie Preston to meet Abigail Gruzman in the Bronze Premiership playoff.

Thanks to the volunteer caddies Karen, Perry, Lorraine and Jeremy. The support in the wet weather was valuable.

In what could only be described as increasingly dismal conditions the women's weekend match play finals took place on Sunday In the Open division Emma Thurlow gave her opponent very few chances with a wonderful display in trying conditions. When the match was conceded at the 10th hole Emma was 6up and declared a very worthy weekend premiership champion in defeating Julia Bowen.

The Bronze premiership was a much tighter affair with very little separating the players at any time in the match . Weather conditions worsened as play continued and Abigail Grumman eventually gained the upper hand over Julie Preston to win at the 16th hole Thank you to Wendy Thomas as their referee and to caddies Ali, Pete, Clare and Jeremy as well as the loyal supporters who braved the weather.

Our players representing at the GNSW Ambrose at the Coast performed admirably. Ali Gattas and Emma Thurlow were 8th overall and Gilda Severino and Maria Russell well placed with their net 69.

You should have received an email regarding the AGM for women and our Annual presentation of awards. Please read carefully and RSVP to the committee via email if you will be present for the meal prior to the meeting. Numbers are essential for catering purposes. Please organise your team for golf which is a 1:30pm shotgun start. We also ask for one team member to pay for the group. This is to assist social distancing in the Pro Shop.

A reminder that questions for the Annual General Meeting should be in writing to the Women's secretary by October 31.

Our thanks to the women who have agreed to referee in the next week. Wendy Thomas Gilda Severino, Robyn McCormick, Leonie Malcolm and Wendy Millson.

Best wishes to all who are competing in this next week for Premiership and ultimately Championship trophies. May the golfing gods be with you all.

WENDY MILLSON
WOMEN'S CAPTAIN



Weekend Bronze finalists plus referee
Annabel Gruzman , Wendy Thomas , Julie Preston

CENTENARY CORNER


From the office of Centenary Sam

The Centenary Committee wants to enlist the help of suitably qualified members to help them in the final stages of preparing “The Voices of Long Reef”, our centenary book. If any of you have experience of, or are involved in the print or publishing field and are available to give us a few hours of your time we would like to hear from you.

In particular we are looking for editors, proof-readers, and photographers.

Contact Tony Cohen at the club or on 0417 881 990 for a chat.

We have already had an excellent response to the opportunity for members to have their names included in the centenary book by sponsoring a page.



MOVEMBER® GOLF DAY

This year the Club will donate \$1,000 to Movember and will host a Movember Golf Day on **Saturday 7 November**. Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men’s health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer and suicide. COVID has highlighted the need for society to be more aware of mental health for everyone.

This year I will be doing my part and having a “Reverse Movember”. I grew my mo in 1975 after completing the HSC and I have never shaved it off. Along with the Club's \$1000 donation, I am hoping that LRGC can raise at least \$6,000 towards Movember.

In 2016 I had prostate cancer and I am very lucky to still be alive. Dr Dave Moss diagnosed my cancer after a small increase in my PSA reading (still under the norm for my age). My Urologist said that 99% of Doctors would not have seen the sign. After many tests it was found that the cancer had escaped the prostate and was about to spread. Six weeks after being diagnosed the prostate was out and I was given the all clear. During the original tests I had a polyp removed, which that specialist said would have been cancerous in another month.

Whilst this was all happening I was feeling very healthy.

Please make a donation to this very worthy cause.

The link is <http://movember.com/m/lrgc>

Any donation, would, no matter how small, help and donations are tax deductible.

**STEPHEN TWIGG,
PRESIDENT**



FROM THE ARCHIVES

SANDRA MELLOWES

"BUSINESS GIRLS"

The Women's Championship is being held in a different way this year with qualifying spread over a wider field. Part of this arrangement will see the Weekender Premiership trophy presented to a winner who will then move on to play for the overall Championship.

The Associates Weekend members category was first listed in 1948. The first AGM was held in December of that year and a 9 member committee elected and a bank account opened. They were given support by the Associates Committee and the Professional but the "Weekenders" controlled their own programme and finances, with the exception of the handicaps. A bundle of cards would be dealt with by the Associates handicapper during the week. The women mainly played on Sundays with the odd concession to play late on a Saturday if their time on a Sunday had been compromised. There were issues of being squeezed between the public players and the Members to the point where they were offered four dates during the week over the year where time could be made up. Until the 80s there was an average of 10 players each week which grew to an average of 15-20 when the membership had risen to over 50. The Secretary of the group often called them the "Business Associates" the Busy girls, when she wrote an annual report to be included in the overall Associates Annual Report. Over the years donations were made to the club to help beautify the locker room.

From the very first meeting a full programme was planned, including the Premiership, a Singles Knockout, Medals and a Medal winners Cup. All results were listed in the report as well as a rundown of the very popular needle match each year between the 'Busy' v the 'Bad' team, the tongue in cheek name for the weekday members. Throughout the 80s two players dominated the Premiership and the title see-sawed between them, Robyn Carrol and Liz-Hay Ellis.



The Weekend Associates
Premiership Trophy.

It may have been a different story if the groups single figure handicap golfer Sue Bingham who at her lowest played off 4 had not chosen to take part in the Championship held during the week instead. Sue who was a teacher would use her long-service leave or time in the school holidays depending when it was timetabled. Over an eleven year period she won 4 Club Championships, 4 Associate Women's Championships and 6 Mixed Foursomes titles. She also held the Scratch score on 8 occasions. In 1984 Sue suggested a Bronze Premiership to be held alongside the Premiership and the results can be seen on the Honour Board.

Between 1974 and 2004 the club took part in the Weekend Pennants winning on 4 occasions. 8 or 9 teams competed each year. In contrast, it was not always serious competitions that were played, as the Gnomes and Giants competitions between LR and Bayview are well remembered. Organised mainly by Libby Triglone in the 80s. Gnomes were 5'2" and below and the giants 5'6" and over (ed. Don't know what happened if you fell in between!) The Giants had to caddy for the Gnomes who were a team of six players. Jean Morling a Long Reef player donated the trophy seen below created by local sculptor Terrey Hills. It has disappeared from the locker room over the years.

By 1993 the Weekend Associates committee was altered and a liaison officer elected to be represent them instead. Jenny Loughnan took on this role. The office of Treasurer and Secretary were discontinued and the bank accounts closed. As a membership category it disappeared altogether in 1996 when the club voted for the 5, 6, and 7 day format.

SANDRA MELLOWES



LONG REEF FRIDAY CLUB

Flattering your figures

To some people extra roll is something you ask for at your brother-in-law's barbeque, but to Friday clubbers, it's a golfing gift, one that flatters your scorecard.

So there were no hard feelings about our firm fairways last Friday as players relished the extra distance on their big shots and enjoyed an uplift in scoring.

Although if anyone was to have hard feelings, it would be Caroline Berner who returned a spanking 43 points and didn't win her division. That honour went to club stalwart Suzie Benson who won on the slenderest of countbacks.

Brian Moran, hungry for success, showed how much he loved his extra roll with an impressive 40 to take the honours in Division two for the second time this year. Dennis Watchhorn had 39 points to finish second, also for the second time this year. Meanwhile David Quinn, another regular winner, gave newcomer Steven Skinner a harsh lesson in the cut and thrust of golf on Fridays by winning on countback with an economical 37 in Division one. Balls went down to 36 on countback.

Next week is the Friday Club Championship round, the pinnacle of our year, the ultimate test of man and woman. At stake is a dazzling trophy and prizes beyond your wildest dream (plus this writer's four-volume book of cliches).

So on Thursday night Friday clubbers are advised to avoid too much excitement, go easy on the chardonnay and have an early night. You'll want to be sharp for this one.

Friday club results Oct 24

Div 1: David Quinn (18) 37c/b;
Steven Skinner (17) 37

Div 2: Brian Moran (20) 40;
Denis Watchorn (23) 39

Div 3: Suzie Benson (47) 43c/b;
Caroline Berner (49) 43

Nearest the Pin:

2nd Neville Crealy, 7th Dave Collett, 13th Alan Graham



1984 Gnomes -Libby Triglone, Liz Hay-Ellis,
Val Brooker, Elaine Luscombe



Weekend Pennants - winners 1998
Back L-R Jan Crook, Pat Michell, Denise
Roadnick, Lyn Nicholson
Front L-R Mannie Dickinson, Jenny Loughnan,
Larka Kliman, Claire Methven, Clare John

RULES WITH GEORGE

QUESTION:

Playing in a match-play event Alexander was in the fairway bunker, on the third hole. He played a shot designed to get to the green but unfortunately his ball hit the revetted face and rebounded quickly and hit him on the body. He thought that he would have to play the ball as it lies, but what is the penalty?

- Alexander lost the hole.
- There is no penalty.
- Alexander is penalised one stroke.

**PERRY YELDHAM
PRESIDENT FRIDAY CLUB**

JUNIOR PENNANT

Sunday 25 October

Round 3 of the Junior Pennant season was played in very difficult conditions at North Ryde GC on Sunday with the undefeated Long Reef taking on last years pennant champions Asquith.

Oli led the team out and looked a much more confident player, having got his first match under his belt last week. However he found the going difficult early on and went 4 behind after 5 holes. To his credit he did not let this faze him, winning his first hole and halving a couple more to be only 3 down after 11. That was as good as it got however and he lost the next 3 holes to go down 6 and 5.

Sam, playing at number 5, looked more than a little surprised that he was asked to play in such driving rain and spent much of his afternoon trying to stay upright in his running shoes. He slipped a couple behind early on but got into stride around the turn and found himself 2 up with 4 holes to play. Unfortunately he lost the next two holes and after missing a short putt that would have given him the lead again on 17 , he managed to make a nice 2 putt on 18 to secure a very important half point for the team.

Tyler also had issues with the wet conditions having all sorts of trouble hanging onto his clubs. Had he been playing with any other Long Reef members he may well have found himself being sent to the bar to buy a couple of jugs, such was the difficulty he was having on the tee. After 9 holes he found himself in the entirely unfamiliar position of being 2 behind in his match, however he knew he had the ability to win holes in bunches and that is what he did reeling off 5 straight holes to ultimately secure a 3 and 2 win.

Natalia continued on where she left off last week getting out to an early 3 hole lead - a lead she would never give up and she finished a very impressive 5 and 3 winner.

Harry had a forgettable day getting behind early on in his match and was never able to get anything going ultimately going down 6/4.

So it was left to our captain Mitch to bring it home for the team and fortunately that is what he did, with the stand out performance of the day. Mitch played superb golf in very tough conditions dominating his opponent from the outset. He never looked like giving up his early lead, in the end winning 5 and 4 to secure a 3.5 to 2.5 victory for his team.

Round 4 will be played next Sunday at Ryde - Parramatta G.C where we take on North Ryde.

**MICK MCKERIHAN
MANAGER**

RULES WITH GEORGE

ANSWER:

b. is correct. Rule 11.1 a. applies.

If a player's ball in motion accidentally hits any player or outside influence: There is no penalty to any player.

This is true even if the ball hits himself or herself, the opponent, or any other player or any of their caddies or equipment.



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The John Mullins Memorial Grant

The John Mullins grant will empower people living with spinal cord injury to enjoy golf once again.

Thanks to the continued generosity of the Long Reef Golf Club which is located on Sydney's beautiful Northern Beaches, The John Mullins Memorial Grant assists the Sargood Foundation to offer a two-night Golf & Stay package for an Australian resident who is living with spinal cord injury and their guest.

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This two-night stay at Sargood on Collaroy includes:

- Accommodation for a person with spinal cord injury who enjoys golf and who has no insurance cover in place to support a stay at Sargood, plus their partner/friend/carer
- Travel assistance up to \$500
- A two-hour on-course lesson at Long Reef Golf Club with Empower Golf (subject to availability).
- A round of golf with cart and paragolf equipment at Long Reef Golf Club, plus loan of all equipment
- Lunch for two people at The White Rock Café at Long Reef Golf Club



"Grants and opportunities like this have the potential to really change people's lives and show them things that they can only dream of doing".

Shem, 2020 recipient of the John Mullins Grant

Founded in 1921, Long Reef Golf Club's course has a well-earned reputation of being one of Sydney's best golfing layouts. One of Australia's greatest golfers and course designers, British and Australian Open winner Peter Thomson, rated Long Reef as *"the best site of any golf course in Sydney"*.

John Mullins OAM was a long standing and dedicated supporter of Long Reef Golf Club in many roles, including that of ex-President. He was instrumental in involving the golf club with the development of Sargood in numerous ways.

Applications for the grant will close on 31st December 2020. Application forms can be downloaded from our website - sargoodfoundation.org.au

The recipients will be selected from applicants at the discretion of the Sargood Foundation with the grant available for use between February and the end of June 2021, subject to availability.

For further information, please contact Susan Johnston at the Sargood Foundation at susan@sargood.org.au or visit sargoodfoundation.org.au

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