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FROM THE CAPTAIN

DOUG CAMPBELL

What a week!

After finishing runner-up in A Grade the previous Saturday, Ross Kocass came out and won on Wednesday and then backed it up with his first Medal win, in 20 years of membership, last Saturday with nett 68. Ross also shared the Hidden Holes with Neil Hitchcock. Congratulations to Ross - those lessons are clearly starting to pay for themselves! Craig Pecar probably doesn't know Ross but his name will certainly be one he's fed up seeing given that he finished runner-up to Ross in A Grade on both Wednesday and Saturday.

Good consistent golf, Craig (nett 69 in the Medal) but unfortunately you were just pipped both times. Third place in A Grade on Saturday went to Mitch Bockman (nett 70) after a countback with Rob Cordaiy and Mitchell Jones.

Mitch's 75 also won Scratch on a countback from Tony Holley. Ian Wilson won the B Grade Medal with nett 69, a shot ahead of Robert Watson with Ross Hankey taking out third place (nett 72), after a countback with Dave Slaytor and John Steuart.

Score of the day came in C Grade with Tip Huizenga shooting nett 67 to win by a shot from Andrew Jenkins who took second with Michael Rogan third, after they and Peter French needed a countback to separate them.

Lindsay Bates was the only one that entered that managed a 2 so that was worth \$60 to him.

Nearest the Pin on the 2nd went to Nick Krncevic and Grant Piper went closest on the 13th.

Jenni Brown won the Women's Medal with nett 77, a shot ahead of Karen Smith.

Wednesday's other winners

For the record Ross' winning score in A Grade was 39 points with Craig beating Geoff Cranfield, on a countback, for second, after they both finished on 38 points. Geoff's level par round was good enough to take out Scratch though.

John Steuart won B Grade with 40 points, one ahead of Lindsay Bates who was also one ahead of a trio but it was Steve Buchan that won the countback for third, ahead of Tony Cohen and Steve Skinner.

As usual, the best score of the day came in C Grade (you've got to play really well just to feature in the place in this Grade currently!!) with Josh Dowse shooting 42 points with Chris Payne and Phil Ton-That both having 41 points but Chris won 2nd after the countback.

Christopher Breach and Steve Norman shot a better ball score of 49 points to win the 4BBB on a countback.

Ross Kocass, David Bradley, Tony Holley and Steve Spillane all shared the 2s while Peter Munro and Tony Smithyman shared the Hidden Holes.

Major Pennant

I am pleased to announce that our new Club Champion, Luke Edgell, will again Captain our Major Pennant side in 2021 and that Jimmy Knox will be the Manager. Further details on the squad, our draw and dates will follow in due course.

Junior Pennant

Last Sunday saw our youngsters take on Ryde Parramatta in a group decider, with both Clubs bringing unbeaten records into the match. Most of the Team were behind all day and whilst they hung in, ultimately they went down 5.5 to 0.5 - congratulations to Mitchell Jones for registering something.

The majority of the Team were playing representative golf for the first time and in some cases, matchplay golf for the first time. They are obviously disappointed that they didn't progress out of the group but Harry, Mitchell, Josie, Natalia, Tyler, Sam and Oli should be very proud of their campaign and just like a good thoroughbred, "they'll be better for the run" and will be better placed for next year. They played the game in a sporting manner and represented our Club impeccably. A big thank you to Mick McKerihan who managed the side.

Upcoming events

Wednesday 11th November is the first round of the Midweek Strokeplay, with the second round on the 25th. The Long Reef Senior Medal will take place on Monday 23rd November with a 1pm shotgun start. The entry conditions and form are on the website.

Enjoy your golf!

DOUG CAMPBELL
CAPTAIN

FROM THE WOMEN

WENDY MILLSON

The highlight of our week was the Women's Annual General Meeting and Presentation of Awards on Thursday evening. We welcomed President Steve Twigg, General Manager Ben Russell, Golf Operations Laura McCahon as well as our three Life members Lilith Gollan, Sandra Gillies and Judy Hore. It was also our first meeting to include Board Representatives Abigail Gruzman and Vanessa Murphy as well as the 90 women in attendance.

The Women made a presentation to Shirley Blackburn for her 50 years of membership after hearing of her many achievements from archivist Sandra Mellowes. Shirley shared some amusing stories from her golf and time on committee.

Congratulations to our returning and newly elected committee members-

President- Gilda Severino,
Captain - Wendy Thomas,
Secretary - Sue Kiprovich,
Treasurer- Di Muncke

Committee members

Rosemary West, Leonie Malcolm and Michelle Ison. Our best wishes to them all for 2021 and beyond.

It was easy to recognise our best-performed golfers for the year - taking home multiple awards were Emma Thurlow, Moira Rowland and Karen Smith. We offer congratulations to all who were the 'best on the day' and also to our Club Champions Emma Thurlow, Sandra Gillies and Di Muncke. Emma Thurlow will represent the club at the Champion of Champions on Monday November 16 at Manly Golf Club.

Wendy Thomas will attend the Northern Districts Pennant meeting on November 16. This is where our 2021 Pennant Draws will be ratified.

Golf this week gave us some red hot scoring.

Monday was Tanya Heber (13) 40pts.

Tuesday Ali Gattas (20) 41, Moira Rowland (26) 38 C/B, Jan Daniel (30) 38 pts.

9 Hole competition Nicki Wiebe (37) 21pts C/B from Wendy Hague (37) 21 pts.

Jane Hagan (22) was our **Sunday** winner with a superb 41 points

Golf was washed out on Thursday. Saturday's Medal round gave Jenni Brown the win on scratch with 89 and the medal with a 77 from Karen Smith and Janet Atchison both on 78.

Our Barrenjoey Week of Golf delegates, Sue Rossi, Linda Sinclair and Pauline McMahan have been working behind the scenes to prepare for the February tournament. Entries open online on November 14 and will close on January 14. Long Reef will host Division 3 on Monday and Division 2 Foursomes on the Friday. New members are encouraged to participate. Please ask a delegate or committee member for more information.

The Rookies Ambrose and Christmas lunch will take place on Tuesday November 24. Thank you to the members who have agreed to participate. Laura will contact Rookies with details.

Please watch the notice Board in the Locker room in the upcoming weeks for details of President v Captain, Dropout Ambrose and Christmas Dress Up Days.

As this is my last report as Captain I would like to thank all those who have assisted me over the last 5 years. The Board, the Course staff, Pro Shop, all office and administration, the Bar and Catering staff, the editor, all committee members and of course all the men and women who make this club so special.

WENDY MILLSON
WOMEN'S CAPTAIN

NOTICE IN REGARDS TO UPCOMING MONDAY COMPETITIONS

Monday 23rd November we have had to reschedule the Civil Contractors Golf Day from a previous booking in September that couldn't go ahead due to COVID. There will be no competition scheduled. We are also hosting the **Long Reef Senior Medal** in the afternoon, which will be a 1.00pm shotgun start. Members can play in this event who are over the age of 55 and have a handicap of 18 or lower. **Monday 30th November** will be a two tee start between 7.30am – 9.22am as we are hosting the final round of the PGA Trainee matches. This will be Billy Watson and James Sampson's final match as Trainee Professionals.

RULES WITH GEORGE

QUESTION: A player's ball had been in a fairway bunker on the ninth hole. He tried to play a long shot but his ball was embedded in the grassy collar above the bunker. He knew that his ball was not in the bunker, but was embedded in grass in the general area of the course. He discussed his options for free relief and his drop point with his marker.

Which is correct?

- a. His ball may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to where it lay, in the general area of the course (Rule 16.3) but not nearer the hole. This point may be on the grass in front of the bunker.
- b. The ball may be dropped in the bunker and played again without penalty.
- c. The player is not allowed free relief

FROM THE COURSE

PETER DONKERS

The recent rain has been fantastic for the course. It is great to have full dams and some moisture in the ground leading into summer.

Over the past 3 weeks we have had around 120mm of rain and this has allowed me to fill the new dam to full capacity as well as the irrigation dam. We have also had our share of strong southerly winds over the past few weeks - the rain had greened everything and the wind has caused plenty of salt burn, browning off many areas.

We have spiked the greens this week to help aerate the soil and relieve compaction, we have also been working on the 16th fairway, lowering one of the new mounds. This was a safety issue and lowering the height will allow a better view of golfers at the lower end of the fairway. Hopefully the reshaping and re-turfing this will be completed this week.

**PETER DONKERS
SUPERINTENDENT**



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Thank you to those Members who have donated to LRGCMovember. At the moment we have raised \$2,800, still \$3,200 short of the target of \$6,000 for me to shave off my Mo.

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STEVE TWIGG

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

SANDRA MELLOWES

An AGM.

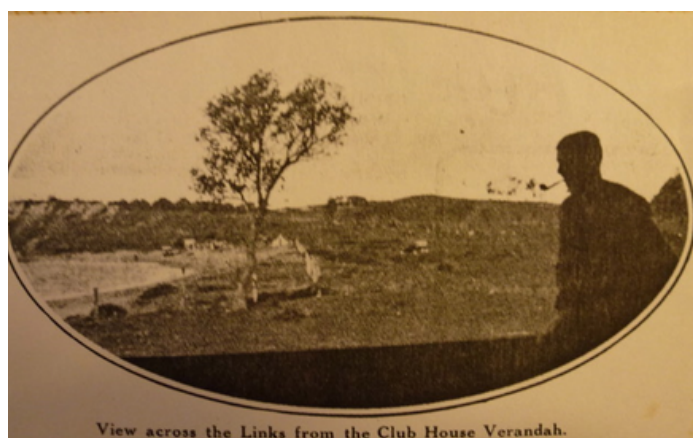
Recently when checking details in the club's 75th birthday celebrations folder I found a hand written, in pencil, series of recollections by one Walter Swift that I had not read before. The account was written in 1996, when Walter was in his late 80s describing various aspect and changes on the "links" from the very beginning as well as general recollections.

Walter had joined Long Reef in 1928 as an 18 year old but knew the headland well as a child. Two of his stories are of particular interest and dare I say a little funny! I will feature the other next week. The subject of the story is an AGM which took place sometime between 1945-50 in the original wooden clubhouse. Associates (women) did not qualify as attendees and any voting was done on the night and only members who turned up could decide on the committee positions.

"At one annual general meeting when Bill Lloyd was President a certain member had inbibed a little too well, he is long since dead and he held the rank of Colonel. Well the Annual Meeting got under way being helped with a lot of interjections from the Colonel who was sitting on a window sill. In those days the main lounge room was much smaller and the eastern wall from where the hole-in-one Board now is to the dining room. The offical table was in front of the bar area and the members faced south.

Anyway the Colonel was sitting on his windowsill rocking backwards and forwards and making a proper nuisance of himself when suddenly there was a gasp and a thud. He had rocked back and fallen out the window . Whereupon a member sitting near the window got up walked over and pulled it down. The Colonel was not seen again that night."

SANDRA MELLOWES



Looking east from the verandah in the late '20s



The Main Lounge in 1950, looking south. The offending open windows on the left of the photo. (Photo taken at the farewell for Assistant Secretary Par Farley in 1950. Pat sits in the middle.)

ARCHIVE MATTERS

There may be some confusion over the fact that two books are being prepared to help celebrate the Centenary of the Golf Club:

1. “Long Reef Golf Club, the First 100 Years”.

Written and compiled by Sandra Mellowes, Ross Lanes and the Archive Committee. To be an E-Book.

2. “Memories and Moments”. Compiled and edited by the Centenary Committee. With summary material gained from the Archives and current members’ contributions. To be sponsored and sold.

It was approximately ten years ago, following a suggestion by Lilith Gollan at Board level that a committee be formed to prepare for the centenary, Sandra Mellowes was asked to look after all the documents and artefacts around the Club. The role of archivist grew from this and a like-minded group of very experienced members was persuaded to make up the Archive Committee. This is now nine in number.

From the beginning Ross Lanes’ book “Long Reef Golf Club The First 65 Years” was considered a very valuable resource but as we were approaching the 90th anniversary of the Club at that time it was decided, with his permission, to see if it could be updated.

So The Big Book was born and Sandra, with help from Ross and her committee, have put together 100 years of Long Reef Golf Club. Decades are covered in chapters but more importantly illustrated with interviews and profiles of the individuals who have made the Club what it is. There is also an extensive index and over 300 photos.

This has required hundreds of hours of work for Sandra and the committee members. It will not be published in hard copy but will be an E-book and placed on our website for all to read as a reference. It will no doubt be of great value both now and in the future to members as a record of the Club’s history. Of course, it will be ongoing as the Club grows and will no doubt be added to. It is not a coffee table book and will not be for sale.



LONG REEF FRIDAY CLUB

Joker in the pack

Brett Maverick was a character of the Wild West, a debonair, poker-playing professional who looked a lot like Mel Gibson and knew his way around a deck of cards.

Friday Club’s debonair man of the moment, John Mackie, like Brett Maverick, also knows a bit about a deck of cards and took the jackpot in last Friday’s “Play Your Joker” round.

For the uninitiated, the joker doubles your stableford points on selected holes (assuming you have scored points as opposed to plonking your ball in one of the course’s gratifyingly full water hazards).

John returned a joker-assisted score of 56 stableford points, an incredible achievement. In a regular game, without his two deftly played jokers, John would have scored 49 points, a jaw-dropping effort. The old grey-haired sages around here (some of them are very old and very grey), couldn’t recall a score like it. I think John, who was runner-up in last week’s Friday Club championship, deserves a famous-person plaque on his house along the lines of “John lived here”. Spare a thought for new kid on the block Geoff Hunter who scored 46 points in the same division as John but was beaten by 10 points. You don’t see that very often.

Meanwhile, super cool Maurice Loomes, took the money in division one, with 44 points, ahead of smiling Ray Mathieson with 43.

In division two, a bit of a dodgy zone where the real gamblers live, Fast Fingers Neville Crealy was too sharp for Honest Rob Keir, 44 points to 43.

The Friday Club used this round to raise funds for the Movember charity.

Results Nov 6. Play Your Joker Round

Div 1: Maurice Loomes (11) 44; Ray Mathieson (19) 42

Div 2: Neville Crealy (24) 44; Rob Keir (22) 43

Div 3: John Mackie (37) 56; Geoff Hunter (29) 46

Nearest the pin: **2nd** Evan Kontoulas; **7th** Doug Mansfield.

JUDY HORE
ARCHIVE COMMITTEE SECRETARY

PERRY YELDHAM
PRESIDENT FRIDAY CLUB

JUNIOR PENNANT

Sunday 8th November

The Junior pennant team took on Ryde - Parramatta at Long Reef on Sunday, in a top of the table clash that would determine who would win the division and advance to next weeks quarter finals.

Tyler and Sam got things underway in matches 6 and 5 and both had nervous starts, falling behind early.

Tyler got into his stride with a couple of nice pars around the turn to get his match back to all square, only to give them straight back again on 11 and 12. This time he couldn't arrest the momentum and he shook hands on the 15th with a 3/2 loss.

Sam also fought his way back into the match, doing well to take it all the way to the 18th where an untimely visit out of bounds, unfortunately saw him lose 2 down.

Our dynamic duo Natalia and Josie, playing at 4 and 3, also found the going difficult early and were both two down after 3 holes. Natalia, as only she can, refused to let the scoreboard bother her and continued to fight hard all day. But try as she might she couldn't narrow the gap finishing her match down 3/2.

Josie too fought back extremely well to get back into the match, managing to take it all the way to the 18th where a nice par was not quite enough and she finished her match 1 down.

Mitch, playing at number 2, was the only Long Reef player to get out of the blocks, racing to a 3 hole lead after 4. He maintained this lead all the way to the 15th before an uncharacteristic slip up and a cruel horseshoe putt on the 18th costing him the win, and he instead had to settle for a halved match.

Harry, like the rest of the team, fell a couple behind early on, and while he fought hard making plenty of clutch up and downs to stay in the match, he ultimately went down 2/1.

So a 5.5 v 0.5 loss at home, while no doubt bitterly disappointing for the team, they should all be very proud of the way they performed this season. With another year or two of competition golf under their belt I have no doubt this young group will grow to become a formidable pennant team.

Thanks to all the club members who took time out of their Sunday to support the team on the weekend. Of course special thanks must go out to Mick Snell who never misses a match, home or away, and who over the last few weeks braved some terrible conditions to ensure our kids had someone supporting them at all times. Thanks also to our Captain Doug Campbell for getting along to support the kids each and every weekend.

**MICK MCKERIHAN
MANAGER**

RULES WITH GEORGE

ANSWER c. is correct. A player is not always allowed to take 'Embedded Ball Relief'.

Free relief is not allowed if:

- a ball is embedded at the very base of the lip, wall or face above a bunker
- the spot right behind the ball is in the bunker
- within one club-length of and not nearer the hole from that reference point, there is no part of the relief area that is in the general area

The Reference Point for Relief for a ball embedded in the grassy lip of a bunker would be right behind the ball, above the bunker.

Clarifications of the 2019 Rules of Golf- R&A and USGA (October 2020) applies. The player's best option may be to declare the ball unplayable and take back-on-the-line relief, dropping the ball outside the bunker.

Editor's note: in last week's Friday Club results column Perry referred to the Battle of Marathon fought between the ancient Greeks and Persians. This should have read the Battle of Thermopylae.



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