



# **LONG REEF GOLF CLUB**

## **THE FIRST**

## **ONE HUNDRED YEARS**



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## AUTHOR'S NOTE

This 300 page book may be looked at as two volumes of different styles, with an extensive index at the end covering all decades.

The first 65 years - predominantly written by Ross Lanes with the women's stories told by Sandra Mellowes.

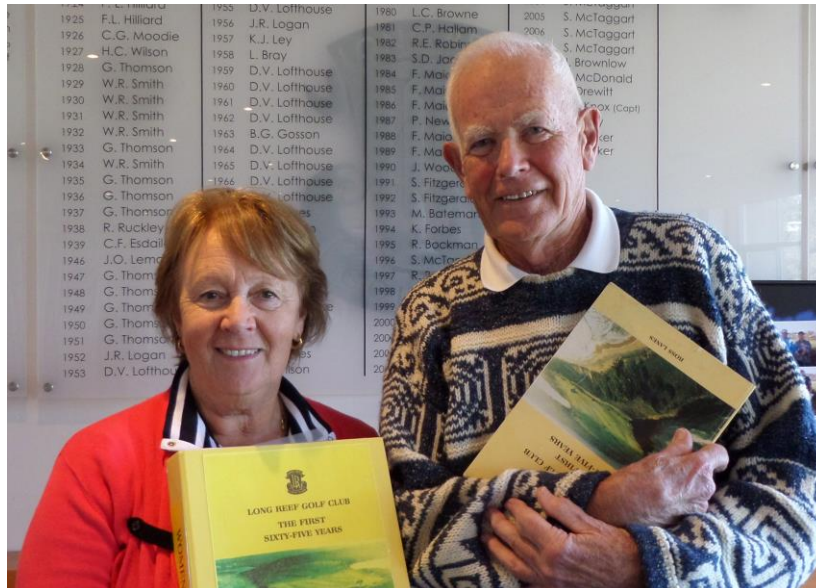
The remaining 35 years -written by Sandra Mellowes and members of the Archive Committee

Readers of the following pages know well that 100 years is a very long time. During that period many people – mostly members of Long Reef – have given their time freely to help make the Club what it is today. At a rough estimate between 1000 and 2000 members have served on the Club Board of Directors and the Women's Committee. Most of these members have spent many hours on Club projects – one told me that his wife thought he was really married to the Club!

It has been virtually impossible to do justice in this book to all of those contributions. Many have been acknowledged in the Decade accounts, many also in individual profiles scattered throughout the book. In still other cases there is mention in the section dealing with special groups within the Club. Finally we have tried to provide a comprehensive listing in the Appendix of all major winners and holders of major positions.

Inevitably there will be some who feel they have not been given their due credit in this book. I hope they will accept our apology for that and will understand that we have had to keep the book at a readable length. This meant that not all deserving names could be included.

As an E-book on the club's website we have the opportunity to both change and add to the text in the future.



*Sandra Mellowes and Ross Lanes 2014*



# INTRODUCTION - THE FIRST 100 YEARS

I have been asked to provide a few introductory words for this book.

One definition of history is: *“current events which are not fully appreciated until they are over”*. I think that may sum up this book fairly well.

I recall the words I used to preface the 65 years book and find they are just as appropriate as I believed them to be back in 1989. I still believe that a golf Club has three vital elements – the Course, the Clubhouse and its Members. While these are all essential ingredients, I think the human element is the most important. Long Reef has had many outstanding members – both as players and as committee members behind the scenes. Of course we all remain interested to read about the development of the course and Clubhouse over their first 100 years and this book covers all that. However I believe its main function is to provide a lasting tribute to all the above members who did so much to make the Club what it is today.

Lastly, on behalf of all readers, I would like to acknowledge the contribution to this book by Sandra Mellowes who joined Long Reef in the '80s. She has added some details to the original manuscript, the First 65, highlighting the contribution of women at this time, and has picked up the Long Reef story from 1989. There is now a reference book called -The First 65 years of Long Reef - Women. Hundreds of hours of research have been done to enable her to mould more recent events into the full 100 years account. A very competent lady.

Ross Lanes 2020

Women became members of Long Reef at the very first opportunity, at the first General Meeting in May 1921. From that date through their own Committees they have developed a programme of golf, celebrated the gifted golfers amongst them, completed their commitments to the LGU, acted as fund-raising volunteers and at times become the “Housewives” of the Clubhouse.

It is hoped that this 100 years publication can illustrate something of the role that both men and women have played in the development of the Club, Course and Clubhouse since the very beginning

We are grateful for Ross Lanes' detailed research and scholarship. He acknowledges that the women's written records were lost or destroyed in 1950 during a flood of the Greenkeepers shed where they were stored, making it difficult to put an account of the women's contributions together. Sadly we missed the opportunity to speak to the “Old” women members comprehensively, who were still at the Club in the '80s. However using the Club Minute Books pre-1950, names on trophies, Registration Books, Accounts, Newspaper articles of the times, computer sites and individual interviews an outline of achievements has been collected and we can acknowledge something of the contribution of all members. Fortunately women's post 1950 records are fully available.

The term Associate was used to describe all categories of Women's membership until 1996, when equality of membership was introduced. For Associate, read Women.

Sandra Mellowes 2020

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS - THE FIRST 65 YEARS

I would like to acknowledge the assistance given by a number of persons towards this project.

First, a former member, Peter Oliver, completed some earlier research towards a history and on behalf of the Club I would like to thank Peter for his efforts.

Wally Smith, who features prominently in the book, was an invaluable source of information, particularly on the earlier years, until his untimely death on 8 July, 1989. From his home in Bowral at an age in his mid-80s, he drove to Sydney on a number of occasions for discussions on the book. It is a matter of considerable regret that Wally did not live to see the fruits of these efforts. His contribution is very gratefully acknowledged.

Dick Swift's association with the Club also goes back to the very early days and he has been most helpful with his recollections.

John Hall and Des Lofthouse have provided a number of valuable comments and observations particularly about life at the Club in the fifties and sixties.

Among the Associates, Ruby Watts and Dorothy Leonard both joined in the early 1940s and have contributed some very useful insights into the war experience at the Club and also the history from the Associates' angle.

Former member Col Browne, Doug Cartledge and a number of other members gave willing assistance in compiling the "Reef All-rounders" item.

Others have provided photos and press cuttings and have volunteered personal recollections, all of which have played their part in making this history possible.

Finally, I would like to record my appreciation of the support given by the President, Allan Delaney, and all members of the Committee. They have co-operated in this venture in every way possible and without their help the book could not have been produced.

Ross Lanes 1989

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - THE FIRST 100 YEARS

Special thanks go to Archive Committee member Joy Reece, who with her tireless research found so many results and newspaper articles about Long Reef and tracked down photographs from relatives outside the Club to put a face to a name. Judy Hore, has acted as advisor and proof reader, and has completed so much of the typing, all those lists and tabulations! In Judy's usual way there was a dry criticism of both my and Shirley Blackburn's handwriting.

Shirley is to be thanked for putting the draft '80s story together in the Associate/Women's first 65 years book. This era she can well call her own, with so much of her time spent serving on the women's committee. I thank the Burke family, especially Pam for the family stories, for taking photos especially of the men players and conducting interviews. The very first story written for the women's 'Book' was the story of the "Twilight Tea House", and I thank Betty for all her help, filling in so much of the story covering three generations and the photos of those early Collaroy years. This story and one of Betty stand alone on the website. Rae Milsted not only told us her story but described the early days of Collaroy that she visited as a child. Both Lilith Gollan and Les Browne have added information from theirs and their families involvement over decades. Les has also used his experience to make the lists in the index of course changes, special events and NSW Reps. Brian Cummins was a great help in building up a number of profiles of our men players.

Archive Committee member Mick Snell is thanked for all his work on the draft of 2010-20 chapter and for updating the Reef All-rounders article and for also conducting individual profiles. Peter Verrills was able to modernize the Goulburn story and Rob Keir President of Friday Club from 2017-19 explained the present Friday Club achievements, aims and ambitions.

Michelle Harradine has painstakingly scanned, re-set and typed the content of this E-book to put on the Club's website. Her help on a daily basis has been invaluable. Michelle's extensive contribution to the completion of this book and all the edits needed is acknowledged with many thanks beyond the time she worked at the club.

I thank everyone who has allowed us to interview them and include their achievements here.

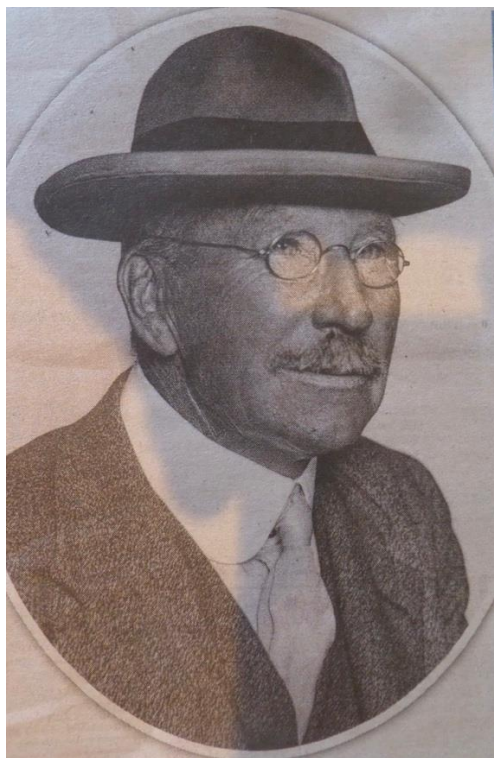
The Archive Committee members have all played their part in creating resources not only for the books, but also to create an Archive and preserve all we have. This Archive collection can now display much more than what can be shown in a book.

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For further information please see the book of "LISTS" and stories and items in the Archives Cupboard and on display at the Golf Club and on the web site.

Sandra Mellowes - For the Archives Committee December 2020



*Hon Arthur Griffith. Minister of Lands*



*Opened at last: the Collaroy to Manly tramway extensions 1912*



# CHAPTER ONE - EARLY BEGINNINGS

The history of Long Reef Golf Club strictly begins a few years after World War 1. However, to set the scene for the Club's Foundation, let us first briefly review some of the earlier background history of the area.

Geologists say that a long time ago (well before white settlement) the Long Reef headland was an offshore island with the ocean flowing over what are now the lower parts of the course and Collaroy Basin. Even before that it is believed that the headland was portion of a volcanic crater; a study of the composition of the cliff face lends support for this view. Also the soil of the headland is relatively rich compared with the surrounding infertile sandy wastes, giving further weight to the volcano theory.

Prior to white settlement, the coastal aborigines used part of the headland area as a burial ground. Some of their remains were excavated during the early construction of the golf course and Clubhouse.

No one seems quite sure how Long Reef came to be so named (though the choice would seem logical enough). The first recorded reference seems to be by Government Surveyor, James Meehan, who in his field book in 1814 referred to the present Dee Why lagoon as "a lagoon south of Long Reef".

The area was used for farming early in the 1800's. In an advertisement in the "Australian" in 1825, the following description appeared: "To let for a term of years, as may be agreed upon, that desirable farm at Long Reef lately the property and in the occupation of Mr Matthew Bacon, deceased, containing 730 acres of land, of which 52 are cleared, and have been in cultivation.

"There is a substantial farmhouse, two stories high, with four good rooms, besides skillions, also a barn, a paddock of about seven acres, a garden of five acres and salt works comprising among other conveniences for salt making two excellent pans capable of boiling ten cwt of salt per day."

Around this time the land in Bacon's estate passed to James Jenkins and it remained in the Jenkins family for the balance of the nineteenth century. It was used to grow some crops, notably oats, and for dairying and general grazing. Some butter was produced.

By the end of the 1890's the owner, Jenkins' daughter Elizabeth, had become somewhat of a recluse. She bequeathed her estate to the Salvation Army which, from her death in 1900, continued farming until 1912. At that time public resentment at their being denied access to the beachfront areas by the "Army's" farm fences and a disagreement between the "Army" and Council over rates to be paid led to the Crown resuming the area. From then it was administered by the Warringah Shire Council acting as trustee for the Crown. It was named Griffith Park after the Minister for Lands, the Hon. Arthur Griffith, who was a principal party to the acquisition from the Salvation Army and who, in 1924, was made a Life Member of the Club.

An interesting fact which is probably not well known is that there is at least one old mine shaft or tunnel running under the golf course. Department of Mines records do not reveal when the digging took place, which suggests that this must have occurred some years before, probably about the middle of the last century. However, it is understood that the miners were searching for copper. The tunnel was sealed off some years ago because of fears that someone might become trapped in a rock fall. One older resident of the area recalls playing as a child in a tunnel the entrance to which was in the east cliff below the present 13<sup>th</sup> and which extended west for more than 30 yards. A Sydney University geologist recalls many years ago noting mine works and a tunnel entrance in the south cliff face near the 17<sup>th</sup> tee.

Immediately after the public acquisition, Griffith Park was developed as a public recreation area with camping permitted on the slopes. One very popular area for camping was the slope above the present 12<sup>th</sup> tee and to the north of the lower half of the 12<sup>th</sup> fairway. Stock were permitted to graze

on the upper part of the headland. It is worth noting that much of the central area – the lower part of what is now the golf course – was then a swamp.

A N.S.W. Government Tourist Bureau Guide issued in 1919 contained the following description:

"GRIFFITH PARK" Along this stretch of coast on the right of the tram abuts Griffith Park, which embraces the whole of Long Reef headland, and stretches between the tram line and the ocean from Collaroy Beach on the north to Dee Why Lagoon on the south.

On this fine stretch of 175 acres every convenience exists to make camping conditions as pleasant as possible. A camping fee of 2s 6d per tent per week is charged by the Warringah Shire Council, Brookvale, who administer the area."

The Warringah Shire at the end of the First World War was essentially a recreational area. Roads were not good, being of gravel surface. Very few of the population owned cars. Whilst Manly and Harbord were fairly well developed, the beach areas further north were still somewhat primitive, consisting mostly of clusters of "weekenders" with a small number of more substantial dwellings.

Development had received a boost in 1913 with the extension of the tram line from Brookvale to Narrabeen. The Twight family had seen the implications of the arrival of the trams and had opened the Twight Tea Rooms, the first commercial business on Collaroy beach, in 1912. (The rooms became the neighbourhood meeting rooms.) Trams remained the main form of public transport through the inter war period until 1939 when they were replaced by buses. The travelling time to reach the city from localities such as Dee Why and further north was sufficient to discourage any significant residential expansion until the post-World War 2 era. Grandson, Dick Twight and wife Betty were to join the Golf Club in 1968 and Dick went on to be Club Captain.



*Twight Tea Rooms - Collaroy in the '20s*

Dick Twight joined the Club in 1968 and retired because of ill health in 2008 after 40 years of membership. His Club Captaincy was from 1982-1984 and he was a committee member from 1974-1977 and again in 1988-1992. He was a celebrated leader, competitor and mentor of the Collaroy Surf Life Saving Club. He was awarded the OAM in 1990 for his services to the SSLC. (For more information about the Twight Family, please see the following link <https://longreefgolfClub.com.au/from-the-archives/the-twight-connection/>)

The number of courses available to golfers in Sydney in 1920 was very limited - much smaller than it was even at the beginning of World War 2. Many of Sydney's northern and north-western courses were constructed in the inter-war period - Clubs such as Pennant Hills, Avondale, Pymble, Roseville, Chatswood, Gordon, Cromer, Elanora, Oatlands to name some. Long Reef was to lead the way in a twenty-year period of golf course development in Sydney, the like of which had not been seen previously and has not been seen at any time since.



*Looking towards Dee Why from Long Reef headland early last century (Photo: J. Collins).*

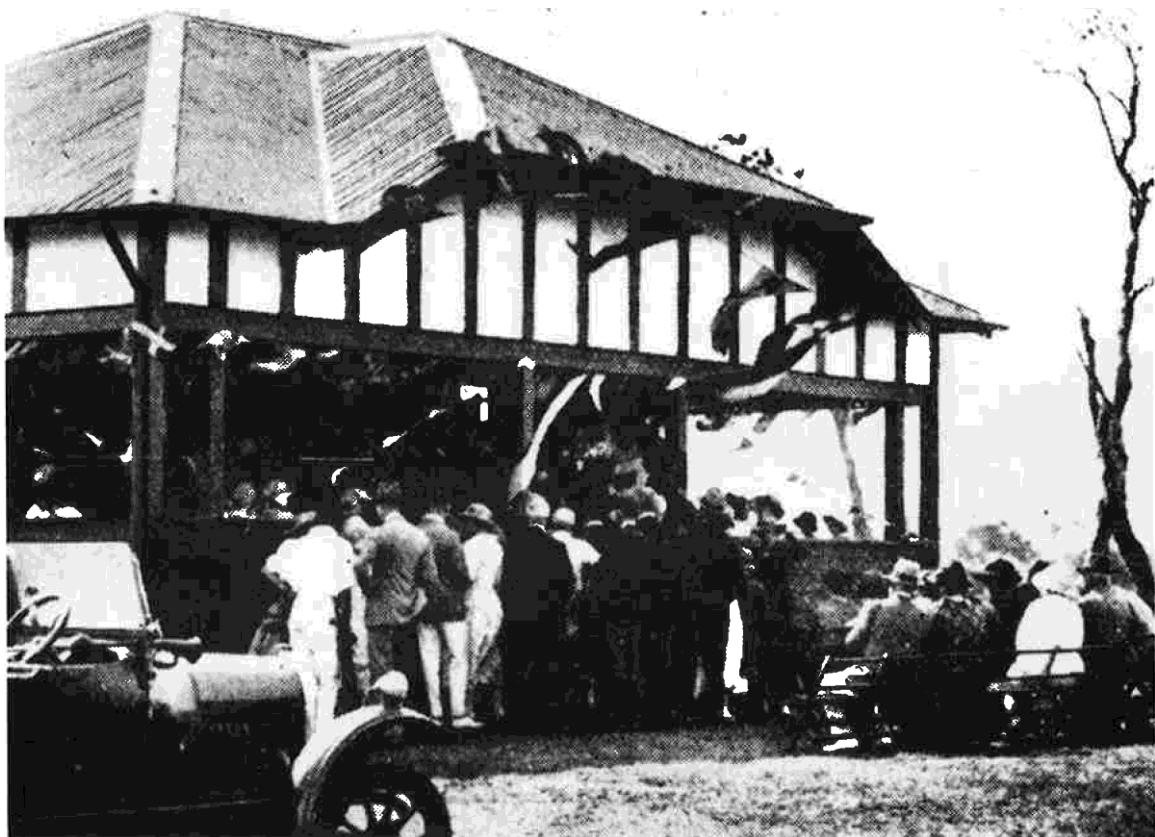


*Collaroy Shops looking north in the early '20s. Twilight's Rooms where the Club's formation meeting was held in 1921 can be seen on the right.*





*Looking towards Long Reef headland from Collaroy about 1920.*



*Long Reef Golf Club and Course Opening Ceremony - 17 February, 1923.*



## CHAPTER TWO - BIRTH OF THE GOLF CLUB

On 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1920 Mr. Cecil H Martin of Brookvale wrote to Warringah Shire Council as follows: "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 e.g. putting down holes. Should you desire more details, I will be pleased to supply them." Cecil was invited to address the council in October. The Council recommended to the Department of Lands that permission be granted. Approval was duly obtained and Council advised Mr. Martin in December, 1920.

Mr Martin, a local teacher was not among the original membership of the Club. However, he must have been working behind the scenes. He went on to teach at Burwood School and later moved to Tasmania. Some five months after the Council's approval was given, a public meeting was held in Twilight's Rooms, Collaroy, on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1921 to form a Golf Club. Mr A.G. Parr, President of Warringah Shire Council, took the chair. Motions were carried to form a Club to be called Long Reef Golf Club and formally seek Council permission to use portion of Griffith Park. Annual fees were set at two guineas for gentlemen, one guinea for ladies and one guinea for non-players. A committee was elected and Messrs H. L. Mann and J.W Alford were appointed President and Secretary respectively.

The following week the Committee examined the Rules and by-Laws of Moore Park, Cammeray and Manly Golf Clubs and adapted those of Moore Park for Long Reef's purposes. The draft rules were adopted by a General Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1921. A bank account was opened with donations of 5 guineas each from four members at the meeting.

Presumably there was no disadvantage in having had Mr R. G. Jamieson as Shire Clerk at the time. He himself was a golfer and became the first Club Treasurer, serving in all from 1921 to 1927 and then becoming one of 6 Vice-Presidents until 1934. In the event, things seemed to move quite fast and Council permission to establish the links was formally given on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1921.

The draft rules submitted were approved by Council subject to insertion of a rule limiting the number of members who were neither residents nor ratepayers of the Shire, to 25% of total membership. The Club also had to accept all responsibility for any accident that may be caused by golfers to any person using the Park.

The Club's first Secretary, Mr J. W. Alford, resigned in January, 1922 and was replaced by Mr A.P. Lambert, initially in an honorary capacity. The first Annual General Meeting was held in July, 1922 and Mr W. A. Hudson was elected as a Vice-President. Both he and Mr Lambert were to continue in senior administrative roles throughout the pre-World War 2 period and make valuable contributions in the formative years of the Club.

The initial course was laid out over nine holes. There is no record in the Club's books of when it was first opened for play; it seems likely that this occurred progressively as holes were completed. Grazing cattle constituted an early problem and wire fences were erected around the greens.

In July, 1922, Council permission was sought to erect a Clubhouse. Plans were drawn up and the cost was estimated at \$510. Approval was promptly obtained and the building was completed some three months later. The Clubhouse was no doubt adequate at that stage of the Club's development but as can be seen from the photos, it was little more than a shed by today's standards. Water was connected but initially there was no electricity, sewerage or even basic drainage and of course no phone.

The official opening ceremony was held on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1923. It was quite an event at the time, guests including Members of Parliament, Councillors, the Mayor of Manly, Presidents and Secretaries of suburban Golf Clubs etc.

Something of the atmosphere can be derived from the account in "Golf in Australia" -

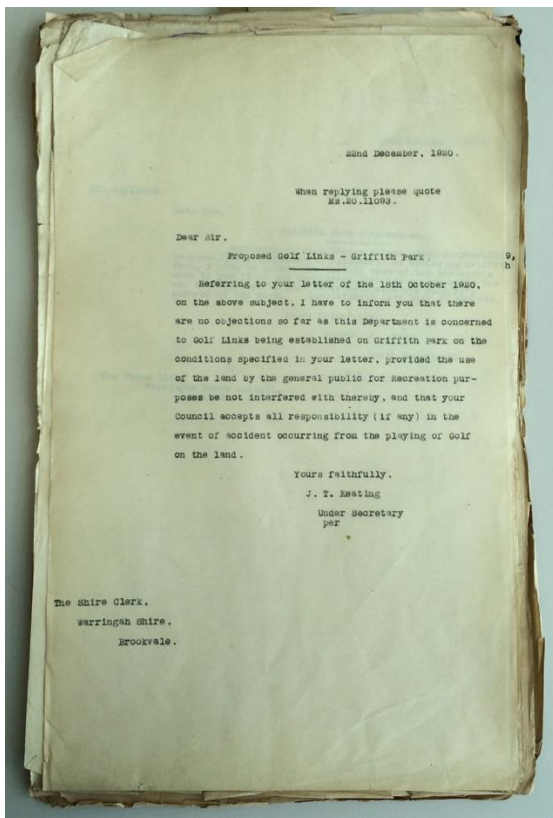
"One of the most generally discussed subjects amongst city golfers today is the lack of suitable land on which to lay down links. The waiting list of metropolitan Clubs is enormous... It is pleasing to note that another Club has been added to the list, namely the Long Reef Golf Club which was officially opened by Sir William Vicars, President of Bonnie Doon, on February 17, the ceremony being attended by a large enthusiastic and interested gathering. The whole affair was a great success and the Club is to be congratulated on their links and in particular the site... Situated as it is amid delightful surroundings, the Club undoubtedly has a great future. The Club came into existence about 18 months ago and in so short a time, a splendid Clubhouse has been erected, commanding a perfect view, a course drilled into excellent playing order together with a very creditable membership.

There is not the slightest doubt however that the day Mr H. L. Mann took the ribbons as President was an exceedingly lucky one for the Club and all connected with it. A man of attractive and charming personality, he takes a keen and kindly interest in his Club's activities and with such an able and enthusiastic leader, Long Reef cannot be other than successful and a credit to those attached."

The women members played an important role in the development of the Golf Club, course and Clubhouse from the very beginning. Few pre-1950 women's records have survived, but information has been gleaned from the Club Minutes, newspaper results, donated trophies, and photographs.

Following the meeting on the 14th May 1921 when a Club Committee was elected, as mentioned above, a General meeting was held on the 28th May. Eight women joined the Club on this day, and the membership continued to grow steadily every week. By 1922 they were over 50 women strong.

And so it all began....



December 1920

Letter of approval from NSW to Warringham Shire.

"Dear Sir

Proposed Golf Links – Griffith Park.

Referring to your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> October 1920, on the above subject, I have to inform you that there are no objections so far as this Department is concerned to Golf Links being established on Griffith Park on the conditions specified in your letter, provided the use of the land by the general public for Recreation purposes be not interfered with thereby, and that your Council accepts all responsibility (if any) in the event of accident occurring from the playing of Golf on the Land.

Yours faithfully J.T. Keating

Under Secretary"

## HENRY LOVELL MANN



*Henry Lovell Mann*

The first President of Long Reef Golf Club was Mr. Henry Lovell Mann. He held the position for six years and was an experienced guiding hand. He was already a Vice-President of Bonnie Doon Golf Club. He lived at Centennial Park and was a Paper Merchant. (See page 17.)

In 1927 he retired from the Club and his parting gift was two panoramic photos that are still on display in the Club. He can be seen standing in the middle of one of the panoramic photos with his dark suit, cane and hat. (See page 35.) He became a Life Member in 1927. His wife Lola Blanche was also a member. He died in 1935.

## W. ARTHUR HUDSON



*W. A Hudson*

Arthur Hudson holds one record which will take some beating - the longest period as President. He was elected in 1927 after five years as Vice-President to H. L. Mann, and served in the top post for the next 13 years. He presided over the Club during much of its early development - initial construction, extension to 18 holes etc.

In his business life, Arthur was Managing Director of Arthur Cocks & Co, Importers. He ran the financial side of the Club in an efficient and conservative style. He always dressed conservatively, was a bachelor and supported the Club's social events. He tended towards aloofness rather than being "one of the Boys" but was well respected and liked by the members.

The Hudson Shield remains to this day as a lasting reminder of Arthur Hudson's outstanding contribution to the Club. He was also made a Life Member in 1940.





*Old 4th (Later 6th) green of the nine-hole course located just below present 16th tee - 1925.*



*Looking East - late '20s*

## CHAPTER THREE- THE TWENTIES

Golf at Long Reef in the 1920s was a pretty informal and relaxed affair. Wally Smith, who joined in 1926, said: "When I first arrived, I was struck by what a happy sort of place it was. Members used to hang their clothes under a tree. Many of them were cricketers and footballers from the surrounding district. Some were men of considerable standing in the business and professional community, but there was little stuffiness. The general atmosphere was free and easy."

Course development was seen as a priority by the committees of the time. By July 1925, membership stood at 152 members and 119 Associates. The 9-hole course was very popular at weekends and play was often very congested. As early as 1923, the Club sought Council permission "to improve the swamp land and sand hills in the direction of Dee Why beach, with a view to the ultimate extension of the course."

Despite the laudatory remarks by "Golf in Australia" at the 1923 opening, the condition of the course in the early years was undoubtedly pretty rough. To give some idea of the problems of maintenance of fairways and greens, a few items from the Club minutes are interesting:

\*1923 – tenders called for horse, cart and harness (purchased for \$60). Purchase of 100 gallon tank and hose.

\*1925 – report sought on piping necessary for laying on water to greens (arranged for \$50). Purchase of a horse mower.

The photo on the previous page shows a foursome on the then 4<sup>th</sup> green which was situated just below the present 16<sup>th</sup> tee. The type of green then used can be clearly seen.

It has been a little difficult to "reconstruct" the layout of the original course. None of the 1920s members are still with us, the number of changes made to actual holes over the years have made clear recollections difficult. Wally Smith and Dick Swift were most helpful in the '80s and the net results of their "memory test" is the following sketch below (although it is very likely that at one stage the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> were played as the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>).

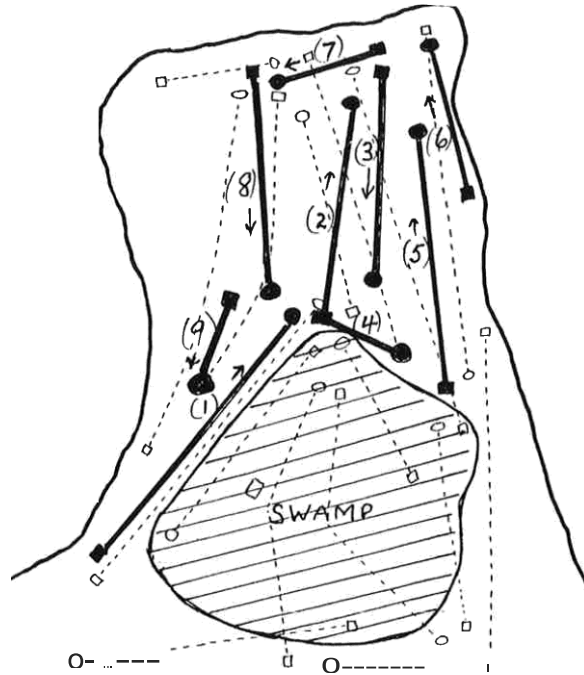
"Golf in Australia" also obliged with some description in 1924. Space does not permit a full reproduction of their hole-by-hole account of the course but golfers of today may be interested in the 6<sup>th</sup> hole which was played UP the present 16<sup>th</sup>.

"The 6<sup>th</sup> is the bete noire of all beginners, especially the faders, aided and abetted in summer by the ever-present north-easter. A short hole about 146 yards, it should offer no terror to the straight players but should a ball be sliced ever so little, a north-easter immediately whips it away over the 70ft cliff on the right to be swallowed by the Pacific. Small boys in bathing costumes wait until the tide goes out and make quite a harvest retrieving balls."

Dick Swift recalls: "... being young and balls costing two bob we used to go down the cliff after them." There were many other stories associated with the hole. One concerns a golfer named Farrand who became known as the scatter gun artist of Long Reef when he shot the limit, by putting 10 balls into the ocean. Another records that Fitz Lough, who was first Club Champion, actually threw his Clubs over after slicing several balls into the Pacific Ocean.

The quality of golf in those days reflected to some extent the teaching endeavours of the young pro., Frank Eyre. Frank was appointed in 1922 and was to become one of the longest serving golf professionals in Sydney. (See separate note page 32) Frank and Wally Smith were the top performers of the day and both had some outstanding rounds on the 9-hole course. Wally set a course record with 66 in 1927; a copy of his card can be seen below. A third younger player, Gordon Thomson, also joined in 1926; although overshadowed by Wally Smith in the late 20s, he was to more than make his mark over the next two decades.





Old Nine Hole layout - 1927

As a little known youngster in his early twenties, Wally Smith was also carving his niche in the wider golfing world with numerous wins in invitation events at other Clubs. Probably his greatest achievement was being runner-up to Eric Apperly in the N.S.W State Amateur Title in 1927. Frank Eyre was also doing very well in the professional ranks. His biggest early achievement was to win the Sun-Herald \$1000 Pro Tournament at the Australian Club in 1925 (see special note on page 32)

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## The Long Reef Golf Club

STROKE    BOGEY  
3    2

PLAYER W R SMITH    REPLACE DIVOTS    HANDICAP \_\_\_\_\_

HOLES	Yards	BOGEY	Stroke Index	PLAYER		HOLES	Yards	BOGEY	Stroke Index	PLAYER	
				Strokes	+ Won - Lost O Half					Strokes	+ Won - Lost O Half
1	445	5	5	4		10	445	5	6	5	
2	334	5	11	5		11	334	5	12	4	
3	377	4	1	4		12	377	4	2	4	
4	120	3	15	3		13	120	3	16	3	
5	400	5	7	5		14	400	5	8	4	
6	200	4	17	3		15	200	4	18	4	
7	134	3	9	3		16	134	3	10	3	
8	315	4	3	3		17	315	4	4	3	
9	168	3	13	3		18	168	3	14	3	
		2493	36	33				2493	36	Add Score First 9 Holes	33
								2493	36	Gross Total	66
								4986	72	Deduct Handicap	
								NET TOTAL			

Signature of Marker } R. J. LOUDON  
Date } 8 JAN 1927

THIS CARD MEASURES SIX INCHES ACROSS

Course record established by W. R. Smith in 1927.

One interesting story concerning Frank Eyre was related in "Golf in Australia" in 1925: "On Saturday night, June 6, starting at 8.50, Frank Eyre, the Long Reef Pro, essayed the task of playing the course by moonlight. He completed a meritorious round of 39, only 4 over bogey, by 10pm. The only assistance he received in the way of artificial light was that of a torch held by a member of his gallery of three and which was flashed on the ball at each stroke. It was an extraordinary feat, for Long Reef is bogeyed at a figure which requires most accurate play to beat the Colonel."

The Club formally applied to the Council at the end of 1927 for permission to extend the course to 18 holes. A committee (Messrs Foggitt, Whytock and Marshall) was appointed to handle construction. A tender for \$200 was accepted for clearing the swamp and surrounding scrub. The services of Dan Soutar (Manly Professional) were engaged to assist Frank Eyre lay out the new holes.

Meanwhile the original Clubhouse underwent a series of modifications as the '20s progressed. Electricity was connected in 1924; a lounge room and Secretary's office were added in 1927 and the verandah was extended. The following year the verandah was glassed in and a laundry, bathroom and kitchen extension were added.

Members gained the luxury of a hot shower. In 1929, it is seen in the Minute book that the first motion to acquire a poker machine was lost. By this time the Clubhouse had been somewhat transformed from its 1923 shape to the version in the photo on page 24.

The Club won its first grade competition in 1927 – the C Grade pennant (as a 9 hole course it would not have been eligible for higher honours).

The original fee structure was raised a number of times during the twenties. By July 1927, it stood as: members' entrance fee: 5 guineas members' subs 4 guineas per. annum; Associates' entrance and subs: 2 guineas.

An early recruit in the twenties was Mr W.E McMurray, an ex-Manly ferry captain, as Caretaker/Starter. Warringah Shire Council also appointed him in 1923 as Honorary Ranger with duties to regulate activities of campers in the vicinity of the course. He was to serve the Club for several decades and became affectionately known among members as "Old Mac".

As for the female members, the wording of the caption to the 1926 photo below shows that they had a committee in place, and related matters in the Club's Minute books prove that they ran their own finances as Associate members, had a programme of competitions as well as running charity events and entering Pennants teams.



*1926 "Ladies of Long Reef." L-R Miss M. Lawler, Mrs Emmanuel. Mrs Stanley (Women's Captain) Mrs Davis, Mrs Gaffney. Photo and caption appeared in the Evening News 1926.*



Below is a precious photo and the oldest original photo of women at Long Reef Golf Club in the Club's possession. It was given to the Women's Committee some years ago and must have been in an individual golfer's collection.

Only one name is certain, Miss Enid Greenwood. With some detective work the Archive Committee has been able to find a skeleton of information on the other Women named - where they lived, when they joined and some of their golf results (See – WOMEN The First 65 years -Book)

Miss Enid Greenwood was one of the first women to join, along with her father, and remained a member until after the war in the '40s. She was not only a good player and team member but also a very active member in organising social events and war time fund raising. (The first charity event was for the Manly Babies Hospital Fund.) There are newspaper reports of dances held at Halls in Manly and even a Dinner dance held at the Wentworth in town. Although the Clubhouse had been built by 1923 it was not large enough for such events.



*A Group of Ladies at Long Reef Golf Club, standing on the northern side of the Clubhouse. 4th from the Left - Miss E. Greenwood. Photo also includes Mrs. L.L. Blundell, Miss Enid Jones, Miss H. Hamner, Mrs. Ida Clift, and Mrs. C.H. Kenyon. Three women included are unnamed.*

One of the most competent Associate players of the time was Miss Enid Yeldham who joined the Club as a beginner in 1922. She won the Club Championship in 1927. She had five years at the Club. She married and became Mrs Clements and joined Manly. By 1928 she had become the runner-up in the NSW Championship and in 1929 the winner. She went on to become something of a legend at Manly Golf Club with a long and very successful playing career.



*Miss Enid Yeldham*



*The Medal Winners Cup.  
Donated by the Club to the Associates in 1929.*

Medal rounds had commenced in 1923, with a spoon presented as a prize. By 1929 the Medal Winners Cup was donated by the Club Committee and has been played for continuously, with the exception of the war years, ever since. In 1922 the Club invited the women to propose Club colours to be registered with NSW. This could have been the beginning of early inter-Club games. There is definite proof of a pennant team from 1926. The men were not the only ones to get a win in the 20s.

A shield presently on display in the Offices of GNSW shows Long Reef as the winner of the 1929 LGU Div. 1 B Grade Shield. Manly Club also has records of playing against our 1926 team. Thanks to some newspaper reports and the efforts of Anne Hutchison at Manly Golf Club we know the names of the Long Reef players in 1929. The teams were made up of 7 players, but there seems to be a list of fourteen names in the squad. We can assume that these were the leading players of the day. The team included, Miss Carney, Miss Jones, Miss Robison, Mrs Davis, Miss Brown, Mrs Ewington, Mrs Macinnes. Mrs Kenyon, Miss Angel, Mrs Miller, Mrs McGuiness, Miss Moore, Miss Kearney, and Mrs Les Messurier.



*Long Reef Golf Club wins LGU Div. 1 B Grade Shield 1929.*

Women became members of Long Reef at the very first opportunity. As mentioned in the introduction through their own committee they developed a programme of golf, celebrated the gifted golfers amongst them, completed their commitments to the LGU, acted as fund-raising volunteers and at times became the “Housewives’ of the ever changing and developing Clubhouse.

The 1920s decade closed with the second nine holes under construction and the Club looking to enter a team in the A Grade Competition in 1931. The Depression had arrived and many members were feeling the pinch, forcing the Club to introduce some fees concessions. But overall the picture was of a Club perhaps not affluent, but certainly in good shape.



*Edna Garden-Gardiner*

In 2017 Anne Hutchinson (Manly Golf Club) kindly donated a Long Reef trophy to the Club. It had been in her family for years and was won by her great- aunt, Edna Garden-Gardiner. It was presented to her when winning the Consolation Championship Cup in 1929, proving to us that this competition was held alongside the Championship in those days. Edna was also a member of Manly and was a Long Reef Member from 1924-32.



## ALFRED PEYRONNET LAMBERT

“Pop” Lambert was the first Captain of the Club, elected at the AGM in 1922 (there was no Captain necessary in 1921-22 as there was no set course). He held this post for one year, finding then that his other duties as Hon. Secretary made life a bit too hectic. In 1924 he became the first Life Member of the Club.

In 1921 when the club opened he was teaching at the Narrabeen school having started as a “pupil” teacher at the age of 19 in Wellington NSW in 1879. At the time of his retirement from teaching in 1925 the Club recognised the importance of the secretarial role by making “Pop” the first fulltime paid Secretary at \$6 per week. He held this position until 1940, and over this 15 year period he made a very valuable contribution to the Club. “Golf in Australia” in 1940 noted as follows: “A. P. Lambert, Secretary of Long Reef Golf Club, astounded his members when he intimated that he was in his eightieth year and felt it was time to resign. It would be difficult to find another active golf Club secretary of such seniority in any country.”

“Pop” Lambert died in July, 1943. For many years (until the 1970s), his memory was honoured when members competed for the A. P. Lambert Cup.



*Honorary Secretary, 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 1922 – 11<sup>th</sup> July 1925.  
Secretary, 12<sup>th</sup> July 1925 – 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 1940*





## WILLIAM WHYTOCK

The name of William Whytock has been preserved in the form of the Whytock Cup, played for annually among medal winners of the previous 12 months. (Before going further, let's get one thing straight: his name was pronounced "Wittock" with the accent on the first syllable, not "white-ock" as most believe).

William Whytock was a quite prolific writer on golf and recognised authority in his day, particularly on golf etiquette and the traditions of the game. He published a book "Golf: How to Improve Your Game" in 1926.

He was a regular correspondent in "Golf in Australia" under the nom-de-plume of "Sandy Tee". Upon his death in 1936, that journal published a lengthy tribute describing his loss as "a severe one for Australian golf":

"Born into a golfing atmosphere, he took to the game as soon as he could walk... he became so efficient that as a young golfer in Scotland he attained the scratch standard and, a little later, the plus mark. He was Captain and Secretary of various Scottish and English Clubs. The list of his golfing Associates is a virtual who's who of the early 20th century –Tom Morris, J. H. Taylor, Harry Vardon and James Braid to name just a few".

He settled in the Manly district about the end of the First World War and was involved with Long Reef Club almost from the outset. He also played a major part in the design of Cromer course. He was Long Reef Captain for four years from 1924 to 1928 and also a President of Balgowlah Golf Club in the late 20s.

Two stories about him are worth relating:

An item in 1925 reported that as a C-grader he had never been defeated in grade matches over 4 or 5 seasons.

In 1926 in a B-grade match at the age of 67 he "conceded" 50 years to the up and coming young Keane. The latter won a close match, both completing the last nine holes in 37.

Wally Smith remembered him as a craggy, fierce-looking Scot, who hit with a big back-swing known as "the St Andrews swing".

His obituary included the following – his golf philosophy: "and when the last great scorer comes to write against your name he'll not ask if you won or lost but how you played the game"

## WALTER SMITH – THE PLAYER

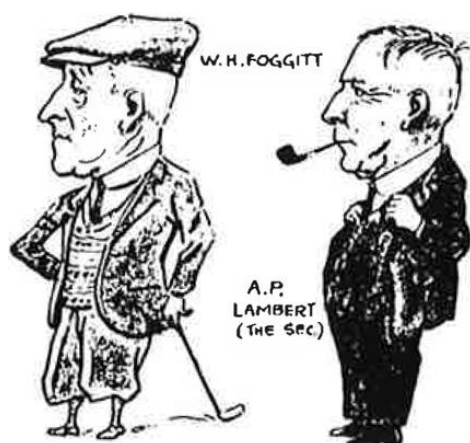
Wally Smith was born in Maitland in 1904. His family moved to Manly during the First World War and he was educated at Sydney High School. He was an athlete (at school he was half-mile and mile champion) and he joined the North Steyne S.L.S.C. He played Rugby Union both at school and for Manly Reserve Grade team. An injury forced him to look to a different sport. He caddied at Manly and the Pro there, Dan Soutar, saw his potential and encouraged him to take up the game seriously. Essentially though, he was a self-taught player.

Wally joined Moore Park and made rapid golf progress. He was selected in the B team in 1925 and when they began to play in A-grade he was promoted. He was one of the few undefeated players that season. In 1926 he suffered two defeats. Tired of the travel to Moore Park, he joined Long Reef in 1926 and began playing with their team in 1927.

1927 was a big year. He returned a course record 72 at Blackheath and a 66 at Wentworth Falls. In the N.S.W State Title at Royal Sydney, he just scraped into the match-play section, tying for 15<sup>th</sup> place in the qualification rounds. He then proceeded to knock off first Murdoch then Sturrock to reach the semi-final against former Australian Open Champion, Alex Russell. Wally was not expected to win this but he proved everyone wrong with a one-up victory. In the final, Wally went down 4 and 3 to Eric Apperly of Manly, but performed with distinction. Press items of the day featured such headlines as "Smith's Promise". It should be noted that before the final, Apperly had three State and one Australian Amateur titles to his credit.

Wally went from strength to strength over the next few years. He was selected in the N.S.W. team to tour N.Z for the Kirk-Windeyer Cup in 1929. He won numerous open events at other Clubs – too many to list here. They included several at Manly, a course he seemed to enjoy. He won the Long Reef Championship 5 times, was Champion of Champions in 1930 and represented the Club in pennants for 25 years. In 1954 at the age of 50, he won the Long Reef Medal against a strong field of leading State amateurs. He set course records at Long Reef on a number of occasions including 66 in 1927 on the 9 hole course (page 22) and another 66 in 1936.

Throughout his playing career, Wally remained modest and seemingly unaffected by all his successes. He was always a gentleman and set high standards of good sportsmanship. He did however remain deeply proud of his achievements and with a record such as the above, why shouldn't he?



1929





*Wally Smith*



*Frank Eyre receives the Stonehaven Cup from former Governor-General, Lord Stonehaven for winning the Australian Open in 1930. It was the first year that the trophy was named the Stonehaven Cup*



*Frank Eyre*



## FRANK P. EYRE

Frank “Happy” Eyre, as he was generally known, was a good all-round sportsman. He grew up in the Manly area and was a keen surfer as well as rugby union player. He achieved distinction in the latter field, representing N.S.W.

He was a very young professional when appointed to Long Reef in 1922. His retainer was a meagre \$2 per week for which he was required, in addition to golf instruction etc, to assist the greenkeeper on Thursday afternoons and all day Friday each week.

He began to compete in professional events and by 1925 was starting to “emerge from the ruck”. In April of that year “Golf in Australia” commented: “Frank Eyre is very consistently closing up the margin of the lead obtained by the star pros. His latest achievement was to finish one stroke behind the leaders in the 36 holes Killara Open, with a record 70 for the second round.”

Shortly afterwards he competed in the Sun-Herald \$1000 tournament. A report commented: “His long game is tremendous and for such a prodigious hitter amazingly accurate”. He lost to Tom Howard, a leading Pro of the time, at the 37<sup>th</sup>.

In 1926 Frank won the Sun \$1000 tourney. After this effort William Whytock, Club Captain contributed the following to “Golf in Australia”: ... I have played frequently with him and have watched with interest his gradual and sure improvement at the game. Frank Eyre is a sounder golfer than Joe Kirkwood and he has the great golfing asset that Kirkwood lacked – the golfing temperament.

I have always considered Frank’s putting and approaching very sound. His swing in the long game is good and his build is ideal for a hitter.”

In 1926 Frank played a close to perfect round at Long Reef with 63 on the 9 hole course – out in 33 and home in 30. The last 9 included 6 birdies and an eagle.

He continued to have some good wins over the next few years. In 1929 he won the Royal Sydney Cup, was runner-up to Fred Popplewell in N.S.W. Pro Championship at Manly and won the P.G.A. Cup at Royal Sydney.

In 1930 he reached his peak of performance, winning the Australian Open at Victoria’s Metropolitan GC and the Killara GC Professional. At the Open the players experienced gales, rain, cold and cheerless conditions. His build and experience at Long Reef stood him in good stead. It was the first year that the Stonehaven Cup was presented. Reference is made to his open victory in Ch 4. In 1933 he won the N.S.W. Dunlop Cup. There were a number of other good performances - too many to list here.

Frank faded somewhat from the top of the professional tree after the above. His wins became less frequent; as noted in Ch 4, he was narrowly beaten in the P.G.A. Cup at Long Reef in 1935. Nevertheless he had become somewhat of an institution at Long Reef – a well-liked pro and his tenure continued through the war years and the fifties until he finally called it quits in 1963 – a service of 41 years, which has probably not been equalled by any other pro at the one Golf Club.

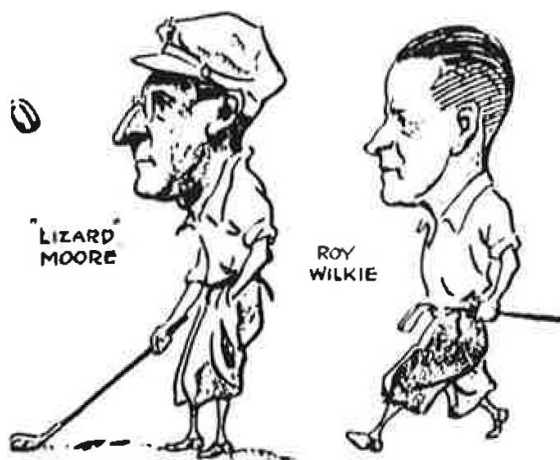
Frank’s business name was Happy Eyre, a nickname his father had had before him.

Frank’s two sons John (Jack) and Alan became Long Reef members; they clearly inherited dad’s skills and/or received plenty of his tuition, for both represented as pennant players in the fifties. They won the 1958 Foursomes.



*B GRADE PREMIERS 1929*

*Back: G. Thomson, J. Garrett, W. Whytock (Club Captain) R. Farnell, E. Morton  
Front: M. Brown, W. Smith, J. Ross (c), H. Wilson, G. Elrington, H. Middleton*



*1929 Cumberwell Cartoons*





*Mr R.G. Jamieson Club Treasurer 1921-27 and Shire Clerk. Photo c 1930*

*Left to right - Reginald Manning Ellis. (Timber Merchant), W.G. (George) Jamieson (Shire Clerk),  
'Fred' Mackie (Builder)*



*One of two panoramic photos donated by President Henry Mann 1927  
Facing North to East. (Please note image has been cut into two)*





Facing South and West. (*Please note image has been cut into three*)

**1927 Men's Photo outside the Clubhouse Panoramic View** 25 Men Standing. 7 Sitting

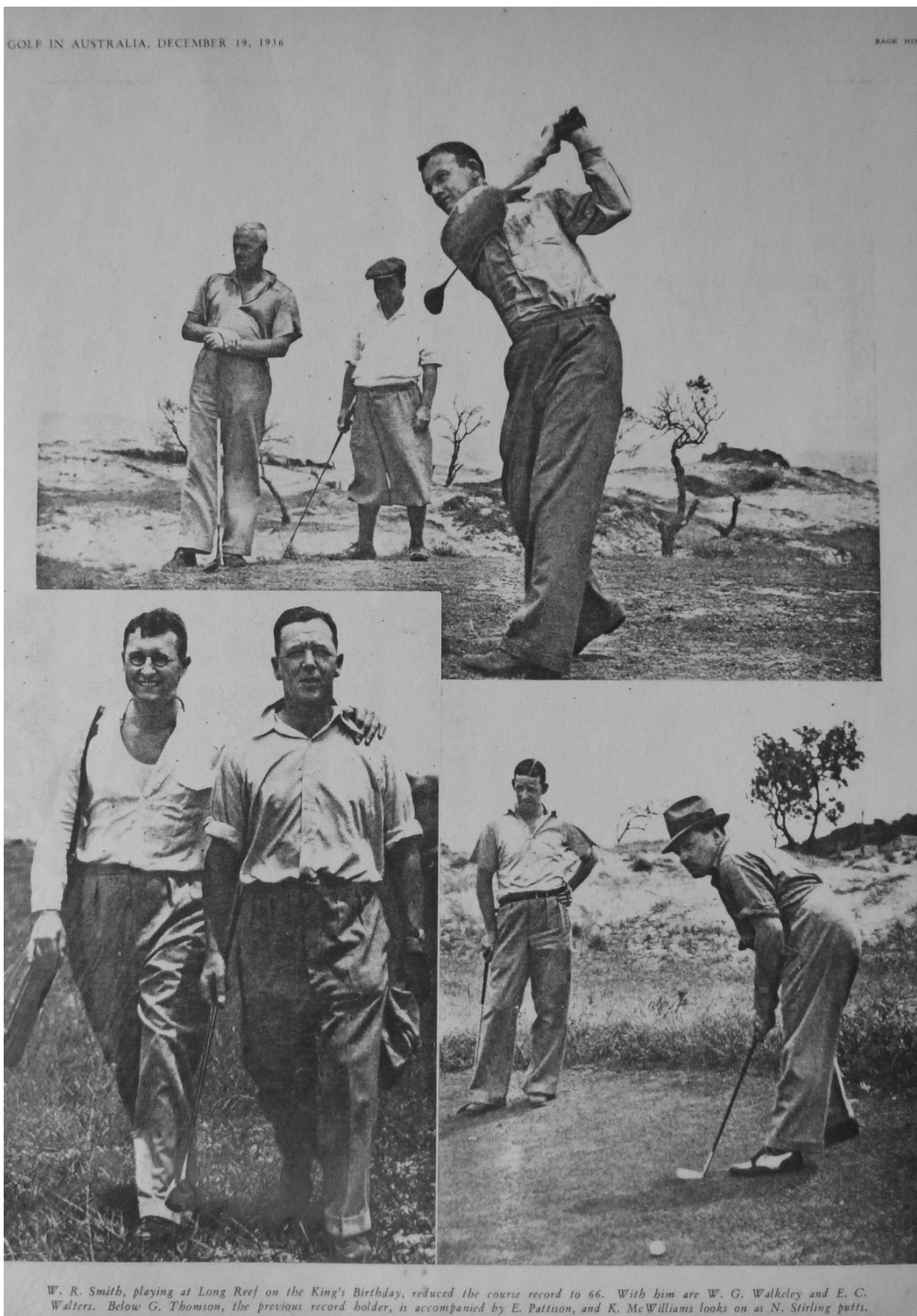
**Left –Right Top photo:** W. Whytock (Captain) C. Fletcher

**Middle photo:** S.Shaw, C. Henry, G. Lucas. J.D. Hathaway, W.A. Hudson,( V. Pres 1922-7. Pre. 1927-40). H.L. Mann (President 1921-27) A.P. Lambert, 9Hon Sec) F. Arnheim, R. Hitchman, W.R. Smith, A.J. Rawnsley ( Capt. 1928-32) M.Browne, H. F. Middleton, J.F. Ross, H. Montifiore, H. Langford .N.G. Bell,

**Sitting Left –right:** R. Dean, V.S. Slocombe,(Capt .1932-45) R. Wilkie, C. Kenyon, ( V.Pres 1927, Tres 1927-28) J. Curran, J. Darling,R. Middleton V. Pres 1927

**Bottom photo:** H. Symons. G. Urquhart, C.V. Rooney, A. Ladd, M.S. Christie, C. Coombe





*Playing in the sand dunes in 1936 – the links course. Features Champions Wally Smith (swinging top photo) and Gordon Thomson (player on right of lower left photo).*

## CHAPTER FOUR - THE THIRTIES

The decade opened with a real flourish. 1930 saw Wally Smith become Champion of Champions, then Frank Eyre journeyed south to Victoria and returned with the rich prize of the Stonehaven Cup – the Australian Open Golf Championship. And back at home, a year later preparation of the second nine holes was completed. Although some play had been permitted from July 1930 the full nine holes were not officially commenced until the end of 1931.

Wally Smith's Champion of Champions was achieved at Concord against some pretty stiff opposition which included the brilliant young (16 year old) Jim Ferrier of Manly who was runner up and Jack Macqueen, a top golfer who represented Cammeray but at the time was also a Long Reef member. Wally recorded rounds of 74 and 71 to win by three strokes.

Frank Eyre's title win was achieved with 306, a score that would not have earned him a place in the first thirty these days. However, the Open was played at the Metropolitan GC in "atrocious" weather. Frank was the only player to break 80 in all four rounds and he finished no less than seven strokes clear of the field which included all the then "tops" of Australian golf. Frank's first round of 76 was played in a 50mph gale and no doubt his Long Reef breeding would have helped him a lot.

The new 18-hole Long Reef Course, had an official opening in 1931. It contained most of the holes which are still in play today. It says a lot for the skills of the designers, Soutar and Eyre backed by the Club Committee, that the basic layout has stood such a test of time. The present 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> were not then included.

By 1934 the Club had gained a Group 1 rating.

Some further changes in 1937/38 saw abandonment of the two short par 3's and substitution of a par 3 (16<sup>th</sup>) played from just a few yards south of the present 17<sup>th</sup> green heading due south towards the Long Reef Surf Club. It was virtually all carry across the sand dunes to the green and the fairway became known as the largest bunker in Sydney. Hitting into a stiff southerly, the green seemed a very small target and many good rounds were spoilt at that hole. To illustrate the point: a press report in the 60's told the following story:

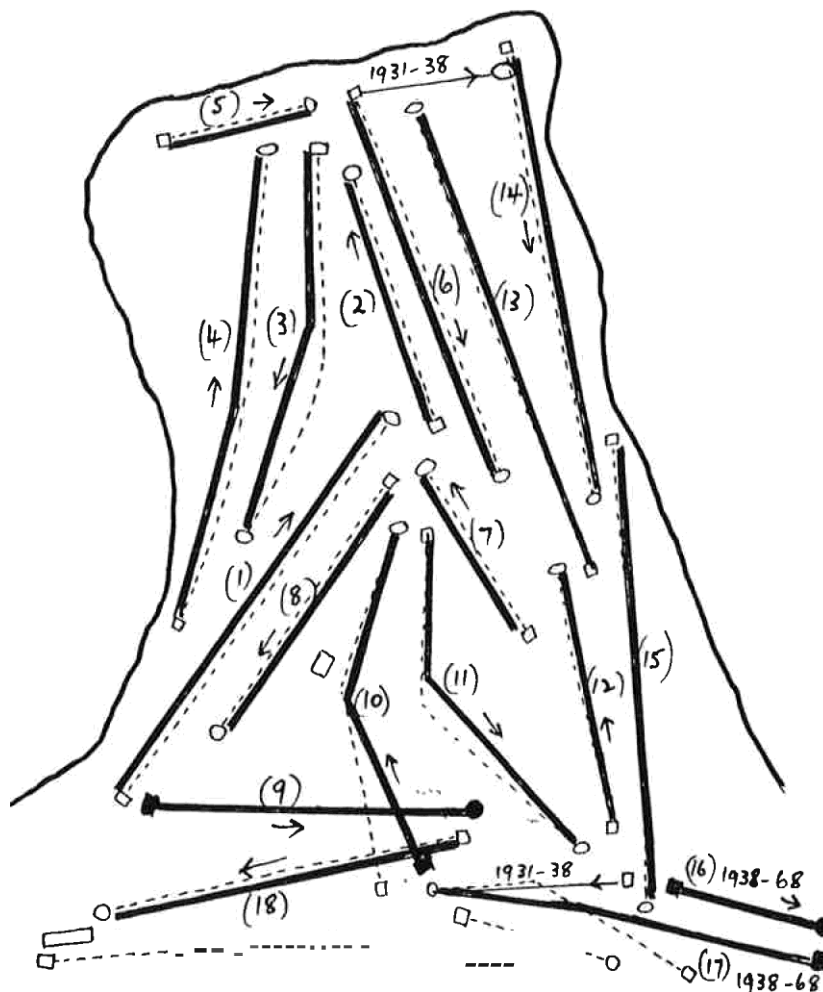
"Most of us strike trouble from one time or another, but to Long Reef golfer Cam Copland the short 16<sup>th</sup> will always be a vale of tears, blood, grit and sand. In last month's Medal Cam had a net 66 to lose out by two strokes, and in total took eight hacks for the hole! On the other hand the winner of the event, Charlie de Lepervanche, with a birdie on the 16<sup>th</sup> thinks it wonderful."

The new course of 18 holes was an attraction for those who had been playing a 9-hole course, particularly Balgowlah and Palm Beach. Annis Soutar arrived at the Club in the 1931-32 season, from Balgowlah, at the same time as the opening of the extra holes, bringing several players with her. Annis would have had a direct report of the progress of the course as her husband Dan Soutar was one of the designers, as mentioned above. Annis was to become a servant of the Club and a future Associates President. Their daughter Heather who also joined in the '30s was one of the Club's most talented golfers through the '40s and '50s.'

There were several members who arrived in the '30s and stayed for a very long time including Joan Trevitt who joined in 1931. Joan joining in her early 20s was in her late 70s when she was awarded Honorary membership in 1984. Her membership spanned over 50 years, with just six years interrupting her golf when she was not a member during the war. Millicent Rowe arrived in 1933 and stayed for 44 years. Jean Ferrier in 1939 stayed for 36 years, and Mollie White in 1939 for 41 years. Elizabeth Morath also joined in 1939 and stayed 38 years.

The following sketch below illustrates the layout and the accompanying aerial snap (p.41) taken about 1937 is of interest in showing the wider area as it was in the thirties. To digress slightly, it should be pointed out that Long Reef, as well as being a golf course, also qualified as a "golf links".

Many believe that such a classification relates to its being surrounded on three sides by ocean. However there is an alternative definition which was quoted in "Golf in Australia" in 1923: "A stretch of flat or gently undulating ground along the sea-shore on which the game of golf is played." Whichever one you choose, Long Reef without a doubt easily qualified as a true golf links.



*Original 18 hole layouts - 1930s.*

As the effects of the Great Depression were increasingly felt, many members found themselves in tighter financial circumstances and unable to afford their Club fees. They asked to be transferred to the non-playing list and the Club was most sympathetic towards such requests. It responded by allowing fee payment by instalments, and more generally by adopting strict economy measures to contain its costs.

In 1933 the Friday Cub was created by Charlie Hadlaw. (See page 226)

The women played their part in being frugal, and helped by paying levies etc. In June 1933 the women's facilities were discussed by the Club committee as reported in the minutes: "In view of the present financial responsibility the Committee is unable to extend the lavatory accommodation for Associates, but it will be the first matter considered where any further improvements are made." A levy was placed on all members for furnishing purposes in May 1933. The Associates paid 5 shillings per person. The committee kept their word and tenders were called for to add to the Associates "Quarters" in 1934. The Carswell tender was 272 pounds in total.

The Club Committee was as generous as it could be towards the Associates and money was found to provide a Cup for the Associates' Championships in Sept. 1932. A trophy would be presented to the actual winner. It was not a perpetual trophy. The photograph on page 49 shows Miss Maclean the

first winner of the Long Reef Championship trophy playing at Elanora. During the Championships the report appeared in the Daily paper –

“NEW ASSOCIATE RECORD AT LONG REEF. Miss Maclean of the Long Reef Club was in exceptional form yesterday, when she lowered the associate record of the links, held by Miss Robison, by four strokes. Miss Maclean toured the field in 78 strokes and as a result easily led the field in the qualifying round for the Club Championship.” She was from a golfing family. Mrs and Miss Helen Maclean were both on the committee at the same time.

As Associates records pre 1950 are not complete, few Committee members’ names are known. Those that have been discovered may also be listed by their husband’s initials. The 1932 Associates Committee was listed in the October Sydney Morning Herald.

“President – Mrs MacInnes

Hon. Secretary – Mrs Foggitt

Hon Treasurer – Miss Vernon

Handicap Manager – Miss Greenwood

Captain – Miss Maclean

Committee – Mrs Maclean, Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Rawnsley.”

It is also known that by the late ‘30s the Associates had their own Publicity Officer in the guise of experienced print, radio journalist and cricketer, Ruth Preddey. Ruth left the Club after the war in 1945.

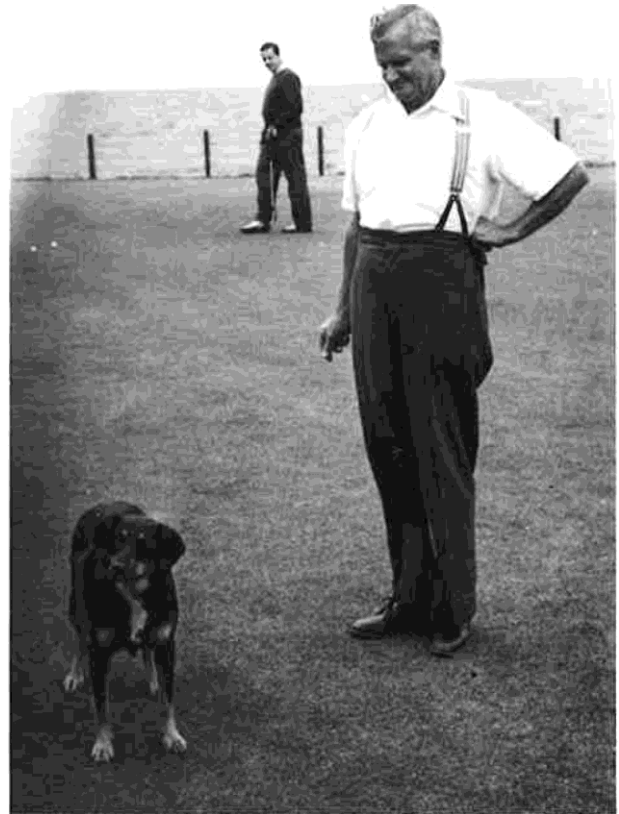
Some of the flavour of the 1930s can be obtained from the following jottings from the Minutes:

- \*1932 - palm trees (still a feature of our car park) planted.
  - water laid onto the western greens.
- \*1934 - time of starting Saturday competitions to be from 11am.
  - B Grade Championship replaced by B Grade Cup.
- \*1935 - Long Reef selected for playing of P.G.A. Cup.
- \*1936 - caddies’ shed erected at cost of \$143. This building can be seen in the 1937 photo to west of 18<sup>th</sup> green.
  - membership limited to 240.
- \*1937 - septic tank installed.
  - John Walker & Sons discontinued their gift of a bottle of Scotch for a hole-in-one.
- \*1938 - Anthony Horderns offered to donate oak trees.
- \*1939 - Club incorporated as Long Reef Golf Club Limited.





*"Old Mac"*



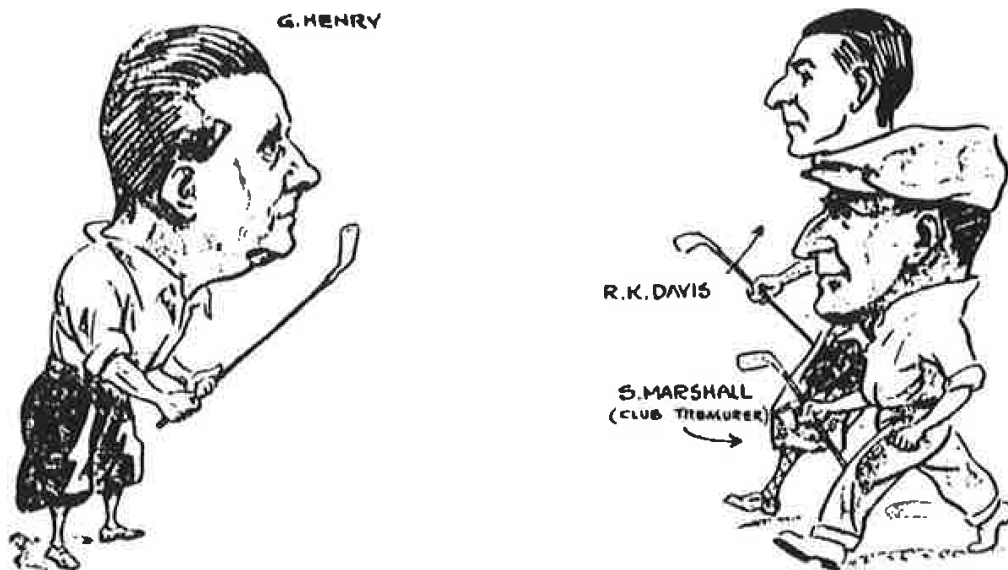
*Harry Adams*



*The Clubhouse – from the early 1920s.*



*Long Reef from the air in 1937*



The staging of the P.G.A. Cup in 1935 was a big event and quite an achievement considering the newness of the 18 hole course. A report at the time commented: "For the first time since its inception, the P.G.A Cup, a scratch event for members of the P.G.A. was played over 18 holes at Long Reef course last Tuesday week... The course generally was in tip-top condition, but a strong nor-easter, which affects every hole on this exposed course, made playing conditions none too easy. A field of over one hundred took part during the afternoon.

D.G. Soutar, winner of practically every professional event in Australia, notched his first P.G.A. Cup victory with a splendid round of 70, equalling the par of the course and defeating the local pro. Frank Eyre by one stroke”.

The standard of women's golf continued to be strong, and the men made a concession to this by A-Grade Associates being allowed to use the men's tees once a month during the late thirties. Other leading players of the decade were Mrs Robison, Mrs Foggitt, Mrs Mullins, Mrs Kenyon, and Miss Greenwood who was the runner-up in the 1932 Championships. The trophy given to Mrs K. Withers for her Club Championship win in 1938 was returned to the Club by her family after her death, as well as her hole-in-one trophy of the same style using a frame of golf sticks to hold up the bowl. (see photo page 49). By 1936 the Club Committee had sponsored another trophy, and it was called the Committee Cup for the Singles Knockout and it is still played today. The winners of the Singles Knockout in the '30s were: 1936 Mrs Ellison, 1937 Miss Preddy, 1938 not played, 1939 Miss I. Jones

In the 1930s there was a continuing effort by the committees to plant trees and shrubs. Some of the N.Z. Christmas bushes survive to this day but where are the literally hundreds of Norfolk Island pines which were planted? Maintenance of the course moved out of the horse and cart era towards greater mechanisation with the acquisition of trucks, tractors and a fertilizer distributor. A number of modifications were made to the Clubhouse during the decade. None was major, but extensions to locker rooms, toilets and the Associates' quarters were involved. As well, furniture and furnishings were upgraded by replacement of tables and chairs, hanging of curtains and purchase of a piano. The last item offers an indication of the state of finances at the time: “Piano to be purchased for \$130 on terms of \$20 down and the balance repaid monthly for three years without interest”!

The first poker (fruit) machine was installed in 1931 with tokens redeemable in any way within the Club other than for cash.

The Club, of course, was at that time unlicensed. No alcoholic liquors could be sold. Members got around this by each one “depositing” his own supply with Harry Adams. Harry was a much-liked personality of the time, who gave the Club 37 years of long and faithful service as steward caterer, starter and greenkeeper.

The standard of golf among Long Reef members continued to be quite high – at least among the top golfers. With the changing of some holes from time to time, there was ample scope for rewriting the record book. Players such as Gordon Thomson, Wally Smith, Eric Morton and Bob Ruckley all had a share of the action.

From 1928 to 1933, the Long Reef B Grade team played 37 matches, winning the premiership twice and being runner-up once after a play-off with Bonnie Doon. One team member, Jack Ross, played in 35 of these matches and won 20.

The 1930s could perhaps be said to have been a repeat of the very relaxed, almost happy-go-lucky atmosphere which characterised the Club in the previous decade. It continued to be generally informal and run on a social Club basis. This changed a little in 1939 when the Club became an incorporated company and rent was paid to the council for the first time. Men and women alike filled in their new forms and applied (again) to become members of the Club. By Jan 1940, 124 Associates had applied to re-register for example. There was a company seal and a company Secretary. A decade of slow growth was coming to an end, built on the opening of the extended course in 1931. The creation of a company in 1939 was a new beginning, but at the same time the war was approaching.

The War and the 1940s were to mark the end of the plus-four and caddy era, and much more besides!. The next decade was to bring some events which would significantly change the pattern of the golfing life at Long Reef specifically and life in Australia in general.

## VINCE SLOCOMBE

Vince Slocombe was a dedicated worker for the Club through the thirties and forties. He joined the Committee in 1930-31 and two years later was made Club Captain, a position which he held continually through the rest of that decade and through the war years – a thirteen year run and fifteen years altogether serving the Club.

Vince was a resident of Dee Why with a dental practice in the central business district of Sydney. He was a popular member and a generous supporter of all Long Reef activities. As a golfer, he was a long marker, but he was never short of partners because he was such a pleasure to play with.



*V.S. Slocombe*



## A. KEITH PATERSON



Keith Paterson served Long Reef extremely well. He was first elected to Committee in July, 1932 and continued with the exception of one year until 1938 when he was elected as treasurer. He continued to serve in this post through the war period until 1949, making 14 years in office.

Keith was a public accountant by profession, fairly conservative by nature. He was perhaps not over popular with some members because of his rather ridged insistence on observance of the rules. However he was well liked by those who really knew him.

He played a vital role in the Club's acquisition of a liquor licence in 1947. As a golfer he was better than the average player off a 10 – 12 marks.



*Group of members – 1930s. The Captain V.S. Slocombe holds a trophy.*



**A GRADE TEAM 1933**

*Back: J. McQueen, J. Jones, C. Esdaile, M. Brown, D. Dight, R. Ruckley  
Front: E. Morton, J. Hathaway, W. Smith (c), A. Paterson, A. Spooner.*

## ERIC D. MORTON

Eric Morton was very good golfer and he gave his time generously to the Club. Eric joined Long Reef about 1928-29 and quickly showed golfing skill and an interest in Club affairs. His name first appears on Committee in 1931-32. He served there for 14 consecutive years to 1944-45, then was elevated to Vice-President in 1947-48, which post he held for 6 years.

Eric grew up in Manly where, like so many others, he had experience as a caddy. He became apprenticed to a cabinet-maker at 14. He joined North Steyne SLSC where he served on committees for several years and was eventually elected Captain. He enlisted under-age in World War 1 and served in the Middle East but saw little action. He returned after that war to the furniture trade and became foreman in a small firm before establishing his own business just prior to the start of World War 2. The business prospered during the War largely due to government contracts, and it continued successfully when War ended.

Eric had a long record of A Grade pennant appearances and was still playing top golf in the forties as a member of the great 1946 team which so nearly won the premiership. He held the course record for a time in the early thirties.

Eric presented the Club with the handicap board which hangs in the entrance way to the men's locker room. His contribution to Long Reef was recognised in 1953 when he was made a Life Member. (See his photo in the front row of the 1993 team photo above.)

## CEDRIC W. WHITING

Cedric Whiting was yet another with an incredible run of years of service to the Club. Between 1930 and 1949 he was Vice-President no fewer than 19 times and on Committee once.

Cedric lived at Parramatta as partner in a leading medical practice. He had a house at Collaroy for use at weekends and on holidays. He was an experienced and competent golfer around the 11/12 mark. He was a very popular member and after he retired from medical practice, he devoted considerable time to Club affairs, giving generous support to competitions and social functions.

## ROBERT. G. RUCKLEY

Bob Ruckley joined Long Reef in 1930. He was a top golfer in the 1930s and 1940s. At his peak, he had a handicap of 1 and he remained a single figure player until 1974 by which time he was 70. He won the Club Championship in 1938 and was runner-up four times. He also won the Foursomes eight times, as well as a number of other major events. In 1932, Bob broke Eric Morton's course record of 70 by two strokes, coming home in 32!

He will be remembered at Long Reef as a particularly staunch Club man – who gave his time generously as a player, in umpiring matches and on Committee where he served for some five years in the 1970s.

Bob was always regarded as a tough competitor. He believed that despite his 1938 Club title, his best performance was in the same year, when he beat Dr Beddington, the then State champion, in a pennant match. In all, Bob played in more than 200 pennant matches for the Club over some 48 years.

Bob's services to the Club were recognised in 1978 when he was elected a Life Member.



*Bob G Ruckley*



## CECIL F. ESDAILE

Cecil Esdaile was an astute, energetic personality who contributed much to the running of Long Reef from the immediate post-war years through to the end of his term as President in 1953. He died at the early age of 46 in 1955.

Cecil was born at Forbes and came to Manly in early boyhood. Like Wally Smith and Gordon Thomson he spent time during his early youth as a caddy at Manly. His father established the Piccaninny Wax Co. and on his father's death, Cecil became Managing Director.

He joined Long Reef Golf Club at the age of 21 and represented in the Club's A Grade team from 1933.

He spent three years 1946-49 on Committee then one year as Captain and three as President.

He won the Club Championship in 1939 and the Foursomes on five occasions.

For a number of years the memory of Cecil Esdaile was honoured by the trophy in his name given for the Singles Knockout competition.



*C. F. Esdaile*

## FOURSOMES STROKE HANDICAP AT ELANORA.



Players waiting to start yesterday in the Ladies' Golf Union foursomes stroke handicap. Miss Helen Maclean, the Long Reef associates' champion, is teeing off on the right.

*The caption reads - "Players waiting to start on the Ladies' Golf Union tournament, stroke handicap. Miss Helen Maclean the Long Reef Associate's Champion is teeing off on the right"*



*Photo – Trophies awarded to Mrs. K. Withers.  
Larger Trophy - Individual - Club Champion 1938. Small Trophy – Hole-in-one 1940*

## CHAPTER FIVE - THE WAR AND START OF A NEW ERA

With the outbreak of war came a period of great difficulty for the Club. Many members joined the services; they were made honorary members for a period until 30<sup>th</sup> June after the cessation of hostilities. A number of Associates also were unable to continue membership because either they or their husbands had enlisted. These happenings of course had an immediate and serious effect on almost every aspect of Club life. The loss of fees income imposed severe constraints on expenditure; the loss of players caused all major events to be suspended for the duration of the war.

The early 1940s also saw the start of one of Sydney's most severe droughts. Water restrictions caused a ban on fixed hoses and sprinklers in the early spring of 1940 and a complete ban on watering of greens for a brief period of two months later. Spring taps had to be installed in the bathrooms and new plugs were fitted. The Committee in November 1939 must have had good foresight when they resolved that an expert engineer should inspect the course and make a recommendation as to the possibility of obtaining water from underground sources.

A tender was accepted for sinking a well on the left of the present 5<sup>th</sup> fairway (on the bend). The water was analysed and found to be suitable for surface watering. A brick building housing a pump was erected over the well. Although there were problems from time to time, this well and pump were to continue to provide watering for the south-western holes for more than twenty years. They were not finally dismantled until the 1970s.

1940 was a significant year also for Long Reef's Associates; it saw a new member, Ruby Watts, join. Ruby was to have an outstanding career with the Club reaching a pinnacle in 1986 when she was elected a Life Member, one of only two Associates to achieve this honour at that time. Ruby Watts, and Dot Leonard joined together in 1940, but their membership was about to be interrupted. It would have been likely that there would have been many more Championship titles for Ruby in those war years.

Looking at the 1939-49 Club Membership book it is easy to see a pattern of resignations, expungements and moves to Non-playing and Honorary membership. Only 55 women who were members on or before 1939 were still members in 1949. 9 Associate members took advantage of Rule 8b (which followed Rule 8a for men). Associates married to service men could suspend their memberships for the duration of the war, or part of it. 8b was a generous supportive decision, but it was another cost to the Club. Ruby returned in August 1945. Dot returned to play in 1947. Elwyn Penfold, soon to be the Associates Captain, had returned in 1944.

Some indications of the Club's financial tightness and affairs generally at the time can be seen from the following steps taken in 1942:

- To retain A.I.F day but hold no party afterwards
- To sell 3 tons of fertilizer
- To give two weeks' notice to two employees
- To sell the Club's surplus towels at best price
- To discontinue putting competition results in the newspapers.

In 1942, the Army commandeered a section of the course on the southern side centred around the present 17<sup>th</sup> hole. This, and the difficulties being experienced in upkeep due to manpower shortages and the drought, caused the course to be reduced to 9 holes for the balance of the war period and a year or two after. Seven holes were not maintained during this period. The army carried out artillery training and practice and had a searchlight for plane spotting. They flattened the large sand dunes, so as to make defence observation easier. The sand was used to make sand bags for Sydney. The remaining sand was spread over several holes and so began the problems of sand erosion and sand invasion including threatening the well. Shifting sand was to have long and far reaching effects on the course as well as damage caused by the armaments and vehicle tracks.





*1943 Aerial view of Long Reef after the sand dunes were flattened and trees removed from alongside Pittwater road.*

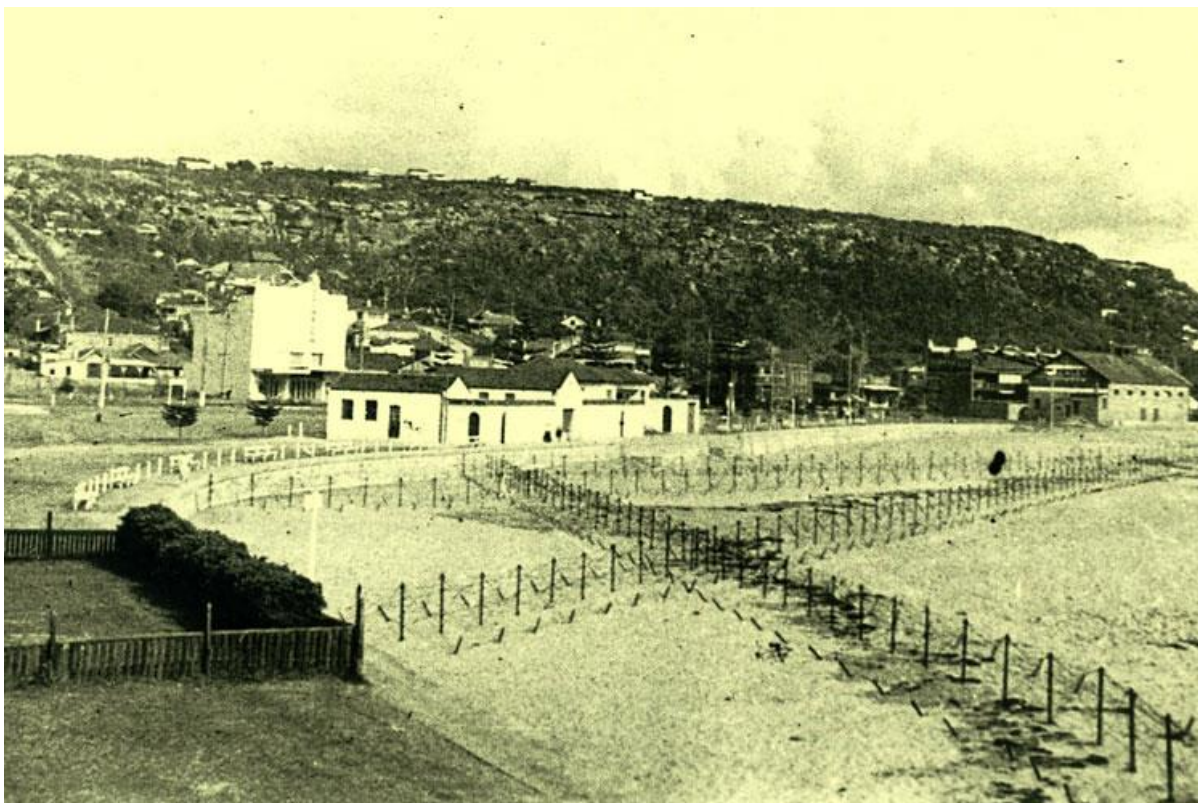
A description of the military purpose can be found in the Sydney Morning Herald's Public Notices column in 1943 which warned as follows:

"The Public are hereby warned that manoeuvres in which live mortar bombs and small arms ammunition will be used, will be carried out at the LONG REEF GOLF COURSE from 31 August, 1943 to 1 October, 1943. The danger area will be the total area of LONG REEF POINT (Including the Long Reef Golf Course and Griffith Park) and extending 3000 yards to sea on the southern and eastern shores."

Similar notices were displayed on the course on the day. This must have been somewhat off-putting for the golfers at the time – perhaps much more so than the 1980s hazards of helicopters and glider operators! So much damage was done to the course for a relatively few number of days that the army actually used the range.

The Volunteer Defence Corps (V.D.C) were also active around the golf course, cutting down the mature trees by Pittwater road, installing barbed-wire entanglements and concrete tank traps on the beaches and rocks.





*Collaroy Beach – barbed wire and sand-traps 1943*

The members carried on best they could with a composite 9-hole course. The composite 9-holes course was played as follows:

First 9: 1 2 3 4 6 13 14 7 8

Second 9: 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 18

As an aside, an interesting item in the Club's Minutes for January, 1941 (in view of what lay ahead), was a letter received from the Japanese Golfers' Association thanking the Club for the use of the course! A reconnoitre mission perhaps! Camouflage nets were made in the dining room. The members' lounge, dining room and Secretary's office were all "blackened out" with plywood and black curtains over windows so that the rooms could be used at night.

One problem which affected all Sydney Clubs was the shortage of equipment. Rubber shortages caused golf ball production to be very greatly curtailed. At one point advertisements appeared in "Golf in Australia" asking golfers to send in old golf balls so that they could be reconstituted. The shortage of paper made even printing of the golf cards difficult. Some Clubs were reported to be asking members to record scores lightly in pencil so that they could be erased and the cards re-used.

During the war years the Associates did some outstanding work organising social gatherings to raise funds for comforts to send to the services. Gus Widmer and Elsie Greenwood were also very active in this field. Elsie had been a member since the early 20s and was an A-grade player. She seems to have been an excellent fund-raiser. There seems to have been an endless request for financial support from all sorts of war-time charities, and the Club did what it could with donations of money as well as goods. There was the Council's War fund, the Red Cross, the War Veterans in Narrabeen, Air force house, Bundles for Britain, Furlough House, City Night refuge and soup kitchens, Manly N.E.S. Ambulance Drivers Fund and the local Red Cross mobile canteen. This is not a complete list, many had to be rejected. The Club's major chosen charity was the Comforts fund. In 1943 the Club made a donation of two pounds twelve shillings to Aust. Comports Fund adoption scheme. The fund was managed by Members and Associates, Miss D. Walters, Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Widmer, as well as Miss Greenwood. The men were F.H. Harries, and E.D. Morton.

Elsie Greenwood may have left the Club for Victoria in 1946, but the fund raising continued and there is a mention in the minutes 1947-48 that food parcels were still being sent to golf Clubs in England. Letters of thanks were received in 1949 from the West Kent Golf Club. The Club not only lost Elsie, but the Publicity Officer in 1945, Miss Ruth Preddy resigned. But some new members had been welcomed when Mosman Golf Club was closed and the surrounding headland was taken over by the navy, and of course never returned to them. Long Reef Club hung on to life –just.

The Club was fortunate to have a very loyal and long term series of leaders in place throughout the war. For the Associates Annis Soutar was President for a period of 16 years, starting in 1939 and continuing on until the mid-fifties. Captain V.S. Slocombe was in place for 13 years from 1932-45, and the war years had the support of the same 6 Vice-Presidents and A.K. Paterson as Treasurer from 1938-1949.

The role played by President Andrew Sneddon must be praised and never underestimated. He joined the Club in 1931 and became Vice President in 1932-39 and President in 1940. His correspondence began in 1941 between the Club, the Shire, the Lands Department, with Victoria and Roseville Barracks and Eric Apperly. He kept the issue of damage done to the Club in the fore-front. He wrote letters and reports consistently, putting across the Club's plight and also arranging meetings at the Barracks and inspections of the course. His letters were of polite persistence. He set up the requests for damage repair and compensation but died suddenly in 1945 from a heart attack while still in office and didn't see the course start to come back to shape. He deserves to have been nominated for Life Membership for his leadership at such a perilous time.

After the Army left at the end of the war, the Club sought compensation for damage to the Links. The sand was up to 15 feet deep in places, as well as in other places damage was done by mortar shells. Course designer Eric Apperly was asked to plan the rebuild and design. Following a long illness he did so. When the Army did receive his completed plan it was settled and compensation paid promptly in 1946. The amount received totalled \$4496. (Much information was gained about the war years when in 2016 the Club was able to obtain all copies of war-time correspondence from the National Archives in Canberra.)

One story which came out of the war years concerned two members who were always very close friends, Harry Wilson and Hector Middleton. When Harry was placed on the missing in action list, most people thought the worst. But Hector had a great faith that Harry would pull through and this faith was vindicated when Harry turned up after the war having been a POW of the Japanese. He was one of the first to return home and Gus Widmer put on a special welcome back party for him.

In the second half of the 1940s things began to change for the better. Probably the most significant step taken occurred in 1947 with the acquisition of a liquor licence. From this time on, the Club had to be run on much stricter business lines. The Licensing Board required certain standards and the need to comply with these triggered a period of major development over the next 15 years. In this period a bowling green was constructed and the Clubhouse was virtually rebuilt from end to end.

For those with a yen for the good old days: in 1947 the list of bar prices looked something like this:

- Beer (draught) 9 cents per 9oz glass
- Beer (bottled) 9 cents per 7oz glass
- Scotch (3/4 nip) 10 cents
- Beer (taken away) 22 cents per 26oz bottle
- Scotch (taken away) \$2.40 per bottle

In 1947, Jim Alderdice was appointed Secretary, a position he was to hold for the next 18 years. The Professional's retainer was increased from \$2 to \$3 per week. Frank Eyre, Wally Smith and player/staff member O.D-Meares (the Secretary Manager before Jim) had returned to their positions after short periods of war service.

The late 1940s also saw some top golf played. Gordon Thomson was absolutely dominant, winning five Club Championships on the trot from 1947. The A-Grade pennant team was particularly strong with players such as Wally Smith (Captain), Gordon Thomson, Eric Morton, Bob Ruckley, Cecil Esdaile, Steve Ferguson and Bill Welch. The 1949 team was runner-up to Concord; but the 1946 team probably went closer than any other team to taking out the premiership. Although Long Reef lost the final narrowly by 4 matches to 3 they were actually leading in 5 of the 7 matches after 15 holes.

As mentioned above, Associates' results pre 1950 are few and far between, but one old wooden honour Board still exists listing the scratch scores. The scores would have been recorded on the modified course until 1947 when the course was being repaired and re-designed. The shield below (see page 59) shows the leading golfers in the late '40s; Doris Withers, Mona Train, Heather Harman (nee Soutar) and Ruby Watts. (3 occasions.) The Associates Medal Winners Cup and the Championships started again in 1946. Heather Harman was Champion in 1946,47 and 48. Betty Ferguson and Val King were stars in waiting. The Associates Grade matches had recommenced in 1947 too.

By the end of the 1940s membership stood at: members 340; Associates 187; others 57; total 544. Between 1946 and 1949 119 women were accepted as new members. The Junior membership category was introduced for male and female in November 1948. Only 6 young men were given the opportunity and all had family members at the Club. More and more the women were asked for their opinion in the running of the Club. In 1948 a new category of membership was created to be called the Business Associates. The weekend/business Associates continued as a sub group of the Women's membership until 1996. They had their own committee and bank accounts. In December 1947 The House Committee co-opted three Associates to join the Social Committee. In 1948 the Club Committee resolved that all nominations by Associates for membership should be handled by the Associates directly, before going forward to the Election Committee. There seemed to be a more inclusive decision making process after the war. We can see that by 1950 women had found their voice and what's more were being listened to.

Incidentally in 1946 the Club gave permission, for the first time, for a wedding to be held at the Club. The groom was a returned soldier, Dennis Garland whose father was a good friend of President Lloyd and the Club's Solicitor. His bride Molly Garland, says that she arranged and paid for the wedding herself and it was held on a Thursday!

The Club was poised on the edge of a big leap forward. Bowling green construction was about to commence (next to the caddies' shed); planning for Clubhouse alteration was in progress, but was retarded by building restrictions and material shortages. At this time, the Associates did not have an office of their own, and perhaps in preparation for the renovations to come, all the women's records were stored in the Green keepers shed - never to be seen again – after the floods in 1950. The loss of records and information was compounded when the majority of the Associates' wooden honour boards were sold/gifted to another Club. Here they were cleaned back to bare wood for their own uses, wiping away up to thirty years of celebrity. The Club still has every Associates' Minute book from 1950 to this day.



*At the first tee – 1940s by the Starter's Box*



*1940s Long Reef Golf Club. Leading ladies! Photo belonging to Dot Leonard  
Left-right -Ella Morton, Myra Wilder, Charlie Hadlow, Dot Leonard, Mollie White, Constance Hyden*





*1940s – front door of a painted white Clubhouse*



*Inside the Clubhouse in 1950 – Pat Farley's (Assistant Sec.) farewell.*

## GUS WIDMER

Gus Widmer must rank at the top of any list of members who made major contributions to the administration of the Club.

In years of service on Committee and various other posts he gave the Club 25 years; 8 of these were as President, 7 as Vice-President and 10 on Committee. His period as President covered the very vital period in the 1950s when the reconstruction of the Clubhouse was being carried through (See Ch. 6).

Gus' early life was spent in Glebe. He excelled at athletics and rugby union, representing his State in both sports. Gus won the N.S.W. 100 yards title in 1906 in 10 seconds and in the same year won the N.S.W. Victorian and N.Z. 440 yards Championship – a feat which has never been equalled. In helping Glebe win the Rugby Union Premiership in 1909 Gus set a try scoring record for the season which was not broken until 1929.

Another interest which brought him success was as a pigeon fancier; one of his birds won the Derby of N.S.W. in 1931. Later he became interested in the turf, eventually becoming a partner in a leading firm of bookmakers. During World War 2 he was very active in organising groups of members to send parcels from the Club to servicemen overseas. He was prominent in the V.D.C., along with other members who belonged to the Collaroy Troop.

Gus was a great personality. As a golfer, he was a good middle marker, a pleasure to play with and a fine sportsman. He will be remembered for his keen sense of humour, his keen interest in everything around him and in particular his love for and interest in Long Reef Golf Club.

In recognition of his contribution to the Club, Gus was made a Life Member in 1959.



*Gus Widmer*

## GORDON F. THOMSON

Gordon Thomson was considered at the time by a number of astute judges of the game to have been the “best natural golfer” in Long Reef’s history. This is of course a somewhat subjective matter and we won’t attempt to pursue it here. Suffice to say that in the 1930s and 1940s, Gordon had a tremendous record of achievement and a justly earned reputation in the wider golfing world.

Gordon joined the Club in August, 1926. Like other top Long Reef golfers, he had acquired his early interest in the game as a caddy at Manly. He also played junior district cricket. He won his first Club Championship in 1928 at the age of 22, a feat he was to repeat no fewer than nine more times before he left the Club in 1952. He also won the Club Foursomes three times.

In his business life, he worked for Kandos Cement and became its accountant. He subsequently moved to Queensland for a time with the Queensland Cement Co in the late 1930s.

Gordon was reputed to come from “good golfing stock”; in any event his two brothers, Alex and Bill, were both golf professionals and they had cousins in Victoria also in that line. In 1934, Gordon was described by “Golf in Australia” as having “the sort of game which we all like to see, an easy flowing and graceful style with plenty of length and accuracy and he is a very sound putter.”

In one burst of brilliance in 1932, Gordon broke the course record by one stroke in the morning, then repeated the feat after lunch! Two months later he established a new figure and proceeded to lop yet another stroke from it the following week.

It is hard to say which point of Gordon’s Long Reef career was his peak – he was consistently brilliant. At the age of 47 in 1953 he was still able to reach the semi-finals in the Australian Amateur Title. Three years previously, his State handicap of 3 put him equal 5<sup>th</sup> behind such greats as Heard (1), Berwick, Hattersley and Waterson (2 each).

Gordon served on Committee for a few years but he will be long remembered mostly for his outstanding golf, both individually and as a member of the Club’s A-Grade team, and for the absolutely exemplary way in which he always played the game. Gordon is to be seen in the photo below of the 1946 Grade Team.



*A GRADE TEAM 1946 RUNNERS UP*

*Back: E. S. Ferguson, R. Ruckley, J. Hathaway, W. J. Welch  
Front: G. F. Thomson, W. R. Smith(c), E. D. Morton, C. F. Esdaile*



L.R.G.C. SCRATCH SCORE.		
MRS A.WALKER.	78.	1938
MRS K.WITHERS.	80.	1940
MRS M.TRAIN.	76.	1941
MRS R.HARMAN.	86	1946
MRS R.HARMAN.	79	1947
MRS O.T. WATTS.	81	1948
MRS O.T. WATTS	84	1949
MRS O.T. WATTS	84	1950
MRS D. FERGUSON	84	
MRS V.G.KING	78	1951
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MRS D. FERGUSON	73	1955

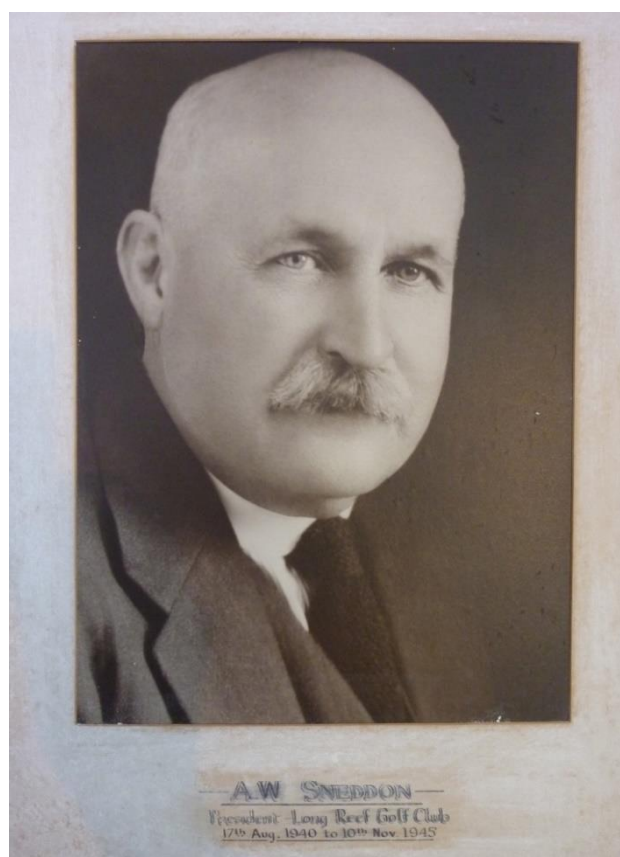
*Associate's Scratch Score Honour Board 1938 -1955*



*Molly and Dennis Garland 3rd October 1946 –the first wedding at Long Reef.*



## ANDREW WILLIAM SNEDDON



*President – Long Reef Golf Club  
17<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1940 to 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1945*

Andrew W. Sneddon became President of Long Reef in 1940, remaining in the position until his death in 1945. He had joined the Club in August 1931 and was Vice President from 1932-1939.

Play on the course in war time would have been hampered by economic items alone, as well as lack of members, staff, equipment and resources. Extra complications came with the Army's use of the course. His business like correspondence made all the difference to the Club's survival for the duration of the war and for its revival afterwards. Sadly he didn't live to see the course repair and renovations.

Andrew was a one company man he always worked for the AMP.

He was born in 1880 in Wallsend NSW the second of ten children of a blacksmith from Scotland. He described himself as a "bush actuary." He had joined the AMP as a clerk. In 1908 he was transferred to London. Here he qualified as a fellow of the Institute of Actuaries. He returned in 1914 with his new bride. He became the General Manager in 1934 and was an innovator in the insurance industry and is credited with holding the AMP together during the '30s and '40s.

He was a resident of Clifton Gardens and an enthusiastic golfer who was also a member of The Australian Golf Club. There were few competitions during the war years, and we have no records of his golfing ability.

He was also a President of the Sydney Rowing Club, sometime President of three Insurance Institutes and Associations as well as Chair of the Women's College at Sydney University. It is suggested that his work load impaired his health.

## ANNIS SOUTAR



*As a young golfer 1900-10 Blackheath*



*In her garden in the '50s*

Annis Soutar is distinguished by the fact that she was the first woman at Long Reef Golf Club to be nominated for, and accepted as a Life Member. This occurred in 1956 following sixteen years as Associate's President. She had joined the Club in the 1931-32 season, and was still playing and attending the A.G.M.s, up to a year before her death in 1966. She was a member for 35 years.

It is not known when her golfing career began, but she married Dan Soutar, in Katoomba in 1909 when he was the Golf Professional at the Leura Course. The photos above were donated to the Club by her granddaughter in 2010.

Dan Soutar was a foundation member of the PGA of Australia in 1911. He was to become a leading course designer, his designs were used State and Nation wide including the second 9 at Long Reef Golf Club. In 1910 the family had moved to Manly where Annis remained for the rest of her life. It is likely that Annis had extended periods on her own, with their three children; Gordon, Douglas and then a daughter Heather.

There is evidence that Annis was playing golf in 1925 at Balgowlah Golf Club. She was the foundation Captain and then President from 1927-1931. It seems most likely that along with several other ladies at that time who left Balgowlah, there was a wish to play on an 18-hole course. It is imagined that Long Reef would be considerably cheaper than Manly, and considered more appropriate for the former Professional's wife! At this time Dan was based in Randwick for work. Annis joined Long Reef Golf Club in the 1931-32 season as did their son Gordon and daughter Heather joined a year later. It seems that Dan found some time to teach his children how to play! It is very likely that Annis had a thorough knowledge of the rules and methods of organisation where Golf Clubs were concerned.

We know that Annis became President in 1939. Minute books from 1950 to 1956 survive where it is clear that she never missed a meeting. As it happened the very reason for joining Long Reef, to play 18 holes, soon changed with the onset of War. For a variety of reasons, lack of resources, lack of members and the Army and Guards on the peninsula soon saw the course restricted to nine holes. I am sure Annis would have been there in the Clubhouse making camouflage nets, or black-out curtains, as is listed in the Club minutes. She remained as President in the war years, and the years of Course and Club recovery in the '40s and was President in the '50s until 1955.

During Annis's time in the Presidents' Chair the programme we might recognise today, after the interruptions of the war years, was put back on track and ideas developed. In 1953 it was Ruby Watts who proposed that the role and service time of an Executive committee member should be limited in the By-laws to three years. Annis served another term of three years, after this was accepted, her last from that date, finishing in 1955. She was nominated for Life membership by Ruby, the following year. This nomination was accepted, and in 1956 Annis became the Club's 14th Life Member, and first woman Life Member.

It is most likely that Annis ran a very tight ship. Pam White said in 2012 said that her mother Eileen Morton who left Balgowlah and came to Long Reef at the same time as Annis, always referred to her as Mrs Soutar, never Annis. A Mr.Soutar also audited the Associates Books, during Annis' time as President.

In 1967 the Annis Soutar Cup was engraved with the names of the Foursomes Championship and is still presented today.



## HEATHER HARMAN



Heather (nee Soutar) joined Long Reef a short time after her mother, Annis Soutar in November 1933. Heather's father Dan Soutar was a well-known Golf Professional and Course Designer, and in his early career the Professional at the Manly Golf Club. He co-designed the second nine at Long Reef in the late 1920's.

In 1936 Heather played in the NSW Junior Championships. Like many others Heather went to non-playing membership during the Second World War from August 1943. She may have missed two major golfing years. She returned to full Associate membership in October 1945. Heather resigned from the Club in August 1950 and went on to join Manly Golf Club.

Major Championships were suspended in the war years, and records are incomplete in the '30s, but it is known that at Long Reef Heather held the -

Scratch score in 1946, 1947

Club Championship 1946, 1947, 1948 Singles Knockout trophy winner 1947

Major Achievements at Manly Club include- Club Championship 1959, 1964

Associates President at Manly 1978-1980

She also won the NSW Women's Foursomes with Enid Clements (nee Yeldham) – thought to be in 1947.



## DOT LEONARD

Dot Leonard joined Long Reef Golf Club on the 16th April 1940 as an experienced golfer, but then suspended her membership until 1947. On her return she became the Associate's handicapper. She became a Special member from 1983 and an Honorary Member in 1988. She was later congratulated on 50 years of membership. She died in 2006. In 2012 a women's trophy was named after her for a 9-hole event, to be played around the time of the Club's birthday, to mirror one of her suggestions below.

Dot was obviously a golfer, with wins in the Bronze Premierships in 1951 and 1956 but she mainly played a big role as an ideas person, and she did promote change. Her name is mentioned many times in the Minute books particularly at the Associates' AGMs. She seemed most concerned about improving the standard of golf, particularly for the 'Silver' players and for those players to influence others. Her ideas shaped the programme that is used today. Below are just some of her proposals -

- she proposed and offered to sponsor a Fourball Knockout competition in 1956, and it did commence 1960.

Dot was intent on improving the standard of play of the Grade Team and her ideas helped contribute to the first ever Club win.

- at the AGM in 1958 she had suggested that Grade players should wear uniforms. The Minute book says, "once again the idea was voted out", but she must have got there with the idea in the end! A uniform was worn when they won in 1968!
- at the same meeting she wisely proposed match practice for Grade players before the season opened. This also aided seeding.
- Mrs. Leonard also said either coaching and/or practice should be encouraged, by the team members and others and that Mr. Kelly would undertake group tuition, for 50 cents each person.
- she had proposed that three drawn games be included in the season with all grades mixed, one player each from A, B and C Grade.. and that all future medal rounds be drawn. This encouraged the idea of A graders inspiring others
- Mrs. Leonard was fifty years ahead of her time suggesting that Open orders be used every week and that Trophy donation from individual players be disbanded
- In 1965 came the idea that Associates who had been members of the Club for 20 years be able to take part in a special trophy, over 9 holes.
- Dot also suggested that there be a D GRADE, their 10 cents entry fee going to buy balls and when they have three cards in to 110, they enter C Grade.

Dot certainly had some ideas! She remained interested in the Club's progress long after she stopped playing and she left her mark.

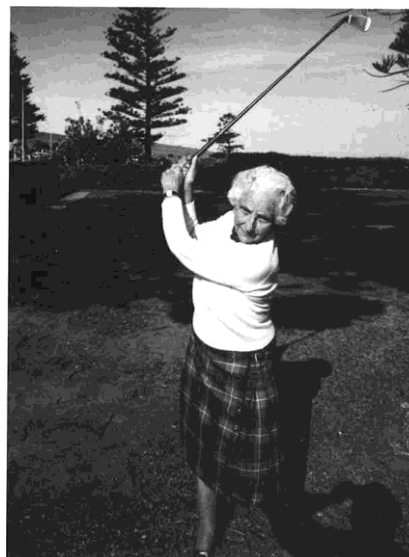


*Dot Leonard 1940s*



*Dot Leonard 2000s*

## RUBY WATTS



Ruby must be considered as the Club's most successful and accomplished female golfer to date.

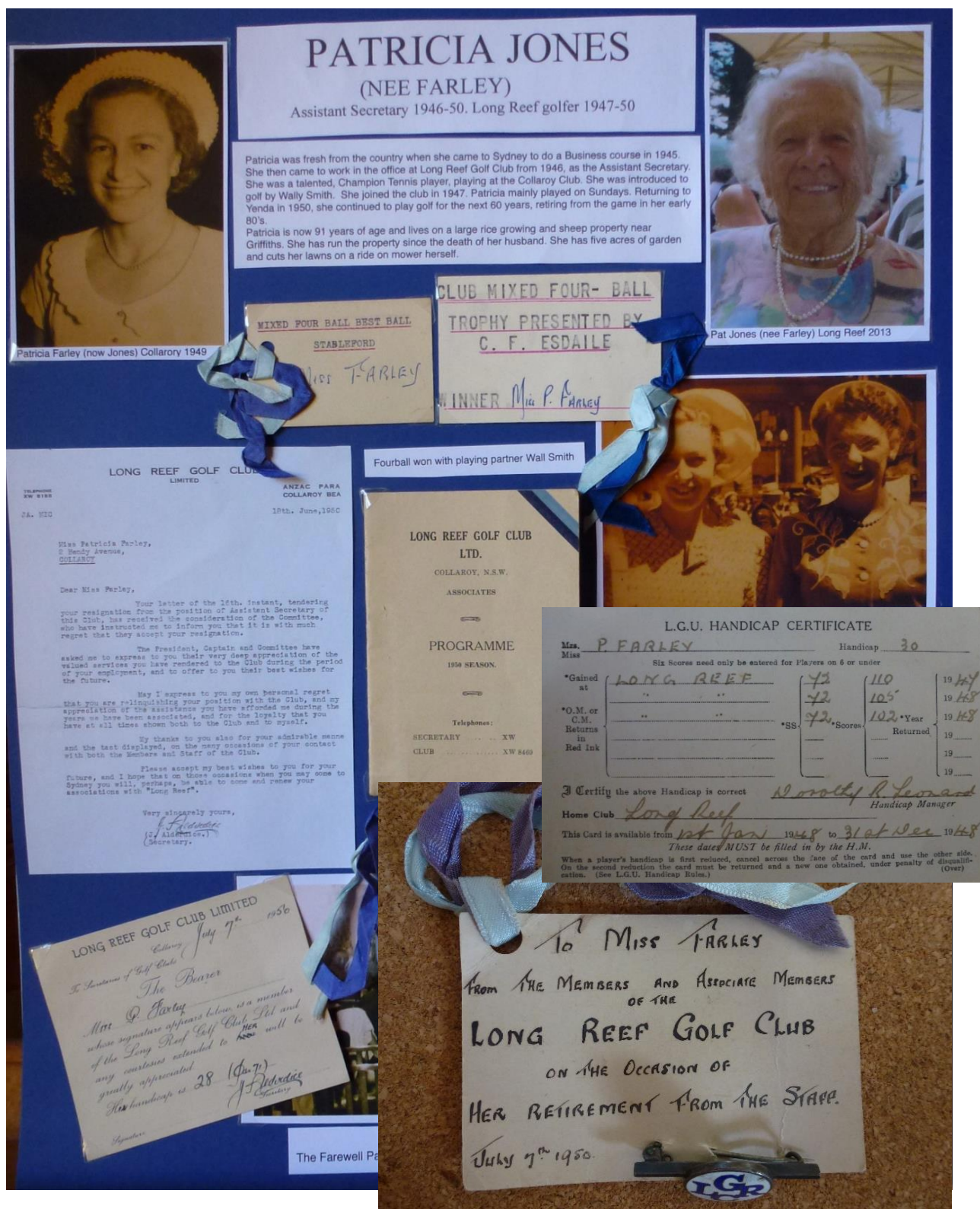
Ruby was two years younger than Bunny her sister, who was to join later. Ruby joined Long Reef in 1940. She was also a member of Palm Beach Golf Club at the same time from 1939 until 1954 where she won a number of titles before leaving that Club. During the war she was living at Palm Beach and used to ride a motor cycle to carry out her Voluntary duties which included making camouflage nets and plane spotting from some of the local peaks and hills. As a member of Long Reef Ruby contributed many ideas and proposals particularly at the AGMs, and was responsible for the proposal of limiting the number of years that could be served on the Committee in any one term. Ruby was Associates' President in 1961 and 62.

As Ross Lane mentions in his book in 1988 Ruby was always a popular associate, highly respected for her playing skill and good sportsmanship. She was modest, but was still justifiably very proud of her record. What a record it is! Ruby went to Non-playing membership at Long Reef in the war years from 1943-45. There could have been more titles!

This is the list of Ruby's Major achievements.

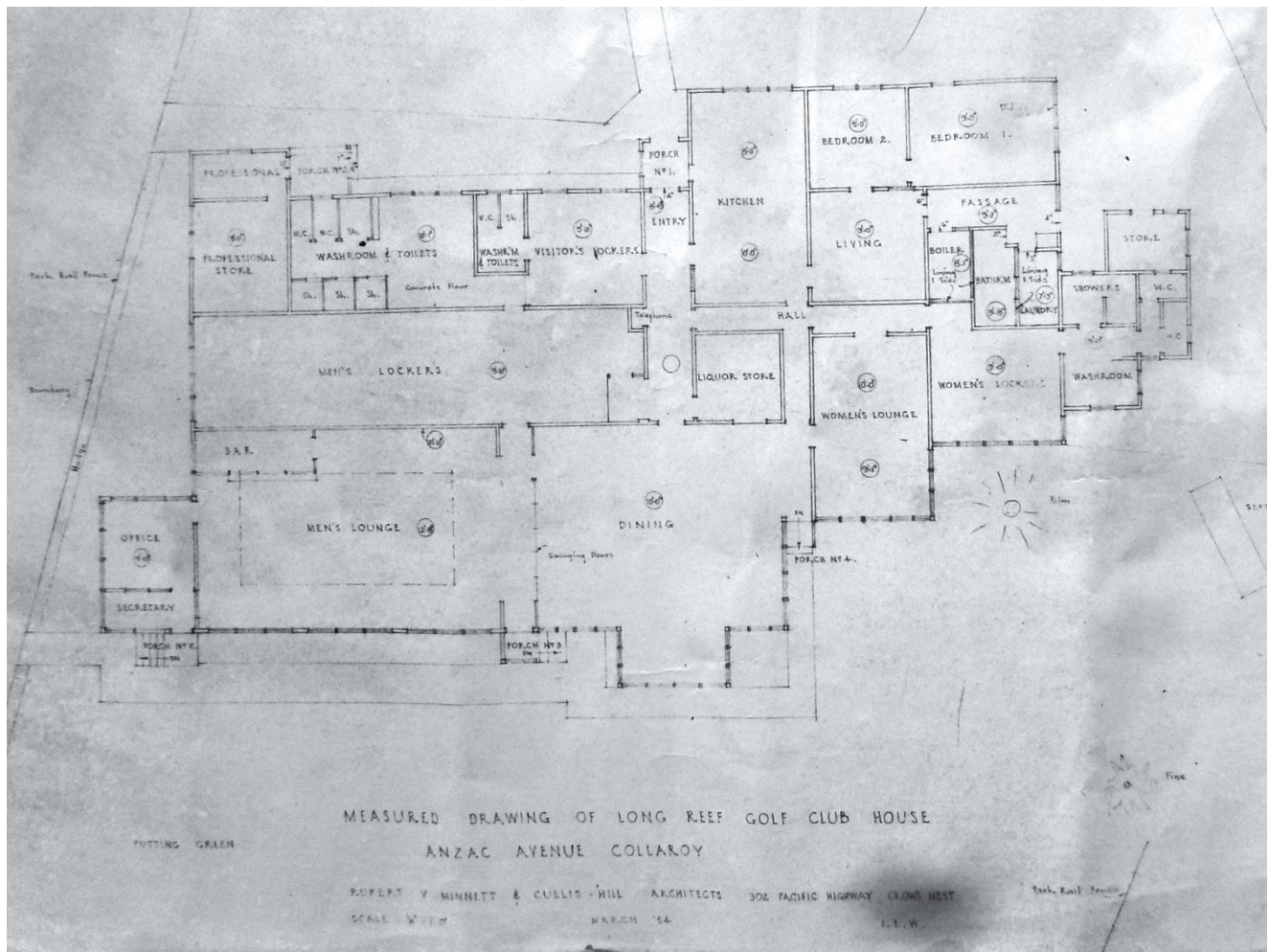
- Club Champion **1951, 53 54, 55, 56, 58, 59. (Also R/u 8 times)**
- Foursome Champion **1951, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 60, 62, 68.**
- Scratch Score holder **12 times** – lowest being 76
- Mixed Foursomes **1957, 1962**
- (The mixed Foursomes was first held in 1957. Ruby was partnered by Des Lofthouse for this win.)
- Grade Team player **25 years, mostly as Captain. Winning team 1968 & 70**
- Qualified for the NSW State Championships twice.
- Qualified for the Australian Championships in 1952
- Committee 1953-55.
- **Associates President 1961, 1962**
- Captained team winning **Coronation Medal**
- **Won 13 LGU Silver Medals**
- **Lowest handicap 6**, held for 3 years. Frequently listed in Handicappers Annual reports as the most consistent player for the year(s).

Sadly Ruby suffered a stroke in her late 70s forcing her to give up her active golfing life at the Club. The Club celebrated her 80th Birthday with her in 1989, and her 50th year of membership in 1990. Ruby died at 90 years of age in 1999, 59 years after joining our Club.

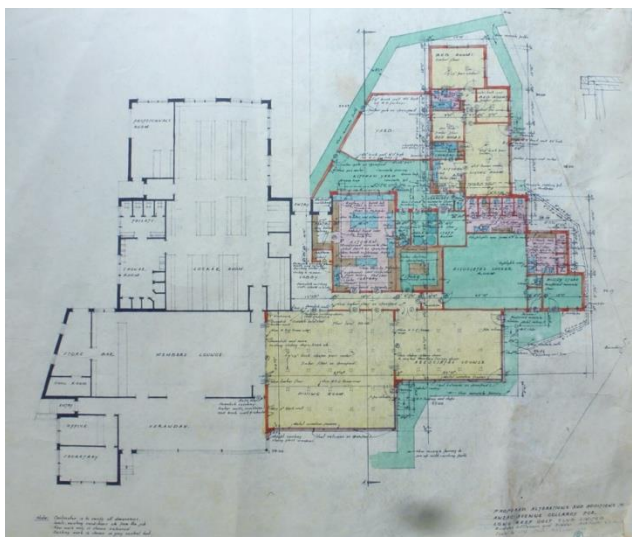


Patricia Jones nee Farley kindly donated some of her Long Reef memorabilia to the Club in 2013. Arranged here as a collage we see photos of her with her good friend Grace Dight, and a group photo which is hidden at the back was taken in the Clubhouse in 1950. It is the only photo the Club has of the inside of the Clubhouse pre-1950. (See page 56 for copy.) It was taken on the day of her farewell. Patricia had worked as Assistant Secretary from 1946-50, but was also a golfer. Here we see her handicap cards and results. The 1950 Associate Programme book is a treasure as is the silver pin brooch seen at the bottom of the page given as a farewell gift from the Club.

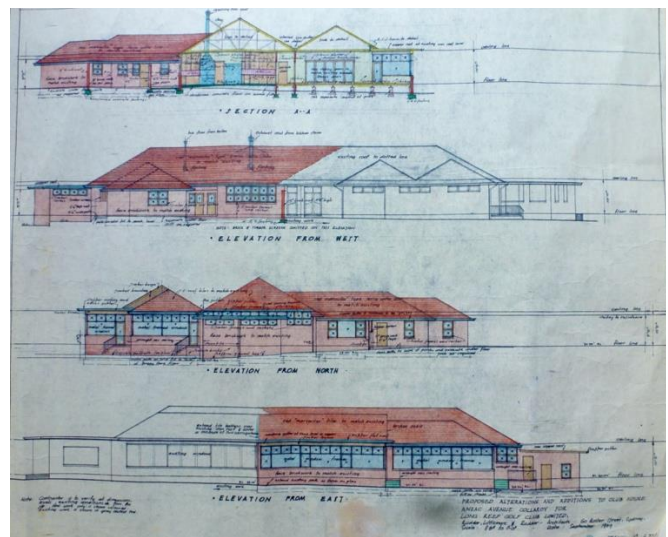




The 1954 floor plan above shows how the Clubhouse had grown from its original basic wooden building in 1923. As seen it was a collection of small rooms. The plan was drawn-up as part of an architects work to create a new Clubhouse. This was to be made of brick and tile and built in stages.



The floorplan for the new building.



Proposed alterations and additions to the Clubhouse.



## CHAPTER SIX - THE FIFTIES

Work commenced in January 1950 on the construction of the bowling green. This was seen at the time as a means of retaining some of the older members who were tending to resign and join the bowling Clubs in the district. It was also perhaps a “flavour of that time” as quite a number of golf Clubs had such a facility and inter-Club bowls competitions were arranged by golf Clubs. This included the likes of The Lakes and Pymble. Green fees and results from the bowls matches were listed in the ledgers of the times.

The contract price was \$3150 for the green itself; other associated improvements – fencing, hedge, mower, roller etc. and shed added a further \$700. Initially the green was popular and used regularly. An extra green keeper was hired to look after it. However, as the decade progressed, bowling membership and interest declined. Women were not permitted to use the green until 1960 by which time the rink lacked support from the men and was struggling to continue. During the 1960s the green was little used, there was an effort to do major repairs and money spent, but by 1970 the idea was abandoned. The changing-shed was later to become the new Pro-shop and the level ground was used eventually as the first tee and practice green. During the excavation to create the recent MUSA- Pro-shop, the layers of the bowling green were unearthed and very visible in the soil.

The decade was marked mainly by the substantial Clubhouse rebuilding activity. The committees in the first few years, under first Cecil Esdaile and then Gus Widmer, saw the need for major improvements but were frustrated by the continuing building material shortages and restrictions. By 1953, Phase One was announced which covered:

1. Refurnishing of the dining room.
2. New bar, storeroom and Secretary's office.
3. Enlargement of locker room, shower facilities
4. Provision of change/toilet facilities for non-members.
5. Enlargement of Associates' locker room.

These items were estimated to cost some \$15000. Subsequently modifications to the plans in 1955 (to include also a Pro shop and new main entrance to the Clubhouse) brought the final tender accepted to \$21500. This was financed partly by a bank loan and partly by a levy on the members of \$4.20 p.a. The Associates played their part in paying levies for the building fund and for furnishing the new Clubhouse facilities as they ran raffles to help meet the cost.

A second building phase was planned to embrace rebuilding of the Associates' toilet, provision of lockers, new lounge rooms, staff quarters and kitchen. Inflation and the major demolition of the core of the Clubhouse meant that this involved larger costs than Phase One. Financing plans were approved in 1959 under which the bank would lend \$48000 provided the members raised some \$10000 by debentures with the balance of \$4600 from Club funds. These were clearly very daunting figures at the time, but such was the vision of the Committee and the extent of member support, that the plans went ahead. The result basically (apart from two subsequent modifications) was the core of the Clubhouse we have today. Incidentally the work also involved provision of the tiled roof – previously it was an iron one.

The year 1950 was a very wet one. At that time there was no talk of holes in ozone layers or greenhouse effects, but it was still very wet. One photo taken by a member at the time showed a lake extending almost right across the lower course to the present 17<sup>th</sup> fairway (see page 71). It is interesting to compare rainfall (in the late 80s) with that in 1949 - 50. The Annual Report of that year said: “During the year there were 108 INCHES of rain on the course – 46 from June to December and 62 from January to June. Sydney's normal rainfall over a full year is about 47 inches.

Actually 1949-50 was by no means alone in the list of wet years in that decade. The Annual Reports of 1955 and 1956 both commented on the excessive falls in the summer/autumn months. Between

February and June 1955, 68 inches fell on the course; between January and June 1956, 60 inches were received. The then Treasurer, Col Kendall, recalls vividly the problems this weather caused him and the Club at a time when it was struggling to meet the costs of Clubhouse refurbishment.

Meanwhile the decade saw several course improvements:

- 1952/53 - due to inadequacy of the well in dry periods, a new watering system was installed to serve northern and eastern holes (not fairways) at a cost of \$2600.
- 1956 - new piping to serve southern and south-western holes.
- Rebuilding of two main drainage sumps.
- Continuous tree planting, particularly of Norfolk Island pines.

But in-

- 1955 - suggestion that myxomatosis introduced to reduce rabbits
- 1957 - very dry year leads to hand watering at night only

1950 was notable also as the year in which Des Lofthouse joined the Club. He came to Long Reef from the Steelworks Club near Newcastle and was to surpass all previous records over the next 35 years in a number of events won.

Long Reef has always been a popular Club with stars from other sports (see Reef All- Rounders chapter page 230). In December, 1950 the Club congratulated two members, Keith Miller and Jim Burke on their selection for Australia in their first every test against England. Keith received a presentation in 1956 to mark his departure for England as Vice-Captain of the touring cricket team.

In the 1950s members were expected to dress more formally than is the case today. It is interesting to recall a notice which appeared on the board in 1951: "Coats must be worn in the dining room and also in the lounge room when ladies are present. When ladies are not present, members may appear in the lounge room without coats. They must be suitably attired in shirts, slacks or trousers with socks and footwear. If braces are worn over a shirt, they must be covered with some item of wearing apparel. Shorts may be worn in either the dining room or lounge room; long golf hose must be worn with shorts. Hats are not to be worn in either room".

In 1950 in an endeavour to increase fees and utilise all playing times on the weekend, Provisional A categories of membership were introduced. These members paid full fees but had restricted playing times for the first few years.

By 1960 there were 572 members of varying categories. The Club was operating on very fine financial margins. Net profits in the decade had been averaging around \$1500. Annual fees stood at \$37.80 for members and \$16.80 for Associates.

The first Long Reef Medal was staged in April, 1951 and was won by Keith Pix, a leading player from N.S.W. Club. The 1954 event was won by Long Reef member, Wally Smith.

In October, 1954 Des Lofthouse and Mrs Val King, a leading associate at the time, won the N.S.W. Mixed Foursomes at Royal Sydney by 2 strokes, with rounds of 78 and 77. Two years later Des teamed with Ken Ley to take out the Killara Shield, which is a foursomes event competed for by nominated pairs from each Club. The event has a lengthy history dating back to before the Second World War.

Through the fifties, Des Lofthouse began to take over the crown abdicated by Gordon Thomson. He quickly proved his superiority over his fellow members by winning four Club Championships and four foursomes in the men's and mixed titles.

As mentioned above, unfortunately the Associates' original honour boards and other records of championship winners prior to 1946 and 1951 (foursomes) have been lost, so due recognition cannot be given to the achievements of earlier years. During the fifties, Ruby Watts was to win seven Club

Championships, seven Associates' Foursomes and one Mixed Foursomes. Her success extended to competing in both N.S.W. and Australian Championships. Her success was not confined to the 50s, there was much more to come. Val King also had an outstanding NSW record, on top of her two Club Championships; a Foursomes win in 1952 with Mrs Kendall, and her entry in to the NSW and Australian Championships, she acquired three State Foursomes titles as well. As mentioned above she partnered Des Lofthouse for the win in the 1954 NSW Mixed Foursomes. She was also selected in the Open Women's NSW Team in 1953. To date she is the only woman we can prove that played in a NSW State senior team. Other players of the decade were Mrs Chessell, Mrs Kendall, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Druitt, Mrs Mackenzie, Mrs T. Melvin, and Miss H. Alexander.

As mentioned in profile stories above Ruby was a champion golfer and Captain. Dot Leonard deserves praise for her ideas and proposals. She proposed the Women's Fourball Competition in 1956 which commenced in 1960. She also suggested that the Grade Team should wear a uniform. She was a bit ahead of her time. In 1959 when she proposed that Open orders be used as trophies, rather than donated trophies by individual members. Also the Mixed Foursomes mentioned above was first proposed by the women in 1954 commencing in 1957. This was also the decade when a Match Committee was founded by the women following a suggestion by Captain Mrs White.

As noted in Annis's story above 1955 brought to an end the long reign of Mrs Annis Soutar as Associates' President. She had held office continuously since 1939. Although Mrs Soutar had given sterling service to the ladies, there was then a general feeling in 1952 that it was in everyone's best future interests to limit terms of office to three years. An amending rule was passed to this effect. Annis served the first of these three year terms, her last. Mrs Soutar was followed by Mrs P. Murray, for two years, (the mother-in-law of Gold Member (2016) Josie Murray.) The remaining President in the 50s was Mrs Paterson.

We know that Mrs H. White was the Captain for the first three years of the decade, and then returned for one more year in 1957. There were three other Captains in the 50s; Mrs K. Derrin, Mrs T. Melvin and Mrs M. Mackey. One of the major indications of the times and the difference between the 50s and the present programme was the type and extent of fund raising events, and the donation of trophies both large and small. Within a matter of months in the one year, the Associates' committee received letters of thanks from the: International Day Fund, Legacy, Far West Children's Home, T.B. Soldier, Sailors, Airmen Association and Collaroy Children's hospital.

Trophies were donated by members on a weekly basis, but there were also larger donations by others. In 1955, nearing retirement, Mr and Mrs McManus, he the long-standing 'grandfather', and greenkeeper of the Club donated a trophy that was used for a 36-hole event in September. The Widmer's (Pres. 1953-61) Trophy was played for in September. Mr and Mrs Preston's event began in August in 1957 again a 36-hole event, and Mr Wally Smith's (Captain 1950-56) trophy was used for a 36-hole event. We would consider for some decades these competitions to be called the Club President's and Club Captain's Trophies for women. Meanwhile the men played for trophies with their own traditions.

After the war the Club had appointed Miss. M. I. Chatterton, who had served in the navy, as its first Assistant to the Secretary, and continued throughout the 50's. Her employment and that of other assistant secretaries, like Pat Farley, was in recognition of the changed nature of administration required for the Club, particularly with the new regulations under the liquor licence. The Social category of Membership was opened in 1957.

In 1955 Frank Kinley was elected to the Committee and remained on that committee for the next 20 years. Meanwhile on the women's side of things in 1952 Dulcie Fouracre was welcomed as a member and by 1957 was on the Associates committee. She won her first of 8 Championships in 1957. She still holds that record – one ahead of Ruby Watts.



*1950's floods from Hay Street Collaroy*



*The Floods of 1950. The photo shows the entrance arch way, the starter's box and the greenkeepers shed in the background. The hedge ran the full length of the southern side of the clubhouse.*



## COLIN. M. KENDALL

Colin Kendall was an outstanding Treasurer. He brought to the office considerable banking skills, which he has acquired in the service of the Commonwealth Bank. For many years he held a senior post in that Bank's Accounting Department; he subsequently headed the Bank's Stores Department where he introduced a number of new systems.

Colin joined the Club soon after the War and it was not long before he was elected to Committee where he served for three years before succeeding Jack Wilson as Treasurer. Then began an unbroken string of eleven years in that post, which equalled the record established by Keith Paterson some years previously.

Colin steered the Club through one of its most difficult financial periods during the rebuilding of the Clubhouse. Initial reactions of the Club's bank at the outset of this project were pretty negative and Colin managed to persuade his own institution to provide the necessary finance. There was some tricky figure work involved over the fifties and early sixties and Colin handled it all with great competence. He pioneered the use of budgets in the Club's financial planning.

Colin was a very keen and useful middle marker who enjoyed his golf very much. He left Long Reef when he moved away from the area and subsequently joined Concord. His wife, who had been active with the Long Reef Associates, joined Pennant Hills where she became Captain.



*The name "Reef Breezes" was first used in 1965 but news sheets were produced long before this.*

## JACK W. WILSON



Jack Wilson was undoubtedly one of the most able and dedicated of all the administrators who held office in the Club.

In private life he was with Atlantic Union Oil. (which became Esso) in which he held an executive marketing position. He was also Country Marketing Manager of Grass Research Bureau (N.S.W.) Ltd. and an official of the Registered Clubs of N.S.W. He was highly qualified as an Associate Fellow of the Institute of Management, Associate of the Australian Society of Accountants and a graduate in Business Administration of the University of Pittsburgh.

In his youth he had been a caddy at Manly and was a keen surfer with the North Steyne Club for more than 10 years. As a golfer he was a good middle marker and was in the winning team when the Club won the C-Grade Premiership in the early thirties.

When he married he moved to Vaucluse, but retained his close interest in Long Reef – so much so that in all he served the Club for 18 consecutive years – 14 as Vice president, 2 as Treasurer and two on Committee. He could have been President of the Club but for the fact that he lived outside the Shire. He represented the Club on the higher bodies of State golf administration and eventually was President of NSW Golf Association, President of the Australian Golf Union and an executive on the World Council. He was chosen as Manager of the Australian Eisenhower Cup golf team in 1963.

He was too zealous a worker and this eventually affected his health, contributing to his untimely death in 1967.

## WALTER SMITH – THE ADMINISTRATOR

We saw in the earlier note on page 29, the contribution Wally Smith made as a player. He was not however the kind of person to sit back and let someone else do all the work. During the thirties he was absent from the Club for a number of years on country duty with his employment and thus unable to serve the Club. He was also in the R.A.A.F. for three of the war years. Despite this, he amassed the following record service over a 36 year period:

President	4 years
Captain	6 years
Committee	11 years

While on the committee first in the 50s as Captain and in the 60s he played a crucial role in the planning and method of financing of the major renovations to the Clubhouse. His ability to inform and update the Members on major decisions can be seen in the copies of the 1950s newsletters.

In addition he was Club handicapper for 12 years. He recalls that he was never afraid to exercise what was then known as “handicapper’s discretion” when he felt someone was on too generous a mark. On one occasion he lopped 6 strokes off a well-known former cricketer who had won at another Club with a score 12 under his handicap.

Wally’s service to the Club were acknowledged in 1957 when he was elected a Life Member.



## TOM W. HOLLINGSWORTH



Tom Hollingsworth joined Long Reef in 1953. It was not long before he was elected to Committee (1956) and he served there for two years before becoming Captain in 1958. He held this post for seven consecutive years. In 1965 Tom succeeded Wally Smith as President in which post he served for a further two years. His term at the top concluded in 1967-68 with one year as Vice President – a total of twelve years.

Tom was a particularly dedicated player and administrator who devoted much of his spare time to Club affairs. He represented in the A Grade pennant team for several years.

In private life he was a chemist at Collaroy Plateau and earned a reputation for his skill in that field. In the earlier days of the Plateau he was regarded by local families almost like a doctor, such was the quality of his advice.

Tom was always a popular player who loved nothing better than to have a small wager on the result of a fourball or “drinks on the table at the 19<sup>th</sup>”. It was usually better to be his partner than his opponent, so keenly did he contest these games.

Tom Hollingsworth died in 1974 after a run of ill-health in the few preceding years.



*T. Hollingsworth and J. Alderdice*



## JIM ALDERDICE

Jim Alderdice became Secretary of the Club at the end of 1947. He served a total of 18 years in the post, matching the earlier achievement of Alfred. P. Lambert. Ill health forced him resign in April, 1966.

Tennis was Jim's favourite early sport until he was converted to golf. As Long Reef Secretary, he developed an interest in the doings of the Golf Club Secretaries and Managers' Association of Australia. He served the N.S.W. Division as its President for nine years.

In 1961, Jim was closely associated with organising an appeal which raised more than \$13000 to send young Neil Marks, N.S.W. cricketer and son of Pennant Hills Golf Club Secretary, Alex Marks to New York for a heart operation.

Jim will be remembered as a stern disciplinarian who was not afraid to speak his mind and who would not countenance anyone treating the rules with contempt. Those who knew him well, had a greatest of respect for his organising ability and efficiency in his position.

Jim's services to Long Reef were recognised in 1966 when he was made a Life Member.

## ERNEST MEDLAND PAYNE

Known as Tim Payne he was a staunch committee man who served for eleven years between 1954 and 1966.

A bachelor, Tim was a very sociable person who gave his fullest support to all Club activities, both on and off the course. He was a very strong member of the Services Section of the Club, and after leaving Long Reef he became President of the Services Section at Manly Club. Tim will be remembered by the ex-servicemen at Long Reef for his annual recitations of the Ode on Services Day. He remained in the Army after the War and passed away a resident of War Vets at the age of 103.

In private life, Tim was associated with Jack Crawford in a firm specialising in trophy sales. As part of his job, he regularly visited Goulburn Golf Club and the relationship formed with the Pro there lead to the formation of the Goulburn weekends. See page 228.

As a golfer, Tim was a more than useful middle marker who played a very competitive game and always enjoyed his golf.





*Members' Lounge, 1961 shortly after completion of major reconstruction.*



*Dining Room, 1961*

## EMILY AKEHURST

The Golf Club was most fortunate to have two Women members, Ruby Watts and Emily Akehurst, (known as Bunny,) who not only graced the honour boards as excellent golfers and served the Club in every way for decades, but are also remembered for their kindness, leadership by example and generosity of spirit. They were also sisters. They achieved ninety or so years of membership between them.

Bunny was the eldest of the sisters but not the first to join Long Reef. She was born in 1907. She attended Sydney University for four years. Here she played in the hockey team and was a member of the swimming team for the University for all four years. She achieved a double blue and also played hockey for NSW. She was offered a place on the Australian Women's hockey team to tour England but she declined. This was at a time when the team were amateurs and had to pay their own way. She was very much a sporting all-rounder. On receiving her degree, she worked as a High School Science teacher.

Bunny joined Roseville Golf Club in 1938. There she served four years on the Associates Committee. She played No.1 in the Club's Grade team and was twice Club Champion at Roseville. She also won the Foursomes four times and the lowest handicap achieved at Roseville was 10. Nearly twenty years after joining Roseville Bunny joined Long Reef in 1957 at fifty years of age.

Emily's contribution as an administrator and player was acknowledge with Life Membership in 1990. She was the Associates Captain from 1963-1964 having been on the committee from 1960-1962. She played in the Grade Team for 11 years and was a member of the celebrated Grade wins in 1968 and 1970 (See page 86). She was a star in the Club Bronze and Mixed Foursomes Championships. She won 3 LGU Silver medals and 1 Bronze medal with the Medal winners Cup in 1980 and 1990.

In Shirley Blackburn's Handicappers report at the 1987 AGM, Shirley says, "A special mention this year, of Bunny Akehurst who since turning 80, has won at least one ball every week."

At the age of 82, in 1989, Bunny was still playing, carrying her own Clubs in a small bag, on a handicap of 36. Bunny left the Club at the end of the 1990 season.



*Photo - 1987. Bunny celebrates her 80th Birthday at the Club*

## VALERIE KING



*NSW Women's Team 1953 - Royal Perth WA.  
L-R Barbara Gowing, Val King, Sylvia Barnes,  
Helen Stockman, Pat Borthwich, Marie McColl*

Valerie joined the Club on 21st April 1950 and retired from Long Reef and golf on the 30th. June 1960. Valerie was twenty-five years of age when she joined Long Reef and had a handicap of 9. Valerie certainly made an impression straight away with the two Club Championship wins in consecutive years and holding the scratch score for three years.

In the ten years that Valerie was a member of Long Reef, she was an elite and successful golfer, both at home and away. Her highest achievement may be considered to be her membership of the NSW team in 1953. To date it is believed that Valerie was the first and possibly the only woman from Long Reef to do so.

Valerie started to play golf at the age of nine. She was taught how to play by her father, a member of Bayview who continued to advise her throughout her amateur career. She played all her early golf against men, her family and her brothers, uncle and father. Initially when she joined the Club she found it difficult to play with women. She describes herself as a natural sportswoman who only wanted to play for exercise and pleasure and found major competition and pressure hard to cope with. She retired from golf because of the demands placed on her from various Clubs, and family commitments.

### Long Reef- Major Club Achievements

- 1951 Club Champion (R/u Ruby Watts)
- 1951 Scratch winner – 78
- 1952 Scratch Winner - 80
- 1952 Club Champion (R/u Mrs J. Jones)
- 1952 Foursomes Champion with Mrs Kendall
- 1952 Entered NSW Champs and Australian Championships
- 1953 Scratch winner shared with Ruby Watts – 78

### NSW Achievements

- 1950, & 1951 Yallambee Cup winner at NSW Mountains Meeting
- 1953 NSW Foursomes Champion with Mrs. W.P. Smith
- 1953 NSW STATE TEAM MEMBER
- 1954 NSW Mixed Foursomes Champion with Des Lofthouse
- 1958 NSWLGU Salver winner at NSW Championship meeting
- 1958 NSW Foursomes Champion with A.R. Colwell
- 1961 NSW Foursomes Champion with E. Neil



## BETTY FERGUSON (NEE ROGALSKY)



As Mrs. Betty Marion Ferguson, wife of Long Reef Member Dr David Ferguson, Betty joined the Club in Sept 1947, but this was far from the beginning of her golfing career. Her golfing career was long, varied and successful.

Betty Rogalsky was born on 9 August 1920. For the first few years of her life she lived at Springwood and as her parents played golf there, as seen in some family photographs, this is where she was most likely introduced to golf. When Betty was about twelve years of age, they moved to Turramurra. She went to school at PLC Pymble, but golf claimed her imagination and she left early to pursue her passion as a golfer. As well as living at Turramurra the Rogalskys had a house at the "Little Beach" Collaroy.

She started playing golf seriously when she became a member of Pymble in 1936, at the age of 16. She had a great deal of success as a junior. Photos in the archives show her competing in the Women's State Championship at Kensington and the Junior NSW Championships. Betty would later tell her family that a young Kel Nagle caddied for her at Pymble and she became a Club Champion there. She was also a member of Manly and Long Reef at the same time, playing off handicaps of 4 and 5.

Her achievements at Long Reef included winning the Club Championships in 1949, and becoming the Foursomes Champion in 1953, 54, 55 and 1956. In all Foursomes wins she partnered Ruby Watts. She also held the Scratch Score in 1950, sharing with Ruby a score of 84, and in 1955 with a 73.

Betty joined Killara in 1956, where she continued her excellent golf and became a very keen promoter of the game. She did not win any further major competitions at Long Reef, and it seems Killara became her home Club, but she remained a member of Long Reef until June 1963.

Betty represented Women golfers on all levels of Committee, Club, LGU and the Australia LGU Match Committee. In 2000 she received one of the Australian Sports medals for her work with the LGU and her contribution to Women's Golf.

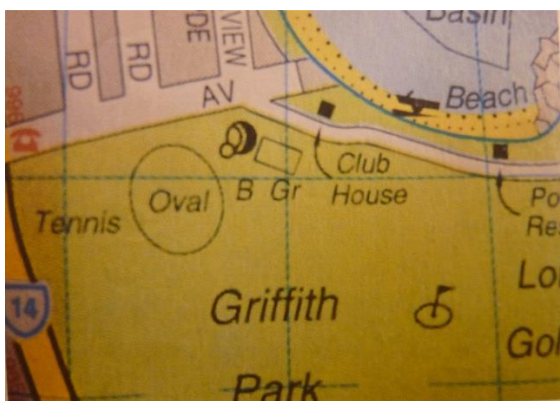
## THE BOWLING GREEN



*1953 aerial photo of Long Reef Headland showing the bowling green near the Clubhouse*



*Presented by A. N. Harding Esq for the Annual Bowling Competition 1954*



*Map showing the bowling green from 70s Gregory's Maps*

## CHAPTER SEVEN - THE SIXTIES

The Club was steered through the sixties by first Wally Smith, who held the Presidency for four years, then Tom Hollingsworth for two years and finally Frank Kinley who was to remain in the post until the mid-70s. The Captains were Tom Hollingsworth and Geoff Wheatley. Patty Cropper had a very strong influence on the organisation of the Associate's Committee at this time. The decade commenced with champion player Ruby Watts as Associate President in her 20<sup>th</sup> year of membership of the Club.

The early years saw some finishing touches put to the "new" Clubhouse, the brick version.

- A PA system for the lounge, dining room, verandah and Associates' lounge.
- Carpet for the members' lounge and verandah. At that time the eastern section of the present members' lounge (overlooking the putting green) was a verandah, separated from the lounge by a wall. This wall was removed in 1961.
- By the early '60s the Associates section of the Clubhouse was all but demolished. Funds were created by the women to help with the furnishings, but lack of facilities led to cancellations in the golfing programme.

As part of the repayments of the bank loan, levies were imposed for a number of years at \$6.30 on ordinary, a provisional and associate Members and \$2.10 on others. The final cost of the second phase of refurbishment came to \$67000.

In 1961, John Harris a partner with the English firm of C.K. Cotton, Golf Course Architects, prepared a report which was intended to be a blueprint for future course development.

At this time the present practice fairway was in use as the 9<sup>th</sup> hole of the course. There was a fairly consistent pressure from members for creation of practice facilities – in the form of a net, a bunker, and a practice green. There was some reluctance by the Committee to accede to this because of the difficulty of preventing public use of the facility. In 1963, an area south of the Bowling Green was defined for practice – there was no net, but a rough green and a bunker were established. Intermittent member pressure for a net continued for many years until the Committee of the mid-80s finally relented, providing the nets we have today. Of course practice generally has been facilitated ever since the old 9<sup>th</sup> was given over to this use in the late '60s.

1961 was the year in which Long Reef was the venue for the N.S.W. Women's Match Play Championship. It was a big event for the Club with most of the leading women players participating.

The decade brought to an end three very long careers with the Club:

- Frank Eyre retired in 1963 after 41 years as Pro. He was presented with a suitably inscribed silver salver. Frank was replaced by John Kelly who himself was to serve as Pro for another lengthy term of 22 years. (see page 95)
- Jim Alderdice retired in 1966 due to ill-health after more than 18 years as Secretary (see page 76)
- Vince McManus retired after more than 20 years' service as greenkeeper.

By 1963 serious problems were being encountered with sand blown onto the old Par 3 16<sup>th</sup>. The only long term solution seemed to be abandonment of the hole, and creation of one or two new ones west of the old 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes. It was commonly believed, and still is by many that the demise of the old 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> was caused by the erection of the Long Reef Surf Pavilion which caused a change in wind patterns. Of course there is also the issue of the destruction of the large coastal sand dunes in that area during the war.



Also in 1963 Jack Wilson, a Club Vice-President was President of the NSWGA Golf Union and Australian Golf Union and Manger of the Eisenhower Cup team. (As a non-shire resident, the rules prevented him from standing as the President of Long Reef.) (See note on page 73)

Problems were being experienced with the bowling green. Its condition was not up to standard and in 1965 it was decided to spend some \$3100 to rebuild it. With the benefit of hindsight, this could not have been one of the Club's best decisions as the green was abandoned and built on within five years.

A further class of membership, B Provisional with no Saturday playing rights, was introduced in 1964.

By the middle of the decade the Club had acquired its first TV set, erected in the SE corner of the dining room. Membership had fallen from the peak of 630 in the 1950s to around 550. Profits were barely staying in the black, but the bank overdraft associated with the Club building extension had been reduced to around \$25000 and all debentures had been redeemed within 5 years – half their maximum term. Annual subs were then \$65.

In 1965, the newsletter was given a name for the first time. It was called the Reef Breezes.

In 1966 a new starter's box was erected to replace the quite small one (see photo on page 71) which had graced the then 1<sup>st</sup> tee for some 30 years. The new box was larger but much less ornate than its predecessor, the loss of which was "mourned" by many who considered it a feature of the course. In 1967 the Professional became the Starter of the Associates' Competitions as well. In 1968 the demolition of the old caddy shed was approved and plans were prepared for a new machinery shed.

A sub-committee was formed to investigate the possibility of an artificial lake, but for various reasons little was done. Steps were taken however to obtain the approval of the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission and Department of Lands. Water was still being obtained from the well to supply the current 6<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> holes.

Dress rules were relaxed in 1966 with removal of the requirement for members to wear coats in the lounge on mixed days.

Work commenced at the end of 1966 on two new holes (current 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>). An extra piece of land was granted for the Club's use by the council. The new refiguration would replace the old 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The new holes were opened for play May 1 1968.

By 1967 the Club was struggling financially. It made a loss of \$4137 in that year. A proposal to levy members \$10 was defeated but fees were raised by that amount in 1968 and a further \$10 to \$85 in 1970. At that time bottle beer was sold by the Club for \$4 per dozen (26oz) and middies were priced at 17 cents.

In the late '60s and early '70s the Club had a succession of Secretaries. Ken Lyons, who had replaced Jim Alderdice in 1966 resigned three years later. His replacement was Alf Fryer, former Secretary of the NSW LTA. He in turn was succeeded by Jim Shearer and then Arthur Wilson who held the position until the arrival of Bob Ayscough in 1976.

The golf at Long Reef in the sixties was almost ruthlessly dominated by Des Lofthouse who took out no fewer than seven Club championships and six Foursomes titles – four men's and two mixed. In August 1965, Des played fine golf to win the Cromer Bowl with a 69 – 4 shots clear of the field.

Among the Associates, Ruby Watts surrendered her 1950s crown to Dulcie Fouracrcce who proved the dominant woman with eight Club Championships in total in her playing career, six Associates Foursomes over three decades and one Mixed Foursomes. Dulcie won 7 times in the '60s and was runner-up on one occasion. Ruby Watts continued to feature in Foursomes with four titles and Mollie Langdale also performed very well with three Club Championships and five Foursomes wins.



In 1962 a team of four Long Reef Associates won the highly coveted LGU Coronation Medal played at Killara. The team, Ruby Watts, Bebe McLean, Mollie Langdale and Jean Mackenzie had the best aggregate net score of only eight over par. In the Sun newspaper in July 1962 part of Bebe's round is described – "Mrs McLean's round included an 11 on the par 5 ninth hole, followed by a 34 off the stick for the home nine."

In 1968 it was thought that Long Reef had won its first ever A Grade Pennant Title, it was not the men's team which achieved this break-through – it was the Associates. The women have always been and remain justly proud of this title win, but with recent information might compare it to a recently discovered win in 1929. Their best-ever team in 1968 was led by Ruby Watts, comprised also Emily Akehurst, Betty Backous, Dulcie Fourarce, Margaret Greacen, Elaine Maxwell, Joan Nott, Rene Haire, Joyce Machar, Bebe McLean, Margaret Goldston-Morris and Meryl Glasson.

In the late '60s the Associates Captain had led a determined effort to improve the team. Silver players in particular were encouraged to improve their handicaps, extra lessons were arranged with the Professional, and qualifying match-play games between the likely team members. This was for extra match-play practice and rankings. In 1967 a uniform was designed and made, and a badge designed by Mrs Nott. It all worked together for a win. They were the bottom of the division in 1966, runners-up in 67, winners in 68, runners-up a year later and won again on 1970. Ruby Watts was the team Captain. It was a team of champions. The records of Ruby Watts, Dulcie Fouracre and then Bebe McLean may never be repeated. But there was one more special win, in that special year of 1968. Myree Short won the Metropolitan Bronze Division of the Isabel Ducker Trophy for the first time in the Club's history

There were many changes on the course and in the Clubhouse to help the women. The fields were large and playing in groups of 3 from 3 tees was common place. (3 tees discontinued from 1968)

It was a decade of firsts –

- 1960 the Fourball knockout commences – Mrs Leonard donates the first trophy
- 1961 Trips to the Orange week of golf commence
- 1962 A C-Grade Premiership was included in the programme
- 1964 Count-backs for medals were eliminated – play off held the next month instead
- 1966 Women take over the running of Tuesday competitions
- 1967 Associates Championship and Premierships to be held on the same day.
- 1967 The same celebratory drinks after a hole-in-one allowed for women

Long Reef is probably the most exposed golf course in Sydney and the elements play a big part in most competitions. One extraordinary event was reported in the "Sunday Telegraph" in August 1969. It told of gale force winds which whipped up waves to the point where they actually broke onto the 15<sup>th</sup> fairway (now 17<sup>th</sup>)! The waves deposited a heavy layer of beach sand across the turf. It was around this time that erosion of the cliff near the present 17<sup>th</sup> tee caused that tee to be moved further from the edge to where it is now.

At the close of the decade, the Club was busily preparing to host a Pro-Am tournament. This was to be held in January, 1970 with the prize money of \$1000.



*Late '60s the brick Clubhouse, following a decade of reconstruction*

*See Plans on page 67*



*Behind the bar in September 1964. Club Stewards - including head Steward John Walsh*



*Associates' A Grade Team 1968 Premiers*

*M. Greacen*

*J. Machar, R. Haire*

*J. Nott, R. Watts (Capt.)*

*Fouracre, E. Akehurst, E. Maxwell, B. Backous, B. McClean, M. Glasson*

*(Absent M. Goldstein-Morris)*



*Certificate Hand drawn and framed*



*Badge designed by Mrs Nott*



## JOYCE MACHAR

Joyce Machar joined the Club on the 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 1965. There were several changes to her membership status as she moved with her husband's work postings with the bank.

Three years after arriving at Long Reef, Joyce became a member of the Associate's Committee in 1968, and this interest and service continues on and off until the '80s. She was a Committee member in 1968 and the LGU delegate. She served on three occasions as Captain in 1969, 1973-75 and again in 1982. Joyce was President in 1981.

Joyce was a good and very enthusiastic golfer and Member of the winning Grade teams in 1968 and 1970. (See 1968 team photo above.) Joyce became Club Champion in 1976. It is noted that Joyce won the three Long Reef Championship titles over three decades. In the '60s it was the Mixed Foursomes, in the '70s the Women's Championships, and the Women's Foursomes in both the '60s and '80s.

She was also awarded a Meritorious Certificate for Service to the Club in 1996. Joyce was known to be a strict enforcer of the rules, particularly the dress code, and was very efficient and organised. Many of the innovations planned to cope with the large fields in the late 60s and 70s can be credited to Joyce. Not only a committee member, Joyce also took part in the concerts. She started the Blackwood Cup, Blackwood v Long Reef with this SA Club when she lived there. Joyce was still playing an organising role as a member of the Club's Bridge Club in 2012, at then the age of 92.

Joyce Machar – In her own words. June 2012

"When my husband Ron was transferred to Sydney he met the Treasurer of Long Reef at the Bank and was invited to play a mixed game of golf on a Sunday, which we did and enjoyed it so much we filled in the necessary forms and there and then were members of Long Reef. We knew no one in Sydney, so all our friends we met at Long Reef. A special win was the Singles Knockout finals against Elaine Maxwell. We were square on the 18th and square on the 19th. Then I had a Hole-in-one to win the match, on the then 2nd hole. (Now the 10th Green).

At one point we had five Machars in the Club. Our daughter went back to work and our eldest son transferred to London. We still have a son, plus a son-in-law as Members. Operations on both my hands brought to an end my golfing days, alas."



*Joyce Machar in 1996 on the day she received a Meritorious service award from the Club*



## PATTY CROPPER



In the “Reflections” Brochure written in 1996 for the Club’s 75th celebrations, the phrase “The Cropper Years” was used by Philip Moss to describe the ‘60s. Much is made of the fact that husband Vic and Patty did a great deal together – including each being struck by lightning on a golf course a week apart in 1985! There is no doubt that Patty Cropper had an “electric influence”, and was a sparkling light on the Women’s Committee at this time. They were executive club officers at the same time. Patty is described as being kind and gracious, and put so much into the Club that it became a major part of her life. Patty would sit at a table in the Associates Lounge, greeting every player as they came in and ask how they had played. After the paperwork was done in the makeshift office, she would always allow time to change her outfit in time for the presentation. Long serving member Betty Twilight (from 1968), recalls that Patty was always most gracious, particularly when welcoming new members. Patty was also very quick to point out any inappropriate dress on the course by the Associate members.

As is mentioned in the ‘60s Chapter, Patty joined the Club in 1959/60, following her husband Vic, who had joined in 1954. “.. the couple took little time to become entrenched in the hierarchy of the Club.” Patty was the first to go ‘on committee’, in 1962, where she stayed until 1971. She was on the Committee for nine consecutive years. In these nine years the first three was spent on general committee followed by three as Captain from 1965-68, and then three as President 1968-71. Her experience and knowledge were second to none and of course she continued to make contributions to the Club right up to the late ‘90s.

“Patricia’s dedication to the cause and longevity of membership earned her the ultimate accolade in 1994 when she was awarded one of only four Associate Life Memberships” Patty said “That is certainly the highlight of my time at Long Reef. It was a wonderful honour and people will tell you I am not often speechless.”(Quotes -Reflections booklet). Patty was indeed far from speechless, the ‘60s were shaped by her frequent petitions and motions and letters to the Club Committee to bring about change and represent women’s issues to the full.

Patty was essentially a Bronze player, but did a great deal to encourage players to improve their handicaps, particularly the Silver players. She was Associate’s Captain at the time of the Grade team win in 1968 (then thought of as the first in the Club’s history.) Patty died in 2004.

## NOLA BURKE



In 2010, Long Reef Members were able to share the celebration and acknowledge the achievements of Nola as she was awarded a Special Certificate by Golf New South Wales following 50 Years of continuous golf playing membership of the Club, and 50 years of service to the Club. She also became the first female Golfing Gold Member of Long Reef as far as records show.

Nola joined Long Reef in 1960. She had grown up in a golfing household. Her father was a member of Long Reef before her. There then followed fifty years of golfing competition. The lowest handicap achieved was 16, and at 81 years of age in 2010, was still playing in the Clubs 11-hole competition.

Nola served on the Women's Committee. She took on the role of Secretary in 1966, 1967 and 1968, and again ten years later in 1977, 1978 and 1979.

She was a regular representative in the Pennant Teams, and an enthusiastic and reliable volunteer caddy for the Grade Teams over the years. Nola competed in all Club events over the fifty years, winning the Bronze Premiership in 1978 and 1979 and the Bronze Foursomes in 1979 and 1988. In 2008 Nola was runner-up in the C-Grade Foursomes.

Nola supported women's golf for her entire playing career and was recognised in 2008, for 45 years of attendance at Duntryleague Week of Golf at Orange.

She was a very valuable member of our Club, including as a Bridge player, and she supported and encouraged all our members. Happily she took part in Concerts or helped back stage.

Nola passed away in January, 2020. (Nola was the mother of member Peter and mother-in law of Pam Burke.)

## DULCIE FOURACRE



Long Reef Golf Club's absolute Women's Champion of single Championship golfers.

Dulcie joined Long Reef Golf Club on 1 July 1952 and resigned in 2001. Before this Dulcie had been a member at Palm Beach, and Mona Vale Golf Clubs

Major Achievements on Long Reef general Committee - 1957-59, 1960-61

**Club Champion for a record 8 times** - 1957, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69. R/u Championships 63

Foursomes Championships - 1959,63,64,78,82,84,90 R/u Foursomes -1971, 91, 92

Mixed Foursomes 1961 with G. C. Wheatley Winning Grade Team Member 1968.1970. Grade Player 60s and 70s

Singles knockout -1962, 1971, 1982, 1990

R/U Fourball knockout –with Rene Haire 1995, 1996 Medal Winners Cup -1971

During World War 2, Dulcie made her contribution as a member of the women's army in which she used to drive trucks. She played much of her earlier golf at Palm Beach where she lived at that time. While at Palm Beach she won several titles including one Club Championship and five Foursomes.

Dulcie's fellow Associates described her as fairly quiet and very likeable person who has always been a delight to play with. She represented the Club many times in pennant golf and at her peak was a very good player. In the 1980s she still played a very steady game off a handicap in the mid-teens.

It should be noted that Dulcie first won the Club's Foursomes in 1959, and for the last time in 1990, just over 30 years apart. She is a record holder, with 8 Championship wins, and 7 Foursome titles.





*Four very smartly dressed golfers in the '70s.  
L-R Audrey Roger, Pat Greacen, Mal Parnell, Franki Jasprizza*



*'70s Main entrance.  
"PRIVATE – LONG REEF GOLF CLUB– MEMBERS ONLY"*



## DES V. LOFTHOUSE

Any summary of the career of Des Lofthouse can be presented by first reproducing the “citation” which from time to time hangs in the members’ lounge and which was produced at the time when Des was made a Life Member in 1980:

Club Champion: 1953, 1954, 1955, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1974

Foursomes Champion: 1953, 1954, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1973, 1975, 1984

Mixed Foursomes Champion: 1957, 1959, 1965, 1969

N.S.W. Mixed Foursomes Champion: 1954

World War 2 Trophy, Concord: 1954

Killara Shield (with K. Ley): 1957

Cromer Bowl: 1965

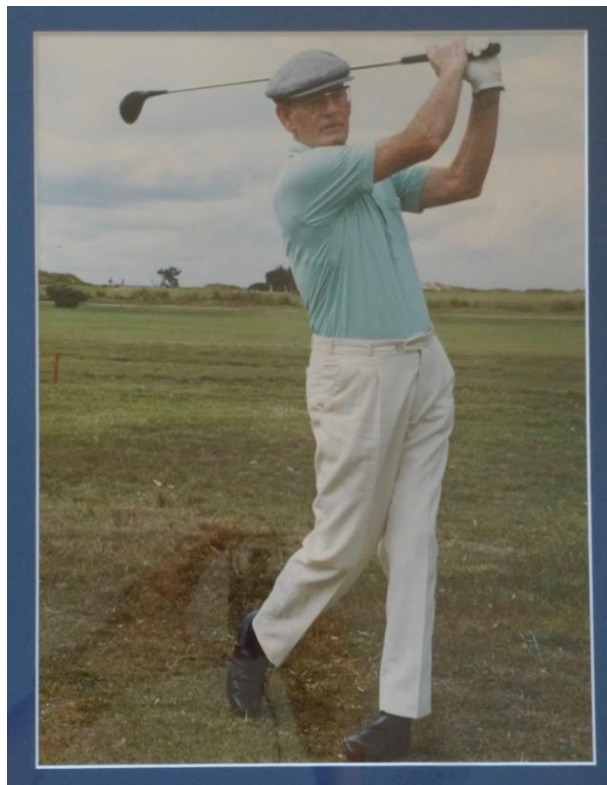
Long Reef Grade representative for 27 years.

This record speaks for itself but says little about Des, the man. Those who had most to do with Des, knew him as a fairly quiet, unassuming person who never let success go to his head and preferred to keep in the background. Of course, with a career such as his, this had not always been possible. He had always played in accordance with the true traditions of the game and had represented Long Reef in an exemplary manner.

All Long Reef golfers who have played with Des speak with a certain amount of reverence about his ability. A particular attribute which may have helped to explain his success had been his ability to tame, even exploit, the elements; to hit flat and low into the wind, and to float higher with the wind behind. He was a dedicated practiser and owed much to this for his skill in ball control.

Des was a long-time friend of former Manly Professional, Dick Carr and the two no doubt helped one another sort out any minor swing problems. Des’ golf record at Long Reef will take some beating.

Following his death his ashes were scattered on the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway. The Men’s Club Championship trophy is named after him.





*A GRADE TEAM 1973*

*Back: B. Withers, D. Lofthouse, M. Hancock, P. Wilson  
Front: B. Steel, J. King, L. Browne, E. Robinson, J. Kelly*

### **A GRADE TEAM 1973**

*Back: B. Withers, D. Lofthouse, M. Hancock, P. Wilson  
Front: B. Steel, J. King, L. Browne, E. Robinson, (not in picture J. Kelly)*



*One of the Goulburn weekend trophies competed for from 1955 – present.*

## A. FRANK KINLEY



Frank Kinley was one of the quieter members of the Club who will be remembered for the many years of service he rendered over a period of some twenty years.

Frank was a solicitor by profession with the firm of Meagher, Kinley and Comans. As a golfer he had no pretensions to greatness but he nonetheless derived much pleasure from his game.

Frank was first elected to Committee in 1955 and he served in that capacity for two years. He was quickly elevated to Vice-Presidency in 1957 and he held that position for ten years giving valuable support to Gus Widmer, Wally Smith and Tom Hollingsworth. He was elected President in 1967 and served a further eight years in the top post.

Frank's outstanding contribution to the administration of Long Reef was acknowledged in 1974 when Life Membership was bestowed.



*1975 beer coaster. Announcing the calendar of events by the caterer.*



## JOHN KELLY

John Kelly succeeded Frank Eyre as Club Professional in 1963. He came to Long Reef at the age of 34 with an interesting background.

John's early contact with the game was much the same as for many other good golfers – caddying and sneaking a few shots whenever possible. At one stage he caddied for Norman Von Nida and he admitted that "the Von" was always his idol in those days.

In his teens he emerged as a very competent golfer, winning four Club championships in five years at ages 16 – 21 at North Ryde and Ryde Parramatta. He turned pro in 1950 and was apprenticed to Dick Carr at Manly for three years. He then spent a few years touring the local circuit during which time he set a course record at Heidelberg in Victoria.

In 1955 he went to New Zealand, becoming Club Pro at Remuera, Auckland. He represented N.Z. in the Canada Cup in 1957 and 1959 and each year finished in the top 20 or the 60 golfers competing. He had won the New Zealand PGA in 1956.

One interesting job he held was as professional to the Army's National Service battalion in Ingleburn. The C.O. at the camp was a keen golfer and decided that the sport would help his 18 year-olds spend their weekends in camp.

Many Long Reef golfers will remember John as a sound teacher and one who greatly helped them with his advice. Rodger Davies was one of his assistant Pros. John's career at the Club was concluded in 1985 after 22 years. He died in 2018.





## GEOFF C. WHEATLEY

Geoff Wheatley, in the opinion of those who knew him well, was one of the best Captains Long Reef ever had. He was particularly dedicated to the task, lending keen support to all representative teams and being a great ambassador for the Club. In all Geoff served as Captain for five years from 1965, with two years also as a Committee member.

Before turning seriously to golf, Geoff was an outstanding tennis player who played A-Grade in the Northern Suburbs Association for 15 years, winning many competitions. He represented the Northern Suburbs in the Blackwell Cup for ten years and was a member of winning teams against such players as Rosewall and Hoad. Geoff was the outright winner of Boyle-Breakspeare Memorial Ex-Servicemen's Cup which was played at Manly grass courts over a period of 8 years. He served on the Northern Suburbs Tennis Council for many years.

As a golfer, Geoff at his peak played off a 4 handicap and represented the Club in A-Grade pennants for a number of years. He won the Club Foursomes twice and Mixed Foursomes once.

Geoff was always a popular member, respected by all for his knowledge of the game and his playing ability. In the 80s he was dogged by ill-health but still enjoyed a regular game. His services to Long Reef were recognised in 1986 when he was made a Life Member.





*Nancye and Allan Hohnen. - Allan was a member of Long Reef for over 50 years from 1956. Nancye joined in 1972 and played for 39 years. In those nearly 40 years they were great supporters of the Sunday Mixed 4BBB competitions and friends of the Twights. (below). Nancye was R/up in the Associates Championships on two occasions and was a Grade player for the Club.*



*Dick and Betty Twight*

*Members from 1968. Dick, Club Captain from 1982-84 was the grandson of the owner of the Twight Tea House where the Club's first meeting were held. Betty achieved Gold membership in 2018. See page 243.*

## CHAPTER EIGHT - THE SEVENTIES

The Club moved into its sixth decade amid some financial uncertainty. Profits were at anything but a comfortable level. Memberships had risen however above the 700 mark and remained around that level through the '70s.

Much thought was given by the Committee to ways of improving the Club's financial position. The Club Presidents in the '70s were A. F. Kinley, R. Cordaiy, and G.H. Clark. One way proposed for improving revenue was to add a room to the members' lounge which could give social Clubs access to the bar after their game. In June 1971 a general meeting considered the options. The project included moving the Secretary's office to the eastern end of the building and some changes to the main Members' lounge. A proposal to include a Pool table was rejected. A bank loan of \$70,000 was approved and members were to be levied a maximum of \$50 over two years. The total cost was to be \$80,000. The Club found the time and the money to celebrate its Silver Jubilee in 1971.

A new Special Membership category was introduced providing for half fees for an Ordinary member over 65 years of age who had been in the Club, continuously for 25 years. During 1972, the Hon Auditor of the Club, Mr N.G. Bell, decided to call it a day after an incredible period in that position spanning just on 50 years from 1923. In 1974, the number of Vice-Presidents, which in the Club's early years had been as many as six, and which was reduced to three in 1946-47, was further lowered to one.

On the course, in 1970 water salinity testing was carried out in the well next to the 5<sup>th</sup> hole. This revealed that the well could no longer be used as the water had become too salty. It was abandoned and filled in in 1978. In 1970 a new machinery shed was constructed at a cost of \$9000, and a number of course improvements were completed including extensions to the present 1<sup>st</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> tees, and the creation of some mounds on the 17<sup>th</sup> fairway to protect from salt. Improvements continued with watering systems on the present 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> holes. The 3<sup>rd</sup> green was extended on its western side to its present shape. The 4<sup>th</sup> tee, which used to be where the present Women's 18<sup>th</sup> tee is, was moved to the top of the hill. The 18<sup>th</sup> tee moved to its current position from west of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Green.

By the mid-1970s the Club was still in the doldrums financially – net profit in 1974 being \$235, while in 1975 a loss of \$5836 was recorded. Annual fees by that time had risen to \$155 (excluding the \$25 levy), and were to rise further to \$265 by the end of the decade. Bob Ayscough was appointed Secretary-Manager from January 1976 to replace Arthur Wilson who resigned to move to Cromer. Arrangements were made to make greater use of the Club Dining Room by the public for weddings etc.

For the Associate Members it was a golden decade. To date there were the largest of playing fields, new events and ideas. This was a decade of letter writing to the Members' Committee and the LGU, proactive in requests for revision and change. For example, there were dramatic changes in the use of the Clubhouse and dress regulations for women. The relaxation of dress regulations permitted the wearing of slacks on the course. In 1972 wording relating to Dress Regulations in the Programme Book declared that slacks could be worn in inclement weather on the course, and slack-suits in the Clubhouse. Another concession was that from 1975 Associates were allowed in the Clubhouse on Saturdays without getting special permission from the Club Committee when a special occasion was held!

The Associate Members acted like housewives of the Club and even filled in as caterers, selected paint colours, followed a flower roster and the washing of tablecloths. The Associates Committee organised golf for the Business girls, interviewed new members, as well as running Tuesday and Thursday golf with its trophy donation roster. They had their own Treasurer and Bank Accounts and completed many tasks by hand including handicapping.

The Croppers had been on the two committees at the same time in the '60s and '70s. There were several other husbands and wives who were nominated in Committee positions in the '70s. This included The Notts, Cordaiys, Burkes, Blackburns, Brownes, Machars and the Parnells for example. Sunday golf saw many couples playing together at a time when Associates were allowed to play too. This gave cohesion and strength to the Club. The Mixed Foursomes was a very prestigious event in the '70s. For the women the '70s might be called the Machar/McLean leadership years!

The Club has always had problems with vandals, primarily because as public parkland it could not fence the course perimeter. In 1977, there was a particularly bad rash of destruction as the following extracts from the greenkeepers report indicate.

- Chain cut to topsoil stockpile; chain, lock and bolts stolen.
- 5ft pine tree cut down.
- Car driven over flag pole on 15<sup>th</sup> green.
- Nylon rope on flag pole stolen 3 times.
- Flags missing from 6 greens.
- Turf ripped up on 5<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> greens.
- 8 flags ripped off poles.
- 6 taps turned on, flooding greens.

There were other events of a similar nature, all adding to the greenkeeper's woes and the Club operating costs. Members of long standing will find this story all too familiar.

In February, 1978 the Committee drew up a five-year plan establishing priorities for the future. A number of proposals were approved by a special general meeting involving expenditure of \$110,000 to achieve, amongst other things, the following improvements

- Automatic watering of tees and greens.
- New pro shop.
- Extension of locker room.
- Construction of Juniors' room at SW corner of Clubhouse.
- A snooker room to be placed next to the members' lounge on the western side.

Norm Carr was appointed as Course Superintendent in May 1979, a position he held for 10 years. This was a significant appointment and most members would agree that the condition of the links improved steadily under his direction and remained consistently high through each year. The old starter's box (which was near the present 9<sup>th</sup> tee) was demolished in June 1979. The course was modified for the then 9<sup>th</sup> to become the 1<sup>st</sup> hole – a virtual reversal of the two halves of the course.

Meanwhile the golfers on the course continued on regardless! Honours in the major events were distributed more widely than in the past years with no fewer than five players winning the Club Championship. In the men's Foursomes, however Eddie Robinson proved "king" by taking out six men's titles with three different partners. For three years his son Ray was his partner 1970, 71 and 72. (See index for lists.) In 1977 the Club won the Associates Weekend Pennant. In 1978 the achievements of R.G. Ruckley were celebrated with a mention in the Annual Report. By 1978 he had played over 200 games for the Club. The course record was lowered in the early '70s first by Eric Couper of Cromer who turned in a 68 in the Long Reef Medal. This was equalled the following year by Paul Jones of St Michaels. Couper's was a remarkable round as he began it with three bogeys. The Associates' course record took a hammering at the hands of Jennifer Roberts, who clipped three strokes in 1975 with a round of 75; then H. Ryan of N.Z. who in 1977 cut a further two strokes to return a 73. Bebe McLean of Long Reef had held the record at the start of the decade with a 79 in 1971.

Like the men the Associates Championship title was widely distributed in the '70s with 7 names engraved on the trophy breaking a stranglehold created by Ruby Watts in the '50s and Dulcie Fouracre in the '60s. Following the celebrated success of the 1968 Grade team, the Club won again



in 1970. The '70s Champions were; Helen Maxwell 1970, 71, 74, Bebe Mc Clean 1972, Wilma McNicol 1973, Jennifer Roberts 1975, Joyce Machar 1976, Nancy Bartlett 1978 and 1979 Sue Bingham. (Sue had three more wins to come.) The decade had started with the establishment of the Long Reef Salver. The first winner was Mrs Lamont of Cromer. In 1970s the women played in 3's for the first time on a regular basis – to speed up play and accommodate a large field. In 1977 the Associates entered a team in Bronze 2 for the first time. In 1976 the Bronze Premiership had been introduced for women.

When both Helen Maxwell and Wilma McNicol, no 1 and 2 in the Grade Team, left in the same year in 1975-76 they were missed. But others stepped up. Both Jennifer Roberts and Nancy Bartlett had a relatively short but successful time as Associate members. Jennifer was a member between 1974-77, starting out as a Junior. Her list of the Championship, the Scratch score and the wins in the Salver in 1975 and 76 are very commendable. Nancy Bartlett won the Championship and Foursomes twice each between 1977-81. Bebe McLean won the Salver in 1974 and is seen on the Mixed Foursomes Board on four occasions in the '70s. In 1974 and 77 it was with R. Withers, in 1978 and 79 with Les Browne.

It is noted with interest that in August 1975 at the AGM a Mr D.D. Farrell, proposed that Associates became Ordinary members, and it was referred to the Election Committee. The reply said that it was "thought provoking, but nevertheless premature to implement at this time" (It finally happened in 1996.) However, the women did get a major prize in 1976, their own office. Permission was granted to convert the old buggy room off the front putting green. Of course the women set to, to clean, decorate and fit-out themselves and they bought the champagne to celebrate with all the women members! That was just before the Associates decorated the shower room themselves in time for the NSW Junior Mixed Championships to be held in 1978.

In 1971 the Reef Breezes was back into print under the guidance of Captain Vic Cropper. This first edition had photos in it for the first time, but photos were discontinued because of costs. In 1974 the annual Cromer versus Long Reef days began, the Associates a year later. The Bridge Club had its beginnings in the '70s. There had been some card groups before this both for Bridge and Solo. A request to have a card afternoon on Wednesdays had gone to the Club Committee in 1972. It was in 1975 that permission was given to form a Bridge Club.

There has always been issue with "the caterers". In the '70s several incidents were recorded. In Feb 1971 the then Associates President, Patty Cropper, Captain Joan Nott and the Secretary were told to find themselves something suitable for the Open Day lunch and prepare it themselves. In January 1979 a piece in the Reef Breezes said, "The Associates Committee are to be congratulated on their very successful catering for the Christmas Cocktail party and as endorsed on the evening was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the one hundred and sixty people who attended." (The Associates committee did receive payments into their funds for the effort.)

There had been quite a drama in the freshly renovated kitchen in Jan 1977, a fire. Two young male caterers had just been appointed – their appointment lasted for just five weeks! There was extensive damage, most of it put right by volunteers. They were the Club's 23<sup>rd</sup> caterers (as far as present records show, there may be more!). They were replaced by Mr and Mrs Patrick Wong.

On another 'light' side, this time for a male member. The Club gained some publicity in 1970 when a member Bill Hibble, won a contest to nominate the average winning score in the four major tournaments of the professional circuit. Bill's entry was only a fraction away from a perfect answer. The prize was such as to ensure that Bill did not have to search too hard for lost balls for a while – he received 8 dozen golf balls.

## MAURIE R. JAMES

Maurie James was one of those tireless workers, usually behind the scenes, without whom the Club would not have progressed to where it is today. Maurie served on Committee for eight years before being elected as Vice-President, where he completed a further five years.

In business life, he was a watchmaker and was involved mostly on the sales side. Maurie worked particularly hard on the Match and Handicap Sub Committee and also did a tremendous amount in support of junior members and their representative teams. Maurie was a good single figure player and was also a top cricketer.



## GRAHAM H. CLARK

Graham Clark joined Long Reef in 1964. At that time he was already a very successful businessman, having developed, with his older brother Douglas, the Clark Rubber "empire" over the previous 15 years. This business began in a small way in Richmond, Victoria. Graham moved to Sydney in the early 1950s to open the Company's first NSW branch. The business went from strength to strength particularly when above-ground swimming pools were introduced in the 1960s.

It was not long before Graham was able to use his skills to Long Reefs' advantage. He was elected to the Club's Committee in 1969 where he served for six years before becoming Vice-President to Ray Corday in 1975. Graham was elected President two years later in 1977 and he held that office for seven consecutive terms.

Graham has always been a keen golfer who played on a handicap mostly in the upper teens and low 20s. On these marks he is a more than useful partner.

Graham made an outstanding contribution to Long Reef and this was recognised when he was made a Life Member in 1984.



## BONNIE (BONITA) RYAN



Bonnie joined Long Reef in December 1966, and remained a member until 2000.

She seems to have got off to a very good start as a golfer. A quote from the Reef Breezes in July 1967 says, "Newcomer Bonnie Ryan is scooping the pool this season. So far she has won seven major trophies including a Club medal, Presidents Trophy, McManus Trophy, The International Bowl and Isabel Tucker Trophies and is leading the point score. Keep it up Bonnie"

Keep it up she did, with a big win in the C-Grade Premiership later in 1967.

Ten years later 1977 was another good year. Bonnie received a mention in the Captain's Annual report for her successful number of handicap breaks. She was also a winner in the Fourball knockout with Pat Dowzard.

There was a phase of being a runner-up regularly. In 1980 Bonnie was runner-up in the Club Championships, and then R/U five times in the Club Foursomes, 1978 with Peg Leighton, 1982, 83 and 85 with Myree Short, and 1989 with Jann Driver. There was another Fourball Knockout win with Tibby Playfair in 1985, and then in 1988 she was runner-up in the Presidents Trophy, but a winner in the LGU Silver Medal and International Bowl. She played both Grade and Pennants for the Club.

Bonnie seems to have been a good all round sportswoman, joining Long Reef and learning to play golf when she could no longer play A-grade Tennis. She is quoted as having two very memorable moments at golf, one was to get off a 36 handicap and the other was to reach single figures. The friendly company is what she enjoyed the most, and lists Wilma McNicol, Myree Short and Pat Dowzard as good friends. She remembers well some of the committee members when she joined, Patty Cropper, Mary Barnes, and Addie Browne. She considers Sue Bingham to be the best golfer that she played with at Long Reef.

Bonnie remembers Bunny Akehurst and Ruby Watts as sticklers for the rules, and she may have learnt by their example. When Bonnie herself became President she was very kind and friendly, but very proper and efficient, and a very good President. She would soon move on any players who were slow on the course and she certainly had a flair for decorating and arranging the special events. She was a huge fan of the tablecloth, and quite horrified when they ceased to be used in the dining-room for weekly lunches before the presentation, in the late 90's. After this she would bring her own and set her table!

One of the other notable changes Bonnie remembers, is the growth in the serious interest amongst members in playing cards after golf. She felt the Solo was less serious, but wasn't surprised when a Bridge Club was formed in 1975.



Bonnie had been on General Committee for three years from 1976-79, and then returned to the Committee as President for three years from 1985-87. The role of President really suited Bonnie.



*1985 Grade team  
Back L-R Helen Gunther, Dulcie Fouracre, Joan Clark, Myree Short, Bonnie Ryan  
Front L-R Terry Mathews, Patsie McConnell, Rene Haire, Pat Franklin*



*Cromer V Long Reef Annual Competition Pennants. Played for since 1975*

## BEBE MCLEAN



Bebe joined Long Reef Golf Club on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 1960 and was almost immediately a star! She won the Bronze Premiership in 1961 and played a see-sawing scoring exciting role in the Coronation Medal win in 1962 –

### **“1962 LGU Coronation Medal.**

Bebe was a member of the four player team that brought back the Coronation Medal to Long Reef for the first time on July 6th 1962. Her other team members were Ruby Watts, Mollie Langdale, and Jean MacKenzie. Bebe and Ruby played at Killara and Mollie and Jean at Roseville. The medal is decided on the best aggregate scores of four players on that day from any Club. Long Reef were the winners with their four players only eight over par. Mrs. McLean's round included an 11 on the par five ninth hole, followed by a **34** off the stick for the home nine.”

*(Source – The Sun newspaper Monday 9-7-1962)*

A decade later in 1972 Bebe joined the General Committee, went on to become the Treasurer in 1973, serving in this role until 1975, and with experience gained became a very worthy Captain from 1976, until 1978.

### Major Golfing Achievements

- 1961 Bronze Premiership
- **1962 LGU Coronation Medal – winning team**
- 1967 Medal winners Cup
- **1968, 1970 Member of winning A Grade Pennant team.**
- 1970, 1975 Foursomes Champion
- 1970 with V Morris 1975 with M Short
- 1971 Course record of 79.
- 1971 Scratch score winner of 79. Shared with E. Maxwell. 1973 Scratch score winner with 79. (Handicap 7)
- 1972 Played alongside Mrs Elaine Maxwell in State Match play at Monash.
- **1972 Club Champion.**
- 1973/74/75/76 R/U Club Championship
- **1974 Silver Salver winner (First Long Reef player to do so.)**
- 1974, 77, 78, 79. Mixed Foursomes winner, twice with both R. Withers and Les Browne
- 1978 LGU Silver Medal



*Eddie Robinson 9 times winner of the Foursomes in the 1960s and 1970s*



*Vince Horan Trophy. When purchased, was the most valuable Long Reef Trophy. Originally the Singles Knock Out Trophy in memory of Cecil Esdaile.*

## SUE BINGHAM



Sue joined Cromer Golf Club in 1976 and Long Reef a year later on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1977. She was a young teacher, who had moved to live at Collaroy. As a member of both courses Sue said she felt she had the best of both worlds, a “Forest” of a course and a “Links” course. Natural sporting ability saw her get off to a great start, but she put her time in, in practice.

She had a few lessons with Geoff Scott and remembers Gary Churcher being a great supporter of the Weekend players at Long Reef. Although working full time at Elanora, she had time in the afternoons to get to Long Reef to practice and play. Surgery eventually helped her damaged shoulder, but she said that she was never a long hitter, but always relied on her shots around the green.

Sue was a Weekend member, a Business girl who chose to play in the Weekday Women Members (Associates) Championships. She would use the time allowed with her long service leave, to play in the week for the Championships. It is a marvellous achievement to have become the holder of the Scratch score in the first year of membership and then to become the Club Champion the next, in 1979. It is a great record to have won 4 Club Championships, 4 Women’s Foursomes Championship, 6 Mixed Foursomes, and 8 Scratch Scores in the space of 11 years. Alongside this Sue won the Cromer Championships three times, the mixed Foursomes 3 times and one Women’s’ Foursomes. Sue played A-Grade and A-Reserve for Cromer Club.

Sue played off a handicap of 34 when she started and within four years was playing off 4, a level she maintained for about 5 years. She does say that it was a different system then and a few really good games would set the handicap for the whole year. Sue came down from 34, to 19 the next year, then 10 the year after and finally 4.

Frank Maiolo was Sue’s playing partner in the Mixed Foursomes from 1981. He, a teenager at the time, rang Sue and asked her to partner him in the Mixed Foursomes. It was a partnership that gained four consecutive wins. When Frank left the Club, Sue was invited to join Mal Garlick as she had a winner’s reputation by then! Two more wins were to come, this made six consecutive wins.

Sue had two very special friends in the Business girls, Robyn Carroll and Liz Hay-Ellis. All three were excellent Champions, and Robyn and Liz seemed to take it in turns to win the Business Girls Championships while Sue entered and won the weekday Championships. For a variety of reasons, in the late ‘80s, not the least being the death of friend Robyn Carroll and also having moved house. (The Bingham’s had a house overlooking the Cromer course.) Sue decided to become a one course girl, and left Long Reef in 1989.





*Liz Hay-Ellis and Robyn Carroll – leading Weekend/Business women trophy winners in the 70s and 80s.*



*L-R Helen Cordaiy, Audrey Roger, Joyce Machar. Captains and Presidents in the '70s and '80s  
Photo taken in 2012*

## CHAPTER NINE - THE EIGHTIES

The '80s decade did not feature any major course or Clubhouse developments but the course itself was always presented well. There were however serious preparations for course changes to come in the '90s. An active Committee and the excellent work by the Course Superintendent, Norm Carr, saw the course reach an excellent condition. The Club was ably steered through the '80s by Presidents Graham Clark and Allan Delaney. The Club Captains were Richie Burke, Dick Twight, Ken Woolf, and Edmund Playfair. Graham Clark became a Life member in 1984.

Such was the condition of the course that it was selected for the playing of the Champion of Champions event in 1982 and three years later it was chosen as one of two venues for the qualifying rounds of the NSW Medal. The inaugural Long Reef Junior Classic Tournament over 36 holes was held in June 1982.

The course had more hazards, or should we say decorations with an extensive tree-planting programme in the early '80s. Many recommendations and donations were made by the Council.

Des Lofthouse became a Life Member in 1980 in recognition of his long time services to the Club as a player and mentor. The decade did see noticeable change in the top player format. The major men's team did have some success. In both 1982 and 1983 the major team won its division; in the latter year it was beaten in the semi-final by N.S.W. Club, the ultimate winners.

The mostly old guard who had been on the winners list each year suddenly found they were struggling against the group of outstanding young players who had emerged. They played not only at home but also in Cups and Medal at Clubs in and around the district and beyond. Perhaps the best of these Juniors and younger players were Col Hallam, Frank Maiolo and Steve Jackson. Frank and Steve were at the core of a very strong Junior Pennant team. In 1982 it took out the Premiership (the first male team to do so at the Club) with wins in 35 of its 40 matches.



*JUNIOR TEAM 1982 PREMIERS:  
Standing: M. Hanlon, J. Blackburn, T. Andrews, P. Hain, J. Hopf  
Seated: J. Brand, S. Jackson, F. Maiolo (CP), G. Davenport*

## STEVE JACKSON



- 1981-82 Junior Champion
- 1982-83 Won Doug Sanders Junior International. Tweed Heads R/u Houston Texas. 3<sup>rd</sup> US Junior Legend Tournament, Texas
- 1983-84 Club, Junior, Foursomes Champion  
Australian Junior Champion  
Won Lilac City Open. Won Avondale Medal.  
Re. NSW Junior Team
- 1984-85 Junior Champion. **Won Long Reef Medal**, Won Goulburn Winter Cup, Won Asquith Cup

Steve started as a caddy when he first came to Long Reef. He carried the bag for Tim Osborne and as Steve says 'got the bug.' He joined as a Junior in October 1979.

He considers winning the Long Reef Medal in 1984 as his greatest Long Reef moment. He had 17 pars and birdied the last to beat Frank Maiolo by one. This had followed hours of practice under the guidance of Pro John Kelly and the 2-3 hours every Sunday on the Clubhouse putting green before playing. As an outstanding group of juniors and young men they encouraged each other. He has very happy memories of the Goulburn weekends and taking part in the entertainment!

Becoming the Australian Junior Champion in 1983 and becoming a member of the Australian Junior Team on top of playing for NSW was a great achievement in a year of celebrated success on a range of golf course. One that changed Steve's future was to win the Australian section of the Doug Sanders International Junior event, which gave him an intro in to Houston University in the United States. He had great support from the club with Graeme Clarke and Barry Cripps helping him get there with the 100 club and Ken Woolf the Captain of the time organising a job for him.

In 1986 Steve attended the university on a scholarship, was an All American and all Southwest conference winner. He returned to Australia when he was 21 and turned Pro. He has worked at the Mona Vale Pro Shop for the past 21 years.



## COL HALLAM



- 1980 Club Foursomes
- 1981-82 Club and Foursomes Champion. **Champion of Champions**
- 1982-83 Joint leading amateur. NSW Open Title Manly  
Won Ryde-Parramatta Cup 73, 69 (Course record)  
Won Lilac City Open – Goulburn  
Member of LR Senior (major) pennant Team
- 1983-84 Won Ryde Parramatta Cup. R/u Pennant Hills Cup.

Col Started playing Golf in 1966 in Goulburn where he lived. He was aware of Long Reef and knew some of the players because of the reciprocal weekends and used to play in the event. When he moved to Sydney in 1972 he joined Warringah moving on to Long Reef in 1979. It was a higher-level club with a course that played differently every time. As it happens it also had many other very talented young players and he enjoyed the camaraderie and the friendly rivalry in competition.

Col is the first to admit that when he first joined, he was a little 'highly strung! Steve Jackson mentions that Col broke as many clubs as he did pool cues! He certainly put all this competitive energy in to winning many major events as the list above suggests.

Winning the Club Championship in 1981 and going on to be crowned Champion of Champions was a great achievement. He recalls the year he was the leading amateur at the NSW Open in 1982 and Graeme Clarke (The LR Club President at the time) lent him his own blazer to wear at the presentation. He also won four Foursomes titles.

Col left Long Reef in 1984. After moving to WA he joined the Melville Glades Golf Club and went on to become Champion and won the WA Champion of Champions. He also played for the WA State team.

Now living in Queensland and playing at Redcliffe Golf club he enjoys the Senior's tournaments played Australia wide. He was runner up in the Australian Senior Match Play in 2011 and played in the Australian Senior Team v New Zealand in 2012.



## FRANK MAIOLO



**Junior Champion:** 1978, 79, 80, 82

**Club Champion:** 1984 (Thought to be the first left-hander to do so at Long Reef) 1985, 86, 88, 89

**Foursomes Champion:** 1980, 81, 82 with Col Hallam. 1985 with John Waddell. 1988 with John Brand. 1989, 90 with Les Browne. 1994 with Jeff Wood. 2010, 11 with Ross Bockman.

**Mixed Foursomes Champion:** 1981, 82, 83 with Sue Bingham. 1987, 88, 92 with Patsie McConnell. 2010, 11, 12 with Jenni Brown

**Long Reef Medal:** 1982, 91 (first junior to take the medal.) 1992 as member of Mona Vale. (R/u Danny Vera)

Frank joined the Club at the age of fifteen as a Junior on 22 Sept 1977. He was a member of Long Reef as a Cadet then a Junior and then full member.

During the 1980s in particular he dominated the Championships at Long Reef. This was complimented with further great success in Pennants, NSW Teams and citywide events. Frank's name appears on the Honour Boards at Long Reef on an over whelming record number of times, 32 so far! He left the club in 1998 when he and his family moved away from the area and then he returned in 2009- 2012 as a full Member and presently is in a non-playing category.

Frank played Pennants for Long Reef from 1978-94 starting in the Junior Team, Major team to follow, and the Masters Team down the track in 2010. Frank was also Vice-Captain of the Golf Club in 1987-88.

Totally self-taught he had carefully observed senior golfers on the Manly course where he had been a caddy. A natural sporting ability and a highly competitive sporting nature, and lots of practice, led to almost immediate success at Long Reef. He joined the Club with a handicap of 7. He maintained a scratch score for seven years from the age of 18. As a member of the winning Junior Pennant team in 1982 once again he played undefeated as he did over three seasons with the Junior Club team. He was the holder of the course record and a winner of the Long Reef Medal.

By 1981 he was named in the NSW Junior squad and by 1982 the Captain of the NSW's Junior Team. From 1983-87 he was in the NSW Colts Team and in 1985 selected in the NSW Senior squad. Open competitions took Frank all over the city and he won about 20 events. He has also achieved 7 holes-in-one.

1982 was a very big year for Frank. The following article appeared in the July edition of the Reef Breezes newsletter. It was part of the Captain's report – Richie Burke

**“Long Reef Medal -17 July 1982.**

**‘Frank Maiolo our first for 28 years’**

**Not since Life Member Wally Smith won the Long Reef Medal in 1954 has a Long Reef member shared that honour. Wally was a truly great golfer and it is appropriate that another who with so much promise should follow in his footsteps.”**

Frank was to go on to win the medal again nine years later in 1991 for Long Reef, and to win it a third time a year later, but this time as a Mona Vale Club player. Frank had also joined Mona Vale in 1985-1997. There he won the Championships on three occasions as well as playing Pennants for them.

In 1998 Frank and his wife Robyn, also a LR member for a time, and four children moved to Taree. Taree and Wingham Golf Courses were soon to know that Frank had arrived!



*SENIOR PENNANT TEAM 1982/3*

*L-R Standing - G.H. Clark, (Club President), M. Yeates, F. Maiolo. Tim Osbourne, Frank Johnson ,  
R. Twight*

*(Club Captain)*

*L-R Seated - L.C. Browne, R.E. Robinson, (Capt.) S. Jackson. C. Hallam*

It may not have been the same as winning a title but one feat in 1982 stands out. Member Tom Kidd was basically a single figure right-handed player but also had a left handed handicap. Tom achieved a hole-in-one at the 13<sup>th</sup> playing left-handed.

1982 was a big year for the Club. A fairly major event with long ranging consequences was the introduction of Random Breath testing. In time this was to progressively reduce the attendance in the Members lounge in late afternoons and was probably the main cause of the erosion of support for men's trophy presentations. This led to the eventual abandonment of the donation of trophies by members. Many thought this a rather backward sad step where the area of Club spirit was concerned.

Also in 1982 rubber matting acquired from Port Kembla where it was used as conveyor belts was laid on paths.

On a much more serious note in 1982 at the very young age of 22, member Hugh-Brittain White passed away, following a diagnosis of Leukaemia only nine weeks before. He had joined as a cadet winning the Junior Championships in 1976 and 1977. Following his death his parents created the Hugh Brittain-White Memorial trophy to be presented to the winner of the Junior Championship. The Club also saw the untimely death of Wilma McNicol in 1982. She was a gifted grade player and Club Champion in 1973 and 1981. Her family presented a painting which used to be on display in the entrance hall of the Clubhouse. (Now in the Pro shop.) Mr. J Alderdice had served as the Secretary Manager of the Club from 1947-1966. He was made a Life member in 1966. His death was announced in 1982.

Around 1982-83 there was some dissatisfaction with the unevenness of the distribution of handicap strokes, which led to a change in layout, while also retaining the excellent finishing holes on 16th, 17th and 18th. A practice putting green and landscaping next to the then first tee was completed in 1983. Graham Clark was responsible for some forward planning creating the Vision 90 committee which inter alia, throughout the '80s looked at several major projects for the future.

- Installation of fairway watering.
- Installation of automatic green/tee watering.
- Practicability of dam water storage.
- Practicability of extending the Clubhouse by adding another storey.

The first three projects were implemented with major benefits to the course. Adding another storey to the Clubhouse is still being discussed to this day.

In March 1983 there was one noteworthy local rule change. Up to that time a player whose tee shot strayed left on the tree line at the then 13<sup>th</sup> hole onto the road or to its left could still play back to the green. In fact there were many times when pars and birdies were achieved in this way. However from this date the west side of the road became a course boundary, much as it is today.

In September, 1985 John Kelly was replaced by Gary Churcher as Club Professional. John had held the position since the first Pro, Frank Eyre, had retired 22 years earlier in 1963. Within the Clubhouse there had also been an important staff member change. Following years of short term service by caterers, the position finally had stability with the appointment of Mrs Pat Saunders as Club caterer. Pat remained for eight years, building up the patronage of the dining room for members, visitors and guests. The numbers of weddings were increased and the Friday dining-in nights were well supported, often after some time spent in the Snooker room which had been opened in 1980.

Throughout the '80s Ross Lanes was busily and thoroughly researching and compiling the History of Long Reef Golf Club - The First Sixty-five years, which now serves as the greater part of this edition. The book was completed in 1989. Thanks were given to Peter Oliver, for an earlier summary that he had prepared.

The Associates programme had evolved to be a combination of serious and fun games. Several women were to weave their way through the roles on Committee giving it strength and consistency. Val Freeman, Shirley Blackburn, Lilith Gollan, Sally Woods, Rae Milsted, and Nola Faulkner are examples. There were five Presidents in the '80s, Audrey Roger, Joyce Machar, Val Freeman, Bonnie Ryan and Sally Wood. Joyce and Val were also Captains in the decade as were Sally Woods, Lilith Gollan and Tibby Playfair. Lilith's involvement with the Club is long and a wonderful example of service (see profile on page 120)

On the course others were making a name for themselves. Sue Bingham and Patsie McConnell were the stars of the '80s mid-week golf and Robyn Carroll the dominant champion of the Business Girls events. Helen Gunther was a young and upcoming talent, with Championship wins in 1982, 86, and 89. Robyn had 7 Business Girls Premiership wins and was Captain of the winning Business Girls Pennant team in 1986. In 1989 Patsie won all three of the Championships, the triple. A very new and very young member was also starting out on her career. Catherine Reynolds (now Gould) became a member in 1983 and in 1984 received an award from the LGU for the most improved junior. Another junior, Liza Ipkendanz was at the Club for a couple of years, and in that time held the scratch score twice and in 1983 represented NSW for the first time.

The number of Associates representative teams continued to grow in the '80s. The Gordon Shield was created in 1981 and Long Reef won that year. The Club won the Bronze Bowl in 1983 with Shirley Blackburn, Rae Milsted, Peg Leighton and Pat Brown in the team. In 1985 the Grade team were joint winners and in 1988 the Grade No. 3 team won the division but lost the final.

The Barrenjoey Peninsula Week of Golf commenced in 1982. \$50 was paid by the Club to be one of the foundation clubs. Each Club sent three delegates as part of the organising committee. The Long Reef Silver Salver was reintroduced in 1984.

The Bridge Club was well established by the '80s and the Associates' traditional dates appeared on the calendar for the AGM, the Presentation, the Dinner and the Concerts and the Melbourne Cup lunch.

#### Some key events for Associates in the '80s

The decade commenced with a new membership drive and by the mid '80s the Business Girls were over 50 in number.

- A Swingers group was introduced on a Saturday and then moved to a Monday, and then a Tuesday. The Pro, Gary Churcher, took over the Monday comp.
- 1985 Lilith suggested that a draw be held for Par events and in 1987 she also suggested a revival of the Players and Caddies lunch.
- In 1981 permission was given for the Business Girls to play after the men's competition on a Saturday.
- Sally Woods suggested creating a library at a cost of 20cents a book.
- In the summer, team events playing match play were held. A silly name and silly costumes were required, eg Hettie's Hackers and Audrey's Jolly Rogers!
- A popular annual match was played – Mid-week Girls V Business Girls.
- The Opening Gala Day was used as a major fund raiser for the Associates. Associates used their own funds for furnishing and decorating the locker room and Associates' lounge etc.
- Handicaps were shown on a Movitex board in the hall by the kitchen, using plastic numbers and letters. Every week the Committee would have to change people's handicaps and the first week of Feb everyone had their handicap reviewed and they all had to be changed. As an alphabetical list, adding a new member's name would be a time consuming job for the handicapper. Tables were used as an early version of a CCR to allow for the variation of conditions.
- In 1986 – Ruby Watts became the Club's second female Life Member.
- In 1988 – Dot Leonard became an Honorary member after 48 years of membership.



Stan Druitt, Joan's husband, was in demand fixing up the failings of the new invention – the battery buggy. This was an unexpected consequence of his appointment as the newly created Liaison Officer between the Club Committee and the Associates. There is no doubt that the invention of the battery buggy extended the golfing life of many a member.

Throughout the '80s under the umbrella of the Club Committee the women were organised and very efficient.

## KEN WOOLF



Ken Woolf was a Master Builder by profession specialising as an electrician. His building projects included many units block in the Warringah area. He lived in Anzac Ave with a view over Long Reef. Ken was an active member of the Builders' Club in Dee Why and played regularly with their social Golf Club. He had an extremely wide range of trade associates and if you needed advice about where to turn for technical help, Ken could always find the best person in the northern beaches area.

Ken joined Long Reef in 1957. He was a keen sportsman with a broad interest in most sports, particularly rugby league and the Sea Eagles. He was an A-grade golfer who played mostly off a handicap around 8 or 9. Ken was a regular participant in the matches against the Goulburn Club and he built several friendships among their players.

Ken was first elected to the Committee in 1972 and after 3 years he moved to Vice-Captain in 1975 for a further two years. After a gap of 7 years, he was elected as Captain in 1984 and remained in that post until 1988. Ken was a strong Captain who was not afraid to make unpopular decisions if they were for the benefit of the Club. He was quick to correct any member's behaviour which he deemed to be out of line. He had a sound knowledge of the rules of golf and was a regular referee for A-Grade matches in Club Championships.

Ken also had a strong "human" side and there are several golfers still playing in the Club who will vouch for the valuable personal assistance he gave them when they were having difficult times. Ken also had a fairly dry sense of humour which his closer friends could appreciate. Apart from golf he was a very dedicated family man.

All in all he would rank among the best Captains the Club has seen.

LONG REEF GOLF CLUB  
SENIOR MASTERS PENNANT TEAM 1983



STANDING: DICK TWIGHT, ALAN LOW, LAURIE BRAY, FRED CORNETT, BOB DUGGAN, RAY SHEPHERD.

KNEELING: CHARLES WALKER, JACK FITZGERALD, JIM NEILL.

ABSENT: DES LOFTHOUSE, RON ANTHONY, GREG MOORE, EDDIE ROBINSON, KEN WOOLF.

*STANDING: Dick Twight, Alan Low, Laurie Bray, Fred Cornett, Bob Duggan, Ray Shepherd.*

*KNEELING: Charles Walker, Jack Fitzgerald, Jim Neill.*

*ABSENT: Des Lofthouse, Ron Anthony, Greg Moore, Eddie Robinson, Ken Woolf.*



*The Women's Committee in 1984.*

*Back L-R: Helen Gunther, Lilith Gollan, Val Freeman, (Pres.) Rae Milsted, Joan Corlis.*

*Middle L-R: Frankie Jasprizza, Sally Woods, (Capt) Peg Leighton. Front: Nola Faulkner*



*The Grade Team in 1987*

*Back L-R: Dulcie Fouracre, Helen Gunther, Pam Franklin, Cathy Reynolds (Now Gould).  
Front L-R: V. Witlock, Bonnie Ryan, Patsie McConnell*



*Grade*

*Team 1988 Joint winners*

*Back L-R: Helen Gunther, Joan Clarke, Barbara Pearce, Sandra Gillies  
Front L-R: Aileen McLellend, Patsie McConnell, Tibby Playfair, Bonnie Ryan.*



## PATSIE MCCONNELL



*Patsie watching the Women's Club Championships.*

*Patsie McConnell - 1989.*

Her very best year was 1989, she won the triple and the Scratch!

Although Patsie joined Long Reef Golf Club in May 1977, her involvement with the Basin went back a long time before that. As a child she grew up in Moree, but would spend the Christmas holidays with her grandfather at his home called 'Smoko', in Collaroy. She lived in Collaroy until her death. With Bush, Wartime, and Nursing tales and a love of fishing, Patsie not only arrived at the Club with a good swing, but the best sense of humour possible. She was Long Reef Golf Club's true larrikin! Repartee, funny comments and one-liners made Presentation time unpredictable and the jokes at Players and Caddies day were always colourful. Patsie was not a committee person, but was always the first on her feet at the AGM to thank those who were. Patsie played so many different characters in so many concerts. She could hold a tune, but it was enough to see her on stage to make you laugh at her very being!

Patsie had been a member of Monash Golf Club first, from 1963. She had played in the Grade team at Monash and was soon to join Long Reef's Grade team and to go on later to play Gordon Shield and Bronze 1 Bowl. Patsie felt that her best moment was winning the Club Championship in 1989, (*Ed. at the age of 60*) but as the list below suggests, there were many achievements in her golfing career. 1989 was a very special year.

**Club Champion - 1989.** R/U Club Champion - 1983, 1984, 1987, 1988 (A win had been brewing)  
Scratch Score **1989** – 81

**Foursomes Championship** - 1984 with Dulcie Fouracre  
- **1989** with Barbara Pearce

**Mixed Championships** - 1987, 1988 with Frank Miaolo  
- **1989** with Les Browne

Grade/ Pennants. Played in many teams including Grade.

Patsie transferred to House Membership in 2013.



## LILITH GOLLAN



Long Reef Golf Club was just fifty years old in May 1971, when Lilith became a member. Now the Club is 100 years old and in those intervening years, Lilith's contribution to the Club, NSW and Golf has been memorable and timeless. Lilith has been its champion of causes, its defender and servant. Every Club needs the resource of someone so dedicated, knowledgeable and experienced. Covering the five decades, this profile could be filed for reference in each and all of the decades with equal merit. At present in the women's membership only Josie Murray, Betty Twight and Shirley Blackburn have been at the Club longer than Lilith.

Her first Golf Club was Bathurst. Long Reef was the obvious choice of Club to join after returning to Sydney, as she lived close by. Her husband Ray was a member for many years and later a member of the Club Committee/Board. Lilith settled into being "just" a golfer first before joining the Associates Committee. Lilith joined the Associates Committee in 1982 without election when Wilma McNicol left the Committee because of illness, and sadly died. Lilith was co-opted to the general committee. Her service to some aspect of golf has been continuous ever since. From this date Lilith wove a path through positions and on a variety of committees. After just one more year on General Committee Lilith became Associates Captain for three years. This was followed with several years on the Barrenjoey committee from 1988-94 (1989-94 as President). Then Lilith returned to Associates Captain in 1991, and 1992. In 1993 she became President again for three years, 1993-95.

Lilith considers her greatest contribution to change and development was through her membership of the Club's Equal Opportunity Committee, while she was President of the Associates. This led to the changes of membership in 1995-96, when equal categories were formed for men and women. The choices being for 5, 6, or 7-day membership. She is also credited with having the 10<sup>th</sup> tee raised and properly built, and of course her contribution to the establishing of a handicapped 11-hole event on Thursdays, which allows older members or those returning from injury to still play competitively and keep an official handicap. It has been a real success. I think it should also be noted that Lilith has always been a spokeswoman for women's rights in the club and has an enthusiastic interest in recording its history.

After 14 years of Club and Barrenjoey committee work, Lilith took on a new challenge. In 1996 Lilith became a Council member of the NSWLGU to be named WGNWS from 1997. In her continuous years of service her roles and responsibilities were wide, mainly those in Match and Rules positions. In 2007 Lilith was elected an Honorary member of the union.

During this time Lilith also gained Club Level Rules Accreditation. In 2000 she gained State Level Rules Accreditation (NSW). At that time Victoria and NSW were the only states running a State Level Programme. As a Rules Official Lilith worked at the Australian Women's Open from 2001 to 2006, NSW Opens, both Women's and Men's, Australian Amateur Championships both women's and men's and various other State and interstate events. She was also a member of the Rules team for

the Queen Sirikit Cup for women's national teams from the Pacific Rim Countries. Lilith has refereed all major events at LRGC for both men and women, and she is always on call to give a ruling on the course or in the Clubhouse!

Without taking breath and with an overlap of one year, Lilith stood for the Long Reef Golf Club Board, and was elected as a member in 2006-2012. Lilith has served on Match and Greens Committees and been responsible for Archives and advertising. One of her major contributions had been to re-establish the Newsletter, The Reef Breezes, to its format as a weekly publication, as Editor. (It changed from a weekly to monthly edition at the end of 2020.) Lilith became a Life Member, a very worthy Life Member, of Long Reef Golf Club in 2013.

As a golfer Lilith considers the winning of the Bronze Premiership twice and the Bronze Foursomes four times, her greatest golfing achievements. Over the years she was to play in Pennant teams in the 70s, 80s and 90s, which included playing in Bronze Plaque, Bronze Bowl, Gordon Shield, pennant matches. Lilith was in the 1996 Bronze Bowl winning team for example.

With a dry sense of humour, and an ability to laugh at herself, Lilith has been a keen participant in the Concerts over the years. Although for the writer I will never quite get over, during my first year of membership in 1984 seeing the esteemed new President dressed as a yellow chicken, nearly the size of Big Bird! Lilith plays with the Bridge Club on Wednesdays. She has maintained an interest in all the women's competitions, but because of health issues is no longer playing golf. 2021 will bring 50 years of membership.



*1992 Women's Committee*

*L-R Back row:*

*Jill Greentree, Chris Riddle, Gay Holt, Joy Reece, Chidori Yoshino, Barbara Johnson.*

*L-R Front row:*

*Sandra Gillies, Lilith Gollan, Barbara Pearce, Shirley Blackburn*

## SHIRLEY BLACKBURN



Shirley joined Long Reef in 1970. Whilst playing at Duntryleague she met a male LRGC Committee member 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 be members too. Jonathan was a champion junior in the 80s. Bruce was on the committee from 1979-82 and Jonathon champion golfer in the 80s and member of the celebrated 1982 Junior Team Premierships win.

In her long period of membership Shirley has been such a conscientious committee volunteer, a competent golfer and with her deep knowledge of the game an advisor and mentor.

Shirley says that the friendships she has made has made her life so much happier especially since Bruce died. These friendships continued on the course, in the Clubhouse and at Bridge Club. Sadly, eyesight problems since 2019 have prevented Shirley from playing golf.

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. When representing the Club Shirley played in Gordon Shield, Bronze Bowl, Bronze 1 and Bronze 2 in the 80s and 90s.

Shirley spent seventeen years (see Index) on the Associate/ Women's Committee in total between 1976 -2001. She was Women's Treasurer twice, Handicap Manager, Vice-Captain, and finally Captain. She was Vice President of the Barrenjoey Peninsula Week of Golf Committee and 8 years on their general committee. Shirley was a very competent Veterans Delegate too. She has been President of Long Reef Bridge Club twice and was also Secretary for a time.

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 bought new ones. They also replaced the carpet and bought a cane lounge suit. When Audrey Rogers 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 they bought a little personal computer which eased the burden.

Times have certainly changed. When Shirley was Captain and the next annual programme had to be planned Shirley used a large cardboard sheet on which she had to enter up every entry for mid-week and weekend Associates too and then pass them onto the men's 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, 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.*)

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. She played Carmen Miranda with a bowl of fruit on her head.

### **Summary of achievements**

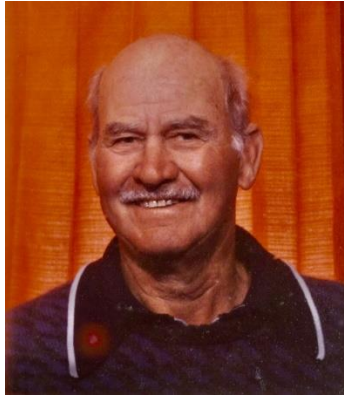
- Women's Committee 1976-71, 1991-98, 1998-2001
- Women's Captain 1999 -2001,
- Women's Vice-Captain 1991-91, 1998
- Bronze Foursomes Premierships - 1995, 2008
- C- Grade Foursomes winner -2011
- Veteran's Delegate 1996-98
- Barrenjoey Committee 2006-2009, Vice President
- Fourball Knockout winner 2006
- Club's President trophy 2008
- President's Trophy 2011
- Bronze 1 Bowl, Bronze 2, Gordon Shield
- Long Reef Bridge Club - President twice and Secretary



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



## CLIFF. R. BYRNES



Cliff Byrnes was one of the hardest working committeemen in Long Reefs history. In all he was elected to the Committee twelve times, and he served partial periods in five other years.

Cliff was a builder in private life who has specialised more in the concreting side. In this capacity, he has carried out a number of jobs for the Club e.g. drain heads on the course.

He was closely involved with the Services Section of the Club and as a committeeman has done a great deal to improve the course.

He was been an A-Grader for most of his golfing career and has won the Services Cup three times.

## FRANK W. ROSNELL



Frank Rosnell served on Committee for 12 years and was one of its most experienced members. He participated in virtually all areas of administration including roles as Chairman of Election, Greens and House sub-committees.

A resident of Collaroy Plateau for some thirty years, Frank contributed to community service through his involvement in the Collaroy Plateau Youth Club and Soccer Club. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Narrabeen Lakes. In his role with Rotary, Frank committed a portion of his time to assist with remedial reading and spelling instruction for slow learners at the Narrabeen School.

In business life, he was a master printer and joint proprietor of the successful Prestige Press Pty Ltd at Brookvale.

As a golfer, Frank was a capable "B" grader, consistent to his handicap mark and recipient of a number of trophies. More importantly, he was a keen competitor, enjoyable company and gracious in his demeanour on the course and a credit to the Club.

## ALLAN DELANEY



Allan Delaney joined the Club in 1966. He served on the Committee (Finance Sub-committee) in 1982/83 before being elected President in 1984 – a position which he held for the next eight years. He had alongside him Captains Ken Woolf and Edmund Playfair and was ably supported by long-serving Treasurer Kevin Stanton.

Allan brought to the position considerable financial acumen. In his business life he was involved with a number of projects related to the Stock Market and establishment and management of company share registries.

However perhaps Allan's most significant contribution to Long Reef was his oversight of the ponding project in the late '80s and early '90s which also included raising the level of the fourth and fifth fairways. Prior to that the course had a history of regular flooding of the lower holes after heavy rain and it was not uncommon for the course to be closed either wholly or in part while the "mini-lake" was present – often for a number of days. The flooding was due to the inability of the drainage system (which sent any surplus water north across Reef Beach) to handle the volume of water involved. Allan quickly responded to the suggestion by a member, Peter Ryan, that there was enough natural slope to the south to discharge surplus water in that direction. This project became clearly the second most important development in the Club's history (see "The Nineties Decade" later in this book).

As a player he had some success in the Hudson shield, won two monthly medals, and was prominent in the regular matches against Goulburn both at home and away. Allan has fond memories of the Goulburn weekends, including the non-golf aspects such as the evening revues, skeet shooting, and billycart races (at Goulburn). The Long Reef equivalent included one occasion when there was swimming off Long Reef Beach in the Basin and a scuba diver waiting at a buoy grabbed Dick Twilight (Long Reef's star surfer). Dick thought he has been taken by a shark!

One of his best memories was playing with his three sons. His regular golf partners were Frank Rosnell (who introduced him to the Club), Max Henery, Eric Morecombe, Charlie Walker, Ken Woolf, Barry Woolf, and Les Cornell.

Allan considers Stephen Jackson and Des Lofthouse as the best players he encountered, and particularly respected past members, Wally Smith, Tom Hollingsworth, Geoff Wheatley and John Hall. He felt that all of these displayed a high standard of professional and people skills.

Allan himself was a firm but fair disciplinarian and he worked hard to maintain Long Reef's standing as a Grade A Club. He was particularly quick to chide members for sloppy dress standards.

Allan's outstanding contribution to the Club was recognised in 2010 when he was made a Life Member.

## RON ANTHONY



*Ron in 1947 at the Wallacia Course.  
17 years of age*



Ron's story could be added to any chapter from the 1950s to the 2010s, as indeed could his stories of the Club and its characters (see page 290). Ron joined Long Reef in November 1954 and received his Gold Membership in 2004, and was to continue his membership well past his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ron died in 2014.

Ron was born in Sydney and grew up in Maroubra Junction. Ron's first experience on a golf course was as a caddy. A friend had told him about the pocket money to be earned, and living close by in Maroubra Junction, he joined him at the Old Lakes Golf Club from about the age of 11 years. They were paid 3 shillings and nine pence. The player was charged 4 shillings, but 3 pence went to the Caddy Master. Carrying Clubs was not the only responsibility, finding the ball was equally as important.

It was at this time when acting as a caddy, that Ron learnt how to hit the ball and play. He didn't take lessons he simply copied what he saw, and over the years did not practice a great deal. His first Club was Warringah Golf Club, which he joined when he was 19 years of age. He played there on a handicap of 10, but a work colleague suggested that he would find Long Reef harder and longer, so he joined Long Reef at the age of 24. In 1955 he was playing off a handicap of 7.

Ron played in the Major Pennant Team in the late '50s and into the early '60s. There are many golfing successes, most of which were in the late '50s and early '60s. His first hole-in-one came when he was twenty and playing at Massey Park. The next and the one and only at Long Reef was on the 13<sup>th</sup>, with a 7 iron. Then there was the 2<sup>nd</sup> at Balgowlah, an 85 yard shot which he achieved with a wedge.

Today you will see the grand trophy made of two vases and known as the Vince Horan Trophy in the Men's trophy cabinet. The vases were actually won by Ron in 1959 as the inaugural winner of the Singles Knockout Competition given to honour the memory of Cecil Esdaile who was past Captain and President. The Secretary Manager of the time, Jim Alderdice was responsible for the organisation of the trophy. At the time it was the most expensive trophy ever given by the Club. After forty odd years the crystal vases were re-donated and returned to the Club by Ron to be used as a perpetual trophy in honour of Vince Horan who had passed away on August 11<sup>th</sup> 1991. The event was to see the winner of the first Wednesday Stableford of each month qualifying for the Vince Horan Trophy in October. It was a generous gesture and is a worthy memorial. It is appropriate to have it back on display in the Club and it links some of the great Long Reef achievers.

For over 30 years Ron maintained a handicap between 3-7. He won the 1959 and 1960 Foursomes Championship with good friend Geoff Wheatley. In 1960 he also won the mixed Foursomes, with the best woman golfer of the time, Ruby Watts. He had lost the Club Championship in 1958 to Laurie Bray, but much later in 1991 won the Senior Championship. He acted as the manager of the Junior Team at one stage, and also put himself forward with a nomination as Captain, but withdrew before the election in the '90s. He was very involved with golf as a hobby and as a career, holding the lease of the Narrabeen Golf Range from 1965-82.

Ron may not have won a Club Championship, but he is definitely the Club's greatest teller of stories about our individual golfers, the antics and dramas on the course. In the Membership Book 1950-60, Ron's occupation is listed as Commercial Traveller, and he was responsible for selling Sports Goods, and obviously being a persuasive talker was part of the skills required. In his stories he often used the pseudonym of 'Sandy' in the newsletters. These anecdotes are always told with humour, and give us an insight into the personalities of the individual and the quality of the course. His favourite story involves two golfers one American one Australian, who played on a course in Queensland after the war but there are lots more.

Ron himself was a direct link to so much of the Club's history, events and characters. He played against O.D. Meares (celebrated country champion and member), Wally Smith our L.R. Medal winner, Champion of Champions and Captain. He was a friend of Des Lofthouse and had met all four Professionals that the Club has had and so many Presidents, Captains and good players.

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## ROSS LANES



Something about the author! The Club is so fortunate that a member such as Ross had the fortitude, drive and intellect to take on the role of Historian and record in a book the first 65 years of the Golf Club. The title of the book is 'Long Reef Golf Club - The First 65 Years.' Now in 2020 he is still collaborating with the Archives committee to complete the story. The existing book printed in 1989 is a very valuable resource.

Ross had joined Long Reef Golf Club in July 1967, but he used to play the course well before that as a member of the public, with his father on numerous occasions. The first time was around January 1948 when still a teenager, over seventy years ago. Family holidays were spent at Narrabeen after the war from 1948-50.

Long Reef wasn't the first Club that he joined. He had grown up in Roseville and Roseville Golf Club



became his home Club at the age of fourteen. He was influenced by a school friend to join Roseville. His friend was the son of Bunny Akehurst and nephew of Ruby Watts. Bunny was to join Long Reef some years later. He played at Roseville during his school and then university years, attending North Sydney High School and Sydney University. Ross earned a Bachelor of Economics Degree.

There was to be a break in his golf Club membership in Australia. Having joined the Commonwealth Bank /Reserve Bank, and thanks to the ideas of Dr Coombs the Governor, Ross was offered a position as an Economist in Papua New Guinea. He spent four years in Port Moresby and Rabaul teaching and helping the New Guineans to build their banking system. After his return from PNG he completed a Master of Economics degree at Sydney University. This certainly made him more than qualified to become a Committee Member at Long Reef!

That wasn't his only break from golfing at LRGC. In 1978 the Reserve Bank chose him to be part of a two-man team to set up a Rep Office for the Bank in New York – the Bank's first such venture. Apart from the physical aspects of the office creation in the Wall Street area, Ross pioneered, over the next few years: collection of economic data to be sent back to Australia, a small part of actual investment of Australia's overseas reserves and maintaining contact with Australian banks' New York offices. For Ross this New York stint was the highlight of his working career.

Having been a member of the Club for twenty-three years, Ross became Vice-President in 1990-92, and with his roles as Chairman of Greens and Course Improvements committees was to help guide the Club into its second major improvement and change. The first had been the draining of the swamp in the late '20s to create an 18-hole course.

Ross played his part in the plan that would change the system and direction of drainage, leading also to water retention and wetlands construction. His accounts in the Annual Reports and Newsletters of the time are detailed, professional, give credit to those involved and give us accurate references years later. The drainage program was a major, innovative event, with the emphasis on drainage to the south.

There were also problems on the Greens to be dealt with especially the incursion of couch grass. In those days the conventional solution was to gas the affected green. Unfortunately, this killed the bent as well and the green was out of action for a number of weeks. The 17<sup>th</sup> Hole also received a lot of attention and the Club commenced creating a boundary to relieve problems of both salt and sand invasion. Throughout the course there were questions of the balance between the size of new work and salinity.

In 1996 Ross was awarded LRGC's Certificate of Meritorious Service in recognition of his work in writing a history of the Club and also playing such an important part in the structural renovation of the course in the '90s. He became a Gold member in 2018.

Ross also managed to play some golf along the way. He describes himself as an average golfer, and continues to play 18 holes in a cart when his health allows. He had a handicap of 14 in 1999 for example.

There have been some wins: 1967 President's Cup, 1967 Whytock Cup, 1974 B-Grade Cup, 1984 B-Grade Foursomes, 1996 Vince Horan Trophy – Wed & 2010 Hudson Shield.

If and when Ross retires from the golf Club he can be more than proud of his two great achievements; the book and the golf course that drains quickly, can store water, - something we all appreciate as players. The course drainage also helps the income from the course, allowing full usage. This gives more financial security – a fitting achievement for a golfing economist.

## RAY GOLLAN



Ray joined the club along with his wife Lilith in 1971. He worked for the Education Department. He was a very active playing member for over thirty years until 2008 when he became a House Member. Ray's service on the Board is to be highly commended.

In total he served on the Board continuously from 1986-2000 a total of 14 years. There have been few longer continuous contributions. He was Chair of the Election and Membership Committee from 1990-99 and formalised procedures leading to a document entitled "The Memberships Rules." He welcomed and nursed new members and also worked and revised the Constitution and dress codes.

Ray was also Chair of the Club's Equal Opportunity Committee which culminated in the Club being one of the forerunners in introducing constitution change to provide women with the same membership rights as men. It follows a 5,6- or 7-day model.

## EDMUND PLAYFAIR



Edmund Playfair joined Long Reef in 1983, having been a member of Elanora County Club since he was a junior. His father was a founding member and first President of Elanora - Brigadier Playfair. From their property in Keith SA, Edmund & Tibby had summer holidays at Long Reef. They returned to live here in late 1979 permanently. Tibby joined Long Reef straight away.

Edmund was elected to the Committee as Captain in 1987 and held that position for the next five years. In a real first for the club a husband and wife were Captains at the same time elected in the same year. He was a man who believed in preserving the traditions of golf and was a stickler for that.

Edmund played a part in the early plans that led to the Wetlands project. He was out there digging drains, watching water flow with other executive members and trying to convince the council with the help of Conty's crystals that water did come off Pittwater Rd onto the course! He had valuable knowledge when the course had a rabbit problem! Edmund received the Club's Meritorious Service Award in 1994. He was a good & fair Captain, describing himself as not better than an average golfer.

## KEITH HUNTINGDON



Keith Huntingdon became a Life member of Long Reef Golf Club in 2011. He joined in 1958, and was much more than a 50-year Gold member at the time of his Life Membership! He played continuously until 2016, nearly 60 years.

Keith has been able to reflect and tell of his memories of many characters he has met over the years. He said his first impression was that in the 1950s the Club was a “Gentleman’s” Club where members were encouraged to wear the Club blazers in the Clubhouse. During those younger years Keith describes himself as a “B” Grade golfer for a long time.

He remembers Secretary Jim Alderdice, the Secretary Manager, who had very strict discipline. There were the famous Australian cricketers, Keith Miller, Jim Burke and Stan Sismey. Wally Smith always wore a neck tie for golf and Tom Hollingsworth was never without a cigar! He remembers the antics of Squadron Leader Bobby Gibbes, who was a famous and much decorated World War 2 pilot. More recently there is a mention of Ray Gollan who gave 15 years’ service as the Chairman of the Election committee and John Mullins and his multiple committee interests.

Of course, Keith brought a great deal of Club experience to the role of President in 1993, a leadership role he held for 5 years. 1993-1997 was a period of dramatic change at the Club. The draining and conservation of water on the course was researched and finally on the way. The Board was aware of the need to change the membership categories because of the equal opportunity debate, and there was a 75th birthday celebration to be had.

Keith was President and was the Chairman of Committees along with the other Board members that-

- Planned the 75<sup>th</sup> celebrations.
- Created and facilitated the change to then a maximum of five years to be served in the Executive positions.
- Equal opportunity discussions that led to 5, 6, and 7-day membership for all.
- Contributed to the first water saving techniques.
- Chaired meeting with Peter Thompson re. the Master plan for the course.
- Introduced a Business plan and wrote the Club’s first Mission Statement.
- Club extension committee – terrace.
- Created a colour brochure to promote the Club in 1993. (See cover below)
- Created a Bar levy so that the expense of running the Club was shared by all.

In the wider golf community Keith was a founder of the Northern Peninsula Golf Club Association and elected by invitation to the NSW Senior Golfers Association. He was the delegate to the NSW Golf Association, attending monthly meetings for six years.

As a golfer we see Keith’s name on the Hudson shield in 1964.

## LES BROWNE



*Col and Addie Browne*

Les Browne has been a member of Long Reef since 21<sup>st</sup> August 1964.

There are two sides to this account. There is Les the gifted golfer and Les the widely experienced administrator in all things golf. He is a member of the Archive Committee and it benefits from his knowledge of the development of the Club, though not only his, but also his parent's involvement and contributions. There has been much more than just 56 years (in 2020) of membership.

The family relationship with the Club goes back 80 years! Les' father Col was passionate about golf. He had joined the Club in November 1939, when the Club was only 18 years old. Col resigned 48 years later. Stories told by Col to Les, as well as things he has seen and heard himself bring the history of the Club alive. Col's contribution to the written history of the Club was acknowledged by Ross Lanes in his book in 1989.

Not to be out done, Les' mother, Addie also joined Long Reef in 1956 and remained a member of both the Golf and Bridge Club until her death 42 years later in 1998. Addie was a member of the Associates/Women's Committee from 1967-71, the golden years of Grade success, with two of these years as handicapper. Col and Addie were stalwarts of the Club. Col played a number of Pennant games for the Club and also filled in as Secretary Manager for over six months on an honorary basis while the Club recruited a new manager. Col was a member of the Club Committee in the late 80s. Les had a wonderful example to follow.

In the mid 50s with cut down women clubs, Les started his golfing career with his Dad, who practiced just about every day before and after work on the then practice fairway north of the Club's bowling green. This is now the 1st Hole. Before becoming a Junior Member at 16 years of age, which was the starting age of Junior membership then, Les had spent time on the course as a caddy.

As Les says "There were a number of caddies for Saturday players and I caddied for Dad who was always first off at 8.30am. If his group was held up by the "public" (who also played early Saturday) and they took more than 3 ½ hours he was straight into the Secretary/Manager to complain. He paid me 3 pence for pars and 6 pence for birdies that he had. Many thought this was a bit mean, however in hindsight it made me take an interest in his game to see how much I would earn."

When Les joined the Club at the age of sixteen his initial handicap was 14, but within a year he was on single figures. He then played off between 1 and 5 for the next 45 something years! His first Club Championship was played in 1966 as an 18-year-old. He met Des Lofthouse (all time Champion at Long Reef with a total of 12 Championship wins.) in the rounds and was beaten 14/13. Incidentally when Les won the 1980 Club Championship, against Peter Criss, the score was also 14/13.



By the age of 20 Les was playing Pennants for the Club, at the time considered to be very young. Les became a full “Ordinary” member on the 18 April 1969. The Long Reef team and opposing teams were made up of much older men usually about ten years older.

As Les lists in 2013, there have been approximately ‘270 games since then’.

This includes, - “Junior Pennant (1965- 68) approx. 20 games

Major Pennant (1968 -2000) approx. 190 games – Captain for 6 years

Masters Pennant (1998- present) approx. 60 games – Team captain for 10 years”.

Les has played in all age groups of Pennants, and it is a wonderful achievement, as is indeed being able to list that you have been Junior Club Champion twice, Club Champion once, and then completing the set, Senior Champion four times. But the list goes on with 12 Men’s Foursomes wins and 3 Mixed Foursomes wins. Les’ name is peppered around the room on the Club Honour Boards, and there should be more to come!

Les has been very involved with the administration of the Club since 1987.

Serving as a member of the Club Committee/Board from 1987-91, 1996-97, and 2002-19. There has been time spent on Match, House, and Greens Committees. Greens would be the speciality with all the maps, reports and letters that he has kept to support his knowledge. He with John Mullins was instrumental in driving forward the planned wetlands Project and course improvements. He was Vice Captain in 1990, 1996 and 2007 and became Club Captain in 2016 -19. Les served on the Club committee/board for a total of 26 years.

Les became a Gold golf playing member in 2014 for his 50 years continuous membership the same year that he was nominated for and recognised as a Life Member. More recently Les has become the Captain of the Australia Golf Heritage Society and is a regular competitor in their hickory golf Club competitions. Les when still Captain of the Club arranged for the Heritage society to play at Long Reef and help celebrate the centenary in 2021.

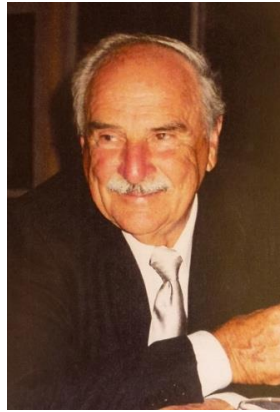
Alongside this has been years of service to the NSWGA, state wide. Les became a Councillor from 2001. His roles and responsibilities have ranged from being a Director, a State Selector, Manager of Colts, and Manager of the winning State team (2012). It is a special achievement to have represented Golf NSW on the Golf Australia Champions Committee and manage the Australian Team at the Toyota World Juniors 2008-10. Then there are also times when Les has his “referees” hat on, home and away, with his State Level rules accreditation.

You get the feeling that over a lifetime of involvement at Long Reef, Les has given back as much as he has gained from a love of the game on the course.



*The first Junior Scratch score trophies – the early Junior Championship award given to Les Browne in 1966 and 1967.*

## JOHN MULLINS



John Mullins joined Long Reef in 1991. Not for him the Championship Honour Board instead John was volunteer supreme, and a master of grants, the council, environmental issues and planning! The Club became his second home, and by the mid-2010s he had his own desk in the Club's office! John's influence on the Club's development over a 20-year period is memorable and highly commendable. John received an O.A.M. in 2013 and had become a Life Member of Long Reef in 2004.

John's background had been in Mechanical engineering holding the position of Director of an Engineering manufacturing company during his career. His business acumen and ability to work a contract or write a submission proved very valuable to the Club as major plans to the Clubhouse and course progressed.

Within two years of joining the Club John became a member of the Board in 1993. He was then Vice-President for four years, before becoming President in 1998 again for four years. He continued to serve on the general Board from 2013 until his death in 2015.

The greater part of his time was spent on the Course Development, House, and Community Relations sub-committees. John was heavily involved in adding the Terrace, the glass and tile additions to the Clubhouse, which led to it becoming an area that could be used to increase revenue for the Club. From the wetlands, to the green and golden bell frog and finally the MUSA building John was up front and championing the Club's needs. There were issues of development, recognition and conservation running hand in hand. There was a '90s Master plan, and most importantly John prepared the data to create a draft document that applied to the Local Government Act – Management of Community Land. He developed the Griffith Park Plan of management and the Draft Long Reef Plan of Management. To quote John in his report to the AGM in 1995, "This document will be of major importance to issues, affecting Long Reef Golf Club, such as access, traffic, parking, recreation, environment, management, administration, finance and funding."

John was very hands on, on the course, or at any stage of the building – he was seen speeding around the course in a cart or with tape measure in hand, checking with the builders. His membership of related outside groups, such as the Warringah Council's Coastal Management Committee and by 1999 the Storm Water Environmental Committee, and a Council Sustainability Panel saw John serving the Club but also the community at large.

John was also instrumental in establishing the scholarship programme for talented youngsters which is in place today. The Club also has the John Mullins Achievements Award and a Bursary named after him. John had a close supporting relationship with the Sargood Foundation from the beginning. The Foundation now receives an annual grant from the club in John's name. The Foundation nominates a worthy recipient each year from SCI which covers staying at the centre and golfing at the club. See pages

## CHAPTER TEN - THE NINETIES

This was a decade of very major changes on the course, in membership and in the Clubhouse, more so than in any decade before. The Presidents were Allan Delaney, continuing on from this role in the '80s, Keith Huntingdon, and John Mullins. John led the Club in to the next decade. The Captains were Edmund Playfair, Bill Finlay, Don Harper and George McTaggart. Following on from Kevin Stanton's ten years as Treasurer, from 1993 the role was filled by M. Peter Waters, and then Carl S. Jepson.

Throughout the decade the Club was financially sound with annual surpluses ranging from \$115k to \$256k, averaging \$170K. The membership rose from 690 to 970 by 1999. In the mid '90s the course hosted 70,000 games. The Juniors peaked at 78 members and a Junior scholarship was established.

This was a major decade of change for female membership. Sally Woods, Barbara Pearce, Lilith Gollan, Sandra Gillies and Judy Hore, led from the front as Presidents. Lilith and Sandra also did three years each as Captain. The remaining Captains were Tibby Playfair, Chris Riddle and Shirley Blackburn. (Incidentally this was the first time that a married couple had been Captains at the same time – Tibby and Edmund Playfair overlapped from 1988-1990.)

The decade featured some major course developments which changed the topography (but not the layout) of the lower half of the course. This work was to build on the research and preparation carried out in the '80s. Water was the problem! Sometime all too much of it. In 1990 Tibby Playfair described herself as the wettest Captain in the history of the Club and Edmund with Committee friends had spent time in gum boots with spade in hand, digging holes to trace water flow and directions! The Professional Gary Churcher featured in the Manly Daily at the time standing by an inland lake, and described the number of games and lessons lost because of frequent flooding.

The main project, perhaps the biggest for Long Reef since the swamp drainage in the late 1920s, which had enabled expansion to 18 holes was the re-draining of these lower holes. This started with a suggestion by a member Peter Ryan who believed that surplus rainwater could be drained in a southward direction to the ocean. It had always previously been (unsuccessfully) drained north towards Fisherman's Beach. With the help of a number of long plastic tubes filled with water and some keen committee members, ground levels were checked over the lower course and it was agreed that Ryan's suggestion was feasible.

The help of Professor Colin Dudgeon (University of NSW hydrographer working at Manly Dam) was obtained and a redirected draining and raising fairway level plan was developed. Course designers Thomson/Wolveridge/Perret were appointed to produce a Course Master plan in 1994. To be called the Wetland Project Phase 1, it included ponds and re-designed the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes. The Griffith Park Plan of Management was also developed and adapted by council.

The Club received, \$195,000, the first of many government grants. The Wetlands scheme also received sponsorship from the Komatsu Company, helping with machinery and from Paterson/Britton Hydrologists which helped reduce costs. A Director of the company Paul Harvey-Walker was a member of the Club and he did all the hydrology calculations which have continually proved to be accurate. In all the Club spent \$0.5m on Phase 1.

Two ponds were created adjacent to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> holes. The fill from these was used to raise the adjacent fairways. These ponds became a collection point for the stormwater which was then piped south across the 6<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> fairways. The project proved to be a great success. There was also considerable discussion with the Council on stormwater rationalisation - including diverting some excess street flow to the course dam storage and general water treatment. Strip and dish drains were added in the '90s to the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Fairway watering was completed for all holes.

Other course development included the creation of a bank on the ocean side of the 17<sup>th</sup> fairway to protect against wind-borne salt and sand. (It also helped define the boundary.) In 1994 an eradication

programme for non-native plants had started, which followed the Club being represented on the Warringah Coastal Management Committee meetings, largely thanks to John Mullins. In 1995 the 12<sup>th</sup> hole was shortened from a par 5 to a par 4 and the tee relocated some 100m east, to permit tee shots to be angled away from the road. A number of tee shots were straying onto the road, some cars were hit and an insurance public liability issue forced the hole's shortening.

There was also discussion about a clearly defined southern boundary for a coastal walkway. However, all was ready for the Club to host the 1997 Champion of Champions event with just a few patches of new growth!! In 1996 the course had looked like a moon scape.

In 1998 a major stone bridge building project completed the look, thanks to member Neil Mason and his crew of volunteers. The course was re-routed a number of times in the decade but finally it settled with the current layout. Four Greenkeepers worked for the Club in the 90s all playing a role in the changes; Dick O'Brien, Barry Monk, Michael Bradbery 1993-98 who had the lion's share of the work, and Stuart Laing.

From the mid '90s the progress of the Club was celebrated in the re-established newsletter, the Reef Breezes, which became a weekly publication.

The Clubhouse received some major refurbishments early in the decade with a new men's bathroom and a new cafe kitchen. New front doors were installed with cut-glass featuring the Club's initials provided by a donation from the Bridge Club. Women's President Barbara Pearce played her part in colour and design decisions. Much of the furniture was upgraded and most of the carpet replaced. The office was moved to the front door in the area previously occupied by the Snooker room. This enabled more secure reception of people entering the Club. A Master-plan was created for very major floor-plan changes inside and extensions out and above the front practice putting greens. This was presented by John Mullins in 1999.

In 1996 the Club celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday in July, with special golf days, a formal dinner, a cake, a special logo and a printed booklet of memories and recollections. This booklet was called 'Reflections', compiled by Judy Hore, the personal memories of some of the then long-standing members are worthy of reading at any stage of the Club's history. Also, in 1996 Certificates of Meritorious service were presented to Joyce Machar, Edmund Playfair, Ross Lanes, Kevin Stanton, Allan Delaney and Mick Snell.

In 1999 the CCR system of handicapping was introduced. This stands for Calculating Course Rating and replaced a rating system where each day the Captain was seen at about 10am standing on the 9<sup>th</sup> tee mainly with a wind vane in hand! His decision would change the rating by a point or two! Today it is 72 for Men and 73 for Women.

This decade saw major changes in membership's status due to equal opportunity legislation. For Associates read Women. All Members, male and female, were given the opportunity to elect to be 5, 6 or 7 day members. Associate membership was discontinued. These changes were approved in 1996. A great deal of work and time had gone into the preparation of this proposal, at the time of Keith Huntingdon's Presidency, and Board Member Ray Gollan's Chairmanship of the steering committee. As a 7-day member Sandra Gillies became the first woman elected to serve on the Board, and in 1996 served in the position of Vice-Captain. At the same time Lilith Gollan served on the Committee of NSWLGU and had played a big part on the Club's Equal Opportunity Steering Committee. Both women held executive roles on the Associate's/Women's committee throughout the 90s as mentioned above.

Some duties on the Women's Committee were to change and gradually all the women's bank accounts were transferred to the Club. On the fun side Sandra Gillies suggested the Christmas Dress-up Fun day to bring the season to a close and to this day it is the most supported women's event. It may have started using old Christmas decorations but has grown to display both craft and



sewing skills, featuring very imaginative ideas, some still very seasonal, some using topical themes, others are irreverent or even controversial.

In 1996 the Club had its first Mission Statement. It was written by Keith Huntingdon, and was displayed in the Club and added to the Programme book.

In 1991 the men had entered five pennant teams, Senior, Masters, Eric Apperly, Junior and Junior Peninsula. After many a try this was also the first year that Ron Anthony became the Senior Champion.

In 1995 the women competed in a record number of representative teams, 7 in total. 1996 was also a very big year for the women in their Grade and Pennant teams. Under the Captaincy of Chris Riddle, the Club won Grade 3, the Gordon Shield, Bronze 1 Bowl and Bronze 2 in the one year! In the '90s we saw the creation of the 36 Markers Knockout competition and the Long Reef Plate for 25-36 markers. It was presented to R. Byrnes from Asquith, in 1991. The first name on the trophy.

The Club's top players of the decade included a number of new names; the list of titled winners included seven different men and nine different women. Three men won twice – Scott Fitzgerald, Ross Bockman, and Kirk Forbes. Only one woman did this –Rebecca Goldsmith in 1994 and 1996. The Long Reef Medal list included Frank Maiolo, who won for a second time in 1991 with a course record 67 and Danny Vera who was to become the Long Reef Pro in 2007. In 1993 Michael Bateman won both the Junior and Club Championships. Les Browne continued his run of Foursomes wins, 5 in the decade. He had won twice previously. The decade also saw the emergence of Shaun McTaggart who won the Club title in 1996, the first of 6 such wins. (See index for all champions.)

The women had some new blood in Champion Jessica Kliman, who joined as a Junior in the early '90s. She played in the Peninsula Junior Shield and was a member of the winning Weekend Premiership team. In 1999 she became the Club Champion as a 17-year old the youngest in the Women's Championship to do so, to date. In contrast the decade was opened with a Championship won by Rene Haire, at the age of 67 the oldest woman to do so. (As far as records show). Jenni Brown was a rising weekend player and went on to be a single figure golfer in the mid-week competitions. Geraldine Brown a junior player was chosen in the NSW Junior Team and like Jessica played in the women's grade Team. Geraldine went on to become a golf professional. Sandra Gillies and Chris Riddle won the Foursomes on four occasions in the decade. There was also a very well supported Junior programme throughout the decade, led by Sandra and Bill (Don) Gillies, Max Glanville and Alan Bateman

Long Reef members were very well cared for, and for over 10 years the very popular Bar Manager Frank Jenkins, cared more than most. Caterers Chris and Carol Saunders, 1990-94, and again from 1998 for four more years ran a very efficient service and also increased the number of public bookings.

Club Annual reports also consistently commented on the voluntary efforts of some of the members on projects around the course. These included in particular Bill Bernhardt, Mick Snell, Neil Mason and Ken Bryant. There was another team of volunteers and Directors who helped with the ponding system and grass planting. They included Patsie McConnell and Judy Hore.

In 1998 John Mullins was heavily involved in the Club receiving a grant to provide at least a temporary home for the endangered Green and Golden Bell frog. The frogs were relocated from Homebush Bay, when construction of the Olympics disturbed their habitat. Special ponds were created for them a short distance from the 13<sup>th</sup> tee and around the pond on the 5th. John's ability to gain grants and cement 'deals' with Council and neighbourhood groups was about to be really appreciated in the 2000s onwards.

In 1997 member Peter Miller established the Reefcare group. Golfing members and other volunteers commenced planting and eradication programmes over the whole of Griffith Park. The aquatic

reserve was studied and protected and both migratory and local birds were monitored and their numbers recorded.

There is no doubt that the course work completed in the '90s, as hoped, helped to solve the drainage and water storage issues, which was to make the use of the course viable for the greater part of every year. There were far fewer cancellations of events and games lost because the course was able to absorb rainfall and drain so quickly. With the exception of the 7-day weekend only playing women members, (which took more fine tuning) members settled into the new system of equal membership quickly.



*Club Committee 1993-94*

*Back row L-R Peter Waters, Don Harper, Keith Huntingdon, John Mullins, Bill Finlay,  
Front row L-R Peter Machin, Alan Clinton (CEO) Ray Gollan, Peter Murphy. Missing from the photo  
Mick Snell and Geoff Johnston.*



*Winners of 1994 Meritorious Award*

*L-R Allan Delaney. Edmund Playfair, Ross Lanes, Kevin Stanton and Joyce Machar.  
Missing from photo Mick Snell.*



*Major Pennant Team 1999 – Section 4 winners Division 1 Semi-finalists.*

*L-R Standing: George McTaggart (Club Captain), Greg Collier, Ian Davies, Shaun McTaggart, Bill Finlay (Manger), John Mullins (President).*

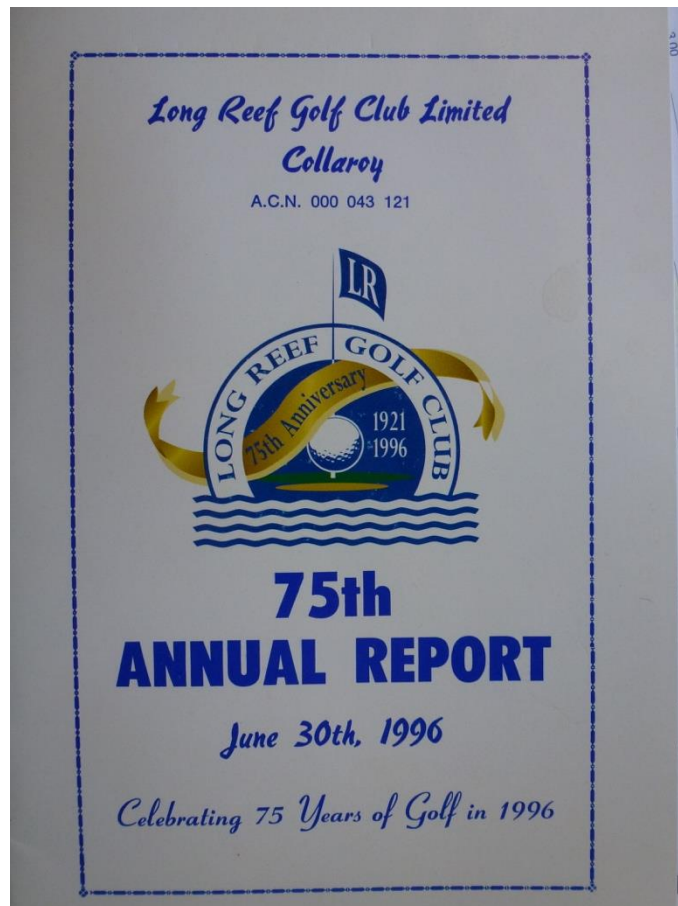
*Front Row: Geoff Cranfield, John Walter, Scott McGuinness, Kirk Forbes, Steve Morshuis (Captain)  
Bottom right: Les Browne*



*Presidents 70-90s*

*L-R Keith Huntingdon, Ray Cordaiy, Allan Delaney, Graham Clark*





*Logo used for 75 birthday celebrations*



*1996 Winners of Grade*

*L-R Sandra Gillies, Jann Driver, Pam Martin, Chris Riddle, Rebecca Goldsmith (Captain)*





*1996 winning team with support team*

*Back rows L-R – Marie Fairhall, Fay Felton, Joan Corlis, Lorraine Dickinson, Bonnie Ryan, Glad Cox, Nola Burke, Tibby Playfair, Patty Cropper, Josie Murray, Gay Holdt, Terry Mathews, Lilith Gollan, Helen Gunther.*

*Team L-R Sandra Gillies, Jann Driver, Rebecca Goldsmith (Captain) Christine Riddle, Pam Martin*



*Weekend Pennants winners 1998*

*Back L-R Jan Crook, Pat Mitchell. Denise Roadnick, Lyn Nicholson,*

*Front- L-R Mannie Dickinson, Jenny Loughnan, Larka Kliman, Claire Methven, Clare John*



*The Club's offices in 1994 from the practice putting green.*



*L-R Foursomes winners – Chris Riddle and Sandra Gillies 1900, 97, 98, 99. Chris was also Club Champion in 1992 and 95, and Captain from 1995-98 having spent three years as Treasurer.*



*Assorted work photos – drainage work – ponding 1996.*



## GARY CHURCHER



*(L-R John Halliday and Gary Churcher.)*

Gary was a popular and very professional Professional. He came to the Club in 1985, remaining until 2007. This was a period of 22 years.

Gary came from a golf playing, golf loving family. He started work at Ryde-Parramatta, still an amateur, where he learnt a great deal from Alex Wilson. Time was then spent with Dan Cullen at St Michaels. He then worked at Killara Golf Club with Dave Mercer, assisting players and teaching, before moving to the Riverina Club. Gary once described these three professionals as having the greatest influence on his life.

He then tried tournament golf for a short time, but decided that his life would be serving the golfing community, helping, teaching and advising. He then worked at Palm Beach, Bayview, Nelson Bay, Monash and finally Long Reef. He loved Long Reef and his main aim was to encourage other golfers –ordinary golfers. One of his first major roles was to be elected as a Committee Member of the NSWPGA in 1985.

He liked to help young “fellows” (and females) at Long Reef, giving them the opportunity to work in his pro shop encouraging their golf. Linda Davis, who had hearing difficulties, went on to become World Champion at the World Games. He had many apprentices and Assistant Professionals over the years, John Halliday, Tim Porter, Wayne Brenton, Jason Benham and Toby for example. His partner Jenny supported all aspects of the service in the Pro shop.

As a teaching professional he appreciated the improvements to the course in the late 90s, which prevented flooding and minimised the interruptions to teaching time. Gary’s style of teaching could be described as multi-sensory, sight, sound and feel came into it, as he demonstrated, gave you a phrase to remember and or guided the swing. He was involved in all groups, from workshops with the Grade and Pennants teams, Juniors, and then during his time, Beginner groups organised by the Women’s committee. Here you would see new players fly to the main membership after his introductory 6 weeks course, and a short time spent with the volunteers who walked the course with them as new members.

In Gary’s time at Long Reef, motorised carts really came in to vogue, and the hiring of them became a big part of his business. He was also at Long Reef to see the real growth of battery powered buggies, as well as umbrellas being used as parasols! His small Pro-shop (with always that promise of a new one around the corner!) was always well stocked. Gary had his own logo, the shape of the



reef itself from a side view. This logo seen below appeared on a full range of merchandising, from Jumpers, to T-shirts, hat bands, umbrellas and balls etc.

General concerns about the funding and finances of the Golf Club in the mid-2000s led to a change in philosophy as to just how the Professional Shop would be managed in the future. After much discussion with Gary, he 'called it a day' and the Board hired the management team of Teed-Up Golf to manage the Pro-shop. Danny became the Club Professional, and sadly Gary and Jenny left after 22 years of unstinting service to the Club.



*Women's Committee in 1996 – dressed for Club's 75 birthday game.*

*Back L-R Lorraine Dickson, Barbara Johnson, Meriam Matheson, Chris Riddle, Judy Hore, Gay Holdt.*

*Front L-R Sandra Gillies, Sammy Suzuki, Sandra Mellowes.*

## LUCAS BATES



*Lucas in his NSW team blazer*

Lucas took up golf when he was about 19 years of age, and he joined Long Reef in 1993. In a few short years he was not only playing Pennants for the Club but was Captain of the team and by 2003 he had been selected in the NSW Team.

He remembers a great “bunch” of blokes who loved golf and banter, a fantastic course and greens. He used to leave his surf board in the Juniors room and could surf after a game! His golf took him a lot further away than the local beach.

After winning two Long Reef Medals and 23 Vardon wins he was also the ACT Amateur Champion. He turned Pro in 2005 and played the Australian and Canadian Tours with his best finish 5<sup>th</sup> in the 2005 Canadian Tour Championship. He had 25 Pro victories in Australia.

He was helped along the way by ‘a bunch of blokes’ from Long Reef who threw in some money to get him to Japan.

Lucas continues to live and work locally and gets to still play golf with many Long Reef mates.

## SCOTT MCGUINNESS



Scott took up the game at the age of 14 persuaded to join by a golf-playing neighbour. He joined as a Junior in February 1992 and from the beginning loved, in his own words, “lots of things about Long Reef, the laid-back atmosphere, the fact you could watch the surf as you play and the course was always in a great condition. The members are what I call “real people’ and are always out to help you in anyway so that’s probably the thing I like the most.”

Winning the two back to back Junior championships was the most celebrated moment and set him on his golfing career path with confidence.

Scott represented the Club in both Junior and Senior Pennants and often finished a season undefeated. His name can be seen on those important Honour Boards around the club. As the list below shows, his name appeared twice as a course record holder, and he is one of ten Long Reef players to have won the Long Reef Medal. He was R/u in the Club Championships but didn’t always enter because of Vardon events dates clashing. He won the City of Sydney Amateur Championship.

As the photo shows he proudly wore the NSW team blazer in 2003.

Scoring -10 was the greatest round he ever played. “I recorded my fabulous round of -10 during a Monday competition. Being on a + handicap most of my time at the reef it was hard to win the comp but that day I definitely took home all the prizes.”

In 2005 he moved to the US to further his career, but actually fell into his current professional career as a caddy. “I’ve worked for a number of great players over the years which include, John Daly, Woody Austin, Nick Flanagan, Steven Bowditch, Chez Reavie, John Mallinger, Matt Jones, and Jason Gore just to name a few.

Scott is currently (2020) working for Scottie Scheffler who is currently 29th in the world and just finished his rookie season 5th on the FedEx cup list.”

He travels the world but loves a game at Long Reef when he returns.

### Major achievements

1994 and 1995 Junior Champion

1999 Long Reef Medal

Course record – 1999- 69, and 2004- 67

Foursomes Champion 1996 with Lucas Bates and 2004 with Murray Fogarty

2003 NSW Team

## SANDRA GILLIES



Sandra joined Long Reef in 1981, bringing experience as a Sportswoman, Teacher, and Parent. Sandra has had almost an amateur golfing career, as a player, volunteer and mentor. She has worn so many hats, been on all the committees available, and encouraged new players as well as being a Champion herself. Along with husband Bill (Don) she has played a crucial part in shaping the youth of the Club in the Junior competitions as she served on the Junior Golf Sub-Committee. With her work at State level her knowledge of Women's golf is second to none.

Honour Boards and lists show how many times she has reached Championship finals, or made herself available to represent the Club in Pennants and Grade competitions. She has been a member of two winning Grade Teams and has played Pennants or Grade from 1986 to 2018. She has represented the Club in the Bronze Medallion and the Coronation Medal numerous times.

As a member of the Long Reef Associates/Women's Committee from 1989, she served as Secretary, Vice-Captain, Captain on two occasions, and President. Her last position on that committee finished in 2004. Following the changes to full membership in 1996, Sandra became the first woman on the Club's Board and served in 1997-98 as Vice-Captain of the Club. From 2008 her service to WGNSW began, as a Councillor and then Board Member. It became GNSW in 2010. Her major role was as Joint Chair of Match with Les Browne. She was also a Director of Jack Newton Junior Golf from 2008-12.

Looking at the major golfing achievements Sandra has been the Club Champion twice, and the runner-up seven times. She has won the Foursomes five times and been the runner-up eight times. There have been three Single Knockout trophies and runner-up positions twice, as well as three WGNSW Div. I Medals. In 2020 she became the Bronze Premiership winner.

To hold the Veteran's Women's Premiership on nine occasions, from 1996-2004 must be some sort of record.

From 2011 Sandra has had success in a variety of age groups in the NSW Senior Amateur Championship Events.

In 2016 Sandra was nominated for Life Membership for having served the Club so diligently for 35 years, to that date, and excelled within both the Golf Club and wider golfing community.



## ROSS BOCKMAN



*Ross and Mitchell Bockman in 2014*

Ross started playing golf as a Junior in Albury, had many years as a Champion at Monash Golf Club before joining Long Reef in 1993 as a very experienced and successful golfer.

- Club Champion - 1995, 1997, 2002.
- Runner-up - 1998, 2000.
- Senior Champion – 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013
- Foursomes Champion -1993, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2005, 2006, 2007 with Les Browne - 2010, 2011 with Frank Maiolo.
- Long Reef Medal – 1981 (Monash) 2007 (LR)
- NSW and Australia Seniors Team - 2009, 2019, 2013, 2014

He was born and spent all his teenage years in Albury, on the NSW/Victoria border. Ross had the support of his family behind him, a natural sporting ability and competitive spirit, which he showed, in a variety of sports. Albury gave an opportunity, and the help of the local Professional his uncle, was a bonus.

Ross seems to have spent his teenage years on a bus, train, plane, or driving very long distances to take part in regional and state events. 1966 was a very successful first year culminating in a letter nominating him to play in the State Junior Championships in Cromer followed by an invitation to join the NSW Junior Golf Camp at Narrabeen. An amateur golfing career had begun.

On completion of his electrical apprenticeship at the age of twenty Ross moved to Sydney. With the advice and help of friends he joined Monash. At Monash Ross was to play in the Pennant teams throughout his membership there from 1970-1988, for 18 years, maintaining a handicap between Scratch and 1. He also played Eric Apperly Shield for the first two years. He won 9 or 10 Club Championships and definitely in 1978, 79, 81, 84, 85, 86, 87 and 89.

Ross ceased to be a playing member of Monash after a period of unsettling management when the Club decided to put on the "top" to the Clubhouse against the wishes of the majority. It was three years later while with his son Mitchell at a Junior Golf day that Ross met up with Gary Churcher, the then LRGC Professional. This led to a friendly game and Gary encouraging Ross to put in his forms of membership application straight away. He already knew a lot of people at LR. So, the game was on a Monday and by the Wednesday he was attending an "interview" with John Mullins and of course welcomed with open arms. Mitchell joined as a Junior on a scholarship a little later.

Since joining Long Reef, the proof of Ross's ability and enthusiasm is illustrated by the number of times we can read his name on the Honour Boards. He is prolific Foursomes winner and certainly the player seen on the practise areas more than anyone. The list of Championships above speak for themselves. There have been many wins at Vardon events and Open days.

Ross played Pennants for Long Reef, from 1994-2003. He was also a Manager for one year of Pennants – Ross mentions what a privilege it used to be to play Pennants for your Club. They used to be held on a Saturday at a reasonable time of day. Now, with the reluctance of Clubs to give up tee time, they are almost squeezed into a Sunday morning with 7am starting times – which devalues the experience and makes it hard with such a lot of traveling and little time to warm- up and play well. etc.

At 55 when men become eligible for Masters' events a new challenge presented itself, and for Ross this is another phase of his golfing career. Ross thoroughly enjoys the traveling that is involved in both NSW and Australia wide Senior events. Being chosen in the NSW and Australian Seniors team, in 2009 and 2019 to play against New Zealand is a highlight and Ross also enjoying catching up and re-uniting with players that he met and played with and against years ago.

Ross has been a member of three Clubs and a Champion at them all. Since he was a teenager he has maintained a handicap that hasn't wavered far from scratch. Since the age of 65 he has shot his age or better each year.



Weekend players Opening Day

Top L-R: Gay McCorby, Gaby Bennet, Nan Crump, Marg O'Connell, Tanya Nolan, Lyn Parsons, Wendy Millson, Di Munche, Rachel Loomes.

Middle group

L-R: Rosemary West, Jill Hensman, Kim Sloane, Gilda Severino, Megan Symington, Robyn McCormick, Michelle Blair, Cathy Johnston, Veronica Bertram, Pauline McMahon.

Front row: Maria Russell, Jenni Brown, Catherine Reynolds, Natalie Driver, Sue Smiles, Jen Jansson.

## GEOFF CRANFIELD



Geoff is very much a home-grown champion. He attended local schools and competed in local teams, the greatest success being at Cricket, Rugby League and Union. There were the surfing years and more recently the motor sport craze! It may be that success at other sports has seen an interruption to his play, but he has remained a member of Long Reef continuously since joining the Club as a Cadet in 1974.

Before this he was introduced to the game by his parents, at the age of 11 or 12. They were members of Mona Vale at the time and lessons were received from a family friend Earl Keer at Cromer Park on a Sunday morning.

From the age of 15 Geoff played in both Long Reef Junior and Apperly teams and events. It was in 1991 that he first played for the Major Pennant Team with many appearances and success to come in teams and at Vardon events. Geoff held the Course record in 1993. He was a member of the Club Committee in 1997 and contributed to the creation of the phase 1 of the Wetlands. He also enjoyed working as a Manager and mentor of the Junior Team and saw the 1996 Team win the division.

In 2015 it was time to come back to golf from about 15 years in Super Sport bike racing. Geoff made the decision to practice and get back to scratch before playing serious competitions, which he did over 4 months. His target was the Vardon Event – The Long Reef Medal which he hadn't won before. He was the winner that year in 2015 and went on to become the Club Champion and Senior Champion. Holding all three titles at the same time. What a list of achievements doesn't say is that Geoff became the oldest member to become our Club Champion in 2016 at the age of 58, and then he repeated that win a year later in 2017. Over this period Geoff was also a member of the Long Reef Master Pennants Team. Geoff has represented the club in all age groups of pennants, including being Captain of the Major 2008 team. He is on the Foursomes board with Adan Lynn in 2019 and the same year he played in the British Amateur Open.

It seems that a very rewarding golfing stage is now being played – the NSW Seniors Events with its Order of Merit. When Geoff played his first event he hadn't realised that it would be part of an Order of Merit. Now seen as one of the rising “youngsters”, he thoroughly enjoys the inclusiveness and friendship of the competition. Early in 2019 he won the Belmont followed by the Lakes, and the Australian Seniors Open in May leaving him very high on the Order of Merit. Finishing in the top 10 two years ago saw him qualify for the Australian Team, a feat he repeated in 2018 and 2019.



## DR GEORGE WING AM



George Wing has been a Gold Member of Long Reef since 2016. He joined the Club in March 1966 but had already gained experience on other courses. With stories of those members that he met in those early days, who themselves had joined in the 20s, his stories link the 100 years of Long Reef together. Most current players will also recognise the name from the weekly newsletter and the Rules Column. George kindly gave an account of his golfing career to the Club in 2016. The following are short extracts.

George describes his golfing career as a stop and start affair. He commenced playing in 1949 at Strathfield, gained experiences on other courses, playing at Coffs Harbour, Bathurst, Pennant Hills and Blackheath. This included being on the Committee at Coffs Harbour 1950-1952

He went to university, married, had his family of five children, worked overseas in a U.S. University as a Fulbright Scholar and pursued a career in academia.

George joined the Club as a B Provisional member at the time when there were long waiting lists to join a Club. Restrictions did not allow B Provisional members to play on Saturdays. Cards for handicap purposes were not possible. Starting on a handicap of 24 which meant 24 in Stroke rounds and 18 in Par and Stableford events, George played in the Sunday 4 ball competitions but there were never 'singles in conjunction'. Soon after joining, success in the winter Fourball event, where he played with Cy Dubois against President Tom Hollingsworth and partner, winning the final on the nineteenth hole, led to a "Captains call" handicap decision. George was reduced from 24 to 15. No ifs or buts!

A Provisional status was to follow soon after, allowing play on Saturdays.

"Over the years he never really attained great heights as an A Grader (for more than forty years) but too far up the list with a handicap ranging from 7-12 to attain championship status. His best round ever at Long Reef was a 72 on the par 71 course. He has won three monthly medals (two in the days when there was one medal over the whole field), the Captain's Cup, a barometer, a big fish shaped dish, multiple sets of glasses, many hams when that was the prize for the nearest to the pin on Saturdays, more than a thousand balls and in later years many vouchers. In his early days in the Club the Saturday trophy of the day was donated by a member and traditionally the donor was invited by the Captain to play with him. He played with many Captains. Saturday was always in threes and play always started from the first tee – the present ninth. During his playing career he has had two rounds of even par and three holes in one in competitions at other Group 1 courses.

From his first involvement in the game and in spite all the interruptions George has maintained a great interest in the game of golf and managed to collect approximately 700 books on all aspects of

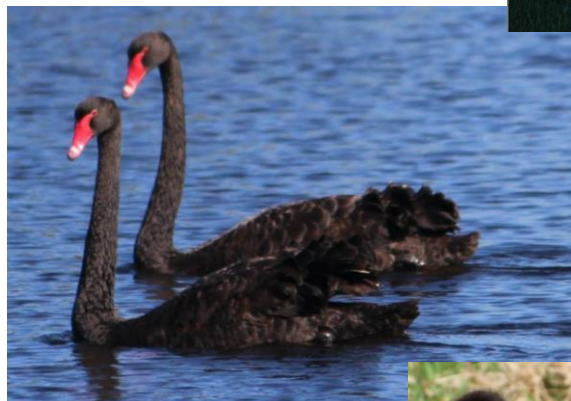


golf. This background led George to pass the Club and State Level Rules exams in 1997 with Distinction. "That changed his life for the next twenty years. He was being called on in many capacities to act as a Rules Official, Referee, Lecturer and Examiner for NSW Golf Association, The Australian Golf Union and most constantly the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation. All of this took many hundreds of hours each year on voluntary duty but what great fun and experience"

In 2016 George was installed in the Jack Newton Junior "GOLF HALL OF FAME".

George was called upon in both State and National competitions to officiate, meeting many promising juniors, gifted professionals and other experienced administrators.

George contributes to the Club newsletter, the Reef Breezes each week (2020) with his golf situation rules test. We also see his son David's wonderful photographs of birds at Long Reef. David joined the Club as a 15-year-old Junior in 1982. As a golfer David has won numerous club medals including the Whytock Cup Gold Medal, the B Grade Championship and had holes in one on the long 10<sup>th</sup> hole and the 2nd hole.



Photos by David Wing

## KEVIN STANTON



Kevin was born in 1934 in Sydney and has always remained a Sydney boy. His early years were spent at Croydon and he was educated at Fort Street Boys High. He had decided at an early age that accounting was to be his career so he left school in 1949 with the Intermediate Certificate, the requirement to commence training in accounting. He was employed by Yarwood Vane & Co., the Australian agent of Deloitte and began training and attending business college. He became a Chartered Accountant in 1955 and continued his studies and achieved qualification as a Company Secretary in 1960. Both of his degrees had extensive legal components and Kevin had no trouble finding work and moved to the northern beaches in the mid-1950s.

As a junior he played social golf in the Strathfield area. Most of his sporting time was taken with football (soccer) and after his move to the northern beaches he represented Manly Football Club. He continued his golfing career and joined Bayview G.C in the early '60s.

Kevin joined Long Reef G.C in 1971 and is still a keen golfer playing on Wednesdays. His lowest handicap over the years has been 8 and he won the C Grade Cup in 1975. He first stood for the Board as Treasurer in 1982 at the request of then President Graham H. Clarke. Kevin was Treasurer for 10 years. During his term there were a few personnel changes – notably a Secretary/Manager who proved inadequate and was replaced on the Treasurer's advice. He also oversaw the commencement of new professional Gary Churcher who took over from John Kelly.

During this period the course had many problems with flooding mainly on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> holes and also in the Maintenance Facility. Many options were looked at and the Committee came up with the idea of draining the course to the south. This was of course the forerunner to the Wetlands Project which was completed in 2019. Kevin was instrumental in the early planning stages of this project. The Club is still reaping the rewards of his excellent work as Treasurer and he is still enjoying his membership of the Club.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN - THE FIRST DECADE OF THE 21ST CENTURY 2000-10

This was a decade when major improvements to the Clubhouse took place but plans to rebuild the Pro-shop and Greenkeepers shed stalled. With the best of intentions it was a decade of compromise brought about by State and Local government requirements, economic prudence and changes at Board level. On the course two dominant Champions emerged, and two of the leading men players were recognised in the NSW team.

The Club Presidents were John Mullins, Don Harper, and Elwyn Heber. The Captains were George McTaggart, Peter Clements, and Peter Verrills. From 2001 Ian Bradshaw was Treasurer for five years followed by Roger Poignand. Lilit Gollan, followed by Sandra Gillies, and Les Browne were Councillors and Board members on the two NSW administration bodies. Both Les and Sandra played a leading role in the amalgamation of the Women's and Men's two State bodies into Golf NSW. As mentioned above their influence continued on the golfing side acting as Joint Match Committee Chairpersons. Over the years Les managed successful State and Australian teams.

On the Women's committee the President's position had a few quick changes, for a variety of reasons, mainly health, three women could only serve for one year each. But the care of the Women's golfing organisation continued uninterrupted. The Presidents were Anne Nielsen, Helen Gunther, Shirley Jenkins, Jackie Dew, Sandra Mellowes and Margaret Verrills. There were four Captains, Shirley Blackburn, Sandra Gillies, Pauline McTaggart and Judy Hore. Shirley, Sandra and Judy had vast committee experience before hand, and Pauline equalled this experience in a different way as she had been the Assistant Secretary in the Office before becoming a golfer. (As well as being married to former club Captain George and mother of Club Champion Shaun.)

The Club could no longer manage on the income from membership subscriptions as the main source of funds. In 1999 a Club Master plan had been created to generate additional income to fund major projects. The Clubhouse had progressed from the original timber in the '20s, to brick and tile in the '60's, but in this decade the extension made of pavers, glass and stainless steel not only gave it a modern look, but increased the space available to welcome more people and functions into the Club and create an additional income stream.

The Clubhouse Phase 1 changes included the dining room extension. The bar was moved to a more central position with service available on three sides. A small terrace area was created with an outdoor BBQ area, and the "Sportsman's" lounge got a new ceiling. New tables and chairs were needed inside and out and the Honour boards went from teak to Perspex. In 2003 the exterior walls of the Clubhouse were rendered and painted to match the extension. In 2004 the Snack Bar, sometimes called the half-way house, also received its first of three upgrades. The second was in 2009, when the corridor from the SE door was blocked off.

This was only the beginning for the patio/terrace, as in 2005 an application was made to extend it and cover the practice putting green down to and around the big pine tree with pavers, and surround the new area with a glass and chrome see-through fencing. It was to have several strong and well placed outdoor umbrellas to create shade. This work was completed in 2006. For Phase 1 the House Committee was chaired by first Peter Clements followed by Judy Hore. President John Mullins was a driving force behind change and development, (see page 133) as had been Keith Huntingdon as President before him. Keith had pushed the implementation of the Business Plan. Carl Jepson had structured the Financial Plan. In the Annual Reports President John Mullins was the first to thank those members whose skills, resources and time given made the extensions possible. He listed Malcolm Denner, Dennis Watchorn, Chris Canham, Doug Moulton (Quantity Surveyor) and Lyndall Bacon. (Interior design)



Such was the popularity of major events held in the dining room, mainly weddings, that by 2005 it was difficult to access all areas freely. (At one stage Flare Catering could have up to three weddings over a weekend.) This led to the creation of an elbow shaped by-pass corridor from the entrance to the bar, by taking space from the Office. The Office had a refurbishment too.

The women's locker room was used more and more as a bridal party lounge for both males and females, and this caused a lot of concern and discussion among the women members. In 2004 there had been a revised layout of the women's and then men's locker room (to provide extra space for general storage). Later the women's committee went shopping for new furniture with monies donated (again) by the Bridge Club.

This decade saw other major changes that are now taken for granted.

2007 was a busy year, with tiling and lighting of the external front pathway. The Club had new carpet twice as the first choice proved to be faulty – well it was brown! Swipe cards were introduced for the men's locker room and the SE entrance. Changes to the Gaming and Licensing laws meant that the women no longer had their own separate entrance next to the women's office – a glass fence replaced the gate and brush fence. Having wandered around the Members Bar for some years, the poker machines finally found a new and permanent home, and this was given a proper screen and some privacy.

In spite of great ambitions to move on to the projects of a new Pro-shop and new Greenkeepers shed, everything started to stall in 2003. In fact both of these ageing decaying facilities were to remain untouched for the rest of the decade.



*The Dining Room in the late '90s before it was extended out towards and over part of the putting green*





*The Practice Putting Green which was to become the Terrace completed in 2006*



*The old Bar, with serving hatch into the 'Sportsman's Bar'  
Bar attended here by Melinda Ward (also a playing member at the time.)*



*Photo taken in 2002 showing the new but small patio/terrace – Phase 1.*

A third major project, which was also put on hold, was the aim to create extensions to the Wetlands and complete the project. The main problem was the Club's lease with the Council. As negotiations began for the renewal of the lease, an Administrator was appointed to govern Warringah Shire. Then in 2005 the Council had informed the Club Board that a new lease would be granted when the Griffith Park Plan of Management was finalised. Then by 2006 the Council had made a new request which was considered to be unfair by the Board. The Club would have to pay a rental based on gross income. There were endless meetings with Solicitors, Council, Clubs NSW and the Minister of Lands. There were years of uncertainty and it was not until late 2009 that the wording of a new lease was agreed and it was signed in May the following year.

In 2005 the first set of designs and plans for the Pro shop had been abandoned because of costs. At the same time the Club was to become entangled in a 'bureaucratic nightmare' following the Council's wishes to see the proposed new Pro- shop as a shared multi-purpose construction. Once again John Mullins was very heavily involved with the Council and grant negotiations.

It is fair to say that in the mid years of the decade the Board had some distressful decisions to make. Heated discussions were held at Board Meetings and many of the decisions were headed by financial and lease concerns. Four Secretary Managers were appointed in the decade, two Board members resigned mid-term and Gary Churcher decided to "call it a day" after long discussions about the management of the carts and ball charges (see page 143) In 2007 Teed-Up golf was appointed on a twelve-month contract initially, to carry out the duties of the Professional. It may be enough here to say that in the 2007 Annual Report the Treasurer lists one-time costs being \$282,000 for Club Professional and employee payouts, \$76,000 for legal expenses and \$38,00 for lease costs. (This was the second year running that the Treasurer announced a trading loss.)

As well as Teed-up Golf, three other appointments made by the Board were to give the Club great stability. Peter Donkers (see page 205) was promoted to Course Superintendent following Norm Carr. Flare Catering, took over in 2003 from J&D Catering who had worked at the Club for less than a year and their contract had been terminated. Flare Catering, Jo Bright and Steve Lee were to remain for 12 years using the new facilities to the full and building up service to both members and visitors.

Graeme Ashley was already familiar with the accounting systems of the Club when he took over from Craig Ellis as General Manager in 2007. The House Manager Ross Parr, also left at the same time as Craig Ellis and his role, which had been a new one at the time of his appointment, was absorbed in the duties of Jan Stewart and then later Sandy Christey from 2008. (Sandy remained with the Club playing a crucial role in the administration of the Club until 2017.) In 2005 the long serving and loyal cleaners, member Steve Sloane and his able assistant previous Club assistant secretary, and women's champion golfer Kim Sloane had retired.

On the course, the benefits were felt from those major '90s changes. But in this decade major works were largely on hold because of the lease issue. There was the minor issue of the ponds being emptied and poisoned to kill off unwelcome introduced fish that a well-wisher added! There was however a very welcome new bore sunk in 2005. It was felt that the flow of water would make the Club self-sufficient and save costs. Finally, more wetland work was completed in 2009 with the diversion of untreated urban storm water, expansion of the wetlands and a drain filled with sandstone rocks across the 8<sup>th</sup>. There was also the collection sump pool for the run-off from the boat wash down point. 2009 was the year the Water Conservation award was won. Peter Donkers continued to present an excellent and award-winning course.

During the 12 years from 2000-2012 golf continued to take centre stage and new champions emerged and interesting golf was being played on the Course. The Men's Champion had a new trophy given to the Club by Paul Trisic in honour of Des Lofthouse. It was played for from 2003 and won that first time by Steve Morshuis. Shaun McTaggart won the Championship on five occasions in the decade, making six in all for him. He also qualified for the NSW Open in 2005. Les Browne (see page 131) continued to have his name on the Foursomes Board. This time four wins in the decade with Ross Bockman. (see page 148) In 2009 Ross Bockman played for NSW and then for Australia against New Zealand in the Seniors Team.

In the Women's events Jessica Simpson/Sullivan won four consecutive Championships from 2002. Jessica also won four Mixed Foursomes titles and four Foursomes, with four different partners in much the same years as her Club Championships (see page 164). Jenni Brown continued to be a major trophy winner in both weekend and weekday events, including becoming the Club Champion in 2010 (see page 172). Julia Bowen won the WGNWS Gold Medal in 2007, having won her first Championship in 2006 (see page 199).

In 2001 the Women's Grade team had won the Grade 3 Pennant. This was a mixture of youth and experience. Jade Deane as part of the enthusiastic and supportive Junior programme was 1<sup>st</sup> in the State Age Championships and was a member of the NSW State Junior Squad and member of the NSW CCC School Team.

In 2006 following a suggestion by Lilith Gollan, Captain Pauline McTaggart pursued the idea of starting a shorter competition for those who found 18 hole too tiring because of age or injury. It was important to keep everyone playing golf. By playing an 11-hole comp handicap event after the field, players would also be in the clubhouse at the same time for the Presentation. Later this was to become a 9-hole competition for ease of handicapping reasons. It proved to be very popular indeed.

On a bigger stage Scott McGuinness and Lucas Bates were named in the NSW Squad and then the team (see pages 145 and 146). Brett Drewitt (see page 197) was playing a major part in the Major Pennants. In the 2008 Team matches he was undefeated. Pat Wilson repeated this feat in 2009. The team came so close to a win, reaching the final in 2009, losing to eventual champions Moore Park.

Two Life Members were nominated and created, John Mullins in 2004 and Allan Delaney 2009. (see profiles for more details)

In the new century, the social calendar organised by the Club and members has led to a wide variety of ideas, the Hensman family and friends often leading the way.



On the Clubs social calendar the most well supported events have been the Melbourne Cup lunch and New Year's Eve dinner. Carrying on with the idea of the birthday and Dine-In nights a full menu is planned for these Thursday night special meals. There is a monthly Crazy Whist on a Friday run by first Muriel Dawson and now Nicki Wiebe. There has been an occasional Trivia night. Nine and Dine on a Friday night in the summer months bring golf and a 'tea' together as well as a Sunday BBQ Buffet following golf. There is the Annual Great Britain vs Australia Day, and the Men vs Women which feature in the Programme book. Since and including the year of Adam Scott's win, there has been a US Master's breakfast arranged. Dances and Bands are booked and one recent theme has been the "Rockin' in the 70s" idea. There has also been wine tasting dinners.

There are some memorable events to note in this decade.

- For those who like to watch live racing and sport the TAB facility also had Sky Channel.
- In 2000 the women reached a membership of 368, numbers which have not been repeated of late. It saw the death of Ruby Watts, a Life Member and most celebrated female golfer at the Club.
- A by-law in 2007 saw the change to the maximum years of service on the women's committee in the one position from 3 to 5 years.
- In 2001 Jessica Kliman became Club Champion again on the same day her mum Larka won the Bronze Premiership. Jessica is the Club's youngest female champion.
- A new Women's course record was set by Nicky Garrett from Tuggerah, with a 68. The next year R. Miles from WA equalled it at 68.
- Geraldine Brown became a professional golfer the same year.
- By 2004 the Club not only had a new bar but a 3-tier pricing structure for the drinks, Members, Visitors, and Functions.
- Also in 2005 Greg Bush and Jenny Loughnan had another successful year on the Election Committee, this time introducing another 50 new members to the Club.
- In 2006 Golfink was introduced and the computer continued to play a huge role in the administration of golf. 2008 saw computer timesheets introduced.
- In 2007 Lilith Gollan became an Honorary Member of Golf NSW. Pat Robison became the first woman on the Friday Club Committee.
- In 2009 Captain Judy Hore, reintroduced a Swingers programme with the help of the Professional, Sandy Christy and volunteers.
- Also in 2009 the Club won the Grundfos Water Conservation Award and the Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Cities award.
- The women's support of the Walter and Eliza institute continued as a major fund-raising event.

The lease document was finally ready for signing and the new decade could begin on a hopeful note.





*Out houses besides the old Greenkeeper's shed*





*The old Pro-Shop with the added extended cover with shutters for weather protection, shade and storage.*



*2006 Women's Committee*

*L-R Pamela Martin, Di Kirby, Margaret Verrills, Sandra Mellowes (President)  
Gloria Boyd-Skinner, Pauline McTaggart, (Captain) Ondrae Heiser, Arlene Veith, Anne Garrett.*





*2003 Divisional Winners, Section Winners- Runner up  
Major Pennant Team and some Board members*

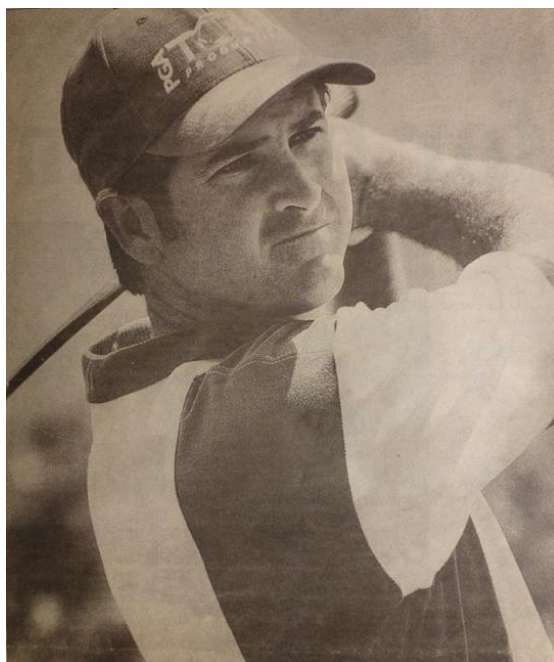
*Names – Back L- R Scott McGuinness, Kirk Forbes, Luke Graham, Murray Fogarty, Terry Hill. Shaun Mc Taggart, Lucas Bates, John Walter, Mark Stevens.  
Front L- R Peter Clements (Club Captain), Don Harper, (Club President), Steve Morshius*



*Northern Peninsula Challenge Winners 2006  
Back Row-L to R*

*Barry Murray, Brian Cummins, Tony Cohen, John Briscoe, Bob Way, Bill Brideau, Graham Hancock.  
Front Row L-R Elwyn Heber, Ken Sapsford, Mal Denner, Barry Collins, Ross Guignon*

## SHAUN MCTAGGART



Shaun was a member of Long Reef from 1992-2007 and he dominated the Club Championships in the first decade of the new century. He was declared Champion in 1996, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. He reached the final six times and won six times. He was also the Foursomes Champion with Steve Morshius in 1999.

With the support of his golfing parents, George and Pauline, long standing members of Long Reef, Shaun played golf socially from the age of sixteen. This he did with friends, James and Glen, and there was also time spent playing tennis and squash. Shaun showed himself to be a natural sportsman.

Shaun joined the Club as an eighteen-year old, in 1992. In fact the joining and membership fees were his birthday present from his parents. At the time of joining he had an 18 handicap, and within just four years he had become Club Champion. In the meantime around the age of twenty-one Shaun had his first lessons with Greg Hohnen at Killara Golf Club.

Shaun also played in the Eric Apperly Shield and Pennants for Long Reef from 1997. Other successes include winning the Mona Vale Medal (Vardon), and winning The Lakes Bowl several times with Lucas Bates and Scott McGuinness. He was runner up in the NSW Champion of Champions, and played in the NSW Open in 2005.

Shaun considers his best achievements at Long Reef to be the winning the Club Championships. Shaun's best round was -7, and his lowest handicap Scratch.

In all Shaun was a member of Long Reef for fifteen years leaving in 2007. There may have been many more Long Reef achievements to come, but a career move now finds Shaun living in Queensland with his family. He is now a member of Twin Waters Golf Club on the Sunshine coast. Along the way George and Pauline would have seen their gift as a great investment, and been particularly proud to be serving as Captains when Shaun was a Champion player.



## JESSICA SIMPSON/SULLIVAN



Jessica Simpson joined Long Reef as a beginner while still a schoolgirl. As a pupil of Narrabeen Sports High, Jessica was allowed time in her programme to play during the week and the weekend of course. She then changed to home schooling. Her ambition was to be a Professional. It is nice to think of Jessica as home grown! It was interesting watching her try to contain her natural strength particularly when putting, when she first began playing. She put her swinging experience and strength as a Baseball player and all-rounder into very good use off the tee! She was coached and she practiced. She coped very well playing with all ages, and even made a very good show of being in the Concert. In the six or so years that she was at the Club her name peppers the Honour Boards. She was Club Champion for 4 years in a row, from 2002, using first the surname Simpson, and then Sullivan.

Her first mention in the Annual Report was in 1999 for the most reduced handicap. This she achieved again in 2000 and 2001. Before moving on to The Australian Golf Club in 2006, she held four Single Championship Titles, Four Foursome Championship titles, Four Mixed Championships, and Five Scratch Scores.

In 2001 Jessica had shown that there was much to come. She won the Wiedersehn Trophy, was a Runner-up with Nanami Matsumoto in the Women's Foursomes Championships, achieved the 2001 Scratch Score and won the Mixed Foursomes. By 2002 she was on a roll.

Club Champion – 2002,03,04,05.

Foursomes Champion – 2002 with Nanami Matsumoto,  
2003 with Tanya Heber- Nolan  
2004 with Jann Driver  
2005 with Meriam Matheson

Mixed Foursomes – 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005 all with John Walter  
Scratch Score, 2002–74, 2004 -70, 2005–70.

(Along with Liza Ipkendanz and Geraldine Brown Jessica equals the lowest recorded Scratch score of 70 on the existing most recent Honour Board 1970--- 2018)

In 2002 Jessica also won the Long Reef Salver from Nanami Matsumoto, the Cromer Bowl and the Mona Vale Salver. She played Number 1 in the Grade Team in 2002. The Weekend Premiership was hers in 2003, and she won the Weekend Foursomes Premiership with Sophie Jang in 2004 and repeated this Foursomes win in 2005, this time with Jade Deane. In 2005 Jessica repeated her win in the Long Reef Salver. Jessica still plays golf socially.



*Jessica Simpson*



*Grade team and Caddies photo 2003 Avondale*

*Back L-R Helen Kook, Pam Burke, **Tanya Nolan**, **Jessica Sullivan**, **Annette Duncan**, **Jeanette Nell**, **Sandra Gillies**, Mick Snell, So Heui Jang, Jenny Loughnan, Sue Hardy.*

*Front L-R Shirley Jenkins, Nola Burke, **Pam Martin**. \*players in bold type*

## MICK SNELL



Mick became a playing member of Long Reef Golf Club in August 1987.

A membership to celebrate it certainly is. Few could rival the following list - Player, Board Member on three occasions including Vice-Captain, Volunteer assistant Green-keeper, helper in the Junior Development Programme, Team Member, Photographer, Bus Driver and Caddie! Not to mention being a well-read golf historian and golf philosopher! There is a trophy named after him as well.

Mick had a number of years at the Club before going on to the Committee. The first time for one year was in 1994. He was soon sitting alongside Ray Gollan who had nominated him for membership seven years before.

He served from 1997-99 on a variety of sub-committees, Greens, Course Development, Match, Handicap and House. Mick returned in 2004 as Vice Captain.

It was while he was on The Greens Committee in 1994 that he became more familiar with the roles played and the jobs and tasks that the green keepers had to do. He realised how much a volunteer could do to help. Michael Bradbery was Course Superintendent at the time, and Mick says that it was such a happy team to be a part of. His job as a Fireman gave him time off during daylight hours to volunteer for all sort of things!

In 1994 along with other committee members, he planted reeds by hand between the 18th and 1st. Mick walked miles with the line marker, picked up stones and sprayed for weeds. Norm Carr was the next Superintendent. He purchased the necessary 450 new marker posts for the course and gradually Mick painted 420 of them and replaced old for new all over the course.

In the Captain's Report of 1994 Bill Finlay says -

"Mick in particular has spent many hours around the course, marking the GUR, repairing the hazard markers and numerous other tasks above and beyond the call of duty." In the Greens Report of 1997 John Mullins lists how Mick had helped with gardens, shrubs, weeding and hazard making. In 1998 Vice-Captain Don Harper mentions bridge building and more gardening and weed control in his report.

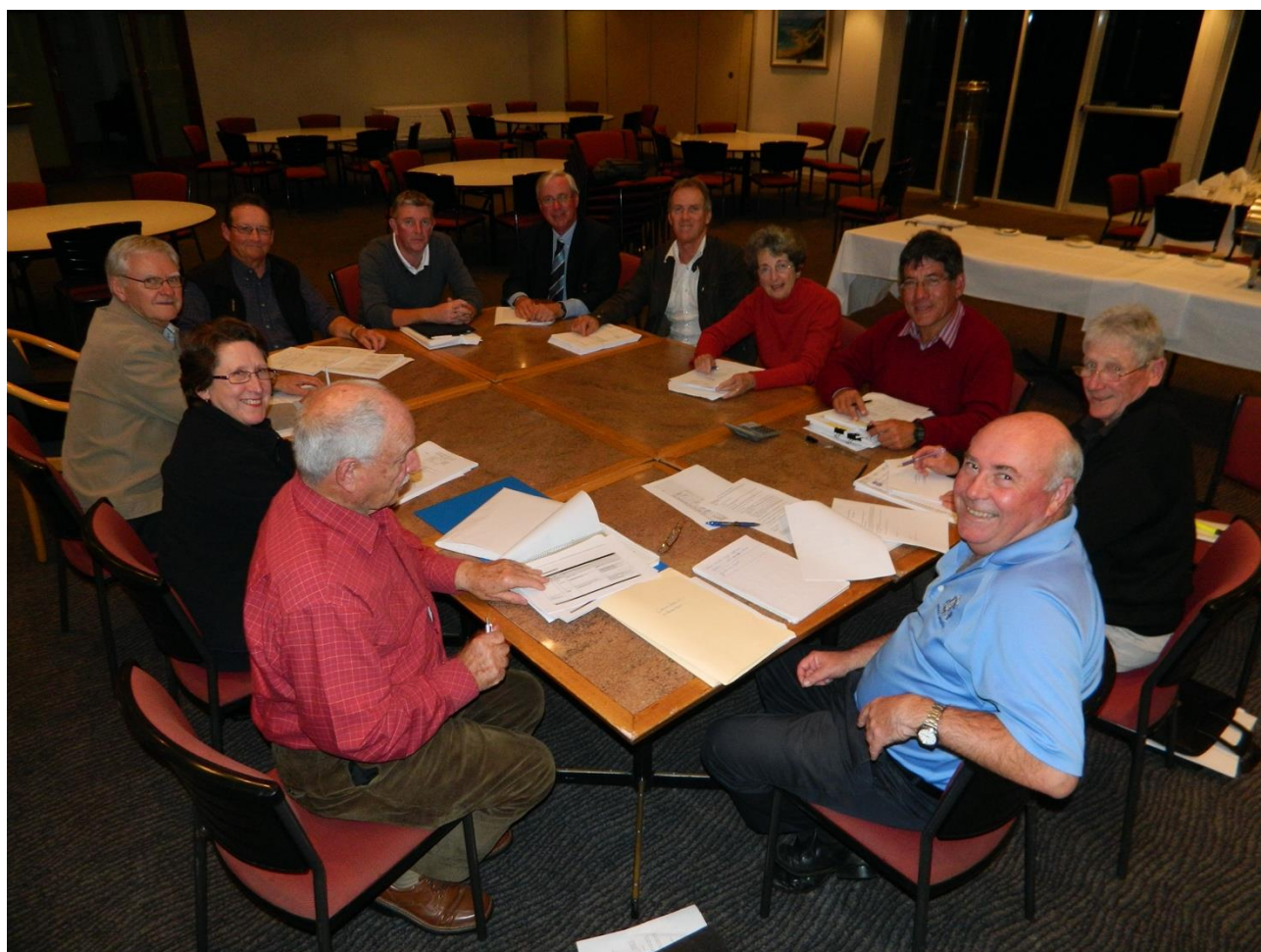
He caddied regularly for the Apperly Shield Team and Men's Pennants team usually for Jeff Wood and John Walter. For several years Mick also caddied for the Women's Grade Team. First for Jessica Simpson, and more recently for Jenni Brown and Catherine Gould. What's more he drove the Community Bus to all the locations, with early starts made even earlier for him as he had to collect the bus first! He was a part of the Grade win in 2015 and 2017.



Mick has donated many of the photos that make up a record of the members, mainly the men, in the Archives for the '90s and some of his small trophies and memorabilia. He is a member of the Archive committee.

His claims to fame on the golf Course, as a player are the one medal win, when he beat Les Browne (he remembers that well!) winning the Mixed Foursomes Championships with Molly Macaleer in 2009, playing in the Masters Pennants in 2010, and winning the Mixed Foursomes Cup with Pat Mitchell in 2012. He has four holes- in one the first mentioned was in 1988, and then there was a bit of a gap. The next was in 2006 on the 7th, 2010 on the 7th and then 2015 on the 13th. This day he won the Eagles Nest of 88 balls!

In 2012 Peter Verrills the then Club President asked Mick if it would be possible to name a trophy after him. This of course acknowledged and recognized the contribution that Mick had made to the Club in nearly 30 years of membership. It is called the Men's Singles Handicap Match play and replaced the Cock of the Walk. In 1996 Mick received a Meritorious Award for his volunteering efforts. This acknowledgment was repeated in 2016 when he was awarded the John Mullins Award for services to the Club.



*A BOARD MEETING 2013*

*From the left and around the table*

*John Mullins, Jenny Loughnan, Brian Cummins, George Rodman, Jimmy Knox, Les Browne, Greg Bush, Lilith Gollan, John Steuart, Peter Verrills, Graeme Ashley.*



## JENNY LOUGHNAN



Jenny Loughnan joined Long Reef in 1992 when in her own words the Club had a “red hot special” - there was no joining fee. Following that time, Jenny made invaluable contributions to the weekend competitions as a player, leader and organiser as well as being an important member of the Golf Club’s Board. Jenny retired from golf in 2018.

Jenny joined as a full 7-day member, as she was unable to join the weekend Associates at that stage as there were no vacancies in that category of membership. Jenny had taken up golf a few years earlier when she had a three-month holiday from work and with an old set of golf Clubs she played at Warringah Golf Club. At Long Reef Jenny was soon contributing to the organisation of the weekend members and coordinating with the Women’s Committee. Jenny was a member of the Women’s Grade Team in 2002, 03 and 04.

Jenny was nominated for the Board in 2003, elected and was re-elected in years to follow, and remained for ten years, seven of these from 2007 as Vice-President. Jenny is the first woman to hold this position at Long Reef, and only the third woman on the Board. In her time on the Board there was a short time on the Match Committee and she was responsible for Election and Membership for four years, and interviewed many of our new members. She also brought her experience as a Manager at the Sydney Opera House- her day job - to the overall running of the Club. As a member of the Finance and Planning Committee Jenny played a vital role for five separate years - during some trying times, including the protracted lease negotiations.

### Major golfing achievements-

- 2001 Weekend Premiership
- 2002 Golf NSW Weekend Medal Div. 1
- 2003 Member of Women’s Grade 11 Pennant Team
- 2004, 05, 06 Member of the Grade 3 Weekend Pennants
- 2007 R/u Singles Knockout.

## ELWYN HEBER



For 32 years, Elwyn was a member of Long Reef Golf Club, having joined in 1980. From his house on the hill, he had a great view of the place he so loved and could often be found playing, thinking of, or watching golf. After a long battle with illness he sadly passed away in 2013 - though not before he was bestowed the honour of Life Membership in 2011.

Elwyn's effect on the club was multifaceted - as anyone who spent any time around the golf club can attest. Perhaps the most notable and memorable, however, was his time spent on the Board. He was Vice-President for two years from 1999, attending and serving the Course, Finance and Greens committees. Then in 2004, he took the reins as Club President, serving until 2009.

During his Presidency, there were some very hard and important decisions to be made - some quite controversial. Though Elwyn never shied away. The lease negotiations dominated decision making but through all this - Elwyn worked to try to solidify and ensure the club's financial future. He encouraged the course improvement plans, as steps were made to continue on with the Wetlands work, a new pro shop and a new maintenance shed. Improvements were made to the clubhouse - all done while taking strides through issues of governance. His ground work laid the foundation of the completion of the above major projects done over the next decade.

A keen supporter of Friday Club, Elwyn also always encouraged and promoted women's golf. Whenever club issues arose, he was transparent, and very keen to explain what was going on to, and work with, the women's committee. He was also a great advocate of the Goulburn Weekends.

As a golfer, Elwyn had successes in Championships as well as making himself available for Pennants. He was Senior Club Champion 1998, B-Grade Club Champion in 2008 and a member of both the Masters and Peninsula Shield Teams. It has been said, that as a left-hander, Elwyn had the best slice in the club. Maybe that was one of the reasons he loved Long Reef so much - there were few obstacles to get in the way of that famed left slice. There was one tree on the 13th that interfered with that slice - it fell down during a storm! Elwyn loved playing skins and was a great supporter of that, too. Though, he famously hated losing money - luckily he didn't lose all that much!

A moment of great pride during his Presidency was presenting the Women's Club Champion Trophy to his daughter, Tanya. During that match between Tanya and Sandra Gillies, Elwyn requested the club's CEO Graham Ashley, trail the game by driving around the course while giving Elwyn a play by play of what was going on. He watched the game from his balcony and it was said that there was a huge shout when Tanya sealed the championship

## JUDY HORE



Judy's time spent on Club and golfing Committees is exceptional. She joined the Club in 1989 as a beginner golfer and became a member of the Associates' committee five years later. She has been in elected roles of Secretary, President, Captain on two occasions and served within that time, on the Club Board for four years. As a delegate to the Barrenjoey Peninsula Week of Golf Committee she served for 7 years, and since 2011 has been on the Archives Committee. Judy is well known and admired in the Club and in the larger golfing community. She has not only honoured the traditions of the Club but also welcomed innovation.

- 1994 1 year - Associates General Committee
- 1995-97 3 years - Associates Secretary
- 1998-2000 3 years - Women's President
- **1999-2002 4 years - LRG Board**
- 2006 -2011 5 years - Women's Captain
- 2014-2015 2 years - Women's Captain
- 2000-2007 7 years - delegate to Barrenjoey Peninsula Week of golf Committee
- 2011 – on going - Archive Committee

Judy spent ten years as either the President or Captain of the Women's Committee. Here she fulfilled the expected leadership roles and standards and also represented their interests as an invitee to Board sub-committees. Programmes were planned, by-laws re-written and the changes from Associates to full membership was part of the experience. The number of Thursday Presentations cannot be counted as she congratulated, welcomed, communicated and informed. Over the period of all her positions she displayed her secretarial skill from the time of the ancient typewriter, and typed timesheets, to the computer age. In 2009 her role in implementing and guiding members to the computer timesheet was invaluable. Judy proudly re-introduced the Swingers Programme in 2009.

Judy was the second woman to serve on the Club Board from 1999-2002. On the House Committee at this time she was involved with Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Clubhouse terrace and Bar extensions. As Chair of that committee for two years one of her duties was to visit the manufacturers of the Poker machines as this new room was created.

As a delegate to the Barrenjoey Committee Judy served as Secretary and then Match Secretary for seven years. Planning and then notification would be completed for the 700-800 players, over a week's play on five local courses.

On the Archive Committee, once again her secretarial skill and eye for detail are invaluable. Thanks to Judy the Club now has a catalogue of all that is valuable, named, numbered and registered. Every trophy inscription has been recorded elsewhere – just in case! The lists and charts of past Club Committees, Champions and Team members are a resource and reference that have been created by Judy. In 2016 Judy was honoured with the John Mullins Award for Service to the Club

Judy is also a golfer! Playing in the Bronze Pennant teams, she had a win in 1996. She won the Bronze Premiership in 1998, the WGNSW Silver Medal in 1999. She also won the Club Captain's trophy, the Women's Captains trophy and the Wiedersehn Trophy. Judy has three holes- in-one. For many years she caddied for the Grade team.

Judy is a volunteering workhorse. For example, as Secretary she had acted as unofficial Associates Welfare officer delivering card and flowers to homes. At the time of the major course renovations she was out on the course, in the mud planting grasses. At the time of the 75th celebrations Judy was the Editor (and typist) of the 'Reflections' Commemorative Brochure. The commitment to the annual concerts has not wavered and she has given great pleasure to the audience!

In 2016 Judy received the John Mullins Award for services to the Club. In 2019 was honoured with Life Membership following 30 years of service to the Club.



*2008 Mother and daughter Foursomes winners: Jann and Natalie Driver*



## JENNI BROWN



Jenni Brown started her golf career in 1975 in Boggabri (which had sand greens). Her parents were both golfers. Jenni had taken a year off from Uni. and she returned home for a year and played golf. She dropped 3 shots in her first year. She stopped playing soon after and returned to university and from there started working.

Jenni came to Sydney in 1977 and joined Balgowlah Golf Club and from there joined Wakehurst (mainly because Balgowlah was a nine-hole course.) She became a member of Long Reef in 1995 after deciding it was the best course around and no more expensive than other public courses. She retained her membership at Wakehurst for quite some time.

In 1992, during her time at Balgowlah she entered the China Ladies Open in Taipei as she was going on a holiday to China. She was the only Australian entrant and told them she played at Balgowlah Country Club!

She joined Long Reef as a Weekend Associate and played in her holidays on Thursdays. With the change of membership categories in 1996 and equal men/women status she became a 7-day member. At this stage she was on a 16 handicap.

In 2010 she retired from teaching and began playing mid-week as well as Saturdays. As the list below suggests Jenni is a very successful golfer and her lowest handicap was 4. Jenni has been a regular in the Grade Team since moving to weekday play and has been in two winning Grade Teams in 2015 and 2017.

In 2011 she took on the role of Long Reef Veteran's Delegate and became Secretary of VWGA of NSW in 2012.

Jenni is the most enthusiastic Club member and supports the Club competition on the widest range of days. She takes her golf very seriously and is always keen to help others. Her consistent play is seen in the great range of special events that she has won and continues to win in both weekday and weekend competitions and visits to other Clubs.

Below is a list of major Club wins

Club Championship – 2010

Scratch Winner 2013

R/U- Club Championship -2006, 2011

Foursomes Championships – 2010, 2012 and 2014 Pam Burke -2016 and 2017 with Tanya Heber. 2019 with Catherine Gould

R/U Club Foursomes Championships – 2001, 2011 and 2013 with Pam Burke

Mixed Foursomes 1997 with Milan Savic,  
 2000 and 04 with Danny Bonadio  
 2010, 11 and 12 with Frank Maiolo  
 2014 and 2015 with Les Browne  
 2019 and 2020 with Ian Brown

Grade wins - 2015 -2017- Played from 2012  
 Medal- WGNSW Business Girls Medal Div. I 2001  
 WGNSW Weekend Women Div. I 2006, 2008  
 Weekend Premiership, 1996, 97, 00, 02 04, 05, 07, 09  
 Weekend Foursomes – 2009 with Tanya Nolan  
 2010 with Natalie Driver  
 2011 with Tanya Nolan  
 2019 with Jennifer Jansson  
 Runner/up in Fourball knockout with Helen Cregen  
 Medal winners Cup 2019  
 Wiedershein trophy 2019



*Jenni Brown and Ian Brown*



*Veterans Delegates*

*L-R Shirley Blackburn 1996-98, Helen Kook 2006-14,  
 Josie Murray 1999-05*



*Pat Robison*

*Star Bronze player - 5 Premiership wins in the decade*



*Ondrae Heiser*

*Star C-Grade player - 4 Premiership wins in the decade*



*Long Reef's representatives on the Barrenjeoy Committee in 2009 - 2011  
L-R Elaine Coldham, Pauline McTaggart, Arlene Veith*





*Hail Storms in 2011*



*Monday morning golfers*

*Peter Clements Captain 2002-2006, Don Harper Board 1993 – 1994, Vice President 1998, 2001-2002, President 2003-2004 Captain 1996 and Roger Ehret supporter of the Club and Archive Committee from 1984*



## CHAPTER TWELVE - 2010-2020

The years of the decade saw the Club ably led by the Presidents Peter Verrills, Brian Cummins, David Costello OAM and Stephen Twigg. The Captains were Jimmy Knox, Les Browne and Doug Campbell. The Treasurer throughout was John Steuart who had begun a lengthy period in that office in 2008. A new lease was signed with the Council in 2010 and this gave some security of tenure to enable several major projects to proceed. Towards the end of the decade, a longer lease of 99 years was requested by the Club – with the redesign and extension of the Clubhouse in mind but in the meantime tradition processes of renewing the lease were centre stage in 2020.

The first major project was Stage 2 of the water harvesting plan. This was to divert run-off from Anzac Avenue under the car-park and onto the course in front of the 9<sup>th</sup> tee. A series of ponds were dug between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> fairways and across the 8<sup>th</sup> fairway in a southerly direction. These moves had longer-term aims of facilitating water flow into the planned dam on the site of the Greenkeeper's shed.

By 2012 construction commenced on a new Pro Shop on the site of the old 1<sup>st</sup> tee. This building had been on the drawing board since the 1980s and was eventually completed in 2013. It incorporated – a Council-imposed requirement - a shared area which contained facilities to be used by other sporting groups who played in Griffith Park. The Club had to contribute to the cost of this shared area and this had an adverse effect on its finances – which showed a loss for the first time in a decade. The Council eventually agreed to reduce the Club's rent for 3 years by way of compensation for the above unexpected expense.

The new Pro Shop was a huge improvement on the inadequate makeshift rooms which had served as shops and offices for the professionals since the Club began. The surrounds of the Pro Shop included a new practice putting green and 1<sup>st</sup> tee, all of which greatly enhanced the entrance to the Course and Club. The Club also took delivery of 30 new carts which were stored under the Pro Shop when not in use. The same area had considerable capacity for storage of members' clubs and buggies. The Pro Shop building included a caretaker's flat -previously part of main Clubhouse - and the release of that space enabled the creation of new offices and a small function room to be known as the Ocean View room.

Among smaller projects undertaken in the period was the establishment of a half-way house adjacent to the 9<sup>th</sup> tee but its future is under review.

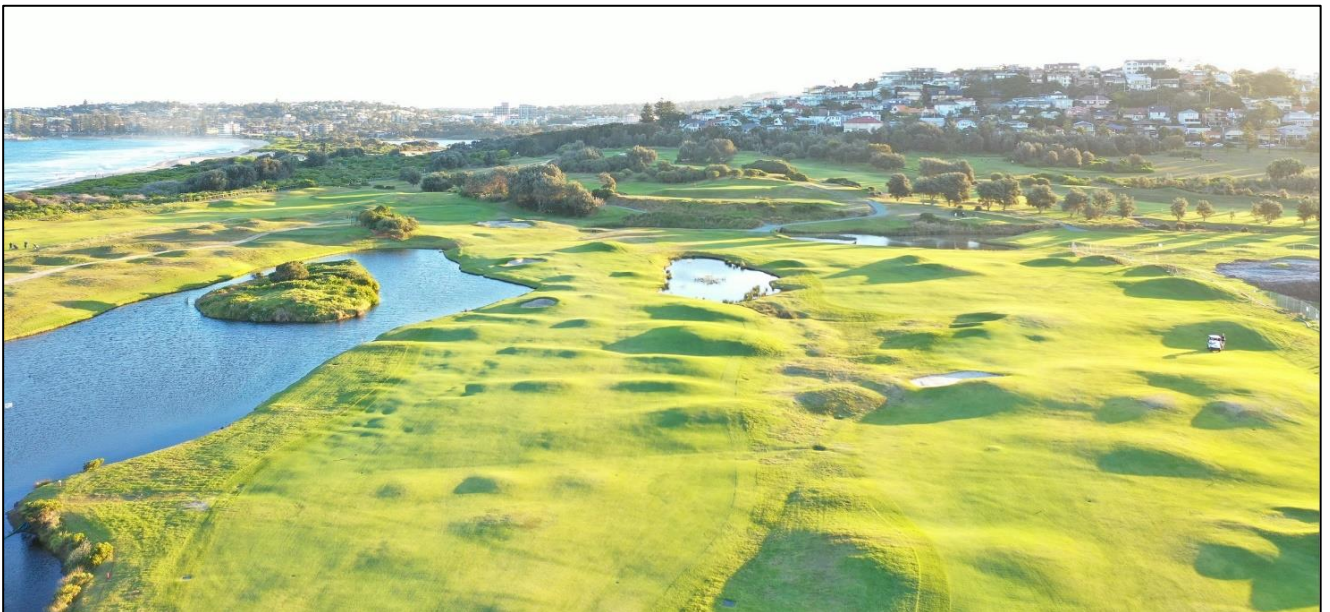
On the course some re-contouring saw fairly large mounds created between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> holes and the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> holes to give better definition to these holes and to cover areas of unwanted Parramatta grass. The soil was provided from the Sargood building site.

The next major project planned was the continuation of the Wetlands Expansion. It involved the demolition of the old Greenkeepers Shed first, to clear the land needed for the Wetlands but a new building had to be finished first. The construction of a new Maintenance area was commenced north of the 12<sup>th</sup> fairway and west of the 13<sup>th</sup> tee. This new building had to comply with very strict Council requirements for size and appearance and it was completed in October 2016.

After several delays, the major work on the Wetlands Project began in May 2019 and was completed within one year. The Project involved construction of a larger dam to improve the Course's irrigation ability in dry times. At the same time the area was landscaped to enhance its appearance. The practice fairway was re-contoured and included a new chipping green. The Wetlands construction period saw a number of temporary changes in the playing area with several holes shortened to par 3s. The temporary course par during that period was 66. Most of the excavated earth from the dam site was used to create a number of new mounds around the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> holes.



*Construction of dam completing the wetlands project, 2019*







*The old and new Pro-shop 2013*



*Creation of the Ocean View Room from the 1960s flat - 2013*





*The new Maintenance facility - 2016*



*Demolition of the old, 1970's Green keeper's shed*



*Demolition of the old, 1970's Green keeper's shed*



Some very good golf was played during this decade. The Club made a strong showing in inter-Club events. The men's Major Pennant team remained in Division 1 for the entire 10 years – a great effort as Division 1 boasts the strongest teams in the Metropolitan area and is run on a promotion/relegation basis. The team came very close to a win in 2013. The Master Pennant Team was also strong and made semi-finals on a number of occasions. The Women's Grade team was the most successful of all in the decade, winning Grade 5 in 2015 and Grade 4 in 2017. As well as the Grade Team up to four other women's pennant teams every year represented the club in other divisions. The Bronze 4 Pennant team was won in 2013 and 2019. The Bronze 2 Shield also came to Long Reef Golf Club in 2013.

Juniors have been actively encouraged over the years and since 2018 a voluntary levy has been part of club fees to support the Junior programme. The mixed junior programme is run by Teed-Up Golf have been extremely popular and successful. The Junior group then become Chippers and progress to junior competitions. In spite of often competing against much older teams or individuals success has not only been seen in Junior and Apperly teams but also in the men's competitions. Juniors have played Major pennants for the club. It should be noted that in 2013 Hayden Brown was only 13 years of age when he won the C-Grade Championship. Billy Watson had a very successful decade including two wins at Manly, as well as dominating both the club's Junior Championships and Junior Medal from 2014-16. In 2018 Kai Komulainen was runner-up in the final of the Club Championship, the youngest player to reach the Championship final. He was junior champion in 2018 and 2019. Kai was also a member of the Junior Pennant team which contested the final of the competition narrowly defeated by a composite team playing as Bankstown Golf Club.

In 2019 as a 14-year-old Kai Komulainen completed a champions year to become the youngest ever to win the Club Championship. He joins a celebrated list of champions in the decade. Jimmy Knox became the first to win the Club Championship in 2011 while holding the position of Club Captain – a position he held from 2011 to 2015. Dylan Perry was the champion in 2012 and both Kristin Hooker and Maty Saad won on two occasions. In 2016 Geoff Cranfield became the oldest Club Championship winner, a feat he enjoyed so much that he repeated it the following year. He was selected in the Australian Senior team to play NZ in 2016 and 2017, a feat which had been achieved by Ross Bockman earlier in the decade.

Special mention must be made too of Steve Prior who has won Amputee Open Championships at State, National and International levels.

During the decade the Course Superintendent, Peter Donkers, did a great job in presenting an excellent links course. He had to overcome an exceptionally dry spell and all the problems of course construction for the Wetlands Project. In 2018 he was named Course Superintendent of the Year by the NSW Golf Industry Awards. (See page 205)

Among the women golfers, the period belonged to Julia Bowen, Catherine Gould and Jenni Brown. The Scratch board was completely dominated by Julia, who also won the Championship 5 times. As well as becoming the champion on 3 occasions in the decade Catherine Gould was also elected to the Board and served as Vice-President. In 2017, Tanya Nolan and Julia Bowen won the net at the NSW Women's Foursomes, missing out on a gross win by one shot. In Mixed Foursomes, Jenni Brown won on a number of occasions (the most prolific female winner - not always with the same partner) there have been 7 wins in this decade, as well as 4 wins in the women's foursomes. In 2019 the women had a new Champion – Alyssa Starc (Healy). Julia Bowen became the runner-up on at the 35<sup>th</sup> hole. The Women's Championship underwent several changes during the decade, alternating between a stroke and match play event from 2010. Angela Brown and Gilda Severino also won the GNSW Pewter Plate.



*The 2013 Pennant team on Finals Day. The Team and supporters*

*Back L-R Anthony Stockini, Dylan Perry, Andy O'Brien, Tom Bateman, Jimmy Knox, Hamish Campbell. Second Row L-R Paul Bradford, Dwane Stockini, Sean Lee, Mark Stevens (Capt), Brett Drewitt, Jason Green. Bottom Row L-R Peter Verrills, Nathan Waters, Will Barnett, Matt Saad, Steve Prior, Denis Watchorn*



*The 2015 Grade No 5 winning team*

*L-R Jenni Brown, Pam Burke, Catherine Gould, Wendy Millson. Natalie Driver (Field Captain) and Kim Sloane.*





*Major Pennant Team 2017*

L-R Matt Saad, Anthony Stockini, Tom Bateman, Clayton Small, Mark Cruise, Billy Watson, Amos Hessell, Conner Duff, Dwane Stockini



*2015 Encourage Shield Winning Team*

Back Row L-R Paul Hughes (Manager), Oscar Saunders, Angus Walsh, Sam Papandrea, Tully Harte  
Front Row- L-R Cian Hughes, Luke McCready, Harry McKeirhan





*2018 Junior Team – finalists*

*L-R Noah Komulainen, Chun-Ta Wu, Kai Komulainen, Mitch Jones, Cian Hughes, Jack Davies, Harry McKerihan*



*Bronze 1V Shield winners 2013*

*L-R Kay Walker, Dallas Winnem, Penny Ware, Jill Hensman (F/c) Penny Ware, Li-shya Chen, Barbara Ratcliffe*





*Masters Team 2018*

*L-R Tony Holley, Ian Brown, Doug Campbell, Ross Bockman, Jamie Duff, Jimmy Little, Jimmy Knox, Tony Cooper, Geoff Cranfield*



*Northern Peninsula Inter-club challenge Team 2016*

*L-R Ian Donnelly, Michael Snell, Tony Cohen, Paul Harrison, Michael Buckley, Derek Jenson, Max Rennix (F/c) Peter Munro*

The women's events were co-ordinated by the Captains – Judy Hore, Elaine Coldham, Judy Hore again and Wendy Millson. This was Judy's third decade of participation in women's committee work. The women's Presidents in this decade were Margaret Verrills, Julie Anderson, Anne Nielson, Marg O'Connell and Gilda Severino.

In 2014 the Club's caterers (Flare) left the Club after serving for 12 years. The decision was then taken to run future catering and functions in-house. This proved to be a sound move. After an initial period of financial loss and a time of transition when equipment was replaced and extra staff hired, the Club's financial position improved significantly, ably supported by considerable growth in function business and improvements to the indoor, outdoor café dining area. Use of marketing strategies, selection of experienced staff and active use of social media has ensured continued success in building a strong catering business.

The Club lost one of its staunch contributors with the death of John Mullins. He served as President and Vice-President and a Board member for many years and was instrumental in gaining many grants for the Club from State and Local governments. He was a force behind the Wetlands scheme, the Pro Shop and the maintenance facility. Warren Daley's contributions to the projects is also noted and acknowledged. (See page 207)

John's successor as President, Brian Cummins introduced a number of initiatives. He encouraged members to have a greater input and he worked to get the review of the Club's Constitution and By-Laws under way. These finally came into effect in 2018 thanks to the work of David Costello OAM and Neil Hitchcock. In 2020 Brian continues his support of the club along with Margaret O'Connell acting as the Welfare Officers.

The Club became involved with a number of extra worthwhile causes in 2017 as well as continuing former relationships. With the assistance of the Golf Club the Sargood Foundation held a golf day in 2015 which funded the Paragolfer, a spinal support vehicle, which is based at Long Reef and allows disabled people to enjoy golf and the course. The club has also been generous over the years and continues to host annual lunches and golf days, raising significant funds for the Foundation. There is the John Mullens grant. (See pages 133 & 193.) There is also the Combined Services Day and Legacy and the Special Olympics Charity Days. The club assists a great variety of charitable organisations and a list of over 40 Charities and fundraiser groups are listed in the Presidents report in the Annual Reports. The Women's committee and sub committees continued to host the Mona Vale Hospital Auxiliary Day until the hospital closure and has made the Chip in for Cancer, the Brinka centre and the Chris O'Brien Life house its major choice of charities to support until 2020. A very efficient team run the charity days alongside the work of the women's committee, led by Dani Montgomery, Dianne Muncke, Michelle Ison and Shar Votano.

The decade saw recognition of a number of valuable member contributions: Those elected to Life Memberships were Elwyn Heber, Keith Huntingdon, Lilith Gollan, Les Browne, Peter Verrills, Sandra Gillies and Judy Hore.

Certificates of Appreciation (renamed the John Mullins Award) were awarded to Warren Daley, Judy Hore, Sandra Mellowes, Joy Reece, George Wing, Mick Snell, David Costello, Neil Hitchcock, Brian Cummins, Pam Burke and Peter Hensman over four years. Acknowledgement at the AGMs has also been given to those who achieved 50 years of golfing and 50 years of combined membership of the club.

Throughout the decade the Club has had a strong membership and in 2017 had over 800 playing members on the books. For the women the "Swingers" programme, established in 2009 grew well with the aim to introduce more women to golf. In 2016, Anthony Ryan (G.M. at the time) introduced changes to the Swingers membership criteria which allowed a two-year tenure only in the category to encourage transition to full membership. Women, not wishing to join on a full-time basis, continued to play socially. The programme was renamed "the Rookies" in 2017 and has been very successful in bringing more women members into the Club under the Captaincy of Wendy Milson.

Several of the women's traditions have changed in this decade but there has also been several exciting innovations. The Championship was structured in a different way with weekday and weekend winners playing off for the Championship and Premierships on a Saturday alongside the Men's finals competitions. The Women's AGM and trophy presentation was held in the evening rather than in the afternoon for the first time in 2020. At this meeting captain Wendy was thanked for her five years of service and a new Wendy, Wendy Thomas was welcomed in to the role. Abigail Gruzman and Vanessa Murphy were also congratulated on being voted onto the Board. Rob Cordaiy was the third new general committee member on the Board. (See Appendix for lists)

Captain Wendy Millson has expanded the volunteer groups, something the members get to really appreciate on the Charity days, and is seen in the organisation of pennants as well as the support for the Rookies. Unfortunately 2020 was not the year to see the mentor system at work at its best as although the Grade did get started in the end all Women's pennants were cancelled because of Covid. As Secretary Sue Smiles developed a Women's Facebook page and will continue to support the project beyond her time as Secretary on the Women's committee.

The day-to-day operations of the Club changed considerably over the decade as computer programmes took over many tasks, for both men and women players, not only normal accounting and administration, but to a great extent other areas such as starting time sheets, handicap changes etc. The Club Board and administration has also worked through issues of appliance, governance and strategy. As mentioned above in 2017 David Costello OAM and Neil Hitchcock presented the copy of the new Constitution and By Laws that they had worked tirelessly to complete. In 2020 the Board combined the Greens and Match Committees. Traditions continue with groups such as Friday Club and the Bridge Club using the facilities every week. There are also regular monthly outside bookings such as the View Club and the Catholic Club who have used the club as a meeting place for decades.

There have been many key staff changes. With the resignation of Anthony Dignan in June 2020, Ben Russell moved over to the role of General Manager. By the middle of the year 2020 Laura McCahon had been appointed in the role of Golf and Membership Manager. In 2019 Teed-up golf's contract was renewed to act as Golf Professional led by Danny Vera.

The Clubhouse can now advertise three distinct rooms for hire, leaving the Member's bar and the terrace for daily use. The modern Clubhouse serves as a base for the golfers, but has become a popular and well supported dining and entertaining venue for members, guests and visitors. It is a long cry from the small basic wooden structure of 1923 that resembled a simple cricket pavilion. The only consistent factor is the view. The café area was made more accessible with the relaxation of dress regulations and the use of the side ramp entrance. The amount of outdoor seating was increased with more plants on show and knee blankets available in winter. In 2019 the main entrance received a face lift with the reception area getting new paint, paneling and art work. The garden was replanted, path retiled and a feature of an arch across the main path added. In 2020 more decoration and modernization of décor was completed throughout the Clubhouse (mainly during the covid closures) and solar panels were placed on the roof.

As the decade and first 100 years of the Club moved towards a close, there was considerable drama and disturbance to normal operations and life due to the pandemic – the spread of the virus which became known as Corona Virus – or COVID19. This was a challenging time for the Board under the presidency of Steve Twigg and the administration. This caused much disruption to normal Club life through most of 2020 – and for two and a half months the closure of the full clubhouse, many restrictions to play on the course, staff changes, cancellation of all weddings and some competitions to name just a few items.

2020 was the year that the Women's Foursomes, the Salver, all Grade and Pennants and the Annual Dinner were cancelled. The same was true for the Long Reef Medal, Combined Services Day, and the Cocktail party. Other events were postponed for later in the year like the Mixed Foursomes for example.





*2018 Women's Committee*

*L-R Leonie Malcolm, Margaret O'Connell (Pres), Gilda Severino, Lynne Parsons, Jennifer Jansson, Karen Smith, Wendy Willson (Capt) Kim Bradford.*

*Members of the Board 2020-2021*



*Abigail Gruzman and Vanessa Murphy*

2020 started off as 'normal' but then Covid-19 arrived in Australia. From March Members were updated with very regular emails from the Captain Doug Campbell, General Manager Ben Russell as well as the President Steve Twigg listing changes and rules. John Steuart led the financial team meeting weekly rather than the usual monthly to review the club's financial status. As to be expected financial targets were not reached, but with the change to the date of membership renewal, golf games getting back to normal after a few months and some café service available and with the help for a time of Jobkeeper, at the end of the financial year a net profit of \$306,575 was announced. The Board had to lead the Club through demanding and uncharted waters and did it with confidence and skill.

As the end of 2020 is reached there is no definite end in sight to the pandemic, complicated by the announcement of a Covid cluster on the Northern Beaches on the 17<sup>th</sup> December which led to more closures over Christmas and the New Year. It is just a matter of all members and staff being patient and doing everything required by the Government and Health Departments in order to minimise the risks of spread. The Club follows the rules of social distancing and contact tracing very closely.



It is easy to see the obvious physical changes to the course. It may have started as a 9-Hole course spread on a relatively flat surface across the top of the park, but is now an interesting, challenging and undulating course. Ambitious and expensive projects have been carried out over the years to first drain the swamp and create the 18 course and over decades carry out major infrastructure projects to create the Wetlands and prevent flooding. The Shed has become a major maintenance facility and the Pro-shop must boast that it is one of the largest in Sydney.

The modern Clubhouse serves as a base for the golfers, but has become a popular and well supported dining and entertaining venue for members, guests and visitors whether it be for club social events or weddings, wakes or birthdays. Long Reef's unique identity and traditions were built up slowly over 100 years – (1921-2021). Records of these traditions and further information and detail can be found in the Archives. The 100th Birthday Steering Committee has planned a full and interesting programme of celebratory events for the birthday year 2021.

SLM December, 2020

The Book continues with photos, individual's profiles, stories of groups and activities that span the decades and an extensive index.

See also Long Reef Golf Club -The First 65 years – Ross Lanes

Long Reef Golf Club - The First 65 years – Women – Sandra Mellowes

Refer to the below link on Clubs website for historical stories

<https://longreefgolfClub.com.au/about-us/Club-history/>





*The Archive Committee in 2017*

*L-R Judy Hore, Les Browne, Mick Snell, Sandra Mellowes, Guest Anne Hutchinson (guest and adviser -Manly Golf Club) Joy Reece, Lilith Gollan, Pam Burke, Brian Cummins. (Michelle Harradine included bottom left)*







*The Clubhouse and half-way house 2016*



*New Clubhouse entrance showing new garden, path way and solar panels. 2020*





*White Rock Café Terrace 2020*







Angela Brown and Gilda Severino  
win the GNSW Pewter plate 2016



*Mixed Foursomes*  
*Champions Jenni Brown and Les Browne 2016*



*Father and son Major Pennant players and  
Foursomes winners Dwane and Anthony Stockini  
2015*



*Tanya Heber-Nolan and Julia Bowen  
Foursomes winners 2018*

## ***A FEW FACES OF THE DECADE***



*90th Birthday celebrations – Dress-up golf Day  
2011*

*L-R Rex Langthorne, Julie Anderson, Wendy  
Langthorne and Graham Anderson*

Rex Langthorne AM has been a member of the Special Olympics Australia charity for 35 years. Formerly the chairman of the Australia wide committee he is now the Chairman of the regional committee. In 2007 with the support of club member Max Harder the annual fund raiser began at Long Reef. There is local sponsorship and the support of both members and local identities. Rex continues to enjoy his golf on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Both Wendy and Julie were on the Women's committee from 2009-12 and Julie was President for two years from 2010-11.

Graham is a keen supporter of the club and its history and the local community. He is presently (2020) Co-Chair of the Sargood Foundation.





*Women's Fundraising Committee 2020  
L-R Di Munche, Michelle Ison, Dani  
Montgomery*



*L-R David Costello OAM, Steve Twigg (Pres.) and  
Neil Hitchcock Presentation of John Mullins Award.  
2017*



*Josie Murray receives her "Gold Medal" for 50  
years continuous golfing years from President  
Peter Verrills 2016*



*Peter and Jill Hensman at Melbourne Cup Day*



*Liz and Rod Macqueen (See pages 166 & 236)*

Liz and Rod joined the club in the '90s. They are also long standing Collaroy residents. Along with Gregor Millson and another local Bob Loader they have been the driving forces behind the Sargood Foundation concept. Gregor received an OAM for his contribution.

Formed in 2000, the Sargood Foundation is a community based DGR registered charity which exists to support and resource the work of Sargood on Collaroy to provide people living with spinal injury with the opportunities to live life to the fullest. Sargood and the Golf Club have had a long-standing relationship since John Mullins was President. (See pages 133 & 185). Whilst the vacant land waited for construction a Long Reef Greenkeeper Steve Volich would mow and tend it.



*Long Reef Ladies Choir – the Christmas Concert*

*Back Row L-*

*Margaret Mullins, Nicky Weibe, Fay Sinnott, Helen Gunther, Pam Burke, Gaye McCorby*

*Middle Row L-R*

*Robyn Jones, Jan Hood, Judy Hore, Pat Robison, Arlene Veith, Jackie Dew, Susan Walker, Annie Dyer, Sandra Mellowes, Sherrie Hughes.*

*Front L-R*

*Leonie Malcolm, Eva Haverland, Jenny Watts, Elaine Coldham, Patsie McConnell.*



*Tibby Playfair wins the 9-hole Dot Leonard trophy created in 2012*





Above - Billy Watson Long Reef Junior Medal 2014. Long Reef Junior Champion 2014-15-16. Billy teaching a Junior Clinic 2020.

Right - Kai Komulainen Long Reef Junior Champion 2018 and 19. (Junior Medal not held in 2017, 18 or 20.) Kai with Club Champion Trophy 2019



*The Renew Crew – Gardener and maintenance volunteers.*

*L-R Chris Darby, Bob Jones, Edward Watts, David Costello OAM, Les Browne, Laurie McCourt, Tony Cohen, Paul Hope, Derek Jensen. Missing from photo Barry Young*





L-R James Gribble, Graham Anderson, Greg Millson, Michael Reagan, Governor David Hurley  
Rod Macqueen, David Costello, Lochie Forsham, visitor.



*Jackie Walburn ParaGolfer*

## BRETT DREWITT



Brett was born in Taree in 1990 and later his family moved to Inverell. Here he was recognised as a very good young golfer and he came down to Sydney to compete in the NSW Junior Championship at Pymble Golf Club in 2006. Les Browne was a State selector at the time and the selectors put Brett in the NSW State Development Squad. Les spoke with his mum (Helen) about his future and indicated that if he was to progress his golf he needed to play in Sydney. The Board discussed it and Long Reef offered Brett a scholarship so that he could play major pennants and make more of his talents. He played for Long Reef and at Long Reef thanks to his parents who drove him backwards and forwards, while he was still at school, a 7-hour journey.

As Captain at the time Peter Verrills says "Right from the start Brett was a huge acquisition to Long Reef not only with his golf but also his demeanour. He is a lovely young man." Once he finished school Brett moved down to Sydney. He stayed with a number of members, including Les but mainly Greg Bush and then Bill Edwards until he turned Pro and went to Asia.

Brett played for Long Reef for 6 years and hopes to always call it his home Club. In a letter of thanks to the Club in 2014 Brett explained how much he appreciated the help and opportunities of being a member of the Long Reef Family. "I have enjoyed going out and playing my amateur tournaments under the Long Reef Banner, I haven't just been representing myself at these tournaments, I have been representing the Club."

He represented NSW in the Development Squad and then progressed to the NSW Colts (2009) and then on to the NSW State Team (2010 to 2013). He was selected in the Golf Australia elite squad and represented Australia a number of times.

Brett had won the Club Championship in 2010. In 2010 he also won his first international championship, this was in Canada at the 109th Pacific Northwest Amateur Championships at Royal Colwood. Brett was thrilled to have his name on the same trophy as Tiger Woods.

In 2011 he won the Golf NSW Vardon Trophy. 2012 saw a win at the Golf NSW Vardon Trophy again, the NSW Amateur Championships at Elanora and runner-up in the Tasmanian Open. He also qualified to play in the US Amateur Championship. In 2013 he qualified for the Australian Amateur Championships in Melbourne. He was 3rd in the Keperra Bowl, the NSW Amateur Champion and was in the playoff for the NSW Medal. He was listed in the Top 10 finish at the Golf SA Amateur Classic and qualified for the US Amateur. The selection in NSW State Team followed. Turning Professional in 2013 Brett made the cut into 4th round and then tied 12th in the Australian PGA Championship. In 2014, the Club held a Support Day to assist him to compete in the Asian tour. He won the Win Wuhan title on the PGA Touring tournament at Mission Hills to win his place on the PGA China series. He also came 3rd on the PGA China Tour and won international Player of the year.

In 2019 Brett qualified for the US Open Golf Championship which were played at Pebble Beach. In September 2020 the win on the Korn Ferry Tour placed him 18<sup>th</sup> in the points standing after this Father's Day win at the Lincoln Land Championship. A win for a father of a young son on Father's Day.

## PETER VERRILLS



Peter joined in January 1979. His introduction to the game had been through the social golf Clubs attached to his cricket Club. Having made up his mind to start golf with more commitment he first joined Bayview where he remained for two years, before being persuaded by friends to come to Long Reef.

With experience as a teacher (and later a business man) Peter joined Long Reef in 1979 at the age of 32 years. He says that he loves the Club and all it stands for. It is a family affair with both his wife Margaret and son Brad are members too.

Peter describes himself as a B-Grade golfer, with just the shortest of stays in A-Grade. Golfing trophies may not display his name, but the Office Bearer Boards certainly do. Peter has a mention on the Hole-in-one Board which he achieved on the 2nd hole in 2000 in the semi-finals of the B-Grade Championships.

It is something to put yourself forward for an Executive position at the Club, and Peter has been both the Club Captain and the President from 2007-14 as well as being on the Board in a general position for two years from 2000. As both Captain and President he was elected unopposed over that eight-year period. There has been a total of eleven years on the Board.

Peter considers being Captain the hardest role with lots of work needed, but as President saw himself as a figure head with an ability to delegate and communicate.

In his three years as Captain he said that he was never 'attacked' on the golf course with criticism or complaint! As President he attended all sub- committees from time to time.

At much the same time Margaret Verrills was representing the women as their President. (2008-10) The Verrills household had his and hers Long Reef Golf Club Presidents.

Peter was nominated for Life Membership in 2016, which was confirmed at the Club's AGM in October. Peter's contributions to the Club are mixed and various covering things like the relationship with the Women's Committee to dealing with catering problems, course design, and the construction of the new Pro Shop. He is a very enthusiastic supporter of the Club's teams. There is an on-going, special and long relationship with the Goulburn Golf Club and reciprocal weekends of golf which Peter organised for many years.



## JULIA BOWEN



In late 2001, Singapore Telecommunications Pty Ltd bought Optus and Julia was immediately out of a job. As part of her exit Julia negotiated a six month “paid” holiday and on day two, found herself at home and at a loose end, and decided that what was needed was to get back into competitive sport.

Julia bought herself some clubs, got a golf coach and joined a local golf Club – Cammeray. She was totally hooked. For six months, she played, had lessons or practiced golf. She received her handicap in March 2002- it was 45!

By April she had reduced her handicap below 36. She continued over the next two years to reduce her handicap to single figures to 5 by mid-2003. By this time she had been playing golf at a number of courses across Sydney and was actively looking for another Club to join. She was disappointed that many of them did not allow women to be full members and it was with great delight that she met Jenny Loughnan, then a Long Reef Board member, at a Monday Open competition at Long Reef and she encouraged her to join. In March 2006, Julia joined Long Reef Golf Club.

Julia says that at Long Reef she discovered that golf can indeed be a real sport. The women and men both pursue excellence and winning is celebrated. “Playing a tough golf course also taught me that there is much more to golf than achieving the perfect swing and that perseverance and determination is what you really need – especially when it blows”.

Her handicap remained for a number of years pretty much between 4 and 6 and she has gone on to be a multiple Long Reef Champion (2006, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18), winning 6 times out of 8 attempts. There has also been a number of Weekend Premierhips and amazing results as the Scratch winner (see below). There has also been a win in the Foursomes in 2000 and 2018 with Cathy Gould as partner. And also in 2017 with Tanya Nolan which saw them as runners-up in the NSW Foursomes that year. They did win the scratch.

Julia played in the Long Reef Grade team when she could (Fridays being subject to the same work related issues) and had a mixed set of results.

One of Julia’s golfing highlights was when she represented Long Reef in the Golf NSW Metropolitan Gold Medal and in terrible conditions at Cromer (driving rain and howling winds) she won both the net (shared with 3 other golfers) and the gross.

In late 2011 she had the opportunity to join The Lakes Golf Club where she was selected to play in their Grade Pennant Team, playing Division 1. Julia continues to play at the Lakes with success, at one time playing no.1 for them and taking a Team Captain’s role.

As well as the “traditional” Golf Clubs she has joined, Julia is also a member of the Army Officers Golf Club (NSW branch) and has played all over NSW with this group of current and retired Army Officers.

She managed to get her handicap to scratch in December 2013 and held it there for a couple of months. Julia remains in single figures!

On winning her first Championship in 2006 at her own expense Julia kindly had the Championship Cup re- silver plated. It was showing something of its age.

Julia has also been a very enthusiastic performer in the Annual Concert, and helped enormously by providing her own sound system, which was shared on the night. Julia likes nothing more than a wig, a glittery dress and very high shoes as she knocks out a song! We see the same air of confidence on the golf course – all well deserved.

- Club Champion - 2006, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18
- Foursomes Champion - 2000, 2017, 18
- Women's Weekend Premiership - 2012, 13, 14, 15
- Women's Scratch Score - 2007, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20

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## JIMMY KNOX



*Mark Stevens and Jimmy Knox -2015 Foursomes Champions*

Jimmy has declared that winning the Club Championship Trophy in 2011, is his greatest golfing achievement. There is another special undeclared achievement here, Jimmy is the only man to win the Championship at the same time as being Club Captain in the Club's history.

Jimmy grew up in Scotland and started to play at the age of five but there have been interruptions in membership and other sports played. Jimmy's father, who played off a handicap of five, introduced Jimmy to his Club, Kirkintilloch, north of Glasgow. Kirkintilloch was one of many small Clubs in the region and in Scotland generally. For Jimmy it was very much a summer holidays game, and he joined the Club as a Junior when he was 10 or 11 years of age. The only form of tuition was a Juniors Night on a Monday run by the Professional. Although Jimmy enjoyed the game, there were other sports to be played at this stage especially Soccer and Tennis - all seasonal sports. There was however exposure to golf at all levels and being in Scotland the chance to be a spectator at the great courses and events

From the ages of twelve to eighteen Jimmy was far away from Kirkintilloch at Boarding School as a full boarder at the Benedictine, Fort Augustus Abbey School. Jimmy enjoyed the sport most of all, and the school played Rugby, Hockey and Cricket. Jimmy returned to his golfing membership in Kirkintilloch when he was about 24 years of age. Soon he was playing off a handicap of 5. He played major Pennants for three years and reached the semi-finals of the Club Championship. It was during this period when he was about 26-27 that he had some lessons with the Pro. At this stage he was essentially self-taught. The Pro told him “not to bother”, as he had an “unique swing”.

Soon Jimmy was to move further away from Kirkintilloch than boarding school. His then girlfriend, Sam, applied for a two-year exchange in Australia with her company. So at the age of thirty Jimmy was on his way to Australia in Sept 1997 for a planned two year stay. Living at Neutral Bay he started to look for a local golf course. With his letters of introduction he applied first to Manly. In the meantime he decided to head for Northbridge, but driving by one day saw Long Reef. Thinking it would be difficult to get in, he applied anyway and was accepted as a 7- Day reserve member in 1998. Jimmy loved the course, and the friendly members and the Club generally, but with other commitments only got to play two or three times a year. The two years were up but Australia became home. Jimmy became a house husband down the track and in 2006 he had to re-apply for his handicap and started back on a handicap of 11. He mainly played on Saturdays and Mondays and worked hard to reduce his handicap.

Jimmy was a member of the Major Pennant team from 2010, only stepping down after 2014. He was Team Captain in 2010, 2011, 2012. He remembers more wins than losses in the individual games and considers his best victory to be against an ex-professional from Moore Park, in a game at Kogarah, even if the team lost 6/1.

2011 was the big Club Championship win, when he played against Jimmy Little winning on the 13th, in this 36-hole competition. Jimmy says that he putted well. Putting and chipping seem to be his major strengths on a regular basis. In 2013 he was the Foursomes Champion with Mark Stevens, and reached the final again with Mark in 2015 to finish as runners-up. In 2016 he won the Summer Cup.

In late 2010 Jimmy was approached by Peter Verrills the then Club Captain and asked to consider being the next Club Captain. After some thought he put his name forward knowing that he had some time available and the golf knowledge, but also the chance to give back to a Club he enjoys so much. Ideally he would have liked to have had time to be Vice Captain first, but that wasn't to be so five busy years as Captain began in 2011. He tried to be a good listener, and be consistent, to attend as many meetings as possible and to contribute to Board decisions and be truthful to all members.

Jimmy believes that a good game of golf depends on the company that you are with.



## RAE MILSTED



*Rae Milsted with some of her prize cards in 2012. In 2020 Rae became the oldest Long Reef female player ever at the age of 93. She retired from golf at the age of 94.*

Rae became a member of Long Reef in 1976 but her involvement and knowledge of Collaroy goes back to her childhood. She grew up in Lidcombe but visited Collaroy as a child to stay with relatives and friends. Her aunts had a Needlework and Dressmaker's shop in the first strip of commercial shops right on the beach. Her Aunt May also worked in Romeo's Cafe on the corner of Anzac Avenue and golfers would come in to buy their lunch and refreshments on the way to the course before the club had a clubhouse. Rae moved to Collaroy permanently in 1952 when she married.

Over the years of her membership Rae has been a very successful golfer as the trophy cards above suggest and a member of Pennant Teams. She has won the Bronze Premierships on 3 occasions and the Bronze Foursomes 4 times. Rae was on the Associates Committee from 1982-85 and then served as Treasurer for the next two years. She was also a member of the Barrenjoey Committee in the competitions first year. Continuing to play competition golf into her 90s, Rae is an inspiration.

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Peter French holds his Club Medal won in 1960. This was at a time when only one medal was presented across all Grades. This remained so until 2011. The medal is made of a brass like metal and only the size of a finger nail. Here it is shown in its original box. See Page 244.

## DANNY VERA



### LRGC Professional 2007 – Current

In 2007, the Club not only had a new Head Professional in Danny Vera, but also a new way of managing the Professionals services. Danny works with the Teed-up Golf company, which manages the function of the Pro-shop. Danny is a Full Member of the PGA of Australia –AAA rated.

Danny came to Long Reef as Head Professional after being involved in the golf industry for the previous 'fifteen years having worked, played studied and taught golf at various levels at this time.'

Danny's very first game of golf followed an invitation to play, at the age of fifteen, just for fun, with some surfing friends in Coogee where he lived. He was hooked immediately and the fascination and love of the game began. He became a member first of Randwick and then St. Michaels as a Junior. By the age of 17, in 1988 and two years after an introduction to golf, he was the Club Champion at Randwick. He was also Club Champion at St. Michael's Golf Club in 1990, and Champion in 1992 and 1993 at the Lakes, where he had become a member, by that time.

Danny had competed the HSC and left school in 1989; and went on to train as a Professional at Q-School and started touring. But before starting to tour there was a list of Amateur achievements.

Along the way Danny was also a member and Captain of the NSW Junior Team, the NSW Colts Team (Captain) and NSW State Team Member.

In 1996 Danny turned Professional, and with the help of some solid sponsorship, he started off by playing on the Australian Tour.

Danny toured at this time for five years, until he decided to do his Traineeship as a Professional; he had recently married and felt it would give him more career options in the future. This he did at Terrey Hills Golf Club, commencing in 2001-through to 2003. During this time more titles were added to his list of achievements.

With his training complete it was time to go back on the tour, Danny's first love. There was quite a lot of travelling to do and time away. However in time with a young family and two young children it became time to work as a Club Professional, and he started at Long Reef.

By this time Danny had competed in all major Australian Tour events including six Australian Opens, six Australian Masters and several Australian PGA Championships and 6 Course records had been achieved. The Tours have taken him all over Australia, to America and to Japan in 2006, when he qualified for the tour card for Japan.

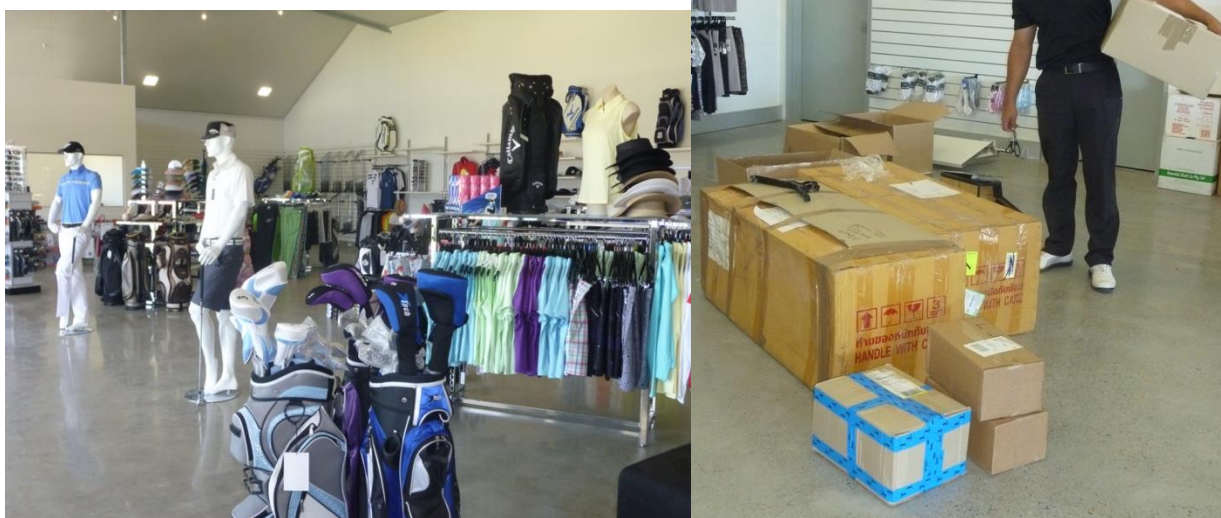
Danny admired the teaching Professionals that he had had, Peter Headland the Pro at Randwick, Alex Mercer when he was in the State Teams, and Gary Barter later on. His own teaching starts with the observation of ball flight and then decisions are made how to best improve a swing, sometimes in only the slightest of ways.

At Long Reef, his best round has been a 63, in a Monday comp. before coming to work here, and of course he was the winner of the LR Medal in 1995 and qualified on the course with a round of 65 for the NSW Open. His very best round ever was a 61, 11 under, at Terry Hills in a friendly Club round. Danny has had 6 Holes-in-one, and 2 Albatrosses, and is more proud of the Albatrosses than the Holes in one. The player he admires the most is Tiger Woods, a complete player who Danny has played against in the same field.

By 2019 having been in the position for 12 years and having contracts with the club renewed, Danny presides over what must be the largest Pro-shop in NSW and his role is now mainly one of co-ordination and organization. Assistant Pro Michael Infanti have taken over a great deal of the day to day teaching. (As of 2019) The team is completed by two trainees, previous Club Junior Champion Billy Watson and James Sampson. The large floor area of the Pro-shop has allowed for extra stock and equipment to be on show and the Simulator erected in 2018 is allowing for detailed golf Club fitting and lessons and is very useful and popular.

A great deal of Danny's role as Head Professional is to have developed the Junior Programme on a Saturday. Billy plays a very large role in this. My Golf is an 8-week clinic and then the young player's progress to the Clippers until they are ready to join the Junior competitions. This methodical programme led in 2018 to the Junior Team reaching the Pennant finals for the first time since 1983 and has seen several very young players not only play for the Apperly Shield, but also be selected in the Major Pennant Team.

With early starts and family commitments to his children's sporting activities after school Danny is playing little competitive golf, but enjoys a social game, usually at Terrey Hills.



*The new Pro shop – stocking up!*



## PETER DONKERS



Peter Donkers has been the Course Superintendent at Long Reef Golf Club since 2003. From 1999 to 2003 he was Assistant Course Superintendent under Stuart Laing and then Norm Carr. With a staff of 11 he has created an award-winning golf course that consistently rates in the top 50 courses in Australia. Peter's aim is to ensure Long Reef is one of the best public access golf courses in Sydney a place where the members and visitors get a memorable playing experience.

Now in residence in a new and very overdue maintenance facility there is evidence of Peter's organisation and efficiency. All machinery, equipment, tools, and consumables are parked and stored in designated areas in accordance with industry guidelines. The new facility is well set out and designed with thought for the long-term future and is comfortable and practical for staff.

After leaving school Peter completed an apprenticeship as a boiler maker and later worked on a number of local golf courses which led him into the green keeping industry. The industry allowed him to gain experience in machinery operation and also helped him gain licences required to operate earth moving equipment. After spending over 2 years travelling Australia and during his travels working on golf courses in Cairns and Perth he returned to Sydney. The next 6-7 years were spent in the earth moving industry operating a variety of heavy machinery. This experience brings a broad range of knowledge to his role of Course Superintendent.

Peter had always enjoyed working in the green keeping industry which drew him to a position at Elanora Country Club. It was at ECC under Thom Bond that he was encouraged to become a qualified green keeper and finished his studies in his early 30s. Due to mortgage and family commitments it became a struggle and serious consideration was given to leaving the industry until he applied for and secured the Assistant's position at LRGC. This was the start of a whole new career. It was not easy coming into the role from outside the Club and there were many difficult times. Once securing the Superintendent position it was time to bring the management of the Long Reef course and team into the 21st century after many years of neglect. WH&S and Environmental Management were non-existent, record keeping and all aspects of management required major overhauls.

During his time as Superintendent Peter has dealt with many major changes on the course which include complete irrigation system upgrade, major drainage works, rebuilding of tee complexes, construction of wetlands and bridges, pathways, construction of the new Pro Shop and surrounds including putting green, construction of the new maintenance facility and surrounds, and the

completion of the Wetlands project. Play during Covid changed the preparation of the course, mainly the greens, holes and flags, but during a brief closure major renovations could be attacked.

There have been a number of awards and achievements along the way. In 2006 Peter was nominated for and won the Claude Crockford Environmental Award a national award presented by the AGCSA. In 2011 he attended the US Open at Congressional Country Club where he helped prepared the course prior to and during the tournament. As part of the trip he visited turf research institutes, industry related companies, disease seminars and a number of highly regarded golf courses such as Cypress Point, Pebble Beach, Olympic, Merion, Pinehurst and others. In 2018 Peter was nominated for and won Course Superintendent of the year by the NSWGCSA. As a prize Peter will attend a major British championship of his choice in 2020 to help prepare the course for the tournament. (This could not happen - this prize is postponed until after the Covid travel restrictions.)



*Presentation of the Course Superintendent of the year NSWGCSA.*



## WARREN DALEY



In 2016 Warren Daley received the John Mullins Award for service to the Club. Examples of the extent of Warren's help to Long Reef can be seen in all the major building projects undertaken over the past 10 years. Warren completed the works that John Mullins and the Board had planned.

Warren attended Manly Boys High School and although he had ambitions to join the Military he was persuaded to go in another direction. In 1956 he joined the Fletcher Construction Company as a trainee cadet.

In 1961 he joined Pioneer Concrete Services as production manager in their masonry division. In 1964 he transferred to the concrete division managing concrete plants in the inner city. In 1968 he was appointed Metropolitan Area Manager and finally NSW Sales and Marketing Manager.

In 1972 he resigned from Pioneer and purchased E.M. Spinks, a plant hire and material supply company operating out of Alexandria, supplying plant materials for major with construction projects. The company expanded into civil engineering construction and undertook infrastructure projects in the metropolitan area of Sydney and also in regional areas of NSW and Queensland. Twenty years later in 1992 Warren sold his interest in the Company and tried retirement. A lot of world travel was to follow.

In 1994 the Federal Government funded an Australian Vocational Training System (AVTS) pilot program for the introduction of structured training into the Civil Construction Industry. Warren was approached to manage the pilot program from commencement to completion.

This project is now the National Program known as Civil Train.

Warren joined LRGC in April 1999, following a gift of lessons from a friend and was pleased to become a member of such a scenic and playable course. He played in the major field and Friday Club and with golfing friends travelled overseas regularly to play on golfing holidays.

It was President Elwyn Heber who being aware of Warren's experience in the civil contracting field invited him to supervise the initial infrastructure works required to facilitate a future Wetlands development.

This was then followed with the earthworks and drainage system for the Multi-purpose Building (Pro-shop) then followed the construction of the new Maintenance Shed and finally the Wetland Project and the subsequent reshaping of various fairways.

Now with the work finished it's time for Warren to back to golf.



## WENDY MILSON



Wendy Milson, joined Long Reef Golf Club in 2011. She played at Bayview for 5 years before coming to Long Reef and for 12 months was a member of both Clubs. Wendy is an A-grade golfer and has played in Grade teams in 2015 (winning team) and 2016 and since then caddied for other Grade team members as well as achieving success in the major trophies.

At Long Reef Wendy became a member of the Women's Committee in 2014 and Captain in 2015. 2020 became her 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of the women's Captaincy.

Wendy has been very involved in keeping the Rookies as a successful group and she regards this group as one of the places where she can have an impact and encourage them further in their golf and get them to go on and join the golf Club.

In her time as Captain she has facilitated the computerised scoring system with the other members of Committee and seen many of the traditional tasks taken over by the administration of the Club. Wendy has encouraged non-committee members to get involved and she has introduced many innovative ideas. (When asked Wendy says she sees herself as just part of a team and was reluctant to be included in the book. She was persuaded, but this very brief summary does not do her credit as a great Captain.)

Wendy sees the Presentation as being a big part of what women's golf is all about and has created a system to acknowledge achievements although on most occasions a trophy is not actually presented on the day. A challenge in the fifth and final year of captaincy has been to compromise on issues of equality of opportunity especially where the Women's Club Championships and AGM is concerned. Wendy represents the women's issues on the Club Match Committee.

2020 and the implications of Covid-19 at the Club saw Wendy using all her experience and natural grace and humour to successfully support the women and the club in her leadership role.

## STEVE TWIGG



Steve (Stephen) Twigg was born in Darlinghurst in 1957 and grew up in the northern suburb of Killara. He attended Riverview College leaving school in 1975.

Steve's family had a very strong legal background. His grandfather, father and brother were all in the legal profession as judges, solicitors or barristers so it was no surprise when he began studying law.

His golfing life started early when he joined Gordon Golf Club in 1969. He would be appointed Captain of the Club in 1978 at the age of 21 and held the position for one and a half years before a change in career saw him become the Regional Sales Manager of Nestle for northern N.S.W. This necessitated a move to Tamworth where he joined Tamworth Golf Club and served as Vice-Captain for one year.

He set up his own business on his return to Sydney in 1984 and joined Long Reef G.C in 1985. In his mid-thirties he was a regular qualifier for Club championships making the semi-finals. He also represented the Club in the Masters Pennant team and the Northern Peninsula Inter Club Challenge. Steve was the Senior Champion in 2014. He has always been an A-grade golfer holding a strong single figure handicap.

Steve was first elected to the Board in 2015. In 2016 he was elected Vice-Captain. He was appointed President of the Club in March 2017 by the then Board following the resignation of David Costello. He has retained that position and intends to see out his full term.

He has achieved much in the way of cementing the principles of good governance and placing a range of checks and balances in the Club structure. The Constitution has been re-written, lease negotiations are under way and the final stage of the Wetlands Project has been completed under Steve's watch. Plans and work on refurbishing and decorating the Clubhouse inside and out got under way in 2019. His presidency has been one of action and forward planning and development for the Club and will continue in the future. Steve used all his experience to steer the club through all the worry, drama and changes caused by Covid-19 from March 2020 and again in December into the new year when the Northern Beaches became a cluster and isolation and shutdowns became an issue again.

Steve is an enthusiastic member of the Steering Committee for the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations and will lead the club throughout this memorable year.

## JOHN STEUART



John was born in 1948 at the Mater Hospital and grew up in Cremorne Point. His junior schooling was at Mosman Prep before he went to The Armidale School in 1961 leaving in 1965. His first employment came as an Apprentice Cadet with P&O Cruise Lines.

In 1968 he enrolled in the newly opened School of Commerce at UNSW and graduated in 1970 with a degree in Commerce and a major in Accounting. The next year he went to work with Price Waterhouse. At this time he also began playing rugby with Norths Rugby Club. Football tours and travelling for work gave him the travel bug and in 1975 he took a job in Hong Kong with a company which would later be taken over by Hong Kong Land – one of the biggest companies in Hong Kong.

His employer was always worried that he would be injured playing rugby (which he continued in HK) and would be very hard to replace so at the request of his boss he gave up playing rugby but following the suggestion of a friend took up the much safer pastime of sky-diving!

In 1979 he was involved in a sky-diving accident in the U.S and after medical intervention returned to HK with substantial medical bills which he submitted to his employer. The company refused to pay his bills. An old friend who been trying to coax John into leaving HK Land and joining him at DHL was in HK at the time. When he heard of John's troubles his response was "If DHL pays the medical bills will you join our company?". The rest is history. John joined DHL as International Financial Controller and remained with them until his retirement in 2003.

His golfing career began in 1994 when he purchased a home at Hope Island on the Gold Coast. Though still overseas he decided if he was going to live on a golf course he should probably learn the game. He joined Long Reef in 1996 as a Country member and played whenever he was in Sydney due to the influence of an old rugby mate Keith Henry. In 2003 he returned to Sydney and transferred to 7-day membership. He is a keen golfer currently playing off 14 having got as low as 9. He achieved every golfer's dream of a hole-in-one.

In 2009 he was elected Treasurer of the Club and still holds the position today. He has very capably managed the Club finances through the construction of the new Pro-Shop, the relocation and construction of the new Maintenance Facility, and the final stage of the Wetlands Project. John still maintains his enthusiasm for the job and intends to stay pending the arrival of a suitable replacement. His commitment to the Club and the members is unquestionable, this has been shown in the time given and the decisions he has made during the 2020 COVID19 pandemic.



## CATHERINE REYNOLDS



Catherine joined the Long Reef Golf Club in 1983 as a 14-year-old but that wasn't the start of her golfing career. As a 9-year-old she was one of the first Jack Newton Juniors. At 10, she joined Merewether GC in Newcastle. Both her parents played golf and had encouraged her. She won the TAA Cup there at 12 and was playing off a 25 handicap. She was a member of the State Coaching Squad in 1983 - they played in school holidays and took part in a programme of coaching.

Catherine won a scholarship to Pittwater House School. The family had moved to the area and she chose to join LR due to its proximity to the school. Her handicap went from 25 to 9 in this first year at Long Reef under the guidance of Club Professional, John Kelly. In 1983 as in 1984 she won the most reduced handicap in NSW.

Lisa Ipkendanz, a golf professional who had been to the USA on a college scholarship, was a member at LR. She returned to LR on holidays and encouraged the 16-year-old Catherine, who was in the State Squad, to consider a professional golf career through a US college pathway. After a stint of work experience in the pro shop Catherine decided golf wasn't a career option.

She has continued her membership all this time since 1983— some of it in retention. In 2018 she reached her lowest handicap so far which was 4 GA. Catherine moved to Coffs Harbour in 2019 and joined Bonville but still remains a Long Reef girl and made herself available to play in the Club Grade team in 2020. (*Ed. But cancelled because of Covid-19*)

Her most memorable golfing moment was winning the Club Championship in 2017, in match play. She played Julia Bowen and had worked really hard for the win. This followed her Championship wins in 2013 and 2016. (*ed. as Gould*). Catherine feels both Stoke and Match play have a place in our golf championships and enjoys them both.

Catherine has played in the Grade team many times over nearly four decades since she was a teenager (see photo page 80s 117 and page 181) The Grade Team win in 2017 which meant moving up a division in one of the most memorable wins for her. The Grade team also had a win in 2015 with Catherine in the team.

Her favourite person to play with is Natalie Driver as she plays a similar game. They have won numerous team competitions together. She enjoyed playing Mixed Foursomes with Steve Twigg but was most successful with Mark Cruise. In 2006 she partnered Julia Bowen, in Foursomes and in 2013 and 2015 she played with Natalie Driver. In 2018 she partnered with Julia Bowen for the win and in 2019 played with Jenni Brown. She has never had a hole in one.

Although she had never been on the Women's Committee she has served on the Club Board as a Director which she did from 2014- 2018. Catherine says that she went on the Board because she wanted to help the club with a strategic plan and she had experience in this area and felt that women were under represented. Being on the Board had its difficult moments but she loved her time on the Board and held the position of Club Vice President from 2017-2018. Catherine loves the culture of community care and caring for the Long Reef Environment the course and the location. She has known many members all her golf playing life.

## BRIAN CUMMINS



There is no doubt that Brian deserves to be placed in our All-rounders story below, with success as both a tennis player and cricketer. These were his games of choice after leaving school in 1954 before becoming a golfer. Golf was the sport he played as a winter sport instead of tennis. He transferred to Scone in 1955 when working with the Soil Conservation Service of NSW in the Upper Hunter Valley. He joined the Scone Golf Club in 1960.

Brian joined Long Reef Golf Club on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1998 and soon became involved in the club activities. His Volunteer roles include being a member of the Friday Club Committee before becoming the President from 2007-2010. He has been a member of the Archive Committee since 2012. Five years were spent on the Club's Board. Brian was a Director from 2011-16, serving within that time on general committee before becoming Vice-President from 2015-2016. Brian became President of Long Reef Golf Club in 2015 serving for two years.

The major achievements of the Board during that period included:

- The successful transformation of the Catering model.
- The construction of a new Maintenance Depot and dismantling of the old Depot
- The commencement of a program to replace the existing sprinkler system.
- To upgrade the Courtyard area by the provision of a more permanent structure.
- A comprehensive review, with Member participation, of the Club's Strategic Plan.
- Commencement of a thorough revision of the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.
- In association with Teed Up, the introduction of a more structured approach to the development of Junior Golf.

Brian applauds the initiatives taken by LRGC over many years in providing avenues for talented young golfers from country areas, through scholarships or otherwise, to gain experience of playing on top class courses and playing Major Pennants golf against many of the best golfers in this State.

Brian has said that he has thoroughly enjoyed his 22 years membership of LRGC. All things considered, he believes it is one of the best Golf Clubs in Sydney and New South Wales. The location is absolutely stunning, the condition of the course is always first class no matter what dire weather conditions have prevailed over preceding months and the Membership is as egalitarian and friendly as you would find in any Club. He was pleased to encourage his wife Carol to be a golfer and a member too. There has not been any major success in the Major events at the Club but he believes that he has remained competitive in whatever Grade he is in from time to time. In any event, the thing of most importance is that he still thoroughly enjoys the game and membership of the club.

Brian feels that he was honoured in the middle of 2017 to be asked by the Board to take on the role of Welfare Coordinator, a role that is apparently common amongst Bowling Clubs but not so in Golf Clubs. He believes this is a function that is appreciated by Members and is one that is well worth continuing as an integral part of the Club's relationship with Members and Ex members. Brian carries out this role showing a genuine interest in and compassion for the individual. He has also assisted the Archive Committee greatly by conducting interviews of leading men and characters and recording their stories.



The Course – rainbow colours – morning through to evening.





## GREG BUSH



Born in Paddington in 1955 Greg grew up in Seaforth until he moved to North Curl Curl in 1984. He was educated at Sydney Grammar School before enrolling in Arts/Law at Sydney University. He graduated in 1977 with an Arts major in Economics and then spent 6 months at the College of Law learning the more practical side of the profession.

His first appointment was with Hones and Ledingham in 1978. He then went to Holman Webb in 1984 and finally to PWC Legal where he became a partner in the firm. Greg remained there until 2007 when he went into semi-retirement becoming a General Legal Consultant.

He played social golf from an early age but most of his sporting time was divided between cricket and football (soccer). Greg represented the Mosman Cricket Club and later the Manly Cricket Club in the Sydney grade competition and played football for Brookvale and North Curl Curl.

He joined LRGC in 1999 and currently plays off 16 with a lowest handicap of 12. He has achieved a golfers major ambition with not 1 but 2 holes-in-1 in 2001 (13<sup>th</sup>) and 2009 (2<sup>nd</sup>).

Greg was first elected to the Board in 2008 and served 4 years as Vice-Captain. He was elected Vice-President in 2012 and remained in that role until 2015. During his time on the Board he lent his legal expertise to the Club on many occasions. He was heavily involved in the Community Relations side of the development of the Pro-Shop and the problem solving that was needed after the building was finished. With John Mullins he steered the Club through the approval process for the new Maintenance Facility and after John's passing took control of dealing with Council and Crown Lands to secure the project.

Greg also had great input into the drafting of the Constitution, the negotiations with Teed-Up for the Pro-Shop contract, employment contracts for senior management, and the co-ordination of junior golf at the Club. He remains the Club's "Legal Watchdog" and serves the members with his skill and knowledge.

## JOHN DAVISON



*With Brad Roberge*

John joined Long Reef as a novice golfer in 2002, but he was already an active natural sportsman. John had started to look around at golf courses but the very location of Long Reef Golf Club made the decision easy. John was accepted as a 7-day provisional membership. These were the first steps to John becoming the classic 'golfing tragic,' always striving to improve his handicap and indulge in his love and passion for the game.

John was born in Wentworth near Mildura in the Sunraysia region. He attended boarding school in Adelaide, and then joined the Bank of NSW (Westpac) working in both Melbourne and Sydney as a Staff Training specialist. After 20 years working for the bank, John in partnership with 3 colleagues, formed a company, specialising in areas such as organisational culture, strategy, structures, succession and management. He has spent many years working across a wide range of industries throughout Australia, the USA and the UK. John retired in 2014.

John's love of the game has seen him play on many courses all over Australia and New Zealand. At Long Reef he enjoys mixing with a wide group of golfing friends who play up to three times a week. On the course John's handicap averages around 12/15, and has been as low as 10. A claim to fame was becoming the runner-up to Brad Roberge in the B-Grade Premiership in 2016. In 2010 John also won the C-Grade Mid-week Stroke Play and achieved a hole-in-one on the 2nd in 2007.

Many, many hours have been spent on the course at Long Reef, but for the past 6-7 years, with a short gap for a knee operation and the recovery, John has been a very active member on the Board. He brings a wealth of experience and excellent personal communication skills. In 2014 and 2015 John was a general Board member but the greater part of his time has been to serve as Vice President. Encouraged to stand by long serving Director Greg Bush he has worked consistently to support Presidents Peter Verrills, Brian Cummins, David Costello and Steve Twigg. He has worked alongside Captain Les Browne (2014-19) noting his extensive workload, and for one-year Doug Campbell, and long-standing and conscientious Treasurer John Steuart.

More than anything John feels he has aided the Club towards a more stable, accountable and professional business model and developed a stronger focus on governance and strategy. In his first year he chaired House and many decisions were to be made relating to the change of catering management from Flare to the in-house model. He has been Chairman of the Membership sub-committee, responsible for the revision and introduction of new categories of membership, such as Retention-plus and Easy Golf. The Swingers/ Rookies programme was revised and modified under John's leadership. His expertise has seen him facilitate the current 5-year Strategic plan, with the help of Catherine Gould, when she served on the Board. John does not seek to be 'in the limelight', but happy in a support and sounding-board role. His last responsibilities on the Board was as a Member of the Communications Committee and Chair of the Centenary Committee. John retired from the Board in 2020.

## PAM BURKE



Pam joined Long Reef in 1993 and was encouraged to join and nominated for membership by her mother-in-law Nola Burke (Gold member 2010). Pam is a key part of the four generation Burke golfing dynasty. Her relationship with Nola and Nola's contemporaries gives Pam a knowledge and understanding of the history of women at the Club way beyond her own membership years. Her vast range of volunteering efforts and experience gained gives us a caring LRG expert.

Pam is a volunteer extraordinaire and received the John Mullins Award for her contribution to the Club in 2018. She has served on the Women's Committee for a total of nine years so far. There was a year as a general committee member in 1997 and then Handicapper for three years from 1998-2000. She returned as Handicapper for another five years from 2008-2012. At this time cards were hand entered into the computer and daily breaks had to be calculated. Pam held a position of influence on the Match Committee and was vice-captain in 2007. At this time, she is particularly proud of her role in helping introduce the 11-hole competition (which she had to convert to an 18-hole card and calculate by hand.) This shorter competition led to so many older or injured golfers carrying on their active membership.

Pam acted as a Swingers (now Rookies) group co-ordinator alongside Sandy Christey, with the help of Sam Newbrun, the assistant professional, for 20 months. She continues to walk with the Rookies. She always follows up on any new members' well-being, invites new members to play with her and remembers names!

Before becoming a member of the Grade Team Pam regularly acted as a caddy for the team alongside Nola. She continues to caddy for Grade and has also acted as a major finals referee many times.

In the '90s when her children were Juniors she assisted with the Junior Programme. She helped Alan Bateman and later Max Glanville with the group on Thursday afternoons. They would work on the putting green out the front of the Clubhouse and play a few holes and then Carol Saunders (the caterer) would put on a snack meal. Pam has been a member of the Archive Committee since 2011. Pam and Peter have been winners of the Mixed Foursomes Cup.

On the golf course her greatest success has included being the – 2004 Bronze Champion and the 2004 Bronze Foursomes win with Louise Hughes. In 2010, 2012, 2014 she was the Club Foursomes Champion with partner Jenni Brown playing in the State Foursomes at Shelly Beach in 2014.

For about 15 years she and Peter were the sponsors of the silver trophy at the Barrenjoey Week of Golf and Pam won the Division 2 Scratch in 2012. Many trips have been made to Duntryleague, in Orange, most with Nola.

Following years as a Grade caddie Pam became a playing member of the Grade Team in 2007, 08, 10, 11, 13, 14, and saw a win in 2015 in Grade 6. A great deal of success and experience had already been gained over the years in the Bronze 4, Bronze 3 and then Bronze 2 Shield team with wins in 1999 and 2002.

Pam has a great golf knowledge and a gracious understanding of the members' needs at Long Reef and is the personification of what a good Club member should be.



## THE COMBINED SERVICES DAY

Legacy commenced in Hobart in 1923, Sydney Legacy commenced in 1926 and the golf club started the golf day tradition two years later

The Services golf and fund-raising legacy day has woven its way through the history of the club since 1928. In the index a list of trophy winners for the A.I.F. (Australian Imperial Forces-1914-18) that covers the years 1928-1975, 1995-2003 can be found. The early dates used to be on an honour board at the club. (The A.I.F. was disbanded in 1949). The Club used to also display a memorial list of members lost in the war. Sadly, the information is lost. All major competitions were cancelled during WW2 with the exception of the A.I.F. Cup. It was also a time of exceptional fund-raising by those who remained behind for the Comforts funds and Comfort packages that were sent directly to the club members at war.

The list continues for the Services Cup (1939-45). It commenced in 1946 and has been played nearly every year with the exception of 2013 and 2020 the covid year. A brief summary and the stories of a few of our returned heroes can also be found on the club's website in the Archives folder.

After WW2 it is thought that 30% of the club membership was made up of returned-service men. The trophies covered all three services by this time. During WW1 the Air Corps was in its infancy, so most golfers had been in the Army or Navy. The Navy had its own trophy "The Trafalgar Day memorial Trophy" based on the British Navy's Trafalgar Day tradition, played for from 1969-2005. Ken Bryant was the last to win the A.I.F. cup in its last year held in 2003

This day is a traditional one, usually held in September or October, one to not only compete at golf but like Anzac Day celebrate and remember friends. It used to be for many a hard drinking day not only on the course but also in the Clubhouse and tales of antics are woven into club folklore! There is a story suggesting that with the club renovations of the 60s an extra high ceiling was created so that 2-up could be played easily.

Stan Gilbert seems to have been a very strong golfer as we see his name as the winner of the A.I.F. cup on 8 occasions from 1947-75. 1975 was the last year it was played for. It may be that by then there were no WW1 veterans remaining. The club no longer has any WW2 veterans. The last were Geoff Camlyn and Ken Bryant who served in the British Navy. He will be remembered by many. (His wife Betty was also a member.)

Services Days have changed a great deal since 1928 but they are still run by a group of volunteers. The number of players with direct contact with the wars or service has changed. For about the past ten years, the organisers of the day have been Geoff Luck, and Brian Gray. They are both Vietnam veterans. David Churchley, Brian Tapp and Tim Becker are also veterans.

The day includes returned services men both regular and conscripted with operational service overseas and national service who may have not served overseas. There are visitors with military service and well as both men and women members. The players represent those who have been in the following conflicts – Malaya, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Timor.

The Day receives good support from present Club members both Men and women as well as serving soldiers, airmen and seamen and interested golfers from other clubs. Prizes are given in categories, but the old trophies are no longer presented. The name of the Long Reef member Combined services winner for the day is placed on the honour board in the club.

The day begins with breakfast before play starting at 8am. At 1.30 everyone is in the clubhouse and seated. There is a memorial service with a speaker the Reveille and the Last Post is played. After lunch the presentation is made and raffles held. A cheque is then forwarded to Legacy and then an invitation may be extended to the club for a representative to play in the State Legacy day.



*2019 Combined Services Day organisers on left Brian Gray on right & Geoff Luck with Guest Speaker Colonel Jeff Stark, Army Aviator.*



*The A.I.F. Cup 1928-1975*



*Trafalgar Day memorial Trophy*



*Golfers Legacy Trophy  
Runner Up Fred Fitzgerald*

## THE BRIDGE CLUB

Card playing was an important part of the social scene of the Golf Club long before a Bridge Club was formed in 1975. Games like Solo and Bridge became an activity which kept the women members in the Club, and proved to be a worthwhile social activity whilst waiting for the weekly golf results and Presentation.

Lilith tells the story of Trudy Bardsley and her enthusiasm for cards.

*“One of the Club’s characters was Trudy Bardsley, the widow of Warren Bardsley, a batsman for Australia in the ‘20s and ‘30s. Trudy was a member of the Club for many years, until her declining health made it impossible for her to visit the Club. She was also a keen card player. She did not like being held up on the golf course, and was suspected by some of wanting to hurry and get into the Clubhouse to play cards.”*

We know that throughout the ‘50s and ‘60s women played cards in the Club, both casually and for competition. In 1954 the Club Committee had agreed to a Tuesday card-playing afternoon on the 2nd Tuesday in each month, and by the end of the decade invitational card parties were held. These invitational card parties continued throughout the ‘60s.

The following is taken from Accounts written by Joyce Machar.

*“In 1975 Mrs. Helen Greening, a member of the golf Club, suggested to several women members of the Club that she teach them how to play Bridge.*

*This proved to be a popular idea and these new Bridge players, together with some experienced players decided to form a Bridge Club.” At the monthly meeting of the Associates on the 2nd October 1975, in General Business, Mrs. Machar tabled a letter saying that a request to form a Bridge Club at the Long Reef Clubhouse had been approved by the Members’ committee. “The Committee of the Golf Club agreed that the Bridge players could use what was then known as the Associates’ lounge each Wednesday. The first competition session was held on 8th October 1975, and twice monthly from then.*

*The Club started with three tables of playing Associates, paying table money of 50 cents per person. In 1977 we had an enquiry from the Associates of Monash Golf Club and agreed to admit them providing they became social members of the Golf Club, and so our numbers grew and we increased the table fee to \$1 to cover extra costs.*

*The first Annual General Meeting of the Bridge Club was held on 19th May 1976, with 17 women golfing members of Long Reef present. Helen Greening was elected President, a position that she held until December 1981. In 1986 a resolution to limit the term of office of President to three years and to require that President to be or have been a playing member of Long Reef Golf Club was introduced into the Constitution.*

*In 1988 a well-known Director ran classes at the Golf Club and many Associates and Members took advantage of learning the game of Bridge and in time many more women joined us. It was suggested at this stage to increase the table money to \$2 and make donations to the Golf Club to help with furnishings etc. By this date (account written in 1996), we have contributed \$14,299 over a period of time, plus \$1,400 to charities –mainly Mona Vale Hospital and the Alzheimer’s Association.”*

The Bridge Club has continued to meet on a Wednesday and for some years this has been every week. As an off shoot of the main Club, for a time the women members would also meet in the Clubhouse on Mondays to play Bridge. The club was unused on a Monday and the caterer had a day off but they group were squeezed out in the early 2000’s, when demands on the Club’s facilities for outside bookings took precedence on a Monday. The space used was no longer called the Associates Lounge!

Past President Shirley Blackburn, (twice) and Treasurer details the following: -



*“The Officer Bearers for the first committee in 1975 were –*

*President – Helen Greening*

*Secretary – Imelda Moffatt*

*Treasurer – Terry Mathews*

*Joyce Machar and Addie Browne were on hand when needed too.*

*During the first AGM a year a debt was declared of \$91.87. Helen Greening met and financed this debt. The following year the debt was \$113.87. By 31st December 1976 the debt had been liquidated and in January 1976 the Club was in credit of \$22.37. Things continued to improve and in 1982 they opened a \$200 term deposit.*

*In 1991 the Bridge Club bought a water cooler for \$680.00 for the women’s locker room, and paid \$299 each year for it to be serviced. After eight years of paying for the servicing, Lilith Gollan suggested the Bridge Club ask the Golf Club to pay for this as they paid for the one in the men’s locker room. Judy Hore took the request to the Board and they agreed until 2012, when looking into costs a decision was made, by the Golf Club, to remove it and to find a new home for it in the Greenkeeper shed!!*

*In April 1999 Terry Mathews suggested that the Bridge Club donate the trophies for the Veterans’ Visitors day. It was agreed to. In April 2000 the Bridge Club had to find alternative accommodation while the extensions and alterations were being done. Joyce Machar found a venue at the War Veterans’ Retirement Village which was used until the renovations were finished.*

*At the 25th Anniversary Christmas lunch Mrs Helen Greening the founder of the Club was asked to be guest of honour and she gave a short speech.*

*Up to 2012 the Bridge Club had given the Golf Club \$32800, for various things, including shrubs, folding doors between the Northern Room and the Dining room, bookcases, the front door mat which had to be made overseas, curtain tracks, glass front doors, a share towards new chairs and blinds, another door mat and repair to blinds.*

*The Club has donated \$8665 to charities mainly Mona Vale hospital and the Alzheimer’s Association, but also \$500 towards the Paralympics, and \$250 to the Queensland Flood appeal. Recently the chosen charities have been changed to the Exodus Foundation and Neuroscience Research.”*

*The Wednesday Bridge Club continues to be well supported by present and ex Long Reef golfers. It continues to make donations and the Bridge Club should be remembered every time we open the Entrance doors with their impressive Long Reef logos set in glass.*

## BRIDGE CLUB PRESIDENTS

- 1975-1981 Helen Greening
- 1982-1985 Florence Wilkinson
- 1985-1988 Joyce Machar
- 1988-1990 Audrey Roger
- 1990-1993 Joyce Machar
- 1993-1996 Fay Felton
- 1996-1999 Billie Brown
- 1999-2000 Joyce Machar
- 2000 -2003 Yvonne Walker
- 2003-2005 Shirley Blackburn
- 2005-2008 Kay Brideau
- 2008-2011 Shirley Blackburn
- 2012-2014 Judy O'Brien
- 2015-2017 Helen Kook
- 2018-2019 Judy O'Brien
- 2019-2020 Helen Kook
- 2020- Margaret Verrills



*Margaret Verrills, Kay Miller, Helen Kook, Shirley Blackburn, Judy O'Brien, Prue Christmas.*

## HELEN KOOK

Helen has been President of the Bridge Club three times and it is the work she does to help this 42-year-old club thrive that reflects her commitment to the club in general. Helen has been a member of the Golf Club since 1984 when she came to Sydney and still plays golf every week. Helen comes from a golfing family; her parents opened the P.G.F. Precision Golf Forging company and were golfers at The Australian Golf Club. Her brother John Higson is a Life Member of the same club.

Married to a farmer, Helen first started playing golf at in the country and then having moved into the Bathurst district played at Bathurst Golf Club. Later after moving to Orange, Helen played at Duntryleague Golf Club.

Helen has played in Pennant teams for Long Reef, caddied for the Grade Team, served as a delegate on the Barrenjoey committee, and was the delegate to the Veteran's Association for eight years (see page 173). She was able to squeeze these roles into her work commitments as a nurse.

Now living at the War Vets Helen does a great deal to keep a group of former Long Reef golfers up to date with news and progress at the golf club.

## WOMEN'S CONCERTS

The only mention of our men members letting their hair down and their performing talent flowing is during the Goulburn Club visits. It was part of the Saturday night entertainment and two small photos albums give us proof.

We don't know when the Women's Christmas Revues began, but it was in 1952 that the dinner was held in the evenings for the first time, and for a while the lunch remained held in tandem. We have many many photos and several videos of the concerts and the individual acts collected since the '70s which revise our memories. These memories below are mainly mine. (*Ed Sandra.*)

Being a member of the cast of a concert was very much like being in a Pennant team, you work together for over six weeks, sharing laughter and friendship presenting your best glowing performance. In the '80s onwards it was at least a six-week rehearsal commitment. The Directors were hard task masters and only when perfect were they happy. Monday night rehearsals were held in someone's home rumpus room, with the dance troupe finding a second night each week to meet and practice. The set, the costumes and the make-up were prepared with care. The Directors would have a clear idea of the acts often based on current affairs, golf, Long Reef individuals – and anything funny that could be stolen from Hey Hey it's Saturday or from the Orange week of Golf. Some years a sort of pantomime would be run, or it could be a mixed series of ideas. The back black curtain would explain and display the title for the evening with phrases like 'Anything goes' or "Nostalgia." In the early days it was so good to have Marg Miller on the piano, she could play by ear and immediately change the key if the star had started off using the wrong one. There was always a dance item too, usually choreographed by Judy O'Brien. Marie and Marg were there leading the way. The extroverts in the Club were already known but these concerts would reveal surprise talents – often very funny, occasionally irreverent and from time to time heart warming!

The dress rehearsal at the Club was just that. It was held on the Monday night before the dinner and the women would have the empty Club for their use. (The Club was very empty in those days.) The 'Stage' would be set in front of the Bar, and the lighting added. Photos would be taken for the album in full costume, and there were two runs through. The first could be interrupted, the second without interruption to get the timing right. The Snooker Room (the present Office) would be the changing room, and when this closed and became the office area the men's locker room was used as the changing room. The then concertina wall dividers were used as the front curtain. The 'stage' was in front of the Bar, where the Gaming Room is now. At the end of the Concert on behalf of the Ladies the President would give flowers to all those important players in the organisation both in front and behind the curtain. For many a year a video would be taken, and the cast would get together over a drink the following Monday after the concert in someone's home to see all the acts they may have missed seeing – including themselves! This was started in the time of Barbara Johnson's Directorship.

In 1996 Lilith Gollan wrote the following in the Reflections Magazine which celebrated the Club's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Some of us will remember the artists mentioned.

"The Concerts take place in early December and there is an end of season holiday feeling about it. Members of the cast of the Concert rehearse enthusiastically and make costumes during the preceding weeks and hope that it will be 'right on the night'. There have been some wonderful performances over the years and everyone will have her own favourite memories, but of those who were in the Club during the nineteen-seventies and eighties, who can forget Rose Craighead as Marlene Dietrich, Val Freeman singing "Nobody Loves a Fairy when she's Forty", and Mel Parnell as a belly dancer? Mel and Joyce Machar (*the then President and Captain*) made a wonderful pair of weight lifters in the Commonwealth Games Concert of 1982. In more recent years our 1992 Olympic Bobsled team gave us something to remember, and Bernie Anderssen and Kath Hughes put Jose



Carreras and Sarah Brightman to shame with their miming rendition of 'Friends for Life'! The younger members are joining in with gusto and Tess Wiseman and Cher will be remembered for a long time. With any luck, there will always be a few people willing to make fools of themselves in front of their friends".

There are so many acts that could be acknowledged. There are probably as many favourites as there are acts. I was shocked, during the first concert that I attended in 1985 to see our esteemed President Lilith dressed as a very large yellow chicken! Patsie was the funniest person ever, and her Jack to Annie Dyers, Rose, in the sketching scene from Titanic is right up there! Tears of happiness!! Seeing Patsie marching in the dance routine as an army recruit – with no sense of direction or timing was close to slapstick comedy! We had a real singer in Rhonda Jefferson and in our pantomime of Cinderella she was the Queen and brought along her own dog as the pretend corgi. The first time and only time there has been a real live animal on stage, and he was very well behaved. Judy O'Brien was and still is such a professional act! She could sing and dance and her three handed singer was such a visual surprise. As the choreographer of the dance troupe she had very high expectations. Bernie Anderssen was the Queen of mime (and has more recently been challenged by Ally Gattas in that genre!) The 'Young' ones in the 90's were so clever (weekend members) and I hope some remember their send-up of the Lord of the Dance – all those legs and feet- and The Singing Nuns.

Many famous faces have made an appearance – Elvis in all his stages, even a very pregnant one thanks to Rebecca Goldsmith. There was Tina Turner, Pavarotti, Michael Jackson and his brothers and Freddy Mercury. The Andrews Sisters looked perfect in their uniforms and wigs, The Spice girls had all the hand actions, and a troupe of Shirley Temples had the best wigs made out of wood shavings. We must not forget The Wiggles. Words were put to a more local Harka and Kim Sloanes' 'Wandering star" showed the deep range of her voice. There were some real singers, not only Judy O'Brien, and Rhonda, but also Annie Dyer, Susan Walker and in recent concerts, Julia Bowen. Annie washed that man right out of her hair! There was even a 20-voice choir one year!

Helen Theakstone was a great Marilyn Monroe look alike but her dancing duet with Arlene Veith as Roxie and Velma in Chicago must be considered as one of the most skilful acts ever. You had to be a talented dancer and have a memory for the exact choreography – and they looked the part.

What about the joke tellers or those relating a story or yarn? Tibby Playfair had a great voice for the stage and a great presence. She was more than happy to come out of the audience, cigarette holder in place and read us an Aussie tale or a thought provoking ditty about life. Lorraine Dickinson has been good at this too. Helen Gunther was number one joke teller, and if there was a record kept, I think we will find that she has been in the concerts more years than anyone else. Meriam Matheson deserves a concert long service medal too.

The Club now (2017) has the funniest ever MC in Karen Smith, but I think she would have enjoyed the work of Paddy Diggins who had the best giggle as she delivered her introductions. Jan Hood and Robyn Jones as former Primary school teacher were so creative and we will never forget their dancing elbows!

The famous character actors are Marie Fairhall and her Dame Edna, and Judy Hore as Cher, Michael Jackson and with fiddle Andre Rieau. They are both born entertainers.

There have been moments of Tap dancing, Eva played her fiddle and Kay her ukuleili. There have been puppets and slap stick sketches with lots of water or cream!

Backstage, we have been so lucky to have the help of Marilyn Denner, and for many years the support of the late Malc Denner and Brodie Lighthouse as she still fixed the spot lights on the stars or the foot lights for a professional look. In the '90s Scherrie Hughes was there as our artist. The year of the panto - The SS Long Reef had some beautiful porthole windows on set, local scenes painted

and pinned in position. We remember her as a cigarette girl who came out and ad-libbed between scenes, and of course as one of those long-legged top hat and tail girls!

For a few years Cheryl Hooley, a Concert Director, brought along her Juke-box to be the sound system, and more recently, Pam Burke, Elaine Coldham, Catherine Gould and Julia Bowen have been "Mr Music."

Of course, it is not all plain sailing for the organiser. How many times has the sound system failed us? One year we held a microphone to a tiny cassette player. Was this the year the piano disappeared? (The Secretary Manger had given it away some months before) Or was it the time the wooden stands and black curtains were thrown away from the back store room. A thunder storm blackout during a Dress rehearsal night was a worry too and put a lot of pressure on the organisers – but as always it was alright on the night, and if not, it was all the funnier.

As for me there are some things I shouldn't have done! Being a member of the Synchronised Ballet Team in a costume and swimming cap was one and I will never put on a Gorilla costume again. I didn't anticipate how long it would take me to make 12 Marching Band Costumes with gold braid and high hats in 1998 either! But being in the concert, was a great way to get to know members of the Club in a whole new way and may I say we are bonded for life because of it!

As the Centenary approaches the Club is so much busier with other events and people in the Clubhouse on the night, but a small stage was created in the Ocean Room and changing done in the Women's locker room. The tradition may have come to an end with the cancellation of the Dinner because of Covid in 2020 but I like to think that there is still a courageous group of girls, and many new faces, who will stand up and make fools of themselves even when it is meant to be serious in the future.

And now for the Academy award – the nominations for Concert Director are-

- Marg Miller
- Marie Fairhall
- Judy O'Brien
- Barbara Johnson
- Sandra Mellowes
- Cheryl Hooley
- Judy Hore
- Lorraine Dickinson
- Helen Theakstone
- Helen Black
- Angela Brown
- Mandy Biffin

(Apologies for anyone that I have forgotten)

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*Caption for Concert collage below.*

*L-R Patsie McConnell, Margaret Mullins, Marie Fairhall*

*L-R Top row Judy O'Brien. Mel Parnell, Kim Sloane, Sandra Mellowes*

*L-R Front Mem Matheson, Kath Hughes. Helen Gunther tells a story.  
L-R Judy Hore, Bernie Anderssen, Kath Hughes – Lilith Gollan in the hat  
Robin Jones with elbows, Judy Hore with the fiddle*





## THE FRIDAY CLUB

It has been claimed that this is the oldest social Club within a golf Club in Australia.

The Friday Club was started as a social group with its own committee in 1933 by Charlie Hadlow when there was no other mid-week competition.



*Charlie Hadlow on the 1st tee in the 1940s.*

Charlie, a bookmaker and ex-jockey, and the other original members of the group were horse-racing identities. They were usually involved in a race meeting each Saturday and sought a week day for their golf. The Friday Club suited their particular purpose, but quickly became popular among a wider group. Some jockeys participated in the competitions, as well as members. The Friday Club suspended operations during the war but resumed soon after under the leadership of such members as Cliff Coombs, Keith McWilliams (of winery fame) and Gus Widmer.

Many Friday Club players have been retirees but in contrast juniors join and play in the school holidays. Also many sporting greats of yesteryear have enjoyed participating including Norman von Nida and Roger Davis from golf, and Sid Barnes, Keith Miller and Sir Garfield Sobers from the world of cricket. In recent years, former Test Cricketers Graham Thomas and Trevor Chappell have been regular participants.

Records from the '80s show more of the method of operation of the Friday Club. It was noted then that its popularity was due to a large extent to its policy of giving its members a "very even break." Handicaps were closely monitored to ensure that members shared the trophies at some time over each twelve-month period. Those who won were penalised sufficiently to make it hard for them to repeat the win too quickly. Prizes were given over three grades. There were a number of popular associated activities such a chicken raffles, "The blind ball" competition and the annual Friday Club event in December. At that time any surplus funds were distributed in the form of Christmas hampers amongst eligible members i.e. those who had competed for a minimum of 15 times over the year. In the early '90s a "Bradman Prize" was introduced for the best player 80 years and over, and the original Christmas in July Dinner Dance was held.

A list of some of the Presidents can be made- George Chipperfield 1986-88, Athol Rose 1989, Swain Christianson 1999-91, John Hesketh 1992-94, and George Rodman 2007-10, George is credited with bringing the Friday Club into the computer age. Brian Cummins was President in 2007-10 followed by Carl Gunther until 2013.

All Long Reef members are eligible to play. For the greater part of its history only men played. Kim Sloane played in 1992, but it caused quite a stir and a special committee meeting was held and a "men only" policy restored until full membership in 1996 was created by the Club. Kim was a member of Long Reef and also Assistant Secretary. Pat Robison was the first female member of the committee in 2005. Sue Tefler was the first woman to achieve a Friday Club hole-in-one in 2009.

The Friday Club donated to charity every year and has also helped other parts of the overall Golf Club helping the Junior Development programme and the Combined Services Day. Members were also instrumental, following the interest of Peter Miller in helping develop the Reef Care group.

In 2018 the then President of the Friday Club, Rob Keir, said that the Friday Club has its own equitable handicapping system which does not impact on the player's normal GA Handicap. It also tends to share the winners and prizes around. Playing off the white and red tees enhances the relaxed and enjoyable nature of the Club and the associated camaraderie. Recent years have seen many more female members become regular players.

"The additional feel good factor comes from supporting charitable contributions, plus enjoying the annual social lunch, five Club competition days, women members' day, a Club championship and our fine wine raffles. The year culminates with a wonderful Christmas hamper for regulars who have played the required number of games.

The Friday Club welcomes all male and female members and their invited guests, and it remains one of the most popular golfing competitions at Long Reef."

As the Club reaches its 100 birthday, 60 members on average play regularly.



*Friday Club Starters - Feb 2019  
L-R Susan Ramsay, Nicki Wiebe (Vice-President), Bruce Hern, Wayne Grundy (Treasurer) Geoff Page*



*L-R Peter Burke, Bob Hanson, Warren Daley*



*President Perry Yeldham and former President Rob Keir*

*Christmas Elves 2020 - You must be a Susan!*

L-R Susan Ramsay, Susan Kelly and Suzanne Benson



## THE LONG REEF - GOULBURN SHIELD

One event which has become a tradition is the Long Reef-Goulburn Shield. This is keenly contested twice each year between teams from Long Reef and Goulburn alternating at each course.

Such is the popularity of the event that a story describing how it all began can be read in the book, the Goulburn Golf Club History that was written to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> in 1998. There is also a photo showing the plaque on the tree presented to acknowledge the lasting friendship between the two Clubs. The story goes that Reg Mayo owned a sports store in Goulburn. Long Reef golfers Peter Crofts and Tim Payne were Sports Reps and on their work visits became close friends of Reg. As they were all keen golfers, they played at the Goulburn Golf Club whenever the opportunity arose and Reg invited them and any others who were interested to play at Goulburn one weekend.

In 1955 Peter Crofts and Tim Payne headed to Goulburn with a group that included Andy Edgar, Charlie de Lepervanche and Wally Smith for an unofficial match. During the weekend it was suggested that arrangements be made for Reciprocal Rights to apply and an annual match take place. The first match took place in 1955 at Long Reef and by 1956 it had snowballed to 30 players and soon grew to 60. It may have been something of a drinking competition as is mentioned in the Goulburn story.

*“Initially all the meals for the weekend were paid for by the host Club but on one occasion at Long Reef the ‘Bill’ amounted to 250 pounds (Approximately \$1500, in 1983 prices. What would it be in 2020?) so this ‘benefit’ was discontinued.”*

On the occasion of the second match at Goulburn, Dr. Bill McCarthy announced his intention of donating a shield for this event and of course, this is now played for twice a year.

In the '80s the pattern was for visiting players to arrive on Friday afternoon/evening when there was normally a snooker game in the Club and general socialising. Serious golf was played on Saturday and Sunday with more social entertainment on Saturday night. Players returned home on Sunday or Monday.

There have been numerous incidents over the years. One saw an aviator friend of one of the Goulburn players who flew around the course flour-bombing the players! On another occasion when a swimming and rowing event was organised the expert Life saver Dick Twight was given quite a shock when he thought a shark had grabbed his leg under water. Goulbourn had planted a scuba diver! The '80s saw the highest numbers of participants when for example 142 players took part in the match in Goulburn in 1988. In this decade 2010-2020 there are normally around 70 members taking part at both courses.



As one of the long-standing Goulburn trip organiser Peter Verrills says - *"We believe our Clubs visits are the longest continuing inter-club matches in Australia and the format of Sunday breakfast, golf and dinner has remained constant over the years. Sunday mornings have seen many great activities including skeet shooting (an all-time favourite), indoor cricket, billy cart racing, surfboard racing and bowls.*

*What really represents our camaraderie is that the major prize the Ray Harvey Trophy, is given to the best 'team' score of the day, that team being made up of two Long Reef members and two from Goulburn. (Ray was a Goulburn member who passed away in 1984.)*

*For many years both Long Reef and Goulburn hosted Saturday night concerts and at Goulburn we would see half the population of both Goulburn and neighbouring Crookwell at the Club for the members' revues.*

*It is interesting to remember that we used to visit Goulburn in April or May but for two reasons we altered our visits to 'the coldest city in Australia' to November. Firstly on exiting the Club on Saturday or Sunday evenings (or Sunday and Monday morning) our cars would be completely covered in ice and snow. This of course meant an extremely cold walk to our various motels. Secondly the various deciduous trees on the Goulburn Course naturally lost their leaves in April/May and the Goulburn members got thoroughly sick of raking up these leaves for this weekend of golf. So being the type of people we at Long Reef we said we would change our visit and we would be prepared to rake up all the leaves at Long Reef!"*

Long Reef has had its share of wins in these events but not surprisingly it is usually the home team that collects the Shield. Somehow the hospitality tends to prove a bit too much of an obstacle for the visitors' whichever team that happens to be."

In 2018, 24 Members represented Long Reef for the home Goulburn event. (Date of photo below unknown.)





*Denis Watchorn (left) and Paul Bradford (third from left) 2009*

## REEF ALL-ROUNDERS

Australia is a sports mad nation and over the years we have produced many well-known and internationally recognized sportsmen and women. Many of these sports identities have also been keen and talented golfers and many have been members of Long Reef Golf Club. Others may have been guests of the Friday Club. The most recent with well accredited achievements and celebrity as Australian cricketers are Alyssa Healy, Mitchell Starc and Brandon Starc the Australia high jumper. The Club also welcomes a Penrith Rugby League Legend Greg Alexander.

Many of the older brigade are mentioned in Ross Lanes' book – the first 65 years. The list includes the likes of Keith Miller, Jim Burke, Stan Sismey, Sid Barnes – all cricketers who represented Australia at test level during their careers. Also there was Rex Mossop – a dual international in Rugby Union and Rugby League – Dudley Barling and Neil Mason, the former an Australian Amateur Boxing Champion and the latter an Australian Wrestling Champion. Gordon Horsefield was another State cricketer in the 40s. Gordon also represented the State at Baseball.

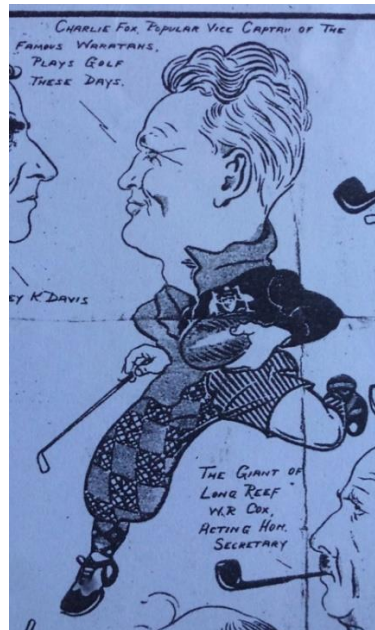
As Ross Lanes says "It is interesting to reflect on a few of those names for they have all helped to give the Club the particular character which has distinguished it from many others."

Other prominent sportsman from those early days include:

Football: Spencer Brown, Gus Widmer, Frank Eyre, Max Whitehead (also a wrestler and beach inspector), Merv Gillmer, Ray Black, Jack Fitzgerald, Jack Coxon, Doug Cartledge, Eric Morecombe, Athol Rose, Harry Young, Richie Burke, Tom Kidd (also a top referee, Jim Pashley (represented N.S.W.) and Doug Maclarn

Cricket: Maurie Puglisi, Rex Donovan, Don Felton, Warren Trotman, Doug Cartledge, Tim Mathews, Greg Davies, Jack Thompson and Alan Thompson.

Tennis: Peter Newman, Geoff Wheatley and Alan Driver.



*Charlie Fox Vice Captain of the Waratahs. 30s Cartoon*

### NEIL MASON

It may surprise a few to learn that one-time member Neil Mason achieved a rare double at the age of 21 in 1952. On one day he won first the Australian Amateur Middleweight Wrestling Title and then after only a 45-minute spell, he took out the N.S.W. Light-Heavyweight Boxing title.

### EDDIE ROBINSON

Eddie Robinson played 26 seasons in first grade cricket with Manly Club in which he made over 10000 runs and took more than 350 wickets. The war interrupted his cricket career. He also played three league football seasons with Manly from 1947 as five-eighth and center. His golfing achievements included a Club Championship and nine Foursomes titles. He represented in the A-grade team for many years.

### DICK TWIGHT

Dick Twight received an OAM for his services to Surf Life Saving. He had a very distinguished record including Captain of Australia in 1954, State representative on five occasions and a Life member of Collaroy S.I.S.C. After 50 years he was made a Life Member. His wife Betty is the Patron of the Collaroy Surf Club as we approach the 100th birthday of the Club. Bert Chequer, Richie Burke and Brian Healey are also acknowledged for their service to the Surf Life Saving movement.





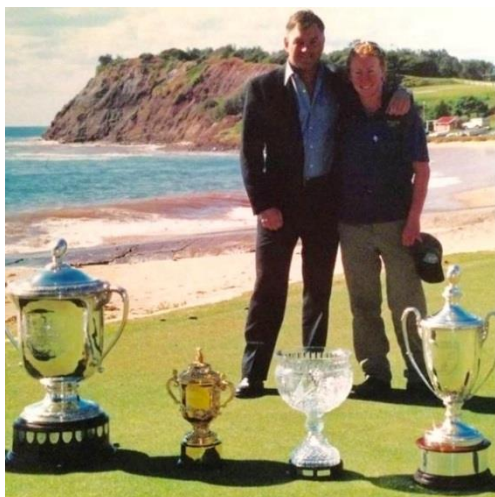
*The Surf boat named in Dick's honour. Donated by McWilliams, when the time came for a replacement boat, as stipulated by the sponsor, the boat was passed on to a needy life-saving area. This boat went on to France.*

## RUTH PREDDY

Ruth Preddy was a golfing member in the 30s and 40s a journalist who acted as the women's publicity officer. She had played Grade in Softball, Hockey and Tennis and played cricket for NSW. Involved in Cricket administration from 1928, founding member of the Australian Women's Cricket Council and went on to be an Australian selector and the inaugural President of the International Women's Cricket Council. She also became Vice-President of the women's Amateur Sports Council. Ruth received an MBE for her service to Sport in 1983.

## GENEVIEVE DELVES

Gen hails from the South Coast and has been playing golf since 1992. She first came to Long Reef as an apprentice greenkeeper but her golfing talent was quickly recognized and she was subsequently selected in our Ladies Grade team. In 1994 she toured Argentina with the Australian Indoor Soccer team. Between 1995 and 2003 she played Club and state Rugby Union before being selected for Australia and playing World Cups in 1998 and 2002. She also represented N.S.W in AFL. After too many injuries Gen retired from contact sports in 2012 and took up Lawn Bowls – she has since represented NSW and won 3 state titles and one National title and is not finished yet!



*Rod Macqueen and Genevieve with a display of Rugby trophies*



*Genevieve winning the Australian Indoor Women's Bowls competition in 2019*

### JAMIE DUFF

Jamie is a “true blue” local – born in Manly Hospital and lived his whole life at North Curl Curl. He has always been a keen surfer and was involved with North Curl Curl surf Club for many years. He competed at the Australian Titles between 1980 and 1988. In 1981 he competed in both the Junior and Senior Surfboard Riding competitions on the same day. He placed second in the Juniors and won the Senior title to become Australian Champion. He was again crowned Australian Champion in 1986-87. He also surfed before Prince Phillip at the “Royal Carnival” in 1982. Jamie joined Long Reef in 1993 and has won the A-Res. Championship, been runner-up in the Club Championship and represented the Club in Masters Pennant for 4 seasons.

### KAREN SMITH

Karen grew up in the inner-city attending Sydney Girls High School. Her sporting career began with basketball for the Bankstown Bruins in the WNBL and state representation. In 1978 Karen began her love affair with touch football at Cronulla a career that went until 1993. In 1982 the first women's Australian touch football team was selected and Karen was named captain – she was in fact captain of every team she was in – whether local state or national! Karen captained Australia to 3 World Cups and in 1988 was accorded the honour of being the first person to be inducted into the Australian Touch Football Hall of Fame.

A knee reconstruction in 1994 bought on a 1996 retirement and move to the coaching ranks. She coached at Club, state and national level at what had now become OZ-tag and as coach won more World Cups, the last one as recently as Oct 2018. She has now hung up the boots and whistle but is still active in the administration of OZ-tag. Karen joined Long Reef in 2013 and has been runner-up in the Ladies Foursomes and represented in the Club in the Ladies Grade team as required. She has been a member of the Women's Committee. In 2020 she was runner-up in the Club Championship.

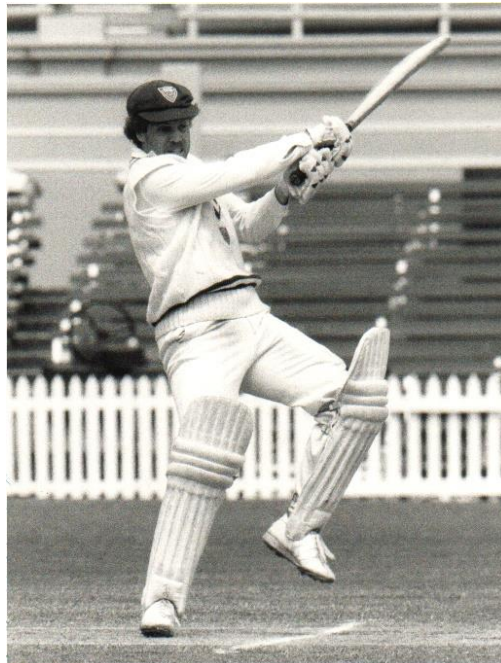
### PETER CARSON

Peter grew up on Sydney's lower North Shore and attended Crow's Nest Boys High School. He played Rugby Union with Nth Sydney juniors and moved to senior football in 1970. He then played 12 seasons of grade rugby with Northern Suburbs winning the Sydney Premiership in 1975. 'Carso' had a remarkable career with the Sydney team playing many international touring teams. Between 1975 and 1982 the Sydney team had an outstanding record defeating England, Japan, Fiji, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, France, and drawing with the All Blacks. He was captain of the 1979 Sydney side which defeated the Irish. During this period (1975-1982) he was also a regular member of the NSW side and sometimes captain. Peter was selected in the Wallabies to tour New Zealand in 1978 and Argentina in 1979. He has the enviable record of 2 tests against the All Blacks for 2 wins and 2 Bledisloes! He joined Long Reef in 1990, is still enjoying his golf and is a sitting member of the 'Table of Knowledge'. Photo on following page Peter in the Australian colours versus New Zealand.



### TREVOR CHAPPELL

Trevor was born in South Australia into one of Australia's most famous cricketing families. Early in life he played Cricket, Baseball and AFL. He first played Cricket for South Australia in 1972-73. He has also represented WA and NSW (where he finished his career) over a period of 12 years. In 1980 he was selected to play for Australia in a One Day International at Adelaide Oval. He played his first test match later that season. All told he played 3 test matches and over 20 one day internationals for Australia between 1980 and 1983. A highlight of his career came in 1983 at the World Cup against India. Regular opener Graeme Wood had been injured in the previous match by a West Indian bouncer and Trevor was asked to open the innings. He replied to the challenge with a wonderful century scoring 110. Trevor has been playing golf at the Reef since 2005 and is a regular Friday Club member.



*Trevor Chappell TC NSW v SA Adelaide early 80'*



## JENNIFER JANSSON

A North Shore local Jen grew up at Cremorne and was educated at Cremorne Girl's High. At school she competed at Cricket, Hockey and Tennis. In the early '70s Jen played state cricket. In 1974 she played first grade Cricket for Nth Sydney and between 1974 and 1985 also played first grade hockey for Eastern Districts. Jen started playing touch football in about 1980 as captain of the Manly team. In 1983 she represented NSW at the National Championships which they won. She was selected to tour with the Australian team in 1986 for a 3-test series against NZ. In 1987 Jen toured with the Australian side to Canada and the US. She has been a member of Long Reef since 2013 and won the Mixed Foursomes title in 2018 and has been runner up twice previously. Jen has also been runner up in the Ladies Foursomes and has been a member of the Grade team for the last 3 years. Jen also served on the women's Committee for two years.



*Jennifer Jansson – 1974*

## BRIAN CUMMINS

Cricket and Tennis were the sports of choice when he left school at the end of 1954 and when transferred to Scone in the then Soil Conservation Service of NSW in the Upper Hunter Valley in 1955.

He was a member of a representative Upper Hunter (Aberdeen, Muswellbrook, Scone) Tennis team which played, and won, against teams from the cities of Tamworth and Armidale. He also represented the Hunter Valley in Country Week cricket trials during which he played with and against Doug Walters who later became a very good and popular Test Cricketer for Australia. He represented the Hunter Valley in various other fixtures, including against a visiting Fijian National Team. In 1959 he was selected in a Northern NSW under 21 Cricket team to tour New Zealand for matches against their under 21 Team and other teams within that Country.

Later on in Sydney he played 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Cricket for Western Suburbs in the Sydney Grade Competition during 1964/65 seasons and was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade team which won the Grade Competition in 1964.

## GRAHAME THOMAS

Grahame was born at Croydon Park and educated at Belmore Technical College. His talent for cricket was obvious at an early age and by 16 he was a member of Bankstown CC first grade team. In the fullness of time he would become Bankstown's first Australian representative and have a cricket ground in the local area named in his honour. He was first selected for NSW around 1958. He was subsequently selected to tour the West Indies with the Australian team in 1965. In 1968 he played home tests against England and then toured South Africa with the Australian team in 1969-70. All told he played 8 test matches as a top order batsman sharing the crease with the likes of Bob Simpson and Bill Lawry. As if that wasn't enough Grahame played Baseball for NSW in the Claxton Shield (National Championships) in 1964. He scored the most safe hits of any batter and was selected in the Australian Baseball team that year. He has been a member of the Club since 2013 and plays regularly with the Friday Club and enjoys the peace and beauty of the Reef.

## MICHAEL SLATER

Michael was a country boy born in Wagga Wagga in 1970. He was a graduate from the Academy of Cricket at the AIS. He played Sheffield Shield cricket for NSW before being selected for Australia in the 1993 test series against England. In the same year he was picked to play his first One Day International against South Africa. 'Slats' was an opening batsman in both test and one day cricket and played between 1993 and 2001. During this time he played 74 tests and 42 one day internationals. He is now TV Cricket commentator. He joined Long Reef in 2007 and was a member for almost 10 years.

## MICHAEL BEVAN

Michael was born in Belconnen in 1970. He was a scholarship holder at the Academy of Cricket (AIS) in 1989. He first played Shield cricket for South Australia in 1989 before moving to NSW the next year and finishing his career with 2 seasons at Tasmania from 2004 to 2006. 'Bevo' first played test cricket for Australia in 1994 against Pakistan but he is more remembered as a one-day player. His first one dayer was in 1994 against Sri Lanka. He played 18 tests between 1994 and 1998. His one-day career spanned 10 years during which he played 232 games and 2 World Cups. He became a member in 2007.

## TONY COHEN

Tony is a hockey player, A World Grand Master Champion no less. He received this Gold Medal playing for Australia in Newcastle at the Words Championship in 2016. Tony has represented Australia more than 10 times and has played in hockey tournaments all over the world. He was a key member of the undefeated Australian Team who trounced England to win the 2016 Over 70's World Cup. Tony has been a member of Long Reef for over 28 years.

## SCOTT GOURLEY

Scott is another north side local born in Hornsby in 1968. He had an amazing pedigree with his father being an Irish International Rugby player and later a member of the St George rugby league team in 1965 and 1966. Scott played Rugby union for Australia in the late '80s before switching codes to Rugby league in 1990. He played for St George between 1990 and 1996 and had 2 seasons at Easts. He was selected to play for Australia in 1991. Scott joined Long Reef in 1998 and was a member for over 17 years.

## STEVE MENZIES

Steve Menzies is one of Manly Warringah's favourite sons. He was born in Manly in 1973, attended Narrabeen High School and played junior rugby league for Harbord United. He represented in the Australian Schoolboys in 1992 and began a long career in grade football in 1993. In all, between 1993 and 2013 "Beaver" played 477 games for Manly Sea Eagles, the Northern Eagles, Bradford Bulls and Catalans Dragons. Between 1996 and 2006 he played 13 tests for Australia and 11 other tour games in the green and gold as well as 20 State of Origins. He was inducted into the Rugby League Hall of Fame in 2018. Steve joined Long Reef in 2015 and is currently a retention member.

## RAY BROWN

Ray Brown hails from the great sporting breeding ground of Wagga Wagga. He was named rugby league's Country Player of the Year in 1978. He was signed by Wests in 1979 but moved the next year to Manly. Ray was selected to tour with the 1982 Kangaroos to England. Between 1979 and 1986 he played 116 first grade games – 23 for Wests and 93 for Manly. In the 1982-1983 season he played 6 tests for Australia. He joined the Club in 2017 and is a handy B-grader.

## GORDON RORKE

Gordon was born in Mosman in 1938. He made his test debut in 1959 at the Adelaide Oval of the 4<sup>th</sup> test of an Ashes series, He then toured with the Australian team to India and Pakistan in 1960. He became very ill on that tour – so ill in fact that he had to be flown home! At the time he was widely regarded as one of the quickest bowlers in the world but due to the after effects of the illness he never seemed to regain his spark. He continued playing first class cricket until 1963. Between 1959

and 1963 Gordon played 4 tests and 36 first class matches. He became a member in 2013 and spent a short time as a playing member – he remains a House member.

### ROD MACQUEEN

Rod was born in Collaroy Basin in 1949 and attended Manly High School. He has lived his whole life in the Collaroy area. Over 11 seasons he played 173 games for the Warringah Rugby Club and was captain for 5 years. He was then Club and 1<sup>st</sup> grade coach for 4 years including 1987 when 1<sup>st</sup> grade won the Minor Premiership and Warringah won the Club Championship. In 1991-92 he coached the NSW Waratahs who were undefeated during his tenure. Between 1997 and 2001 he coached the Australian National team. Under his coaching the Wallabies never lost a series against the All Blacks and defeated England, Ireland, Scotland, Argentina, South Africa and France and won the Tri-Nations Trophy. In 1999 the Wallabies were undefeated in winning the World Cup and in 2001 defeated the British and Irish Lions in a three-test series to win the Tom Richards Cup – a first for an Australian team.

Rod has also won 2 Australian Masters Titles in surf boats and has represented NSW 5 times (3 times as captain with the team winning each time) at National Titles. He was Club captain of Collaroy Surf Club. He is a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) and in 2001 was named International Rugby Board International Coach of the Year. Rod is a life member of Collaroy Surf Club, NSW Rugby Club and Warringah Rugby Club and a member of the NSW Surfboat Rowers Hall of Fame, Hall of Fame Warringah and the International Rugby Board Hall of Fame. He joined Long Reef in 1996 and has always been a keen golfer and strong supporter of the Club. He is a regular in the Clubhouse usually sitting at the “Table of Knowledge.” His flair for design is one reason we have such a “Don Bradman” style pro-shop rather than a square blonde brick one! His list of achievements is impressive but more impressive is his love for the northern beaches and in particular the Collaroy/Long Reef area. (See Sargood on Collaroy p185 & 193.)



Winning the Rugby World Cup Trophy in 1999. Rod with assistant coaches.

L-R Jeff Miller, Rod Macqueen, Tim Lane



## STEVE PRIOR

Steve was born in Mona Vale hospital in 1976 and educated at Cromer High. As a youngster he played Aussie Rules and tennis. His life changed dramatically in 1994 when a water skiing accident cost him his right hand, severed at the wrist. Steve began golf in 1995 and at first taught himself to play one handed. In 1997 he was able to find a custom built prosthetic which allowed him to play in a more conventional way. His talent at the game was obvious and he joined LRGC in 1999. His first big Amputee event was the World Series of Golf in 2002. His record since then is amazing! In 2004 he travelled overseas and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the British Championship, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Canadian and top ten in the US Amputee Open – each time competing as a member of the Australian team. From 2005, he has won 9 NSW Amputee opens, 3 Qld Amputee opens, 2 NZ Amputee Opens and has been the Australian Amputee Champion 3 times in 2009, 2011 and 2013. He played in the Australian Open at the Lakes in 2018 and also represented Australia at the World Cup of Golf (All Abilities Section) at Metropolitan GC in the same year. At Long Reef his best handicap has been +1. Steve was runner-up in the Club Championship in 2012 and has represented the Club in the Major Pennant team on numerous occasions. He is a strong competitor and may well add more to his trophy cabinet in the future.

## PETER HENSMAN

Peter was signed as a Professional Football player (Soccer) for Worcester City FC (UK) as a 21-year-old, having only started playing the game at the age of 16. For three years in a row the team was knocked-out in the quarter finals on their way to Wembley!

Peter came to Australia in 1977 to play for St. George at the start of the National Soccer League (now A League) reaching the finals in 1980. In 1981 he was sold to Sydney Olympic where he was picked for NSW to play against Victoria. He played in the winning NSW Grand Final side scoring twice, before moving on to Sydney Croatia. The next three years are a list of NSW Championship wins and NSW Grand Final wins. In 1982 they achieved the Championship undefeated.

Peter has played and scored against National sides including Australia in 1983, Indonesia U21s in 1984 and Gibraltar whilst with Worcester in 1975.

In 1997 he was invited to play at Manchester City (Maine Road) before a Manchester City v Manchester Utd testimonial.

The 1984 photo below shows the Croatia Team running out led out by Peter with Graham Arnold following on carrying the ball.



## GRAHAM ARNOLD

For some, interest in and time spent playing another sport other than Golf is a life time commitment. So it is for Australia's Soccer coach Graham Arnold. His professional career covers decades as he has moved through a variety of Clubs as a player, become an Australian (Socceroo) representative before moving on to now being the coach of the national team. His game has taken him all over the world. He may have started in the Australian leagues but went on to play for clubs in the Netherlands, Belgium and Japan. He played for the Socceroos, the senior National Team on 54 occasions, a star striker. His coaching career began in 1998 and a combination of Assistant and coaching roles with a list of club and national sides including being a coach at the Olympics in 2008 led to his appointment as Socceroos coach in 2018.

## MITCHELL STARC

Mitchell is from Sydney's North West, born in Baulkham Hills and educated at Homebush Boys High. He began his first class career in 2009 with NSW and has played 90 matches so far. His test debut came in 2011 against New Zealand – his first O.D.I was against India in 2010 – and his first T.20 International against Pakistan in 2012. He has already taken more than 250 test wickets. Mitchell was also a member of the Australian team that was victorious in the 2015 World Cup. In 2019 he was in the winning test team and at the end of 2020 in a battle with India. His career will surely have many more highlights in the future. He became a member in 2016, is a talented golfer and plays whenever his hectic schedule allows.

## ALYSSA HEALY (STARC)

Alyssa is originally a Gold Coast girl bought up in Sydney. Her cricket skills were recognized early when she was at school at Barker College on Sydney's upper north shore. In fact in 2006 she became the first female to be selected in the school's 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Her first match for NSW came in 2007. "Midge" made her test debut in 2011 against England. Her first O.D.I came against New Zealand in 2010 as did her first T.20 International. In 2015 Alyssa signed with the Sydney Sixers in the WBBL. Alyssa had a huge season in 2018 -19 which culminated in her being named Australian Cricketer of the Year. Alyssa was a star of the T.20 World Championship win in 2020 and named player of the match after the final. As with husband Mitchell, much more will be written about this extremely talented athlete! Alyssa became a member of LR in 2016 and is a Club Ambassador. She became the Women's Club Champion in 2019, but because of Australia team cricket commitments was not able to defend her title in 2020. Alyssa equalled the scratch score of 76 with Julia Bowen for 2020.

## BRANDON STARC

As we move through 2020, Brandon Starc is still a relatively new club member but as far as we know the only member of the Australian Athletics team to be a golfer at Long Reef. He has also played cricket and football. Starting at little Athletics Brandon was soon to show his skills in his chosen event at the Summer Youth Olympics in 2010 where he won the Silver medal. Brandon is currently the Commonwealth Gold High Jump holder from the 2018 Gold Coast games, having also attended the 2014 games. He is an Olympian and competed in 2016 in Rio. If his year had not been interrupted by Covid-19 he would have been on his way to the Olympics in Tokyo. 2021 is not far away! In the meantime, Brandon was named Male Athlete of the Year for the second year running.

Many young and not so young sportspeople manage to achieve at more than one sport at a time. Watch this space - currently young golfers Mickey Edwards and Jack Edwards are playing Cricket for NSW.

It is difficult to compile a list which covers all members who have excelled in other sports but the above is an attempt to list some of our stars together. Not all those mentioned above are still members of the club.

## SUMMARY OF THE CHANGES TO THE COURSE SINCE WW2

Prior to 1960 the course was predominately Couch and the green's quite firm. The greens were probably Bent and each spring we would have to play 'temporaries' for a number of weeks while the greens were renovated and re-seeded.

We played the course in a different order and there was a hole (par 3 about 150m) that went from the back of the current 17<sup>th</sup> green south west to the current sand hills and followed by a par 4 (about 280m) from near this green to the current 3<sup>rd</sup> green. In the early '60s these holes were abandoned due to the sand dunes and replaced by the current 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, which were designed by Al Howard.

In the mid 90's the Club embarked on the work of the 'Wetlands Project' which diverted the water from the course and Collaroy hill from outflowing to the sensitive Fisherman's Beach south to the Long Reef rock shelf. The project which had its roots in the 80s also incorporated the creation of two large ponds (between 5 & 6 and between 4 & 8) making the course self-sufficient and not reliant on Town Water. The fill was used to raise the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> and Practice Fairways as well as significant mounding on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> fairways. This, with additional drainage, made the course virtually weatherproof even after significant rain. The Project, with course design by Thomson/Perritt, was scheduled in three phases and completed in 2019.

Current Hole	'50s and early '60s	Changes to Tees since the '60s	Changes to Greens since '50s
1	Practice fairway up to creek – Bushland beyond	New in '60s	New in '60s
2	Bush	New in '60s	New in '60s
3	17 <sup>th</sup> played from south west of current south OOB to the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Green which was only half the current size	New in '60s	LHS added in '60s Was 'refurbished in '80s
4	10 <sup>th</sup> played from the current Women's 18 <sup>th</sup> tee. TPW fairway design in '90s	Both the Men's and Women's tee added	No change
5	11 <sup>th</sup> with only a drain down LHS, no lakes. TPW fairway design in 90's	Moved back a 15m	No change
6	12 <sup>th</sup> – there was no lake or creek	No change except there was a hedge on both sides	Moved back about 30m. Was originally near the current 15 <sup>th</sup> tee.
7	7 <sup>th</sup> – no lake green much smaller	Moved back 10m	Rebuilt in '80s
8	8 <sup>th</sup> – no hazard in front	No change	No change
9	1 <sup>st</sup> with a Starters Box	Moved back 10m to where there was a tee for old 9 <sup>th</sup> .	No change
10	2 <sup>nd</sup>	No change	No change
11	3 <sup>rd</sup> Rough on right was much more severe and no mounds	Moved back 15m	No change
12	4 <sup>th</sup> was a par 5 from where the 'overflow parking' is. No mounds or bunkers on right just severe rough. It was shortened to a par 4 in 1995 when the insurance company	New par 4 tee	No change



	threatened not to cover balls that hit cars on the adjacent road		
13	5 <sup>th</sup>	No change	No change apart from filling in a bunker left of green
14	6 <sup>th</sup>	No change	No change
15	13 <sup>th</sup>	Moved back 20m	No change
16	14 <sup>th</sup> no OOB. Mounds and OOB added in '80s  Additional mounding 2019 for safety.	Moved north to current tee in 2000 for public safety on Bicentennial walk. Original tee still in play.	No change. The mounds on the southern side were built in the 80's to protect the green from the salt spray.
17	15 <sup>th</sup> no OOB. Mounds and OOB added in '80s	Tee was south of current on rocky outcrop that is still partially there.	Rebuilt in '80s
18	18 <sup>th</sup> . TPW design and hazard in '90s	Tee was the LHS of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> green	No change

#### **Other holes not now in play**

Old 9<sup>th</sup> was a 350m par 4 from the rear of the current 9<sup>th</sup> tee south down the practice fairway to a green just below the current ladies 4<sup>th</sup> tee (where the lake is).

Old 16<sup>th</sup> was a 150m par 3 from just west of the current 17<sup>th</sup> green south west. The sand dunes incursion eventually overran the green.

#### **Order of Play**

Prior to the 60's before the old 16<sup>th</sup> was overrun by sand we played the course in the following order-

The current 9<sup>th</sup> was the 1<sup>st</sup>, then 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, Old 9<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, old 16<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> from new tee, 18<sup>th</sup>

In the early '90s we changed the order by playing the current 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> then the 15<sup>th</sup> as the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> as the 8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> as 9<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> as 10<sup>th</sup> and so on until the current 13<sup>th</sup> which was the 15<sup>th</sup>. Before this change players walked up the eastern pathway to the current 16<sup>th</sup> then 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. This was abandoned as it was off our lease and was a significant walk. These changes in the middle of the course improved the flow of holes.

Compiled by Les and Penelope Browne

See page 22 for 1920s - 9-hole course plan

See page 38 1930s – 18-hole course plan – note 16<sup>th</sup> hole to the south and sand.

Since 1968 the basic layout of the course has remained the same. In 1979 the two halves reversed their numbering and with the opening of a 'new' Pro shop the previous 1<sup>st</sup> hole became the 9<sup>th</sup> as it remains today. In the early '90s there were some hole numbering changes after the 6<sup>th</sup> which effected the next 9 holes - see above.

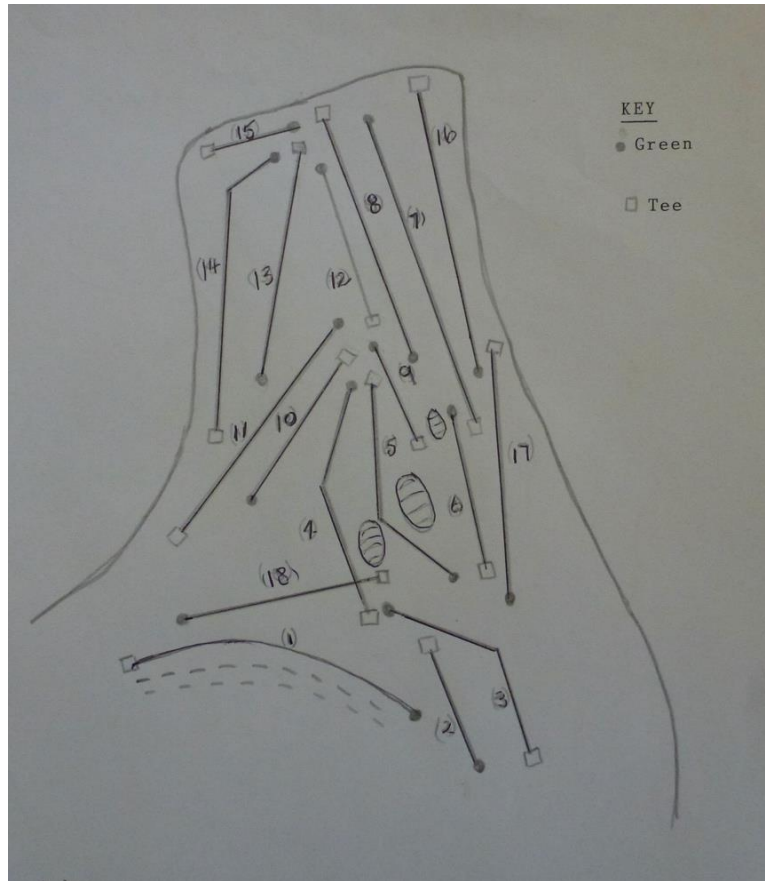
Contributors to design were made by the following-

1927-31 Change to 18 holes Frank Eyre and Dan Soutar

1945 Post war-time renovations and designs – Eric Apperly

1961 Design report by C.K. Cotton

1994 Designers – Wetlands Project – Thomson/ Wolveridge/Perrett



Course in 1991. A walk was needed outside the boundary to get from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> tee



The course in 2010





*6<sup>th</sup> Green, 15<sup>th</sup> tee*



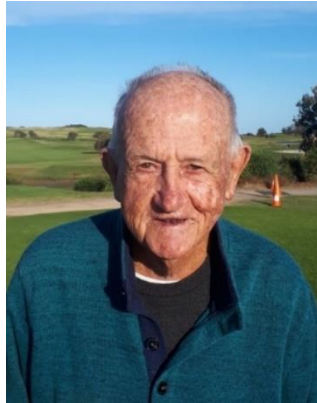
*Part of the course and beach in mid 2010s*



## 2020 CURRENT GOLFERS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED GOLD MEMBERSHIP 50 CONTINUOUS GOLFING YEARS AT LONG REEF



Les Browne 15/10/65  
(Life Member) See page 131



Frank Bruce 26/1/69



Neville Crealy 28/3/69



Allan Delaney 18/4/64  
(Life Member) See page 125



Ken Dewell 18/4/69



Peter French 20/6/58



Richard Gors 1/11/69



John Hesketh 1/3/65



Ross Lanes 2/6/68  
See page 127



Eric Tazelaar 1/9/65



Betty Twight 20/12/68  
See following link  
<https://longreefgolfclub.com.au/from-the-archives/>



Dr George Wing 1/3/66  
See page 151

## BETTY TWIGHT

During a working holiday from Perth, Betty was to meet one Dick Twight in Collaroy and she was here to stay. They married in 1952. Dick's first sporting love was the surf but together social games of golf were played with friends at both Narrabeen RSL and Palm Beach Golf Clubs. They joined Long Reef together in 1968. Betty continues to stride up and around the course playing in the 18-hole competitions. She is an inspiration, as enthusiastic as ever to play well. Betty did not go on committees as Dick did enough of that for both of them. Her love has been of the social side of things particularly the Sunday afternoon mixed competitions and the games of snooker on a Friday evening after a fun round of golf.

## PETER FRENCH

Peter is the club's longest serving playing member, over 60 years as he joined in 1957. He is the first member to have played in the Junior, Senior, Senior Masters and Peninsula shield teams.

Peter won his first medal in 1960. He went on to win 7 medals altogether, 6 of which were won when only one was awarded. The last was in 2015. See page 202.

## RICHARD GORS

Richard first played and enjoyed golf for sport at Beacon Hill High School and with supportive parents it was a good decision to join LRGC with it being close to home and making young golfers welcome. The members at the time were remarkably tolerant and encouraging of this young bloke and the then pro John Kelly whilst always gruff provided genuine encouragement. Having lived in the area all his life made it an easy choice to maintain continuous membership as even in years of little golf it was always easy to get a game when he wanted on an always enjoyable golf course. Compared to now back then the fairways ran further, the greens were harder and the rough certainly longer. One constant over all the years has been his inability to master it and his enjoyment in trying. He has no real golf successes to speak of unfortunately except a B-grade foursome win with Jim Moore.

## NEVILLE CREALY

Neville's father was a member of LRGC and he encouraged him to join by gifting membership for his 21st birthday in January 1969. A memorable occasion was when he won a chicken at the Friday chicken run organised by George Chipperfield! Being extremely excited with the win he had many

celebratory drinks... the bird was defrosted before he made it home. Not happy Jan. He also enjoyed the many Goulburn visits and special friends made. He is still playing golf very regularly.

## ERIC TAZELAAR

Eric's father Paul joined Long Reef in 1965 as a Provisional Member but once he achieved full membership, he asked Eric if he would like to play golf, so his father joined him up. A memorable moment was in 1978. His parents were moving away so his dad asked him to play with him in his last game at Long Reef, in the Foursomes. "My handicap was 6, his 19. We qualified 3<sup>rd</sup> in A-Grade", his father was over the moon. The biggest change noted has clearly been the layout of the course. The 16<sup>th</sup> used to be a par three from behind the current 17<sup>th</sup>, into the sand dunes. The current 3<sup>rd</sup> hole was the 17<sup>th</sup>. The current 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> hole did not exist. The current practice fairway was the 9<sup>th</sup>, with the green below the current 4<sup>th</sup> tee. There has also been of course the current water dams, and mounds.

Eric's golf over 50 years had an interruption for 4 years as his wife and he had 4 young sons, 5 years old and under. He was studying part time at Macquarie University and was doing house renovations needing more bedrooms for obvious reasons.

## JOHN HESKETH

John joined LR following a recommendation by a workmate who was a member. John was a long-term member of Friday Club being a committee member and President, also winning their Cup in 2011. John's fondest memory was a 63 in a Medal, only to be beaten and holing out from the marsh on the 6<sup>th</sup> for an eagle. John has witnessed huge changes to the course over the years and now he finds it is vastly superior to a time in the past with fast true greens and excellent fairways.

## FRANK BRUCE

Frank was a member of Moore Park until he moved to the Northern Beaches. He played regularly with Roger Davis and Keith Miller. On one occasion this four included Miller, Ray Lindwall and Arthur Morris. His outstanding memory was when beer was in cans in the locker room under an honesty system and Miller was 'performing' so well that gradually all members were present. So when the Captain (Vic Cropper) came to do the presentation he had to do it in the locker room as there was no one in the members lounge. Frank's golfing prowess was not up to the record he has set in the consumption of red.

## KEN DEWELL

Frank Bruce greets Ken as "Young Ken" to this day. Ken was young when he joined the club as a Junior at the age of 16 in March 1969. His father Miles was already a member although he had been a member of Warringah first where Ken also got a start. Here the games were mainly social with friends from High School.

At Long Reef Ken played in the men's competition from the beginning mainly with his father on Saturdays and Sundays. He was part of a good group of juniors and played Juniors Pennants until he was 21, the last years as Team Captain. He went on to play Major and Masters pennants as an A-Grader throughout with a handicap ranging from 2-6. He entered many Club Championships and Foursomes but a win did not come his way! There were interruptions to team days and championships because of his job with Qantas.

This job took him all over the world, but Ken still rates Long Reef Course above all others. Why leave a club that is easy going, open and friendly? Ken is now joined as a member by his wife Sue and their son Scott.



## LONG REEF MEMBERS WHO HAVE REPRESENTED GOLF NSW AND/OR GOLF AUSTRALIA

### MEN PLAYER

Wally Smith	NZ Kirk Winter Cup NSW Team 1929
Frank Maiolo	NSW State Junior Team 1981 & 82 (Captain). NSW Colts 1985
Steve Jackson	NSW State Junior Team 1983, Australian Representative
Lucas Bates	NSW State Team 2002
Scott McGuinness	NSW State Team 2003
Brett Drewitt	NSW State Colts Team 2009, NSW State Team 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, Various Australian Teams
Pat Wilson	NSW State Colts Team 2009
Nathan Waters	NSW State Junior Team 2011
Dylan Perry	NSW State Junior Team 2011
	NSW State Team 2016, 2017, Asia Pacific Team 2017
Ross Bockman	Sanctuary Cove Trophy Team 2009, 2013, 2014
Geoff Cranfield	Sanctuary Cove Trophy Team 2017, 2018
Billy Watson	NSW Junior Team 2017
Steve Prior	World Cup of Golf (Amputee Division) 2018

### MANAGER/CAPTAIN

Jack Wilson	Eisenhower Cup Team 1963
Les Browne	NSW Colts Team 2004 to 2010, NSW State Team 2011 to 2014, Toyota World Junior Cup Team 2008 to 2010.

### WOMEN PLAYER

Val King	NSW State Team 1953
Lisa Ipkendanz	NSW Junior Team 1981, NSW State Team 1982, NSW Team Tasman Cup 1983
Geraldine Brown	NSW Junior Team 1997

### LONG REEF WRITE UPS AND RANKINGS

- 2004 Tom Ramsey column in Sunday Telegraph – Listed in top 20 NSW Public Access Courses.
- 2010 Golf Australia Magazine – Number 8 of top 20 courses in Sydney.
- 2014 Sydney.com – In the top 5 golf courses in Sydney, with a view.
- 2015 Golf Australia Magazine - Number 31 in top 100 Public Access Courses in Australia (# 8 in NSW, #3 in Sydney).
- 2017 Golf Australia Magazine - Voted Australia's 6<sup>th</sup> Favourite Golf Course.  
Golf Australia Magazine - Rated 33<sup>rd</sup> Public Access Course in Australia (number 5 in NSW and number 2 in Sydney).  
Golf Australia Magazine - Club of the Month.  
Australian Golf Digest - Listed in the top 20 value golf courses to play in Australia.
- 2018 Australian Golf Digest – Top 20 Courses to play in Australia.
- 2019 Inside Golf – 'Dream 18', Best holes in Australia – Our 5<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> holes made final cut.  
One of only 5 courses to have 3 holes of their holes make the cut.  
Golf Australia Magazine - Voted Australia's 19<sup>th</sup> Favourite Golf Course.  
Golf Australia Magazine - Ranked 33<sup>rd</sup> in Australia for best Public Access Golf Course.
- 2019 Top100golfcourses.com - Ranked 29<sup>th</sup> best course in NSW.
- 2020 AusGolf web site - Top 100 Public Access Courses – Number 55 (number 75 in 2019), number 7 in NSW and number 2 in Sydney.  
Featured in Golf Australia 'Golf Mindful Experience' video.

## LONG REEF HOST CLUB FOR MAJOR EVENTS

### MENS EVENTS

1935 & 1937	PGA Cup
1952	NSW Junior Championship
1955	NSW Medal & Amateur
1963 & 1973	NSW Schoolboys Championship
1974	Australia Juniors v NZ Juniors
1976	NSW Amateur Foursomes
1882	Champion of Champions
1985	NSW Medal
1989	NSW Country Championships
1997	NSW Champion of Champions
2002 to 2018	Pre-qualifying for NSW Golf Open
2008	Pre-qualifying for the Australian Golf Open
2012	NSW Medal
2017 & 18	Hosts the NSW Hickory Championship

### WOMENS EVENTS

1961	NSW Women's Match Play
1978	LGU Country Meeting
2003	Australian Junior Championship
2003	Interstate Junior Series (Burtha Cheney Cup)
2016	North Shore Women's Pro-Am

Les Browne

## MANAGERS / SECRETARY MANAGERS /CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

1925 - 1940	A.P. Lambert (Had been Hon. Sec. from 1922-23)
1940 - 1942	O.D-Meares
1942 - 1945	R. H. Godby Acting Secretary –resigned July 1945
1945	H. Hearson Acting Hon Secretary
1945 - 1947	O.D-Meares
1947 - 1966	Jim Alderdice – LIFE MEMBER 1966
1966 - 1969	Ken. Lyons
1969 - 1970	Alf Fryer
1970 - 1972	Jim Shearer
1972 - 1975	A. Wilson
1976 - 1985	Bob Ayscough
1985 - 1988	J. Mooney
1991 - 1994	Alan Clinton
1994 - 1999	Rod Pyne
1999 - 2002	Andrew Broad
2002 - 2005	Mathew Goodsir
2005 - 2007	Craig Ellis
2007 - 2013	Graeme Ashley
2013 - 2015	Anthony Ryan
2015 - 2020	Anthony Dignan
2020 -	Ben Russell

## COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

*Workers on the setting up of the course in 1921 Mr. Merrillus, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Wiggins.*

1921 - 40s -	Mr. W.E McMurray becomes Caretaker/Starter (Old Mac). In 1923 is made an Honorary Ranger by the Council.
1935 -	Boy employed on a Sat and Sun to rake bunkers
1941- 65	Mr McManus
1965 - ?	Bill Carlon from Killara Golf Club
? -72	Norm Bunning
1972-73 -	Barry Eames
1973 -79 -	Laurie Chant.
1979 - 89	Norm Carr. Norm's crew in 1981 Dick, Brett, Warren, Michael, and Philip Norm's crew 1995, Ass. Richard O'Brien, Brad Johnson, Ken Oliver, Tod Houston, Simon Riches.
1989 - 91	Dick O'Brien
1991-92	Barry Monk
1993 -98	Michael Bradbery- Lakes Storage Scheme Ass. 1993 Ian Allison
1998 - 00	Stuart Laing from Beaconhills Club Ass. Scott Hinwood from the Australian
2000 - 03?	Norm Carr Jillian Macintyre - Environmental Officer
2003 - present	Peter Donkers Ass. Leon Hennessey Ass. Simon Brown -08 Alex Palmer - Horticulturist. 04-13



## CATERERS

*May include Stewards/Stewardesses and Caterers.*

1923 -	Official Opening - Mr McMurray
1925 -	Mrs Griffiths
1928 - 35	Mr and Mrs Adams. S&S
1940	Mr Williams
1940 41	Mr Wade
1941 - 42	Mrs Honeyman
1942 - 45	Mr and Mrs Adams
1946	Mrs Harvard
1947 -	Mr and Mrs Moody
1952 - 56	Mr and Mrs J.R. Balneaves
1956	Mr D. C. Dierikk
1957-58	Mr R. Preston
1958 -	Mr P. G. Turner
1959 - 63	Mr D. Jones
1963 - 64	Mr. A. Miller
1964	F. Kreinhoffer
1971 -	Mrs Walsh
	Mrs Barnes
1972 -	Mrs Frances Krienhoffer
1973 -	Mrs Lindsay
1974 -	Mrs Sutton
1975 -	Mr Clift and M. Arnott
1976 Dec - 1977 Feb	Mr Geoff Alison, and Mr
-	Brian Randell
1977 - 79	Mr and Mrs Patrick Wong
1979 -	Linda and Jo Shum
1979 -	Associates Committee –see
	Joyce Machar
1980-88	Mrs Pat Saunders
1988-90	Pam Collins
1990-94	Carol and Chris Saunders
1994-96	Carolyn and Stewart Dobbs
1996-98	Marc and Shelley Teleki
1998-02	Carol and Chris Saunders
2002-02	James and Donna. J&D
	Catering
2002 - 14 Flare -	Joanne Bright and Steve Lee
2014 -	Internal Club managed

## PROFESSIONALS

1922 - 1963 -	41 Years -	Frank (F.P.) Eyre
1963 - 1985 -	22 Years -	John Kelly
1985 - 2007 -	22 Years -	Gary Churcher
2007 -	-	Danny Vera / Michael Mosher

## APPENDIX 1: PRESIDENTS & VICE-PRESIDENTS

YEAR	PRESIDENTS	VICE-PRESIDENTS	
1921-22	H. L. Mann	R. H. Judd	T. W. Bremner
1922-23	H. L. Mann	R. H. Judd	W. A. Hudson
		G. R. Parrett	
1923-24	H. L. Mann	W. A. Hudson	T. W. Bremner
		S. E. Evans	W. J. Stedman
		R. H. Judd	A. E. Yeldham
1924-25	H. L. Mann	W. A. Hudson	T. W. Bremner
		S. E. Evans	W. J. Stedman
		G. R. Parrett	A. E. Yeldham
1925-26	H. L. Mann	W. A. Hudson	T. W. Bremner
		S. E. Evans	W. J. Stedman
		G. R. Parrett	H. C. Moses
1926-27	H. L. Mann	W. A. Hudson	T. W. Bremner
		G. R. Parrett	W. J. Stedman
		H. C. Moses	C. H. Kenyon
1927-28	W. A. Hudson	R. G. Jamieson	G. R. Parrett
		W. J. Stedman	T. W. Bremner
		H. C. Moses	L. A. Minnett
1928-29	W. A. Hudson	R. G. Jamieson	W. Whytock
		W. J. Stedman	T. W. Bremner
		H. C. Moses	L. A. Minnett
1929-30	W. A. Hudson	R. G. Jamieson	W. J. Stedman
		T. W. Bremner	H. C. Moses
		L. A. Minnett	
1930-31	W. A. Hudson	R. G. Jamieson	G. A. Fox
		C. W. Whiting	A. Macinnes
		H. C. Moses	L. A. Minnett
1931-32	W. A. Hudson	G. A. Fox	R. G. Jamieson
		A. W. Sneddon	C. W. Whiting
		A. Macinnes	H. C. Moses
1932-33	W. A. Hudson	G. A. Fox	R. G. Jamieson
		W. H. Foggitt	A. W. Sneddon
		A. Macinnes	C. W. Whiting
1933-34	W. A. Hudson	G. A. Fox	R. G. Jamieson
		E. Geach	A. W. Sneddon
		A. MacInnes	C. W. Whiting
1934-35	W. A. Hudson	G. A. Fox	A. T. Keirle
		E. Geach	A. W. Sneddon
		C. W. Whiting	A. C. Sherington
1935-36	W. A. Hudson	G. A. Fox	A. T. Keirle
		E. Geach	A. W. Sneddon
		C. W. Whiting	A. C. Sherington
1936-37	W. A. Hudson	G. A. Fox	A. T. Keirle
		E. Geach	A. W. Sneddon
		A. K. Paterson	C. W. Whiting
1937-38	W. A. Hudson	G. A. Fox	A. T. Keirle
		E. Geach	A. W. Sneddon
		A. K. Paterson	C. W. Whiting
1938-39	W. A. Hudson	G. A. Fox	A. T. Keirle
		F. D. Layton	A. W. Sneddon
		F. Watts	C. W. Whiting
1939-40	W. A. Hudson	G. A. Fox	A. T. Keirle
		F. D. Layton	A. W. Sneddon

1940-41	A. W. Sneddon	F. Watts L. K. Dircks F. D. Layton	C. W. Whiting A. T. Keirle V. K. Lloyd
1941-42	A. W. Sneddon	F. Watts H. H. Lilly F. D. Layton	C. W. Whiting A. T. Keirle V. K. Lloyd
1942-43	A. W. Sneddon	F. Watts H. H. Lilly F. D. Layton	C. W. Whiting A. T. Keirle V. K. Lloyd
1943-44	A. W. Sneddon	F. Watts H. H. Lilly F. D. Layton	C. W. Whiting A. T. Keirle V. K. Lloyd
1944-45	A. W. Sneddon	F. Watts H. H. Lilly V. K. Lloyd	C. W. Whiting F. D. Layton F. Watts
1945-46	V. K. Lloyd	C. W. Whiting H. H. Lilly V. S. Slocombe	F. D. Layton F. Watts
1946-47	V. K. Lloyd	C. W. Whiting N. E. Morrow V. S. Slocombe	G. Widmer
1947-48	V. K. Lloyd	E. D. Morton C. W. Whiting	G. Widmer
1948-49	V. K. Lloyd	E. D. Morton C. W. Whiting	G. Widmer
1949-50	V. K. Lloyd	E. D. Morton J. D. Hathaway	G. Widmer
1950-51	C. F. Esdaile	E. D. Morton J. D. Hathaway	G. Widmer
1951-52	C. F. Esdaile	E. D. Morton G. T. Wilkie	G. Widmer
1952-53	C. F. Esdaile	E. D. Morton G. T. Wilkie	G. Widmer
1953-54	G. Widmer	H. F. Middleton G. T. Wilkie	J. W. Wilson
1954-55	G. Widmer	H. F. Middleton G. T. Wilkie	J. W. Wilson
1955-56	G. Widmer	H. F. Middleton N. Heron	J. W. Wilson
1956-57	G. Widmer	H. F. Middleton N. Heron	J. W. Wilson
1957-58	G. Widmer	A. F. Kinley E. Luce	J. W. Wilson
1958-59	G. Widmer	A. F. Kinley E. Luce	J. W. Wilson
1959-60	G. Widmer	A. F. Kinley E. Luce	J. W. Wilson
1960-61	G. Widmer	A. F. Kinley E. Luce	J. W. Wilson
1961-62	W. R. Smith	A. F. Kinley E. Luce	J. W. Wilson
1962-63	W. R. Smith	A. F. Kinley W. Cox	J. W. Wilson
1963-64	W. R. Smith	A. F. Kinley W. Cox	J. W. Wilson
1964-65	W. R. Smith	S. I. Gilbert J. W. Wilson	A. F. Kinley



1965-66	T. Hollingsworth	S. I. Gilbert J. W. Wilson	A. F. Kinley
1966-67	T. Hollingsworth	S. I. Gilbert J. W. Wilson	A. F. Kinley
1967-68	A. F. Kinley	S. I. Gilbert	T. Hollingsworth
1968-69	A. F. Kinley	S. I. Gilbert W. Pearson	V. Cropper
1969-70	A. F. Kinley	S. I. Gilbert J. O. Williams	V. Cropper
1970-71	A. F. Kinley	S. I. Gilbert J. O. Williams	G. Wheatley
1971-72	A. F. Kinley	R. Cordaiy J. O. Williams	R. Tilbrook
1972-73	A. F. Kinley	R. Cordaiy M. Gillmer	S. I. Gilbert
1973-74	A. F. Kinley	R. Cordaiy	
1974-75	A. F. Kinley	R. Cordaiy	
1975-76	R. Cordaiy	G. H. Clark	
1976-77	R. Cordaiy	G. H. Clark	
1977-78	G. H. Clark	M. R. James	
1978-79	G. H. Clark	M. R. James	
1979-80	G. H. Clark	M. R. James	
1980-81	G. H. Clark	M. R. James	
1981-82	G. H. Clark	M. R. James	
1982-83	G. H. Clark	L. Bray	
1983-84	G. H. Clark	L. Bray	
1984-85	A. M. Delaney	R. N. Twight	
1985-86	A. M. Delaney	R. N. Twight	
1986-87	A. M. Delaney	S. M. Druitt	
1987-88	A. M. Delaney	S. M. Druitt	
1988-89	A. M. Delaney	S. M. Druitt	
1989-90	A. M. Delaney	S. M. Druitt	
1990-91	A. M. Delaney	W. J. Finlay	
1991-92	A. M. Delaney	A. R. Lanes	
1992-93	A. M. Delaney	A. R. Lanes	
1993-94	K. C. Huntingdon	L. J. Fitzgerald	
1994-95	K. D. Huntingdon	L. J. Mullins	
1995-96	K. C. Huntingdon	L. J. Mullins	
1996-97	K. C. Huntingdon	L. J. Mullins	
1997-98	K. C. Huntingdon	L. J. Mullins	
1998-99	L. J. Mullins	D. M. Harper	
1999-00	L. J. Mullins	E. R. Heber	
2000-01	L. J. Mullins	E. R. Heber	
2001-02	L. J. Mullins	D. M. Harper	
2002-03	L. J. Mullins	D. M. Harper	
2003-04	D. M. Harper	S. J. Morshuis	
2004-05	D. M. Harper	S. J. Morshuis	
2005-06	E. R. Heber	D. J. Gillies	
2006-05	E. R. Heber	D. J. Gillies	
2007-08	E. R. Heber	J. Loughnan	
2008-09	E. R. Heber	J. Loughnan	
2009-10	E. R. Heber	J. Loughnan	
2010-11	P. Verrills	J. Loughnan	
2011-12	P. Verrills	J. Loughnan	
2012-13	P. Verrills	J. Loughnan	
2013-14	P. Verrills	J. Loughnan	
2014-15	P. Verrills	G. Bush	

2015-16	B. Cummins	G. Bush
2016-17	B. Cummins	D. Costello OAM
2017-18	D. Costello OAM/S. Twigg	C. Gould
2018-19	S. Twigg	C. Gould/J. Davison
2019-20	S. Twigg	J. Davison
2020-21	S. Twigg	S. Lee

## CLUB PRESIDENTS PHOTOS FROM 1921



1921-27  
H.L. Mann



1927-40  
**W.A. Hudson**



1940-45  
A.W. Sneddon



1945-50  
V.K. Lloyd



1950-53  
C.F. Esdaile



1953-61  
G. Widmer



1965-67  
T. Hollingsworth



1967-75  
A.F. Kinley



1975-77  
R. Cordaiy



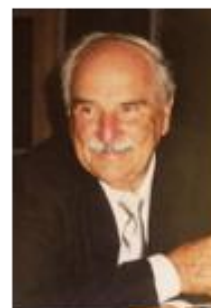
1977-84  
G.H. Clark



1984-1992  
A.M. Delaney



1992-97  
K.C. Huntingdon



1997-02  
L.J. Mullins



2002-04  
D.M. Harper



2004-09  
E.R. Heber



2009-14  
P. Verrills



2014-16  
B. Cummins



2016 - 2017  
D. Costello



2017 -  
S Twigg



## APPENDIX 2: CAPTAINS & TREASURERS

YEAR	CAPTAINS	TREASURERS
1921-22		R. G. Jamieson
1922-23	A. P. Lambert	R. G. Jamieson
1923-24	F. Campbell	R. G. Jamieson
1924-25	W. Whytock	R. G. Jamieson
1925-26	W. Whytock	R. G. Jamieson
1926-27	W. Whytock	R. G. Jamieson
1927-28	W. Whytock	C. H. Kenyon
1928-29	A. J. Rawnsley	S. G. Marshall
1929-30	A. J. Rawnsley	S. G. Marshall
1930-31	A. J. Rawnsley	S. G. Marshall
1931-32	A. J. Rawnsley	S. G. Marshall
1932-33	V. S. Slocombe	S. G. Marshall
1933-34	V. S. Slocombe	R. K. Davis
1934-35	V. S. Slocombe	R. K. Davis
1935-36	V. S. Slocombe	R. K. Davis
1936-37	V. S. Slocombe	R. K. Davis
1937-38	V. S. Slocombe	R. K. Davis
1938-39	V. S. Slocombe	A. K. Paterson
1939-40	V. S. Slocombe	A. K. Paterson
1940-41	V. S. Slocombe	A. K. Paterson
1941-42	V. S. Slocombe	A. K. Paterson
1942-43	V. S. Slocombe	A. K. Paterson
1943-44	V. S. Slocombe	A. K. Paterson
1944-45	V. S. Slocombe	A. K. Paterson
1945-46	V. K. Lloyd	A. K. Paterson
1946-47	J. D. Hathaway	A. K. Paterson
1947-48	J. D. Hathaway	A. K. Paterson
1948-49	J. D. Hathaway	A. K. Paterson
1949-50	C. F. Esdaile	G. T. Wilkie
1950-51	W. R. Smith	G. T. Wilkie
1951-52	W. R. Smith	J. W. Wilson
1952-53	W. R. Smith	J. W. Wilson
1953-54	W. R. Smith	C. M. Kendall
1954-55	W. R. Smith	C. M. Kendall
1955-56	W. R. Smith	C. M. Kendall
1956-57	G. P. M. Crofts	C. M. Kendall
1957-58	G. P. M. Crofts	C. M. Kendall
1958-59	T. Hollingsworth	C. M. Kendall
1959-60	T. Hollingsworth	C. M. Kendall
1960-61	T. Hollingsworth	C. M. Kendall
1961-62	T. Hollingsworth	C. M. Kendall
1962-63	T. Hollingsworth	C. M. Kendall
1963-64	T. Hollingsworth	C. M. Kendall
1964-65	T. Hollingsworth	K. F. Lyons
1965-66	G. C. Wheatley	K. F. Lyons
1966-67	G. C. Wheatley	D. Morgan
1967-68	G. C. Wheatley	D. Morgan
1968-69	G. C. Wheatley	D. Morgan
1969-70	G. C. Wheatley	D. Morgan
1970-71	H. V. Cropper	E. Morcombe
1971-72	H. V. Cropper	E. Morcombe
1972-73	H. V. Cropper	E. Morcombe
1973-74	H. V. Cropper	E. Morcombe

1974-75	J. N. Hall (VC) H. V. Cropper R. Moore (VC)	I. Thomsen
1975-76	J. N. Hall K. D. Woolf (VC)	I. Thomsen
1976-77	J. N. Hall K. D. Woolf (VC)	I. Thomsen
1977-78	V. Roberts T. Denton (VC)	I. Thomsen
1978-79	V. Roberts R. C. Burke (VC)	I. Thomsen
1979-80	R. C. Burke N. Davis (VC)	R. Machar
1980-81	R. C. Burke N. Davis (VC)	R. Machar
1981-82	R. C. Burke N. Davis (VC)	R. Machar
1982-83	R. N. Twight G. Miller (VC)	K. J. Stanton
1983-84	R. N. Twight M. Garlick (VC)	K. J. Stanton
1984-85	K. D. Woolf C. E. Walker (VC)	K. J. Stanton
1985-86	K. D. Woolf C. E. Walker (VC)	K. J. Stanton
1986-87	K. D. Woolf C. E. Walker (VC)	K. J. Stanton
1987-88	K. D. Woolf F. Maiolo (VC)	K. J. Stanton
1988-89	E. J. Playfair C. E. Walker (VC)	K. J. Stanton
1990-91	E. J. Playfair A. R. Lanes (VC)	K. J. Stanton
1991-92	E. J. Playfair A. R. Lanes (VC)	K. J. Stanton
1992-93	E. J. Playfair W. J. Finlay (VC)	K. J. Stanton
1993-94	E. J. Playfair W. J. Finlay (VC)	M. P. Waters
1994-95	W. J. Finlay P. B. Mackin (VC)	M. P. Waters
1995-96	W. J. Finlay G. W. Johnston (VC)	M. P. Waters
1996-97	D. M. Harper L. C. Browne (VC)	C. S. Jepson
1997-98	G. W. McTaggart S. B. Gillies (VC)	C. S. Jepson
1998-99	G. W. McTaggart P. H. Clements (VC)	C. S. Jepson
1999-00	G. W. McTaggart P. H. Clements (VC)	C. S. Jepson
2000-01	G. W. McTaggart P. H. Clements (VC)	C. S. Jepson
2001-02	G. W. McTaggart P. H. Clements (VC)	I. J. Bradshaw
2002-03	P. H. Clements T. A. Hill (VC)	I. J. Bradshaw

2003-04	P. H. Clements T. A. Hill (VC)	I. J. Bradshaw
2004-05	P. H. Clements M. S. Snell (VC)	I. J. Bradshaw
2005-06	P. H. Clements T. A. Hill (VC)	I. J. Bradshaw
2006-07	P. Verrills I. P. Davies (VC)	R. J. Poignand
2007-08	P. Verrills L. C. Browne (VC)	R. J. Poignand
2008-09	P. Verrills G. Rodman (VC)	R. J. Poignand
2009-10	P. Verrills G. Bush (VC)	J. Steuart
2010-11	M. Singleton G. Bush (VC)	J. Steuart
2011-12	J. Knox G. Bush (VC)	J. Steuart
2012-13	J. Knox G. Bush (VC)	J. Steuart
2013-14	J. Knox G. Bush (VC)	J. Steuart
2014-15	J. Knox B. Cummins (VC)	J. Steuart
2015-16	J. Knox L. C. Browne (VC)	J. Steuart
2016-17	L. C. Browne S. Twigg (VC)	J. Steuart
2017-18	L. C. Browne M. Stevens (VC)	J. Steuart
2018-19	L. C. Browne M. Stevens (VC)	J. Steuart
2019-20	D. Campbell Sean Lee (VC)	J. Steuart
2020-21	D. Campbell C. Gillespie (VC)	J. Steuart



## LONG REEF GOLF CLUB CAPTAINS PHOTOS 1921- 2020



**A.P. Lambert**  
1922-24



**W. Whytock**  
1924-28



**A.J. Rawnsley**  
1928-32



**V.S. Slocombe**  
1932-45  
13 years



**V.K. Lloyd**  
1945-46



**J.D. Hathaway**  
1946-49



**C.F. Esdaile**  
1949-50



**W.R. Smith**  
1950-56



**G.P.M. Crofts \***  
1956-58



**T. Hollingsworth**  
1956-58



**G.C. Wheatley**  
1965-70



**H.V. Cropper**  
1970-75



**J.N. Hall**  
1975-77



**V. Roberts\***  
1977-79



R.C. Burke  
1977-79



R.N. Twight  
1982-84



K.D. Woolf \*  
1984-88



E. Playfair 1988-93



W. Finlay  
1993-95



G. Johnston  
1995-96



D. Harper  
1996



G. McTaggart  
1996-01



P. Clements  
2001-06



M. Singelton  
2006-07  
2009-10



P. Verrills  
2007-09



J. Knox  
2010-14



L. Browne  
2015-19



D. Campbell  
2019-

\* photos to be  
found

## APPENDIX 3: COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBERS

YEAR	COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBERS		
1921-22	Dr Smith Marr	R. W. Richards	A.G. Parr
	A. D. Peden	A. C. Greenwood	
1922-23	T. W. Bremner	S. G. Marshall	F. Campbell
	W. A. Pettit	R. W. Richards	K. Douglass
1923-24	W. Whytock	S. G. Marshall	T. M. Fitzsimons
	R. C. Middleton	F. Campbell	J. Cruickshanks
1924-25	W. H. Tebbutt	S. G. Marshall	T. M. Fitzsimons
	R. C. Middleton	C. G. Moodie	J. Cruickshanks
1925-26	W. H. Tebbutt	S. G. Marshall	M. Browne
	R. C. Middleton	G. B. Walker	L. J. Darling
1926-27	G. B. Walker	S. G. Marshall	M. Browne
	W. H. Foggitt	J. H. Garrett	A. J. Rawnsley
1927-28	G. B. Walker	S. G. Marshall	G. I. Herny
	W. H. Tebbutt	J. H. Garrett	A. J. Rawnsley
1928-29	G. B. Walker	J. Brett	R. K. Davis
	W. H. Foggitt	C. H. Kenyon	W. H. Tebbutt
1929-30	G. B. Walker	J. Brett	G. I. Henry
	W. H. Foggitt	W. R. Smith	W. H. Tebbutt
1930-31	R. M. Ellis	V. S. Slocombe	G. I. Henry
	W. H. Foggitt	W. R. Smith	A. P. Vernon
1931-32	R. M. Ellis	V. S. Slocombe	E. Doig
	W. H. Foggitt	W. R. Smith	E. D. Morton
1932-33	R. M. Ellis	A. K. Paterson	E. Doig
	W.W. Richards	G. Thomson	E. D. Morton
1933-34	R. M. Ellis	E. Doig	G. Widmer
	W. W. Richards	G. Thomson	E. D. Morton
1934-35	R. M. Ellis	A. K. Paterson	G. Widmer
	S. Black	W. R. Cox	E. D. Morton
1935-36	R. M. Ellis	A. K. Paterson	G. Widmer
	M. Christie	W. R. Cox	E. D. Morton
1936-37	R. M. Ellis	A. K. Paterson	W. R. Smith
	M. Christie	G. Thomson	E. D. Morton
1937-38	H. H. Lilly	A. K. Paterson	W. R. Smith
	L. K. Dircks	G. Thomson	E. D. Morton
1938-39	H. H. Lilly	G. Widmer	J. R. Black
	L. K. Dircks	N. B. Richards	E. D. Morton
1939-40	H. H. Lilly	G. Widmer	J. R. Black
	F. H. Harries	N. B. Richards	E. D. Morton
1940-41	H. H. Lilly	G. Widmer	J. R. Black
	F. H. Harries	N. B. Richards	E. D. Morton
1941-42	G. T. Wilkie	F. H. Harries	W. R. Smith
	E. D. Morton	N. B. Richards	G. Widmer
1942-43	G. T. Wilkie	F. H. Harries	W. R. Smith
	E. D. Morton	N. B. Richards	G. Widmer
1943-44	G. T. Wilkie	F. H. Harries	W. G. Hunt
	E. D. Morton	N. B. Richards	G. Widmer
1944-45	G. T. Wilkie	F. H. Harries	W. G. Hunt
	E. D. Morton	N. B. Richards	G. Widmer
1945-46	G. T. Wilkie	F. H. Harries	W. G. Hunt
	I. G. Coghlen	N. B. Richards	A. N. Harding



1946-47	G. T. Wilkie C. W. Whiting C. F. Esdaile	F. H. Harries W. R. Smith B. D. Healey	W. G. Hunt A. N. Harding
1947-48	W. T. Boulton A. N. Harding G. T. Wilkie	I. G. Coghlen N. B. Richards B. D. Healey	C. F. Esdaile W. R. Smith
1948-49	W. T. Boulton A. N. Harding G. T. Wilkie	G. F. Thomson A. D. Barling B. D. Healey	C. F. Esdaile W. R. Smith
1949-50	D. H. Dight A. N. Harding H. C. Wilson	E. C. Hock H. P. Sheerin J. W. Wilson	H. F. Middleton W. R. Smith
1950-51	C. M. Kendall A. N. Harding H. C. Wilson	E. C. Hock H. P. Sheerin J. W. Wilson	H. F. Middleton J. F. McNally
1951-52	C. M. Kendall R. S. W. Neil J. F. McNally	E. C. Hock H. P. Sheerin H. F. Middleton	H. F. Middleton H. C. Wilson
1952-53	C. M. Kendall R. S. W. Neil J. F. McNally	N. R. C. Lock H. P. Sheerin H. F. Middleton	E. Luce H. C. Wilson
1953-54	G. P. M. Crofts D. H. Dight R. Treloar	N. R. C. Lock C. Tayles N. Heron	E. Luce H. C. Wilson
1954-55	G. P. M. Crofts E. M. Payne R. Treloar	N. R. C. Lock C. Tayles N. Heron	E. Luce W. Walker
1955-56	A. F. Kinley E. M. Payne R. Treloar	N. R. C. Lock C. Tayles I. Challis	E. Luce W. Walker
1956-57	A. F. Kinley T. Hollingsworth R. Treloar	E. Luce C. Tayles E. Eyre	E. M. Payne W. Walker
1957-58	G. Chipperfield T. Hollingsworth W. Walker	I. Challis C. Tayles E. Eyre	E. M. Payne J. Stephenson
1958-59	G. P. M. Crofts E. M. Payne W. Walker	W. R. Smith J. Hathaway E. Eyre	G. Chipperfield J. Stephenson
1959-60	J. Plunkett E. M. Payne W. Walker	W. R. Smith J. Hathaway E. Eyre	G. Chipperfield J. Stephenson
1960-61	J. Plunkett E. M. Payne W. Walker	W. R. Smith J. Hathaway E. Eyre	G. Chipperfield J. Stephenson
1961-62	W. Cox A. Edgar R. Neil	E. Eyre M. Gillmer W. Nixon	J. Hathaway K. F. Lyons
1962-63	K. Boyer A. Edgar E. M. Payne	E. Eyre M. Gillmer W. Nixon	J. Hathaway K. F. Lyons
1963-64	K. Boyer M. Gillmer G. C. Wheatley	J. Hathaway K. F. Lyons C. deLepervanche	L. Gosson E. M. Payne
1964-65	K. Boyer J. Plunkett	W. Pearson M. Gillmer	J. Hathaway K. Proud

## E. M. Payne

## G. C. Wheatley

1965-66	K. Boyer	H. V. Cropper	R. Parnell
	J. Plunkett	J. O. Williams	K. Proud
	E. M. Payne	W. Thompson	
1966-67	F. Dockrill	H. V. Cropper	R. Parnell
	J. Plunkett	J. O. Williams	K. Proud
	V. Roberts	W. Thompson	
1967-68	B. Nott	H. V. Cropper	R. Parnell
	J. Plunkett	J. O. Williams	K. Proud
	V. Roberts	W. Thompson	
1968-69	B. Nott	E. Morcombe	R. Parnell
	J. Plunkett	J. O. Williams	R. Tilbrook
	V. Roberts	W. Thompson	
1969-70	B. Nott	E. Morcombe	M. R. James
	G. H. Clark	W. Burns	R. Tilbrook
	V. Roberts	R. Cordaiy	
1970-71	B. Nott	M. Gillmer	M. R. James
	G. H. Clark	J. Spencer	R. Tilbrook
	R. Ruckley	R. Cordaiy	
1971-72	M. Gillmer	G. H. Clark	S. I. Gilbert
	M. R. James	J. Spencer	B. Nott
	R. Buckley	C. Byrnes	
1972-73	J. N. Hall	G. H. Clark	K. D. Woolf
	M. R. James	B. Nott	F. Rosnell
	R. Ruckley	C. Byrnes	
1973-74	K. D. Woolf	G. H. Clark	S. I. Gilbert
	M. R. James	G. McPhee	F. Rosnell
	R. Ruckley	C. Byrnes	
1974-75	K. D. Woolf	G. H. Clark	R. N. Twight
	M. R. James	R. B. Withers	F. Rosnell
	R. Ruckley	C. Byrnes	
1975-76	K. Annear	K. Proud	R. N. Twight
	M. R. James	R. B. Withers	F. Rosnell
	E. Young	C. Browne	
1976-77	K. Annear	R. Duggan	R. N. Twight
	M. R. James	R. B. Withers	D. Farrell
	V. Roberts	C. Byrnes	
1977-78	K. Annear	R. Duggan	G. Miller
	D. Hill	R. C. Burke	F. Rosnell
	R. Layton	C. Byrnes	
1978-79	N. Davis	R. Duggan	G. Miller
	T. Denton	M. Glanville	F. Rosnell
	R. Layton	C. Byrnes	
1979-80	B. Blackburn	R. Duggan	G. Miller
	L. Bray	M. Glanville	I. Thomsen
	R. Layton	C. Byrnes	
1980-81	B. Blackburn	R. Duggan	G. Miller
	L. Bray	P. Criss	R. Southcombe
	R. Layton	C. Byrnes	
1981-82	C. Byrnes	B. Blackburn	L. Bray
	A. Low	P. Criss	R. Layton
	G. Miller	M. Garlick	
1982-83	C. Byrnes	A. M. Delaney	J. Fitzgerald
	M. Garlick	J. N. Hall	N. McGlone
	W. Radford	F. Rosnell	

1983-84	R. Duggan G. Miller K. D. Woolf	A. M. Delaney C. E. Walker F. Rosnell	M. Dunn N. McGlone
1984-85	S. M. Druitt F. Rosnell	R. Duggan M. P. Waters	T. J. Osborne
1985-86	S. M. Druitt F. Rosnell	R. Duggan M. P. Waters	J. Fitzgerald
1986-87	C. Byrnes R. Gollan	R. Duggan F. Rosnell	J. Fitzgerald
1987-88	L. C. Browne E. J. Playfair	L. J. Curnoe F. Rosnell	R. Gollan
1988-89	L. C. Browne F. Rosnell	L. J. Curnoe R. N. Twight	R. Gollan
1989-90	W. J. Finlay P. P. Nugent	R. V. Gollan R. N. Twight (O.A.M)	A. R. Lanes
1990-91	L. C. Browne P. P. Nugent	R. V. Gollan R. N. Twight	F. Rosnell
1992-93	L. C. Browne S. L. Christian	R. V. Gollan R. M. Twight	F. Rosnell
1993-94	D. M. Harper P. Mackin	R. V. Gollan P. B. Withers	J. Mullins
1994-95	D. M. Harper M. S. Snell	R. V. Gollan	G. W. Johnston
1995-96	D. M. Harper D. R. Lockard	R. V. Gollan	L. C. Browne
1996-97	A. V. Bateman R. J. Donovan	R. V. Gollan M. H. Yeates	C. F. Gunther
1997-98	A. V. Bateman R. V. Gollan	M. S. Snell L. C. Browne	G. J. Cranfield
1998-99	A. V. Bateman M. S. Pitt	M. S. Snell S. B. Gillies	R. V. Gollan
1999-00	A. V. Bateman M. E. Glanville	M. S. Snell J. I. Hore	R. V. Gollan
2000-01	D. L. Ball J. I. Hore	M. E. Glanville P. B. Verrills	D. M. Harper
2001-02	D. L. Ball P. B. Verrills	M. E. Glanville M. Yeates	J. I. Hore
2002-03	L. C. Browne S. J. Morshuis	M. E. Glanville R. J. Nimmo	J. I. Hore
2003-04	L. C. Browne R. J. Nimmo	J. P. Loughnan D. A. Watchhorn	L. J. Mullins
2004-05	L. C. Browne L. J. Mullins	G. Faulkner D. A. Watchhorn	J. P. Loughnan
2005-06	L. C. Browne J. P. Loughnan	G. Faulkner L. J. Mullins	G. N. Kelly
2006-07	L. C. Browne J. P. Loughnan	R. J. Carless L. J. Mullins	L. J. Gollan
2007-08	P. H. Clements P. Davenport	L. J. Gollan L. C. Browne	L. J. Mullins D. A. Watchhorn
2008-09	L. J. Gollan G. Rodman	J. Mullins D. Watchhorn	P. Davenport L. C. Browne
2009-10	L. J. Gollan L. C. Browne	J. Mullins G. Rodman	P. Davenport
2010-11	L. J. Gollan G. Rodman	J. Mullins L. C. Browne	P. Davenport
2011-12	L. J. Gollan G. Rodman	J. Mullins L. C. Browne	B. Cummins



2012-13	L. J. Gollan G. Rodman	J. Mullins L. C. Browne	B. Cummins
2013-14	L. J. Gollan L. C. Browne	B. Cummins	L. J. Mullins
2014-15	L. C. Browne C. Gould	J. Davison J. Mullins/ S. Twigg	L. J. Gollan
2015-16	D. Costello OAM J. Mullins	J. Davison	C. Gould
2016-17	J. Davison M. Hansen	C. Gould	B. Gray
2017-18	A. Bray D. Mitrovic	E. Coldham	N. Driver
2018-19	E. Coldham D. Mitrovic	N. Driver G. Severino	D. Mansfield
2019-20	R. Kocass D. Mitrovic	A. Lynn	D. Mansfield
2020-21	D. Mansfield V. Murphy	R. Cordaiy	A. Gruzman

## APPENDIX 4: CLUB CHAMPIONS & FOURSOMES CHAMPIONS

### CLUB CHAMPIONS

1923 F. Lough  
 1924 F. L. Hilliard  
 1925 F. L. Hilliard  
 1926 C. G. Moodie  
 1927 H. C. Wilson  
 1928 G. Thomson  
 1929 W. R. Smith  
 1930 W. R. Smith\*  
 1931 W. R. Smith  
 1932 W. R. Smith  
 1933 G. Thomson  
 1934 W. R. Smith  
 1935 G. Thomson  
 1936 G. Thomson  
 1937 G. Thomson  
 1938 R. Ruckley  
 1939 C. F. Esdaile  
 1946 J. A. Lemon  
 1947 G. Thomson  
 1948 G. Thomson  
 1949 G. Thomson  
 1950 G. Thomson  
 1951 G. Thomson  
 1952 J. R. Logan  
 1953 D. V. Lofthouse  
 1954 D. V. Lofthouse  
 1955 D. V. Lofthouse  
 1956 J. R. Logan  
 1957 K. J. Ley  
 1958 L. Bray  
 1959 D. V. Lofthouse  
 1960 D. V. Lofthouse  
 1961 D. V. Lofthouse  
 1962 D. V. Lofthouse  
 1963 B. G. Gosson  
 1964 D. V. Lofthouse  
 1965 D. V. Lofthouse  
 1966 D. V. Lofthouse  
 1967 D. V. Lofthouse  
 1968 H. R. Hayes  
 1969 E. Robinson  
 1970 H. R. Hayes  
 1971 R. B. Withers  
 1972 P. S. Wilson  
 1973 R. B. Withers  
 1974 D. V. Lofthouse  
 1975 R. B. Withers  
 1976 H. R. Hayes  
 1977 H. R. Hayes  
 1978 P. S. Wilson  
 1979 A. Rosenthal

### FOURSOMES CHAMPIONS

E. D. Morton - G. Thomson  
 C. F. Esdaile - M. Browne  
 C. F. Esdaile - M. Browne  
 E. D. Morton - G. Thomson  
 A. Light - G. Soutar  
 E. D. Morton - R. Ruckley  
 A. G. Halls - W. R. Smith  
 C. F. Esdaile - R. Ruckley  
 C. F. Esdaile - R. Ruckley  
 C. F. Esdaile - R. Ruckley  
 E. D. Morton - G. Thomson  
 R. Ruckley - R. King  
 J. Hathaway - J. R. Logan  
 E. D. Morton - D. V. Lofthouse  
 E. D. Morton - D. V. Lofthouse  
 K. Proud - H. Richards  
 K. J. Ley - R. Ruckley  
 D. H. Dight - W. R. Smith  
 A. F. Eyre - E. J. Eyre  
 R. G. Anthony - G. C. Wheatley  
 R. G. Anthony - G. C. Wheatley  
 D. V. Lofthouse - R. Ruckley  
 D. V. Lofthouse - R. Ruckley  
 E. J. Eyre - B. G. Gosson  
 D. V. Lofthouse - B. W. Steel  
 D. V. Lofthouse - B. W. Steel  
 L. Anderson - J. E. King  
 E. Robinson - H. R. Hayes  
 E. Robinson - H. R. Hayes  
 E. Robinson - G. Wells  
 E. Robinson - R. Robinson  
 E. Robinson - R. Robinson  
 E. Robinson - R. Robinson  
 D. V. Lofthouse - P. S. Wilson  
 E. Robinson - H. R. Hayes  
 D. V. Lofthouse - R. B. Withers  
 H. R. Hayes - J. Walker  
 L. C. Browne - E. Robinson  
 E. Hill - P. S. Wilson  
 L. C. Browne - E. Robinson

1980	L. C. Browne	C. P. Hallam - F. Maiolo
1981	C. P. Hallam*	C. P. Hallam - F. Maiolo
1982	R. Robinson	C. P. Hallam - F. Maiolo
1983	S. D. Jackson	S. D. Jackson - F. Maiolo
1984	F. Maiolo	D. V. Lofthouse - G. R. Johnston
1985	F. Maiolo	J. Waddell - F. Maiolo
1986	F. Maiolo	D. Laidlaw - P. Newman
1987	P. Newman	M. Henderson - J. Wood
1988	F. Maiolo	F. Maiolo - J. Brand
1989	F. Maiolo	L. Browne – F. Maiolo
1990	J. Wood	L. Browne - F. Maiolo
1991	S. Fitzgerald	N. Griffin - J. Wood
1992	S. Fitzgerald	J. Brand - S. Fitzgerald
1993	M. Bateman	R. Bockman - L. Browne
1994	K. Forbes	F. Maiolo - J. Wood
1995	R. Bockman	R. Bockman - L. Browne
1996	S. McTaggart	L. Bates - S. McGuinness
1997	R. Bockman	L. Browne - R. Bockman
1998	K. Forbes	L. Browne - R. Bockman
1999	S. Morshuis	S. Morshuis - S. McTaggart
2000	S. McTaggart	L. Browne - R. Bockman
2001	J. Walter	J. Walter - I. Davies
2001	R. Bockman	S. Morshuis - M. Stevens
2003	S. Morshuis	M. Fogarty - L. Graham
2004	S. McTaggart	M. Fogarty - S. McGuinness
2005	S. McTaggart	L. Browne - R. Bockman
2006	S. McTaggart	L. Browne - R. Bockman
2007	S. McTaggart	L. Browne - R. Bockman
2008	J. Brownlow	T. Maloney - M. Hunter
2009	B. McDonald	S. Prior - S. Lee
2010	B. Drewitt	F. Maiolo - R. Bockman
2011	J. Knox	F. Maiolo - R. Bockman
2012	D. Perry	J. Little - S. Prior
2013	K. Hooker	J. Knox - M. Stevens
2014	K. Hooker	M. Cruise - T. Boatwright
2015	M. Saad	D. Stockini - W. Stockini
2016	G. Cranfield	D. Stockini - J. Knox
2017	G. Cranfield	J. Knox - J. Stevens
2018	M. Saad	M. Cruise - M. Saad
2019	K. Komulainen	G. Cranfield – A Lynn
2020	L. Edgell	D. Campbell – J. Knox

\* Champions of Champions



## MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONS PHOTOS FROM 1994-2020



Shaun McTaggart  
1996,00, 04,05,06,07



John Walter 2001



Ross Bockman 1995  
1997, 2002



Kirk Forbes 1994,1998



Steve Morshuis 1999, 2003



James Brownlow 2008



Bradley McDonald  
2009



Brett Drewitt 2010



Jimmy Knox  
2011



Dylan Perry 2012



Kristian Hooker  
2013, 2014



Matt Saad  
2015 2018



Geoff Cranfield  
2016 , 2017



Kai Komulainen  
2019



Luke Edgell  
2020

## APPENDIX 5: JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

1965	R. Osborne	2017	C. Hughes
1966	L. C. Browne	2018	K. Komulainen
1967	L. C. Browne	2019	K. Komulainen
1968	G. K. Wells	2020	C. Hughes
1969	I. R. Gibson		
1970	P. S. Wilson		
1971	P. S. Wilson		
1972	P. S. Wilson		
1973	M. M. Young		
1974	J. Waddell		
1975	J. Waddell		
1976	H. Brittain-White		
1977	H. Brittain-White		
1978	F. Maiolo		
1979	F. Maiolo		
1980	F. Maiolo		
1981	S. D. Jackson		
1982	F. Maiolo		
1983	S. D. Jackson		
1984	S. D. Jackson		
1985	R. McGregor		
1986	J. Creighton		
1987	M. Henderson		
1988	P. Shepherd		
1989	P. Shepherd		
1990	P. Deiman		
1991	S. Fitzgerald		
1992	S. Morley		
1993	M. Bateman		
1994	S. McGuinness		
1995	S. McGuinness		
1996	J. Riddle		
1997	J. Walter		
1998	J. Walter		
1999	J. Walter		
2000	T. Maloney		
2001	T. Maloney		
2002	M. Hunter		
2003	R. Burns		
2004	J. Schmidt		
2005	J. Schmidt		
2006	M. McGrath		
2007	M. McGrath		
2008	M. Arnold		
2009	M. Arnold		
2010	D. Perry		
2011	K. Hooker		
2012	D. Perry		
2013	T. Bateman		
2014	B. Watson		
2015	B. Watson		
2016	B. Watson		

## APPENDIX 6: LONG REEF MEDAL WINNERS

1951	K. Pix	N.S.W.	1999	S. McGuinness	Long Reef
1952	K. Pix	N.S.W.	2000	A. Keith	Wakehurst
1953	H. Berwick	St. Michaels	2001	A. Groom	Monash
1954	W. R. Smith	Long Reef	2002	G. Bell	Bonnie Doon
1955	H. Berwick	St. Michaels	2003	L. Bates	Long Reef
1956	L. Skinner	Roseville	2004	L. Bates	Long Reef
1957	R. I. McCarthy	The Lakes	2005	N. Gibson	Springwood
1958	E. Ball	Ryde-Parramatta	2006	N. Soglanich	Manly
1959	M. Jones	Beverley Park	2007	R. Bockman	Long Reef
1960	P. Langham	Concord	2008	A. Stephens	Bonnie Doon
1961	V. Bulgin	Bankstown	2009	M. Stieger	St. Michaels
1962	P. Langham	The Lakes	2010	B. Drewitt	Long Reef
1963	D. Sharp	Cabramatta	2011	D. Brandt-Richards	Mona Vale
1964	D. Sharp	Cabramatta	2012	T. Moses	Bonnie Doon
1965	T. Fowler	Bonnie Doon	2013	S. Vail	Ryde/Parramatta
1966	N. Bartell	N.S.W.	2014	M. Cruise	Long Reef
1967	P. Headland	Monash	2015	G. Cranfield	Long Reef
1968	J. Newton Jnr	Muirfield	2016	C. Jones	Pymble
1969	P. Billings	The Lakes	2017	J. Mackenzie	Ballina
1970	N. Ratcliffe	N.S.W.	2018	T. Bateman	Long Reef
1971	P. Headland	Monash	2019	Not held because of course renovations	
1972	E. Couper	Cromer	2020	Not held because of COVID19	
1973	P. Jones	St. Michaels			
1974	D. Meredith	Eastlakes			
1975	P. Taylor	Pymble			
1976	P. Bennett)				
	A. Bosch)	Australian			
1977	M. Andrews	Bonnie Doon			
1978	A. D. Gray	Pymble			
1979	A. Bosch	Australian			
1980	S. Peters	Beverley Park			
1981	R. Bockman	Monash			
1982	F. Maiolo	Long Reef			
1983	L. R. Allen	Tuggerah Lakes			
1984	S. D. Jackson	Long Reef			
1985	J. Onions	Muirfield			
1986	P. Criss	Windsor			
1987	M. Bryant	Manly			
1988	J. Wagner	St. Michaels			
1989	D. Griffin	Belmont			
1990	M. Holland	N.S.W.			
1991	F. Maiolo	Long Reef			
1992	F. Maiolo	Mona Vale			
1993	D. Lucas	Australian			
1994	S. Egger	Manly			
1995	D. Vera	The Lakes			
1996	Not Played				
1997	A. Revai	Australian			
1998	P. Blake	Monash			



## APPENDIX 7: A.I.F CUP / SERVICES CUP

### A.I.F. CUP Service Men from 1914-18

1928	S. G. Marshall	1970	S. I. Gilbert
1929	G. T. Wilkie	1971	S. I. Gilbert
1930	E. D. Morton	1972	Q. W. Quarmby
1931	J. C. Hingston	1973	S. I. Gilbert
1932	W. W. Richards	1974	S. I. Gilbert
1933	E. D. Morton	1975	S. I. Gilbert
1934	A. L. Spooner	1976 - 1994	Not Played
1935	A. D. Barling	1995	L. Playfair
1936	T. Waites	1996	G. Camlin
1937	V. Wilkins	1997	J. Ryan
1938	S. A. Perry	1998	K. Nelson
1939	F. Donovan	1999	J. Ryan
1940	B. Healey	2000	S. Sismey
1941	C. W. Whiting	2001	A. Rose
1942	R. J. Pennycuik	2002	Not Played
1943	W. G. Hunt	2003	K. Bryant
1944	F. Kay		
1945	J. D. Hathaway		
1946	A. D. Barling		
1947	S. I. Gilbert		
1948	E. S. Vidal		
1949	C. W. Whiting		
1950	B. Healey		
1951	J. C. Turner		
1952	E. D. Morton		
1953	F. Kay		
1954	G. T. Wilkie		
1955	S. I. Gilbert		
1956	D. G. Molesworth		
1957	W. E. Penfold		
1958	W. D. Ogilvy		
1959	P. Gary		
1960	A. D. Barling		
1961	S. W. Moss		
1962	A. D. Barling		
1963	A. G. Robertson		
1964	P. Gary		
1965	S. W. Moss		
1966	P. Gary		
1967	S. I. Gilbert		
1968	R. H. Swallow		
1969	S. I. Gilbert		

Note: Not Played for on Services Day after 2003

## SERVICES CUP (1939-45)

1946	E. A. Verrills	1992	E. Moss
1947	D. W. Jones	1993	A. Hohnen
1948	R. S. Neil	1994	R. Twilight
1949	H. R. White	1995	L. Cornell
1950	A. Urquhart	1996	G. Camlin
1951	C. H. Scatter	1997	J. Ryan
1952	G. P. M. Crofts	1998	K. Nelson
1953	D. C. Parker	1999	J. Ryan
1954	R. S. Neil	2000	S. Sismey
1955	W. J. H. Reid	2001	A. Rose
1956	G. P. M. Crofts	2002	G. Camlin
1957	C. M. Kendall	2003	K. Bryant
1958	T. Hollingsworth	2004	G. Camlin
1959	E. J. Eyre	2005	E. Morcombe
1960	K. Boyer	2006	D. Angus
1961	W. R. Smith	2007	G. Camlin
1962	C. M. Kendall	2008	G. Camlin
1963	J. O. Williams	2009	G. Luck
1964	E. J. Eyre	2010	A. Bullivant
1965	D. H. Cartledge	2011	B. Tapp
1966	C. R. Byrnes	2012	A. Bullivant
1967	H. J. A. Willson	2013	Not Played
1968	E. J. Eyre	2014	B. Tapp
1969	J. C. Whitbread	2015	D. Churchley
1970	P. Tazelaar	2016	T. Becker
1971	A. E. Blakeley	2017	D. Churchley
1972	M. J. Gillmer	2018	G. Luck
1973	D. E. Hill	2019	B. Tapp
1976	C. R. Byrnes	2020	Not played Covid
1977	C. R. Byrnes		
1978	E. C. Robinson		
1979	D. Drakeford		
1980	A. R. Low		
1981	F. Cornett		
1982	E. C. Hale		
1983	J. N. Hall		
1984	D. Drakeford		
1985	J. R. Rudkin		
1986	R. N. Twilight		
1987	J. N. Hall		
1988	K. Annear		
1989	C. Byrnes		
1990	C. Byrnes		
1991	H. Crisp		

## APPENDIX 8: COURSE RECORDS

G. Thomson	Long Reef	12.3.49	70
B. Ratcliffe	The Lakes	13.8.55	69
R. I. McCarthy	The Lakes	18.5.57	68
D. V. Lofthouse	Long Reef	1.7.61	68
J. Newton Jnr	Muirfield		
H. Berwick	St Michaels		
D. Sharp	Bankstown	3.8.68	72
P. Billings	The Lakes	9.8.69	71
N. Ratcliffe	N.S.W.	8.8.70	70
E. Couper	Cromer	5.8.72	68
P. Jones	St Michaels	4.8.73	68
M. Holland	N.S.W.	4.8.90	70
M. Ratajec	Long Reef	26.1.91	67
F. Maiolo	Long Reef	3.8.91	67
G. J. Cranfield	Long Reef	4.12.93	71
G. J. Snelling	Long Reef	1.10.94	70
P. Withers	Long Reef	7.10.95	67
P. Blake	Monash		69
S. McGuinness	Long Reef	13.11.99	69
A. Keith	Wakehurst	11.11.00	69
S. Morshuis	Long Reef	3.3.01	67
S. McGuinness	Long Reef	2004	67
L. Bates	Long Reef	2004	67
N. Gibson	Springwood	2005	64

## APPENDIX 9: JOHN MULLINS OAM AWARD

- 2016 Sandra Mellowes, Judy Hore, Joy Reece, Mick Snell, George Wing, Warren Daley
- 2017 David Costello, Neil Hitchcock
- 2018 Pam Burke, Brian Cummins
- 2019 Peter Hensman



## APPENDIX 10: LIFE MEMBERS

1924	A. H. Griffith
1925	J. P. Tate
1926	R. V. Minnett
1927	H. L. Mann
1928	N. G. Bell
	W. H. Foggitt
1929	W. Whytock
1940	W. A. Hudson
1947	V. Slocombe
1950	V. K. Lloyd
1953	J.D. Hathaway
	E. D. Morton
	A. K. Paterson
1956	A. Soutar*
1957	W. R. Smith
1959	G. Widmer
1965	J. W. Wilson
1966	J. Alderdice
1974	A. F. Kinley
1978	R. G. Ruckley
1980	D.V. Lofthouse
1984	G. H. Clark
1986	G.C. Wheatley
	R. Watts*
1990	E. Akehurst*
1994	P. Cropper*
2004	L. J. Mullins
2009	A. Delaney
2011	E. R. Heber
	K. Huntingdon
2013	L. Gollan*
2014	L. C. Browne
2016	S. Gillies*
	P. Verrills
2019	J. Hore*

\*Women members

## LIFE MEMBERS PHOTOS



1924 A.P.Lambert  
First Captain 1922 and Secretary



1924 A.H. Griffiths.  
N.S.W. Minister of Public Works



1925 J.P.Tate  
Architect



1926 R.V. Minnett  
Architect - Hon. Member only?



1927 H.G. Mann  
President 1921-27



1928 N.G. Bell  
Hon Auditor



1928 W.H. Foggitt  
Committee 1926-27, 28-32.  
Vice President 1932



1929 W.Whytock  
Captain 1924-28.  
Vice President 1928-29



1940 W.A.Hudson  
Vice President 1922-27  
President 1927-40



1947 V.S. Slocombe  
Captain 1932-45



1950 V.K. Lloyd  
Vice President 1940-1945  
Captain 1944-46  
President -1945-50



1953 J.D. Hathaway  
Captain 1946-49



1953 E.D. Morton  
Committee 1931-45  
Vice President 1947-52



1953 A.K. Paterson  
Vice President 1936-38  
Treasurer -1938-1949



1956 A. Soutar  
Women's Pres. 1939 -55



1957 W.R. Smith  
Captain 1950-56  
President 1961-65



1959 G. Widmer  
Com. 1930s-40s  
Vice President 1946-53  
President 1953-61



1965 J.W. Wilson  
Vice President 1953-63  
Pres. Australian Golf Council





1966 J. Alderdice  
Secretary 1947-1966



1974 A.F. Kinley  
Vice President 1964-67.  
President 1967-75



1978 R.G. Ruckley  
Committee 1970-75  
Champion golfer 1938-62



1980 D.V. Lofthouse  
Champion golfer. 1953-84



1984 G.H. Clarke  
Committee 1969-74.  
Vice President 1975  
President 1977-84



1986 G.H. Wheatley  
Captain 1965-70  
Vice President -1970-71



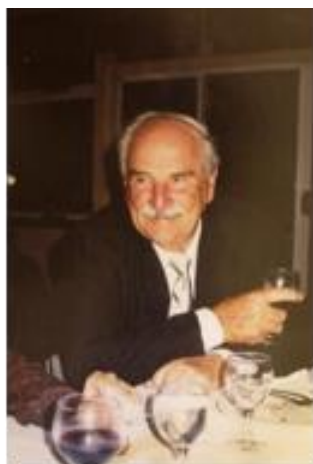
1986 R. Watts  
Champion golfer 1940-70  
Women's President 1961-62



1990 E. Akehurst  
Women's Committee 1960-62  
Women's Captain 1962-64



1994 P. Cropper  
Women's Committee 1963-65  
Women's Captain 1965-68  
Women's President 1968-1971



2004 L.J. Mullins  
Committee 1993.  
Vice Pres. 1994-97  
President 1998-02



2008 A. Delaney  
Committee 1982-84  
President 1984-92



2011 E.R. Heber  
President 2005-09



2011 K. Huntingdon  
President 1993-97



2013 L. Gollan  
Women's Committee 1983-85  
Women's President 1993-95  
Women's Captain 1985-87, 91-92  
LRGC Board 2006-14  
WGNSW 1996-2006



2014 L. Browne  
LRGC Board 1987-92, 97, 02-06,  
09 -14  
Vice-Captain 1990, 96, 07, 14-15  
Champion Golfer  
NSW Councillor 2001-  
NSW Director -2003, 05, 06



2016 Sandra Gillies  
Women's Committee 1989-97 & 2002-04.  
W.Pres. 1996-97&  
W.Capt. 1993-95, 2002-4  
LRGC Board 1996-99 V.Capt 1996/7  
WGNSW, GNSW -2006-2012



2016 Peter Verrills  
Captain-2006-09  
President - 2009-14



2019 Judy Hore  
W. Comm. 1994-20,  
W. Capt. 06-11, 2014-15  
W. Pres, 1997-00  
LRGC Board 1998-02  
Barrenjoey Comm. 2000-07  
2016 John Mullins Award.

## APPENDIX 11: MIXED FOURSOMES CHAMPIONS

YEAR	NAMES	SCORE		
1957	D. V. Lofthouse - O. T. Watts	77	2002	J. Walter - J. Simpson
1958	J. R. Logan - T. I. Melvin	83	2003	J. Walter - J. Simpson
1959	D. V. Lofthouse - E. Akehurst	83	2004	D. Bonadio - J. Brown
1960	N. M. Griffiths - T. I. Melvin	82	2005	J. Walter – J. Simpson
1961	G. C. Wheatley- T. R. Fouracre	77	2006	J. Little - J. Deane
1962	R. G. Anthony - O. T. Watts	80	2007	J. Little - J. Deane
1963	R. J. Moore - M. Langdale	76	2008	N. Elton - J. Bowen
1964	B. W. Steel - E. Akehurst	83	2009	M. Snell - M. Macalier
1965	D. V. Lofthouse - E. Maxwell	80	2010	F. Maiolo - J. Brown
1966	P. Newman - B. Backous	84	2011	F. Maiolo - J. Brown
1967	P. Newman - B. Backous	80	2012	F. Maiolo - J. Brown
1968	R. Ruckley - T. I. Melvin	82	2013	T. Hill - N. Driver
1969	D. V. Lofthouse - J. Machar	83	2014	F. Maiolo - J. Brown
1970	B. W. Steel - R. Haire	161	2015	L. Browne - J. Brown
1971	B. W. Steel - R. Haire	164	2016	L. Browne - J. Brown
1972	R. Robinson - E. Maxwell	159	2017	T. Hill - N. Driver
1973	B. W. Steel - R. Haire	166	2018	L. Browne - J. Jansson
1974	R. B. Withers - B. McLean	170	2019	I. Brown - J. Brown
1975	J. Walker - J. Roberts	156	2020	I. Brown – J. Brown
1976	J. Walker - J. Roberts	159		
1977	R. B. Withers - B. McLean	167		
1978	L. C. Browne - B. McLean	159		
1979	L. C. Browne - B. McLean	164		
1980	T. J. Osborne - R. D. Haire	160		
1981	F. Maiolo - S. Bingham	160		
1982	F. Maiolo - S. Bingham	160		
1983	F. Maiolo - S. Bingham	161		
1984	K. M. Garlick - S. Bingham	164		
1985	K. M. Garlick - S. Bingham	169		
1986	K. M. Garlick - S. Bingham	169		
1987	F. Maiolo - P. McConnell	158		
1988	F. Maiolo - P. McConnell	163		
1989	L. Browne - P. McConnell			
1990	D. Grave - R. Haire			
1991	P. Shepherd - R. Haire			
1992	F. Maiolo - P. McConnell			
1993	J. Wood - C. Riddle			
1994	I. Davies - R. Goldsmith			
1995	I. Davies - R. Goldsmith			
1996	I. Davies - R. Goldsmith			
1997	M. Savic - J. Brown			
1998	Not Played			
1999	B. Kerr - J. Kliman			
2000	D. Bonadio - J. Brown			
2001	J. Walter - J. Simpson			



## APPENDIX 12: WOMEN'S COMMITTEE P1. Records incomplete

YEAR	PRESIDENTS	CAPTAIN	SEC.
1926		Mrs Stanley	Mrs Davis (Ass.)
1930			Miss Greenwood
1932	Mrs Macinnes	Miss Maclean	Mrs Foggitt
1933			
1937			Mrs Blackwell
1939	A. Soutar		
1940s	A. Soutar	Mrs Penfold	Mrs Blackwell
-1947			
1950-51	A. Soutar	Mrs. White	P. Downes
1951-52	A. Soutar	Mrs. White	P. Downes
1952-53	A. Soutar	Mrs. White	Mrs. P. Downes
1953-54	A. Soutar	Miss Derrin	Mrs. Skanton
1954-55	A. Soutar	Miss K. Derrin	Mrs. P. Downes
1955-56	Mrs. Murray	Miss K. Derrin	Mrs. P. Downes
1956-57	Mrs. P. Murray	Mrs. M. R. White	Mrs. Y. Greacen
1957-58	Mrs. Paterson	Mrs. T. Melvin	Mrs. Y. Greacen
1958-59	Mrs. Paterson	Mrs. M. Mackey	Miss Alexander
1959-60	A. K. Paterson	Mrs. M. Mackey	Mrs. E. Taylor
1960/61	O. J. Watts	H. R. White	E. Taylor
1961/62	O. J. Watts	H. R. White	E. Taylor
1962/63	H. Alexander	E. Akehurst	M. Thompson
1963/64	H. Alexander	E. Akehurst	M. Thompson
1964/65	H. Alexander	Mrs Glasson	M. Thompson
1965/66	M. Thompson	P. Cropper	N. Burke
1966/67	M. Thompson	P. Cropper	N. Burke
1967/68	M. Thompson	P. Cropper	N. Burke
1968/69	P. Cropper	J. Machar	M. Thompson
1969/70	P. Cropper	J. Nott	M. Thompson
1970/71	P. Cropper	J. Nott	N. Lindgren
1970-71	P. Cropper	J. Nott	N. Lindgren
1971/72	H. Cordaiy	J. Nott	N. Lindgren
1972/73	H. Cordaiy	J. Machar	N. Lindgren
1973/74	H. Cordaiy	J. Machar	V. Freeman
1974/75	I. Parnell	J. Machar	V. Freeman
1975/76	I. Parnell	B. McClean	V. Freeman
1976/77	I. Parnell	B. McClean	N. Burke
1977/78	A. Roger	B. McClean	N. Burke
1978/79	A. Roger	V. Freeman	N. Burke
1980	A. Roger	V. Freeman	H. Boyce
1981	J. Machar	V. Freeman	H. Boyce
1982	V. Freeman	J. Machar	H. Boyce
1983	V. Freeman	S. Woods	N. Faulkner
1984	V. Freeman	S. Woods	N. Faulkner
1985	B. Ryan	L. Gollan	N. Faulkner
1986	B. Ryan	L. Gollan	M. Leighton

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PRESIDENTS</b>	<b>CAPTAIN</b>	<b>SEC.</b>
1987	B. Ryan	L. Gollan	M. Leighton
1988	S. Woods	J. Playfair	M. Leighton
1989	S. Woods	J. Playfair	P. Brown
1990	S. Woods	J. Playfair V/C. L. Gollan	S. Campbell
1991	B. Pearce	L. Gollan V/C. S. Blackburn	S. Gillies
1992	B. Pearce	L. Gollan V/C S. Blackburn	S. Gillies
1993	L. Gollan	S. Gillies V/C S. Blackburn	I. Doutreband
1994	L. Gollan	S. Gillies V/C G. Holdt	I. Doutreband
1995	L. Gollan	S. Gillies V/C C. Riddle	J. Hore
1996	S. Gillies	C. Riddle V/C G. Holdt	J. Hore
1997	S. Gillies	C. Riddle V/C S. Mellowes	J. Hore
1998	J. Hore	C. Riddle V/C S. Blackburn	D. McCormick
1999	J. Hore	S. Blackburn V/C J. Conway	D. McCormick
2000	J. Hore	S. Blackburn V/C A. Nielsen	D. McCormick
2001	A. Nielsen	S. Blackburn V/C F. Sinnott	S. Hardy
2002	H. Gunther	S. Gillies V/C S. Jenkins	S. Hardy
2003	H. Gunther	S. Gillies V/C S. Jenkins	S. Hardy
2004	S. Jenkins	S. Gillies V/C P. McTaggart	S. Hardy
2005	J. Dew	P. McTaggart V/C P. Martin	M. Verrills
2006	S. Mellowes	P. McTaggart V/C P. Martin	M. Verrills
2007	S. Mellowes	J. Hore V/C P. Burke	M. Verrills
2008	S. Mellowes	J. Hore V/C S. Hardy	M. Verrills
2009	M. Verrills	J. Hore	J. Simpson
2010	M. Verrills	J. Hore	J. Simpson
2011	M. Verrills	J. Hore	J. Watts
2012	J. Anderson	E. Coldham	J. Watts
2013	J. Anderson	E. Coldham	J. Watts
2014	J. Anderson	J. Hore	M. O'Connell
2015	A. Nielsen	J. Hore	M. O'Connell

2016	A. Nielsen	V/C W. Millson W. Millson	L. Parsons
2017	M. O'Connell	V/C R. McCormick W. Millson	R. McCormick
2018	M. O'Connell	W. Millson V/C G. Serafino	K. Bradford
2019	G. Severino	W. Millson	S. Smiles
2020	G. Severino	W. Millson	S. Smiles
2021	G. Severino	V/C W. Thomas W. Thomas	S. Kiprovich



## APPENDIX 13: WOMEN'S COMMITTEE P2. Records incomplete

	<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>HANDICAPPER</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>
1932	Miss Vernn	Dot Leonard	Mrs Maclean, Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Rawnsley
1933		Miss Greenwood	
1937			Ruth Preddey
1948		D. Leonard	
1950-51	K. Derrin	Mrs Paterson	Mrs Penfold, Danoch, Pennefather, Trevitt
1951-52	Mrs Ryder	Mrs Paterson	Mrs J. Trevitt, Mrs Danoch, Murray, McDowell
1952-53	Mrs. Murray	Mrs. Paterson	Mrs. Pearce, Mrs Pennefather, Kendal, Trevitt
1953-54	Mrs. Murray	Mrs. Bartley	Mrs Green, Scraggs, Watts, Downes
1954-55	Mrs. A. Wilson	Mrs. Bartley	Mrs Green, Scraggs, Watts, Patterson
1955-56	Mrs. A. Wilson	Mrs. N. Bartley	Mrs Smith, White, Patterson, Scraggs/Greacen
1956-57	Mrs. M. McMillan	Mrs. A. K. Patterson	Mrs. Dubois, Mackey, Melvin, Downes
1957-58	Mrs. M. Mackellor	Mrs. N. Bartley	Mrs. Mackey, P. Downes, D. Fouracre, J. Jones
1958-59	Mrs. P. Jones	Mrs. N. Bartley	Mrs. McKellar, Fouracre, J. Jones, P. Downes, M. B. Taylor
1959-60	Mrs. P. Jones	Mrs. N. Bartley	Mrs. McKellar, J. Jones, W. Catchlove, G. Greacen
1960-61	B. Hargraves	E. Jones	Mrs Cathlove, D. Fouracre, E. Akehurst, J. Jones
1961-62	B. Hargraves	E. Jones	E. Akehurst, Pennefather, Plunkett, Miss Alexander
1962-63*	G. Bardsley	E. Jones	P. Cropper, Dight, Glasson, Plunkett
1963-64	G. Bardsley	Mrs Glasson	Mrs Plunkett, Swallow, P. Cropper, Nott
1964-65	E. Single	J. Nott	Mrs Swallow, Cropper, Loudon, Nacard
1965-66	Mrs Kimmonley/ R. Loudon		Mrs Parnell, Krone, Single, N. Lindgren
1966-67	N. Krone	R. Loudon	Mrs Nott, Goldston, Morris, N. Lindgren, Parnell
1967-68	N. Krone	N. Lindgren	A. Browne, J. Machar, J. Nott, I. Parnell
1968-69	A. Carlill	N. Lindgren	A. Browne, T. Mathews, J. Nott, I. Parnell
1969-70	A. Carlill	N. Lindgren	A. Browne, T. Mathews, V. Morris, I. Parnell
1970-71	A. Carlill	A. Browne	H. Cordaiy, M. Leighton, T. Mathews, I. Parnell
1970-71	A. Carlill	A. Browne	H. Cordaiy, M. Leighton, T. Mathews, I. Parnell
1971-72	J. Bennett	M. Leighton	H. Johnson, V. King, M. Miller, B. McClean
1972-73	B. McClean	M. Leighton	V. Freeman, H. Johnson, V. King, M. Miller
1973-74	B. McClean	H. Johnson	G. Cocks, F. Felton, B. Petersen, G. Lawrence/M. Short
1974-75	B. McClean	H. Johnson	G. Cocks, F. Felton, B. Petersen, M. Short
1975-76	F. Felton	B. Petersen	G. Cocks, A. Roger, M. Short, J. Roberts
1976-77	F. Felton	B. Petersen	S. Blackburn, A. Roger, M. Short, J. Roberts/B. Ryan
1977-78	F. Felton	B. Pearce	S. Blackburn, F. Jasprizza, B. Ryan
1978-79	S. Blackburn	B. Pearce	H. Boyce, B. Ryan, F. Jasprizza, C. Moore
1980	S. Blackburn	B. Pearce	J. Corlis, F. Jasprizza, C. Moore, S. Woods
1981	S. Blackburn	S. Woods	J. Corlis, F. Jasprizza, McNicol, C. Moore
1982	S. Blackburn	B. Pearce	N. Faulkner, L. Gollan, R. Milsted, C. Moore
1983	J. Coris	F. Jasprizza	L. Gollan, H. Gunther, R. Milsted, C. Moore
1984	J. Coris	F. Jasprizza	L. Gollan, H. Gunther, M. Leighton, R. Milsted
1985	R. Milsted	F. Jasprizza	S. Blackburn, H. Gunther, M. Fairhall, M. Leighton, J. O'Brien
1986	R. Milsted	S. Blackburn	N. Faulkner, M. Fairhall, J. Murray, J. O'Brien

1987	N. Faulker	S. Blackburn	J. Druitt, M. Fairhall, J. Murray, J. O'Brien
1988	N. Faulker	S. Blackburn	P. Brown, J. Druitt, J. Murray, A. McLelland
1989	S. Blackburn	J. Murray	S. Campbell, J. Druitt, J. Hanlon, A. McLelland
1990	A. McLelland	J. Murray	P. Brown, S. Gillies, B. Pearce
1991	P. Crews	J. Murray	G. Holdt, W. Idriess, B. Johnson
1992	B. Johnson	C. Riddle	J. Greentree, G. Holdt, C. Yoshino, J. Reece
1993	B. Johnson	C. Riddle	J. Greentree, G. Holdt, J. Reece, C. Yoshino
1994	B. Johnson	C. Riddle	B. Anderssen, J. Driver, J. Greentree J. Hore
1995	B. Anderssen	B. Johnson	L. Dickinson, M. Matheson, S. Mellowes, K. Hughes
1996	B. Johnson	L. Dickinson	J. Brooks, S. Suzuki, M. Matheson, S. Mellowes
1997	B. Johnson	L. Dickinson	P. Burke, M. Matheson, D. McCormick, S. Suzuki
1998	P. Burke	L. Dickinson	M. Matheson, S. Mellowes, A. Nielsen, S. Suzuki
1999	P. Burke	S. Suzuki	L. Dickinson, A. Duncan, L. Gordon, A. Nielsen
2000	P. Burke	S. Suzuki	L. Gordon, S. Hardy, M. Matheson, A. Pearce
2001	A. Pearce	L. Gordon	J. Dew, J. Hood, R. Jones
2002	A. Pearce	L. Gordon	J. Dew, J. Hood, R. Jones
2003	J. Hood	L. Gordon	K. Cratchley, J. Dew, A. Duncan
2004	A. Veith	G. Boyd-Skinner	K. Cratchley, J. Dew, O. Heiser
2005	A. Veith	G. Boyd-Skinner	M. Denner, O. Heiser, B. Riley
2006	A. Veith	G. Boyd-Skinner	O. Heiser, A. Garrett, D. Kirby
2007	J. Nell	G. Boyd-Skinner	O. Heiser, A. Garrett, D. Kirby
2008	J. Nell	P. Burke	O. Heiser, A. Garrett, J. Simpson, D. Kirby
2009	J. Nell	P. Burke	O. Heiser, J. Anderson, W. Langthorne, S. Walker
2010	J. Anderson	P. Burke	W. Langthorne, B. Ratcliffe, O. Heiser, S. Walker
2011	J. Anderson	P. Burke	E. Coldham, O. Heiser, W. Langthorne, B. Ratcliffe
2012	M. Dawson	P. Burke	O. Heiser, J. Hensman, J. Deere-Jones, W. Langthorne
2013	M. Dawson	J. Hensman	J. Daniels, J. Deere-Jones, A. Nielsen, M. O'Connell
2014	R. McCormick	J. Daniel	H. Black, O. Heiser, W. Millson, A. Nielsen
2015	R. McCormick	J. Daniel	H. Black, O. Heiser
2016	K. Sloane	J. Daniel	M. O'Connell, H. Black
2017	K. Sloane	L. Parsons	G. Serafino, J. Jansson, J. Daniel
2018	L. Malcolm	L. Parsons	J. Jansson, K. Smith
2019	L. Malcolm	(admin)	K. Smith, R. West
2020	L. Malcolm	(admin)	K. Smith, R. West
2021	D. Munche	(admin)	R. West, M. Ison, L. Malcom

\* E. Jones Resigns Feb / Mrs Glassons, Ms J. Swallow co-opted to General

## APPENDIX 14: ASSOCIATES/WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONS & FOURSOMES CHAMPIONS.

Records incomplete

YEAR	CLUB CHAMPIONS	FOURSOMES CHAMPIONS
1927	E. Yeldham	
1930	Marshall	
1932	H. Maclean	
1933-37	Unknown	
1938	K. Withers	
1939-45	Not Held	
1946	R. Harman	
1947	R. Harman	
1948	R. Harman	
1949	D. Ferguson	
1950	O. T. Watts	
1951	V. G. King	
1952	V. G. King	
1953	O. T. Watts	
1954	O. T. Watts	
1955	O. T. Watts	
1956	O. T. Watts	O. T. Watts - D. Ferguson
1957	T. R. Fouracre	O. T. Watts - D. Akehurst
1958	O. T. Watts	O. T. Watts - D. Akehurst
1959	O. T. Watts	T. Fouracre - J. Mackenzie
1960	M. Langdale	O. T. Watts - D. Akehurst
1961	T. R. Fouracre	M. Kendall - M. Langdale
1962	M. Langdale	O. T. Watts - D. Akehurst
1963	M. Langdale	T. Fouracre - M. Langdale
1964	T. R. Fouracre	T. Fouracre - J. Mackenzie
1965	T. R. Fouracre	M. Langdale - T. Melvin
1966	T. R. Fouracre	M. Langdale - T. Melvin
1967	T. R. Fouracre	Z. Basser - J. Mackenzie
1968	T. R. Fouracre	R. E. Watts - D. Akehurst
1969	T. R. Fouracre	J. Machar - M. Greacen
1970	H. W. Maxwell	B. McLean - V. Morris
1971	H. W. Maxwell	R. Haire - J. Nott
1972	B. McLean	R. Haire - J. Nott
1973	J. F. McNicol	J. Gillmer - J. F. McNicol
1974	H. W. Maxwell	R. Haire - J. Nott
1975	J. Roberts	B. McLean - M. Short
1976	J. Machar	J. Roberts - B. Pearce
1977	N. Bartlett	B. McLean - M. Short
1978	N. Bartlett	T. Fouracre - B. Pearce
1979	S. Bingham	N. Bartlett - T. Mathews
1980	S. Bingham	N. Bartlett - T. Mathews
1981	W. McNicol	R. Haire - J. Machar
1982	H. Gunther	T. Fouracre - B. Pearce
1983	S. Bingham	R. Haire - J. Machar
1984	M. Short	P. McConnell - D. Fouracre
1985	J. Clarke	S. Bingham - J. Clarke
1986	H. Gunther	S. Bingham - J. Clarke
1987	S. Bingham	S. Bingham - J. Clarke
1988	H. Gunther	S. Bingham - J. Clarke
1989	P. McConnell	P. McConnell - B. Pearce

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CLUB CHAMPIONS</b>	<b>FOURSOMES CHAMPIONS</b>
1990	R. Haire	D. Fouracre - A. McLelland
1991	B. Anderssen	S. Gillies - C. Riddle
1992	C. Riddle	J. Clarke - H. Gunther
1993	J. Clarke	J. Bartolzzi – R. Goldsmith
1994	R. Goldsmith	J. Clarke – H. Gunther
1995	C. Riddle	C. Brand – R. Goldsmith
1996	R. Goldsmith	R. Goldsmith - C. Reynolds
1997	C. Yoshino	S. Gillies - C. Riddle
1998	A. Duncan	S. Gillies - C. Riddle
1999	J. Kliman	S. Gillies - C. Riddle
2000	S. Gillies	S. Gillies - J. Nell
2001	J. Kliman	J. Driver - A. Duncan
2002	J. Simpson	N. Matsumoto - J. Simpson
2003	J. Sullivan	T. Heber-Nolan - J. Sullivan
2004	J. Sullivan	J. Driver - J. Sullivan
2005	J. Sullivan	M. Matheson - J. Sullivan
2006	J. Bowen	J. Bowen - C. Reynolds
2007	S. Gillies	J. Nell - T. Heber-Nolan
2008	K. Sloane	J. Driver - N. Driver
2009	T. Heber-Nolan	J. Nell - T. Heber-Nolan
2010	J. Brown	J. Brown - P. Burke
2011	J. Bowen	K. Sloane - S. Walker
2012	J. Bowen	J. Brown - P. Burke
2013	C. Gould	J. Driver - C. Gould
2014	J. Bowen	J. Brown - P. Burke
2015	J. Bowen	N. Driver - C. Gould
2016	C. Gould	J. Brown - T. Heber
2017	C. Gould	J. Bowen - T. Heber
2018	J. Bowen	J. Bowen - C. Gould
2019	A. Starc	J. Brown – C Reynolds (Gould)
2020	E. Thurlow	Not held due to COVID19

## APPENDIX 15: ASSOCIATES COURSE RECORDS

### ASSOCIATES

#### COURSE RECORDS

1971	Mrs. B. McLean		79
1972	Mrs. J. Monro	(Manly)	78
1975	Miss J. Roberts		75
1977	Mrs. H. Ryan	(N.Z)	73
1987	Miss W. Doolan	(Monash)	71
1998	C. Butler	(NSW)	73
1998	A. Rawson	(SA)	71
2001	N. Garrett	(Tugg.)	68
2002	R. Miles	(WA)	68
2016	C. Bristow	(NZ)	65



## WOMEN CLUB CHAMPIONS PHOTOS FROM 1981-2020



**Wilma McNicol**  
1973 1981



**Helen Gunther**  
1982 1986 1988



**Joan Clarke**  
1985 1993



**Myree Short**  
1984



**Sue Bingham**  
1979 1980 1983 1987



**Patsie McConnell**  
1989



**Rene Haire**  
1990



**Bernie Anderssen**  
1991



**Chris Riddle**  
1992 1995



Rebecca Goldsmith  
1994 1996



Chris Riddle  
1992 1995



Chidori Yoshiko  
1997



Annette Duncan  
1998



Jessica Kliman  
1999 2001



Sandra Gillies  
2000 2007



Jessica (Simpson) Sullivan  
2002 2003 2004 2005



Kim Sloane 2008



Tanva-Heber-Nolan 2009



Jenni Brown 2010



Julia Bowen 06,11,12  
2014, 2015, 2018



Catherine Gould  
2013 2016 2017



Alyssa Starc  
2019



Emma Thurlow  
2020

## APPENDIX 16: SALVER – LRGC -WOMEN

YEAR	WINNER	CLUB
1970	Mrs. A Lamont	Cromer
1971	Mrs. K. Lappon	Pymble
1972	Mrs. J. Monro	Manly
1973	Mrs. J. Monro	Manly
1974	Mrs. B. McLean	Long Reef
1975	Miss J. Roberts	Long Reef
1976	Miss J. Roberts	Long Reef
1977	Mrs. E. Cameron	Manly
1984	Miss J. Thomas	Manly Vale
1985	Miss D. Broadfoot	Asquith
1986	Mrs. M. Powell	Bayview
1987	Miss W. Doolan	Monash
1989	Mrs. R. Trevena	Monash
1990	Miss G. Rae	Warringah
1991	Miss S. Smith	Pennant Hills
1992	Mrs. G. Rae	Warringah
1993	Mrs. G. Rae	Warringah
1994	Mrs. J. Swanson	Muree
1995	Miss L. Ferguson	Pymble
1996	Miss L. Ferguson	Pymble
1997	Mrs. J. Doolan	Long Reef
1998	Mrs. M. Fleming	The Lakes
1999	Miss A. Wills	Muirfield
2000	Miss G. Brown	Long Reef
2001	Mrs. J. Carrigan	NSW
2002	Miss J. Sullivan	Long Reef
2003	Mrs P. Martin	Long Reef
2004	Mrs. S. Park	The Lakes
2005	Miss J. Sullivan	Long Reef
2006	Mrs. R. Goldsmith	Tuggerah Lakes
2007	A. Kindler	Monash
2008	M. McAleer	Long Reef
2009	Mrs. T. Nolan	Long Reef
2010	F. In-Albion	Manly
	A. Watkinson	The Lakes
2011	K. Thomas	Manly
2012	M. Lavercombe	Concord
2013	A. Huff	Pennant Hills
2014	C. Vecta	The Lakes
2015	A. Lorton	NSW
2016	F. Wittenberg	Avondale
2017	S. Thomson	Avondale
2018	H. Haynes	Stonecutters Ridge
2019	Not held	
2020	Not held	



## SANDRA MELLOWES



Sandra Mellowes has been a member of Long Reef since 1984. With a background in farming, then teaching and lecturing in Physical Education and History the role of looking after the Club's Archives was a comfortable fit. With 20 years as a member of Hockey teams both in England and Australia, golf was always going to be the next sport to progress to particularly as her husband had been playing for years. After a series of lessons at Cromer Golf Club, Long Reef happened to offer a beginners group on a day that suited between part-time work days and parenting of young children. Sandra joined soon after. The game wasn't as easy as expected!

For more than 36 years Sandra has tried to become involved in all areas of the Club. From serious Bronze 2 Pennant games to acting the fool or making costumes for the Christmas Concerts. Being the Director of the concerts for about ten years was a test! Golf is only one part of the pleasure of being a Member at Long Reef, and with age Sandra loves the setting, the walk, the company and the lunch even more!

Sandra has been involved with the Archives since 2011 and along with a committee has helped preserve items, research the past and add to the collection with current memorabilia and information. Displays are prepared and changed regularly and articles placed in the newsletter.

There have been a few golfing achievements of note and as someone who enjoys history it is nice to know that her name can be found by her grandchildren on honour boards a couple of times and on a trophy or two. In the time of her membership Sandra has met three of the Club's four golf Professionals and all but one of the 7 female Life Members.

Sandra has been on the women's committee twice, first for three years from 1995-97, including vice-captain in 1997. This was at the time when Chris Riddle and Sandra Gillies were dominant in the Executive roles. From 2006-08 she was President for 3 years working alongside Pauline McTaggart as Captain for one year and Judy Hore for two. The role of President was thoroughly enjoyed. A major aim was to improve the facilities for the women and her big claim to fame was to draw up the plan to have an extra toilet in the roadside amenities! When the Club celebrated its 75th anniversary she was part of the celebration committee and also helped organise the 90<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Club. In 2016 Sandra was one of the first group awarded the John Mullins Meritorious Award for outstanding service to the Club. In 2020 the preparation for the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday continued in earnest and Sandra worked diligently as she completed her part of this book.

*(Photos above - at Bayview in the Barrenjoey week of golf. Winning the Bronze Foursomes with Barbara Johnson in 2001.)*



## RON ANTHONY REMEMBERS

In 1996 the Club celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. As part of this celebration a booklet called 'Reflections' was produced with mainly stories and anecdotes. In part this is what Ron Anthony had to say below. (See profile on page) In all he was a member for over 60 years

### "I WAS JUST STROLLING BY

A few observations I made as I wandered around Long Reef Links over the past 40 years. Your observer – Ron Anthony.

Best player – Frank Maiolo. Frank not only won many championships at The Reef but also many open events at other courses.

Best round – Frank Maiolo. Frank's course record 67 in the 1991 Long Reef Medal is the best round ever played at Long Reef, especially when it was played under championship conditions.

Best player To and On the Greens – Des Lofthouse. In his prime Des was streets ahead of any player I saw in this area of the golf game. Both his short and long putts headed towards the hole as if by radar. Des had the rare ability of stopping the ball very quickly on very hard greens. As his record shows in those days at Long Reef he was almost unbeatable.

Best performance by a Men's A Grade Member – Des Lofthouse.

Playing No.1 for Long Reef in the late fifties, in a season of match play Des bested the following players who were at their height of their golf game. Harry Berwick – Australian Amateur Champion at his home course of ST. Michaels.

Noel Bartell – NSW Amateur Champion at Avondale.

Des completed all other matches that season undefeated – a great performance.

Best Golf Swing – Ken Dewell. Ken's swing is the one to look at and emulate. A wide extension during the back-swing and follow through. Ken observes all the classic fundamentals and swings with a smooth rhythm which gives his shots a high and repeating ball trajectory.

Longest hitter – Brian Steel. While playing with Brian in a Saturday competition in the late fifties – with the white markers fairly well back on the tees – I observed three of the most powerful drives I have seen at The Reef. On the (*then*) 6<sup>th</sup> hole – hitting into a slight north Easter – Brian drove a No 3 wood which carried the green on the full, landing between the two bushes behind and to the right - a carry of 285 metres. On the 10<sup>th</sup> hole Brian drove a No 1 wood through the green onto the road – a hit of 325 meters. On the 16<sup>th</sup> hole Brian hit the ball so hard it came down like a shattered balloon 50 metres in front of the tee. As this was a regular occurrence with Brian, a special local rule had been made which allowed Brian to hit another ball from the tee without penalty.

## SPECTACULAR SHOTS AND GREAT EFFORTS

### **Scott Fitzgerald – Past Club Champion.**

In matches played in our Championships, Scott performed the following shots:

Hole in one: Scored an ace on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole in the final of the championship. Scott won the hole but lost the championship to Frank Maiolo.

### **Big Hit**

Scott drove into the cross bunkers 40 metres from the green on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole – approximately 340 metres.

### **Back spin**

Playing his second shot to the 6<sup>th</sup> green, Scott's ball landed, hopped forward once and then backed up to 10 metres as if on elastic – and the green was dry and bone hard.

### **Two Par Five Spectaculars**

In a round in the late 80s, playing the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup>, Karl Russell played a 4 iron second on each occasion. On the 11<sup>th</sup> his shot grazed the hole while on the 14<sup>th</sup> the ball hit the flag. Karl Eagled 11 from 2 metres but missed Eagle from less than a metre on 14, (Slick down-hill putt.)

### **7 Birdies in 14 holes**

Strong left hander Mick Dunne recorded seven birdies in the first 14 holes in a Wednesday competition

### **Longest Drive and still running - 500 meters and still running**

Mick Dunne drove out of bounds on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole (present 12<sup>th</sup>) with his ball landing on the road and disappearing out of sight around the corner. Moments later the ball reappeared firmly fixed in the in the centre of the road and travelling back down the hill. The ball maintained its central position and as it drew adjacent to Mick on the 14<sup>th</sup> tee, he stepped out on to the road and fielded the ball which had travelling at 5mph and heading back to the Clubhouse. The ball had travelled over 500 metres.

### **Shortest drive at Long Reef – Minus 50 metres.**

Former Club Captain John Hall was driving with a No 1 Wood from the 13<sup>th</sup> tee into a westerly gale that was gusting up to 60 mph. Just as he began his downswing, a violent gust blew him off balance causing him to miss-hit the ball which sailed skywards.

Without hitting any object and rebounding the ball sailed over his head and landed on the full 50 meters behind him next to the 15<sup>th</sup> green.



*John Hall - centre*

### **Windiest Day – Club Championship Qualifying Round in late 80s.**

Left-hander John Tracy was putting on the 13th green from ten metres directly into a near typhoon from the south. John's putt (with a slight fade) missed the hole and continued on its path back to him. The ball finished further away from the hole than when the putt was taken – and that's a flat green! On the same day John Hall had a putt two metres below the hole. Five times John missed the hole and the ball came back to him each time. He finally made it.

### **The “Ace” - John Ryan**

John has holed in one five times on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole. Congratulations Ace. On one occasion I hit the ball in to that hole on the full in a Medal round playing in a southerly with driving rain. The ball almost destroyed the hole and came back out finishing centimeters short of the cup – I'll have to speak to the “Ace”.

### **Two! Twos! Twos!**

Michael Whitton – a two on the 11<sup>th</sup> (holed in with a wood)

John Eyre – a two on the 18<sup>th</sup> (Drive and one putt)

John Kelly (Pro) – a two on the 18<sup>th</sup> (drive and one putt)

N.B. the 18<sup>th</sup> tee at the time was where the present 4<sup>th</sup> tee is RA.)

### **What control – Ruby Watts**

Former Associate Champion Ruby Watts was the straightest hitter I saw among our many good lady members. Ruby exhibited great ball control at all times, demonstrating that you can swing slowly and smoothly and still be a champion.

### **To Coin a Phrase.**

My pal, Life Member Geoff Wheatley coined this one. After playing from the rough, bunkers and bushes he would often sink a 20 metre putt for his par. When asked “What did you have Geoffrey?” he would answer “Whatever the par is!” I've since heard this expression widely used in the Club vocabulary.

### **A Spectacular Player**

Kevin Nelson playing the Par 5 14<sup>th</sup> second shot into bunkers 50 metres short of the green. Third shot into the green side bunkers. Fourth into bunkers on the other side of the green. Fifth shot into hole. “Whatever the par is.”

Playing Kevin recently I had the honour hitting off the third tee. Birdied the hole and lost the honour to Kevin's Eagle 2.

### **Excuse me!**

A popular medico member - a strong hitter of the ball- drove with great vigour on one occasion. To his horror he saw his ball floor a lady golfer in the distance - striking her in her upper body. He very quickly arrived on the scene of the accident and, after announcing that he was a doctor, he proceeded to examine the lady's bruised area. Still in shock the woman explained:

“Please no! I'll go and see my own doctor.” Our embarrassed medico replied: “But I am your doctor!” and he was.

### **Rare Doubles – Thant's golf!**

Playing in the qualifying rounds of the Club Championships (36 holes in one day), I birdied the 4<sup>th</sup> hole morning and afternoon. Meanwhile it took me 40 years to score my first “2” on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole. I scored my second “2” three weeks later.

### **This Boy could concentrate**

I was strolling along the 14<sup>th</sup> fairway with former NSW wicket-keeper Stan Sismey when a ball hit from the 13<sup>th</sup> tee by former Club Champion Eddie Robinson collected me just above the left eye – splitting my head open even through my hat. Eddie hurried up and helped stop the blood flow before he went to play his next shot. The ball had ricocheted from my head 50 metres back towards the bunkers 40 metres for the 14<sup>th</sup> green. With great skill Eddie played a wood to the 13<sup>th</sup> green and sank the putt for a birdie three. I retired hurt.

### **Foursomes High Jinks! It's a great game.**

1960-61 Club Championship qualifying round. This fancied pair, both playing off handicaps of 5, took 11 shots to get on to the 15<sup>th</sup> green (Par3) and two putts for a 13. They were playing with the defending champions who were reduced to tears of laughter – a reaction that was understandably not well received by the fancied pair. (It took some time to re-kindle their former friendship) The defending champs after beginning their round with an eagle 3 on the 1<sup>st</sup> hole did not qualify for the match play. Oh well!



*A special day on the course in the 70s*



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