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MAJOR PENNANTS



Long Reef had another convincing win last Sunday. Over a strong fancied Castle Hill side, we won 4 ½ to 2 ½ , Wins to Pat Wilson (3/2), Brett Drewitt (6/4) Mark Rota (4/3) and Steve Prior (3/1) Geoff Cranfield (SQ), We have 3 undefeated players in our side in Pat, Brett and Geoff. While all our wins are a great achievement, Pat's win over the fancied +5 player from Castle Hill at the 15th was a notable point in the match. Thanks to all the supporters who came along. You contributed to our success. Brett won the coveted "Players Trophy" for best win, last week Mark won it from Geoff the first week. It is a Silver tankard engraved with "2010 Pennant Series, Best Player" and the player with the most wins at the end of the campaign keeps the trophy.

This week we travel to Oatlands, tee time is 7am and our trusty driver Mick Snell will drive the bus, leaving the Clubhouse at 5am. We need 2 caddies, so if you want to volunteer let us know. We are without our numbers 1 and 2, Brett and Pat, so we will be up against it. We really need to win this game. A win would give us 4 ½ points, the next best option is half and beat Fox Hills at home on the 14th.March.

The Team this week is;

1. Geoff Cranfield
 2. Mark Rota
 3. Jim Knox (c)
 4. Steve Prior
 5. Brad McDonald
 6. Alan Herriott
 7. Andy O' Brien
- Reserve Max Duffy.

So if you fancy a nice drive on Sunday morning please come out and support our team, we all appreciate your presence.

RIVERSDALE CUP

Brett Drewitt and Pat Wilson are off to Melbourne this week to play first in the Australian Men's Foursomes Championship, then in the Riversdale Cup, a 72-hole Australian Selection event. Brett has been selected to play in the event as a member of the NSW team. The event is played on 5th to 8th March and daily results should be available on the Riversdale Golf Club website. Good luck Pat and Brett.

FROM GOLF AUSTRALIA

[Final Results - Australian Men's Foursomes Championship](#)

Victorian pair Ashley Umbers and Luke Bleumink made the most of their opening round 4-under par 68 to win the Australian Men's Foursomes Championship by one stroke at Riversdale Golf Club. In sunny and clear conditions, the winning pair backed up their scorching morning round with a final round 2-over par 74 to finish on 142 and one shot ahead of NSW pair Brett Drewitt and Patrick Wilson and English pair Toby Burden and Neil Raymond. The Australian Men's Foursomes Championship has been held at Riversdale Golf Club since 2005 and Umbers and Bleumink join past winners of the title including US PGA and European Tour players Geoff Ogilvy, James Nitties, Rick Kulacz, Scott Arnold and Brett Rumford.

FROM THE WOMEN



On this humid autumn Thursday 77 players hit off, although missing were Women's President, Margaret Verrills and Captain, Judy Hore, who were representing the club at Concord in company with Club President, Peter Verrills and Captain, Mike Singleton.

Some very good scores were returned, notably Julia Bowen's one under par scratch score.

Division I	Julia Bowen (4)	41pts
	Pam Burke (17)	37
Division II	Cheryl Hickman (26)	38cb
	Sandra Mellowes (29)	38
Division III	Tamara Madden (45)	38
	Eva Haberland (36)	37

Handicap breaks were:

Julia Bowen – 4 to 3

Sandra Mellowes – 29 to 28

Tamara Madden – 45 to 43

TASMANIAN SENIORS'



Our regular Senior Championship representatives, Ross Bockman and Les Browne, travelled to Tasmania last week (24th – 26th February) to play in the Tasmanian Seniors' Championship. Les played well but not as well as Ross who finished in third place with a score of 223 after 54 holes.

This week (2nd – 4th March) Ross and Les have been joined by Mick Snell, playing at Port Macquarie in the NSW Senior Championship. We can't report any brilliant results, but we're sure they had a good time

SAND BUCKETS



It's good to see that players are carrying sand buckets. It's good to see that players are not dropping cigarette butts, bottle tops and banana skins on the ground. However, if you use your sand bucket to carry your rubbish, please, before you put the bucket back on the stand, remove your rubbish. It's a bit off-putting for players to find as they go to take a bucket that it has garbage in it. Thank you.

BRIDGE CLUB



Results of the Teams competition on 24th February were:

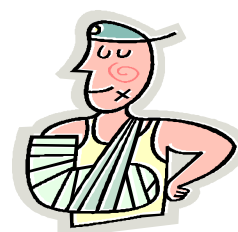
Winners

Lois Stewart/Kay Brideau/Peg Hulton/Jan Byrne

2nd Ivy Coppin/Pat McCulloch/Jean Kirk/Di Kirby

ACCIDENT REPORT

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Course Superintendent, Peter Donkers. Peter was injured in a road accident, coming away with a broken arm. He won't be at work for a couple of weeks, but we know that Deputy Superintendent, Simon Brown, and the greens staff will be keeping the condition of the course up to standard while he's away.



NEVER PRESUME



The clump of wind-blown, dark green, stunted trees on the headland, just down along the 16th fairway, were always presumed to be scrub she-oak, merely because of their situation. But guess what! They are Swamp Oak (*casuarina glauca*) which is the very same tree that grows behind the 3rd tee, in the Council car park and is the large specimen behind the men's seat at the 13th tee. It is a tree to 20m tall, found typically near salt water, along streams and lagoons from Eden to southern Queensland. The distinctive appearance of the family is due to the jointed cylindrical branchlets with nodes about one centimetre apart, each node a whorl of reduced leaves appearing as a ring of triangular teeth around the branchlet. *C. glauca* has 12 to 16 of these teeth (through a magnifying glass) and they are also minutely hairy. There are 17 Casuarina species in Australia and it is named from the Malay word *Kasui* from a similarity of the foliage to the drooping feathers of the Cassowary bird. It was probably the bark of this species which in 1788 Surgeon Worgan saw being removed in whole cylinders by Port Jackson Aborigines to make canoe hulls.



NINE & DINE



Now is the time to book for this month's Nine & Dine on 26th March, this is becoming a very popular social activity. The cost of golf and dinner is \$35 per person, dinner only is \$25. Please book in at the office.



HOUSE ACCOUNTS



If you have any credit left out of your original house account (not top ups) please remember that it must be used by 31st March. Take away purchases of wine and beer may be made from the Bar but we don't carry large stocks so it would be a good idea to get in early if this how you wish to use the remainder of your account.

