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LATEST REPORT ON ELWYN

Members have been enquiring about Elwyn's health. We have received the following message from his wife Jenny.

Elwyn is still in hospital and will there for some time at this stage.

Elwyn has been overwhelmed by the generosity of spirit and well wishes from all at Long reef Golf Club. I report a long list of messages daily.

He has asked me to pass on his appreciation to everyone. The Long Reef Golf Club has been like a second home for Elwyn for 30 years and has been missing it terribly.

Please let everyone know that he has missed being part of such a wonderful Club and hopes to be back there soon.

GOLF NSW

In a press release, Golf NSW (the new amalgamated body) has announced the result of the election of the Board.

The Australian Electoral Commission conducted the election and announced after the count was completed that Chris Allen (*Pennant Hills Golf Club*), Carolyn Bloch (*New South Wales Golf Club*), Sue Fabian (*Pennant Hills Golf Club*), Frank Gal (*Richmond Golf Club*), Allan Harrison (*Federal Golf Club*), Jean Moran (*Toukley Golf Club*), Lynne Ritchie (*Lithgow Golf Club*), John Waanders (*Muree Golf Club*) and Darrell Watts (*Murwillumbah Golf Club*) all secured Directorships on the new Golf NSW Board

The full press release may be seen at www.wgnsw.org.au and www.nswga.com.au

FROM THE WOMEN



It's still raining!!!

We were so lucky as Tuesday was the Mona Vale Hospital Auxiliary charity day at Long Reef and we had a big field entered to play. This is one of our special days as the ladies from the auxiliary depend on the money we raise from this day each year. They came with many hand made goods to sell and a raffle.

The day was a great success and although we had to put on our rain gear twice the rain ceased almost immediately. It was actually very pleasant playing even with the course as wet as it was.

The day raised nearly \$5,000. This amount included a personal cheque donation from one of our women members. It also included money raised from a concession ticket sold for \$5 to give players a free shot, a free drive, a free put and a free throw from a bunker. Special thanks to Wendy Langthorne and Julie Anderson who put together the concession tickets.

With an amazing 17 up score, the winners on the day were

Pauline McTaggart, Ondrae Heiser, Margaret Mullins and Arlene Veith.

Nice to see the home town winners.

Thursday – another washout!

SUCCESS!!!

Playing almost under water at Massey Park the Grade Team had a good 3-2 win over Penrith. Well Done!!!

WHICH FAMILY?



Having just mentioned that there is an Aster growing on the golf course it is a good lead-in to explain plant families. It is only recently that many plant families have had name changes to be named after the biggest genus (the botanic first name) within that family. In the old COMPOSITAE family, the largest member was *Aster*, so the name was changed to ASTERACEAE. This advanced group of plants relies for pollination on a simple economical plan. The secret is revealed in the former name, which refers to the fact that what appears to be a conspicuous single flower is actually a composite of many small flowers called florets arranged in a single head, for example, Dandelion. Parts of the flower turn into bristles carries long distances by wind; or spines, which are dispersed around the world, like Bindii. The family ASTERACEAE has about 1100 genera and 25,000 species in all continents except Antarctica. In Australia there about 970 species. Most ASTERACEAE are weeds. Even our native species are highly opportunistic and weedy in their natural environments. The reason for this is their massive seed production and short, often annual, life cycles. What do you think is the common name for this family? If you've been paying attention you'd've worked out by now that it's the Daisy family.

PSST! LADY MEMBERS...

Some of you Lady Members haven't caught on that the course staff have created a gap at the end of the fence adjacent to the new large mound along the 9th fairway, so that when you finish your round at, say, the 11th, you simply walk through the Council's overflow car park and *around* the fence, and not

under it. The fence has been meshed, so you have to go round it. (Pssst....don't tell the general public...

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

2010



World Environment Day (WED) is a day that stimulates awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and public action. It is on 5th June. It was the day that the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment began. The United Nations Conference on the Human Environment took place from 5th – 16th June 1972. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972. (*Wikipedia*)

For 2010 the Club has entered the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Sustainability Awards Program. We have entered two categories – Biodiversity Conservation Award with the project title of Rectifying any Primary, Secondary or Cumulative impacts on biodiversity values. The second category is Sustainable Clubs Award whose project title is Ongoing Sustainable Practice Makes the Difference.

DO YOUR BIT FOR WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY!

The bright yellow, easy to pull out, small plant around your golf course is Fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*) and as the botanic name suggests, it is not a native. So, why don't you pull them out during your round of golf as your contribution as a conscientious member of the great (weed free) Long Reef Golf Club to World Environment Day on 6th June.

“COME ON DREWITT – YOU CAN DO IT”

Many members will have read Thursday's Manly Daily article about our Brett Drewitt. Brett will be leaving on 4th July to travel to the US and Canada to play in three prestigious amateur events. To help him with his expenses, we are having a raffle with a number of very attractive prizes. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 25th June.



*Sahalee Players Championships
Nth West Pacific Amateur
Pacific Coast Amateur*

Prizes drawn will be.....

- 1st – Cleveland Bag and Wedge – donated by TeedUp
- 2nd – Dinner for two including drinks at LRGC donated by Flare and LRGC
- 3rd – Harley Davidson – donated by Mark Hanson
- 4th - Two golf lessons – donated by Danny Vera

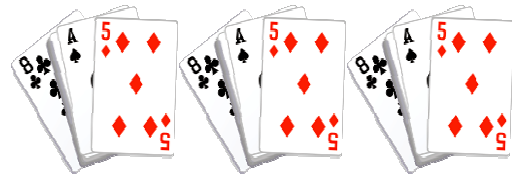
Tickets 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 7 for \$20.
Tickets available from Suzy at reception

BLACK SNAKES



During an inspection of the outflow in front of the 17th green, a group of Black Snakes was observed trying to climb on to the bridge. Observers estimated the average length of the Snakes to be about 40cm but did not have time to measure them accurately.

BRIDGE CLUB



Results of the Teams competition on 26th May were:

Winners

Margaret Smale/Joan Rutherford/Ada Duignan/Arlene Veith

2nd Audrey Roger/Marie Boyd/Terry Mathews/Val Miller

FLARE BABY



At last it's happened! Jo's baby daughter was born on Tuesday, 1st June at 1pm. As yet we don't know her name, but here she is.

CLOSE THE COURSE? NEVER!

Even after today's deluge of another 2 inches. The wet spots will go and carts will not be allowed for a while, players will need to tee up through the green, but the condition of the course shows how successful the drainage work has been and reflects the work put in by the course staff.

