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THANK YOU FROM BRETT

I would like to thank the members at Long Reef Golf Club who bought raffle tickets and played in my golf day to help raise money for my trip to America.

I wouldn't have been able to do this without your support and also Long Reef Golf Club itself. I will represent Long Reef with my head held high and will try my absolute hardest to bring at least one trophy back.

The support I have had from the members has been amazing and has made me into a better person and also a better golfer. I can guarantee this money is going to a good cause and I'm glad you could all help.

BRETT'S RAFFLE

Prizewinners in the raffle were:

1st – Craig Cross Cleveland Bag and Wedge – donated by TeedUp

2nd – Flo Stanton Dinner for two including drinks at LRGC donated by Flare and LRGC

3rd – Pat Mitchell Harley Davidson ride – donated by Mark Hanson

4th - John Davison Two golf lessons – donated by Danny Vera

Members have been very generous in support of Brett Drewitt's trip to Canada and the US to play in three important amateur tournaments. (They must be important, because the total entry fees for the three events come to \$1000 AUD).

GolfNSW funded Brett's airfares to and from America, so the amount that we were able to raise was sufficient to cover internal travel, accommodation and food expenses. Funds were raised through the raffle, the golf day, private members' donations and a generous donation from the Friday Club, whose members added \$2 to their competition fee throughout June.

Brett has recently been selected in the State team and will travel with fellow team member, Matt Stieger from St. Michaels, leaving Sydney on Sunday 4th July. Their first tournament will be the Sahalee Players' Championship in Seattle, starting on 6th July. We'll keep members up-to-date on Brett's progress, with results wherever possible.

NEW STROKE INDEX FOR MEN

From Monday 12th July men playing in competitions will find that changes have been made to the Stroke index on the scorecard. In many cases the changes are minor, but there will be some that players will find significant. Former Club Captain, Peter Clements, has been working on this index for some time, using scores returned in competitions by players in all handicap divisions. To see where the changes have been made, keep a current score card and compare it with the card you get on or after 12th July.

ELWYN HEBER HEALTH BULLETIN

We're happy to report that Elwyn is out of hospital and making good progress. He's happy to be at home and his little dog is delighted. However, it will be ten days or so before he is ready for visitors.



As of yesterday 1st July 2010, the governing body for Golf in NSW has become GOLFNSW, replacing Women's Golf NSW and NSW Golf Association. Two of our Long Reef members will share the significant role of responsibility for State competitions. Sandra Gillies has been Chairman of the Match Committee of WGNSW and Les Browne has been Chairman of the Match Committee of NSWGA. They will work together, with Sandra having responsibility for Women's competitions and Les for Men's competitions.

FROM THE WOMEN



Last week, our Bronze 2 had a very good win at Roseville defeating Mona Vale.

At the time of going to press the only report we have had from the Field Captain of the Bronze 1 was – “we had a very nice lunch at Monash”.

No report on the lunch from the Bronze 3 has as yet been received.

Following the failure of the weekend girls to fire in the Women’s Golf NSW 3 ball, our teams to represent Long Reef in the final at Roseville in October will be:

Alison Gattas, Lyn Clayton, Margaret Mullins and Sue Hardy, Shirley Blackburn and Pam Martin

Well done to those girls.

Thursday was the L’Oreal Trophy par day and the lucky winners of the beautiful packages of L’Oreal products were

Pam Martin – winner of Division 1 with 1 down
Elaine Coldham – winner of Division 2 with square
Maria Russell – winner of Division 3 with 2 up on a count back.

Runners up were

Division 1 – Sandra Gillies with 3 down

Division 2 – Pauline McTaggart with 1 down

Division 3 – Joy Reece with 2 up

Good luck to our Bronze 1 and Bronze 3 playing on Friday.



CRAZY WHIST CARD NIGHT

Friday 9th July – 6.30pm

Fun and Easy to play

\$20 per person including Dinner

Menu

Alternate Serve

Chunky Beef and Bush Pepper Pot Pie

Or

Chicken with Forest Mushroom and
Tarragon Pot Pie

Served with Creamy Mashed Potato and Garden Peas

Bookings Essential

Please see Suzy at Reception

FROM THE COURSE



Winter certainly arrived this week. On both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings we had some areas of frost on the ground in the low areas. The first few hours of each day have been quite unpleasant but as the sun warms up it is still quite warm. The course is still holding its colour very well. The fairways and roughs still have some growth but this will slow rapidly after this week. Most golfers will be happy that the long Parramatta grass in a number of areas has been cut much lower to help speed up play and make finding your balls a bit easier. Areas on the 1st, 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th & 17th have all been cut and most of the rough on the course has also been cut this week. The greens were spiked this week to help aerate the soil and relieve compaction after the long wet period. The course is again drying out after last week’s rain, but it takes a lot longer to dry out in this cool weather. Hope the days stay sunny, have a good weekend.

SNAKES OR EELS?

PERHAPS THEY'RE LEGLESS LIZARDS



The kangaroo grass below and northwest of the men's 15th tee is providing the native grass level habitat of high botanical significance. This area is the home of the Striped Legless Lizard (*Delma impar*) National Conservation Status – vulnerable. It is likely that it may also be found adjacent to the east of the 10th green and also to the north of the 12th fairway.

The Striped Legless Lizard differs most obviously from a snake in having external ear openings, small scaly flaps for hind limbs, a long tail and a broad, undivided tongue. It is pale grey-brown above, with a darker head, and almost white below. The most distinguishing characteristic is a pattern of light and dark parallel lines running along the length of the body, although these may be very pale or even absent in some individuals. This parallel stripe pattern breaks up into a diagonal pattern on the tail. They grow to about 30cm in length, with up to ¾ of this being the tail.

Our lizard has been described as an ambush predator (it sits and waits), which feeds on spiders, cockroaches and grasshoppers. Movement studies indicate that it travels 20m in an afternoon and up to 60m in two days. They need to be careful, as the local kestrel hovers over the kangaroo grasslands looking for movement that indicates prey for this well-known predator.

If anyone sees one, Alex would like one as a pet! Don't kill it, remember it is not a snake!

IDENTIFICATION ANYBODY????



These Toadstools appear in the Council car park, Council gardens and some gardens around the golf course.

Would any fine upstanding member know what they are called??

CARTS IN WET WEATHER

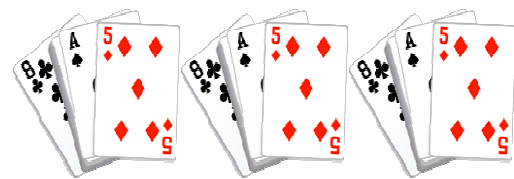
Over recent weeks, because of wet conditions, the Club has had to restrict the use of golf carts. Even at those times when the use of carts has been permitted, some areas of the course have still been very wet and susceptible to damage from carts. To the extent that is practical, the greens staff have roped off the worst sections so as to limit damage.

At such times, it still remains the responsibility of cart users to avoid areas which could be damaged by carts. On Saturday last, carts were allowed on the course from 11am. A number of areas suffered significant damage from careless cart usage. An example of this was the area between the south east side of the 10th tee and the fairway bunkers on the 14th. At least two carts have been driven through the water hazard onto the area beside the 10th tee. This was a particularly bad example of poor cart usage.

Most members that use carts do so responsibly. Those that don't **need to change their habits.**

Mike Singleton
Club Captain

BRIDGE CLUB



Results of the Teams competition on 23rd June were:

Winners Ivy Coppin/Pat McCulloch/
Jean Kirk/Di Kirby

2nd Jan Herringe/Jan Riley/
Helen Crott/Lilith Gollan