



Mount Lofty

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President's Report



Dennis Ryan

As we approach the AGM for 2006/2007, it is pleasing to announce that we will have a full Committee of Management for the coming year. Pam Callaghan has resigned after three years on Committee and I thank her for her contribution, particularly in taking Minutes and drafting reports. In her place we welcome current Ladies President, Cris Pollard and also Chris Senior. The Club continues to be led by hard-working members who have the best interest of the members at heart.

I would also like to thank you, the loyal members of The Club, for your continued support through these difficult times.

To recognize this, members of 10+ years have been recognized with the presentation of a pitch reparer and ball marker with the number of years of membership on its reverse side. We thank Dean Clark, Judi Denton and Cris Pollard for organizing this. These mementoes were awarded at a dinner on June 1st but anyone who could not attend should contact the Office to receive their memento.

This dinner was a memorable event in the life of the Club as we honoured members of long standing and launched the book, "Back on the Fairway".

A cross-section of members reminisced about friendships, characters and humorous events as they spoke about what Mount Lofty Golf Club means to them.

John Ryan acknowledged the help he received in writing the book which encapsulates the 80 year history of the Club. He especially thanked the Committee for commissioning the book and Bryan Price, his staunch supporter, who edited and printed it.

Copies are available from the office.

Sadly, we also acknowledge three stalwarts of the Club who died recently, namely Gordon Walker, Ron Willmore and Doug Blair.

Several members attended Ron's funeral at Uraidla and shared in a celebration of Ron's life.

The family of Doug Blair scattered Doug's ashes on the course in a moving ceremony on a Saturday at 4:30pm. This was the time when Doug would have a bottle of red, waiting for his fellow golfers, even when he was too ill to play.

Further tributes to Gordon, Ron and Doug are in later pages of this newsletter.

As I said in my report to the AGM, we are all ambassadors and trustees of the Mount Lofty Golf Club. We all should aim to leave MLGC in a better position so that future generations can enjoy MLGC as we do. Thank you to all members and staff who are working to ensure that this is so.



*John Ryan promoting 'Back on the Fairway'
Photo Courtesy The Courier*

Lady President's Report



Cris Pollard

Drought? - What drought?

It's hard to believe that just a short while ago we were despairing over the lack of water/rain. It is a delight to see such green grass although some of those green tufts of grass are a bit tricky.

Our Winter season of golf commenced with Opening Day on March 1 and presentations were made to winners over the Summer period (for further details see Captains report).

Our WGSA Open Day on April 12th saw representatives of WGSA as well as members from other clubs in attendance and prizes kindly donated by L'Oreal.

Women's golf is lucky to be supported not only by L'Oreal but also by Peugeot. Unfortunately our Peugeot Classic was played in rather damp conditions on April 26th.

Interclub Competitions (Pennant, Cleek and Hickory) have taken up a lot of our time early in the year, and although Mount Lofty ladies were not successful, both the experienced and the newer golfer enjoyed playing handicap match play and meeting new women.

Our recently held "Let's talk Golf" sessions held over 5 weeks will hopefully yield some new members and it is pleasing to see several of our more recent members heading off to various locations for Country Week in July - Ardrossan (Silver), Gawler (Bronze Salver) Whyalla, (Bronze Shield), and Mount Gambier (Bronze Plate).

June is our Club Championship month so we hope all players are in top form (June 14th, 15th and final Thursday 21st).

This year we are allowing qualifying rounds to be played on the Saturday prior to the finals, hereby accommodating those ladies who can only play at the weekend.

Our condolences to June Willmore and family on the death of Ron and also to the family of Doug Blair, long time worker and benefactor of the club.

Congratulations to Pat Gore and Grace Barrow who were awarded certificates for over 40 years membership at Mount Lofty Golf Club at the Book Launch, Friday June 1st. along with Ivan Elliott, Geoff Denyer, Ray Freer, Colin Mulrone, Colin Pudney, Tim Mc Cormick and John Ryan. All present however must have been reminded of the many other men and women, who although no longer members, have been loyal long term members of this club.

Congratulations also to both John Ryan (author of "Back on the Fairway") and Bryan Price (publisher) - what a splendid record of our history. The Book Launch and Membership Awards night was well attended with 152 people present, and with our MC David Wauchope in good form.

An excellent evening was had by all.

On behalf of The Ladies committee I am pleased to take this opportunity to announce that the committee has approved the donation of a cheque for \$3,000 as a contribution to the cost of this evening. The cheque will be presented at the next Committee of Management meeting later this month.

Yours in golfing

Vale Doug Blair



The spirit of Mount Lofty stalwart Doug Blair is staying at the Club.

On June 2nd his ashes were spread across the 18th fairway of the course he played so often in his 36 years as a member.

Fittingly, it was carried out on a competition day, a wet and soggy Saturday afternoon. The weather wouldn't have worried Doug.

He played through all the conditions from his 9.30 a.m. start until the arthritis in his body and hands, that slowly pushed him down from his single figure handicap, forced him to give up.

Before his health gave out, Doug was at the Club long before his hit-off time. For years, using his own equipment, he edged the practice putting green - and cleared up afterwards. "It was the nature of the bloke," said long-time playing partner and friend Colin Pudney. "He was fastidious."

Colin said that he took on this self-appointed task because of his identification with the course. "It was his place and he always wanted to improve it."

Or as fellow life member, Colin Mulrone, put it simply: "He just liked the place."

Many of us do that, but Doug took his liking much further with a series of special gifts to improve the Club.

Possibly inspired by his great mate of the past, Bill Francis, who paid for the honour rolls in the clubhouse, Doug gave the money to build the stone entrance gateway and the barbecue pagoda by the sixth tee. He also gave the club some specialised equipment, including a trenching machine.

The absence of a distinctive entrance long worried Doug, according to Colin Pudney. "If they didn't know the place, how would they know where to go?" he used to say. So Doug got Colin Pudney, an architect, to design the entrance and negotiated with the council for approval and to set the location as the boundary line was a little obscure. He then selected the stone at the Carey Gully quarry, found and hired the stonemason and supervised the works.

Doug, who operated a chain of women's wear shops, began his golfing career at Kooyonga (where a young Ted Williams caddied for him) and moved to Mount Lofty on April 1, 1971.

He brought with him more than his golfing skills. He was a great clubman and made a point to have lunch after his round with a glass or two of red wine to celebrate the continuing sense of belonging.

"He was very much part of Mount Lofty Golf Club," said President Dennis Ryan, who spoke at the simple ashes ceremony that was attended by Doug's daughters, Helen and Susy.

Don Riddell



Captain's Report



David Wauchope

What a difference a few weeks makes! A month or so ago we were beginning to despair as the long, hot summer and drought conditions prevailed. Our dams were as low as they have ever been and flow from our two bores was becoming weaker by the day. Even Cox's creek had stopped flowing. The impact on the course was painful to see.

Then came the rain, glorious rain, and virtually overnight the course was restored as a beautiful green oasis. In the space of four days at the end of May we received over 125 mls and water flowing down Cox's creek flooded out onto the 18th Fairway on several occasions. The dams are filling and whilst it will take some time for damaged greens and fairways to fully recover from the effects of summer, they are well on their way.

Spare a thought for our greenkeepers, **Chad, Luke and Brad**, who have had a real battle on their hands in dealing with drought and now flooding rains, not to mention a pitch invasion by a wayward motorist and continuing damage to greens by the sulphur crested cockatoos. Please take the time to give the lads a word of encouragement when the occasion presents.

A new greens mower has recently been purchased which should result in a significant improvement to the speed and condition of our greens and we are on the lookout for a sand grooming machine to improve the condition of our sand bunkers. Meanwhile **Dave Perry** continues with all the preparatory work for our irrigation upgrade and grant application.

Club Championships

Throughout all of this members continued to enjoy and play great golf. Our Mens Club Championships were decided in April and our congratulations go to the following Winners and Runners up:

Club Champion	Max Burford
Runner up	David Hollis
B Grade Champion	Stefan Kowalski
Runner up	Chris Braithwaite
C Grade Champion	Peter Walsh
Runner up	Tony Gosling
Junior Champion	Chris Braithwaite
Runner up	Tom Symons

Holed in One

Since the Autumn newsletter three players have Holed in One, **Eddie Cunnett** on the 13th, **Stan McLeod** on the 15th, and **Wayne Wilkes** on the 10th. **Wilkesie** has taken full advantage of the tradition of presenting the Mug to all and sundry for them to fill for his consumption. He hasn't had to buy a drink in two months so we are all hoping for another ace by someone other than Wayne in the very near future.

Mount Shield

In March the Mount Shield was played at Mount Lofty. Unfortunately I was interstate at the time but my briefing to **Vice Captain Dave Perry** before leaving was that we should extend every courtesy to our friends from Mount Osmond. Dave went one better and even allowed them to win!! The rematch is at Mount Osmond in October and I think it would be only fitting if we gave them a really good belting.

Christmas in Winter

The **Christmas in Winter Ambrose and Dinner** is coming up on the **15th July**. Organise your team now and lets make this yet another occasion to remember.

Trophy Events

Other events determined over the last few months have been:

The Dudley Turner Memorial Trophy, won by **Hamilton McNicol**

The Mulroney Mug won for the second time by **Jon Bowen**

The Les J Hill Memorial Trophy for the over 70's, won by **Stan Borthwick**

The Lance Pellew Memorial Trophy won by **Dennis O'Brien** and **Greg Webber**

The CC Verco Trophy, at the time of writing, is still to be decided as the finalists, **Max Burford** and **Jon Bowen**, and **Chris Muirhead** and **Alan Figg**, wait for perfect conditions before they agree to grace the course with their presence.

Past Captain's, **Peter Gebert** and **Merv Woodhead**, travelled from Melbourne to participate in the **Past Captain's** day. Peter made it "back to back" victories with his name going on the **Alan Fletcher Memorial Trophy** for the second year running.

Peter and **Merv** and their partners also attended the very successful "Back on the Fairway" book launch and dinner and we thank them for joining us for this very special and memorable occasion.

"Back on the Fairway"

If you have not yet purchased a copy of "Back on the Fairway" I commend it to you. I am sure you will not only find it both interesting and informative but it also captures the wonderful spirit and camaraderie that has been a signature of Mount Lofty Golf Club over its 80 year plus history. Great work John and Bryan.

Pennants

Our A2 and B2 pennants teams, once again led and inspired by **Warren Symons**, have competed magnificently and been a credit to the Club, but unfortunately have been on the wrong side of the ledger in a number of matches that have gone down to the wire. Warren is already planning the 2008 campaign.

Our thanks go not only to the players who have represented the Club during the pennants season but also to **Terry Howard**, **Colin Mulroney**, **Dave Perry**, **Ray Freer** and **Geoff Denyer** who have officiated and organised.

New Members

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members who have joined the Club since our Autumn Newsletter.

Barbara Keith	Nathan White
John Nejedlik	William (Bill) Finegan
Jordan Pfeiffer	Ian Farries
Nigel Hayes	Aaron Southern
Dylan Goers	Tyrone Turnbull
Ramon Thorne	Tim Roberts
David Ryan	Ann Boucaut
Kei Park	Anthony Primavera
David Clough	Henry Clough

Thank you

As I have said in the AGM Report, I look forward to members and staff continuing to be actively involved in the Club and enjoying the facilities and the special camaraderie of our golfing community.

I wish you all enjoyable golf and friendship over the winter season

Lady Captain's Report



Judi Denton

SUMMER 2006-07

The long dry Summer Season is well behind us with the advent of greatly needed rain.

As announced on Opening Day Thursday, 1st March, Trophy Winners for the past Summer are as follows:

Ada Rowley Trophy: Tie: Joy Page/Sybil Mulrone (80 pts)
Grandmother's Trophy: Patricia Paddick (45 pts)
Elizabeth MacGregor Memorial Trophy: Rose Williams (100 pts)
Eclectic (Thursdays): Joy Page (47 ½)
Eclectic (Saturdays): Margaret Parkinson (53 ½)
Summer Handicap Trophy: Emma Hayter (dropped 12 strokes!)

Well done again to **Pauline Nietz**, the winner of the "Rob Paddick Putter" for the Twilight Season of 06-07.

Pleasingly the Handbooks were available prior to the start of the Winter Season, enabling us to better plan for the year.

WINTER SEASON 2007:

Guest Speaker for **Opening Day** was David Wauchope, our Marketing Manager, who was able to give us a good understanding of the state of the Course and also, at such a crucial moment in the Club's history, given the recent change of ownership, an update on current and future plans and events.

Last year's "new recruits", Toddy Bailey, Anna DeLawyer, Meredith Wyles, Margie Rymill, and Mel Eldridge are happily integrated into the Thursday Field and working at reducing their Handicaps.

Entry numbers for all competitions are solid with the introduction of an easier form of participation i.e. a blanket fee to cover all options. Saturday Players are also to be given the opportunity to qualify for the Club Championships.

The annual **WGSA Open Day** featured in our programme post Easter, with the Canadian Foursomes format enjoyed by the 52 participants, who represented some 8 clubs. The WGSA "girls" all managed to go home with prize in hand, whether through skill or good fortune! E'Oreal again generously sponsored the day, the major prizes this year going to Emma Hayter and Anne Johnson, with a remarkable 54 nett.

Rain arrived, post Anzac Day, for the annual **Peugeot Classic**. Welcome as it truly was, it nevertheless had a detrimental effect on the scores for the day. Our winning team of Patricia Paddick, Fay Leditschke and Rosemary Sawley scored 79, on a countback from last year's successful combination of Jill Freer, Joy Page and Marny Donaldson.

Similarly a countback ensued from the day's results for the Shylie Rymill Handicap Foursomes. This time Pauline Nietz and Celia Fowler won with 64 1/2 from Jill Freer and Joy Page.

The Lily Waite Memorial Trophy played over 2 consecutive weeks has a new holder in Mel Eldridge with a nett aggregate score of 164. What an achievement in her first year with the Club!

LET'S TALK GOLF

Our Introductory Course for beginners was offered again on Friday April 20th. 8 women enrolled for this and the subsequent Clinics with Warren. 5 of them "graduated" on Friday the 18th May, with an escorted 4 Holes on the course itself. We hope the momentum will continue for them, as they organize ongoing sessions with Warren and with each other.

WGSA NEWS

We continue to support **Open Days** when and where possible. Members have been to Mt. Barker, Victor Harbor, Strathalbyn, Gawler and North Adelaide for the Lady Mayoress' Trophy. Mel Eldridge and Margaret Parkinson won the Long Drives in their grades at Victor, as did Meredith Wyles at North Adelaide. Lynn Creighton was awarded for her Putting skills with a bottle of wine from the day at Victor Harbor.

Pauline Nietz and Celia Fowler, and Helen Price and Rose Williams, again entered the Nora Maskell Foursomes played on a wintry day at Riverside.

The 2007 MFS Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship will be played at Glenelg Golf Club from 9-12th October this year.

CLEEK/HICKORY SEASON

The Season ended on the 23rd April with Glenelg triumphant in both events. (Former member Sarah Hammond played in the Glenelg Hickory Team.) Our seasons came to an end the week before in very different fashion.

The **Cleek Team** finished on a high with a fine 4-1 victory against Flagstaff Hill at Kooyonga. The team finished a creditable 4th and looks forward to improving on this in 2008. Players to represent the Club at this level were drawn from Sybil Mulrone, Anne Johnson, Judi Denton, Jo Ryan, Judith Leal, Lynn Creighton and Pam Callaghan, (marking her debut and her departure from Hickory) and also Meg Dunn. We were ably guided by our very experienced Captain, Fay Leditschke.

Meanwhile the **Hickory Team**, after a superb start to the Season, fell at the last hurdle, just missing out on an opportunity to contest the final. The players have no doubt learnt from this "near miss" and will exhibit more "sang froid" next year! Players, Cris Pollard, Meg Dunn, Rose Williams, Helen Price, Celia Fowler, Pauline Nietz and Jane Coward again greatly appreciated the able leadership of Captain Jenny Denyer.

PENNANT SEASON

This year's season in Pennant 2 was seen as an interim, with a combined team from Mt. Lofty and Westward Ho entered, in an endeavour to field a more competitive side. This did not turn out to be the case, but valuable experience was gained by the players who look forward to the return of the Pennant 3 Competition next year. This will suit the standard of our players better. Rosemary Sawley again willingly took on the responsibility for the team.

TEAM'S LUNCH DAY

After a fun round of 13 holes, players, captains and caddies gathered over lunch to reflect on the Season and to acknowledge the efforts and contributions of various individuals. Team Captains were specially thanked. Jill Freer recalled some of the background to the establishment of the Cleek and Hickory competitions. Fay sent a text message from distant Canada and photos were taken for the Ladies Web Page! This traditional day is always an enjoyable event. Our thanks to the Management Committee for funding the meal.

LADIES' WEBSITE PAGE

Lynn Creighton, with the guidance of Les Pollard, has undertaken to establish and maintain this Page for us. It is well worth a look! The creation of this page symbolises the innovation and forward thinking exhibited by many of our Members.

I look forward to reporting on the outcome of our Club Championships in the next Newsletter

**Ladies Grade 2 Pennant Team 2007
Blue Division**



l. to r.: Rosemary Sawley (non-playing Captain), Jill Freer, Marny Donaldson, Sybil Mulronee with Westwood Ho girls Judy Barbetter, Barbara Fawcett and Sue Larcombe

With a limited number of eligible Pennant Players at Mount Lofty this year, the Ladies Committee were able to organise a combined Grade 2 Team, joining with Westwood Ho Golf Club who provided 2 players each week giving both clubs the opportunity to compete at that level as a combined team.

Jill Freer, Marny Donaldson, Sybil Mulronee and Joy Page represented Mount Lofty over the 5 weeks with Sue Larcombe, Barbara Fawcett, Anne Threadgold, Pauline Morrison, Judy Barbetter and Sharon Green representing Westwood Ho; it was a great opportunity for us to get to know the others players and a combination that worked well even though we were unable to win many matches as with handicap differences sometimes up to 5 strokes, wins were very hard to come by. BUT as usual, the team members gave their very best and on most occasions were satisfied with the way they played which is all a nonplaying Captain can ask!

Hopefully next year the WGSA will be bringing back Grade 3 Pennant which will give Mount Lofty a better chance to win another Salver.

Congratulations to Royal Adelaide (Red Division) who defeated Tea Tree Gully (Blue Division) in the finals. The Royal Adelaide team consisted of two past Mount Lofty members, Julie Michelmore and Carolyn Cochrane. They had a good grounding!!

I have again enjoyed my involvement with the Team and thank Jenny Tolliday for assisting when I was away.

*Rosemary Sawley
Non-playing Captain*



Cleek Stick (Gold) Team 2007



l. to r.: Pam Callagan, Anne Jonson, Jo Ryan, Judi Denton and Lynn Creighton

Cleek Gold consisted of teams of five players within handicap range of 18 to 28, from Blackwood, Flagstaff Hill, The Grange, Kooyonga, The Vines, Westward Ho and Mount Lofty. The host club for this year was Blackwood.

The season commenced 26 February with Sybil Mulronee breaking her handicap two days before the match and ineligible to play. Meg Dunn very ably managed to take her opponent to the 18th hole even though Meg was playing above her handicap. Sybil decided to relax her handicap and played with us in the following match, then graduated to Pennants.

Club Captain Judi Denton is our champion Cleek player with four wins, one square and one loss, where she managed to take The Vines player to the 16th hole. Lynn Creighton, with an improving handicap, went two by two, squares, losses and finished with wins. Anne Johnson finished well with two wins. I trust her friends in the south/east read the papers. Jo Ryan, who fights to the very end, hardly warmed up when she won her match against The Vines player. We enjoy having Judith Leal in our team and I wish I could hit my drives like she can. We greatly appreciated Helen Wickens making her way back from a glorious weekend in the country to play for us. We welcomed Pam Callaghan from the Hickory to the Cleek and Pam was successful with one loss and one win.

A great introduction to Cleek and we look forward to her company in the future. My clever girls finished the season on a high with a squared match against Westward Ho, followed by wins against The Vines and finally against Flagstaff Hill. Perhaps one member's husband should have more birthdays during Cleek season, and then we would have a greater incentive to win each match. Mt. Lofty completed the season in fourth position of the seven Gold teams. Cleek Green consisted of teams from Glenelg, Mount Osmond, North Adelaide, Riverside, Royal Adelaide, Tea Tree Gully and Thaxted Park. The teams finishing in first position of each group, Kooyonga and Glenelg played a final which was won by Glenelg. It is my privileged to be the non-playing Captain for my diligent Cleek players, I hope one day that the lessons I continue to learn just by watching will brush off onto my game.

Thank you all.

*Faye Leditschke
Non-playing Captain*

Hickory Stick Team 2007



l. to r.: Celia Fowler, Jenny Denyer (non-playing Captain), Cris Pollard, Helen Price, Meg Dunn and Rose Williams

A consistent effort put in by the Hickory "Girls in Blue" saw our hopes of a place in the finals rise week by week. The team had wins against Blackwood, Riverside, Grange and Mt. Osmond. By then, Mt. Lofty had 8 points and was top of the table. The next match was against Glenelg, the 2006 winners. A tall order this one, and they beat us on their home ground. However, just one match to go and we were still top of the points table. Last match, a tough one at Grange against Riverside. We crashed 5-0. Riverside equalled us on the points table but won more games and went on to play Glenelg in the final. Our congratulations go to Glenelg who then had a back to back win to retain the trophy.

A really solid performance from our team of Cris Pollard, Rose Williams, Meg Dunn, Helen Price and Celia Fowler. Pauline Nietz did not see much play, having a walkover win in her first match and then to be struck down by illness. Better luck next season, we hope. Jane Coward made her debut into Hickory playing 2 matches, which, I'm sure, has wetted her appetite for next season.

It has again been both a pleasure and a privilege to look after the Hickory Team as non-playing Captain. The opportunity to play Interclub events certainly broadens one's golfing experience and the team looks forward to again taking part next season.

*Jenny Denyer
Non-playing Captain*

Ladies Teams Luncheon



On behalf of all those present, we thank the committee for giving this lunch. It is always a most enjoyable day and it means a lot to be able to represent our Club. Our thanks yet again to Sybil Mulronee for her many beautiful flower arrangements.

L'Oreal Winners



L'Oreal Winners Anne Johnson and Emma Hayter

Teams Luncheon



Winning Team Mel Eldridge, Judith Leal and Ladies President Cris Pollard

A Happy Twilight Group



WGSA Open Day



Vice Captain Jo Ryan presenting Judith Moyes her winning trophy on Open Day

A group of the Ladies Saturday Players



l. to r: Sue Telfer, Pam Callaghan, Lynn Creighton, Margaret Parkinson, Ladies President Cris Pollard. exchange student Lisa-Marie Zimmerman and Emma Hayter





45 Year Plus Members: Colin Pudney, Ivan Elliott, Geoff Denyer and Grace Barrow



Front Row: Ladies President - Cris Pollard, John Ryan, President - Dennis Ryan, Grace Barrow, Pat Gore and Ladies Captain - Judi Denton
Back Row: Captain - David Wauchope, Tom McCormick, Ray Freer, Ivan Elliott, Colin Pudney, Geoff Denyer, Ross Gore and Colin Mulrone



Captain David Wauchope and John Williams modelling some of the gifts



Grace Barrow



Fay Leditschke



Ladies President Cris Pollard, Pat Gore, Grace Barrow and Ladies Captain Judi Denton



Author of "Back on the Fairway", John Ryan researched our history and with his memory, ever brilliant, records with flair and his sharp witted anecdotal skills paint a picture of the style of the club over its 80 plus years



Bryan Price, our book designer and printer, happily assisted the author and praised the help of John's wife Rosemary for her solid support during the long period of the production of the book.

Mount Lofty Golf Club

Dinner 1st June, 207

Book Launch of "Back on the Fairway" and Recognition of Long Service Membership

Our hard working President and committee have worked with imagination and determination during a most unfortunate period in the Club's history. They have saved the club and brought a breathing space to allow for new opportunities which will progress the club to a new era of excitement for our members. The courage to initiate the 80 years history and to launch 'Back on the Fairway' and the Recognition of Long Service Membership was a masterstroke. The book is essential reading, not only for all members but to pass on to posterity. John Ryan, a fluent speech-maker, spoke with sincerity about his long time love for the club. A number of devoted members spoke of what Mount Lofty personally means to them and applauded the committee's efforts. They were Dave Perry, Dean Clark, Geoff Denyer and Fay Leditschke. What a wonderful night it was and which did much to restore morale at Mount Lofty and promote a more confident attitude in all those members who really care for this Club. Our Pro, Warren Symons, reminisced on his long experience in his early years at the club. It was indeed a memorable evening, with great performances from those involved and it bestowed a happy and appreciative feeling upon all those who attended.

Press on Mount Lofty to greater things.

Roney on the Rules

Colin Mulronev



A player whose ball was in GUR determined the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole and put a tee at that point (call it A). Then he measured out a clublength (n.n.t.h.) and put in another tee (call it B), and dropped the ball between A and B. All perfectly done, as we all should do! When the ball rolled out beyond point B he stopped it, picked it up, and dropped it again. The same things happened, so he placed the ball between A and B. What would you say to this?

ANSWER:

Firstly a ball should not be lifted until it has stopped rolling. That can incur a penalty. Sometimes, on a slope, it is obvious that a ball will go too far, or go forward, but it must be allowed to run its full two clublengths before it is stopped, and even that is 'iffy'. Secondly a dropped ball may run up to two clublengths from the margin of the GUR!

Rule 20-2 (c) When to re-drop makes this clear.

The penalty for breach of this Rule is 2 strokes (or loss of hole in Match Play).

Past Captains Day - June 2007



l. to r.: David Wauchope, Darryl McKee, Colin Mulronev, Peter Gebert, Merv Woodhead, Wayne Wilkes and Ray Freer

Mount Shield



Mount Lofty Vice Captain Dave Perry handing the Mt. Shield to Mount Osmond Captain John Leak

Vale Ron Willsmore



Ron joined our Club in 1967 as a raw beginner at golf and soon endeared himself to all who met him.

He became a better-than-average player and held a mid-range handicap for many years. Not only did he make a hole-in-one twice in one year, but legend relates that weeks after the last one, on the 6th, he hit his first shot out of bounds and his next one into the hole! He also claimed that he holed out on the old 9th, but he was playing the 12th!

A badly set arm after breaking it failed to quell his enthusiasm, he just adjusted his swing and got on with it. A joy to watch - slowly back, a pause while he thought about it, then swish - down the middle. His stuttering putt was of less concern to him than it was to others.

An unassuming, nice bloke, he had a penchant for fun and an infectious chuckle.

He loved the game and the social life around it, and he loved our course and our Club.

People enjoyed his company and on the annual week "up river" with a group of members Ron and June were required 'participants and regulars' for more than 20 years.

Unable to play in recent times through ill health, Ron maintained his interest in the Club and will be remembered with affection by many.

The Willsmore name persists as members through June and their son Grant.

Coline Mulronev

The call to the heavenly tee has come,
the tee-off's now on hold
The game of life is over, the final putt is holed
No more this sacred turf to tread
No more to face Cox Creek with dread
No more to ponder pace and borrow
No more. Just us, our pain and sorrow
Of some members memory soon will dim
But Ron, enshrined in hearts and minds and history
We will remember him

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We hope you enjoy reading them.

Please send stories or articles that you think would be of interest to members.

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or leave copy at the office.

The Renegades Mildura Trip 2007



l. to r.: David Wauchope, Gunter Gross, Pete Sunners, Wayne Wilkes, Ray Freer, Bill Bottrell, Petr Fowler, Ian O'Reilly, Tim Owen, Darrol Fullgrabe and Gary Johns Missing (taking the photo as always) Ian Shipway

Eleven Mount Lofty members together with an x Lofty member, have just completed their annual pilgrimag to Mildura where six arduous matches are played in six days.

It was the 20th time that the "Renegade" (appropriate name) have done such a trip.

It is purely coincidental that the eleven Mount Lofty souls are also members of "Loftys" infamous "Wednesday Wackers" group comprising:

- Ray (**Reverend**) Freer
- Wayne (**Tribal**) Wilkes
- Ian (**Shippy**) Shipway
- Ian (**Slasher**) O'Reilly
- Tim. (**the Toyman**) Owen
- John (**Chook**) Fowler
- Pete (**Sunny**) Sunners
- Bill (**Botts**) Bottrell
- Darrol (**Y-Me**) Fullgrabe
- Gunter (**Bunker**) Gross
- David (**Dapper**) Wauchope
- Gary (**Bowsaw**) Johns, an ex Lofty member,
as our illustrious leader.

Normally four matches are played at the Mildura Course, where we stay, and one each at Coomealla and Riverside. Unfortunately Riverside had a number of temporary greens this year so we only played one away match at Coomealla which was a great course and in picture perfect condition.

Sadly we got rained off for the Friday, which necessitated playing the sixth days game at Murray Bride, which was also in perfect condition.

A very democratic approach is taken with regard to handicaps, which (thankfully) are adjusted daily by the Razor gang to cater for those of us not as proficient as others.

To say that the competition is fierce would be an understatement, but coupled with humour and great fellowship, ensures that a good time is had by all.

To show our versatility, we even had a ten pin bowling night, which was a great success but I must say, it took its toll on some of us older players.

The overall champion for the week was Wayne, who played extremely well and the runner-up was "Shippy" who also deserved our applause.

Can't wait for next years trip.

Bill Bottrell

"Botts" and "Shippy" having a bad hair day!



The Wednesday Wackers

COMING EVENTS . . .

JULY

Sunday 15 *Winter Ambrose and Christmas in Winter Luncheon*

OCTOBER

Sunday 7 *Champagne Breakfast - Mixed Ambrose*
 Sunday 14 *AB Cox Mount Shield and Mount Challenge* at Mount Lofty
 9 am Shotgun Start

NOVEMBER

Friday 9 *Twilight / Chicken Run*
 Tuesday 6 *Melbourne Cup Ambrose and Luncheon*

SEE YOU THERE!



Members please note: Bunker Rakes

The clear instruction on rake handles in bunkers is being ignored.

Rakes are still being left in the worst possible place, i.e. close to the edge of the bunker where a ball can be trapped.

A ball that stops, or is stopped near the centre of a bunker allows a fair shot with room to swing and follow through.

Please do what the label says

Our Course Environment

Water-rats and Restless Robins

Although rats in general seem to get fairly negative press, Australia is lucky enough to have a very large number of native rats and mice both marsupial and placental. One species who calls this Mt Lofty Golf Club home is the Water-rat (*Hydromys chrysogaster*). Very recently one has been seen swimming around in the big dam near the 9th green. It was probably revelling in the break to the season as they are normally active late evening to night, but I have observed them feeding in the middle of the day before. Their average size is around 300mm or about a foot long, with a white tipped tail slightly shorter than the body. Water-rats are perfectly adapted to an aquatic lifestyle having strongly webbed hind feet, sleek bodies and water-repellent fur. They prey on aquatic insects, fishes, crustaceans and seemingly anything else they can hold down with frogs, lizards, small mammals and waterbirds rounding off the menu.

Prey is often taken to a regular feeding site where leftovers create little middens. Nests are made at the end of tunnels in banks. Usually 1-2 litters of 3-4 young are born annually, however up to 5 litters have been recorded in a year- perhaps they found a supply of fresh-water oysters. There can't be too many golf clubs that are fortunate enough to have this little mammal in their wetlands and waterways and golf isn't so riveting a game that you can't take a break on the 9th green to scan the dam and surrounds.



Photo by Lynn Creighton

Scarlet Robins will have been seen by many on the course and they are here at the moment, preferring the more open habitat at this time of the year. Although they do have permanent

territories, young robins do disperse and the Scarlet Robin is the only robin to have colonised some of the South Pacific islands including the Solomons, Vanuatu, Fiji and Samoa (not bad for a 14gram bird). I wanted to mention their presence as the other day, about a minute after the sign to the Ladies 18th Tee had been put up, a pair were feeding nearby and the female landed on the sign. She proceeded to do the classic robin "perch and pounce" feeding method, returning to the sign at least ten times. I took it as tacit seal of approval. Scarlet Robins are one of many birds that are declining in numbers due to urban spread, habitat loss and alteration. They can be encouraged by removal of dense thickets of pest plants such as broom and gorse, and allowing natural, weed free, regeneration to occur. Finally, a new bird for the list, a Straw-necked Ibis a couple of months ago on the 4th near the creek, it stayed long enough to be "twitched" and was off.

Tom Hands



Vale Gordon Walker



Golfers crossing the bridge over Cox's Creek on the 8th have probably noticed the sign "Walker's Crossing" attached to the great oak tree.

This is not, as many seem to think, a direction for walkers to cross the bridge. It is a tribute to the man, Gordon Walker, who created this crossing on the site of the old sluice gate that used to dam the creek for the nearby Scent Factory, now the machinery shed.

Gordon Walker died last November 2006 at the age of 86. He had been a member of Mount Lofty Golf Club for 43 years, from 1956 to 1999.

And he was, according to a former President, Don Riddell, just about the perfect member.

"He was a top golfer, a member of the winning 1974 Pennant team with a club championship and a best winter score off the stick," Don said. "But, more importantly, he was a great human being - warm, friendly and always willing to help."

He was one of the senior golfers who gave Mount Lofty so much of its style and reputation for friendliness. Joining as a junior, Jeff Amos was one of those who looked up to him.

"He was always so courteous and helpful to the young golfers," Jeff said. "He was a role model for all of us."

Warren Symons, then a young Assistant Professional, agreed. "He was just so full of the good things about Mount Lofty."

Ted Williams, the Professional for most of Gordon's time at the club, recalled a man who never lost his temper and never had a bad word for anyone. "He also had one of the simplest and most natural golf swings," Ted said - and pointed it out to those with fewer natural gifts.

But, unlike some A grade golfers, Gordon was happy to play with anyone. To him the companionship was just as important as the score. John Ryan recalls playing with him on Gordon's 70th birthday - when with a 69 off the stick, Gordon broke his age for the first time. "We had a bottle of champagne," John said.

Gordon was an engineer in private life and the club took advantage of his skills. He planned rock-walls along the creek, which eroded badly between the 7th and 8th fairways.

This disaster area was officially named "Walker's Crossing".

As well as "Walker's Crossing," Gordon played a key part in the installation of our watering system.

"He was expert on pumps," Don Riddell said, "but the true dedication showed in measuring the effectiveness of the sprinklers. Every night Gordon set out a range of small tins on the fairway to be tested. Every morning he was out there seeing how much water each tin collected. And so the positions and flows were altered until the fairway was watered evenly."

Don Riddell



The new "Walker's Crossing" being constructed by Tom Hands, David Beck and Colin Mulrone in 1997.

Profiles

Grace Barrow



I was born in Corwen, North Wales.

At age 2 my family moved to Wallasey on the Wirral Peninsula. I had a happy childhood spending many school holidays in Wales with my sister and two brothers, where our cousins endeavoured to teach us the Welsh language.

My mother, both maternal and paternal grandparents, aunts, uncles etc etc were all Welsh speaking. My father's people originated in Tanygrisiau, Blaenau Ffestiniog, quite a tongue twister as is the Welsh language!!

I enjoyed my school days and still have contact with school friends.

My grandmother (Nain in Welsh) encouraged me to have singing lessons and to compete in several Eisteddfods which I found quite nerve wracking, nevertheless enjoyable.

My teenage years were marred by World War 2 with my father serving in the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy, being fearful for his survival, added to this, plus the heavy bombing raids over Wallasey with heavy loss of life and homes.

My occupation as a window dresser in a large department store I found very rewarding and I enjoyed it immensely.

I met my late husband George in April 1944 while he was on leave from his Lancaster bomber squadron based in Cambridge serving in the RAAF. We were married in December 1944 and George was repatriated back to Sydney when he finished his tour of ops. I followed in July 1945. We lived at Bondi where I loved the surf and tennis. We have two lovely daughters born in 1947 and 1953.

I had my first trip home in 1961 on board *Oriana* taking my daughters to meet their grandparents and my family where they experienced a wonderful white Christmas - many happy memories.

George was transferred to Adelaide in 1962 as State Manager for his company. We lived in Linden Park and played tennis at Beaumont Club.

George was nominated to join Mt Lofty and in his wisdom suggested I too join (me never having played golf). This year will be my 44th as a member of this wonderful club.

Sadly George died in 1973.

I was nominated for the Committee and later became Captain which I considered a privilege and an honour and also played in inter club and the Moller Cup.

As Club Captain, my team won the Moller Cup for the first time in several years - great excitement. I also convened some of the Champagne Breakfasts. All of these activities kept me busy.

In 1978 my first grandchild was born and at the age of 5 months she, her parents and I, flew to Belgrade and drove to Dubrovnik and along the Dalmatian coast through to Vienna where we visited Dot and Frank Hartley. From there we travelled on to Frankfurt where I was entrusted to take care of my baby granddaughter for two weeks. We spent this time with my family in the UK. It was wonderful for my parents to meet their first great grandchild. Between 1980 and 1983 four more beautiful grandchildren were born, who fill my life with joy.

In the following years I had many trips overseas including trips to the US, Japan, Europe and many trips to visit my family.

Great excitement in 1996 while attending the British Open at Royal Lytham I came face to face with Tiger Woods, who was then an unknown and noting his name I thought he might be a rellie as my maiden name was Woods! No such luck!

In 2002 my granddaughter Louise decided to spend 2 years working for a law firm in London. As I too was going home it was suggested I accompany her. We spent 2 weeks with my family. It was a great pleasure taking Louise to Wales my birthplace. Before my return to Adelaide I spent some time in London where Louise informed me of a surprise she had planned to visit Monet's beautiful garden in Giverny. For once I was speechless! - a truly wonderful experience.

Gardening, needlework and music are a great pleasure. I also enjoyed a woodcarving course, making a Grandmother chair and coffee table.

I also continue to enjoy my involvement with golf, serving three years as president of the Senior Women's Association. In 2005 I turned 80 and was surprised with a birthday lunch at the Botanical Gardens Restaurant preceded by a surprise ride on a friend's three wheel Harley Davidson. On the following Thursday, after playing 9 holes at Mt Lofty, I entered the 19th to find it beautifully decorated with balloons and streamers etc for surprise drinks. President Pam Callaghan then ushered me out to the car park supposedly for photographs to be taken. Lo and behold a huge bikie with his two wheeler Harley was awaiting me. I was then attired in slacks, leather jacket and helmet and whizzed to the summit and back to the club - hair raising! And that is the day I became a bikie's moll. I look forward to the coming years still playing at Mt Lofty.

I wish the club every success and progress in the future.

82 years pass so quickly when life is such fun!

On a serious note I look back on my 44 years membership of this wonderful club with gratitude for wonderful life long friendships and warm fellowship.

Mt Lofty has always been renowned for its friendly and welcoming atmosphere, the envy of many other clubs.

I love the peace and beauty of this lovely spot of South Australia and the many happy hours I have spent out on the course facing the challenges of this demanding course. I look forward to playing for many more happy years.

I wish the club every success and progress in the future and I wish my fellow golfers the same pleasures and happy days that I have enjoyed.

A Tawny Frogmouth spends most days on a small perch close to the trunk of the big gum between the road and the 3rd green.

You may see it on your right as you drive out, or on your left as you cross the road on the 2nd.

Two Chilean Poplars have been removed from the 7th. They are a most unsuitable tree on a golf course because of their shallow, moisture-hungry roots and their massive leaf fall of big, tough leaves that take months to break down.

The leaves hide balls, take much clearing up, and any that are left prevent grass from growing under them.

One died during the drought. More are due to go.

They have been/will be replaced by better species, but it will take a long time.

From the Professional

Warren Symons



Greetings fellow golfers

In this article I will be covering something often neglected by golfers - a check list.

There is an abundance of material available to all golfers about swing improvement, but little is devoted to having a point by point check list which all of us can go through on the back lawn at home to ensure our game will be good.

- Trust your swing.
- Wait for the weight of the club head to swing through. This applies to every shot - even putting - this wait is always contributory to good timing.
- Always aim at an object. This enables a good habit of always aligning correctly at the target.
- On completion of a particularly good shot, pause and hold the position at the top to reflect exactly how it feels. This feel enables our muscles to know exactly what is expected of them - by usage and sensation.
- Graze the grass with the sole of every club on commencing the back swing.
- Shoulder and hip turn is essential.
- See that the right elbow never points to the back while winding up. Don't have your right elbow so tucked into your side that it restricts your backswing.

- At address, each arm shoulder should be extended without tension.
- Never rush the take-away. This is the easiest way to lose the square position of the clubface. The hips move slower than the hands, that is one reason why it is best to let them start the take-away, under the guidance of feel.
- Be conscious of feel throughout the entire swing and particularly at the top of the backswing and moving into the ball.
- Rehearse trying to see the ball being struck by the clubhead although this will rarely happen due to the eyes blinking at impact.

Please note to try and mentally visualise every shot before it is played. Right brain dominant people in particular will find this easier.

One final point:

Whether your round is good, poor or average, please try to only dwell on the positive features of that round and only spend a short time span on the negative points.

Try this exercise at home and see if this improves your golf.

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