

The Brassie

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Special points of interest:

- The Dan Cullen Trophy is on March 14 at Long Reef GC
- The 2003 Events Program is underway
- The GCSA has a new Development Team—**your** Team
- Meeting the NSWGA about the Museum

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Hickory Events—2003 Program

Welcome to the new look *Brassie* and to the New Year!

The Hickory Events Program for 2003 is developing nicely. The first GCSA event is the Dan Cullen Trophy at Long Reef on Friday 14 March. This 2-ball Ambrose will be played over 10 holes (9-18), followed by a self-cook BBQ & salad (\$20). Register with Peter Read (9871 3728).

The annual Maitland event is on Sunday June 8. 'Nine & Dine' events for GCSA members are being planned at Woolaware, Avalon and Muirfield. The dates are not yet confirmed so look in the next *Brassie* for details. The dinners will have guest speakers with Edwina Kennedy the likely guest at Avalon.

In December we mailed all the golf clubs in Sydney and many have responded with interest and some with definite bookings. Monash GC wants a repeat of its initial and successful event in 2001. Concord has agreed to March 24. So far, these events are only for members of those clubs — where we can get the OK, GCSA members will also be able to play.



Tom Moore returned to The Flinders on the Mornington Peninsula for a club hickory event on January 24. About 100 members played, sharing clubs in the hot 38C day and even with the sea in sight there was no relief. Tom wilted!

The big event of the year will be the return match against the Golf Society of Australia at Royal Sydney in November. Watch *The Brassie* for details.

Meet the GCSA Development Team

The GCSA has relied on Tom Moore, Peter Read (Captain) and Barry Hall (Treasurer) to manage the events and administration. We now have a bigger 'Development Team' with other talents to expand GCSA's activities.

Barry Leithhead was appointed Secretary at the AGM and looks after the *Brassie* as well as meeting arrangements, notes and correspondence. Des

Froneman, Ross Howard and Peter Watts make up the remaining positions; all very willing to lead some activities and support others. Owen Denmeade does not have an official team position but is a greater encourager and support for the marketing effort.

Expect the best from **your** Development Team!

Historic Golf Trust and Museum

At the January meeting of the Australian Golf Trust and Hall of Fame, Phil Mudie stepped down as Chairman and the role was taken up by Geoff Scott. Phil has worked enthusiastically to develop the Museum and Hall of Fame since he first developed the idea. The Museum is now established above the Golf Mart store in Parramatta Road Granville but the longer term position and style and funding of the Museum are being considered.

Tom Moore will be meeting David Allen of the NSWGA early in March to explain the current concepts and possible options. We feel that the Museum and Hall of fame needs the active support of the major golfing bodies to give it a recognised and viable place in Australian golf.

Max Garske of the PGA has already been briefed about the Museum and the PGA was

a generous supporter of the Hall of Fame start-up.



Enamel portrait of Fred Popplewell

The Golf Society of Australia is also interested. Being based in Melbourne and with a link to the AGU, they have a direct interest in how the history of golf is displayed. We hope that a national strategy can be developed so that the various collections are enhanced and related, rather than being separated and dispersed.

Tom need volunteers to attend the Museum on these Sundays:
March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18, June 1, 15 & 29, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24, September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19, November 2, 16 & 30, December 14 & 28.
Call Tom on 9871 2798.

Harry Vardon saidwriting in 'How to Play Golf'

It has been said that there are ninety-nine things to remember while playing a stroke and that the disregard of any one of them is sure to spoil the effort. To the golfer who is in the long throes of the novitiate and at a loss to understand his or her repeated failure and protracted lack of progress, I say that there are just two primary and all important points to remember. They are to grip the club properly and hold the head steady.

Of the two, perhaps the more important is the preservation, until the ball

has been struck, of steadiness of the head. Directly that necessary nuisance starts to move with the club during the upward swing, the body begins to sway and is thrown out of gear and off its balance.

*Directly you move your head,
everything starts to go wrong*

For the old axiom "keep your eye on the ball", I would substitute, "Keep your head still", because, by performing the latter act of restraint, you give the eye little chance to wander.

(Chapter IV: Two Essentials of Success)

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If you have some special interest in golf history or golf collecting let us know. If you want to promote some aspect of golf history as a GCSA activity, we are interested. If you want to interest your golfing colleagues or your club in GCSA activities, then we want to help you.

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