

The Brassie

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The Golf Collectors Society of Australia - October '07

To the Fore - Captain's Report.

The annual Hickory Championship will be held at Rosnay (Auburn) over 18 holes on Thursday 15th Nov. with tee times from 12.30. Please contact Tom or myself if you wish to play. There'll be scratch, nett and an inaugural teams event (Pres. V Capt.) Our A.G.M. will be on 22nd Nov. at North Ryde G.C. at 5p.m. - see details in enclosure in this issue.

Recent events included the annual Avalon day, 21/9, followed by the Cammeray 9 hole event, with 28 players. 19 pts. took the prize and a great day was had by all. Al Howard regaled the group with stories about Archie Keane, former Cammeray pro and some interesting history. The event will be staged again in '08.

The Murray trip (see last Brassie) has had to be re-scheduled for Apr/May '08.

Oct./Nov. '08 we'll take the Hickory Experience to our W.A. friends - details will be available prior to Xmas.

Tom took the GCSA flag to the Gold Coast 6-9th Sept. and reported great interest. We'll be on show again at the Australian Open 13-16 Dec. - volunteers to man our tent will be greatly appreciated - let us know if you can help any of those days please. We are trying for a bit of T.V. exposure for our group and in particular, for the Howard family as Dad made the first of a number of appearances at the "Ozzie" in 1931 (aged 18). In that field was T.E. Howard (Dad's father), the winner in 1923. Our ABC Collectors segment will air on 23rd Nov. Don't miss it!

A quote from Hank Aaron (Hall of Fame Baseballer - held for 33 years the home run record of 755) "It took me 17 years to get 3000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course."

Best Regards, Ross Howard.

Players at the Avalon Hickory Day in aid of the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation



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GOLF CLUB HISTORIANS PROGRAMME for Mon 26th Nov.

Venue - Manly Golf Club, 38-40 Balgowlah Rd., Manly

- Golf Book Fair - Bargain prices for duplicates from the Museum library.
- The PGA in Australia -The First 100 Years - with Jim Webster.
- Q & A plus "Senior Professionals Remember....."
- Book Launch - Writing a Golf Club History - comments by Richard Hattersley.
- GC Groups update
- Golf Collectors news.
- Seminar fee is \$25 for GCSA members, \$30 for non-members. Pay on day.
- RSVP by Wed. 21st Nov. by post ,phone or email to
- Barry Leithhead GCH Secretary, PO Box 23 Glenorie NSW 2157

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MUSEUM NEWS

Roxanne has completed her Museum interpretation plan for a "walk thru".

This has been an exciting project and we look forward to it being implemented in the near future. Our Museum is open every Sunday 10AM to 4 PM or by appointment. PHONE - (02) 9637 -4720

SOCIETY NEWS

- Mr. Mal McIntosh, a qualified accountant, has accepted the appointment as Treasurer following the resignation of John Fletcher. Welcome Mal! Heartfelt thanks to John for great service to the Society. He has stepped down to attend to family matters. John's son in law has just undergone surgery for a brain tumor. The surgery thankfully went well but John felt his full attention at this time should be given to his family.
- The ABC Collectors programme completed the segment involving our Society with Tom in Hobart recently. The segment will be on ABC TV on 23rd. Nov.
- The NSW Open at Concord may permit us to attend but no certainty at this stage. Tom is following this proposal - more news soon.
- Western Australia Visit Oct/Nov. '08. As soon as the AGM is concluded detailed planning will be undertaken. It is hoped that hickory hire sets will be taken so that our WA friends will be able to enjoy the Hickory Game.
- About 2000 visitors passed through our stall at the PGA Golf Show on the Gold Coast and we made many contacts. Thanks to Noel Pittard, Rob Richards and Charlie Earp for their assistance.

Our last Brassie omitted a mailing address for fee payment. If you haven't already paid your fees please complete the slip below and mail to Tom.

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Name -.....

Address.....P/C.....

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Forward \$30 cheque to Golf Collectors Society, 52 Becky Av. Nth Rocks NSW 2151

SOCIETY NEWS (cont'd)

- At the delightful Cammeray golf club our 2nd hickory day ended with some great stories from Al Howard about the early days. Al held the course record -a 61 in 1931. he talked about the early professionals from Tom Popplewell to Archie Keane, the latter prior to WW2 following which he ran a small shop in Neutral Bay opposite the tram depot. He also managed overseas players Gene Sarazen, Walter Hagen and our own Joe Kirkwood on exhibition tours of Australia.
- At our forthcoming AGM the following board positions will be ratified:-
 1. Patron -Dan Cullen
 2. President -Bruce Nairn
 3. NSW Golf - Greg Mills
 4. WGNSW - Francis Crampton
 5. PGA of Australia - Peter Hines
 6. Secretary - Henry Paterson
 7. Treasurer - Mal MacIntosh
 8. & Our GCSA representatives Erwin Huber and
 9. Ross Howard.

Likely subcommittees are Museum/Collectors, Play/Hickory Days, Library, Historians and The Brassie.

NEW MEMBERS - Welcome to:-

Charlie Earp- Recently retired long serving professional at Royal Queensland GC.Mentor and coach of the legendary Greg Norman.

Tony Doggett - Member of Liverpool GC. Remembers when the club was beside the Hume Highway and the clubhouse was historic Collingwood House.

BUY/SELL/SWAP

Great idea this service. The more we can help each other the better. I'm seeking 2 clubs for purchase or swap - R.Forgan and Sons Scotia model niblick and spoon or wooden cleek.Any condition Norm Richardson 02 93168315 or 0407906199

2 canvas bags in fair condition - open to offers -Mal Bray 9683 2969 or email at mbray4@bigpond.com

MEMBER'S NEWS

Erwin Huber made "the trip of a lifetime" in July this year and has provided a delightfully anecdotal travelogue of is visits toThailand,Scotland (the essential pilgrimage to St Andrews), Surrey (the Lucifer tourney) and the black tie dinner at the Savoy in London followed by a reunion in his Tyrolean homeland before a 31 hour gruelling flight home.

Thanks Erwin - a very interesting read. A copy has been placed at the Museum.

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FEATURE ARTICLE

In the 1920's a mini golf craze swept the world. In almost every city and town small putt-putt courses sprang up on every spare piece of ground available. A course would be constructed on about 400 square metres of land.

The need for putters caught manufacturers by surprise. To keep up supplies thousands were manufactured with cheap metal heads. Many were double sided to cater for left and right handed players.

With the onset of the great depression in the early 1930's the craze died out as quickly as it had started. To-day there are a few modern putt-putt courses providing enjoyment for those seeking a taste of the grand game of golf.

Classically attired attendees at the ABC photo shoot at Rosnay - the screening will be on the 23rd of November on the Collectors programme at 8pm.



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