

The Golf Library Book Group

The Book Group of Julia Hoffman, Erwin Huber, Brad Ryder and Barry Leithhead has been busy cataloguing and placing the book collection in the Library. The initial task is almost done, with duplicates now identified and almost ready to be offered for sale first to GCH members, as supplements to their personal collections. An Interim Policy, including Significance Criteria, has been drafted for presentation to the Museum's Board of Trustees.

The Museum contains over 700 volumes, including some of the great books of golf's history. The Book Group will develop an Acquisition Plan to will turn your Library into a worthwhile Resource Centre, attracting golf historians and researchers. It will not be a lending library.

Donations are welcome, provided the book is not already held and it fits the criteria for selection. We want copies of all Golf Club histories. If your Club's history is not listed make sure you arrange for a copy to be donated to the Library. If your Club's history is not underlined, (or not listed) send us a copy for the USGA Library in New Jersey (if you want that).

Ashlar; Australian; Avondale; Capital; Concord; Elanora; Federal; Moore Park; N.S.W.; Dubbo; Gordon; Killara; Kooyonga; Liverpool; Long Reef; Mona Vale; Monash; Wakehurst; Queanbeyan; Pennant Hills; Port Kembla; Royal Canberra; Royal Melbourne; Royal Sydney; Springwood; Victoria; Wollongong; Wynnum.

Developments

The GCH 'seminars' are taking a different form this year. There will be a specialist subject and speaker, but just as important is GCHs sharing news of what they are doing and not doing – a way of encouraging all Clubs and historians to be active.

An education program in 'The History of Golf in Australia' is needed at a number of levels – through the Museum, for PGA trainees, Junior golf programs and others. We're working on it!

'How to write a GC History Book' is an interesting topic, as our seminar in November '05 showed. The British Golf Collectors Society is also interested and have proposed we co-sponsor a Guide for budding authors. Each Society has contributed material to the draft and BGCS is compiling and publishing it, expected later in 2007. It will be provided free to interested Clubs.

The 'Robertson Collection' seminar presented by Noel Terry at the Royal Sydney GC was an outstanding success, with 75 attending, slightly more than half being Club members.

Plans to amalgamate GCSA with the Museum's Australian Historic Golf Trust are developing with another meeting in April. It is expected the new body will be able to promote golf's rich heritage and attract both new sponsors and members.

The Seminar at Pennant Hills GC – Friday 31 May, 2007

The main subject is 'Preserving and Storing Documents and Photographs', but the main purpose of the seminar is to give GCHs an opportunity to get together and share ideas and enthusiasm. We hope to see you there!!