

BIG CHANGES MADE IN THE RULES OF THE LIZARDS CLUB

OUR COMMITTEE MAKES BID FOR GREATER VARIETY, MORE FUN, MORE PRIZES

Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd....adjustments of visitors' handicaps....retrospective attendance points for new members....new display boards for eclectic and tote information.

These are some of the changes made by the Management Committee at its meeting last Wednesday. All the details are below.

EXTRA PRIZE FOR THIRD SCORER IN THE LIZARDS COMPETITION

In future, the winner of the Lizards monthly golf competition will receive three glasses, compared with two in the past.

The runner-up will receive two glasses instead of one.

The third place-getter (usually Les Garlick) will receive one.

The extra trophies have been awarded because of the support the members have given the Club, thus improving its slim finances.

The winning visitor will still get one glass. Second scorer among the visitors will continue to have the honor of a free drink.

IT'S CAPTAIN'S TROPHY DAY AND THE PRIZE IS SECRET

Captain Gordon Donald has donated a secret prize for the annual Captain's Trophy Competition, which will be played today.

The winner will not know what he has won until the Ladies' Night on Saturday, October 29.

The normal Lizards' competition will not be changed. It will be won by sheer ability (?) or by countback.

However, if there is a tie in the points score, without countback, all the players will have to undergo a sudden-death play-off. This will go on for as many holes as is necessary to decide the Captain's Trophy winner. Any play-off will be on handicap.

The play-off will not be necessary if there is a clear winner.

YOU MUST HAVE CLUBS!

In future, visitors will not be allowed to share a bag of clubs. This caused big delays last month. Clubs can be hired cheaply at the Avalon clubhouse.

NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR VISITORS ON PERENNIAL HANDICAP OF 18

From now on, visitors who have attended regularly and who have submitted three cards may have their handicaps adjusted at the Captain's discretion.

The Management Committee decided this after reviewing the scores of many visitors who have played off the traditional 18.

The decision means that a visitor who is regular may find himself "blown out" or "tucked in."

Another important decision was that if a visitor is admitted before the December meeting each year, his attendance points since the previous June will be credited to him. This gives him a "show" in the annual trophies.

The points score trophy is awarded on attendance and performance.

Its formula is a secret, not one Captain agreeing with another on how points should be awarded.

TWO GOLF BALLS CAN BE WON TODAY

The nearest-the-pin jazz today will be on the 1st. and 17th. holes.

Prize for each hole will be a new golf ball, which today is a very expensive object.

NEW MEMBER ADMITTED

The Lizards are now at full membership strength again following the election of Charles Park to the narrow ranks.

Charles has been a consistent visitor, having missed only one golf day. Rumour has it that he forgot the date and flew to Canberra to have a secret practice round.

Charles replaces Andy Gilchrist, who has serious golf commitments elsewhere & is now a country member, at his request.

THE UNWRITTEN HISTORY OF THE LIZARDS

- By Lance Try

CHAPTER I - THE BIRTH OF THE LIZARDS

It was a fine Saturday morning early in 1946. The war was over and men were getting back to normal life and habits.

A great habit among Manly men was to sunbake in the area above Manly Life Saving Club. A big bunch of fellows was doing just this on the particular Saturday that gave birth to the Lizards.

One of the sun-absorbers was Bill Howard, later to become President and Life Member of the Manly Civic Club. Another regular sunbaker was the then Mine Host of the Hotel Steyne, Leon List.

Leon had a habit of spitting while taking in the sun and Bill Howard was aware of this. He also was aware that the beer, terribly scarce in those days, was about to come on at the Steyne. He was soon headed for the saloon bar. (Yes, Bill used to drink beer in those days!).

Whilst partaking of his ration for the day, Greta, the dispenser, asked Bill if he had seen the boss at the beach.

"Yes," answered Bill. "He is down there spitting LIKE A LIZARD."

This remark was widely heard and by the time Leon List was back at work, it was all over the Steyne. Said one bloke to another: "Did you hear that Bill Howard called the publican a spitting lizard?"

This name was soon abbreviated to The Lizard and it stuck to him.

Shortly afterwards, a few drinkers from the Steyne had a social game of golf, and they enjoyed it so much they decided to make the game a regular thing and to play every month.

A club was formed with headquarters at the Steyne, and the natural name to call such an organisation was THE LIZARDS GOLF CLUB.

With a committee and proper organisation, Bill Howard was the first patron!

NEXT MONTH:

COARSERS FOR COURSES

SUPPORT TODAY'S RAFFLE; IT'S WELL WORTH WINNING

To raise funds for the Ladies Night (your subs. don't scratch the surface), Matt Little has donated a pair of golf shoes for a raffle.

It's a generous gesture by Matt, who knows when is the right time to do something nice.

Tickets will be 20c each, but buy at least two as your money will come back to you. BURP!

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR LADIES NIGHT ARE NOW DUE; CHEQUES ACCEPTED

The annual Ladies Night of the Lizards Golf Club will be held at the Manly Civic Club on Saturday, October 29, at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 a head, payable as soon as you can.

To finalise catering arrangements with the Civic, we must know how many are coming by the October golf day. However, let's know now, asks Secretary John Tilley.

Visitors who have played twice may bring their wives or somebody else's wife.

HEARD AROUND THE KEG.....

Thirty-seven men turned up last month but only 14 cooked meals; what's wrong?....Can't be the chef. Eddie has just been appointed Coles' food store manager at Neutral Bay (he's too young to shave)....Jimmy Howe set a world record with 36 strokes on the 12th at Long Reef during the Civic's annual day (Wisdom's please note)....Jimmy is a sure thing on the Tote today with a handicap of 65, but keep an eye on Les Garlick (for a place, AGAIN?)....Among the visitors today is Charles Herk, Australian boss of Cathay Advertising, the Far Eastern ad. agency for which Brian Hellier works in Luscious Asia. Brian has deputed Charles to present his trophy (a gold-plated putter) in November....Caprain reports that many players improved in the Eclectic table last month (Couldn't be because of better handicaps)....That Quiet Man, Peter Allen, is becoming a good Tote prospect....

LAST MONTH'S WINNER: W. Sheehan (44). 2nd: C. Hellier (43); 3rd. (Guess who!). Winning visitor: G. Gillmer (We've seen him somewhere before, perhaps!).