

SPECIAL PRIZE TODAY WILL BE A GOLD-PLATED PUTTER

Not everyone can own a yellow Rolls-Royce, but today some Lizard will go home with a gold-plated putter.

This is the special prize to wind up the 1966 season and has been donated by overseas member Brian Hellier.

Visitor Charles Hurk, who works for the same company as Brian, will present the magnificent putter to the winner of a play-off after the normal Lizards' competition. The top four scorers among members will take part in the play-off, the nature of which will be announced later in the day.

According to Brian Hellier, the putter has an interesting history. He is a member of the Royal Selangor Golf Club, where Malaya's Tunku and Singapore's Prime Minister used to play when they were talking to each other. After one match, either the Tunku or the P.M. gave up his putter to be auctioned for charity, and Brian got it.

The auction was for a United Nations hunger appeal and that's appropriate because today's winner has got to be pretty "hungry" to take off the prize.

IT'S SMORGASBORD TODAY AND A FEAST HAS BEEN PREPARED

Following the decision of members to dispense with the barbecue for the duration of the summer, the Committee has arranged a smorgasbord for today.

The normal goodies will be put out for morning tea, and the "spread" will be prepared while the formal meeting is going on.

Caterers Eddie Jones and Don Vollus have done a fine job in selecting food to tickle the fancy.

CANADIAN FOURSOMES TO STAY ON FIXTURE

The Committee this week decided to reverse an earlier decision to drop Canadian foursomes from the calendar.

The first decision was made after members complained that this type of event did not give them a proper game of golf.

However, last month's game was so popular that the decision had to be put in reverse.

In future, a Canadian foursome will be played each October.

Alistair Campbell and Matt Little won this year's event - and nobody was surprised. Helped by Matt's generous handicap, Alistair turned in a brilliant score, but he didn't do it all himself. Matt showed an encouraging upturn in form and contributed a point here and there.

Average time for each 9 holes last month was 95 minutes.

INVITATION MATCH AGAINST ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE IN FEB.

On members' behalf, the Committee has accepted an invitation to play a match with St. Augustine's College in February.

The format will be a MEMBERS versus VISITORS day. The normal Lizards' competition will be held.

A "THANK YOU" TO THE CIVIC CLUB

A letter of appreciation has gone to the Civic Club for the hosting and catering of the annual Ladies' Night.

Although thanks were extended to the Civic on the night itself, the Lizards want to put their appreciation on record.

Members voted the 1966 function one of the most successful in the long history of the Lizards.

MR. DAVID TREHARNE PRESENTS TROPHY

Civic Club vice-president David Treharne is the latest friend to offer a special trophy.

Full details will be announced later, but the Committee intends to award the trophy to a "trier" who deserves some encouragement.

NEAREST THE PIN TODAY

It's on again.

The 1st and 17th, chaps.

AFTER A SUCCESSFUL 1966, LET'S MAKE 1967 A GREAT YEAR

Looking back on 1966, all of you will agree that it was a happy and successful year. Attendances were good, the weather was kind, the fellowship was unsurpassed and the standard of golf improved for everyone.

It was also a year studded with novelty events, special trophies (some of them magnificent) and good fun.

As I looked around the tables at the Ladies' Night, I thought again what a wonderful bunch of blokes the Lizards are. Each man is a good mate to everyone else; each looks forward to his monthly walk in the sun; each is a fellow you would like to play a game with.

And the ladies, too, are true blue. Many of them we have known for years, and it was a great occasion to meet new wives. They are all definitely of the Lizards' breed: nice people, bemusingly tolerant and good fun.

Without the support of the ladies, the Lizards would not exist, and I am sure that all of us put our hearts into the toast for them.

In January we will resume our golfing year and I will have the pleasure of again donating a trophy for the two-stick event on the second nine.

I join with you in hoping that 1967 will be an even more memorable year in our fellowship. I wish you all a happy, restful and safe Christmas.

- DES McQUIRE

HEARD AROUND THE KEG

GEORGE RUSSELL protested against an accusation last month that he had had an airey. "I was simply fanning the ball to keep it cool," said George.

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JOHN TILLEY put up a magnificent performance last month. He had three slots but still finished third.

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CHARLES PARK sank a 42ft. putt on the last hole and won the secret nine holes event. You could hear his roar at Palm Beach.

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It's quite impossible to report a Lizards' day without mentioning Chas at least twice.....and this time he almost made the front page.

On the 17th green, a good tee shot reached the edge of the green, bounced at the hole, then glanced away.

COL. McCLELLAND was even nearer on the 8th. His tee shot stopped only 1ft. from the hole.

TOM BEER, general manager of our insurance company, was as white as a sheet.

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Did you notice last month the girl in the pink bikini who was driving a sulkie past the ninth.

Three of our members did, and their tee shots finished on Avalon Beach.

Another hazard was the nymph who sunbaked on the veranda of a house behind the 4th tee. As if the game isn't hard enough as it is!

JOCK ROSS is back amongst us. Don't say we didn't warn you. He's brimming with health and is determined to hit his drives all the way to San Fran.

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TED DONOVAN is leaving us early in the new year to return to his native Grafton. Wonder if the golf course up there has trees that Ted can flop under. Seriously, he'll be missed.

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KEVIN ELVY will take Ted's place when the demon lawyer goes on the country members' list.

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THE LIZARDS' RULES

1. If you begin putting, finish the hole.
2. If the ball goes over the drain on the right of the 3rd fairway, you are out of bounds and pay a penalty of 2 strokes.
3. It is out of bounds if you go over the fence on the 9th on the full; not out if you bounce over.
4. Members must pay their green fees before hitting off.
5. All players must have their own clubs.
6. If a ball remains lost for 3 minutes, call the next four through.
7. Watching girls in red bikinis who drive sulkies is illegal.