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FLAT-OUT LIKE...

The problems of Editors - after drafting news together, he puts his faith in the Printers Devil -

So next month ye olde Lizards are, by our fixture card, to play on the second Sunday! But worse, in January 1977 we again are listed to play on the second Sunday - 9th.

That would mean the third time in 30 years our third Sunday ritual was altered.

However - feel reassured fellow Lizards - it ain't true! That Gremlin Shirdlu just tried to gum up the works. His failure is due to the over watchful nature of true Lizards - we continue the tradition of "it never rains on Lizards third Sunday". Beauty.

Now your Editor does a regular Lizard crawl around the sources of news, gossip, history or plain fantasy, so as to be able to report. On a recent circuit, another tribe of Lizards came to light, apparently contemporary with the origins of our mob. Seems the old trammies had blokes known as "Blue Tongue", "Goanna George", "Slippery Sam" and "Pink Skink". They were the fellows who operated a tram-carrying low loader known as "The Lizard". Bet they could play golf too. (Prize of one used golf ball to the Lizard who can identify the above pseudonyms among our current members).

And other echoes from the past - a recent congregation of old timers brought together by Pres. Roy and his committee to check the accuracy of episodes of Lizard history. Some three hours of tape recording was completed, much of which may well be unprintable. Duncan Hatrick

quoted Robbie Burns; George Russell, once an assistant caterer and part time "Karry Pooley"; Marshall Cooper, John Chester, Heaphy, Webb, Guille, and the perennial Lizard George Gilmer, all contributed. Of course, the night was kept moving by old lifer, Lance Try, supported by active Lizards, Ross, Epps, Garlick and Donald. Most reminisced about old mates, with Matt Little being credited with being the first baggage man to freeze the kegs. Hard luck Billy Sheehan, beaten to the punch again. And would you believe, one Lizard even met his wife through Lizards!!

A special vote of thanks to country member, George Lobb for providing a tape recorder for the evening and to a Lizard of the past, Bob Guille for his excellent work done on the stirrer's paddle and completing it for the occasion.

Sorry fellow Lizards that's all of history now - but be patient - good hands are at the pen to produce a concise history of Lizards for your enjoyment and to celebrate Foundation Day in February, 1977.

So.....back to the present.

August meeting was Osborne/Laidlaw Day and 21 Lizards supported by 15 visitors made up a good field.

Our newest Lizard, elected later in the day made a fatal mistake in his last outing as a visitor and scored 44 points off 26. Roger Ehret's new handicap as a Lizard will no doubt look very different. Second visitor was old Canberra hand Eddie Jones who kidded the handicapper with 36 points off 30.

Certain Lizards also made mistakes that day, led by Peter Allen who looks like making his life long ambition of having a single figure handicap after winning with 41 points off 12. Well done Peter. Paul Gaze followed with 39 points off 17.

The special Osborne/Laidlaw trophy went to the Lizard who scored most one pointers - Fred Goozee.

Those consistent old goannas George Bird and Gordon Donald took nearest the pins while P.P. Epps put his second shot closed to the fifth hole. A visitor Alan Lewis drove the straightest off the seventh tee and

another visitor Kevin Campbell was unrivalled for Bradman with 13 points off 32.

Other regular activities also produced good results - good gleanings in the swear tin, excellent income from croupier Bird and magnificent confidence from Peter Allen who backed himself on the tote.

This month we compete for the printers trophy, courtesy of Lizards Malm and Townsend. We also have an invitation 4BBB for those of you who can find a willing visitor. Less popular Lizards will be catered for.

You will have to be accurate on 1st and 4th holes to win nearest the pins and a good second shot on the third hole might just bring an award. Once more, you may try to drive straight along the line on the seventh.

To leave you in a happy frame of mind, just a few notes of pleasant news. A report of our annual sailos match seen in the "Corso Puff" was most laudatory about our Club and the magnificent organisation of the occasion - with very special reference to our caterers - hats off to Harry and Brian.

And a most welcome late report from Lizard Jock Ross, that wife Bea is safely through surgery and recovering in Manly District Hospital - all our good wishes to your lady, Jock.

And now for the best news of the year - next month at least, you will have an Editor worth his eppson salt. P.P. Bill has eagerly accepted the chance to tell you all about it, while yours truly investigates the delights of South East Asia - on holiday. So cheerio chums - see you in November D.V.

Good health and God Bless

Ed.