

December 1976

To All Lizards and their kin -- A Happy, Genuine Australian Family Christmas and all the best of life for 1977.

Yes, Christmas is here again and hopefully some in need will enjoy the benefits of the results of the Lizards raffle. So let us record appreciation for all who contributed to such a happy occasion.

And thanks also to Past President, Bill Epps for taking up so willingly, and capably his chores as co-editor during the absence of yours truly. It is somehow more difficult to follow a first class act like that - but anyhow, here goes.

Only heard one joke appropriate to the season - which insists that Santa must have been an Irishman -- to prefer using the chimney rather than the door.

Anyhow, as a visitor (almost) your editor, returned to Royal Avalon in November to a beaut day when a grand total of 52 fellers enjoyed the spirit of the Lizards.

Admittedly only 22 Lizards played golf (the others must have been out of their cotton pickin' minds) but the slack was taken up most effectively by 16 golfing visitors - mostly from the Picadilly Golf Club - plus 14 Bowler guests, five of whom are Lizardowlers.

And a special welcome to the Picadilly Golf Club members, genuine golfers, who we will be happy to see any time they would like to visit our home patch. We realise it's a long way from the Eastern Suburbs fellers - but where else would you expect to find a tribe like our Lizards?

Meanwhile, back at Royal Avalon, Lizards competed for the Hennessy/Atkins Trophy won by Roger Ehret with a best second nine (holes) despite a classically defined back complaint.

The best Lizard over 18 holes was Vic Ingram who for the last time scored 40 points of handicap off 32!!

Paul Hennessy scoring 36 off 21 was declared second. Another burgularising visitor, Paul Clarke won the Visitors Trophy with 46 off 24 - I believe Dave's black book has been suitably annotated, and includes Lizator John Sutherland who also scored 46 points off 27 but came second on bountback.

While speaking of scores last month - how the hell could anybody score on those temporary greens. We all accept that Lizards have a zany sense of humour, but the only honest outcome of November's mess should have been a refund to our Club from the course's management. But more on that later.

Other successful Lizards last month were:

Nearest the Pin 1st hole Roger Ehret

Nearest the Pin 4th hole Ron McKillop of Picadilly (on that green!)

Nearest the Pin Second Shot on 3rd hole Harry Tipper (on that green!!)

Straight Drive on 7th hole Editor Geoff Wotton (shame on you golfers).

But most honest score, by Don Goozee our club champion, playing off 13 won the Bradman.

So - that was November. Capt. Handicapper Dave Treharne has said his piece about the condition of the course - quite unprintable - but has been informed that the greens should be playable on 3rd and 4th holes by January. Meanwhile Dave suggests that we by-pass those horror holes for the December meeting, progressing from second green to fifth tee and making-up by playing holes one and two again in lieu of three and four. Final decision - a.m. December 19th.

LATE NEWS

The committee meeting on Monday 13th December decided that the following Lizard Rule would apply to all temporary greens for the December meeting.

.. There will be no putting on temporary greens. A player whose ball has come to rest on a temporary green will be deemed to have completed the hole and will add two strokes to the number of strokes played until the ball came to rest and this will be his total strokes for that particular hole.

Whatever conditions Lizards are called upon to face today, no doubt the spirit will meet - and on that note please be informed that this December Day, nearest the pins will be on 1st and 8th holes. Nearest the pin second shot will be on 7th hole, while the straight drive will be the shot nearest the rope also on 7th hole, from the back tee.

December - "Bring a Prize, Win a Prize" month, is also the date for Hathaway/Garlick Trophy -- How you win it? Ask Santa.

And finally, loosen up your purse strings for tickets for that Bonanza Hamper. Plenty of tickets available and proceeds are for the best of causes -- so cough up, eh?

Add to Lizards quotes, from a visitor -- "If you can't play golf, enjoy yourselves".

Good Luck and God Bless

EDITOR