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FLAT-OUT LIKE...

So this is Life Members Day - or is it Founders Day- or just a Lizard excuse for extra kegs.?

To try to add a touch of history for the occasion- 30th. year anniversary for you ill-informed lot- your Ed. has been fossicking through the mental abyss' of older members, our trophy cabinet and even some old "Flat out Likes" to develop a reasonable roll call of old members. The attached list of some 80 odd (naturally) ex Lizards is undoubtedly incomplete and your assistance in adding names will be appreciated by our club historian.

Speaking of history, we know how the Lizard got his name- or do we? To add to the record I quote from a statement of March 1966 (eleven years closer to the event)

"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 was also 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). While partaking of his lation for the day, Greta, 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 Lizard Golf Club. With a Committee and proper organisation, Bill Howard was the first Patron.

But nobody can tell me where the Great Lizard, our symbol of Presidential authority came from!

Other gleanings from our histerical past came from "Flat out like No.1" (August 1965) edited by Anon. - Lance Try produced "Two tattered sheets of paper which represented one of the two copies of the Constitution known to exist- thus exploding the myth of our unwritten Constitution. Those were the days of President Bill Sheehan, when Ken Foster was caterer, Eric MacMeechan was Baggage man, Lance Try assistant Baggage man and "virtually the Clubs Plant Engineer"!

So much for ancient history- much more with pictures- is provided (courtesy of Pres. Roy Malm) in the short history available to-day.

Modern history- January 1977- relates to Secretary/ Treasurers Day which also saw the Annual Lizards V Manly Civic Club Cricket Club match. The cricketers showed they were better at golf than cricket by beating us Lizards by 406 points to 382. We may rest assured Capt./ H.C. will see to this in the future- they had handicaps bigger than their cricket scores!

Sec/Treasures trophies were awarded on secret hole system for first and second nines (holes not kegs you Lizards) Fred Hanson won on the first nine and Harry Tipper the second.

Harry Tipper also took out first prize Lizards with 39 points off 10 (won't it be nice to be of single figures Harry). Similarly Fred Hansen scored 39 off 28, coming second on countback.

Peter Burgess (spelled Burglar) won visitors trophy with 48 off 20. Andy Clues (A cricketer you note) scored 7 off 22 for visitors second prize.

Can't tell you about nearest the pins etc. Uncle Dave keeps some secrets to himself. But we can report that Michael O'Keefe on his first visit clearly won the Bradman even without the advantage of losing the head off his 5 iron on the 18th. tee (in this instance both ball and club head were recovered).

And today February 20th, life members/foundation day will be a 4bbb, for members only with pairs determined by a secret draw. The prize - the Life members trophy. Lizards trophies will be determined on best individual stableford scores.

Nearest the pins for this historic day will be on 1st. and 4th. holes- based on the Greenkeepers assurance that those X!Ø! temporary greens will be permanent by Sunday 20th. February 1977.

Second shot nearest the 2nd. hole will win a prize also will a straight drive off 7th. tee.

Finally but certainly not the smallest item- lets give new Lizard Kevin Campbell a hearty welcome to prove that his initiation ceremony is not a permanent blot on his record - after all he has a big enough handicap sharing a surname with that bloke with the Scots accent.

And in fact next month Jock Ross and Alister Campbell present their own trophy on the same program as Father and Son Day. The Father and Son competition will as usual be a 4 BBB open to those playing under the Patrial system. - So go find yourselves a golf playing Son you Lizards.

Happy 30th. Anniversary to all Lizards past & present- I just hope we have a new Editor in 2007.

Meanwhile good golfing.

God Bless

ED.

Overheard around the keg " All I have for the swear tin are four Lizard five cent peices" Sounds like we have a Lizard Numismatist -- Shame!

PAST MEMBERS "LIZARDS"

* Denotes Deceased.

L. ATKINS	JOHN DEASON	BOB HOFFMAN	* ARTHUR PULLEN
JACK ABBOTT	CLAN DENBY	* RON HINSON	WAL REYNOLDS SNR.
RON ALLUM	* VIC. DORMAN	SAM HERFORD	WAL REYNOLDS JNR.
SANDY ARMSTRONG	B. DALY	BOB HUMPHREYS	GEORGE RUSSELL
JOHN ATKINS	* F. DUMBRELL	EDDIE JONES	M. RYAN
KEITH BATH	A. EDGAR	BILL JAMES	NEV REEVES
JIM BUCHANAN	KEVIN ELVY	JOHN KENNEDY	JACK ROWLEY
* TOM BEER	ANDY EDGAR	* MATT LITTLE	HARRY RYAN
KEN BLOOMFIELD	LINDESAY EVANS	ARTHUR LEVY	* ARCHIE SINCLAIR
NORM BENTLEY	NORM FEGAN	KEVIN LAWLER	* SAM SPARKS
TED CLARE	LUDI FOSTER	LES MALONEY	J. SMITH
BLUEY CANE	MONTY FOWLER	N. MC KINNON	RAY STRINGFELLOW
BILL CASH	KEN FOSTER	SANDY MC KINNON	"NO RISK" TRACY
MARSHALL COOPER	ANDY GILCHRIST	* SID MORRISON	BILL THOMAS
RON COYLE	L. GROSSAN	* DES MAGUIRE	KEN TRY
JACK CHESTER	BOB GUILLE	* ALBY MARSHALL	JOHN TILLEY
HARRY CRANG	* BOB GRIFFITH	JOHN MC ALISTAR	DICK TREVILLIAN
RAY CLARK	JOHN HEAPHY	LEN OLSEN	DON VOLLUS
H. CLARKE	AUB HODGSON	JOHN O'BRIEN	H. WILKIN
A. DAVISON	* JIM HOWE	* CHARLES PARK	W. WINDRED
TED DONOVAN	PETER HOWE	MAX PENFOLD	JOHN WATSON
	CHARLES HILLIER	JACK PLUNKETT	BARRY WOOD



LIZARD IN THE NEWS

Our popular Treasurer, Gordon Donald is an old Smoothy. This picture with his beaming smile was published last week in the Manly Daily.

At the time he was delivering a Valentine Day Card. Naturally we couldn't reproduce the charming recipient in "FLAT OUT LIKE"