



FLAT OUT LIKE...

APRIL '78

"Welcome, Welcome, Welcome."

Today is Epps/Lewis Day and the Harry Tapper Special Trophy competition. It is also the Lizards v Garden Club day.

Nearest the pin will be on the 1st and 4th and second shot on the 2nd. Nearest the line will, as usual, be on the 7th.

May good luck and good golf attend one and all.

Last month your lily-livered, weak, cowardly etc., etc., Editor was not in attendance. But fear not! Herewith a ghost-written report on all the happenings.

Those intrepid souls who were present at last month's gathering are advised that their O.B.E.'s may be picked up from their local post office on production of their Lizards badges, medical certificates and prescriptions.

As always, it did not rain on Lizard's day, although some comment was made about the heavy mist and brisk breeze.

Despite the ideal conditions, some members and visitors of little faith brought along wet-weather gear and even changes of clothing.

Some of the wet-weather gear was of passing interest in that it resembled very closely that issued to personnel in heavy industry, F.M.G., Govt. Transport, Police etc.,. An unusual feature of this gear was that where one would expect logos or names to appear, there were, without exception, patches or daubs of paint.

Billy Sheehan wore the most colourful outfit in Sargasso Sea Yellow, followed by George Bird in a stunning black, wet-look, 3/4 - length skirt. David Gilchrist looked effective in very chic headgear that focused attention on his nose and upper lip.

For the statistically minded - 21 Lizards, 1 Life Member and 5 Visitors braved the conditions to produce some unbelievable results.

Lizards 1st	Len Le Mon	20 off 6½
2nd	Roger Ehret	19 off 8½
Visitors 1st	Phil Saillard	20 off 8½
2nd	Rod Bird	12 off 13½
Campbell Ross Trophy	Gordon Donald and Roger Ehret.	
Nearest the pin:	on the 4th	David Gilchrist
	on the 8th	Gordon Donald.
	2nd shot on the 3rd	<u>BIGGLES</u>
Bradman:	Ray Hilton	0 off 13½

Late in the day through the mist could be seen Alan, getting a few basic pointers from the Hop Harrigan of the golf course. Good on you Biggles!

Needless to say, Ray Hilton has set an all time record for the Bradman. However there are lingering doubts whether he could have held his game over a full eighteen holes.

March also saw the annual golf clash of Lizard v M.C.C.C.C. which resulted in a win for the M.C.C.C.C. by 137 to 134. A nasty case of macho Lizards by all accounts.

The M' C(r)apper smiled on virtually all Lizards who attended the March madness.

- Up two strokes are Webb, Bird, Lewis, Goozee, Halliwell and Hansen.
- Up one stroke are Sheehan, Townsend and Laidlaw
- Down one stroke is Donald.
- Down two strokes are Call Me Ralph, Ehret, and Le. Mon.
- Down three strokes is Smith.

There has been a groundswell of support for personality profiles to appear on these pages. Actually, bearing in mind the laws of libel and the saying "If you can't say..." I am a bit hesitant. However, herewith an interview expose of President Sprigs.

ED I understand you are still looking for your stirrers paddle?

() SPRIGS Shut up you Irish...

ED Now, Now, tell me why you want it returned?

SPRIGS It's mine, I won it fair and square.

Halliwell the Hic enters:

HIC Not true. When awarded, you said you dared not take it home. Obliging the Lizards ensured that you didn't.

SPRIGS I want it! I want it! At least by the April or May meeting.

Ed As chief stirrer, how stirred are you by this loss?

SPRIGS On the Breville Index, I am Stirred but not 'hipped Up.

ED What if you don't get it back?

SPRIGS (Firmly, in his President's voice) If the paddle is not returned I will award the Stirrers Paddle, which I haven't got, to myself. And I bloody well won't lose it next time.

() ED And they reckon Doonesbury is not true to life. Perhaps an Idiot's Paddle should be introduced, which won't be awarded to its recipient, so that it can be kept safely until it is lost.

SPRIGS Yeah! I want my paddle back - Please.

There you go. Ask and you shall receive. Next month who will be our star???

EVENTS * A family function at Brian Osborne's.

"Ratty", said the Mole suddenly one bright April morning, "if you please, I want to ask you a favour".

The Rat was sitting on the river bank, singing a little song. He had just composed it himself, so he was very taken up with it, and would not pay proper attention to Mole or anything else.

All along the backwater
Through the rushes tall
Ducks are a-dabbling
Up tails all!

"But listen! What I wanted to ask you was, won't you take me to call on Mr Osborne? I've heard so much about him, and I do so want to make his acquaintance."

"Why certainly", said the good-natured Rat, "Get the boat out and we'll paddle up there at once. The 23rd of April is the best time to call on Brian. Early or late he's always the same fellow. Always good-tempered, always glad to see you, always sorry when you go. Especially if you arrive at about 4.30 pm and leave before dawn".

"He must be a very nice animal", observed Mole as he got into the boat and took the sculls.

Rounding a headland on Narrabeen Lakes just near the bridge, they came in sight of a handsome, dignified old house of mellowed red brick, with well-kept lawns reaching down to the waters edge.

"There's Osborne Hall", said the Rat, "and that creek on the left where the notice board says 'Welcome. B.E.Q. in progress. B.Y.O.B. Animals free, people under 4ft 11, and over 4ft 13', leads to his boat house where we'll leave the boat. The stables are over there to the right. That's the banqueting hall you're looking at now - very old that is".

They disembarked, and strolled across the gay, flower-decked lawns in search of Brian, whom they presently happened upon, resting in a wicker garden chair, with a preoccupied expression on his face, and a large Gregory's map spread out on his knees, open at map 81, his finger pointing to B 15.

"Hooley!", he cried, jumping up on seeing them, "this is splendid!" He shook the paws of both of them warmly. "How kind of you!", he went on, dancing round them. "I was just going to send a boat down the river for you, Ratty, in case you couldn't find 33 Wimbledon Ave. Now, what will you take? Come inside and have something!"

If Lizards wish to join Ratty and Mole, then they, their Lady Lizards, skinks, geckos and friends are most welcome. It's on rain, hail or shine. Lizard Allen would be delighted if you could tell him of your intentions today.

Mr Toad advises that those coming on an "O bliss! O poop-poop! O my! O my!" can ring Brian on 913 9052 if they have trouble finding the "finest house on the whole lake".

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Lizard O'Keefe, the ghost, celebrated March with great joy, having been named "Iron man of the match" after Lizards v M.C.C.C.C. cricket game. He was also named co-respondent of the year.

- The Lindenberg Competition was postponed last month due to mist. There will be no further deferrals.
- The Annual Meeting is set down for 28th June. Pencil it in now.