

Welcome Lizards and Lizartors to our 398th golf tournament.

VALE - SANDY ARMSTRONG

Our legendary ex-member died in Coffs Harbour Hospital last Wednesday at the age of 70 - our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Jan.

Sandy caused friendship wherever he went whether it was by camel train crossing a desert or acting as a mid wife to sapphires underground. Children followed him with wonder in their eyes - he could repair a cut knee or broken billy cart with what he had in his pocket and tell them of an Australian epic at the same time.

There was not a Gil Gai or human acquaintance with a dry eye at the time of his passing.

The happy season of Christmas has struck and brought with it Manly Civic Club Day, Bring a Prize/win a Prize and the drawing of the hamper in aid of Dalwood Homes, as invented by Dave Treharne.

A Christmas card from "Dalwood", in full breathing living children colour, is appended to the wall of the hut for all ticket holders to see some of the little possums who dissipate our annual donation. If there are any tickets left we had better buy them because the kids find the unsold squares of paper tasteless to eat and boring as playthings.

Dave, by the way, is out of hospital and recuperating at home. He is not up to visitors but might enjoy a card.

CIVIC CLUB DAY will see the Club President, or his civic minded deputy, present to hand over their trophy. If we all pretend we are reasonably well behaved and really go to Avalon to play golf this could become an annual event.

SANTA told me while I was sitting on his knee recently in Anthony Horderns that if I didn't stop squirming and rubbing my fairy floss in his beard he would bust me one and also mentioned that those who did not bring a present today should not line up for one. If you have left yours at home just nip up to the Club House shop and score something. Gordon Donald has some Chrissy wrappings available.

HENNESSEYS' DAY last month produced the following results :-

LIZARDS	1st Paul Hennessy Jr.	48 points off 23
	2nd Vic Ingram	47 points off 33
VISITORS	1st Terry Farrell	42 points off 16
	2nd M. Hastings	42 points off 31
BRADMAN	John Fitzgerald	24 points off 36
HENNESSY TROPHY	Dave Gilchrist	54 nett
NEAREST THE PIN	1st Roger Ehret	
	8th Jim Hardman	
	13th Terry Farrell	
Second shot on	7th Craig Goozee	

LINDENBERG TROPHY FINAL is set down for today. Dave Gilchrist, down 2 strokes, will be competing with Paul Hennessy Jr., down 3 strokes. Both of these reasonably new Lizards are improving faster than the Captain/Handicapper can clip strokes from them so it should be a power packed finish.

COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP has increased by three. Bill Smith, Kevin Campbell and Treasurer Gordon Donald. Gordon will be coming out on golf days but not playing due to his temporary ill health.

This is the first time that a Country Member has held office in the Club - Good Luck to you Gaudy.

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP is at full strength again following the induction of Vern Sands, Graham Halliwell and Mal Waters - Welcome gentlemen. We are now the proud owners of two father and son combinations in the Club.

PAUL HENNESSY Snr., who is mounting the DY Bowls Pennant presented to the Lizards by Lance Try, reports that he almost suffered a Collaroy occlusion when he saw Bill Epps gangling along Circular Quay in dicky-do shorts, bobby sox, jogging galoshers and T-shirt. It seems that the streaker of misery was not on a destructive health stint but merely under a spell because he turned into a pub.

SPEAKING of the dress rules for Avalon, President Peter Allen has stated "... members and visitors are expected to be dressed in accordance with the accepted standards of a golf club at all times".

NEAREST THE PINS for this match are 4th, 8th, 9th and second shot on the 3rd.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

Editor.