

"Flat Out Like" January 1979

Good Morning Gentlemen - welcome to 1979. Your President bids me convey to you and yours his best wishes for the New Year.

Nice guy the President ... of course its all relative. For example compare him to the Handicapper, who has kicked the new year off with the following gems:

Down six (6) (VI) (twice three) (one more than five)
Lizard Jim Hardman.

Down four (4) (IV) (twice two) (one more than three)
(two less than bloody six) Lizard Paul Hennessy

Its enough to make your beer warm, ~~tw~~ your golf balls to marshmallows and leave your one wood permanently limp. Now good old Al has an explanation which I received "Par Avion" yesterday (I believe there is no extradition from Avion). Evidently Lucky Jim has been playing good, consistent golf and was foolish enough to string eighteen excellent holes together last month after threatening to tear Avalon apart the previous month. Evidently consistency followed by brilliance is a lousy handicap formula.

Now Hennessy I must admit was asking for trouble. Paul has, through no fault of his own, missed a couple of meetings. Alan, delighted to see him return, decided to mark the occasion. The message is simple come on crutches if necessary; but regardless say hello to good old Al.

Welcome back Paul. What else did you get for Christmas?

Hello Al.

Other handicap variations are the usual token gestures of the traditional nepotistic pork barrel type

Down 1 T. Webb (meets big Al in the Lindenberg final in February), and R Ehret (new leader of the Club Championship).

Up 1 Bird, Epps, Hampson, Sheehan, Tardiff, Thurston.
(A set of cheap presents)

Up 2 Biggles, Plim, Wotton (Mostly nepotism)

Mark you at least one Lizard has the measure of Al. Lizard Webb meets Lewis in the final of the Lindenberg in February. Now Toby isn't taking this too seriously; apart from which a hit man is too expensive. Toby, I understand, figured that only two things would influence Al - booze and women. The former is too expensive. So Toby, while we all busily concentrated on our golf, spent his time introducing Al to la femme.

The result is that our beloved handicapper will be married next weekend!

Best wishes and Good Luck from all the Lizards Allan to you and your bride.

(P.S. if you think Toby is only kidding remember that Townsend was married just before the previous meeting. Nice guy Toby relatively speaking).

Bill I am sure all the Lizards wish you the best for a happy and joyful marriage.

While dispensing bonhomie the other pieces of good news are

- . Roger Ehret has been presented with a gecko
- . Les Garlick is on the mend after a successful operation and
- . The Presidents raffle raised \$190 for Dalwood Homes

I liked to be able to give a full rundown on the Christmas meeting but I keep coming out in a red rash and emitting a noise not dissimilar to that of a pregnant owl. Without a doubt everybody had an excellent day of golf and good fun.

Today is Secretary-Treasurers Day. The handicapper will determine the style of competition depending on the weather. If eighteen holes are played then nearest will be on 1, 8, 13 and second shot on the 15.

February will see the start of the 4BBB competition and the final of the Lindenberg Trophy between Webb and Lewis. The Lizardowlers will also be joining us in February.

The excellent attendance at the Christmas meeting helped to clarify the membership situation. Bob Hoffman has been transferred to the Country List thus leaving only one member unfinancial. At the January committee meeting it was resolved to withdraw Mr R Schoeffel's membership which was considered to not be in accordance with the aims of the Club. Kevin Campbell has volunteered to stand in as caterer.

Lizards will be saddened to learn that Jim Lutherborrow, a frequent visitor to Lizards, passed away in January.

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The following glossary of golf terms may assist members during 1979 -

- Backswing - a menacing gesture, usually harmless
- Ball - a small pill with a liquid centre followed by a large pill of similar construction
- Bunker - a horrendous place. Hilter committed suicide in one.
- Drive - an excursion usually through senic, heavily wooded areas
- Lie - (a) Position of ball
(b) Device that allows golfers to postpone suicide
(c) Essential part of any discussion with a handicapper
- Top - Split hair precision shot by which golfers with big swings limit balls flight to yards or even inches
- AIR(H)EE - (a) Practice swing which just fails to be a top
(b) Drive accompanied by a rapid look at the green and followed by an exhaustion of gas not unlike that made famous by dragons.
(c) Good stroke on a hot day