



FLAT OUT LIKE

ROYAL
AVALON
GOLF COURSE

NOVEMBER 1996

WELCOME to BEALE/BOND DAY. Anthony and Ken, two of the few playing of 10 or less, have grabbed a ring on the donors' round-about and will be pleased to be on the dais and not have to drink a downer every time they come face to face with a trophy. We wish them a long and expensive donorship.

THE PETER GRIMES TRADE DAY with 13 members and 4 visitors provided the following unusual fallout:

LIZARDS 1st Andy Warner 40 Points off 18 Handicap

LIZARDS 2nd Neil Shackle 37 Points off 13 Handicap

VISITORS 1st Greg Brown 35 Points off 36 Handicap

BEST FRONT NINE Michael Morgan 18 Points off 24 Hcp.

BEST BACK NINE Glen Castle 20 Points off 36 Hcp.

NEAREST the PINS 3rd Mark Ure 5th Andy Warner

LONGEST DRIVES (18-) 8th Neil Shackle, (19+) Manfred Wagner

BRADMAN Wal Hill 28 Points

THE SHACKLE-WARNER combination have not won an individual monthly event since Neil returned a 44 pointer in Dec. 94, and Andy unleashed a forty plus result in Jan 95.

VISITOR GREG BROWN took home his first Lizard trophy this decade.

MANFRED is starting to open his shoulders and knocked off the long drive on the slippery 6th.

FINES some were:

JIM SMALL- making his first green with his tee shot and 4 putting
MICHAEL MORGAN- joining the Mangrove Mountain Golf Club and not hitting a ball on the course since. NEIL SHACKLE- replying, when asked where had he been these past several months - "Everywhere except Russia and Israel." NEIL SHACKLE- harrasing the group in front with long drives. WAL HILL- encouraging Neil's ungentlemanly behavior. BILL SHEEHAN- providing sufficient hot dogs for an estimated 28 players and eating the surplus supply to balance the books.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to Bill Sheehan and Len Le Mon, both Novemberians, born in the roarin twenties. Len is suffering from Parkinsons disease and is beaving cared for in the Castle Hill Nursing home, Dural. A card in the shed, for all Lizards and visitors to sign, will be posted to him after the game.

~~THE PORT MACQUARIE pilgrimage to the island, to visit Nitty~~

THE PORT MACQUARIE pilgrimage to Neville-land, to visit Nifty and compete in the 4th Tin Plate Tournament, was undertaken by 12 Lizards on the weekend 2-3 Nov. A good proportion of the crew checked in at the Hotel/Motel on the Friday evening, for the pre-match briefing and training gargle before taking on the imposing Emerald Downs Golf Course layout.

EMERALD DOWNS is 2000m longer than our home course and is liberally laced with lakes. The second and eleventh holes are 150m water carries - to some it is like hitting off from Manly Beach and trying to lob the ball on the north island of New Zealand - they claim more wet balls than an Iceberg swimming carnival.

PRESIDENT Anthony Beale won the 1993 competition, when the course was only eight months old. Michael Harrison took the Plate in 94 with 38 points and again in 95 with 30 points, on a countback from Peter Grimes.

HIGH NOON on Saturday saw the field shaping up on the 1st - a dog leg to the left, with water on the right. Most made the fairway, avoiding the penalty in the lake with the first shot of the day.

AT THE CONCLUSION of the round the players were greeted with a cold beer and B.B.Q. on the course, arranged by our long standing mentor - Nev Meridith.

RESULTS for day 1 and the "Nifty Plate".

1st Ray Walsham 43 Points off 28 Handicap

2nd Michael Harrison 37 Points off 5 Handicap

Nearest the Pins 4th Andy Warner

Longest Drive (18-) 7th Michael Harrison, (19+) 8th Andy Warner

SUNDAY, in past years, had seen a deplete few facing up to a second round of golf, but on this occasion, after a pep talk, all decided to "go the whole hog".

THE WHOLE HOG EVENT on Day 2 produced the following results:

1st Andy Warner 37 Points off 17 Handicap

2nd Manfred Wagner 30 Points off 27 Handicap

Nearest the Pins 4th Manfred Wagner

Longest Drives (18-) 7th Michael Harrison, (19+) 8th Manfred

FINES, a couple were: RAY WALSHAM, playing the last 13 holes on Day 1 using a putter and wedge only. NIFTY, walking to the first tee without a golf ball. POSTIE, not organising a raffle. MICHAEL MORGAN, not bringing the Lizard. NIFTY, walking to the 18th tee without a ball, tee, or club.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ray Walsham for winning the main event and to Andy and all the Lizards for going the whole hog. It was great to rub shoulders with Nifty again and we will be back in force next year.

NEXT MONTH is Christmas Carroll Day - bring a visitor and a Christmas gift.

Good GolfingBill Epps
EDITOR

BEALE/BOND DAY Nearest the Pins 1st, 9th Holes
Longest Drives Handicap 194 6th, 18- 2nd Holes.
Handicap Adjustments Andrew Warner 18-17, Dave Raynor 17-18