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Welcome to the Dennis Castle Challenge

Glenn and Gary Castle are again hosting the Dennis Castle Challenge in memory of their father and our well remembered member Dennis Castle. At a Father & Son Day a couple of years ago Dennis stood proudly at the head of a pyramid of four generations of Castles – surely an achievement that will be hard to top. He was always quick to share a joke and sometimes be the butt of it. Keep hitting them straight Dennis...

CHRISTMAS CARROLL DAY, with 25 Lizards and 5 visitors, produced the following results:

1st LIZARDS		Garry Bird LM - 44 points off a handicap of 26
2nd LIZARDS		Neil Winterton - 43 points off a handicap of 18
1st VISITORS		Jim Buckenham - 46 points off a handicap of 37
2nd VISITORS		Darren Morgan - 33 points off a handicap of 11
BEST SCRATCH		Ivan Tiltins - 26 points
BEST FRONT NINE		Chris Mooney - 22 points off a handicap of 16
BEST BACK NINE		Jim Small LM - 21 points on count-back off a handicap of 26
NEAREST the PINS	All	2 nd Chris Mooney 5 th Peter Simmonds 7 th Ivan Tiltins 14 th Darren Morgan 15 th Ivan Tiltins 16 th Jim Buckenham
LONGEST DRIVES	25+ 24-	1 st Ian Massey 1 st Chris Mooney
BRADMAN	Lizards Visitors	Wal Hill - 26 points off a handicap of 45 Joseph O'Meara - 24 points off a handicap of 26



Winner of the Christmas Carroll Cup **Garry Bird LM** has hit a rich vein of form of late. What with a win in August followed by taking out the Morgan / Mooney multiplier along with **Wal Hill** in November, he really seems to be on his game. And it seems the handicapper has noticed with this month's adjustment.



Our Captain/Handicapper **Neil Winterton** hasn't been seen too often on the dais of late, but the festive cheer seems to have agreed with him as he notched up his highest score in quite some time – 43 points. Congratulations Neil.

Visitor **Jim Buckenham** made the most of his generous handicap of 37. We're not quite sure where or how this handicap was assessed, but Manfred ensured that it has been appropriately adjusted.

Thoughts from “The Listening President”

For 2017, the Match Committee has agreed to update the Lizards golf rules so that all groups are playing to the same rules. We are going to include one new rule about ‘rake and place’ in a bunker (this is only allowed if your marker agrees that the ball is in a hole or footprint), and our ‘Preferred Lies’ rule will be updated to cover all mulched and wood chip areas.

Our current Lizards rules (see back of the Lizards scorecard) allow for a preferred-lie of 30cm. As a guideline, 30cm is the length of the grip on your golf clubs – not the length required to get around any problem you are faced with. Playing with the Lizards will always be about having a bit of fun outside the constraints of a formal golf club, but we also want all Lizards to get a fair-go.

Happy New Year dear Lizards and don't forget to bring a visitor or two!!

John O'Meara, the (listening) President

Fines of the Day

Ivan Tiltins	Did refer to friends and acquaintances of the Lizards coming today as ‘piss pots’
Ivan Tiltins	After casting aspersions on the quality of Lizards guests did arrive with one John Surplice
Peter Simmonds	Was heard on the 15 th tee advising Dave Dunworth on the benefits of striped paint
Wal Hill	When questioned as to whether the thread on the gas bottle was left or right replied “It's the opposite of what you'd think”
Jim Small	Abused Chris Mooney for putting before him – Chris was 12ft from the hole and Jim was 3

TODAY'S PLAY

Handicap Adjustments

Jim Buckenham	-10	Jim Small LM	-1	Rob O'Brien	1
Garry Bird LM	-4	Dave Dunworth	1	Ivan Tiltins	1
Neil Winterton	-2	Jim Efstathiou	1	Ashton Castle	2
John O'Meara	-1	Wal Hill	1	Joseph O'Meara	2
Peter Simmonds	-1	Chris Mooney	1		

Special Event: 2 Ball Multiplier

Nearest the Pins

Handicap of 25 or more	2 nd & 5 th
Handicap of 24 or less	2 nd & 5 th

Longest Drives

Handicap of 25 or more	1 st
Handicap of 24 or less	1 st

Rule Changes Effective January 2017 on - Revised "Preferred Lies"

A ball may be lifted, without penalty, through the green, cleaned and placed on a spot within 30 centimetres of and not nearer the hole than where the ball originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on the putting green. This includes mulched and wood chip areas where the lie may be preferred, but not automatically taken outside of those areas.

Where a ball comes to rest in a bunker AND is determined by the marker to be in a hole or footprint, the ball may be lifted, without penalty, the area under where the ball was raked smooth, before placing the ball back in the bunker at the point where it originally came to rest.

NEXT MONTH

Event: Foundation/Life Member's Day
Tee Time: 8:00 am
Caterer: Peter Kiely

TODAY

8:00 am
John O'Meara

Good Golfing and Good Luck
Chris Mooney, Editor

