

The Brassie

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Newsletter of The Australian Golf Heritage Society.

President's Report:- This is the first "Brassie" under our new name (see above) and my first contribution as President/Chairman of our new "Society". Welcome to all!

Since the A.G.M. ratifying our new name change and rules variations, our first executive meeting elected the following office bearers:-

Hon. President – Bruce Nairn (Chairman)

Captain – Ross Howard.

Secretary- Henry Patterson

Treasurer- Mal McIntosh

Patrons –Dan Cullen D.F.C. and Tom Moore

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“ “ “ Women's Golf N.S.W. –Frances Crampton.

“ “ “ P.G.A. Australia –Kyle Francis.

Sub-committees –Playing –Ross Howard, Michael Sherret and Tom Moore.

-Brassie Editor –Mal Bray

-Research & Library – Erwin Huber

-Memorabilia and Museum – Tom Moore

It is pleasing to announce that both the P.G.A. of Australia and the N.S.W. Golf Association will continue to sponsor our organization. We are hopeful that Women's Golf N.S.W. will also come on board. We look forward to having Kyle Francis represent the P.G.A. at our March meeting.

Tom Moore's appointment after 12 years as president of the Golf Collectors' Society as co-patron with Dan Cullen is in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the society.

Peter Bleek has donated an extensive collection of 8mm. films dating back to the 50's. These will be housed in our museum.

Megan Barham is continuing with her work at our museum. More news about this re-organisation next newsletter.

Regards to all,

Bruce Nairn

The Golf Museum at Granville is proudly sponsored by Golf Mart, and supported by the N.S.W Golf Ass'n, Women's Golf N.S.W., the P.G.A. and Museums and Galleries N.S.W.

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Captains Report –

Results of the 2007 Australian Hickory Club C'ships played at Auburn links Nov.15th were:- Winner – Peter Read –(74), Nett – Tony Pickrell (67), Ladies Champ – Shuri Yasuda-Hines (84). All players praised the course.

The 2008 Dan Cullen Trophy will be held on March 28th commencing at 2.00P.M.at the Coast Golf Club.The event will be a 2 ball Ambrose over 9 holes.Entry fee is \$30 covering golf, trophies and club hire if needed. Presentation and snacks will be at 5.30. Let's have a big field this year. It's great fun and we'll be paying homage to our patron and one of Australia's golfing icons. Entries to Ross on 99757681 or Tom on 98712798.

The Hickory championship (promoted by Ramsay Experience Marketing of Launceston) will be played in May at 'Ratho'. Entries to Greg Ramsay by Phone – (03)63445318 or email – festival@rathogolf.com

Dan Cullen, our esteemed patron. has been asked to be part of the Centenary celebrations at Cottesloe G.C. in W.A. later this year. Cottesloe is attempting to gather all past W.A. Open champions. Dan, who won in '37 and '38, will be accorded the honour of hitting the first ball to open the celebrations.

Peter Read (winner)
Barry Leithhead
And John Fletcher
At the



2007 Aust. Hickory C'ship, Auburn Links.

Museum Report – A scrapbook with the complete competition results of the Bonnie Doon G.C. from 1936 -1948 when it was situated at Arncliffe, has been donated by Les Bromley. In 1948 because of proposed extensions to Mascot Airport, the club moved to its present location at Pagewood. Les also donated another scrapbook containing press cuttings detailing the major events played at Arncliffe.

An anonymous donor has given us a huge collection of scorecards from all over the world in a beautiful wooden covered album.

Keith Elliott, (brother of Blue Mts. Pro Ron) has donated a genuine blacksmiths vice. These solid items were seen in pro shops prior to the '30s.

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With the change of our name we still have some golf balls and glasses for sale with the Golf Collectors Logo. Balls 3 for \$10, glasses \$10 each.

We held several displays recently. Noel Pittard organized a successful hit with hickories at the Queensland open at Gainsborough Greens. We had a tent display at the Open at Kensington in December. Master craftsman Ross Baker attended and crafted a long-nosed putter. This was presented to Kel Nagle at his induction into the hall of fame at Concord. We also joined with the Golf Society at the Australian Ladies Open at Kingston Heath at the end of February. All of this activity helped spread the word of our Society. Thanks to all those volunteers who attended and manned the tent.

Our avid golf collector Owen Denmeade also has a fine collection of bicycles, particularly Malvern Star. He has unearthed some golf clubs stamped "Malvern Star" and would like to know who made them and why. Please contact Owen if you have any information.

At our Golf Museum we are having trouble locating items to display that illustrate the wonderful history of Ladies Golf in Australia.

CAN YOU HELP?

We need items of memorabilia including:-

- *Ladies clothing (especially long skirts and blouses pre 1930)
- *Uniforms and Blazers from our Australian and State teams.
- *Clubs, bags and balls used by our champions.
- *Photographs, individual and teams.
- *Trophies and cups won by our champions.

Should you come across anything falling into these categories or any items you think might be of interest to help complete our display please contact:-

Tom Moore, A.G.H.S.Inc. Museum, ¼ Parramatta Rd., Granville. N.S.W.
(ABOVE THE GOLF MART STORE) or ph.(02)98712798 fax 9873 2979

Email teemoore@tpg.com.au

Regards,

Tom Moore

The Golf Historians Group – A free booklet written by Barry Leithhead and John Pearson titled "How to write a golf club history" was launched at Manly G.C. in November '07. Author Brendon Moloney's book titled "Harry Hattersley, the life and journeys of a golfing legend" was launched by Harry's son Richard at this meeting. Also on the program was an address titled "The P.G.A. in Australia – the First 100 Years" given by Jim Webster.(see photo)

Golf Historians Seminar
Manly G.C.
Monday 26/11/07
Jim Webster speaking



New Members- Keith Wood, immediate past president of the Golf Society. Jim Windeyer, whose grandfather was Hon. Secretary of Hunter's Hill G.C. in the early 1900's. Bob Richards, P.G.A. member recently retired from Waringah G.C. Tom Linskey, P.G.A. member, course designer and noted teacher.

Volunteers – needed to man the Museum each Sunday. It's fun and very informative. Training is available – if you can spare a day or even a few hours please contact Tom on 9871 2798.

Sick list – Our dear Mavis, stalwart of the volunteers at the Museum on Sundays has hit a hurdle and off for tests. All the best Mavis and we hope to hear you are soon up and well again. Mal's wife Judy has just finished radiation for secondary breast cancer and together with new medication we hope she can resume her golf and travel again soon. (Europe in June!)

Feature Article – the ball-testing machine.

Dunlop/Slazengers began developing top class balls after W.W.2 and eventually produced the finest small ball (1.62") in the world. Our tournament players took these overseas and evoked so much interest (read envy) that samples were ordered to be tested. They were found to comply with the R. & A. regulations after they were tested on a machine installed on the practice fairway at the Australian G.C. (see photo).

With the advent of the large ball (1.68") in the '70's ball production in Australia virtually ceased and the ball tester sat in a small green tin shed for 30 years. When the club decided to remove it, they asked the Golf Collectors Society if they were interested. As a part of Australia's golf history we agreed to seek a new home for the machine. It is at present in storage and a permanent home is required – a weather shelter approx. 2m X 1m would suffice. Any organization or club interested should contact Tom Moore. (See no's above)

Here's a chance to grab a piece of Australian Golfing History.

The Dunlop Ball Tester
Now stored at Muirfield G.C.
Installed at the Australian G.C.
In the '50's

