



~ Encourage the collection, recording and preservation of information that is connected to the history of golf in Australia,
~ Verify the authenticity of physical items associated with the history of golf in Australia and provide a means of storing, restoring and displaying these physical items,
~ Inform golfers, golf clubs, and the wider community of this information and display these items in a manner which tells their story, and
~ Promote hickory events as a celebration of the origins of the game.

December 2016

President's Report

- John Buckley



As we move ever closer to the end of yet another calendar year, it is an opportune time to reflect upon the achievements of the Society over the past twelve months.

Thanks to the continued efforts of our Collections Manager Vicki Stanton, and a small group of dedicated volunteers, the

Museum continues to progress. Our participation in the National Standards Program is nearing its end, and—as a result—we have taken some valuable advice on board.

As Vicki explains elsewhere in this edition, an action plan has been devised with the help of Museums and Galleries NSW to address what are seen as the most pressing issues we face. I cannot emphasise enough the need for members to get behind the Museum.

We have much work to do, and need your help. It doesn't matter what your area of expertise may be—you setting aside a half day, a full day, or a number of days would help our cause considerably.

Our captain Ross Howard has been working hard on an expanded playing program for the New Year. The aim is to have at least one hickory game per month in 2017. If you think your course is suitable for hickory play, please don't hesitate to contact Ross.

It pleases me greatly to watch—from a distance—the Queensland Chapter going from strength to strength. Their **Festival of Tropical Hickory Golf** (see report on page 5) was an unqualified success, and the Queensland Committee are to be heartily congratulated on their efforts.

The Society held its Annual General Meeting at the Manly Golf Club on Tuesday 6th December, and it pleases me to report that the following members were elected to the Committee of Management for the next twelve months:

President—John Buckley
Captain—Ross Howard
Secretary-Treasurer—Steve Doorey

General Committee—Phil Baird
General Committee—Tony Doggett
General Committee—Tom Moore

These are names that should be familiar to you, and I would like to acknowledge their dedication in standing for office. At this stage we are one Committee member short, and would welcome assistance from any member willing to fill the casual vacancy. Duties are far from onerous, and anyone interested should contact Secretary-Treasurer Steve Doorey.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to wish all our members the very best for the festive season, and we hope to see you all in the New Year.



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GOLF NOTES

CARING FOR THE SHAFTS OF YOUR CLUBS

By TEE TEE

CARE OF SHAFTS.

I fancy very few of the golfers who have gone to the front have taken care to have the shafts of their clubs looked after. Those clubs that have been given into the professionals care will, of course, be all right, but considering that good shafts are now nearly priceless, it is amazing to me how the golfers generally treat them. They take their kit out on a wet day, get their caddies to clean the heads, and then place the wet clubs and bag in their locker until they may happen to want them again. No wonder they crack, break and, worst of all, warp.

The professional is, of course, blamed for selling inferior stuff, when no clubs ever made would stand such treatment. I am not surprised at the ignorance of players as to the proper treatment necessary to preserve their shafts when I read that R. E. Howard states that:

"the professionals, who naturally pay considerable attention to their clubs, since perfect shafts are worth their weight in gold to a man whose livelihood depends upon the pastime, say that the best preservative is to apply linseed oil to the wood before putting the clubs away for a lengthy period."



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If they have received a soaking they must be dried before being treated with oil, and it is well to see that the latter does not get into the faces of the wooden clubs. Twenty minutes spent in oiling the shafts may save much annoyance and expense in the future.

I was under the impression that nearly everyone now knew that oiling the shafts, but at very rare intervals, was about the worst thing for them, as it caused hair splits, which are small cracks appearing across the shaft on the opposite side to the face of the club. They look very innocent at first, but gradually eat their way right through the shaft without showing any further signs on the outside. The shaft in time breaks off without any warning, probably in a critical match.

2016-17 Membership

Annual membership renewal subscriptions are due as at 1 July each year. Any Society member who has not yet renewed their membership is still most welcome to do so. Membership remains at \$30-00 per annum, and payment options are:

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GOLF NOTES (cont.)

Oil used very sparingly at times would not do much harm, but several mixtures can be bought or made that give greater satisfaction without the risk of oil. One is equal parts of oil, vinegar and methylated spirits. If oil is used at all boiled linseed oil is very good, as it does not sink in, and if very lightly laid on, and then well rubbed in, will give one of the best polishes I know of. I have seen ordinary boot polish answer the purpose very well. Any of the ordinary spirit varnishes are very good and effective. They lose their brightness after rain, but can in a few minutes be renewed after the shaft is well dried.

GOLF BALL PAINT

I see there is a misconception as to what I recently said in this column about golf paint. I am supposed to have recommended Reppolin golf ball paint, whereas what I have used with such success — and others, too — is the ordinary Reppolin paint, used, I suppose, for painting in a general way. The golf ball paint I know nothing of; it may be good, but the other is so satisfactory I do not require to try any other.

We seem to be more lucky here than in England with respect to our golf courses, as will be readily seen from the following extract from an English paper:

“At last golf clubs are definitely called upon to sacrifice themselves for the general good. Since the war commenced every golfer has been anxious to do what he or she could, and how much golfers have done would fill a very big book if related in any sort of detail. Apart from personal service, golfers have offered their courses and club-houses to help sick and wounded soldiers back to health and strength, they have organised charity matches and raised considerable funds for all sorts of purposes connected with the war, and they have formulated schemes for the employment of those broken in the war.

“Now, however, golf clubs are called upon to perform a direct military service, viz., to grow hay for the army. Most secretaries have already received a circular letter from the Army Forage Department, asking permission to be allowed to harvest the grass grown on the links as hay for the army use. It is stated that great service would be rendered to the country if clubs will adopt this suggestion, and I have no reason to suppose that this service will not be cheerfully given. Last year it was suggested that golf courses might be pressed into the service of the nation by feeding sheep, and then came the further suggestion that this seasons lambs should not be killed for food, but should be turned out to grow fat and big on the luscious grass that hides the golfers’

precious rubber core. Nothing in the way of organisation on these lines was done, and probably it would have been a very difficult and complicated matter to carry out such a plan.

“The hay proposition is, however, quite feasible, and though temporary inconvenience may result, it is quite possible that it may have an excellent effect on the golfing form of those who are still left to enjoy an occasional round. I take it that what is proposed or desired is that, with the exception of a fairway as narrow as possible, the grass on golf courses shall be allowed to grow to maturity and then be made into hay. As soon as the grass begins seriously to grow it will be a very necessary war-time *economy* to keep straight, and the knowledge that a pulled or sliced ball is lost for ever or buried beyond hope of recovery until after the merry hay-making, should be a salutary check on the wild hitters.

“The proposal fits in admirably with the present arrangements of most clubs. With labor scarce and horses bad to get and costly to keep, mowing in the Spring and early Summer looks like being a very serious problem. The line of least resistance is, of course, to let the grass grow and it is a comfort to know that internal economy in this direction thus becomes a national advantage. Apparently the War Office will arrange for the harvesting, and if they are met in the proper spirit by golf clubs they will doubtless take very good care that as little damage as possible is done to the course by the passage of the mowing machines and hay waggons.

“Links vary very much in their yield of grass. The best courses are invariably on the verge of the desert — by the rough sands of the sea shore, on sandy commons or waste moorlands — and these will yield so little that the Army authorities will, in all likelihood, think them not worth bothering with. On the other hand, the development of the game all over England has been so tremendous that the century-old turf of parks and rich valley pastures have been placed under contribution, and every effort has been made to encourage a rich growth of grass. From these good crops should be obtained. As for the feeding qualities of the hay obtained in this way, I am not able to speak. The point is that golf clubs are now asked definitely to help in the great national cause, and I am certain that the appeal will not have been made in vain.

The Arrow (Sydney) , December 30 1916 p. 7

This article appeared in The Arrow 100 years ago this month. The AGHS Museum’s ‘Golf & War’ exhibition tells similar stories of golf clubs’ involvement in the Australian war effort during the major conflicts of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Captain's Report

"To the Fore" - Ross Howard

Hi to all AGHS members and readers of The Brassie.

Since last we "spoke", several events have been played, the Craigieburn Cup, our annual Championship, the Bobby Locke qualifying round & subsequent first knockout round at Avondale and a Show & Tell at Canterbury. All results and reports are on the website and thankfully those days have been blessed with delightful Sydney weather.

I encourage members and guests to attend the "Show & Tell" days, they are great fun and the items always produce amazing information and generate interesting discussion.

One of the 2017 objectives is to hold a hickory playing day each month throughout the year, so if you wish to see a hickory event at your home course, please let me know. Already I have had a request from AGHS members belonging to Cronulla for a game at that course.

The Bobby Locke knockout rounds are continuing and please note this event is now a scratch event (not handicap). Hopefully we may have the title finalised by the AGM.

By the time, you receive this Brassie, the final two events of the year will have been played being:

- Hickory Experience day at Muirfield on Sunday 27th November with 9 holes, starting at 2pm with dinner and a speaker.
- 9 holes at North Ryde starting at 3pm on Tuesday 6th December with the AGM to follow at 6pm.

The website will have a report covering both events.

Again, I urge you to consider putting a trip to the Southern Highlands to play in the Craigieburn Cup in your diary. Next years event is currently scheduled for Sunday 17th September 2017.

We hit off at 12 noon and play 18 holes, with separate scratch and handicap events featured. It is a great little course with the original 100-year-old layout intact and the nine greens "attacked" from 18 tees. Also on the following Friday — 22nd September 2017 — the annual Australian Hickory Shaft Championship will be scheduled.

The Museum, if you have not attended in recent months, is continuing to show and reward the dedicated and considerable efforts of those directly involved. If you wish to spend a Sunday with the Museum team, volunteers are always most welcome.

Well, the Australian Open has been played & won at Royal Sydney Golf Club on 17-20 November. Many thanks to those you attended and manned the tent during the event.

I took the opportunity on the Saturday to "front" at the next-door tent with the driving range simulator — Genesis Nearest The Pin — and hit a couple of shots with a hickory in the presence of Paul Gow (The Foxtel Golf Show co-host) who was suitably impressed with shots and dress up.

We are ever hopefully that the AGHS may get a "gig" on the above show in 2017.



New Members

Welcome to new Society members:

Mr Stuart Baker (Peninsula Golf Club)

Mr Tony Cassimatis (Brisbane Golf Club)

Mr Russell Crofts

Mr Trevor Edgoose (North Ryde Golf Club)

Mr Richard Manning (Federal Golf Club)

Mr Murray Smith (Braidwood Golf Club)

Mr Chris Webster (Palmer Gold Coast)

Individual and club membership is available at any time throughout the year. Applications for membership may be downloaded from AGHS website.

Queensland Report

Festival of Tropical Hickory Golf

Between Friday 4th and Sunday the 6th of November 2017, AGHS (Queensland Chapter) conducted a trio of hickory golfing events at three of Brisbane - and Queensland's - premier golf clubs: the Queensland Hickory Shaft Championship at Royal Queensland Golf Club; the AGHS 4BBB event at Nudgee Golf Club; and the Queensland Hickory Shaft Foursomes Championship at The Brisbane Golf Club.

Queensland Hickory Shaft Championship—Royal Queensland Golf Club

Played in warm and blustery conditions, the second annual Queensland Hickory Shaft Championship was again played at Royal Queensland Golf Club. The club's par 72 links were in fine condition and the championship was played over a course of approximately 5900 metres, with a scratch rating of 73 and slope rating of 126. As always, visitors and locals alike were challenged by the strategic layout of the course and its fast, undulating greens.

This year's field of nineteen players included interstate and country visitors. Justin Ryan travelled from Quarry Hill Golf Club in Bendigo, Lachlan Wilson from Wagga Wagga Golf Club, Matthew McCarthy from Rows Bay Golf Club in Townsville, and Scott Hendry from City Golf Club in Toowoomba. The field also included three professional golfers - Joe Janison and Reece McRae from The Brisbane Golf Club, and Royal Queensland Golf Club's recent Belgian import Jean Relecom.



The players in the 2016 Queensland Hickory Shaft Championship. Runner-up Rob King-Scott front left & winner Alan Grieve front right

The winner of the Queensland Hickory Shaft Championship for the second year running was Alan Grieve with a fine round of 79 strokes. A model of consistency, Alan recorded the same score over the same course as last year's inaugural event. His reward this year is a magnificent new trophy featuring a bronze sculpture of Bobby Jones. Generously donated by AGHS Secretary Ross Haslam, this will be the perpetual prize for subsequent champion golfers.

This year's runner-up with a fine round of 80 strokes was Rob King-Scott. While significantly shorter off the tee than Alan,



Queensland Hickory Shaft Championship Trophy

Rob's peerless short-game and superlative putting kept him in the running until the final hole. Playing in the same group as Alan, Rob registered a par on the 480 metre par five final hole — only to be pipped at the post by Alan's winning birdie.

Once again, the cream rose to the top. Last year's runner-up and third place getter, Ralph Heading and Joe Janison respectively, this year finished tied on 86 strokes, with Ralph edging ahead of Joe on a countback to attain place third. With scores under ninety strokes and exhibiting their usual high calibre of play, good rounds were recorded by Reece McRae, Ross Haslam, Chris Cooper, Chris Webster, Jean Relecom and Ross Bishop.

Winner of the Captain's Trophy for the best nett score was Rob King-Scott with 71 off a handicap of 9. He was followed, in order, by Chris Webster, Ross Haslam, Kevin Tuckwell and Ross Bishop, who all scored lower than 77 net.

AGHS Ladies' Event

For the first time, this year's event attracted two female participants: Paula Biscaya from Toowomba's City Golf Club, and Royal Queensland Golf Club Ladies' Vice-President Jan Kildey. Paula and Jan played a modified stableford event

and in a closely fought contest Jan won the Captain's Trophy with 37 stableford points to Paula's 35.

Dinner

Presentations and dinner took place once more in the Royal Queensland Golf Club's Silver Boomerang Room. Showing great stamina, inaugural AGHS Queensland Captain Peter Monks made the presentations. Having arrived back from London at 1:00 am on the day of the event, Peter's effort was greatly appreciated.

Thanks

We thank the members and committee of Royal Queensland Golf Club for making its wonderful Michael Clayton-designed golf links and facilities available for this year's event. We also thank the club for waiving green fees for visitors to this event—our most important of the year. As always, Tim Gahan and his staff ensured a faultless day of golf and evening of merriment. Also, special thanks to Steve Rhind who so efficiently looks after AGHS events all year and his colleague Jill McKeiver from the club's golf centre.

The AGHS 4BBB Event—Nudgee Golf Club

On the lay-day between the Championship and Foursomes Championship, AGHS Treasurer Ross Haslam organised an informal 4BBB event at his home club Nudgee Golf Club. Played over the club's relatively flat and short par 69 South Course, the event was contested by an elite field of twelve players.



Competitors in the 2017 AGHS 4BBB Event at Nudgee Golf Club
Winners Arthur O'Shea (left) and Ross Bishop (third from right)

The winners were the experienced and wily duo Arthur O'Shea and Ross Bishop with an outstanding score of 46 stableford points. Ross Haslam reports, "I was fortunate to play in Arthur and Ross' group. Arthur's driving and short game were at their absolute best, his putting especially was outstanding. An extra 2– 3" of roll on the slow Nudgee greens and their winning 46 points could easily have been 50+ points. Ross' control of ball-flight into the wind was as good as it gets in hickory golf.

If it hadn't been 34 degrees in brilliant Brisbane sunshine we would have sworn we were watching a seasoned Scotsman maneuvering his way around a windswept links course. His knockdown shots were second to none."

Runners-up were Chris and Greg Cooper (not related) with a most creditable 43 points on countback from Lachie Wilson and Chris Webster, and also Alan Grieve and Matt McCarthy. Geoff Egarr and Ross Haslam on 39 points avoided the wooden spoon on countback from Rob King-Scott and Justin Ryan.

Thank you to the members and committee of Nudgee Golf Club for making their course and facilities available to AGHS for this event and for waiving green fees for visitors. Also, many thanks to the clubhouse staff for the lovely pre-round luncheon they provided.

Queensland Hickory Shaft Foursomes Championship— The Brisbane Golf Club

On the morning of Sunday 6th November, having participated in events at Royal Queensland and Nudgee Golf Clubs in the preceding days, fourteen keen hickory golfers assembled at The Brisbane Golf Club to contest the inaugural Queensland Hickory Shaft Foursomes Championship. Having only recently hosted the Queensland Open, The Brisbane Golf Club's beautiful and historic Yeerongpilly links were in superlative condition.

In an impressive display of golfing skill and strength, the winners of the inaugural running of this event were local pairing Alan Grieve and Joel Negline with 78 strokes off-the-stick. Runners-up with a gross score of 84 were ex-touring professional Don Fardon and Victorian visitor Justin Ryan. In third place with 86 strokes were Allard Bernhofen and Townsville-based Matthew McCarthy.

The Captain's Trophy for the best nett score was won by Andrew Baker and Rob King-Scott with 77.5. They edged out Ross Haslam and Chris Webster by a single stroke, with Allard Bernhofen and Matthew McCarthy a further half-shot

behind in third place.



2017 Queensland Hickory Shaft Foursomes Champions—Joel Negline and Alan Grieve

Thanks

The AGHS sincerely thanks the members, committee and staff of The Brisbane Golf Club for hosting our inaugural Foursomes Championship and for waiving green fees for visitors. This contribution to the growth of hickory golf in Queensland is greatly appreciated.

Luncheon

Drinks, presentations and a most convivial lunch were held in the beautiful and historic clubhouse of The Brisbane Golf Club. Surrounded by a wealth of historic photographs and antique golfing memorabilia, no more appropriate setting could provide a finale to such a memorable and delightful three-day weekend of hickory golf.

Andrew Baker

Captain, AGHS (Queensland Chapter)

On the Spot Report

Royal Queensland Gold Club, 9th October 2016

The October monthly event departed from the norm in that green renovations on the 2nd meant that the 'spare (west)' hole was in play as the 14th.

Satellite photography (below—tee at bottom, green at top) shows it to be a reasonably benign hole—a water carry for sure, but a big bail out area on the right. A fair chance of a par—even with the hickories.



Royal Queensland's 14th Hole in October

According to AGHS Queensland player John Hains:

"I started off very well with seven points on the first two holes. I then hit two balls into the water on the 14th, and fell in trying to retrieve one of them. I continued to play, wiped the next, then managed four points on the last two holes. I won the competition with 16 points. Arthur and Trevor (my playing partners) missed all the action."

THIS is dedication.

Golf Course Architecture

Unpaid junior apprentice course designer Ross Howard resumes his recollections of boyhood experiences working with his father, the renowned Australian course designer Al Howard.

The year is 1955 - I was 10 - and Dad had received a commission to design a golf course in Brisbane at a site called Eight Mile Plains (near Browns Plains/Sunnybank) along the western side of Beaudesert Rd to the south of the city. The gentleman who owned the property was from the Sutherland Shire in Sydney. From memory his name was Ellis.

This was to be my first trip on an aeroplane and having lived at Castlecrag since 1947, I was used to the scream of the two major aircraft used in the 50's - the four-engined turboprop Vickers Viscount then operated by TAA (Trans Australia Airlines) and the twin-engined Convair 440 operated by Ansett-ANA.

We used to set our clocks by the two 7:00pm flights from Brisbane which flew directly over the house each night. In 1956 - due to the building of the Channel 9 TV transmission tower in nearby Willoughby - the flight path was changed further to the west and silence returned to our 7:00pms.

Since Dad refused to fly with Ansett due the Butler Airlines "fight", it was on to the bus and off to TAA's city terminal & for the big adventure on the Monday. After an uneventful flight, but with many points of interest pointed out by Dad along the way, we arrived in Brisbane and were collected by the owner's manager and driven across Brisbane to the site.

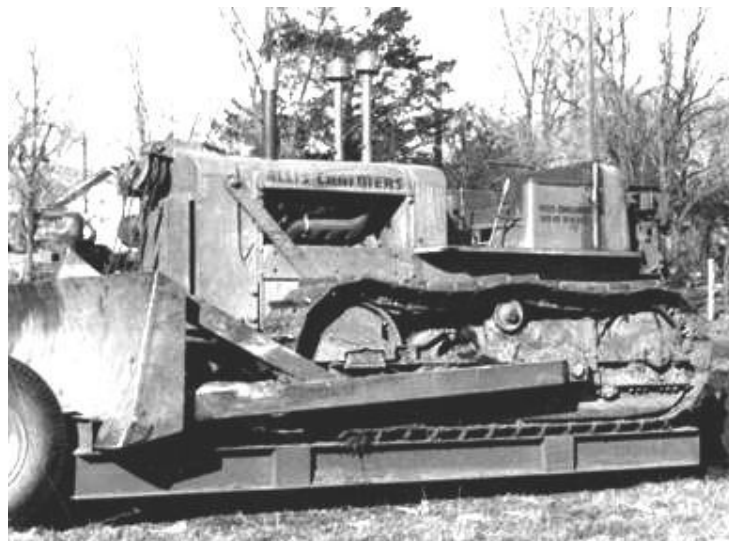
The fenced property was over 100 acres with a small water course running across the site from the south about one-third of the way to the western boundary. The topography of the site was with a high point in the south west corner, then gently sloping down to the water course, and then rising gently back to the main road. On the eastern boundary of the site fronting Beaudesert Rd was a substantial two storey house with a portico where we stayed for the week during December.

On the southern side of the property was a large field planted totally with pineapples running in rows - all very clinical - and I remember hearing the main line steam trains running into Brisbane at night.

Monday afternoon was spent walking the fence line, understanding the physical landfall of the site, and then reviewing that night the topographic plan around the dining room table. The experience of walking the site with my usual safety gear of riding boots, long pants, long sleeved shirt and

hat was interesting because with little in the ways of tracks, we had to "bush bash".

The site was heavily forested with eucalypts with very little in the way of tracks, so a small dozer - an Allis Chalmers HD10 with cable lift blade from memory - was hired to assist with creating some useful clearings and pathways.



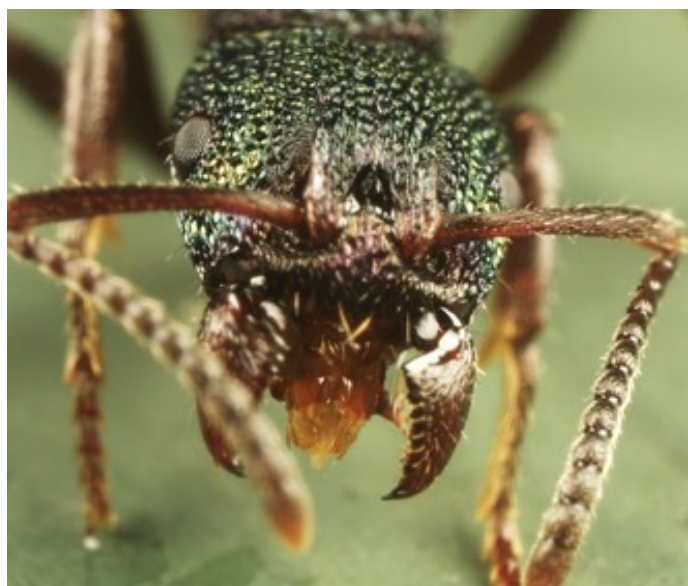
An example of the venerable HD10

The machinery arrived on the Tuesday morning and despite Dad telling the operator that he should go to the northern boundary and start to clear a track there, the operator headed straight through the middle of the site and promptly became bogged in the water course. After some heated discussions and lost time, a Caterpillar road grader appeared and pulled the dozer out of the water course. Thereafter the dozer operator was supervised very closely by micro manager Al!

By Wednesday afternoon we had a set of useful tracks through the scrub and the job of laying out the course of the ground could start with our usual "chain-man" methodology with 66ft tape, canes, and directions as to "see that tree with the Y fork" type instructions to yours truly.

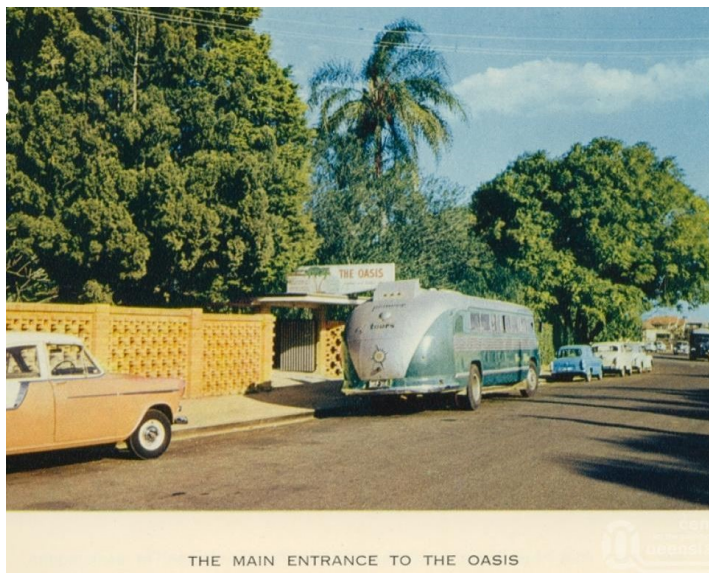
The creation of the tracks had exposed a variety of "wild life", with snakes & green-head ants (*Rhytidoponera metallica*) disturbed, along with numerous large goannas. I was okay with the snakes and goannas, but the ants were something else again. They "attacked" in numbers and required rapid action to stop them running up the boots and pants to bite . . . "nasty little beggars".

The layout work progressed well, and by midday Friday, all that could be done was achieved with detailed instructions for the manager to commence the clearing of the respective fairways as drawn on the topographic plan.



The business end of a green-head ant, so feared by the young Ross.

Friday afternoon was “free time” and Dad took me to The Oasis Tourist Gardens. For decades, the Sunnybank-based amusement park was a haven for Brisbane southsiders, and a much-loved icon, before it closed in 1989.



The entrance to The Oasis Tourist Gardens c. 1960.

The Friday night flight home again in a TAA Viscount was anything but uneventful. A violent electric storm on the way south to Sydney caused many passengers to fully utilise their sick bags and we experienced a number of substantial air pockets with the plane dropping, and passengers’ drinks hitting the roof of the cabin. As a very experienced flyer, Dad had wisely counselled me not to have a drink until the storm had passed!

But one fact remains clear in my mind, and will forever. When we returned to school, the teacher asked us to write about the holidays and things we had experienced. So, my story was duly submitted . . . and returned to me with red mark through “Allis”, and noted as “Alice”. Can you imagine my indignation of having this spelling corrected? Not to be deterred, I insisted that Dad write to the teacher and explain that my spelling of the manufacturer’s name was indeed correct.

As I recall, the course was built and opened, but despite extensive searches of both Dad’s archives and other sources I have been unable to determine the fate of this course.

I trust you have enjoyed my fond memories of working with Dad, and I hope to bring you other stories in the future.

Editor’s Note: Any members—particularly those north of the Tweed—who may have any knowledge of the course Ross mentions are invited to share what they know with the general membership.

Dates for the Hickory Diary (NSW)

Thursday January 19th	Show & Tell Randwick Golf Club
Tuesday February 28th	Show & Tell Cronulla Golf Club
Thursday March 16th	Dan Cullen Trophy Long Reef Golf Club
Sunday April 30th	Kiama Hickory Challenge Kiama Golf Club
Monday May 8th	J. J. Paine Trophy Windsor Country G.C.
Friday May 26th	Show & Tell Turramurra Golf Club
Sunday September 17th	Craigieburn Cup Peppers Craigieburn
Friday September 22nd	Australian Hickory Shaft Championship

More complete details of events—as they come to hand—can be found at

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Museum Report

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The museum's participation in the National Standards Program, facilitated by Museums & Galleries NSW, is coming to a close. We have conducted a series of self-review questionnaires and had two field visits from two very experienced museum consultants.

Through this process, our strengths and our challenges have been identified. Strengths included good governance, strong policy adoption and targeted strategies such as the travelling exhibition to boost public engagement with the collection.

The greatest challenge for the museum is to elevate standards in key areas of collection management: cataloguing, documentation, preservation, and storage.

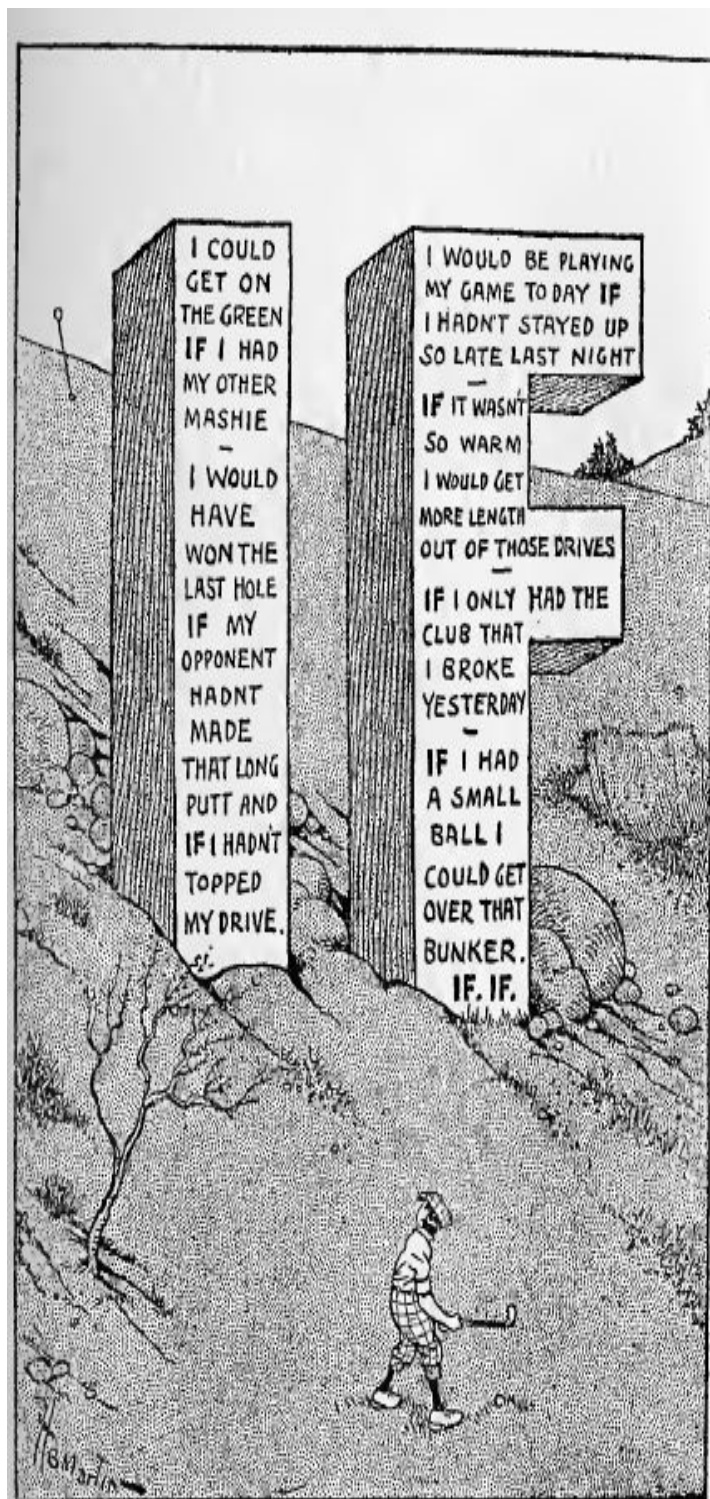
It has been recommended that the Museum undertake a collection inventory and major overhaul of the storage area. This process will assist the Museum in raising the consistency of its documentation, address the most urgent threats to the conservation of the collection and, ultimately, make the collection more accessible for research, exhibitions and public programs.

To this end, an action plan has been drawn up. Exhibition space in the museum will be reduced to enable a larger space to set up work stations to document, photograph and care for each item.

Exhibitions have not been forgotten! Our collaboration with Google Cultural Institute's Sports Launch continues. Originally scheduled to go online in November, the project will now launch in April 2017.

Photography of the 150 items for online display has been completed and the digital exhibit is in process of construction. Check out what [GCI](#) has to offer in the way of digital exhibitions.

In the past few months, the travelling exhibition has visited Castle Hill Country Club, Northbridge Golf Club and is currently in the pro shop at Muirfield. The display receives very positive feedback at each venue and greatly increases the number of people who view objects in the Society's wonderful collection.



From Golf

The Greatest Hazard

Golf Yarns
Dodd, Mead & Company 1913

Glossary of Technical Terms Employed in the Game of Golf

Addressing the ball—Putting one's self in position to strike the ball.

Approach—When the player is sufficiently near the hole to be able to drive the ball to the putting green his stroke is called the "approach shot."

Away—Ball to be played first.

Baff—To strike the ground with the "sole" of the club-head in playing, and so send ball in air.

Baffy—A wooden club to play lofting shots.

Bent—Rush, bent-grass.

Birdie—One under par for a hole.

Bisque—A handicap with a stipulated number of strokes to be taken at the option of the recipient.

Bogey—Usually given the title of colonel. A phantom who is credited with a certain score for each hole, against which score each player is competing.

Bone—A piece of ram's horn inserted in the sole of the club to prevent it from splitting.

Brassie—A wooden club with a brass sole,

Break-club—An obstacle lying near a ball of such a nature as might break the club when striking at the ball.

Bulger—A club with a convex face.

Bunker—Generally any rough, hazardous ground—more strictly, a sandpit.

Bye—Any hole or holes that remain to be played after the match is finished. They are played for singly, unless the sides agree to make another match of them.

Caddie—A person who carries the golfer's clubs, and who can usually give him advice in regard to the game.

Cleek—An iron-headed club of considerable driving power, and sometimes used for putting.

Club—The implement with which the ball is struck. The heads are of three kinds—wood, wood with a brass sole, and iron only.

Course—That portion of the links on which the game ought to be played, generally bounded on either side by rough ground or other hazard.

Cup—A small hole in the course, usually one made by the stroke of some previous player.

Dead—A ball is said to be "dead" when it lies so near the hole that the "putt" is a dead certainty. A ball is said to fall "dead" when it does not run after alighting.

Dormy—One side is said to be "dormy" when it is as many holes ahead as there remain holes to play. This word is probably derived from the French, like many Scottish terms.)

Draw—To drive widely to the left hand. (Identical in its results with Hook and Screw.)

Driver—See Play-Club.

Eagle—Two under par for a hole.

Face—First, the slope of a bunker or hillock; second, the part of the clubhead which strikes the ball.

Fairway—Short, cut grass between the tee and the green.

Flat—A club is said to be "flat", when its head is at a very obtuse angle to the shaft.

Fog—Moss, rank grass.

Fore!—A warning cry to any person in the way of the stroke. (Contracted from "before.")

Foursome—A match in which two play on each side.

Furze—Whins

Gobble—A rapid, straight "putt" into the hole, such that, had the ball not gone in, it would have gone some distance beyond.

Gorse—Whins

Grassed—Said of a club whose face is slightly "spooned" or sloped backward.

Green—First, the whole links; second, the putting-ground around the different holes.

Grip—First, the part of the handle covered with leather, by which the club is grasped; second, the grasp itself.

Half-one—A handicap of a stroke deducted every second hole.

Half-shot—Less than a full swing.

Halved—A hole is said to be "halved" when each side takes the same number of strokes. A "halved" match is a "drawn game"—that is, the players have proved to be equal.

Hanging—A "hanging" ball is one which lies on a downward slope.

Hazard—A general term for bunker, long grass, road, water, whin, molehill, or other bad ground.

Head—This word is a striking specimen of incongruity and mixed metaphor. A head is the lowest part of a club, and possesses, among other mysterious characteristics, a sole, a heel, a toe or nose, a neck and a face.

Heel—First, the part of the head nearest the shaft; second, to hit from this part, and send the ball to the right hand.

Hole—First, the four and one-quarter-inch hole lined with iron; the holes going out are marked with white, and those coming in, with red flags. Second, the whole space between any two of these.

Hole-Out—Final stroke.

Honour—The right to play off first from the tee.

Hook—See Draw.

Hose—The socket in iron-headed clubs, into which the wooden shaft fits.

Iron—A club made of the material its name implies, with the head more or less laid back to loft a ball. A most deadly weapon in a good player's hands.

Jerk—In "Jerking," the club should strike with a quick cut behind the ball, and stop on reaching the ground.

Lie—First, the inclination of a club when held on the ground in a natural position for striking; second, the situation of a ball, good or bad.

Like—See under Odds.

Like-as-we-lie—When both sides have played the same number of strokes.

Links—The open downs or heath on which golf is played.

Loft—To elevate the ball.

Long odds—When a player has to play a stroke more than his adversary, who is much farther on—that is, nearer the hole.

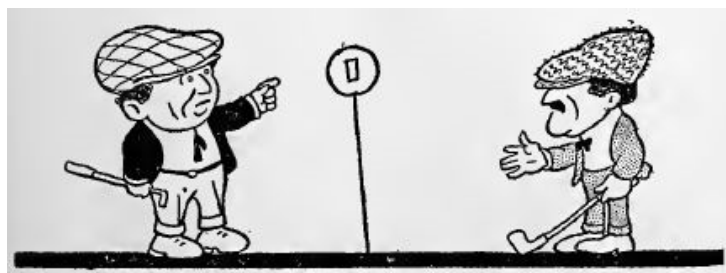
Made—A player, or his ball, is said to be "made" when his ball is sufficiently near the hole to be played on the putting green next shot.

Mashie—A club which, both in its make and its uses, is a compromise between the niblic and the iron.

Match—First, the sides playing against each other; second, the game itself.

Match Play—Competition by hole.

Medal Play—Competition by strokes.



Glossary of Technical Terms Employed in the Game of Golf (cont.)

Miss the globe—To fail to strike the ball, either by swinging right over the top of it, or by hitting the ground behind it, is counted a stroke.

Neck—The crook of the head where it joins the shaft.

Nassau—Best score out; best score in; best score of the match.

Niblic—A small, narrow-headed, heavy iron club, used when the ball lies in bad places, as ruts or whins, etc.

Nose—The point or front portion of the club-head.

Odds—First, means the handicap given by a strong player to a weaker in a single match, consisting of either one, two, three or more holes to start with, or one stroke per hole, or every alternate hole, or at every third hole, etc.; Second, to have played the "odds" is to have played one stroke more than your adversary. Some other terms used in counting the game will be most easily explained here altogether. If your opponent has played one stroke more than you—that is, "the odds"—your next stroke will be "the like;" If two strokes more—that is, "the two more"—your next stroke will be "the one off two;" If "three more," "the one off three," and so on.

One-off-two, One-off-three, etc.—See under Odds.

Par—Perfect score for a hole.

Play-club—A wooden-headed club, with full-length shaft, more or less supple; with it the ball can be driven to the greatest distance. It is used when the ball lies well.

Press—To strive to recover lost ground by special hard hitting—a very dangerous thing to attempt.

Putt—To play the delicate game close to the hole. (Pronounced "u" as in but.)

Putter—An upright, stiff-shafted, wooden-headed club (some use iron heads), used when the ball is on the putting green.

Rind—A strip of cloth under the leather to thicken the grip.

Rough—Long grass on either side of the course.

Rub on the green—A favorable or unfavorable knock to the ball, for which no penalty is imposed, and which must be submitted to.

Score—The narrow part of the club head by which it is glued to the handle.

Scloff—When the club-head strikes the ground behind the ball and follows on with a ricochet.

Scruff—Slightly razing the grass in striking.

Set—A full complement of clubs.

Shaft—The stick or handle of the club.

Slice—Ball cut so as to give left to right spin which veers sharply to the right in a curve after it has transversed the larger portion of its ultimate distance.

Sole—The flat bottom of the club-head.

Spoons—Wooden-headed clubs of three lengths—long, middle and short; the head is scooped, so as to loft the ball.

Spring—The degree of suppleness in the shaft.

Square—When the game stands evenly balanced, neither side being any holes ahead.

Stance—The position of the player's feet when addressing himself to the ball.

Steal—To hole an unlikely "putt" from a distance, but not by a "gobble."

Stroke—The act of hitting the ball with the club, or the attempt to do so.

Stymie—When your opponent's ball lies in the line of your "putt."

Swing—The sweep of the club in driving.

Swipe—A full driving stroke.

Tee—The pat of sand on which the ball is placed for the first stroke each hole.

Third—A handicap of a stroke deducted every third hole.

Threesome—One playing his own ball against two playing one ball as in a foursome.

Toe—Another name for the nose of the club.

Top—To hit the ball above its center.

Two-more, Three-more, etc.—See under Odds.

Upright—A club is said to be "upright" when its head is not at a very obtuse angle to the shaft.

Whins—Furze or gorse.

Whipping—The pitched twine uniting the head and handle.

Wrist shot—Less than half shot, generally played with an iron club.

*Spalding's Athletic Library
Official Golf Guide—1915
Rules Section
pp. 76-78*

Short Putts

There is many a slip 'twixt the tee and the cup.

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Some one has said that for golf you can be any old shape that you like so long as you have your lower limbs under control and are able to wave a stick, there need be no limit to your girth, or flabbiness, or senility.

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Referring to a golf tournament, a report of the game said :

"A very strong wind and a heavy rain made low scoring difficult."

Mr. Foozler wrote into the paper and wanted to know what makes low scoring easy.

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Golfer (having just made a good putt):

"That's a good hole, isn't it?"

Lady visitor: "Perfectly lovely. It is so beautifully round."

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First duffer (excitedly) : "Do you know, I have just landed on the sixth green in two?"

Second duffer: "Is that so? Which hole were you playing?"

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A MAN was playing a round of golf one day in a mixed foursome, of which his daughter was one. Missing a short putt, he let out a string of oaths. Shortly afterwards the young lady missed a putt, and turning to her father, asked in an innocent way, "Now, father, what shall I say?"

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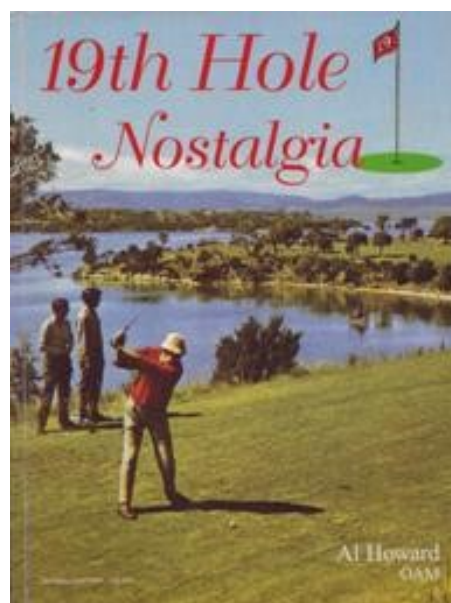
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