

Golf Historians Forum at Spring Valley GC 25 March 2019 by Tony Rule

The first of our historians' forums was held at Spring Valley Golf Club on March 25th

The 20 attendees were privileged to hear from two of the Clubs Life Members Graham Ball and Dick Kirby.

The Club was founded on the 21st of September 1948 making it the youngest club in the Sandbelt.

The Ball name is synonymous with the Club. Graham's father was Club Captain from 1958 to 1961. Graham himself was Club Captain from 1984 to 1987 and Club Champion in 1960. Graham's son Rick was Club Champion in 1982.

Dick Kirby was President of the Club from 1978 to 1981. Graham and Dick reminisced about their time as members, the early days of the club and the strength of the club today.

The club had its 70-year anniversary in 2018 and short film was produced for the celebrations.

It was shown to the group and contained wonderful images of the club through the years along with some passionate anecdotes from some longstanding members.

There were contributions from Peg McMahon, Alison Millar, Pat and Gilbert Ong, Ken Dunstan, and Harry Marks.

The course was designed by Vern Morcom, the son of the legendary Mick Morcom.

Whilst it was hoped that our members could get out for a hit post forum the weather had other ideas with gale force winds making the course unplayable.

We would like to thank Spring Valley for their hospitality and especially Dick and Graham who went to a lot of time and effort in preparing for the day. We hope that in the future members can have the opportunity to play the course and sample the work of Vern Morcom

