



GOLF SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.

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GOLF HISTORIANS MEETING

The Kew Golf Club on 15th October, 2012.

Agenda

(Sandwiches will be served at 12 noon, before the meeting.)

1. Welcome by the Chairman Ian Rennick.

2. The Object of the Historians Meetings.

The Golf Society started these meetings in 2004 so that historians from all golf clubs could combine their knowledge of recording Club Histories, and be able to help each other on research matters.

3. History of Kew Golf Club.

Kew is the third oldest club in Victoria and Club Captain, Peter Birrell, will give a talk on the history of the club.

4. David Graham, “From Ridicule to Acclaim”

This is a new book written by Russell James(a nephew of George Naismith) and edited by Graeme Ryan. Widely regarded in the golfing world as arrogant and abrasive, David Graham is deeply respected by a few close friends for his unswerving loyalty and honesty.

A loner, yet devoted family man, he has risen from a difficult background of ridicule and failure to the highest levels of acclaim in professional golf. The only Australian to win two US majors, this book tells of a troubled figure who like Hamlet, faced “the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune”.

Graeme Ryan will talk about editing the book and Russell James, the author, will answer questions on the book.

5. How to raise the level on interest of heritage in your Club.



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Mark Wade from the Commonwealth Golf Club will talk on the way his club advises members about the history of the club.

Kew Golf Club's clubhouse is 40 years old next December. Dick Curtis will talk of the plans for celebrating its birthday.

We would like to hear from you of methods that other clubs use.

6. Early Golf in Melbourne.

A paper will be presented by Peter Gompertz that has been written by John Lovell on the people involved in early golf in Victoria. This paper is a contribution to the debate about the WHO, WHERE and WHEN of early golf in Melbourne.

7. The importance of Pennant Results.

Archivist to Golf Australia and the Society, Moira Drew will provide an interesting talk on what some might consider an unlikely source for the golfing historian other than pure statistics

8. Show and Tell.

Have you any old golf clubs or golf memorabilia of interest? Bring them along and a Society member will value them and tell you their history!

At the previous meeting Cliff George demonstrated how to care for and restore hickory clubs. Cliff will set up a display of old clubs, some that he has made, and will advise you how to repair any club you bring along.

9. General Discussion.

Next meeting will be held in February 2013

Close of meeting.