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## Kasumigaseki Country Club, Tokyo - Japan 2020 Olympic Venue

By Andrew Thomson



*Kasumigaseki Country Club 4th Hole East Course "Allison bunker"*

*Kasumigaseki Country Club lies on the western outskirts of Tokyo. Founded in 1929, the club is one of Japan's oldest and has two eighteen-hole courses, the East and West. In the 1930s, it was popular with many of the foreigners who lived in Tokyo in the pre-war years, including U.S. Ambassador Joseph Grew who mentioned playing golf at Kasumigaseki in his wonderful diaries. The East Course was designed by Charles Allison, whose deep bunkers so shocked Japan's golfers that they became known as "Allison bunkers", a term still used today by some in Japan.*

After the war, the land was seized from the club by General MacArthur's Occupation Authority, but in 1952 it was returned to the club and the members resumed play on both courses. For Australians, Kasumigaseki Country Club has historical significance as the probable first place in Japan an Australian golfer ever teed up, that being my father, Peter Thomson, who first visited Japan in 1955 at the invitation of the Dunlop company. Two years later, he and Bruce Crampton

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### FOR THE DIARY

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Dinner at  
Royal Melbourne Golf Club

#### October 15 Sunday

Frank Shepherd Trophy  
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Al Howard v AGHS  
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Golf Clubs

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Riversdale Golf Club

# Editor's Column

*By Mango Maguire*

*Welcome to issue number 61 of The Long Game. Many thanks for the words of encouragement that I received from the previous issue, that being my first as editor.*

Since then, I have been asked to attend committee meetings of the GSA. I am pleased to report that your committee is a dedicated group, working well together, with many improvements taking shape for the Society at large.

For this issue, we have a scoop, in the form of a course review and report from Andrew Thomson about the 2020 Olympic venue of Kasumigaseki CC, in Japan. Reports have also come in from all aspects of the Society's activities, including the Kingston Heath dinner with Jarrod Lyle, and the Historians Forum at Sorrento with two fine guest speakers.

The Don Lawrence and the President's Trophy events have been completed, in autumnal and wintry conditions, whilst the Hickory Heroes have played through all winter regardless. The annual Walter Travis Cup has been contended and won by previous dinner speaker Richard Macafee, as Matt Mollica reports.

Matt is the author of the 'Everything Old is New Again', an article in 'Caddie' magazine Volume 2, which is still available for sale Australia wide.

As noted in the previous edition, I am welcoming new, interesting, and diverse articles, including book reviews, both new and old. I am therefore delighted that Des Tobin has submitted his review of Paul Daley's new book titled 'Ben Hogan – The Yardstick of Golfing Excellence'. It looks a gem.

Golf club restorer Ross Baker has included an article on confusing stamps on early Australian golf clubs. He offers answers to some of those questions, yet raises questions about others.

In the Curator's report, Cliff George discloses how the 1894 'Victorian Golf Cup' has been in constant use, albeit in another event.

Our travelling President Graeme Ryan reports how his visits to

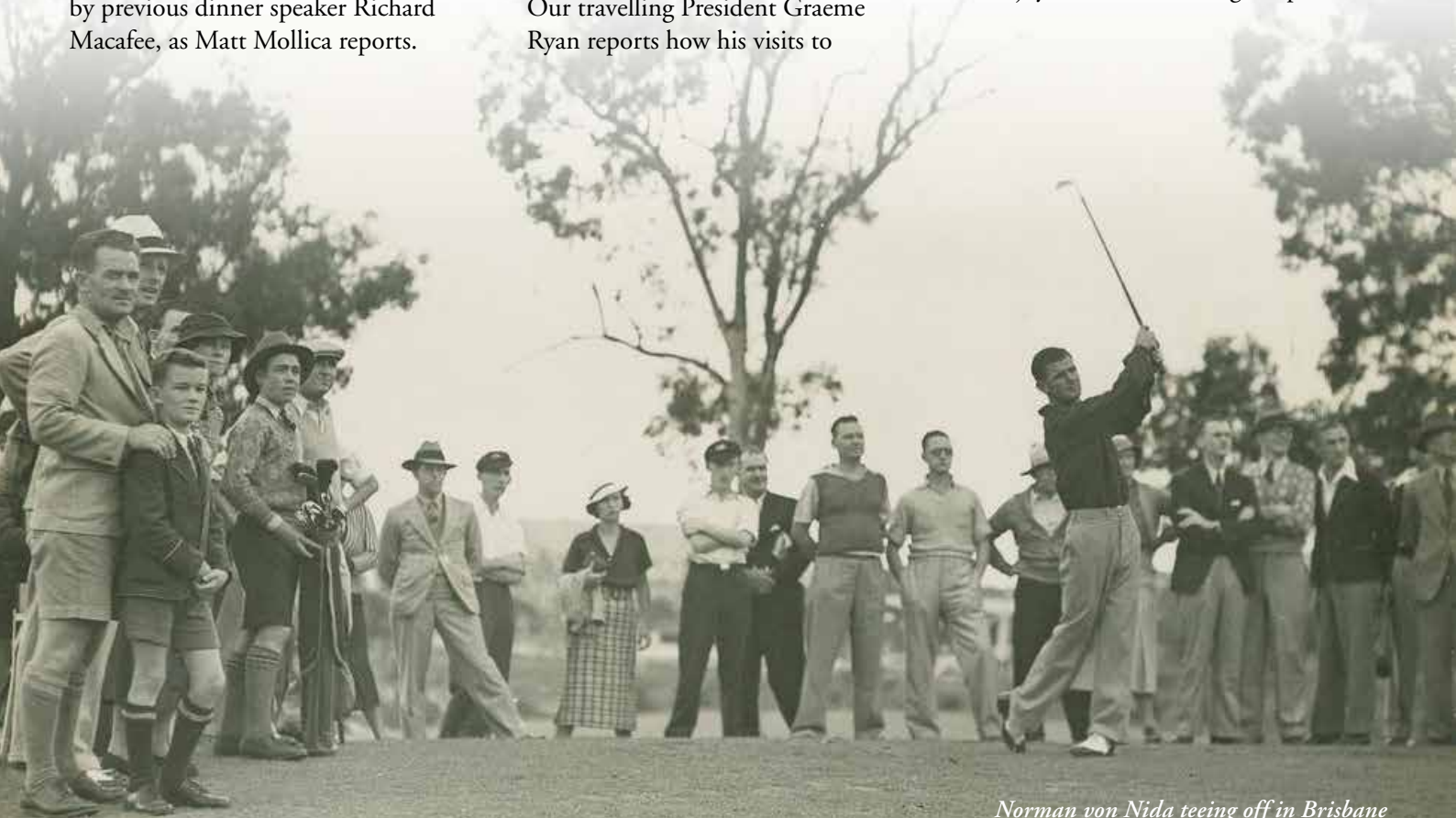
Britain and the USA in July have resulted in exciting news with our contemporaries at the BGCS and USGCS. Graeme has also written a Vale for past GSA member and Golf Australia Life Member, Mrs Patricia Bridges OBE.

I pose the question 'Who Am I?' on page 8. Should you feel you know me, follow the instructions to enter your answer.

At the end of the issue Mike Clayton regales the tales of Terry Gale. For the next edition, I look forward to receiving more interesting, obscure, and diverse articles.

The photo below gives a taste of an article that will be included in the next issue, where Ray Low recounts his experiences as a top level amateur golfer as a Pennant player and competitor around Sydney in the 1960s and 70s.

Enjoy the read and the great photos.



*Norman von Nida teeing off in Brisbane*



*Graeme Ryan*

## President's Report

*In recent months, some important advances have been made for the benefit of the Society and its future. Your committee has been hard at work on many fronts.*

A strategic planning session was held and the preparation of a three-year plan is underway. Many key elements including finance, membership and communications have been identified. These are being addressed as important for success and growth in the years ahead.

The website has been further overhauled, brought up to date and now providing more information and services than ever before. In the future, we can expect higher levels of functionality and user friendliness.

I was in the UK and US during July and reached agreement in principle to create reciprocal arrangements with the British Golf Collectors Society and the US Golf Collectors Society. This will enable their members to participate in our events, and us in theirs. Also, the regular sharing of information and contributing articles to each other's publications will increase and be important for our developing relationships.

Society events this year, including dinners, historians' forums and hickory days have been much enjoyed and well attended. There are many more in the diary and I look forward to seeing my fellow GSA members at these in the coming months.

Despite cold and wet conditions, the President's Trophy event was keenly contested at Royal Melbourne GC on Monday 7 August, and Tony Rule was the worthy winner.

## Welcome to New Members

Paul Burgin	Grahame Tiplady
David Thomas	David Ham
Norman Johnson	Greg Bain
Ken Watson	David Worley
Andrew Kirby	Grant McKay

## Curator's Report

*By Cliff George*



### Victorian Golf Cup

*In 1894 the Melbourne Golf Club donated a trophy for the Amateur Championship of Australasia, which was played for on Monday the 5th, Wednesday the 7th, and Friday the 9th of November that year, on the club's Caulfield links.*

It was determined, that the trophy for this event be known as the 'Victorian Golf Cup' and a gold medal also be awarded to the winner.

The event was won for the first time by Louis Australia Whyte of Geelong.

Just recently I enjoyed a visit to the office of Golf Victoria, to examine and photograph the trophy used for the Victorian Amateur Championship.

I was surprised to find that the trophy used for this event, is in fact the 'Victorian Golf Cup' which was thought to be missing.

The inscription on this trophy matches exactly the wording in the program for the event in 1894 and represents the first Championship of Australasia, for men.

I would like to thank Royal Melbourne Golf Club for sharing their records with me and Golf Victoria for allowing me to examine and photograph this beautiful and significant trophy, which means so much to the history of golf in Australia.



## Kasumigaseki Country Club, Tokyo *(continued)*

played the 1957 Canada Cup on the East Course at Kasumigaseki. The Japanese team won the trophy, an event that ignited an explosion of interest in golf among the Japanese.

“It was a terrible long way out there in those days,” my father remarked. “It took two hours from the Imperial Hotel where we were staying. The roads were very rough, hardly repaired after the war damage. The course was okay. I think the Americans had been playing on it during the Occupation.”

There were a few Australians in Tokyo before the war, but no record exists of any of them playing golf at the time. Hence, it’s likely that my father’s exhibition match at Kasumigaseki CC in 1955 was the first golf an Australian ever played in Japan.

Two years ago, Kasumigaseki CC was chosen as the venue for the golf event in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The club engaged Tom Fazio to renovate Allison’s design of the East Course, and it was opened for play in March this year. In early June, I was invited to play a round there with Nicki Hirayama, JGA board member and vice-chair of the International Golf Federation (IGF), Mr Yasutaka Tateishi, the man responsible for the golf event at the Tokyo Olympic Organising Committee, and Mr Taisuke Koike, an older Japanese professional golfer who cherishes fond memories of playing the Royal Melbourne Composite Course in a Coca-Cola Classic tournament years ago.

At 7,650 yards off the back tees the newly renovated East Course is a good test of golf. The quality of the fairways, rough and greens will satisfy the standards for an international event. In particular, the par three holes are very long off the back tees and the greens are all well-protected by “Allison bunkers”. Green surfaces have been rebuilt to provide much more undulation than before. Water hazards on the course are present, though not really in play.

Because the rough grass is different from the fairway grass there is no scope for narrowing the fairways to restrict the really long-hitters, so it’s likely that the IGF will use the pin positions to raise the required level of play.

One further note, of interest to GSA members, I played the first nine holes with normal clubs and the second nine with my hickory set while dressed in knickerbockers, much to the delight of my playing partners. I’m pretty sure I am the first golfer to use hickories at Kasumigaseki since the 1930s.



*Sam Snead practising for the Canada Cup 1957*



*Mr Yasutaka Tateishi, TOC Golf coordinator & Andrew Thomson*



*Victorious Japanese Team, Nakamura & Oko, Canada Cup 1957*

# Kingston Heath Dinner

By Tony Rule

*Approximately 80 members and their guests attended the second dinner of the year at Kingston Heath Golf Club on Monday 8 May. Guest speaker was Jarrod Lyle who kindly gave us his time prior to departing on a 6.00am flight to Perth the following morning to participate in a series of Pro-Ams and the WA PGA Championship.*

In a candid and at times emotional speech, Jarrod spoke about his return to professional golf after a second bout of leukemia. Playing in the Australian Masters at Royal Melbourne Jarrod spoke about the lead up to the event, the encouragement he received and the emotional toll it took on him.

Afterwards Jarrod answered numerous questions on topics as varied as his health, professionals playing Pennant, Sergio Garcia and his Masters win, Louis Oosthuizen and the quality of his ball striking and many other topics.

Those who attended were privileged to hear such an honest and open account from a truly inspirational figure, not only in golf but in life.

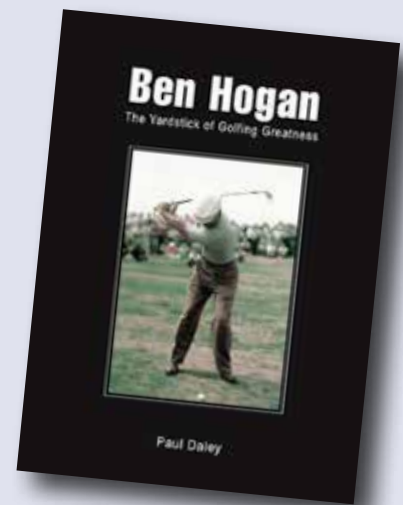
Sadly, just recently, news broke that Jarrod is facing his third battle with acute myeloid leukemia. Our thoughts are with Jarrod and his family as he once again faces this illness.



Guest Speaker Jarrod Lyle & Tony Rule

## Book Review

by Des Tobin



*Paul Daley's previous works include Links Golf - The Inside Story; The Sandbelt - Melbourne's Golfing Heaven; Favourite Holes By Design; and his critically acclaimed six volume Golf Architecture series.*

Daley's *Ben Hogan* is a masterpiece. So much has been written about the chain-smoking, obsessed-with-practice, nine-time major champion, that one could be forgiven for assuming there could be nothing left to say. Yet Daley has produced a book that in word and picture has added value and substance to the Hogan legend. *Ben Hogan* brings new and fresh insights into Hogan's life and character and the array of rarely seen photographs of this golfing perfectionist is compelling evidence of the aptness of the book's Yardstick of Golfing Greatness sub-title.

This book deserves to be read in its entirety and no reader should be diverted from absorbing the superbly crafted text which details Hogan's glittering career - with its tragedies and triumphs - by merely working through the photographic images, stunning as they may be.

Limited to 500 copies, *Ben Hogan* is creatively designed and presented as a hard cover volume featuring a richly gilt embossed cover. It is priced at \$175.00 (plus postage/handling) and is available directly from GSA Member Paul Daley at [fswing@bigpond.net.au](mailto:fswing@bigpond.net.au)



# Historians at Sorrento Golf Club

by Peter Gompertz

*This year's 'Country Meeting' was held on the Mornington Peninsula at the Sorrento Golf Club with 28 members attending. We enjoyed the view over a course which all golfers should have on their list to play if they appreciate natural golf.*

President Graeme Ryan gave the welcome, followed by an update on the Society's recent activities and developments. He then opened the meeting.

Our first speaker was Brendan Moloney who delivered a potted history of the golf club and its founders, most of whom played their golf on sandbelt courses close to Melbourne for most of the year. They took summer holidays at holiday homes on the Peninsula and, tiring of the daily chore of taking their children to the beach, looked at the 'country', visualised and created a golf course to which they escaped. Thus, leaving their wives and/or nannies to the child minding duties.

Graeme then introduced David Worley who I had met when playing one of my top ten golf courses, Burnham & Berrow in Somerset. I was playing with a Burnham member and we met on a piece of ground where the 3rd and the 17th shared a tee. We got chatting, heard the Aussie accent and asked where he played his golf in Australia. He told me he was a member at Commonwealth and I mentioned Daryl Cox, our late President, who was one of the first golfers I contacted when we returned to settle in Melbourne in 2004. During the Women's Friday Pennant in 2008 when I was caddying for my wife, we were fogged in at Yarra Yarra and spent a lot of the morning in the Pro Shop where I saw a copy of David's book, *Journey Through the Links*. I suggested it would make a wonderful birthday present for our children to give for my next birthday, and it duly turned up!

David delivered a wonderful slide show to complement the story of



*Peter Gompertz, Guest Speaker David Worley & Cliff George*

his research for this book. If his audience was only slightly interested before, they would be salivating at the prospect of buying, or being given his next book, *Another Journey Through the Links*. This contained updated information, new photos and covered the remaining 10 links courses in the UK not previously featured.

The third part of his trilogy and most recent publication, *Golf in the Heather and Gorse*, was on display and available for purchase. Anyone who loves natural courses, will not hesitate to buy a copy of David's latest opus. With a Foreword by 'Five Times Thommo', it is more than just a golfing and travel guide to over 70 inland and heathland courses; it is a paean to the best kind of golf available to its devotees.

On display with David's beautiful books was some Sorrento

memorabilia and we were also treated to a few special items from the Society's collection.

There were some historically valuable albums produced by Women's Golf Australia. These albums were full of newspaper clippings, photos, score cards and team sheets and gave a wonderful pictorial account of the Australian Ladies' Amateur Championships, Women's Australian Open and representative events such as the Interstate Series and the Queen Sirikit Cup.

Also on display were the Australian Men's and Women's Amateur Championship trophies. We were very fortunate to have them on show and the Society thanks Golf Australia for allowing us to have these very old and much coveted trophies.



*Andrew Thomson, John Harrington, Matt Perry & Tony Rule*

## Don Lawrence Trophy at Woodlands

*By Kim Hastie*

*The annual Don Lawrence Trophy was played at its regular venue, Woodlands Golf Club. This popular 4BBB event was well attended and we thoroughly enjoyed playing in fine autumn conditions. The field was made up of many regular faces and past winning combinations as well a number of guests.*

After play Muriel Lawrence, Don's widow, attended the dinner and made the presentations. Sadly this is to be Muriel's last year of attending, as she is leaving Melbourne to live with her family in South Australia. We wish Muriel all the best for the future and appreciate the contribution she has made to the success of our event over the years.



*Graeme Ryan, Muriel Lawrence & Tony Rule*

### Results

Winners of the **Don Lawrence Trophy** -  
**Andrew Thomson** and Committee member  
**Tony Rule** - 45 pts

Andrew and Tony played with guests, young professional Matt Perry, currently playing on the European Challenge tour, and John Harrington, who recently launched a line of Peter Thomson signature clubs and balls.

#### **Best score by non-member/guests**

Tim Maguire and Greg Bain - 46 pts

**Best 9 out** - Mal Fettes and Peter Vlahandreas 25 pts

**Best 9 in** - Tim Maguire and Greg Bain 23 pts

#### **NTPs - 11th**

*Women* - Virginia Gorrell

*Men* - Max Findlay

#### **NTP - 17th**

*Women* - Kim Hastie

*Men* - Mark Brasher

*President Graeme Ryan thanked Woodlands GC for their wonderful hospitality and another successful day.*



# President's Trophy at Royal Melbourne

by Kim Hastie

## RMGC member Tony Rule Wins President's Trophy with a "sandy 3"

*This year's President's Trophy was played at its regular venue, Royal Melbourne GC.*

Good entries were received, but some late cancellations saw a reduced field of 18 brave the wintry conditions to play their 9 holes with just seven clubs in the bag under modified 1950 rules.

At lunch, the top four nett qualifiers for the sudden death matchplay were determined with Virginia Gorrell the clear top qualifier, followed by RMGC member Tony Rule. Due to multiple ties, a countback, and much card checking, the two remaining players were decided, in new member Grant McKay, and Richard Fellner, a qualifier in 2016.

The matches began on the first tee of the East Course. Richard defeated Virginia on the first playoff hole followed by Tony defeating Grant also on their first hole.

Finalists Tony and Richard halved their first hole. Then, on the second hole, Richard putting for a four, had an agonising lip-out, and made 5. Tony made 5 as well, so they moved to the Par 3. After their tee shots, both players were short and bunkered. Richard was away, air-mailed his shot, yet was saved by some tea-tree at back of the green. Still away for the next shot, he played a great downhill chip to the green.

Tony then made a good, long carry bunker shot to the green, yet still had some work to do with the putter. After a quick read, as the rain was getting heavier and the green wetter, Tony sank a 30-footer for a "sandy 3" and sealed the win. Players and spectators returned to the clubhouse for presentation, photos and refreshments.

GSA thanks the Royal Melbourne Golf Club staff for their assistance and wonderful hospitality making for a very enjoyable day. The club's ongoing generosity for allowing us to hold this event every year is much appreciated.



*Graeme Ryan & Tony Rule*

## Who Am I?

1. I am a 9-hole golf course with grass greens
2. I have only one greenkeeper tending to all my needs
3. The standard of the turf is also attributed to a retired engineer, who in the 1980s, instituted a voluntary rigorous program of improvement and maintenance
4. My site is adjacent to an iconic national tourist attraction, and the views from the course are stunning
5. The club does not own the land, and paid no rent until recently
6. A former Prime Minister was a member
7. Two Australian Open champions have played the course

*To send an entry, simply register and log-on on the GSA website, and enter One (1) answer.*

### ENTRIES CLOSE

Friday 8th September 2017

All correct entries will be placed in a hat, and drawn at the Dinner at RMGC on Monday 11th September 2017.

This GSA member will receive two Season tickets to The Australian Open at The Australian GC.

## Vale

The President, Committee and Members of the Golf Society of Australia are saddened to learn of the passing of  
**Mrs Patricia Bridges OBE**  
who died peacefully in Sydney on 5 August 2017.

A truly grand lady of Australian golf, and former member of the GSA, we acknowledge her lifelong contribution to the game.

We send our thoughts and condolences to her family.





*Hickory Heroes at Kew GC*

# Hickory Heroes

*by Max Findlay*

## Kew GC - 27 April 2017

GSA Hickory Heroes would like to thank Kew GC and Ian Rennick for inviting GSA Hickory players for 9 holes of Hickory Golf.

The day started with Ian Rennick showing some of us the Kew Hickory Collection.

A couple to mention:

Hingston (wood) trained by R Taylor RMGC late 1890s, Pro at Kew for 1 year 1898.

A George Morris (wood) brother of Tom Morris Snr.

We teed off on the 1st tee and you'd have thought you were in the Yarra Valley with all the River Red Gums around the course. (We were – Ed.)

The scores were only average – but there was some good golf played.

**1st** – Cliff George – 15 points

**2nd** – Peter Balarrie (Visitor) – 13 points

**3rd** – Mango Maguire – 12 points

**4th** – Max Findlay – 11 points

## Kingston Heath GC - 28 May 2017

GSA Hickory Heroes would like to thank Kingston Heath GC for inviting GSA Hickory players for 9 holes of Hickory Golf.

It was a great day with Mark Brasher eagling the first hole, using a JH Taylor Sammy Iron for his second shot. Mark stated, "I am not here to win Comps, I just want to enjoy Hickory Golf".

Mango Maguire – 3 over for the nine (off Handicap 4) – he only gets two shots on the first nine.

**1st** – Mango Maguire – 17 points

**2nd** – David Kelso and Max Findlay – 16 points

**3rd** – Cliff George – 15 points

## Heidelberg GC - 23 June 2017

GSA Hickory Heroes would like to thank Heidelberg GC and Neil Walker for the invitation to play Heidelberg.

It was a shame that only 4 players attended, maybe just Winter and some players were away.

The course really suits Hickory Golf with four par 5s on the front nine, from the red markers.

The course and greens were second to none.

Thanks to Heidelberg for presenting a course in great condition in Winter months.

The winner was Bob Harper with 10 points.

## Sandhurst GC - 2 July 2017

7 players attended and Match Play was the game.

There was some great golf played with Jody Addison, Director of Golf, Sandhurst GC, on the par five 17th for 2. Chris Thorn, Club Captain, shot 38 off the stick for nine.

Sandhurst Golf Club will, in future, be playing twilight and Sunday afternoon Hickory Golf, just to give players more flexibility with time to play Hickory Golf.



# The Walter Travis Cup

by Matt Mollica

*Maldon is a small country Victorian town, around 130km north of Melbourne. It has been declared 'Australia's First Notable Town' and is famous for its role in the Gold Rush. It is also the birth place of Walter Travis – one of the least known but most successful Australian born golfers.*

Travis was born in Maldon in 1862, and spend his childhood years in the town. In 1885, while working for McLean Brothers (an ironmongery merchant with headquarters in Melbourne), Travis was approached to head up a new office for the firm, in New York. Walter accepted the post, moving to the USA the following year. He started playing golf in his early thirties, and took to it with great aplomb. Before long Travis was competing against golfers half his age – and winning. Travis became an accomplished player, claiming three US Amateur titles (1900, 1901 and 1903), and the British Amateur crown in 1904. He wielded the iconic Schenectady putter to victory at Royal St Georges, to become the first non-British golfer to win the Amateur. At the time the Schenectady putter was a revolutionary design - a centre shafted, solid metal headed mallet, with a textured face. It resembles a meat tenderizer – and was banned by the R&A (and later the USGA) for nearly 50 years shortly after Travis used it to such great effect.



*Luke Eipper competing at Maldon GC*



*Walter Travis wielding his Schenectady Putter*

The Maldon Golf Club is only a little more than 75 years old. Walter Travis never played there, but this does not stop a band of vintage golf enthusiasts from remembering him each year. During the Club's annual Open weekend, a small field of hickory wielding golfers (including several GSA members) play for the Walter Travis Trophy – a mounted Schenectady putter. The trophy was lovingly made and donated by master clubmaker Ross Baker. Maldon's course is an engaging layout, with good winter grass fairways, a series of testing par 3s, and as often encountered in country Victoria - sand scrape greens. The course is laid out over undulating terrain, and sits at the foot of Mount Tarrangower. It invariably proves more than enough challenge for the hickory golfers. This year's event was won by Richard Macafee – who addressed the Society last year, during a dinner at Commonwealth Golf Club. Richard is a long-time member at Kingston Heath, and has won the Club Championship there eleven times. Despite having barely played hickory golf before, Richard was able to make sense of the clubs, shoot an impressive gross score, and claim the Walter Travis Trophy.

Maldon is typical of so many country towns, in that their annual golf event is a wonderful affair – characterised by welcoming members, interesting golf, and superb hospitality. If for no other reason, the camaraderie, BBQ, assortment of home-made cakes, slices and other sweet treats laid on following the golf is reason enough to participate in the event. Keep an eye out for Maldon's annual Open weekend next winter.



# Obscure Markings on Australian Club Heads

by Ross Baker

*How many times has the Australian Golf Collector been left scratching his head because of an Australian club he has come across with an obscure mark on it? Not surprising, considering there has been no book written specifically on Australian clubs! (I am working towards that.)*

It was that very frustration that sent my good friend Leon Rowbell and me on an interesting search for the answers surrounding the 'St Andrews X Mark' which appeared on many irons, also bearing Australian Pro's names. It was considered by golf collectors that the St Andrews X Mark was a Cleek Mark from Tom Stewart of St Andrews, for irons he forged for the Australian Trade. We were not as sure of this explanation, as there were many Tom Stewart irons displaying the familiar 'Pipe' Cleek Mark, with an Australian Pro name as well.

I have often been criticised for the number of clubs I have collected over the years, and with some justification. I don't recommend it to the normal collector. However, it was the sheer number of clubs I had available for comparison that enabled me to compare stamps on St Andrews X irons with those on irons stamped 'Himmerman and Kirk', and concluded they were forged by the same people.

Around the same time, I fluked finding an advertisement for 'Himmerman and Kirk' irons with the St Andrews X wording, in a golf book and an article in a magazine confirming Leon's and my thoughts. Leon's research led to him finding that Himmerman and Kirk had named their property 'St Andrews' (which included the forge), to enable the use of the name.

More on 'Himmerman and Kirk' at a later date.

Another talked about series of obscure marks, are those belonging to the early pros at some of our important clubs. I refer to ones such as McLaren Bros and Jack Patterson 'Sandringham'. The immediate question being, why didn't they use 'Royal Melbourne GC'? Other instances include 'Carnegie Clark' Rose Bay, why didn't the stamp use 'Royal Sydney GC'? My earliest iron with an Australian reference is 'R Taylor Malvern'. This is referring to Richard Taylor, the first golf professional in Australia at Royal Melbourne GC's first course, which was on the boundary of Malvern and Caulfield.

At this stage, to my knowledge, no one is sure. Perhaps the clubs prohibited the pros using the Royal name as players from other clubs may also purchase their clubs from those pros. Perhaps the pros did it from a sales point of view. Any information or thoughts would be greatly appreciated.

Some irons showing these stamps.



*R Taylor "Malvern"*



*Carnegie Clark "Rose Bay"*



*Himmerman and Kirk "Mordialloc"*

# Clayton's Corner

by Mike Clayton

*If Terry Gale's friends on the golf tour heard it once, they heard it a hundred times.*

'You wouldn't want to know but I'll tell you anyway.' We would all know something funny had happened on the course and Terry would regale us with a tale of his own misfortune or how one of his playing partners had done something particularly annoying.

Mostly players never cared about the play-by-play descriptions of the rounds of other golfers, but somehow Terry made it funny and always worth the time it took to get to his point.

Really, he stumbled into professional golf in the mid-1970s after being for some years one of the two best amateur players (Tony Gresham from Sydney was the other) in the country.

Career amateur players, men who had real jobs, families, and normal lives, dominated amateur golf at the time. They loved competitive golf and took it seriously but their earning of a living was away from the playing of the game.

Only the very best of the young talent turned pro and whilst some did very well, others quickly fell by the wayside. It was a precarious way of life and you had to be very good to survive.

Such was Terry's domination of golf in Perth he reasoned he might as well be picking up the prize-money instead of the pros who almost always finished behind him. As Canadian Moe Norman, another great amateur player who eventually turned pro, once said, 'What can a man do with twenty-seven roasters?'

Good players make their own luck and within a year Terry had got an invitation into, and won, the Singapore Open. It was a win to open the door into the lucrative tournaments in Japan and it was there Terry played the majority of his overseas golf.

Very few Australians went to play the tour in America in the 1970s; rather they played in either Europe or Japan. It was great fun; the money, if you played as consistently as Terry did, was decent enough to pay the school fees and make a good living.

In Australia and Asia where the big events were played during the Japanese winter he played some of his best golf and won many tournaments.

If someone were to ask about the strengths of his game they would immediately point to the absolute reliability of his left to right tee shots and his short game. What was also on

display every week was something much harder to define. It manifested itself in a great determination to play well. With a young and growing family at home, and more responsibility than many of the younger players, he wasn't out there to fool around. Every shot and every week was taken seriously otherwise there was not much point being away from home wasting his time and his money. If nothing else it set a great example.

At the same time, he was incredibly generous with both his time and his advice. In Australia, the way of golf has always been to pass down advice and help to the generations coming behind. To the detriment of his game, he spent many years on the Board of the PGA Tour trying to make the earning of a living a little easier.

Of course, for every story he would come back to the clubhouse with, there would be one about him.

One of the most-often told was of a dinner one night in Japan. Translation was obviously somewhat tricky up there especially away from the big cities. On this particular night a poor Japanese waitress, much to the amusement of Galey's mates, Brian Jones and Roger Mackay, managed to get pretty much everything wrong. Finally it came to the dessert and Terry ordered vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce. Remember this is in a country of tradition and order and things are done the way they are done. It's why the 7.38 train arrives at 7.38 and not 7.37 or 7.39. It's a country where you can get a ham sandwich or a cheese sandwich but not a ham and cheese sandwich.

As the waitress headed to the kitchen Terry, fed up with the shambles which had been this particular dining experience, said to Jones and Mackay and just out of ear-shot of the waitress 'and see if you can mess that up as well'.

She came back with a bowl of chocolate ice cream and his mates had a story to last a lifetime.

I can hear him now. 'I won 25 tournaments and all I am remembered for is a bowl of chocolate ice cream.'

Not so. He will always be remembered as one of the best blokes out there and a wonderful player.

## Society Merchandise

*Society ties, visors, ball markers and pins are available for purchase at all Society functions.*

*If you would like to obtain any of our logo items between functions please contact Cliff George, whose number is in the members' handbook.*



*The Golf Society of Australia was formed in 1982 to research and preserve the history of golf in Australia. As part of this role, the Society manages the Museum and Library for Golf Australia. Golf Australia supports the Society by providing office space and administrative assistance.*