



The National

Things just keep getting better. For those that have taken the time to walk the new courses, they will have realised just how spectacular they are and how incredible they will be on completion. With such diversity in design across the three courses that old adage of ‘choice is a wonderful thing’ will be no truer than here at The National. In this issue of National News we take a further walk with Michael Wolveridge on holes 1 - 9 on the

Ocean Course, we toast some of the winners from this years presentation dinner, we welcome back Peter Rowland Catering and we interview the best provisional golfer at The National, Robert McIntyre. As requested in the last issue we encourage members to forward stories of interest to me for possible inclusion in the newsletter, I hope to see some in the near future.

Dean Smallman, Ed



Chairman's Report

I recently wrote to all members bringing everyone up to date with progress at The National. I will update that progress report:

1. The move upstairs of the Bistro has been a great success and is working well. Bistro trade has increased and the new menus have been well received. Peter Rowland Catering has made great strides (aren't even the sandwiches much better?) Some teething problems were inevitably encountered to start and we apologise to the guinea pigs who suffered. The Bistro has settled down and is working well. Thanks to everyone for making this such a smooth transition and please continue to comment (not just negatively but constructively as well) so that we can continue to improve standards of excellence to a higher level. The National aims to have the best quality golf club food ever encountered anywhere in the world and we must continue to improve until our goal is achieved..
2. It upsets me greatly that one of our members, Murray Dewar continues his crusade against the bar and catering levy and has now appealed against the judgement given by Mr Justice McDonald that the levy is not a subscription. At a time of such progress and happiness at The National it is immensely irritating to have to spend one's precious time in fighting this issue when there is so much else to do. Clearly the new catering arrangements which are designed to deliver standards of excellence to members would not be possible without a bar and catering levy. Mr Dewar's obsession not to have to pay his levy puzzles me greatly. However we now have to prepare for an appeal against the Supreme Court's decision.

3. The Moonah and the Ocean courses are moving towards completion on time and on budget and the weather has been wonderfully kind. Barring any unforeseen circumstances we should be playing both courses towards the end of the year.
4. Immense detailed planning is taking place on the proposed new clubhouse and details will be available for inspection soon. Every effort has been made to ensure the clubhouse will be practical, robust, environmentally compatible with the area, and exciting.
5. Proposals for the existing clubhouse continues to be processed but no decisions have been taken. There is considerable interest but we need to be very careful that members needs are reconciled to developers dreams. I believe this can be achieved.
6. As Ron Stephens points out very few shares in the current prospectus are left which is very exciting. The final prospectus for 250 shares (making 1000 in total) will be issued with shares offered at higher prices. Once these shares have gone I see no reason why we need to issue any further shares. Share sales have exceeded our wildest dreams but as you see the new courses unfolding the reason why is very easy to understand.
7. Greg Norman has made another visit to The National to oversee the finishing touches to the Moonah course. He is clearly very excited about progress to date. This brings you up to date on the progress of the dream which is now accelerating towards reality.

Michael Hamson, Chairman

Manager's Report

Welcome back Peter

The last three months have seen some changes at the Club. Peter Rowland Catering have taken over the management of the catering operation once again. Our newer members may not be aware that Peter Rowland Catering managed the catering when the clubhouse first opened in 1988 and their expertise then was invaluable in a new operation. With the expansion of the current operation soon to take place with 800 new members being admitted later this year, the need to operate from two locations for approximately twelve months, and the move to a new clubhouse, we once again contacted Peter Rowland for assistance. Peter is also acting as kitchen consultant for the new clubhouse.

Farewell to Cate, Susan and Natasha

Whilst we welcome the new management team we were sorry to

farewell Cate Davidson who gave us five years of dedicated service as executive chef and latterly as catering manager. Soon to follow Cate was Susan Kessik, catering supervisor, who is expecting her first baby in June. Our thanks and best wishes go to both Cate and Susan.

Hot on the heels of Susan, Natasha Hennessy from Administration, is leaving to travel the world for twelve months. Natasha has been a quiet achiever and we will miss her sunny personality and competence.

Levy period

The current levy period ends on 30 June. If you need an update on your expenditure please contact the office and if you are short on your expenditure there are still many opportunities to meet your obligation before the due date.

Grace Rew, Manager



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Ocean Course At The National

Hole-By-Hole Descriptions For Holes 1 To 9

by Michael Wolveridge

HOLE 1

490 Metres, Par 5

The view from these tees is truly breathtaking. A vast mixture of wild dunes and golf holes seem to tumble together in what can only be described as perfect links land. To the south, beyond a ribbon of National Park, long white breakers crash endlessly onto a shoreline some where below a reminder that we are indeed beside the seaside. In the midst of this grand panorama and stretching out before us, is the first hole of the Ocean Course. In keeping with the surrounding landscape, the fairway is expansive and inviting at first glance. Yet beware long hitters all, you've a decision to make. At the tee shot landing area the fairway is split into two levels by a series of centre bunkers. To the left or the right? What could be more Scottish than starting off with a High Road and Low Road? A simple green settled on a natural little rise beckons in the distance, invitingly open at the front in typical links fashion, ready to accept a straight shot of any description. Take Five!

HOLE 2

380 Metres, Par 4

The tees are on the crest of the huge sand dune located behind the first green. The fairway of this very pretty par 4 rolls out below in fine links fashion, flanking the trees of the National Park at the left and wide and inviting to the right. Depending entirely upon your fortune at the first hole, the splendid views of the sea and course from the tees is breathtaking once more or merely an unnecessary distraction. The fairway is wide and inviting and well in range from the tee and just a whisker off line stands virtually the only substantial tree on the golf course, hosting a sea eagle's nest. The idea is to miss the tree with the drive to the left and finish short of the cross bunkers which at 260 metres, menace only Tiger and Co. Depending upon the wind, the next shot could be anything from a short iron to a very long one to reach the plateau where the flag is. Try to smile. Tough Four.

HOLE 3

170 Metres, Par 3

The tees are set in the lea of the National Park and the wild dunes which form the background for the second hole. It is a quiet corner where the omnipresent wind is not felt. Ahead a small green is located a shortish distance away, set beneath a group of sandy hills and flanked on either side by deep bunkers. There is no indication of danger until the ball is lofted into the air and comes under the influence of the crosswinds. Although the shot can be found short or long without hazard, please don't be off line. It is a lovely little bit of seaside golf not unlike the Postage Stamp hole at Troon with a chance at a two and possible five. Hope for a calm day.

HOLE 4

410 Metres, Par 4

If you have not yet fully awakened, you surely will now. The prospect ahead is grim. Between the tee and the green lies a large sand quarry and a huge fairway bunker. Clear the lot and your reward is set out before you in the form of a large green, undefended and vulnerable to your pitch. Birdies are for the taking. Failure to make the carry brings the harshest penalty, best not to go into the details and recommend mere mortals take immediate avoidance action by driving well to the left. More than likely the green will now be blind for the second shot but fear nothing, the fairway ahead is wide and there are no more hazards to guard the largest green on the course. A four is possible and would be terrific!

HOLE 5

335 Metres, Par 4

In the far distance and sitting astride the ridge which is the skyline for the entire journey from the tee, lies the green for this delightful little two shotter. The tee shot requires a heroic carry across a nasty bunker, nasty because only a sand iron will get you back in play. The reward for success however is substantial leaving a straightforward pitch and run to the green. As is so often the case on the Ocean course, a tee shot wide of the fairway cross bunker will find an uneven lie to a green which has disappeared from view. However that is only part of it as on this most exposed part of the course, wind is the real enemy. With or against make little difference to perceived difficulty, for the green though wide is

shallow and defended by a serious hollow at the front which is maintained as putting green and will therefore send every miss hit shot to the very bottom of the slope. A potential three or a five, this is one of those very fine and much appreciated short par 4's for which The National Golf Club is truly blessed. It must become a favourite.

HOLE 6

370 Metres, Par 4

The fifth and six might become known as “a pair” for they go in opposite directions, the fifth slightly uphill to the skyline and the sixth gently downhill. Dependant upon the wind, one hole will be a drive and pitch the other will require a long iron for the second shot. Certainly from the tees, the panoramic vista is back with views of practically every hole on both Ocean and Moonah courses, the new Clubhouse and Bass Strait. With a good pair of binoculars, a shooting stick and a packet of sandwiches, this is the spot to watch a Championship Event. The thing to remember about the 6th hole is that everything, including the green, slopes to the right. As you might imagine, golfers are encouraged to hit as far left as they wish on both drive and second shots. Whilst they may find little to trouble them in terms of hazard, should they take this option, they will have virtually no chance at staying on this green from these positions. In fact, the tee shot must be placed as far to the right as possible to allow a second to properly attack the flagstick by hitting into the slope. What awaits on the right side then? You've guessed it, bunkers, six of them, all nasty. Another typical linksy hole and four on the scorecard looks pretty good.

HOLE 7

525 Metres, Par 5

In opposite direction to the long first hole, this hole follows a broad valley for the most part will counterbalance the winds experienced on the earlier holes. The drive is played to the brow of a hill from which the hole meanders down a lovely natural valley sprinkled, of course, with the ubiquitous deep bunkers until the land climbs sharply upward at the conclusion where a two tiered green awaits. The hole is very pretty and a lot of fun. The fairway is wide and with favourable conditions, long hitters will hit over the hill and take advantage of the downward slope to find their ball in possible reach of the green. The green, though well defended by

bunkers at the right side and bunkered 50 metres short of the green, will be receptive to a strong and straight second shot from a bold and skillful player. He'll get his birdie which will make up for the bogey at the first, not to mention that business at the Quarry Hole!

HOLE 8

415 Metres Par 4

A great golf course is indebted to it's strong par 4's and should the Ocean Course achieve prominence, this hole will feature among it's best. The tees are located above the fairway and offer the familiar sight of a heroic carry across a huge fairway bunker located predictably on the tree line to the green. There are other bunkers lurking nearby and it is quite essential to get the tee shot into a good position from which to approach this green. Aggression is possibly not the best way of achieving a par and depending upon the pin location, either a running shot at the green will find reward if the defending bunker is properly negotiated, or with the pin to the left, the defending bunker must be cleared. This will be tough. The green is quite large and interestingly contoured and three putts are a prospect if the ball strays to the wrong side. There is plenty of golf to be played at this hole and with the sanctuary of the Clubhouse but one short hole away, the prospect of a stiff scotch may soften the terrible mental damage the 8th will occasionally inflict upon a soul. A bogey will do guv.

HOLE 9

185 Metres, Par 3

There are only two holes which cross the course, the 9th into the south east end and the 3rd into the north west. Again the wind which shall occupy such a huge part in playing these links, will counterbalance itself on these short holes. From the championship tee it is a long shot and depending upon the wind blowing from either the right or left, the line will vary. On the bee line to the hole, there are several bunkers waiting short of the putting surface. At the right the fairway is clear. However an obverse “Valley of Sin” at the right of the putting green will create a most interesting second if the easy way out is taken and three from the right will be a fortunate escape indeed. For the superbly gifted the green is large and uncomplicated and anything is possible at the end of the outward nine.



Captain’s Letter

With the extended Easter and School Holiday break now over, we were probably all wondering when our extraordinary run of superb weather would end. While some rain would do wonders for all our courses, and we had some change in weather on the last weekend in April, it is fantastic to see the new courses develop in front of us.

Notwithstanding the significantly heavy traffic over our extended summer, the existing course has stood up remarkably well - and the day to day presentation of the course has been a credit to the work and dedication of all of the ground staff.

The quality of the course at times can be quite surprising given the continuing disdain with which some of us continue to treat it. On this note, the idiot who not only ignored the hoops on the 12th hole, but who actually drove straight over the top of them, will not be welcomed back at the National - and the introducing member is feeling very embarrassed. In addition, it has been reported to me that a member was actually sighted driving a cart across the 15th green. While the member disputes this account of his action, the Committee is seeking to determine all relevant information. In the event that the allegations are found to be accurate, the penalty facing the member will be extremely severe.

In addition, I am receiving constant negative comments from many of you in regard to non-repair of divots, non-repair of plug marks, and non-raking of footprints. I can only extoll you all to leave your course how you would like to find it, and to look after your asset.

I again request that you all show courtesy to your fellow members, by cancelling any bookings which you are unable to fill - at the earliest opportunity.

Hopefully you have all noted some positives at the Club as well. The move of the Bistro to the upstairs area has generally been seen as a success. While it is acknowledged that the downstairs area can seem somewhat dark and sombre (post breakfast), the upstairs area can cope with greater numbers - and in an atmosphere where the noise level is conducive to conversation.

While the “fine dining’ atmosphere may have disappeared for a while, and until we have completed our new clubhouse, we are most keen that the quality of food and service remains of the previously established high standards.

Along with our expectations of each other, also comes an expectation of the service standards provided by our Club. I have received many comments from you expressing concern at the menus provided in the Clubhouse and at the Half Way House, and the

variability of the quantity of food available at certain peak times. Management, your Committee and the Board are cognisant of these concerns. We do strive to ensure that your expectations of the Club are exceeded.

On a very positive note, the Chairman recently mentioned that your Club and Royal Sydney Golf Club have entered into a reciprocal arrangement for the benefit of all of our members. We have no doubt that RSGC will welcome the opportunity to visit our fantastic complex - and you should be aware that RSGC is an outstanding course located conveniently to the heart of Sydney.

Due to pressure on tee times, there are restrictions on reciprocal visits at certain times at each course. For this reason, we have agreed at this time, that visits will be arranged on a club to club basis. Therefore any requests for use of the reciprocal benefits should be directed to the Committee, via the National’s General Manager - Grace Rew. As such, as much notice as possible would be appreciated. It should be noted that the rights afforded included use of facilities, other than for golf. Therefore, the ability to use the Club’s dining and accommodation facility, when in Sydney, is also available - with prior notice.

On a golfing note, many of our members have expressed dismay at the way the handicapping system has been impacting our ladies. We have been conscious of this for some time, and we have now been able to arrange for the Ladies course, particularly from the Green tees, to be subject to a re-rating exercise. This will be done as soon as possible, and we hope to be able to advise you that the current difference between the PAR and the COURSE RATING will disappear altogether.

In relation to the Club’s Monthly Medal competitions, for the current year there will continue to be the Medal (Black Tees), the B Grade Medal (Blue Tees), and the Ladies Medal (Red Tees). Presentation of all monthly Medals will occur at the Club’s Annual Presentation night, and the Mens Winners will all be entitled to play-off for the Chairman’s Trophy (Black Tees).

While we formally acknowledge all Hole-in-One players elsewhere, I would like to congratulate past-President Ian Johnson for his “black-tee” Hole-in-One on the 2nd. Unfortunately it was in social play, but I am sure that Ian finds it gratifying nonetheless.

I wish you all well with the forthcoming Winter of golf, which should give you all a chance to hone your skills in keeping balls low, and under the wind. These shots will be most helpful on the new courses, the first of which is still expected to be open for play in time to test you all with the spring equinox trade winds.

William J Stevens, Captain

Second Prospectus Nearly Sold Out!

I am happy to report that share sales are way ahead of schedule, new enquiries are still flowing in and the prospect of having the current prospectus fully subscribed in the near future is now very real. This means we will be left with a maximum of only 250 C Class shares which we plan to issue in a final prospectus later this year.

‘Welcome aboard’ to the hundreds of new members who have joined the Club recently. I know you will be delighted with your decision, particularly when the Moonah Course opens in a few months time and you can start to enjoy full playing rights.

No doubt those of you who have taken the opportunity to have a conducted tour of the new links will be ‘champing at the bit’, as we are, in anticipation of playing the new courses for the first time.

On that score, no official dates have been set yet. However we will soon start to make final

arrangements for the ‘opening tournament’ for the Moonah Course in which many of you will be invited to play. (The invitation list is on the Club notice board.) Hopefully more details will be provided in the next newsletter, if not before.

There are still a few vacancies left for the official opening tournament for the Ocean Course which will probably take place early next year. We intend to close this invitation list once the current prospectus has been fully subscribed. So keep those referrals coming and you could still qualify for entry if you have not already done so. As mentioned in the last newsletter, we intend to make these two events memorable as a small token of our appreciation for your continued assistance in promoting the Club to your friends and colleagues.

Please call me on (03) 9281 3234 if you have any questions regarding the above tournaments or the availability of shares.

Ron Stephens, Marketing Manager

Course Report

The course conditions have been good for the past 6 months, but the constant dryness is the longest in my 14 years on the Mornington Peninsula, which is a concern. Hopefully, the Winter and Spring weather patterns can bring much awaited relief and break these drought conditions with good rains.

Poa annua has and I guess will always dictate our management practices. This season has been no exception in fact its amazing just how much of our time goes into trying to control its spread on greens, tees and fairways. The greens in particular have grown an amazing amount of Poa this year and we are always perplexed at the inconsistencies with the herbicide results when we spray. Currently we are again embarking on a program to control its persistence which is why the greens may appear, to the uneducated eye, to be blotchy. To achieve a reasonable result with the desiccant spray we must keep the turf as dry as possible, which at times may frustrate some players when their shots onto the green do not stop readily or when the surface is extremely fast. This unfortunately is all about trying to control our major problem, Poa annua.

The late great Claude Crockford, course manager at Royal Melbourne for 40 years, wrote in his book that Poa annua is the most vexing problem in preparing a consistent playing surface. Looking back over my 25 years experience on golf courses I understand more as to what he was saying. My first 3 years were under Mr. Crockford and he was the doyen of course management.

On Good Friday I ventured out onto the Norman course with my son and a friend to play and inspect its condition. It was a great pleasure to view the course at this early stage of development and come away with an everlasting good impression for the future.

Fortunately, water has not been a problem, in fact the extended hot and dry period has been a blessing in both the construction and more importantly the grow-in. The greens are great, tees are good and the majority of fairways with the exception of number 2 are just about ready for regular play. The rough playing areas will probably need part of spring before we could confidently say, the whole course is ready for play.

As we know the land was used for grazing for many years and was severely degraded from wholesale clearing, which promoted the spread of many pest plants and environmental weeds.

There will be on going Kikuyu and Parramatta grass problems that will be closely monitored and controlled, which in the early part will create some bare areas of turf. Whilst this will be a bit unsightly it won’t effect the playability of the course and will probably reduce over the years. Our management plan will be sensitive and be similar to the old course, keeping in mind our Land for Wildlife Status. General maintenance will be in accord with the designer’s philosophies as both work hand in hand.

In closing, the TWP and Norman group must be happy with the progression of this project and I am sure all members are very excited by the prospect of having a choice of 3 courses to play. In turn our involvement can only develop the staff to a greater understanding of golf course management and the game.

Just one more happening on the Norman course on Good Friday was our introduction to “Dudley” Michael Wolveridge’s sausage type dog, a Classic.

Bruce Grant, Course Contractor



Greg Norman
Visit to The National
Ocean Course 11 May 2000



Player Profile... Robert Mc Intyre

NameRobert Hugh Shaw McIntyre

Age55

Family1 wife, 3 daughters, 1 grandson

Handicap12

ProfessionChief Designer for International Engineering Company

How long have you been a member of The National and how did this occur ?

About 11 years. My brother and I played as guests and decided the same day that the golf course was something special. Bought a couple of A class shares and the rest is history.

How often do you play at The National?

As often as I can. Probably averages out about 6 - 7 games per month.

Many people might also ask how it is that you have such an understanding wife, that will allow you to play that much, have you any tips for those of us whose spouses tend to only issue the one leave pass each week?

Easy, do as I did, and buy your spouse a membership as soon as possible.

Robbie, some say that you’re the best provisional golfer in the club, what do you say to that?

This stems from the par I had at the 16th. hole with my provisional ball, in the semi-final of a Board Event. Anyway, I do get plenty of practice!

Is it difficult each week to find people to play with that actually understand your deep Scottish accent? It is Scottish, isn't it?

I was born less than 200 miles from Inverness in Scotland. It is well documented that the residents of this town speak the purest form of the English language in the world. which goes to prove that it's not us who have the accents!

How important is keeping fit when playing each and every week as you do, is there an old Scottish secret?

Everyone should keep their fitness honed to perfection. It's quite a climb from the golf cart to the black tee on the fifteenth. Temperance, moderation and good clean living is a trait of all Scots, which also helps on the course.

I also understand that your brother is a member of the club, what influence has Gordon had on your game?

Gordon, a prolific taker of divots, still maintains that Trent Jones built the fairways 4 inches too high. Testament to this is the flock of birds that follow him around the course.

How can he possibly play off single figures? Influence? - there's hope for me yet!

Robert, I see that you won the Presidents Cup in 1999 talk us through the event (in English and less that 30 words)

John Laxton in the Semi, Peter Lewis in the Final. Both did the right thing!

What event in your golfing past do you wish you could eradicate?

Absolutely nothing. Every game of golf holds something special, whether it be your game or the people you are playing with.

What is your greatest golfing achievement?/fondest memory?

Representing Australia in the World Final of the BMW Cup in the Canary Islands.

What is it about The National that you like/love?

Walking from the car park to the club house and the view down the Peninsula still holds the same magic as the first time I walked that way.

The anticipation of playing a unique and beautiful course that never seems to play the same way as before. The enjoyment of playing with fellow members who are like minded about The National.

If you could be a Professional Golfer who would you be?

Don't know his name yet, but I wouldn't mind being the first Pro to do the Grand Slam.

Who/what has had the greatest impact on your golf?

The abundance of top class golf courses in Scotland that the general public can play, started me playing golf when I was about 8 years of age. I lived close to a little nine hole course, and my friends and I would practice each night after the last group had passed through.

What is the best piece of golfing advice ever given to you? and the worst?

Best. - When telling people about your round of golf remember that 50% of them don't care and the other 50% wish you had shot more!

Worst. - “The corner’s on today.” (12th Hole - Stroke round)

Your golfing ambitions for the 12 months ahead?

To play to the best of my ability, and to see the addition of the two new courses further enhance the jewel in the crown of Australian golf.



Peter Rowland Catering are very proud to have been contracted by The National, to supervise the Catering Department in the capacity of Management Consultants. Commencing mid-March, Peter Rowland Catering have been working with the catering staff and management to ensure the smooth transition of the Bistro to the upstairs Brasserie. Members, who have now been enjoying the panorama and ambience upstairs, together with a new and modern menu, have overwhelmingly supported this move.

The Easter holidays were extremely busy, and saw the Brasserie being used to it's full capacity. Downstairs in the newly named Coffee Shop, members can enjoy a complimentary buffet breakfast each morning from 7 a.m - 9 a.m, and light snacks and beverages until last tee off time. Cooked breakfasts are available in the Coffee Shop, Friday through Sunday. The Brasserie is open 7 days from 9 a.m, for cooked breakfasts, lights snacks and full dining, with dinner available Friday through Sunday until 9 p.m (bookings are encouraged).

There have been some management changes within the catering department, as follows. Pedro Cabello joins the Club on 22nd May as Food and Beverage Manager. Pedro most recently has been

employed with the Melbourne Exhibition Centre and previously as Manager of a large country motel and function centre. Pedro is supported by two Supervisors, Scott Wilson who has been promoted from Assistant Supervisor, and Sonya Kelly who has recently re-joined the Club after some months away gaining further management experience. Our kitchen brigade is led by, Steven Wirthensohn from the Waterfront at Southbank, together with Michael Cameron and Dustin Douglas.

We have farewelled Sussan Kesik (Supervisor) who has departed on 12 months maternity leave. We wish Sussan and Danny our best wishes for the birth of their first child.

As you can see, we have a tremendously talented team, including all our waiting staff, to bring to the Club an exciting and new level of food and service. We welcome your comments, and hope that you will enjoy and embrace these new changes, which are designed to improve the services and facilities to existing and new members.

Coming into the winter months, we will stoke up the fire in the foyer for you to enjoy a coffee and cake or glass of wine, Friday through Sunday evenings.

Sally Johnstone, Peter Rowland Catering

Direct Debit Account Payment

The Club is now offering Direct Debit facilities for any members wishing to pay their accounts. Any members interested please contact the office for details. We are planning on allowing Bpay in the near future.

Pro Tip

As the fairways move into dormancy and the shots from tight lies become more common it is important to create a slightly descending blow on iron shots and fairway woods. To do so check your hands are slightly ahead of the ball at address and your weight is shifting forward on the downswing.

If you are shifting weight effectively on the downswing (right handers) you will be aware of the initial move in the downswing being a subtle left side bump or clearance followed by a definite releasing of your right arm and shoulder. From an initial pulling motion on the club by the left arm the right arm half way down begins to straighten as it releases and the right shoulder makes a smooth but full rotation through the shot. Equal forces of the left and right side create a shallow angle of attack on the downswing as well as a correct weight shift.

A supplementary Pro Tip is to bring binoculars for your games to take in the ever changing view of the links courses from the 12th tee. There is now plenty to see from this vantage pint.

Golfing Feats

On April 8 Andrew McIntosh played a most unusual round. Playing from his armchair handicap of 14, Andrew recorded five birdies for the round, yet not one par and no doubt entertained himself and his playing partners as he compiled an inconclusive round of 31 points. What might have been!

Sometimes playing the third takes a little courage as Andrew's brother recently discovered...Don McIntosh certainly proved it on April 15 when he attempted a recovery shot from the trees only to have the shot hit a tree and rebound to hit him fair in the nose - A tough way to play and incur a two stroke penalty in the process.

On March 25, the group comprising Phillip Prendergast, Norm Davies, Chris Purdie, and John Skase all managed to birdie the 7th which is the first time we have heard of four coinciding birdies.

Recent holes in one were recorded by Rick Good on the 2nd on April 16, and again on the 2nd by Roland Stanes who continues to recuperate well from illness.

Eagles have been recorded too by John Wilson at the 18th and by Rob Henry at the 6th during the Corporate Cup, by Suzie Hamson at the 10th with an 8 iron second shot on March 11 and by Mal James on the 12th on route to winning the event with a net 73 on April 15.

Henry Cussell, Director of Golf



Congratulations

Heiny and Pauline Achermann on the birth of their son Thomas on Easter Sunday. Also Aaron and Lucy Dixon on the birth of their son Jacob.



Presentation Dinner



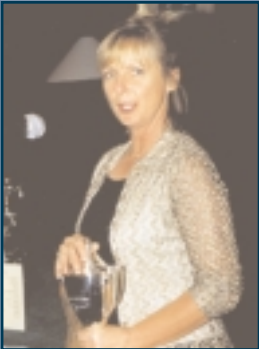
Robert McIntyre winner of the President's Cup 1999



Alister Presnell was successful in both the Open and the Junior Championships.



The Summer cup winners John Williams and Warwick Cruise



Di Minchin, winner of the ladies "A" Grade Championship.



Daniel Pollock was very proud to have won The National Golf Clubs "A" Grade club championship.