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Introduction

In 2014 I played in my first LARN Cup Competition and being a keen photographer I took along a camera to record the New South Wales Team Photo. This action prompted all the other Teams to request I do the same for them.

Taking photographs of the Teams was telling only half the story why would the players not like their photos taken in the combat of the Competition? So, being mindful and respectful of the players, and with the assistance of a silent camera with a longer focal length, I managed to capture LARN Cup in action.

These photos were later downloaded for the post-match Presentations for Players to see themselves in action. In the last five years I have accumulated thousands of images. 2020 was fast approaching and repeated mention was made of the 25th Anniversary of the LARN Cup.

In association with Bruce Johnson, the Lakes Team Captain who had just completed 'The Lakes - A History 1928-2014', I suggested we should team up and produce a Commemorative Book to celebrate the 25th Anniversary to be held several months after the 2020 Final Matches at the Australian Golf Club in March.

As we know, COVID 19 intervened and put our plan on hold, the revised date was set to be 22nd February 2021 at Royal Sydney Golf Club.

The completion of this book has been difficult at times, as players of earlier years have either passed away, left the club, no longer play golf and or have little memory of events.....there are certainly no photographs or complete records from the early years.

In gathering information and putting the story together, I acknowledge the tremendous assistance of Bruce Johnson, who has been pivotal to the whole process of the book production & for planning the Anniversary Dinner & Presentation.

Acknowledgement must go to the Team Captains, Arthur Bosch (The Australian), Paul Dalton (Royal Sydney) and Colin Finkelde (New South Wales) who have always been helpful and prompt in their responses and to Denis Lenagan whose assistance with the formulation of a definitive set of Playing Rules is much appreciated.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of The LARN Cup, may it long continue!

William Swanston
2021






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*Alan Pemberton (The Lakes)
2020 New South Wales
1st Hole Tee*



Forward

In what some see as disaster others see as a golden opportunity, and it is with those thoughts in mind that we are now celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the LARN Cup Competition between The Lakes, The Australian, Royal Sydney and New South Wales Golf Clubs.

It was one fateful day as Captain of the Lakes Golf Club I came away from a Golfing Competition with a 'gem of an idea' The precursor of this idea came when The Lakes were playing a match in the Masters Pennant Competition and were due to hit off at 11.00 am, however the match finally got underway at 12.30pm and on reaching the Second Hole we were confronted with four groups waiting to play. In short, the round took well over five hours.

From that experience I raised the subject in a conversation with the Captain of the New South Wales Club, Robert Dick, who was also competing in the same NSW Golf Association sanctioned Event. A discussion with Robert provided the catalyst for change, Robert was enthused at the prospect of four Clubs competing in their very own Competition, and a meeting was arranged with Des Turner, Vice-Captain - The Australian, Robert Dick, Captain - New South Wales and Richard Hattersley, Captain - Royal Sydney.

I thank those Gentlemen for first accepting the idea that I proposed and to all Club Committees who provided the final blessing that the LARN Cup Competition be born.

The success of the LARN Cup can be attributed to the desire of the over 55's to compete against their peers who were still good golfers, many of whom were former Pennant Players missing the thrust of match play golf.

The inaugural match in 1996 was played at the Lakes with the final won by Royal Sydney at the Australian Golf Club. Max Farr-Jones won the thrilling deciding match at the 18th Hole to secure victory for his Team who were competing against the home Team, the Australian. Royal Sydney can take pride in the fact that they won the very first Final on an opponent's Course.

I played in the Competition for a number of years, however I soon discovered there were more youthful players worthier of selection.

Twenty five years on the LARN Cup is still going strong. I have no complaint if the post-Match Lunches were to go a little longer because it will only be then that the stories of past deeds may be further enriched, and that can only be a good thing.

Long live the 'LARN Cup' Competition.

Kingsley Wilson
2021



*Roy Vanderslui (The Lakes)
The Australian - 1st Hole*



History



The LARN Cup

The Lakes Golf Club had competed in the New South Wales Golf Association's sanctioned Masters Pennant event for many years. However, lengthy travel arrangements to distant courses and playing times, some rounds in-excess of five hours proved unpopular with Team Members and ultimately resulted in the Club withdrawing from the Competition in 1995.

To overcome the void created by the Teams withdrawal, The Captain of the Lakes Captain, Kingsley Wilson approached the Australian, New South Wales and Royal Sydney Golf Clubs with the view of holding their own round robin Competition.

After a convivial round of golf and a meeting of representatives from each Club at the Lakes on Wednesday the 19th of July 1995, it was decided that the proposal possessed sufficient merit to be taken back to the other Clubs for discussion and the hopeful concurrence of the proposal.

Richard Hattersley on reflection of the Club's endorsement of the proposal mentions, "We just went back to the Clubs and said, this is what we are doing [The LARN Cup]." Then all that was required was to establish a format for the Competition.

In essence the Competition was to be structured for Club Players 55 years and over at the commencement of the Competition and there were to be seven players plus one reserve per side. This was later changed to Teams of eight Players.

All Matches were to be played off scratch over eighteen holes.

To minimise the impact of the Competition on the participating Clubs and the involvement of the Players & their families it was decided that the duration of the event be played over four rounds in total, which included the deciding Final Play-Off Trophy Round. The event is played over four consecutive weekends in the Summer Months of February to April with the exact timing dependent on the Easter vacation.

All venues and games are sequentially rotated from the initial start date of the Competition. Thus the yearly draw may or may not result in the Club qualification or Finals round being played as a 'Home Match'. The Club who hosts the Final is the venue for the Finals Dinner and Presentation.

After three qualification rounds the Teams are seeded one to four, the top two seeds contest the Final of the LARN Cup with the remaining three and four seeds contesting the awarding of the 'Dreaded Wooden Spoon'.

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It is expected that the respective trophies of victory or defeat be proudly displayed in the trophy cabinets of the recipient Clubs and not hidden in a Storeroom, as has often been the case of the Wooden Spoon.

The Foundation Committee consisting of Kingsley Wilson (The Lakes), Des Turner (The Australian), Richard Hattersley (Royal Sydney) and Robert Dick (New South Wales) were responsible for the naming of the Event. It was during a meeting, when all were asked to come up with a name for the event, Des said "I just put all the letters together and came up with the word "L _ Lakes A _ Australian R _ Royal Sydney N _ New South Wales and added Cup."

A suitable battered old cup was found in The Lakes Clubhouse storeroom which after restoration and refurbishment by the attachment of each of the participant's Club badges it became the vaunted 'LARN Cup.'

It would seem appropriate that the Cup has three handles and is known as a 'Loving Cup' In medieval times cups of this design were meant for sharing the contents, the multiple handles facilitated drinking from the Cup as it was passed around among friends. Winners of the LARN Cup are yet to exploit this opportunity, maybe COVID put a stop to this!

The source of the Wooden Spoon is shrouded in mystery, endeavours to uncover its origin has been met with rumour and innuendo all of which cannot be substantiated. The most recent explanation being, Geoff Everett - driver and Kingsley Wilson - navigator, spent an entire Saturday touring all Hardware Stores in the Eastern Suburbs to track down a Wooden Spoon. It would appear that Cups are far easier to come by and are more notable than Wooden Spoons.

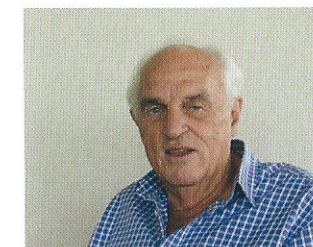
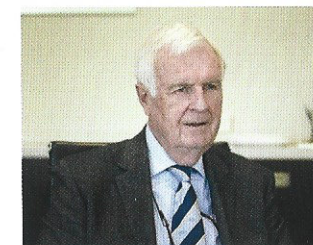
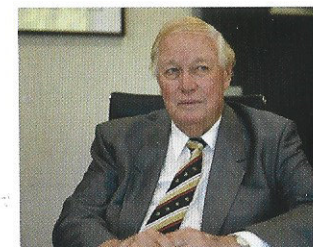
Originally the competing Teams were prescribed Club colours which were to be incorporated in the Team's golf attire of polo shirts and hats.

Club dress colours were :

The Lakes	Yellow
The Australian	White
Royal Sydney	Green
New South Wales	Blue

Over the past decade colours have changed due to - Committee pressure to wear clothing that is consistent with other representative Club Team dress; cost penalties for small colour production runs and limitation in the wholesalers stock inventory.

At the time in writing this, you could be forgiven for thinking that the Players were 'Rainbow Warriors' and not 'LARN Cup Warriors.'



Founding Members
(Top down)
Kingsley Wilson
Robert Dick
Richard Hattersley
Des Turner



The Wooden Spoon Trophy

Play in the LARN Cup is characterised by empathy and mutual respect.

Sportsmanship is mixed with a competitive spirit, with players perhaps conceding putts they would not have done a few years earlier. Over the years there have been some tight matches with 'nail-biting finishes' all accompanied with good humour and camaraderie.

There is a feeling of privilege & honour from those who have competed & been part of the prestigious LARN Cup Event.

Team Captains are required to have broad shoulders and a sense of humour. Not only are they instrumental in selecting the team and the playing order, they must be prepared to hear the hard luck stories of Team members who did not fare well in their match.

During the Lunch the Captains usually regale the fate or success of their Team and the players.

Over the years a tradition evolved where the Team Captain would occasionally tell a corny joke as part of his post-match speech. While all Captains had various degrees of success, there is no doubt that David Finney from NSWGC was the 'Prince of Story Telling'. He could mimic famous people, fellow players, and with a twinkle in his eye, deliver the most outlandish corny joke.

His performances were of a professional class and players looked forward to his segment each week. He was so good that the other Captains, realising they had been beaten, gave up to fight another day. Since then the jokes are now not as common, but generally appreciated when endeavoured.

On hosting the Finals Presentation, which occurs every four years, the Captain is responsible for co-ordination of the catering; invitation of attendees; provision of menus and table seating arrangements as well as acting as Master of Ceremonies.

The Winner in 1996 of the inaugural LARN Cup was Royal Sydney whilst the Wooden Spoon was won by The Lakes.

In 2020 the winner of the LARN Cup was The Australian and the recipients of the Wooden Spoon, Royal Sydney.



Royal Sydney's successful LARN Cup Team from left, standing: G.W. Hill, M. Farr-Jones, J.C. Rose, R.A. Miall, J.R. Davidson, G.K. Newman, J.D.R. Laidley and Club Captain, P.K. Mazoudier. Seated are the LARN Cup Team Captain, T.J.M. Locke with the President, M.M. Walker.

The "LARN Cup"

Members may justifiably ask "What is the LARN Cup?"

The competition was born at a meeting of Captains of The Lakes, The Australian, Royal Sydney and N.S.W. Golf Clubs (hence the name "LARN") late in 1995 and is an inter-club competition for members (men) 55 years of age and over. Teams of seven played a series of inter-club matchplay events with the final being played at The Australian. The Royal

Sydney team excelled itself by scoring a thrilling $4\frac{1}{2} / 2\frac{1}{2}$ win over The Australian in the final. A delighted Club Captain, P.K. Mazoudier, accepted the trophy for the inaugural event on behalf of the Club, at the dinner following the final.

The meeting which conceived the idea, used words such as "friendly competition", "fun", and so on, however the golf was not only of a high standard, but also extremely competitive.

There seems little doubt that The LARN Cup competition is here to stay.

LARN Cup Winners 1996

Royal Sydney Golf Club

1996 News Article from the Royal Sydney Newsletter

LARN Cup Winners 2020

The Australian Golf Club Team

Back L>R: Chris Smith, Steve Allerton, Peter Miles, Gerry Power, Henry Hing, Bruce Davis, Nick Dunn, Rob Trotter

Front: Arthur Bosch (Captain)

Inset: Tony Hoy & Greg Simpson



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(clockwise from top LHS)

David Spilstead, Denis Lenagan (Royal Sydney)

Chris Gordon, Colin Finkelde (New South Wales)

New South Wales - 15th Hole Green

Peter McIntyre (New South Wales)

The Australian - 9th Hole Green

Nick Dunn (The Australian)

New South Wales - 6th Hole

Stuart Beck (The Lakes)

The Lakes - 14th Hole

Michael Bird (Royal Sydney)

Royal Sydney - 9th Hole Green

Clubs & Courses

What is it in the sands of the Eastern Suburbs courses that binds the four Clubs together, what are the ideals that the Clubs mutually covet?

We know that Clubs all exist in fairly close proximity to each other with just 13 km separating the most distant courses of Royal Sydney and New South Wales.

From the geography of the land, the sands that are the foundation of the courses are the same aeolian sands that existed for thousands of years and were the result of the erosion of Hawkesbury sandstone rock broken down by wind and water to form the now grassed dunes, wetlands and open spaces that are the features of the courses we know.

The proximity to the coast gives rise to species of flora that only exist on the low nutrient sandy soils and in a saline environment as a result we see plants that are common and shared on each of the Courses.

However, it is in the pursuit and captivation of Golf that unifies each of the Club members, socially in our sporting endeavours.

It has been due to the Clubs commitment to Golfing excellence that we see great sponsorship of the sport. From the earliest establishment of Courses, exhibition matches were held and gave rise to the more structured professional Tournament Events. Collectively the four Clubs over the years have been the venues for the majority of signature events in Australia for both Amateur and Professional golfers. It is through the conduct of these events that many International players have contributed to their status, aura and mystique of the Course layout.

Tournament play has often led to introspection and a desire to improve the courses in order to present the best possible layout along with world class sporting and Golf teaching facilities for the Members.

Over the years the Clubs have assisted each other in times of crisis to ameliorate any problems or issues.

The LARN Cup has provided for greater co-operation and discourse between the Clubs and has resulted in sustainable friendship and goodwill which undoubtedly extends beyond the boundaries of the Clubs.

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THE LAKES

The Lakes Golf Club beginnings were in 1928 when a lease for 283 acres was obtained from what is now known as Sydney Water. Over the years there have been a number of major changes which have impacted on the course. Originally the layout was designed by Tom Howard who was assisted by Eric Apperly.

In 1936 part of the Course was reclaimed by the State Government for the construction of Wentworth Avenue which linked the Airport with the Eastern Suburbs. This required changes to several holes.

In 1968 US designer Robert Von Hagge completely changed the layout when the Southern Cross Expressway dissected the old course.

At this time the Clubhouse was relocated from the hill above the 13th Green, entrance off Gardners Road, Rosebery to the present site entered off King Street, Mascot, a move which centralised the Clubhouse in the new Course layout.

The third change was in 1994 when Newton, Grant & Spencer were commissioned to re-design all greens and to alter holes 4, 12, and 18. Their work on the greens was a major reconstruction and involved the introduction of undulations, dips and swales to provide greater complexity to play of the greens.

Major alterations were made in 2007 by Ogilvy & Clayton which resulted in the removal of many exotic trees and the creation of sandy wastelands which delineated the fairways to great effect. The present layout is typified by these wastelands, a series of natural freshwater lakes and fast undulating greens which provide all golfers with an undeniable challenge.

The Lakes has a rich history as one of Australia's leading tournament venues and has hosted Australian Opens, Australian PGA, Ampol Tournaments, Chrysler Classic, Johnnie Walker Classics, Greg Norman Internationals, ANZ Championship and The Lakes Opens. In the Club's history very few famous players have not played our course. In all there have been 61 Major tournaments and seven Australian Opens held on the Course.





THE AUSTRALIAN

In 1882 a group of avid golfers secured part of Moore Park known as the Sydney Common, in the vicinity of the Captain Cook Hotel in pursuit of the game of golf. The creation of a road through the course and gazettement of Centennial Park led to the demise of the Club.

In 1895 the Club was reactivated at Queens Park, with 13 holes in play and an associated Clubhouse. Revocation of the leased portion of land demanded the curtailment of all golf activity and the Club was forced to look elsewhere, securing 116 acres of land, sufficient for 18 holes at Botany. The land, known as Redman's Grant near Botany Road, extended via Lords Road to the shores of Botany Bay.

The Course was officially opened in 1899 and play continued until 1902 when the Trustees could not agree on the sale of the land or extension of the lease. To secure the Club's future the Kensington Golf Links Ltd was formed to acquire and finance the Club's own land, located at Kensington in 1903.

The Initial course layout was designed by the Club Professional, Jock Hutchinson and the clubhouse was located in the north east corner of the site, along with the 1st and 18th holes. This work coincided with the Club hosting the 1904 inaugural Australian Open at Botany.

Course layout remained unchanged until 1931 when fire destroyed the original Clubhouse and a new Clubhouse was rebuilt on the western boundary. This necessitated hole alteration to fit in with the new Clubhouse location.

Post WWII, the Club professional, Will Mackenzie together with Mr J Scott (Elanora Golf Club - Greenkeeper) provided a new course layout which allowed for a two tee clubhouse start in 1947. The sale of land and sand in the 1950's required course redesign, this included work on the 5th (now 15th) hole by Prosper Ellis.

In 1967 resumption of land for the creation of Southern Cross Drive expressway to the Airport dictated the realignment of holes, new greens and bunkering for those holes in the vicinity of the western boundary and south west corner of the Course. During this period the Club sought the services of Sloan Morpeth who proposed further modifications to the 18 hole course layout. This work was completed in the early 70's.

From 1975-79 the philanthropic sponsorship by Kerry Packer and his association with the Jack Nicklaus Design Company was pivotal in the implementation of many course changes which were to be highlighted during the running of four consecutive Australian Opens. Re-alignment of holes, new greens, bunkering, addition of water hazards and landscaping were all hallmarks of a great alliance and vision which have continued in more recent times.

The Clubhouse suffered a catastrophic fire in 1982 and was rebuilt in the present position to a design by Michael Dysart.

Course work has continued in recent times under Nicklaus Design in order to perfect the layout.





ROYAL SYDNEY

1893 saw the formation of the Sydney Golf Club (SGC), a group of like-minded golfers who accessed a field at Concord on The "Yallara" Estate in the pursuit of the game.

Simultaneously during this period, the SGC were developing a links style, nine hole course on leased land at North Bondi, east of Old South Head Road and near O'Sullivan Road, where the first Clubhouse was built. A further extension and modification of the layout in 1897 heralded the first true Championship course and the addition of "Royal" to the Club title.

In 1899, the Royal Sydney Golf Club hosted the first Open Championship under the direction of the Australian Golf Union. This course was essentially located in an area bound by the streets of Chayleyer (North), Curlewis (South) and Justus (East). The holes were predominately located to the east of the current Course site with the exception of four holes located in the South East corner of the present Club site.

Problems with lease holdings, lack of unity, public access, rentals and demand for development land influenced the Club to acquire 170 acres of freehold land for development of their own golf Course.

Land was gradually amalgamated for the Royal Sydney Estate, sufficient for the development of the Royal Sydney Golf Course layout to begin in earnest under the direction of Carnegie Clark (RSGC professional) and Dan Soutar.

In 1906 RSGC hosted the Australian Open on a new Course layout and with a new Clubhouse built in the present location. This was later destroyed by fire in 1920 which led to the construction of the present Clubhouse.

Up until the mid 1920's the Course underwent hole alterations, re-routing through gradual development of the central low lying areas that were previously used by the Chinese for market gardens. Further hole lengthening, bunkering and fairway improvements led finally to a Course not too dissimilar to the current layout.

In 1926 Dr Alister MacKenzie was invited to report on the layout and possible improvements to the Course. The Club endorsed his proposal which essentially recommended lengthening of some holes and bunker modifications, however his recommendation for out/ inward nine layout did not proceed.

The Course today retains the original layout and features that existed in the mid 1930's. To date a tremendous amount of work has been undertaken to present a modern functional and aesthetic Course and Clubhouse.





NEW SOUTH WALES

A prospectus was issued in 1926 for the formation of a Club, which depicted a course layout by Carnegie Clark and James Herd Scott.

An invitation in 1926 was extended to the eminent Golf Course Architect, Dr A. Mackenzie, who was visiting Sydney, to look over the site and course plan.

On the 29th March 1928, the inaugural meeting of the New South Wales Golf Company was convened and chaired by Brigadier General Herring, a pivotal person in the promotion of the new Golf Course on Henry Head, La Perouse.

With the Mackenzie Report complete and based on Mackenzie's recommendation, Lieutenant-Colonel Bertram (Secretary, Royal Sydney Golf Club), would assist Scotty Bissett the Course Greenkeeper, in the completion of the new 18 hole Course which was opened on 23 June 1928 by Governor-General Baron Stonehaven.

In the absence of Mackenzie, who had left the Country, and the slowing of the demand for golf due to the economic Depression, the Club invited Alex Russell to critique the layout in 1931.

Given the Russell Report presented in late 1932, the knowledge and wisdom of Eric Apperly Architect was sought for the first major modification of the Mackenzie layout. Working with Bissett he was able to implement the Mackenzie bunker plan, lengthen and toughen playing holes.

Apperly's work was inspired and motivated by the Mackenzie philosophy and edict. His faithful interpretation of the original Mackenzie intentions endeared him to the members and golfers that played the Course and led Apperly to work with the Club in excess of 20 years. During this period the changes that he made to the Mackenzie layout remarkably still exist to this day.

His work was interrupted by the Defence Department taking over the Course and the outbreak of WWII.

The club can be thankful for Apperly's work at New South Wales, which to this day has been enduring and stands the test of time.

The shear orientation of each of the par 3's and 5's to align with a different compass point, was this a coincidence or just masterful "Apperly?"

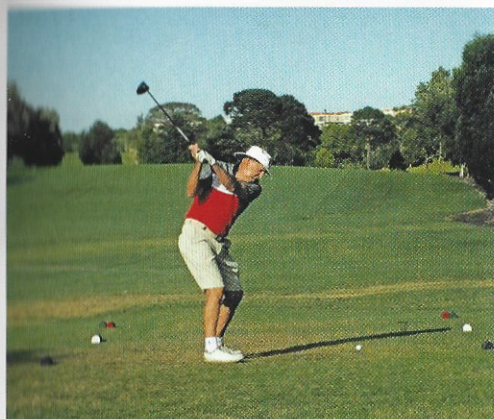
Teams & Players

We have an extraordinary number of gifted golfers that have represented our four LARN CUP Clubs over the years. There are those who have achieved major tournament wins and represented their State and Australia in Competition.

It is not practical to list all the achievements of each and every player, we acknowledge their major career highlights:

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| Colin Kaye | NSW Amateur Champion 1974, 76 & 77, Australian Amateur Champion 1972, Australian Medal - 1972, 77, 79 & 80, NSW Vardon Trophy 1980, NSW-Representation (14), Eisenhower Cup 1974, 76, Overseas Representations 1973, 76, 78, 80 & 82. |
| Gerry Power | 1980 Lake Macquarie International, 1980 Australian Amateur Championship-Runner up, 1984 NSW Vardon Trophy, 1985 New Zealand Amateur Champion, 1985 NSW Amateur Championship -Runner-Up, Junior Representative NSW (6), Senior Representative NSW (8), Eisenhower Cup Representative 1984 and represented Australia a further 8 times. |
| Arthur Bosch | Australian Amateur Champion 1979, NSW Amateur Champion 1979. |
| Nick Dunn | Australian Seniors Champion 2003, represented Australia Seniors, 2003. |
| Trevor Wood
(deceased) | NSW Senior Champion 1989, 91, 94 & 87, Victorian Senior Champion 1987, Australian Senior Champion 1991, 93 & 95. |
| Des Turner | Tasmanian Amateur Champion 1958, Tasmanian Open Championship 1960, Tasmanian State Team 1957-1960, Fiji Amateur-Winner (3) & Open Leading Amateur (2). |
| Roy Vandersluis | Australia Seniors Representative 2011-2014. |
| Noel Bartell
(deceased) | NSW Amateur Champion 1957, Australian Amateur Champion-Runner up 1958, Australian Amateur Medallist 1962. |
| Vince Clark | Australia Seniors Representative 2012 -2014. |





(clockwise from top LHS)
Gerry Power (The Australian)
New South Wales

Bruce Johnson (The Lakes)
The Lakes

David Spilstead (Royal Sydney)
The Australian

Vince Clark (The Lakes)
New South Wales

Arthur Bosch (The Australian)
The Lakes

Geoff Everett

Represented NSW 1971 & 72, Represented Australia in Asia Pacific Seniors 1991& 92, Australian Veterans Champion 2001 & 02, NSW Veterans Champion 2002.

Sandy Dawson

2013, Captain of The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. Sandy is only the second Australian elected by his golfing peers to the prestigious position. The appointment allowed him to promote services to Amateur Golf.

There are those enduring Players who have remained competitive in the LARN Cup competition for a period in excess of 13 years. Remarkably some have achieved this by holding dual membership.

We acknowledge those warriors who have competed over the years and built up enviable records. Players who have represented more than one club are denoted with * and number of years played in brackets ()

THE LAKES

Bruce Johnson	21	Team Captain (12)
Vince Clark	17	
Gary Hughes	14	Team Captain (8)
Bob Janzen	14	
Roy Vandersluis	14	
Trevor Wood	14	
Bart Doff	14	

ROYAL SYDNEY

David Splistead *	20	Team Captain (4) NSW (7)
Denis Lenagan *	17	Team Captain (8) NSW (3)
Sandy Dawson	14	Team Captain (5)
Rod Thomas	13	

THE AUSTRALIAN

Nick Dunn	16	
Arthur Bosch	13	Team Captain (9)
John Cox	13	Team Captain (9)
Tony Hoy	13	Team Captain (1)

NEW SOUTH WALES

Gary Levien	16	
Kerry Osgood *	14	AGC (2)
Chris Gordon	13	Team Captain (2)
Ken Halligan	13	

The record number of playing years is held by Bruce Johnson at 21 years, followed closely by David Spilstead at 20 years. The record is there to be beaten and a challenge to our future legends.

HONOUR BOARD

YEAR	VENUE	LARN CUP	WOODEN SPOON
1996	THE AUSTRALIAN	ROYAL SYDNEY	THE LAKES
1997	THE LAKES	THE LAKES	THE AUSTRALIAN
1998	NEW SOUTH WALES	THE AUSTRALIAN	NEW SOUTH WALES
1999	ROYAL SYDNEY	ROYAL SYDNEY	THE AUSTRALIAN
2000	THE AUSTRALIAN	THE AUSTRALIAN	ROYAL SYDNEY
2001	THE LAKES	THE LAKES	NEW SOUTH WALES
2002	NEW SOUTH WALES	NEW SOUTH WALES	THE AUSTRALIAN
2003	ROYAL SYDNEY	NEW SOUTH WALES	THE LAKES
2004	THE AUSTRALIAN	THE AUSTRALIAN	ROYAL SYDNEY
2005	THE LAKES	THE LAKES	ROYAL SYDNEY
2006	ROYAL SYDNEY	THE LAKES	NEW SOUTH WALES
2007	NEW SOUTH WALES	THE LAKES	NEW SOUTH WALES
2008	THE AUSTRALIAN	THE AUSTRALIAN	ROYAL SYDNEY
2009	ROYAL SYDNEY	NEW SOUTH WALES	THE LAKES
2010	THE LAKES	NEW SOUTH WALES	THE LAKES
2011	NEW SOUTH WALES	NEW SOUTH WALES	ROYAL SYDNEY
2012	THE AUSTRALIAN	NEW SOUTH WALES	ROYAL SYDNEY
2013	ROYAL SYDNEY	THE LAKES	THE AUSTRALIAN
2014	THE LAKES	THE LAKES	ROYAL SYDNEY
2015	NEW SOUTH WALES	THE LAKES	ROYAL SYDNEY
2016	THE AUSTRALIAN	THE LAKES	ROYAL SYDNEY
2017	ROYAL SYDNEY	NEW SOUTH WALES	ROYAL SYDNEY
2018	THE LAKES	NEW SOUTH WALES	ROYAL SYDNEY
2019	NEW SOUTH WALES	NEW SOUTH WALES	THE LAKES
2020	THE AUSTRALIAN	THE AUSTRALIAN	ROYAL SYDNEY



Hole in ONE Club

This exclusive club is in search of new members. It may help if you are in the same group as Arthur Bosch who has witnessed two of the three holes in one.

3 March 2013, Nick Dunn (The Australian) was having trouble at the 5th hole at NSW where he lost his ball. He pulled out an old battered ball in disgust and hit it onto the green from where he holed a 30 foot putt to halve the hole. On the 6th tee he considered opening a new ball, but decided on his lucky old ball. A beautiful five wood took him onto the green and into the hole at the back left of the green. It just goes to show that all oldies are not past it.

20 March 2016, David Morris (Royal Sydney) was playing at The Australian and surveying the long and difficult 15th hole. He decided on a 3 iron and hit his shot onto the green where it took a Shane Warne jump to the left, running straight into the hole at the front of the green.

10 March 2019, Jamie Tomlinson (The Lakes) was playing David Spilstead at Royal Sydney and on reaching the third hole hit a sublime 5 iron onto the back right of the green which ran straight into the cup. Jamie had started the day with par, birdie, hole in one and found himself just 1 up over three holes competition can be tough in the LARN CUP.

Prospective members of this club must practice relentlessly and be prepared to slip Arthur a \$50 spotters fee.

*David Morris (Royal Sydney)
Plucks his ball from the 15th Hole
at the Australian*

HOLE IN ONE

DATE	PLAYER	HOLE	METRES	COURSE
3.3.2013	NICK DUNN	6TH	185	NEW SOUTH WALES
20.3.2016	DAVID MORRIS	15TH	165	THE AUSTRALIAN
10.3.2019	JAMIE TOMLINSON	3RD	156	ROYAL SYDNEY

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TEAM PLAYERS - THE LAKES GOLF CLUB

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Andrews Brian			●																						
Barker Ivan	●	●	●																						
Beck Stuart																				●			●		
Bonner Steve													●	●	●		●	●	●						
Bosansky Alex																							●	●	
Buxton David																			●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Clark Vince							●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Collinson David			●																						
Coxon Jeff												●		●											
Craik Duncan			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●												
Dalley John															●		●	●	●						
Daly Brian					●	●																			
Davis Geoff	●																								
Deverich David																				●					
Doff Bart							●	●	●					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Ford Tony							●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●										
Goode Peter																					●	●		●	●
Happell Tony																								●	●
Harkin Jim														●											
Hatton Vince	●	●		●	●	●			●																
Hughes Gary	●	●	●	●	●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	●											
Janzen Bob								●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Johnson Bruce				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●
Kamokasu Mikio															●										
Katholos Peter																						●			
Kavanagh Jim	●									●															
Kaye Colin				●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●									

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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Kelly Laurie	●																								
Keyes Robert										●															
Lane Doug																●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Leo Bruno													●				●								
Levy Greg																									●
Moase Bernie				●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●				●								
Mumby Simon																					●	●			
Mylecharane Barry			●																						
Pattinson Ray	●												●												
Pemberton Allan																									●
Randazzo Sam	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●															
Robertson Ian																							●		
Robertson Peter																	●	●							
Salerno Albert															●			●							
Shannon Barry						●																			
Swiney Tom					●	●																			
Thornley Keith																●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Tomlinson Jamie																								●	
Trenorden Kevin																●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Trivett Phil									●																
Vandersluis Roy									●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Vrchas Frank																					●	●		●	
Williams David														●											
Williams Warren			●																						
Wilson Kingsley	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	●			●																
Wood Trevor	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●										

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TEAM PLAYERS - THE AUSTRALIAN GOLF CLUB

	1996	1997	🏆	1999	🏆	2001	2002	2003	🏆	2005	2006	2007	🏆	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	🏆	2020
Allerton Steve																●				●	●	●		●	●	
Barrett Adrian	●	C●	●			●			●																	
Baker Peter																							●			
Balcomb Ray																							●			
Bosch Arthur												●	●	●	●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●		C●	C●	C●	C●	
Byrne Adrian							●	●		●			●	●												
Cameron Ross										●	●	●			●	●	●	●								
Cawood John								●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●									
Christie Geoff										●	●	●	●			●										
Cooper David																			●	●	●					
Cotter Peter	●																									
Cox David					●	●				●																
Cox John					●	●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	●	●									
Davis Bruce																								●	●	
Deegan Lew																			●							
Du Chesne Bob				●																						
Dunn Nick									●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Dunne Don	●	●	●	●					●																	
Everett Geoff	●		●																							
Francis Graham					●																					
Funnell Craig																				●	●	●	●			
Gillies Joe																		●								
Gray Brian			●	●	●	●	●	●	●																	
Hamlin Richard	●	●																								
Hammond Michael		●																								
Hennessy Gary	●	●	●	●	●	●			●																	
Hing Henry																			●	●	●	●	●		●	
Holiday-Smith Rick																●	●									
Hoy Tony											●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	C●	●	●	●	●	
Jones Peter																							●			
Keeler Brian					●																					
Koop Maurice				●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●			●											

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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Peter Larkin		●	●																						
Tomax David								●																	
Macaskill Ian	●	●	●	●		C●	●		●	●		●													
MacNally John										●		●		●					●	●					
Maconachie John								●	●	●															
Maddison Rob																●	●		●						
Miles Peter																	●	●	●					●	●
Nelson John							●	●	●																
Nethery Michael																							●	●	
Osgood Kerry																	●	●							
Phillis Barry									●	●	●		●	●			●								
Power Gerry																							●	●	●
Pritchard Barry		●	●	●		●																			
Renshall Rob																			●	●	●				
Revai Eli	●																								
Ruff Chris										●		●	●	●	●	●	●								
Ryan Hugh		●																							
Sidwell Lindsay				●																					
Simpson Greg																			●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Smith Chris																								●	●
Southwood John																		●							
Stammers John							●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●									
Theodore Peter	●																								
Travena Ian						●																			
Trotter Rob																									●
Turner Des	C●		C●	●	C●				●																
Vote Tim						●																			
Wetherbee Jim														●											
Wood Phil					●																				
Wood Peter																						●			
Wulff Colin	●		●	C●	●	●	●	●	●																

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TEAM PLAYERS - ROYAL SYDNEY GOLF CLUB

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Adair Ross						●																			
Banks Rowley			●																						
Barkel Paul																					●	●			
Barnes Rob									●	●	●		●	●	●	●									
Benson Harry													●												
Bird Michael																				●	●			●	●
Bobbin David																			●						
Boland Stuart						●																			
Buckley John					●	●	●	CO	CO		●	●	●	●	●	●									
Chambers Rob										●	●				●	●									
Cornell Adam																									●
Crowe Phil																									●
Dalton Paul																				CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO
Davidson Jim		CO	CO	●				●	●																
Dawson Sandy				CO	CO	CO	CO		●	CO	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●							
De Beer Rod															●	●									
Dobbin David																●	●								
Donkin Peter																							●	●	
Donnelly Max																						●		●	●
Doughty Matt																							●	●	●
Duchen Steven																						●	●	●	●
Du Temple Don	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●													
Egan Jack				●	●		●	●	●	●															
Evans Stewart																●									
Farr-Jones Max	●	●	●	●					●																
Fogarty Peter			●	●	●	●			●			●	●												
Gray Iain						●																			
Griffin Edward	●							●																	
Haige Ivan																	●	●	●						
Hegarty Laughton										●		●													
Hill Geoff	●	●																							

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TEAM PLAYERS - NEW SOUTH WALES GOLF CLUB

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Ball John					●	●	●																		
Banister Phil																●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Bartell Noel	●	●	●	●																					
Birch Michael																			●						
Bostock Tim																						●	●		
Breen Barry								●		●	C●	C●	C●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
Bromley Les	●	●																							
Burns Bob	●	●	●	●					●																
Calder Peter								●			●														
Carter John					●	●	●																		
Connell Bob							●																		
Connelly Bob										●		●													
Coudounaris Chris																									●
Crichton Ian													●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cullen Gary																									●
Davis Stan	●	C●	C●	●					●																
Dick Robert	●					●							●												
Finkelde Colin																			●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●	C●
Finney David	●	●	●	C●	C●	C●	●	●	●	●	●														
Fox Tony			●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●														
Gering John				●	●				●		●														
Gordon Chris													●	C●	C●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Halligan Ken							●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●					
Hardy Ron				●																					
Harrisberg Brian																					●		●		
Harrison Brian		●																							
Hodges Ivan										●															
Hughes John	●	●	●							●															
Hurwitz Andrew																	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Lamb Ken																									
Lenagan Denis																									
Levien Gary																									
Lindsay Max																									
Macaskill Ian																									
McDonald John																									
McIntyre Peter																									
Murphy Bill																									
Osgood Kerry																									
Phillis Barry																									
Riley Brian																									
Rowden Bruce																									
Salter Irvine																									
Seymour Gil																									
Shofer Brad																									
Spilstead David																									
Stewart Bob																									
Swanston Bill																									
Trainor David																									
Turney George																									
Watt Sam																									
Whatley Gary																									
Whitely Tim																									
William Col																									
Wilson Alan																									
Wilson Liam																									
Worsley Michael																									
Young Peter																									



(clockwise from left)
Col Finkelde (New South Wales)
The Lakes Pre-match Psyche Up!

Gerry Power (The Australian)
 New South Wales
 14th Hole



Chris Gordon (New South Wales)
 New South Wales
 11th Hole

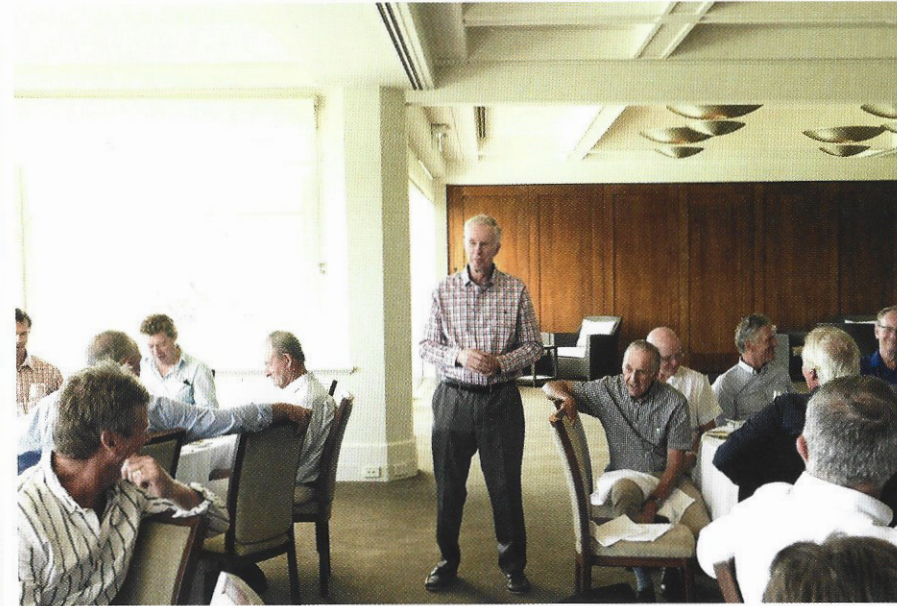
David Spilstead (Royal Sydney)
 The Lakes
 14th Hole



(clockwise from left)
Arthur Bosch (The Australian)
 New South Wales
 3th Hole - Tee



Bruce Johnson (The Lakes)
 2020 Royal Sydney
 Clubhouse - Post Match
 Captain's Oration/ Report



Denis Lenagan (Royal Sydney)
 The Australian
 5th Hole - Shot to green



Rob Maddison (The Australian)
 2015 New South Wales
 17th Hole - Bunker



5.00 Rules & Conditions

5.10 Players & Teams

5.11 Player Eligibility

Players must have attained the age of 55 on or before the first match.

5.12 Player Eligibility for Final

Clubs may not introduce a new player after Round 3, except with the consent of the opponent Club. Consent will not be reasonably refused in the case of absence of eligible Players after Round 3 due to illness, injury, work obligations, family holidays, disciplinary omissions, or other unavoidable absence.

5.13 Teams

Each Club shall field a team of eight Players.

5.14 Team Attire

All Teams to wear matching shirts with Club Logo and predominately coloured as following:

The Lakes	Yellow
The Australian	White
Royal Sydney	Green and or Red
New South Wales	Pale Blue

Shorts are permitted to be worn with white socks only.





5.20 The Competition

5.21 Course in Play

Competition Play at each Course is done on an agreed rotational basis along with Teams and opponents. The Club who hosts the Final Match is the venue for the Dinner and Presentation.

5.22 Practice

There is to be no practice on the Course prior to a Match and no free practice balls provided to players.

5.23 Caddies

Are not permitted.

5.24 Motorised Transport

Players are not permitted to use motorised transport during the round, unless the temperature is forecast to exceed 32degree C, in which case the players have the option of using a Cart. *(Agreed March 2016)*

5.25 Tees in Play

Play is to be from the Men's Competition Tees, not near the Championship Tee Markers.

5.26 Match Play

Play is based on Individual Scratch Match play format and is to be played in fours. All matches are of 18 Holes and any matches tied over 18 holes are to count as a halved score match, except for the finals, where all matches are to continue for 2 extra holes maximum, at which time if undecided the match is considered a draw.

5.27 Order of Play

Play is to commence with Players 8 and then 7 and so on till 1.

5.28 Slow Play

Each Match must not take no longer than 4 1/2 hours, preferably closer to 4 hours.

The Host Club is to appoint a Match Official with a motorised cart, who will act as a referee for the duration of the Matches and monitor pace of play. The referee will have the authority to enforce the following rule :

"If any group falls more than one clear hole behind the group in front, they will be required to score a Half for the hole being played and will be required to proceed directly to the next Tee."

5.30 Match Results & Qualification

5.31 Match Results

Competition rounds one to three are played as round robin matches with Team scores based on:

- A. Individual matches won.
- B. All eight team Matches count toward the Score.
- C. **Team Points** -2 points for a Team win, 1 point for a squared Match and nil for a loss.
- D. **Individual Points** - 1 Point for a Individual win, $\frac{1}{2}$ Point for a squared Match and nil points for a loss.

5.32 Qualification for Finals Play-offs

Teams seeded one and two contest the Final for the LARN Cup, whilst teams seeded three and four play-off for the Wooden Spoon. After round three, Team seedings for the LARN Cup Final and Wooden Spoon play-offs are based on the following qualification in order:

- A. Total Individual Points
- B. Total Team Points.
- C. If two Teams are still tied then the result of the match between those two teams and if a tied match, then the aggregate margins of the matches won by each team in their round robin Match apply. (eg. If Team A's No.1 defeated Team B No.1 by 2&1 – Margin is 2, likewise for a 3&2 or 3&1 the Margin is 3). If still tied (unlikely) then toss of coin.
- D. If three teams are tied then discard the Team Points and Individual Points in the matches against the 4th placed team and start again with procedure A through to C above.
- E. If four Teams are tied (unlikely) then aggregate match margins of all Teams to determine the result and ultimately, if necessary, toss of coin or draw from hat.



5.33 Winners of the LARN Cup and Wooden Spoon Final

A. Should the Final Matches be all tied, ie. four (4) all, the winner will be the team with the highest aggregate of individual match score margins.

Any match continuing beyond the 18th hole will count as a 1 up win to the winner, however, if the Match is undecided after two (2) extra holes the Match is considered a draw with each team receiving half a point each when calculating aggregate match margins.

B. If a winner is not declared after procedure A, the result will be declared a tie with Joint Winners of the respective Trophy.

5.40 Post Match Events

5.41 Lunches

Attendance is obligatory for all selected Team players (a player unable to comply should not be selected).

Only eight players plus two officials may attend the luncheon.

The minimum dining format is a barbeque followed by cheese or dessert. The host Club is to provide drinks, including house wine for the luncheon only. Any other drinks are at the Players expense.

The Club is to provide forty (40) lunches sufficient for 8 players and 2 officials.

All green fees and lunch costs to be borne by the Club.

5.42 Presentation Dinner

The Finals Presentation Dinner is to be a mixed invitation Event, whereby players are to invite spouses and or partners to attend and the host Club for the Dinner will invoice the partner Clubs for their respective attendees.

Guest Clubs shall determine their own competitor and spouse and or partner charging for the Event, however the expectation is that Clubs will bear the cost of the Players and will on charge the cost of spouse and or partners.

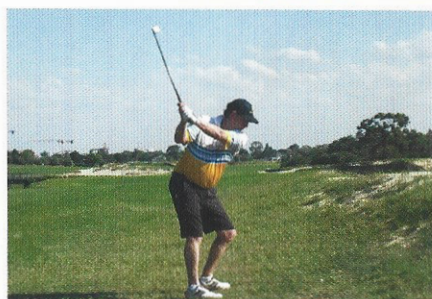
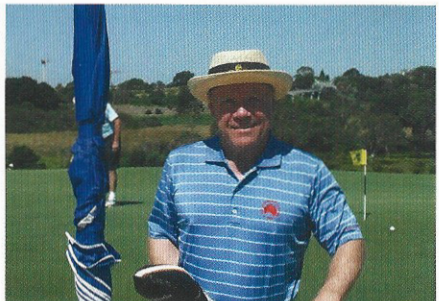


2015 Final LARN Cup Match - The Lakes v The Australian

L>R David Cooper (Australian), Doug Lane (Lakes), David Buxton (Lakes) John MacNally,
Steve Allerton (both Australian)

It was coming night fall, matches were over and I was walking back to the Clubhouse to get ready for the Presentation Dinner when I stumbled across a group of players all happily engaged in conversation. I asked to take their photograph and they were pleased to oblige. Long after the event, the image remained with me and I thought this is what it is all about.....

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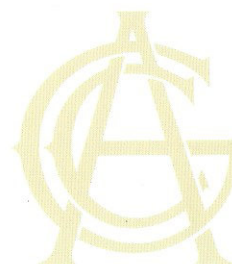
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