



EB Update - Saturday, 2 March 2019



Hail and Farewell Tommy Laird (1941-2019)

Sadly, Tommy passed away last Wednesday.

His adoring wife, Val, has provided his funeral arrangements (which will not be published in the Newspaper).

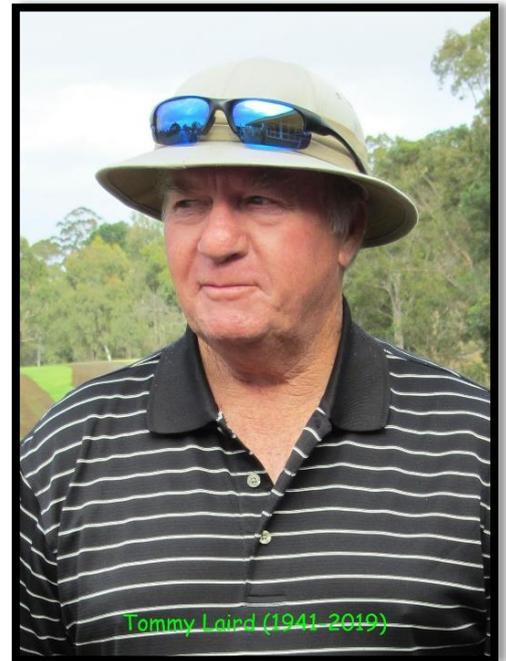
Wednesday, 6 March at 2.00 pm

Seasons Funerals, 2976 Albany Hwy, Kelmscott

At Tommy's request : no flowers. But he asked for donations to the EBs.

There will be a box for these donations at EBs Opening Day as well as at the Funeral Chapel.

Some sort of memorial to Tommy at the Golf Club (a GGC member for nearly 32 years) is considered appropriate and already there are several possibilities being canvassed. It is premature to discuss these possibilities, but later, in consultation with Val and EB members, we will make plans. Your suggestions re how Tommy's donation might be used appropriately are welcome



At our Opening Day Lunch next Tuesday we will have a short tribute to Tommy.

It is hoped that many EBs will be able to attend Tommy's funeral on Wednesday.

Tommy was a true EB to the end, turning up at Afters even though he was no longer able to get around the golf course. He and Val attended nearly all EB social events - lunches and end-of-month dinners - and went on many of the golf trips. They both made loyal friends with many EBs, notably Geoff & Beryl, Chris & Linda and Lloyd & Pam. He loved his golf, he loved his golf club, he loved his EBs and he loved the many mates he made. Most of all he loved life. And, we all loved Tommy !

My earliest record of Tommy is in 2010, but I'm sure he was in the EBs lots longer than that.

Anyone know exactly when ? Inform Kevin.

EB's Opening Day Lunch - Tuesday, 5 March

From 7.00 am : Golf Stableford Competition

After your 9 holes : Putting Competition with Suresh and Chris

11.30 am : Annual EBs Photo Shoot (try to be in EB polo shirt, no sunnies please)

12,00 : Sit Down for Lunch

Menu is a buffet of cold meats (chicken, beef & turkey roll) with salads (potato, pasta & pumpkin & spinach) and bread roll. You will have to purchase your own drinks.

MC is Barry. As usual there will be a Chocolate Wheel. 3 for \$10 or \$5 each. Prizes donated by Allen R.

Opening Day Lunch

Current EBs (* yet to pay)

Attending		Yet to Commit By Tues. 26 Feb	Apologies
David	Peter T,	Sunny	Andrew (photo only)
Kevin	Brian J.	Reg	Michael N. (family commitment)
Terry	Trevor		John (Blue Mts)
Brian B.	Les		Robert Cu
Ross	Michael K.		Keith (in Sydney 4-14 March)
Patrick	Suresh		Allan C.
Bob Cl	Allan Mc *		Peter L.
Stuart	Alf		Bernie (medical appointment)
Lou	Allen R.		Graeme (medical imagery appointment)
Lloyd	Alan S.		
Jack	Brian T.		
Geoff	Ernie		
Barry	Irwan		
Simon	Chris		
Laurie	Roy		
Malcolm	Ken *		
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Invited Past EBs

Attending	Yet to Commit By Tues. 26 Feb	Apologies
John O'S*	Joe V	Gerald (Singapore)
Kaeshu*	Ron P.	Francis (holidays)
James*	Lionel	Ray B. (lots of tasks following Shirley's demise)
Roy G.*		Ari (Travelling the world, because he can)
Ron H.*		Billy R.(off to Sussex & Scotland)
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Events

March 5 Tuesday	1	EBs annual membership fee due →	Opening Day Lunch (with group photo @ 11.30)	Men only
March 8 Friday				
March 12 Tuesday	10	Captain Friday's surprise format Stableford Competition		
March 15 Friday				
March 19 Tuesday	1	Captain Friday's surprise format Stableford Competition		
March 22 Friday				
March 26 Tuesday	10	Captain Friday's surprise format Stableford Competition		
March 29 Friday				
			+	End-of-March Dinner @ GGC with ladies

New Event Calendar due out for Opening Day, 5 March.



Away on Trips -

From around about the end of March **Roy & Robyn** are off in a camper van for three months. Roy has been fitting the van out himself over the last few months

John & Linda are holidaying in the Blue Mountains from Thursday, 28 February to Tuesday, 12 March.

Allan Mc has been caddying for wife **Ros** at an invitational tournament in New Zealand. He will be at golf as well as the Opening Day Lunch this Tuesday.

Keith & Moira will be on a trip to Sydney from Monday, 4 March to Thursday, 14 March

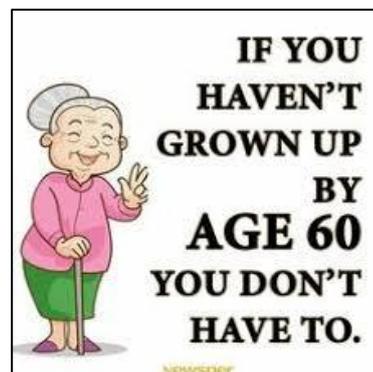
Billy & Beth head to the UK this week to visit his ailing sister in Sussex then on to bonny Scotland. He spoke to me about the wonderful friends he has in the EBs and asked to be remembered to them all. Billy's

parting comment was “don’t lose your chuckle muscle”. He reads every EB Update and is considering a return to the EBs.



Upcoming Birthdays

Roy	Thursday, 7 March	1940
John	Friday, 8 March	1942
Peter Jago	Tuesday 12 March	1947
Irwan	Friday, 22 March	1949
Laurie	Saturday, 23 March	1938



Not That Well

Brian T. was attacked by a swarm of bees early last week. Imagine his horror as he was relentlessly pursued by the bees and with no escape. Brian suffered dozens of stings to his arms, legs, ear but, fortunately not his face. Antihistamines were prescribed by the doctor and he came through the ordeal surprisingly well.

Suresh's body is having trouble processing proteins and now has to go on yucky protein thick shakes.

Next Tuesday and the following Thursday **Graeme** has to have a battery of x-ray and ultrasound imagery taken on his aorta, lung, back and knee. He says he'll still be there for golf on Tuesday and can just make the photo shoot at 11.30 am.



Inside leg: 31", Waist: 42", Sex: not often, Weight: over, Financials: Poor, Stocks & Shares: F-- all
Which one of our newer EBs do these characteristics describe ?

Whilst down at Esperance, **Lloyd & Pam** had significant car troubles which added two days for the necessary repairs.

Roy had an amazing final hole yesterday. On the par 5 he hit his third shot on to the green to end up 15 cm short of the hole. He got a birdie and almost an eagle. The last EB to get an eagle was Peter Jago, about 7 years ago.

Talking of **Roy**, he has a few sheets of 20mm polystyrene to give away. Surplus to needs for insulation for his camper van.

It's **Graeme** and **Gail's** wedding anniversary Sunday. Congratulations to you both.

- Before golf - drink at least one litre of water
- During golf - bring your water bottle and keep hydrated
- After golf - drink even more water
- Keep up your hydration levels = 3 litres/day



Reminder The \$10.00 EB's Membership Fee is now due.

Looking for a Relief Captain Friday

As you know, at the end of this month **Roy and Robyn** are off on a three month escape around the continent. So we need someone to be Captain Friday for this time. Best to talk to Roy soon if you are prepared to do this job. It's a great leadership job especially if you've got a creative and sometimes, evil golf brain.

Yellow Tees OK for EBs Submitting Cards for Hcp

In the 26th Jan EB Update Trevor advised EBs that 9 hole cards can now be submitted for evaluating 18 hole handicaps but they must be off the Blue Tees. The GGC Handicapper has subsequently advised that he will accept cards off the YELLOW Tees providing they are played to the standard rules of golf (i.e. not the alternative EB rules).

So to ensure that your card is correct and acceptable please comply with the following:

- Write your gross score per hole on the card. (Putts are not required)
- Advise your marker before play starts that you will be submitting your card for an 18 hole handicap and therefore you will not be using EB rules -This is important
- Ensure that your card states (at the top) that you have used the YELLOW Tees (because GGC generic cards that you will use do not necessarily record the Tees actually being used as do proper competition Cards)
- Write your full GGC number on the card e.g. 604010XXXX (XXXX being your individual GGC Member No)
- Ensure your card is signed by the marker who should also print his name.
- Deliver your cards to the handicapper's office (located at the back of the main club room; adjacent to the boardroom). Alternatively give your cards to Trevor.
- The above means that you will need to complete two cards. The EB; Thursday; Friday or Twilights card PLUS a GGC card for the GGC handicapper.
- Also there will be no wipes, you must record a score against every hole.
- Finally remember that if there is any doubt as to whether your ball may be lost, PLAY a provisional to save time.

If you already have an 18 hole handicap you can also assess the Stableford points score BUT using the GGC 18 card indexing and NOT the EB indexing. Obviously if you are putting in cards for a new handicap you will not be able to evaluate Stableford points.

Duties of The MARKER

There has been a degree of slackness in the EB's with marking cards.

Because golf is a largely self regulated game it is worth restating the role of the marker. Some bad habits can creep in so the following should be noted:

- The Marker is effectively the 'umpire' for his playing partner. For that reason the rules of golf require many decisions to be ratified by the Marker before they are applied.
- The Marker should NOT accept the players score but should be independently checking the number of shots. We can all make mistakes and this second opinion minimises errors however innocently conceived.
- Where penalties are involved it is good practice to verbally agree the penalty and thus the number of shots accumulated at the place where the penalty is incurred.
- Markers should NOT sign the cards until the game is finished to ensure that verification of the card take place.
- Both the Marker and player should agree on the cards at the end of the game and before signing.
- Finally it is no shame to be unclear on rules (they are after all very complex) so if there are any doubts seek clarification from the Captain; professional or the actual Rules before finalising the card.

It is easy to drift into bad habits so everyone is asked to make an effort to adhere to the above sensible procedures.

Dementia ? (contributed by Roy. What will we do without him when he's galivanting around Australia?)

They weren't in my pockets.

Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car.

Frantically, I headed for the parking lot.

My wife has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition.

She's afraid that the car could be stolen.

As I looked around the parking lot, I realized she was right.

The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police.

I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Eventually, I plucked up the courage and made the most difficult call of all to my wife:

"I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard her voice.

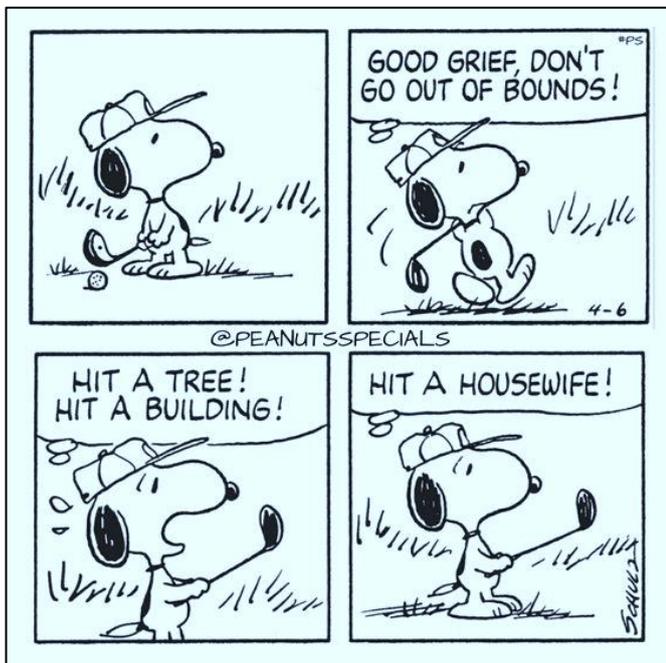
"Are you kidding me?" she barked, "I dropped you off !"

Now it was my turn to be silent.

Embarrassed, I said, *"Well, come and get me."*

She retorted, *"I will, as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your bloody car !"*

Welcome to the Golden Years.



Request for Postage Stamps

With thanks to **Bernie**, **Jack** and **Graeme**, I have enough postage stamps to last at least one year. The stamps are needed for sending invites to past EBs and for occasionally mailing out EB Updates to members who don't have emailing facilities. I even had to knock back another donation.

EB Polo Shirts

Alf informs me that the polo shirts sent off for embroidery will not be ready in time for Opening Day.

Joke (from Alan S.)

A circus owner runs an ad for a lion tamer and two people show up. One is a retired golfer in his late sixties and the other is a gorgeous blonde in her mid-twenties.

The circus owner tells them "I'm not going to sugar coat it. This is one ferocious lion. He ate my last tamer so you two had better be good or you're history. Here's your equipment - chair, a whip and a gun. Who wants to try out first?"

The girl says "I'll go first". She walks past the chair, the whip and the gun and steps right into the lion's cage. The lion starts to snarl and pant and begins to charge her. About halfway there, she throws open her coat revealing her beautiful naked body. The lion stops dead in his tracks, then sheepishly crawls up to her

and starts licking her feet and ankles. He continues to lick and kiss her entire body for several minutes and then rests his head at her feet.

The circus owner's jaw is on the floor. He says "I've never seen a display like that in my life". He then turns to the retired golfer and asks "Can you top that?"

The tough old golfer replies "No problem, just get that lion out of there".