



EB Update - Saturday, 9 March 2019



Events

March 12 Tuesday	10
March 15 Friday	
March 19 Tuesday	1
March 22 Friday	
March 26 Tuesday	10
March 29 Friday	
April 2 Tuesday	1
April 5 Friday	

Stableford Competition
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Nominations for Captain due by 1.00 pm – to Barry

Feedback from Draft EB Charter due – to Trevor

+	End-of-March Dinner @ GGC	with ladies
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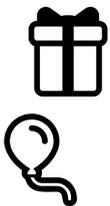
If you didn't get a paper copy of the 2019-20 EB's Events Calendar then get one from Kevin. He also has copies of the Draft EB Charter for those who didn't get one last Tuesday. Attached to this email is a digital copy of the Events Calendar for the golf year. It's a suggestion that you copy significant events like Lunches and End-of-Month Dinners into your own diaries or device calendars.



Away on Trips -

John & Linda will be back from holidaying in the Blue Mountains and Sydney on Tuesday, 12 March.

Keith & Moira are on a trip to Sydney until Thursday, 14 March



Upcoming Birthdays

Peter Jago	Tuesday 12 March	1947
Irwan	Friday, 22 March	1949
Laurie	Saturday, 23 March	1938
Allan Mc	Thursday, 4 April	1950
Brendan	Friday, 12 April	1955
Patrick	Sunday, 28 April	1932



Not That Well

Opening Day Lunch

We had a very successful Opening Day Lunch last Tuesday with 37 in attendance. Nine couldn't make the lunch but it gratifying that three of these made a point of being there for the annual photo shoot. It was pleasing to have ex-EBs **Ron H.**, **John O'S** and **Kaeshu** present. Always welcome was our honorary EB from Singapore – **James**.

This was to be **Lloyd's** last Opening Day as Captain. He told us that his "time was up" as Captain after 23 continuous years of his amazing leadership. "I achieved what I set out to do", said Lloyd. And we have all benefitted from his vision for elderly retired golfers who "all have a reason to get up in the morning for golf". Lloyd was roundly applauded, acknowledging his golf-social-wellbeing philosophy was the right fit for us. *(It is envisaged that there will be a special hand-over lunch or dinner after the election of a new Captain where we will get the opportunity to celebrate Lloyd's foresight, management and enduring contribution)*

Lloyd named and thanked all the EBs who had contributed their time and energy to run the EBs so successfully – **Laurie, Simon, Graeme, John, Michael N., Alan S., Lou, Bob, Patrick, Suresh, Roy, Barry** and **Kevin**.. He properly singled out **Trevor** for special praise.

The size of the EB playing group was a particular focus for Lloyd in his address to the room. Playing with 'everybody' is a key plank in his philosophy as well as not having cliquey sub-groups are reasons for not having larger numbers in the EBs. His successors as Captain should "keep this in mind".

The meal of cold meat cuts and salads seemed have hit the mark with some members seen to return, second time around, with heaps more. I haven't heard any complaints. Yet !

The Lunch was masterly MCed by **Barry**. In the 'business' part of our meeting, it was his clever handling of Captaincy and the prickly issues of Afters, number of members, handicapping and use of yellow tees that earned him special credit from those assembled. Needless to say Barry facilitated decisions that have "cleared the air" on these controversial issues and has made it possible for transition to a new Captain to occur seamlessly. More on these matters later in this newsletter.

The \$100 first prize in the traditional chocolate wheel was won by _____. Special thanks to **Simon** for capably selling raffle tickets and conducting the spins. Thanks too, to **Allen R.** for donating prizes. **Suresh** and **Chris** conducted an interesting and successful Putting Competition pre the meal. Thanks to you both.



EBs at Lunch on Opening Day at Gosnells Golf Club, 5 March 2019

Welcome to New EBs

As of last Tuesday we have three new EBs.

Welcome to **Steve, Brendan** and **Malcolm**. And, welcome too to their respective "better halves" **Susan, Linda** and **Margaret**.

We now have 45 EBs.

Scuttlebutt

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 ?

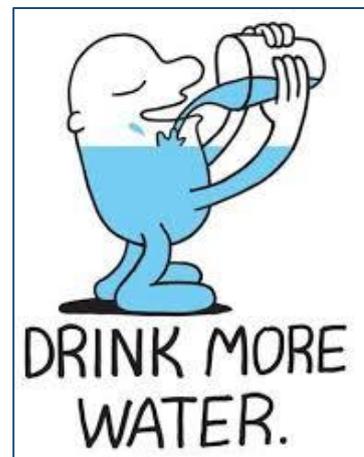


Well ! I got a response. The **respondent** (un-named) thought the description fitted him to a T. But it wasn't him !

Darren, our new GGC House Supervisor, got a surprise when he was introduced to **Kevin** last Tuesday. "You used to teach me at Lynwood SHS in the mid-90s", he said. Then he recognised **Lou** and **Lloyd**, both of whom also taught at Lynwood about the same time.

The evening of Wednesday, 10 April will be looked forward to with eager anticipation by **Pat & Bridget**. This is when they will be having their chef-cooked dinner, generously donated by **Barry**, that Pat won at the EB's Christmas Lunch. **Ruth**, Pat's daughter, will host the dinner and it will be attended by two of Bridget's sisters. One from the USA and the other from Derbyshire. That will be a very special night for Bridget.

- 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

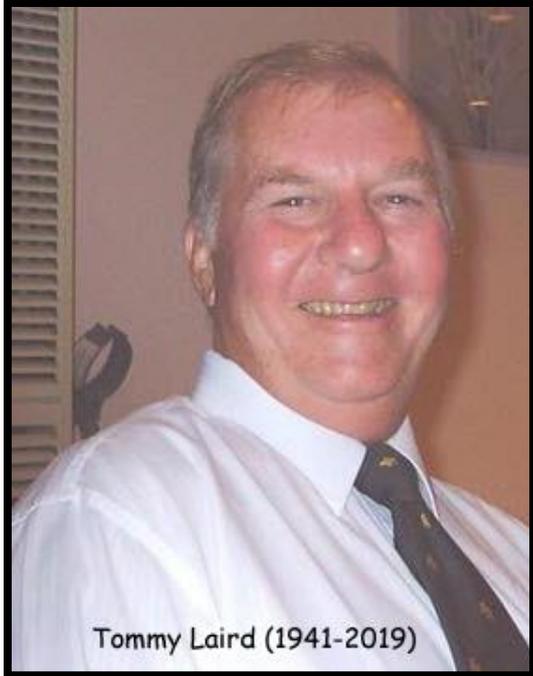


EB Web Site Update

Soong Sam has kindly updated the EB programme by expanding the Capacity of the Tab "Newsletters". This will enable us to maintain the quantity of Newsletters at 8 but now we can load other notices like Major Competition Results for the current year; The Charter; Interesting statistics etc.

To reflect the more general nature of the content the Tab name has been changed from 'Newsletters' to "**NEWS UPDATES**".

For new members who may not yet be familiar with the web site it can be found at: www.appease.net.au/ then select **EB Golfers** and then the '**News Update**' Tab. On the first use you can 'bookmark' this page for easy future navigation. Anyone not familiar with 'bookmarking' please see Trevor. In addition to News Updates weekly Results; New Handicaps & the Captains Report are all available immediately following golf on Tuesdays



Message from Val Laird

"My heartfelt thanks for all the wonderful messages received and to all the many people that attended Tommy's funeral. It was a perfect send off for a good and loving man.

Thank you all for making my dreaded day so bearable and amazing."

Vale Tommy

Tommy's Request

At Tommy's request we had a donation box at our Opening Day Lunch then at Tommy's funeral the next day. Val tells us that Tommy wanted to money donated to go to some sort of EB social event where we can celebrate his memory. More on this idea later

We have no idea of who in particular, but thanks to all who donated. **\$305 was counted**. If you didn't donate and still wish to, then hand it to Kevin or Alf.

Thursday Golf last week

Nine starters playing in 3 groups of 3 off the back 9 with the team Stableford score being the sum of the best and worst of the 3 scores.

Teams were: Michael N; Kumar; Irwan Lou; James K; Alan S Bob; Soong Sam; Trevor

Winners: Irwan & Lou with 28 points

Childbirth at 65 (Too good not to pass on, Enjoy! - from David & Hannah)

With all the new technology regarding fertility recently, a 65-year-old friend of mine was able to give birth. When she was discharged from the hospital and went home, I went to visit.

'May I see the new baby?' I asked

'Not yet,' She said 'I'll make coffee and we can talk for a while first.'

Thirty minutes had passed, and I asked, 'May I see the new baby now?'

'No, not yet,' She said.

After another few minutes had elapsed, I asked again, 'May I see the baby now?'

'No, not yet,' replied my friend.

Growing very impatient, I asked, 'Well, when can I see the baby?'

'WHEN HE CRIES!' she told me.

'WHEN HE CRIES?' I demanded. 'Why do I have to wait until he CRIES?'

'BECAUSE I FORGOT WHERE I PUT HIM **O.K.?!!**'

EB's Charter

Trevor presented copies of the Draft EB Charter to the members assembled at the Opening Day Lunch. He told us that “this is what the EBs are all about, what it stands for and how it operates.” To me (Kevin) it’s a bit like a mission statement and, thankfully, is no-way like a constitution.

The Draft Charter is in two parts : the Charter itself and four appendices which detail how the playing group operates.

Trevor wants positive feedback. The last page in the Draft Charter is provided for you to write any suggestions that you may have for improvement. However such comments must be **returned to Lloyd or Trevor by Tuesday 19th Mar 2019**. You do not have to sign the comments if you do not wish but please ensure that any content is legible.

Following final review of members comments a Charter will be submitted for approval by members in approx. 4 weeks.

The following persons, who were not present at the lunch on Tuesday, have had copies of the Charter posted to them: K Bamford; S Chew; A Connolly; B Cush; A Foo; R Kelly; M Nugent; J Watson
If for any reason these letters are not received a copy of the Charter will be posted under the “Newsletters” Tab on the EB Web Site.

For new members the EB web site can be located at: www.appease.net.au/ select “EB Golfers” then click on the ‘Newsletters Tab’. Members are recommended to ‘Bookmark’ this page for locating more easily in the future

Pointed Message from the Club

We would like to remind all members to repair pitch marks on the golf course - our 12th green (and many others) are looking like we don't love them... And we cannot blame the public - they were not there last Monday !

Might it be that some of us EBs may have erred ??

Risqué !! (I won't say who submitted this joke, and apologies to Bridget)

Paddy rings his new girlfriend's door bell, with a big bunch of flowers.

She opens the door, sees the flowers, and drags him in.

She lies back on the couch, pulls her skirt up, rips off her knickers and says, “This is for the flowers !”
“Don't be silly,” say Paddy, “You must have a vase somewhere !”

Photos on Facebook

An album of photos from our recent Opening Lunch can be viewed on our Facebook page.

For those who have not accessed our Facebook page before : Go to [eb's gosnells golf club](https://www.facebook.com/eb's.gosnells.golf.club) in Facebook entering it exact as printed here. It is a closed page meaning only registered members can access it. Once you are in Facebook you must request access from one of the Administrators (Kevin or Chris).

Decisions made at Opening Day Lunch

- **Captaincy**

Following **Lloyd's** decision to stand down as Captain of the EBs after 23 years, Barry proposed that we elect a new Captain who will serve for two years. The new Captain will be able to choose his own Vice Captain who will be unelected and will not automatically become the succeeding Captain.

This proposal was accepted by 28 of the eligible 32 in attendance.

Barry, as Returning Officer, has called for nominations to be received by him **by 1.00 pm Tuesday, 12 March**.

(Note : a separate email concerning Nominations for Captain was sent last Tuesday evening)

- **Afters**

Barry sought to confirm the current practice of announcement of **results at about 11.00 am** in the Clubhouse after the morning game. The intent is to foster socialising and is part of the accepted culture of the EBs. Whilst there is an ‘expectation’ to be at Afters until the announcements have been made by

the Captain, Barry emphasised that it is not compulsory.

Barry gave the dissenters an opportunity to disagree, then put it to a vote, resulting in a very clear majority approving.

(no voting numbers were counted as there was overwhelming support with a show of hands)

- **Membership Ceiling**

Vigorous discussion ensued on this topic. Chris, Suresh, Trevor, Allen and Jack all had points to make. Our EB numbers have reached the level where wait time to tee off and conversely waiting after the game for announcement of results have been stretched. There was also concern that larger numbers would result in some social fragmentation and the overall dynamics of the group would suffer.

It was conceded that our numbers should continue to grow, that this growth was a healthy sign of our success and that we should welcome new members to share our winning formula. To cope with the larger playing group, suggestions were promoted that included using two tees or having a shotgun start. The result was a **large majority in agreement in favour of no ceiling** and that we implement the use of two tees when needed.

We should talk to the Club GM to ensure that we have exclusive use of 9 holes so two simultaneous tees can be used at the start of play.

- **Yellow Tees**

When the opportunity to oppose the use of yellow tees was raised by Barry there were **no detractors**. So we will continue with the practice.

- **Handicapping**

The philosophy behind our unique EB handicapping system is covered in the new EB Charter. It is designed to keep senior players active for as long as possible. Jack supported the system and Terry made an impassioned testimony of support saying how it has kept him going.

There was no one present who argued for fundamental changes to the currently operating handicapping system. However, from time to time, there will be need for some minor tweaking required especially regards indexing of holes.

- **Website**

We currently communicate using three forms of media : direct emailing of "EB Updates", Facebook [eb's gosnells golf club](#) and our Website at www.appease.net.au/.

The "EB Update" is informative and entertaining, The Facebook is interactive. The Website has a record of results and is archival.

All three should continue but many more members need to access the Website.

Barry facilitated this decision-making process at the Opening Day Lunch. He listened to the detractors of some of the issues, he negotiated with Lloyd about Captaincy, he planned the approach that "cleared the air" for our EBs to progress. We can now elect a Captain without candidates having to deal with discontent by promising change. **Thanks, Barry**. Wise heads prevailed.

New Captain

Lloyd was Captain for 23 years. The prospective new Captain has a two year term. No only that, but the new Captain gets to appoint a Vice Captain to assist him. The job is not as onerous as it previously was. All the Captain has to do is provide the leadership and to manage and coordinate the operations of the EBs. Simple ! The jobs that ensure the smooth running of the EBs (like Treasurer, Handicapper, raffles, etc) are shared around by an amazingly large number of blokes. Not many groups have this level of contribution and participation.

So **nominate** yourself to Barry by next Tuesday. Or **nominate** someone (with their approval) who you think will make a great Captain.

I see a pool of talented prospective Captains among us, any one of whom will be a successful leader.