

This Sporting Life

Bench and Bar Golf Day - Easter Tuesday

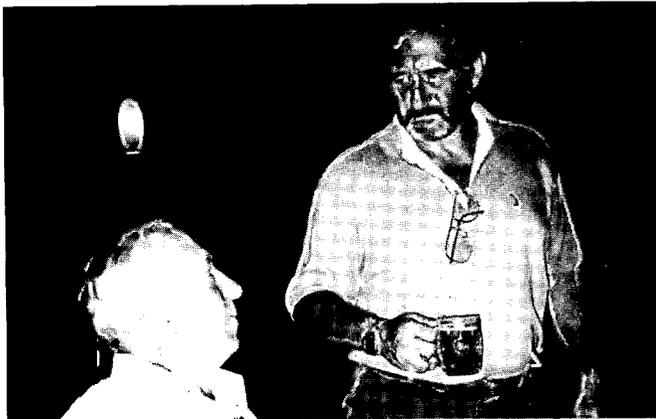
For the third year running the organisers of this event have been able to arrange fine weather, on this occasion spliced between ten or more days of almost continuous rain. Fifty-two members of the Bench and Bar experienced remarkably good conditions on Pymble Golf Course for what has become the most popular match on a golfing calendar.

The day again went to the Junior Bar who defeated the Bench and Senior Bar by seven matches to six. Bill Cook, the former Registrar of the Association, serving between 1964 and 1985, in whose honour the trophy of the day was named, was present both to play golf and award the W.F. Cook Cup to Greg Burton who was identified as the most Junior of the "baby" barristers taking part.

The best card of the day was returned by Rod Skiller and Neil Francey with 47 points for the Junior Bar while Judge Freeman and Judge Kinchington were the best for the Bench and Senior Bar on 43 points.

The best nine holes scores were returned by Judge Maguire and Roy Ellis (24 points), Judge Ward and Tony Puckeridge QC (25 points), Steven Finch and Peter Barber (22 points), and Phil Greenwood and Peter Gray (23 points). Julian Sexton took out the long drive on the second hole. John Rowe was nearest the pin on the eleventh and Judge Denton did likewise on the eighteenth hole.

Members should keep in mind that the Bench and Bar needs to field a team of eight in the Annual Council of Professions Golf Day at Avondale to be held this year on Wednesday 8 November 1989. □ Paul Webb



Chief Judge Staunton and His Honour Judge Maguire
"You're not sending me to Bourke again!"

Cricket

The NSW Bar enjoyed a brief but highly successful 1989 cricket season by defeating both the Victorian and Queensland Bar elevens.

NSW v. Victoria

Despite difficulties with inclement weather and with the aldermanic assistance of O'Keefe Q.C., the annual clash against the Victorian Bar finally occurred at Middle Head on 19 March 1989 with the satisfactory result of a comfortable win to NSW by 56 runs, thereby reversing a series of unpleasant losses.



Bill Cook presenting the Cup, named in his honour, to Greg Burton, who accepted it on behalf of the Junior Bar.

NSW batted first and suffered some early losses before Laughton (32) and Foord (72) became serious, and with a brisk 54 from Wilkins, the total was 182 off the prescribed 50 overs. Poulos achieved the highest strike rate with 4 off the one ball he survived.

Faced with lively bowling and tight fielding Victoria struggled and were never likely to achieve the target. Naughtin (2-26) and Collins (1-13) gave nothing away in their spells of 8 overs each and provided an ideal foil for Sandrasegara who bowled his leg spin with good effect to obtain 3 valuable wickets, including that of the Victorian captain, Gillard Q.C. Harris, who had opened the batting, secured more wickets than runs, when he bowled 4 overs for 2-12, in cleaning up the tail-enders.

The game ended on an unfortunate note when Collins and Naughtin, both seeking the glory of catching the last Victorian batsman, collided in full flight and were obliged to miss the post-match formalities due to hospital commitments.

NSW v. Queensland

Again overcoming the weather and industrial unrest, NSW was finally able to play Queensland in Brisbane on 13 May 1989 and secured a satisfactory verdict by doubling the Queensland score in winning by 107 runs. Sent into bat by Crooke Q.C., the Queensland skipper, NSW scored freely with Burchett (67), in his first appearance, Harris (21), Reynolds (42) and Hamman (39) providing most of the total of 7-214 from 45 overs.

Showing the benefits of vast experience on circuit, the opening bowlers King and Hamman showed little effects of a debilitating dinner at the Tattersalls Club on the previous evening and restricted Queensland to 37 runs off the first 18 overs, with Hamman getting cheaply the prized wicket of Traves; a Shield player in recent years. Connor and Naughtin, aided by enthusiastic fielding and the capable wicket keeping of Ireland, then dispatched the remaining batsmen for a modest total of 107. It was Wilkin's turn for hospitalisation for stitches to a cut hand sustained when effecting a catch, but he was fit enough to be conspicuous when Queensland were hosts that evening at a dinner in their Inns of Court and again on Sunday when the hosts were subjected to repeated post mortems of diminishing veracity. □