

BOURKE GOLF CLUB

ASSOCIATE GOLF CLUB

GOLFING NEWS

(BY "BOGEY")

Last week-end's working bee, though not well patronised by the members, saw a great deal of improvements effected to the course.

The "man from Mars," whom you may have seen in town on Sunday night, actually was Roy Doran, who did a great job spray-painting the bar end of the Clubhouse (and both ends of himself), an attractive shade of teal green, which harmonises well with the surroundings. When trimmed with white, this will make quite a difference to the exterior of the Club.

The greens have all been top-dressed with crushed gravel, similar to that used on the eighth green last year. We hope that this will lead to greater consistency of putting surfaces. Although some greens were a bit heavy on Sunday, they should have settled down by Opening Day.

Tees have been moved away from most of the par threes, so that the ladies will have concrete blocks and rubber mats for their new tees.

The members wish to thank the ladies who came over and provided afternoon tea for the workers.

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WORKERS.

Competitions over the last few weeks have resulted in wins for the following members :—

The 18 Hole Four Ball Best Ball v. Par, held on February 14th, was won by Ted Reading and Frank Anderson, who finished one up. The unidentified flying object, seen over the town that night was Ted's eagle, scored on the 9th hole. Runners-up on that day were Ron Blackadder and Bobby Ison, who finished all square.

Les Pearson's nett 69 on Feb. 21st left the rest of the field standing. Harry Genner was the best of the rest with a nett 71. Winners of the ball competition were George Helm, Roy Dunk and Ron Blackadder, all with nett 73.

We'll have to watch this Pearson. He won again last Sunday, with 35 Stableford points. Les looks as though he will be up with the leaders in the point score competition, which starts as from next week-end. Pat. Coleman was runner-up to Les on Sunday, and won the B Grade Trophy, after surviving a count-back from Johnny Gray, who, with Ron Blackadder, 32 points, and Little Big Man Helm, 30 points, shared the ball competition.

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next Saturday, with a 12 Hole Canadian Mixed Foursome, beginning at 2 p.m. The holes to be played will be the first ten and no's. 17 and 18. A competition will be arranged for those members who cannot get partners.

Members will play an 18 Hole Stroke Event on Sunday. This and the Foursome will count towards the all-season

point score competition, in which points will be allotted as follows: 4 for a win, 3 for second, 2 for third and 1 point for attendance. There will also be an all-season Eclectic Competition, and Sunday's scores will count towards it.

ASSOCIATES

The Associates will stage their Opening Day on March 12. There will be a 9 Hole Stroke Competition, and intending players are asked to bring along a small trophy to the value of not more than 2/6. Ladies are asked not to unwrap these parcels, but to keep them secret for the "presentation." A plate for afternoon tea would also be welcome.

There will be a competition for Junior players on Sunday morning, commencing at 10 a.m.

The Club Executive wishes to apologise for the fact that notices are no longer being sent out by post advising members of the dates of coming Socials. Prohibitive postal charges have made this practice unpracticable. This was a service given by only the Golf Club to its Members, and the Committee

Members, and the Committee regrets that it has had to make this economy. However, Members are reminded that Socials are always held on the second Saturday in the month. Notices of impending Socials will also be given in this column.

It is also intended to discontinue the practice of printing yearly programmes, because it has been found impossible to keep to them accurately. Instead, it is intended to print roneod sheets, giving the programme for the following month. These will be left on the bar of the Club, and Members are free to take them from there. Notice of Socials will also be given per medium of these sheets.