

TASMANIAN'S VISIT

A most pleasant and eventful week was spent with members of our counterpart, the P.W.D. of Tasmania, in October-November. Our visitors comprised a cricket and golf team with ten spectators for added support including the wives of two of the players.

The Social Association Committee and others received the "Apple Islanders" at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 31st October, in the theatre where the Chairman was present to extend a cordial welcome and wish all the teams good luck for the ensuing matches, after which the California Motel was invaded by the visitors. The remainder of the day was spent in settling in and getting to know the surroundings and, for the enthusiastic ones, a practice round of their sport.

On Monday night, we C.R.B. people thoroughly enjoyed a taste of Tasmanian hospitality—which was repeated constantly throughout the four days—and our hosts proved to have no preference for Cascade!

Tuesday dawned warm and sunny, an ideal day to spend on the golf course and cricket ground which is just what was done by the many jestful players and a good band of supporters.

The P.W.D. won the toss and G. Kemp and P. Maxwell went in to bat. C.R.B. dismissed the P.W.D. for 132 in the first innings, wickets being taken by G. Deany (3

for 36), G. Wittingslow (2 for 40), A. Ratnarajah (2 for 29) and I. Adderley (2 for 13).

In the C.R.B. first innings on Wednesday, G. Deany distinguished himself by running up 152 before retiring as the hope of the side. C.R.B. were all out for 289 runs with wickets taken by S. Wootton (3 for 44), D. Corbett (2 for 58) and P. Dawkins (2 for 41).

In the P.W.D. second innings the score was 227 making the C.R.B. victorious by 157 runs on the first innings.

Buffet lunch was served at the cricket ground on both days and we enjoyed seeing Mr. Allanson and other Board's staff present during their lunch hour.

Golf at Woodlands course on Tuesday, Greenacres Wednesday. The golf match resulted in a $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ win for the C.R.B. After the first day it was 2 matches all and it is to be hoped that the hospitality extended to the visitors did not account for the improved play of the home side on the second day.

The competition itself was an indication of the high standard attained in handicapping as the result of any of 4 matches could have very easily been reversed.

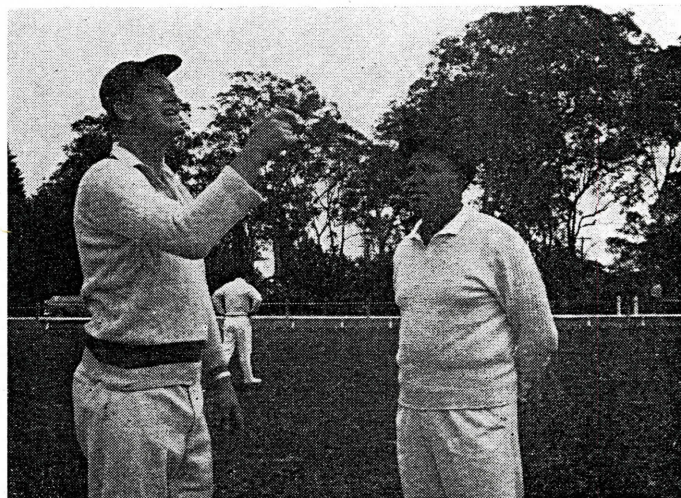
Match Highlights

Norm Hennessy v. Paul Roach: This match was of a high standard. Both golfers were on the same

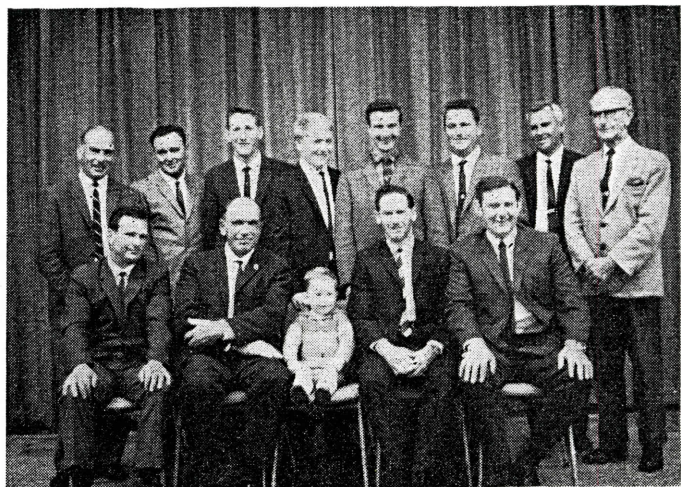
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BACK: N. Hennessy (V), P. Roche (T), A. Ashman (T), W. Murray (V), E. Cormack (T). FRONT: D. Richards (T), S. Chesney (V), F. West Board Member, H. Godkin (V).



George Wittingslow (C.R.B. Captain) and Les Wootton (P.W.D. Captain).



BACK: D. White (Umpire P.W.D.), D. Dawkins, D. Corbett, M. Geeves, G. Lorkin, P. Maxwell, K. Hannan, L. Holt (Umpire C.R.B.). FRONT: R. Fleming, L. Wootton (Capt.), Andrew Palmer (Mascot C.R.B.), G. Kemp, I. Pook. Members absent, N. Veen, P. Wilson.

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handicap and after 38 holes of play there was only one hole between them. Norm won the first match on the 20th and the second match was square after 18 holes. Norm's putting was exceptional and Paul's long game just failed to match this phase of Norm's game.

Harold Godkin v. David Richards: This match was very even. On the first day David's form when he was only 2 over the card after 15 holes was too good for Harold. On the second day at Greenacres, Harold's consistency when he played better than his handicap reversed the previous decision and the overall result was one match all.

Stan Chesney v. Eric Cameron. This contest between the two long markers produced golf of a high standard. Eric played like a professional golfer on the first nine at Woodlands to be seven up after nine.

Stan came back but Eric won the match on the 18th. Stan had his revenge on the second day when he won on the 18th with the overall result being one all.

Bill Murray v. Bus Ashman: This match was the decider. Unfortunately for Bus, Bill produced his best form for a long time and played both rounds at better than his handicap and consequently won both matches. Bus's eagle on the 10th at Woodlands was a gem and his croquet style putting, with very few exceptions, was particularly accurate.

Mr. West attended for lunch on Wednesday at Greenacres.

Wednesday night's festivities were held at the New Burwood and the dinner dance, attended by

seventy-four, was a great success. We were glad to have Mr. West and Mr. Allanson with us to welcome the guests and present the trophies. Graeme Steele provided some good music for the lively youngsters, and others, to enjoy the dancing.

After recovering sufficiently to face the next day, buses, trains and cars were taken to places of interest such as the Ballarat races, the city and Phillip Island.

We hear an enjoyable day was spent by all, particularly one Tasmanian punter who made a small fortune at Ballarat. Thursday night was spent with a little more sobriety in preparation for the return trip next day, though rumour has it the California had to send an S.O.S. to replenish the cellar!

The general feeling amongst our staff on Friday morning, 3rd November, was mixed. Sad as we were to farewell our friends with whom we had spent such a happy four days, some of us wondered just how much more of their pace-setting we could stand.

The scene of parting was again the theatre, where morning tea was served, and an informal farewell message from the Chief Engineer, who was accompanied by the Secretary, sped our visitors on their way.

We felt sure that this successful visit was enjoyed as much by the P.W.D. people as it was by the C.R.B. staff who were connected with it and we look forward to a return trip to Tasmania in the near future, which we feel does much to foster the esprit de corps between the Island and Victoria.



BACK: G. Deany, M. Palmer, W. Siggers, B. Woollard, A. Ratnarajah, P. Morton, Matthysz. FRONT: M. Johnson, I. Adderly, D. Peckham, G. Wittingslow, B. Sprague.



Les Wootton and George Wittingslow discuss the matches prior to our visitor's departure.



Mr. N. Gill, Mr. H. S. Gibbs (Chief Engineer), Mrs. Lois Lee (President, Social Association), Mr. M. Good, Mr. N. L. Allanson (Secretary), chatting before the official speeches.