



## Bulletin 7 – 11 August 2022

### TIM IRELAND – ON TOUR – LIFE AS A PROFESSIONAL GOLFER.



Guest speaker and former member Tim Ireland provided an interesting and entertaining presentation about life on the professional golf circuit with some interesting glimpses of the many famous and accomplished golfers he had competed with and assisted over many years. Tim has been a member of the PGA since 1968, was the Ansett Golf Co-ordinator from 1987 to 1994 and a director of The Ultimate Golf Challenge since 2005. Tim has played in 15 Australian Open Golf Championships and in many prominent golf events both in Australia and overseas. He has competed against the best golf professionals during his lifetime of service to golf.

Tim's current work with The Ultimate Golf Challenge provides travel services and event organisation for both professional and amateur players. Tim's talk covered some interesting aspects of life on the circuit and how golf can make news for good and not so good reasons. He spoke of the emergence of Australian golfers with Cameron Smith recently winning the British Open at St Andrews and Australian Ladies Champion Mingee Lee on top of the World rankings. Mingee has an average drive of 259.9metres.

Tim provided an overview of the controversial Saudi Arabian financed LIV Tour organised by Greg Norman. This event features staggering prize money and \$100M contracts attracting some of the world's leading players. The suspension of these players from PGA TOUR events is being challenged in court by Greg. Tim also related some scary travel experiences on airlines he had arranged for himself and leading players as they flew between tournaments. We were given an insight into the personal lives of players like Ian Baker-Finch and stories about the performances of the game's legends such as Kel Nagle and Gary Player.

John Cropley winner of last week's raffle provided an entertaining three-minute talk. John took us back to less politically correct times and the speaking tour to Australia by Michael Parkinson. John described how Michael's interviews with people such as Barry Jones, Jacqui Weaver and Barry Humphries (Les Patterson/Edna Everage) allowed comedy to push the limits.



**BOARD MEETING SUMMARY – Provided by Secretary Helen.**

- President Bob will be on leave of absence till 14 September. He is visiting his son in Thailand.
- John Cropley is planning fund raising dinner with proceeds to a selected cause.
- The end of year donations of \$100 to each local school will be re classified as Service above Self Awards recognising a student providing distinguished service and citizenship at each school.
- Don and Lesley have volunteered to assist supervision at the state finals of the Science and Engineering challenge.
- A \$620 donation was approved to assist successful applicants from Tomaree High School at the RYMARINE camp.
- Honorary membership was offered to Peter Buckley, Ian Rolfe, Judi Priestley, Bill Michel, Michael Jenkins, Ryan Palmer, Hugh Randall, John Sully, Chris Bartlett and John Shaw. All have accepted except for John Shaw who declined due to ill health.
- Geoff Diemar proposed that the monthly donation to the Yaccaba Centre be increased from \$500 to \$550. This was approved.
- Vandalism to our binoculars will be addressed by Doug Craike who will contact Mayor Ryan Palmer.
- The Tomaree Hospital Garden project is on hold whilst approvals are finalised.

**COMING EVENTS.**

**NEXT MEETING** – Peter Clough - Apologies/ Extras to 0401 450 239 by 12 Noon Wednesday.

**Door:** Jim Booth. **Meet & Greet:** David Clark. **Grace:** Ian Brigden. **Introduce speaker:** Peter McBean, **Thank Speaker:** Geoff Diemar. **Photos:** Phill Smith. **Bulletin:** John Cropley. **Binoculars:** John Stuhmcke.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 3 August: Doug Bairstow, 4 August: Brian Comley. 8 Aug: Ann Randall, 18 Aug - Phyllis McIver, 23 August - Yvonne Stuhmcke . **ANNIVERSARIES:** 14 Aug: Helen & Mike Ryan.



**THURSDAY 18 AUGUST** – Peter Clough – Tomaree Headland Heritage Group – The future of Tomaree Lodge & Headland



**THURSDAY 25 AUGUST** – Barbeque at Tomaree Community College - Future plans for the College



**THURSDAY 1 September** – Keith Hobbs – Port Stephens Friendship Group.

**THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER** – Scott Elsegood – Terry White Chemmart – Pharmacy Services beyond the sticker.



**BUNNINGS BARBEQUE – SUNDAY 14 August 2022.**

**ROSTER: CO-ORDINATOR & TRANSPORT** – John Stuhmcke  
**AM SHIFT** 8am to 12 Noon: D Craike, L Friend, P McBean, H & A Tobbe.  
**PM SHIFT** 12 Noon to 4pm: W Mathieson, R Turner, L Freeman, G Robinson.



**LUCKY WINNER.**

The lucky winner this week of both the raffle and Heads and Tails was Richard Turner. Richard will provide next week's three-minute talk.

