

The 2009 SURVEY of GOLF CLUB History in NSW

To assist the update of *The Story of Golf in New South Wales* by David Innes (1988)

BACKGROUND:

In 1987, the NSWGA commissioned David Innes to compile *The Story of Golf in New South Wales*. The resulting book has been widely distributed and read and it has been very useful. However, the book has limitations - not all clubs responded to David's request for information, responses received were often limited and time has moved on - much has happened in the past twenty years. For this reason, the NSWGA has requested the Australian Golf Heritage Society, a specialist society we support strongly, to facilitate the updating of David Innes' fine book.

Please complete the attached Survey form which is provided in `soft' format so your responses can be entered in MS Word on a computer and expand the available space. If you have existing material please attach that to your response, either in soft form or hard copy.

Email the completed forms to NSWGA?/Erwin Huber?

Completion of this survey is important and part of the wider program being undertaken by the NSWGA and AGHS to promote respect and recognition for golf's history and heritage in Australia.

Likely Sources of relevant information

- ✓ Annual Reports
- ✓ Minute Books
- ✓ Finance Reports and Transaction Documents
- ✓ Special Reports
- ✓ Correspondence
- ✓ Club Newsletters
- ✓ Fixture Books and Results Sheets
- ✓ Golf Magazines
- ✓ Newspapers (local, daily, national)
- ✓ NSWGA Records
- ✓ Property Titles, Legal Documents
- ✓ Photographs
- ✓ Maps and Plans
- ✓ Engineers' Drawings, Sketches
- ✓ Course Architect(s)' Records
- ✓ Local Council Records
- ✓ Libraries (Local and State)

- ✓ Local Historical Societies
- ✓ District Golf Associations
- ✓ Records/Archives of neighbouring Clubs
- ✓ Oral testimony
- ✓ Golf club websites
- ✓ Golf course directories

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References to your club in *The Story*, primarily about its formation, are attached.

1. Club name and date formed:

2. Has your club published a history book? (circle one) **Yes No**

If YES, record the title, author and date: (Please provide a copy to the AGHS Library)

3. Has your club published a history newsletters, pamphlets booklets, etc.? **Yes No**

If YES, record the title, author and date: (Please provide a copy to the AGHS Library)

4. If your club is reported in *The Story of Golf in New South Wales*, please provide the additional information needed to make **that report** more complete or accurate using Q6-10 below.

In addition, using the topics listed under Q6-10, provide a summary of the club's activities and achievements (except its formation).

5. If your club is **not reported** in *The Story of Golf in New South Wales*, please provide a summary of the club's activities and achievements using Q6-10 below.

6. Describe all the significant events (major milestones) in your club's history

Year Detail

7. Provide details of your golf club

a) Type(s) of membership and numbers; growth/decline over the years

b) The standing/importance of your Club within the community

c) The Club's founding father(s)/Pioneers and events that led to the club's formation

d) The Club's Professionals

e) Important competitions/Trophies/Interclub matches/Major titleholders

f) Outstanding competitors

g) Members (men and women) and “characters”

h) Current longest-serving members

i) Club social life and non-golfing activities

j) Significant memorabilia (clubs, trophies, maps, plans, sketches, photos, press reports etc.)

k) Major Club property(s) and assets

l) Relationship Club vs. Course (Freehold, Leasehold, other)

m) Pictorial evidence - if available

8. Provide details of your golf course:

a) Location

b) Prior history/ownership/use of land

c) Creator(s)/Pioneers/Course Architect(s)

- d) Size of land course occupies - number of holes
- e) Nature and description of playing surfaces
- f) Significant modifications of the layout over the years
- g) Course flora and fauna
- h) Access to public players
- i) Pictorial evidence - if available
- j) Curators/Greenkeepers/Greens Committees

9. Provide details of your clubhouse:

- a) Year of construction
- b) Type of building(s)
- c) Significant alterations/additions
- d) Access to public players

e) Pictorial evidence - if available

f) Outstanding administrators/Managers/Meritorious staff

10. Provide other significant/important details/information:

Comments or questions about this survey and the completed survey should be directed to:

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