

Airport TV 'joke' was not so well-timed

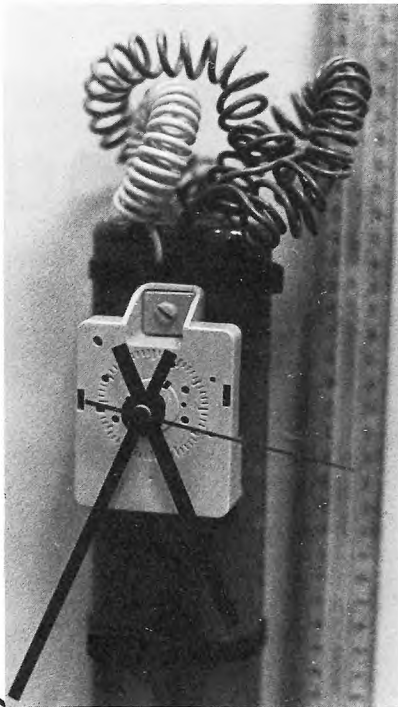
Some people's sense of humour can be explosive! Take the above device, for instance.

It was found in the briefcase of a senior television executive at Sydney's International Airport recently. The executive was returning to the United States.

When airport security guards saw the device up went the alarm and the executive was bundled to one side.

Then the executive screamed the device was a hoax. It had been made by a Sydney television company's prop department purely as a joke.

The humour wasn't appreciated and the device was confiscated. The picture right shows you what the object really is — a somewhat unusual wall clock.



'Dog doc' first home in canine triathlon

The first Police and Service Dog triathlon event was held recently at the Royal Australian Army School of Military Engineering, Moorebank, NSW.

A total of 24 handlers and their dogs took part in the event and entrants came from dog sections of the Australian Federal Police, New South Wales Police, NSW Corrective Services, Royal Australian Army and Royal Australian Navy.

The event was conducted over a 5 kilometre course and was primarily run on an army assault training ground with both handler and dog having to negotiate obstacles such as barbed wire, logs, cliff faces, pits half-filled with water, swamps and a river crossed by means of a raft constructed from jerry cans.

At the finish line, each team was

required to either locate a hidden narcotic or explosive or carry out a search for and attack a hidden offender.

The course was run against the clock with time penalties being imposed for failure by the dog or handler to negotiate any section of the course.

Participants also were handicapped according to their age.

The event was won by Captain R. Cooksley, of the British Army Veterinary Corps, who is currently on secondment to the Australian Army, and his dog Fonzie. They covered the gruelling course in 19 min. 10 sec.

Before his arrival in Australia, Captain Cooksley had participated in a similar event in West Germany where entrants had attended from the United States and countries from all over western Europe.



• There are no short cuts for a pup learning the rough and tumble of a canine triathlon. For this youngster, the first step is a real put-off at the water jump. But in time he'll be taking it in his stride with the best of them.

ACT club to host Police golf titles for the third time

The AFP's (ACT Region) Golf Club will next year again host the biggest event on the police golf calendar — the annual Australian Police Championships.

Announcing this recently, Club President Gary Fulton said this would be the club's third time as host. The event would be held at a number of Canberra venues between 24-29 March.

"The number of entrants will be restricted to some 260," Gary said.

"If we didn't impose restrictions we would attract twice that number. However, we couldn't cope with so many entrants".

Planning for the 1985 titles is well advanced.

"One of the major headaches will be to raise the \$10,000 difference between revenue raised from entry fees and the actual cost of running the tournament and providing an extensive array of trophies."

Another major organisation job was the club's recent annual charity day at Yowani Country Club which, as 'Platypus' advised in the last issue, raised \$1,500 for a Canberra charity.

The event attracted 200 entries — somewhat down on previous years as a number of police entrants from Mittagong, Cooma and other nearby areas were manning NSW prisons during a prison officers' strike.

Scores were:

CHAMPION: Ward, D. 43

Police
A Grade: Winner — Kildey D. 39; Runner-up — Lack T. 37. B Grade: Blake R. 37; Hearne K. 36. C Grade: Crawford A. 39; Walsh G. 39.

Friends
A Grade: Magro J. 42; Riches T. 39. B Grade: Hindmarsh B. 39; Jones N. 37. C Grade: Cuthel J. 43; Lawler R. 39.

Ladies
Gabriel B. 36; Zielonko M. 36; Nunn H. 35; De Costa C. 33; Driscoll E. 30; Maguire J. 29; Richards M. 29; Christenson P. 27; Selvey N. 27; Hanson I. 27; Kill D. 26; Bunter V. 26; Hall J. 25; Jurd N. 24; Hindmarsh J. 18; Hannan J. 12.

FIRST NINE HOLES
Police — A Grade: Fulton G. 19; Quilty R. 19. B Grade: Riddle R. 22; Norton P. 18. C Grade: Hatty F. 23; Fayle L. 19.

Friends — A Grade: Beaumont P. 21; Catanzariti S. 21. B Grade: Wells M. 20; Clark E. 19. C Grade: Larkey D. 23; Jenkins R. 20.

LAST NINE HOLES
Police — A Grade: Quilter M. 21; Harrison R. 17. B Grade: White I. 20; Smith M. H. 19. C Grade: Smith B. 18; Lindsay W. 18.

Friends — A Grade: Maber P. 20; Errington D. 19. B Grade: Bond J. 20; Thom D. 19. C Grade: Dobson K. 21; Radford C. 19.

Bradman Trophy — Simpson M. 01.

Non-handicap players — Platt B. 67; Scattergood T. 67; Hourigan T. 73; Spurek J. 73; Griffith C. 73; Strong R. 74; Lloyd I. 74; Moore P. 74; Sherd N. 74; Smith E. 74; Quinnae M. 74; Masters M. 75; Hord J. 75; Simms K. 75; Kinnane P. 75; Cavanagh L. 75; Malouf J. 76; McDermott D. 76; McCormack J. 76; Corrigan S. 76; Gawne R. 79; Roughton F. 79; Gillan A. 80.

LONGEST DRIVE 8th HOLE
Police — A Grade: Harrison R. B. Grade: Taylor G.

Friends — A Grade: Errington G. B Grade: Browne M.

LONGEST DRIVE 9th HOLE — **Police** — C Grade: Whyte I.

Friends — C. Grade: Lange P.

Ladies — Jurd N.

Non-handicap — McCormack J.

Nearest Pin 3rd Hole — **Ladies**: Hannan J. **Non-handicap**: Kinane P.

Nearest Pin 5th Hole — **Police**: C Grade, Crawford A. **Friends**: C Grade, Fletcher J.

Nearest Pin 12th Hole — **Police**: A Grade, Quilter M. **Friends**: A. Grade, Booby J.

Nearest Pin 16th Hole — **Police**: B Grade, Smith M. H. **Friends**: B Grade, Dwyer P.



• Self-confessed golf 'nut' Sergeant Doug Ward receives the Australian Finance Conference Perpetual Trophy from Deputy Commissioner John Johnson. Club Captain and organiser, Senior Constable Darryl Kildey (Traffic), left, took out the A grade Police best net score award.



• Senior Sergeant Bob (Bluey) Platt, winner of the non-handicap event. Bob leaves Australia shortly as a member of the AFP's Cyprus contingent.