

This Sporting Life

Golf

The Bench and Bar v. Solicitors' Golf Day was held on 23rd January 1986 at the Manly Golf Club. The event was a four ball best ball stableford and apart from the individual prizes for the best 18 and best 9 holes, teams from the Bench and Bar and the solicitors competed for the Sir Leslie Herron Trophy.

This annual competition attracted 125 players including 30 members of the Bench and Bar. Although Rick Seaton and Christian Vinden, two younger members of the Bar won the individual events with 50 points, the Bench and Bar team was defeated by the solicitors eleven matches to four and the Sir Leslie Herron Trophy was, therefore, retained by the solicitors.

Mr. Justice Brian Cohen thanked the Solicitors Golfing Society for organising the day and presented the Sir Leslie Herron Trophy to John Ferris on behalf of the Law Society's Golfing Society. John Ferris, on his part, thanked the Bench and Bar for their continuing support of the event and wished them well for the return match in January, 1987.

Bench and Bar team members J.K. O'Reilly and Judge Bill Nash, as well as John Hislop and Neil Francey received minor prizes.

Bar Takes Soccer Cup

An outstanding performance by the New South Wales Bar Team this year has brought the Challenge Cup for Soccer between barristers and solicitors back to the Bar Association.

Since the series began in 1980, the Bar has won the trophy only twice, the first time being in 1984 on a penalty shoot-out after the score at full-time was one goal all.

Last year also the game ended in each side scoring an even number of goals (two each) but one of the Bar's goals was an own-goal for the other side, so that the match resulted in a 3-1 win for the solicitors.

This year the barristers decided to put such uncertainty to rest. From the kick-off the pressure was on. Eleven seconds later the first goal for the barristers (by Mathew Rowe who was to score a hat-trick) was in the back of the solicitors' net.

Although temporarily stunned by such an early goal against them, the solicitors fought back with several good chances going astray.

Then, 25 minutes into the first half, a low cross by Nick Tiffen was turned into the solicitors' net by a defender trying to clear the ball. The score was then 2-nil to the Bar.

Two minutes later, another good goal by the Bar's team and the solicitors went in at the half-time break down 3-nil (the Bar's best half-time score ever).

A determined counter-attack by the solicitors after half-time lasted but three minutes before the Bar scored again with a well supported goal. This was followed by three more goals after five, eight and thirteen minutes of play in the second half. The score then stood at 7-nil! (Visions of a 7-2 drubbing at the hands of the solicitors in 1980 were beginning to fade into sweet revenge).

The score however, did not truly reflect the relative ability and effort of the solicitors' team and, not to give up, they struck back with a well-worked goal.

Then, under sustained pressure from the solicitors, the Bar conceded an own goal just before full-time to bring up a final score of 7-2.

This year's venue was the No. 1 soccer field at Centennial Park which proved to be a most pleasant spot on a warm 21st September. Judge Walsh was on hand to present the Cup and the best and fairest player trophy (which was won by Alan Goldsworthy).

John de Meyrick (minus wig and gown) refereed a fast-moving and incident-free game, whilst Nick Tiffen and John Fiscaro organised the Bar and Solicitor Teams, respectively.

Playing for the Bar this year were: Gary Charney, Dennis Flaherty, Chris Fox, Alan Goldsworthy, Peter Grey, Alistair Little, Brian Ralston, Mathew Rowe, Bill Purves, Peter Stone, Nick Tiffen, Paul Smith.



The Victorious 1986 Soccer Team

Back row (standing L-R): Judge Walsh, Brian Ralston, Gary Charney, Mathew Rowe, Alistair Little, Paul Smith, John de Meyrick.
Front row (Kneeling L-R): Peter Gray, Dennis Flaherty, Peter Stone, Nick Tiffen, Alan Goldsworthy, David Williams

Hockey

On 29th June 1986 a valiant Bar team went down to the Solicitors 1-4, having pegged them back to 1-1 for much of the match.

Katzman made history by being the first person in present memory to volunteer to play in goal and also by being the first female to play in one of these vicious contests. Hers was a valiant effort and Gyles, Q.C., Masterman, W.C., and Graham, Q.C., (a silken back-line!) were vigorous in assisting.

Warburton was again prominent in attack and was well supported up front by Bellanto and Travers. Ainsworth, Flaherty, L. King, A.S. Morrison, L.G. Stone and others participated enthusiastically.

Despite the loss, and despite a cold wind, victors, vanquished and supporters (including our loyal Registrar) enjoyed a pleasant gathering afterwards.

Callaghan remains confident that the Bar will win next year.