



Bench & Bar v Solicitors Golf Match

Manly Golf Club 22 January 2018

One might have anticipated that the golf playing solicitors of NSW would give up in advance of what was to be their 4th consecutive attempt to regain the Sir Leslie Herron Mace, but showed up they did, and the Annual drub-fest of a contest took place once again at Many Golf Club on 20 January 2018.

The dust having settled, your correspondent can report on another victory; the match being determined on the basis that the bench and bar average two-ball score of 41.25 edged out the solicitors' score of 39.27. However, the result hides a sad fall in participation by the Bench and Bar in this ancient event, as there were only 8 bench & bar players, as opposed to 32 solicitors: two of whom were press-ganged into playing for the bar for the day.

Bench & Bar were aided by producing

the two best scores of the day; Callaway and O'Conner DCJ (48 points) with Laughton SC and Phil Bannister (47 points). Hulme J and your correspondent had the best back nine with 23 points, while Hulme J won the long drive on the first.

If you are a golfer and you want to be part of an historic fifth defence of the mace, set aside the fourth Monday in January 2019 (or thereabouts – keep an eye out in In Brief for details): you are assured a great day with a terrific meal in Manly's fine club-house. In the meantime, take comfort from the fact that your mace is safely ensconced in the chambers of Hulme J on Level 10 of the Law Court Building.

Herbert Warren Wind



The Great Bar Boat Race

The 34th Great Bar Boat Race was held on Monday, 18 December 2017.

Thirteen yachts manoeuvred for position at the starting point off Point Piper in near-perfect conditions, with brilliant sunshine and a steady 12-15 knot northeast breeze.

Competitors completed the 7.5 nautical mile course in about two hours, with Ona-view first across the line, followed by Fiction and Reverie.

All entrants dropped anchor at Store Beach for lunch and the prize-giving ceremony. This year's race, once prizes and other costs were met, returned a modest surplus, which will be donated to a suitable charity.

YACHT	SKIPPER	CHAMBERS	HANDICAP POSITION	LINE HONOURS
Ona-view	Tony Baker	Wentworth	1	6
Fiction	Michael Blaxell	UTS Student Legal Svc	2	5
Reverie	John Turnbull	Windeyer	3	1
Allegro	Roderic Crow	Frederick Jordan	4	2
Lolita	Nick Cassim	Gary Cassim & Assoc	5	9
Red William	James Kearney	Selborne	6	7
Intro II	Gary Cassim	Gary Cassim & Assoc	7	12
As You Do	Kylie Nomchong	Denman	8	4
Singapore Girl	Paul O'Donnell	Lachlan Macquarie	9	8
Ostara	Helen Cox	Public Defenders	10	13
Pilgrim	John Stratton	Sir Owen Dixon	11	3
Fortune of War	Adrian Gruzman	Selborne	12	10
Lumiere	Troy Edwards	Forbes	13	11
Legacy	Bruce Hodgkinson	Denman	DNC	-
Shibumi	Bryan Moore	Apotex/Ashurst	Scratched	-
Ferocious	Michael Williams	William Deane	Scratched	-

