

## **THE HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.**

### **Extracts from the first recorded meetings of the Original Minute Book 1926 - 1951**

Annual Meeting of the Hunter River Golf Association held at Singleton, September 16th, 1927.

Present: Messrs Scobie & Tipper representing Maitland Club,

Messrs Nowland & Swaddling representing Muswellbrook Club,

Mr Fitzhardinge representing Singleton Club and

Mr Swaddling representing Scone & Merriwa clubs as proxy.

#### Election of Office Bearers.

Mr Tipper proposed and Mr Scobie seconded, "That Mr J H Bettington be re-elected President". There being no further nominations the chairman,

Mr W H Nowland was elected to preside in the absent of the President,

declared Mr J H Bettington unanimously elected President.

Mr Tipper and Mr Swaddling seconded, "That the Presidents of all affiliated Clubs be Vice Presidents of the Association." Carried.

Mr W R Nowland elected Hon. Secretary on the motion of Mr Tipper, seconded by Mr Fitzhardinge.

Mr W R Nowland elected Hon. Treasurer, moved by Mr Tipper and seconded by Mr Fitzhardinge.

Messrs J H Bettington and A W Swaddling were elected as Delegates to the Suburban Golf Association, on the motion of Mr Nowland, seconded by Mr Tipper.

The Captains of the Scone, Singleton and Maitland Clubs were appointed as a committee to govern the teams matches for this year.

On the motion of Messrs, Fitzhardinge & Swaddling, it was decided that a Banking Account be opened with the Rural Bank at Muswellbrook.

Mr Swaddling moved and Mr Fitzhardinge seconded "that the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary operate on the account." Carried.

The Hon. Treasurer declared the present Credit balance of Thirty Five pounds, fifteen shillings and three pence.

Mr Fitzhardinge moved and Mr Swaddling seconded, "THAT THE LIMIT FOR HANDICAPS OF ALL MEMBERS OF ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS SHALL BE 27/18. Carried.

Mr Fitzhardinge moved and Mr Tipper seconded: "THAT HANDICAPS BE ARRANGED BY TAKING THE AVERAGE OF THE BEST THREE CARDS RETURNED IN COMPETITION. THE HANDICAP TO BE TAKEN FROM PAR OF THE COURSE PLUS SIX FOR EIGHTEEN HOLES."      Carried.

Signed W Nowland, Chairman. Dated 17th March, 1928.

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### **THE HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.**

#### **Annual Report for Season 1927 and 1928.**

Gentlemen,

In presenting the Annual Report for the season, 1927 - 28 the Association cannot be congratulated on it's activities, this should not be, there is no reason why the Association should not be a very live body and make itself felt in the world of golf, it only remains for the officials and the various Clubs to take an active part in the affairs of the Association and this very much desired state of things will be brought about.

Country Week. No team was entered nor an effort made to enter one for the Country Teams Championship last year, the previous year your Association's team ran a good second and with organisation our best team should be available and we should win the Country Championship, it is hoped that in future a team will be entered and more interest taken in the competition.

Finance. The Association is in a good position, the Hon-Treasurer, Mr W H Nowland's Balance Sheet which will be read to you shows a credit of "forty two pounds, nine shillings and one penny.

Club Championship This event was again won by the Muswellbrook Club, the final being played against Branxton, the cup presented by the President, Mr J H Bettington for this event is a very handsome one and is held for the time being by the winning Club. By some of the Clubs taking part this competition does not seem to be looked upon with the importance it demands, 54 players are engaged in the matches and it will be realised that this must be good for the game from a playing point of view, it encourages the men to excel and strive to take part in the games and considerably helps to increase the good fellowship that exists between the Clubs at the present time, it is suggested that a set of rules be drawn up for this competition.

Championship Meeting. So far no meeting has been held by the Association for the championship, last year it was cancelled at the last moment, in future an effort should be made to make this event the most successful in the season for the Association, it only remains for the various Clubs to put their shoulders to the wheel and the meeting will be crowned with success.

Signed W R Nowland, Acting Hon. Secretary. 7 March, 1928.

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## **HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION**

### **Annual Report - Season 1928 - 1929**

The "Bettington Cup" this was won by Cessnock Club after a very keen contest. I think this is a very important fixture and would like to see as many clubs as possible enter.

Championship Meeting, this was our first Championship Meeting.

It was played at Maitland. Despite the weather it was a successful and enjoyable meeting.

The championship being won by Mr B C J Bettington of Merriwa Club.

The Maitland Secretary and Committee are to be congratulated the way they ran the meeting.

I would like to suggest that the Association, with the consent of the Ladies Golf Union, arrange an Associate Championship in conjunction with the above.

Signed: C Fitzhardinge, Hon Secretary.

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### **Names of Early Executives**

**1926** W.R. (Dick) Nowland and A.W. (Allan) Swaddling

**1928** C. (Craven) Fitzhardinge

**1936** Percy Truscott

**1940** Colin Hector Dunlop

**1951** W. (Bill) Atkinson

**1952** Athol Bourke

## **HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION**

### **Annual Report - Season 1929 - 1930**

Bettington Cup. The Cessnock Club which is to be congratulated on its success won this inter-club competition again this year. Keen enthusiasm is shown over this event each year and it is regretted that more clubs do not take part in the competition.

Championship Meeting. This meeting was held this year at Cessnock and was favoured by excellent weather. A good entry was received and Mr B C J Bettington of Merriwa Club who displayed excellent form again won the event.

In conjunction with this meeting the Associates' Championship of the Association was decided and the winner of the event was Miss K Tulloch of the Cessnock Club. The trophy for this event was donated by the Association.

The arrangements made by the Cessnock Club for the meeting were very satisfactory and the visitor's expression generous approval.

Signed L G Williams, Cessnock, Hon Secretary. 14th March,'30

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### **HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION**

#### **Annual Report - Season 1930 - 1931**

Bettington Cup: The inter club competition for this trophy was again keenly contested this year. Teams from Muswellbrook, Scone, Singleton, Branxton, Maitland and Cessnock taking part. The competition was won by the Cessnock Club for the third time in succession and that club is to be congratulated on the consistency of its team's performances. It is hoped that the same enthusiasm will be shown in the forthcoming season and that more clubs will compete.

Championship Meeting: This meeting was held at Singleton and was a successful feature of the Associations activities. In this connection the Secretary of the Singleton Club is to be congratulated for the excellent arrangements made for conducting the fixture. For the first time a Mixed Foursomes Championship was included in the events and proved a decided success.

The winners were Mr R Nowland and Mrs G Scholes. The individual championship was won by the consistent Branxton player, Mr A (Alex) Tulloch, while the Associates' championship was won by Mrs E J Decent. The players mentioned are to be congratulated on their success.

A feature of the meeting was the splendid hospitality afforded to visiting players by the members and associates of the Singleton Club to whom the best thanks of the Association are for their enthusiasm and practical assistance.

Signed: L G Williams, Hon. Secretary, 14th March, 31

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### **HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION**

#### **Annual Meeting 2nd April, 1932.**

First mention of the Pogonoski Cup. It was not recorded who donated the Cup.

Bettington Cup & Pogonoski Cup. Mr Judge moved and Dr J J Hollywood, Maitland Club, seconded "the two Cup finals be played on neutral courses, following the same procedure as last year." Carried;

Mr Nowland, Muswellbrook, moved and Dr May, Kurri Kurri seconded "the Bettington Cup inter club matches be finalised by 31st July and Pogonoski Cup by 31st August and the Club Secretaries mutually arrange fixtures. Carried.

(HRDGA Hon. Secretary, Arthur Frame advised, Monday, 3/6/03, he believes the Pogonoski Cup was donated by the Pogonoski Family of Cessnock Eagle Newspaper.)

There is no written details in the Association's minute journal.

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### **THE HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION**

#### **Annual Report - 1932 - 1933**

Bettington Cup Competition. The Cup was again keenly contested and was won once again by Cessnock. This Club is to be congratulated for its fine performance of again winning this much coveted trophy.

Pogonoski Cup In this competition the Maitland Golf Club after many keenly contested games won by a narrow margin from Cessnock in the Southern Zone and from Muswellbrook in the final after a very closely contested matches full of incidences.

Championship Meeting This meeting was held at Scone and was a successful feature of the Associations activities the arrangements left nothing to be desired and the Scone officials to be congratulated on their excellent handling of this all important meeting.

The following were the winners of the Championship events:-

Mixed Foursome - W Lysaght & Miss Hayden of Merriwa.

Associates' Championship - Miss Sherwood of Scone

Championship Mens - R E Vander, Maitland.

3rd March, 1933

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### **HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION OF NSW**

#### **Secretary's Annual Report, 1935.**

Gentlemen,

I am pleased to present the 8th Annual Report for adoption.

The following clubs are now affiliated with the Association:-

Singleton, Branxton, Maitland, Kurri Kurri, Cessnock, Morpeth, Dungog and Gloucester. I regret to report that the following 6 clubs have withdrawn to try and form another

Association, Murrurundi, Scone, Aberdeen, Muswellbrook, Denman and Merriwa. Possibly they will not get affiliation with the Suburban and Country Golf Association. Until they get affiliation none of their members can take part in any open competitions held by affiliated clubs, and members of affiliated clubs cannot take part in their competitions. Should they ask us to take them back or give them affiliation as a sub-district. I recommend that their request be granted.

The Treasurer's Report shows we have a credit balance of seven pounds, seven shillings and one penny and twenty five pounds on Fixed Deposit due 23/8/36.

The Championship Cups authorised by last Annual Meeting have been purchased and all cups belonging to the Association have been engraved up to date.

Owing to the withdrawal of some of the clubs from the Association the rules of the inter-club matches will have to be revised.

This year the Bettington Cup was played in two zones. In the Southern Zone, Cessnock entered two teams thus dividing their strong team to make the competition more interesting. I hope they do the same this year. This made 7 teams in this zone, the committee decided to play it in two sections. The two Cessnock teams met in the final of this zone.

Cessnock again won the Cup defeating Muswellbrook in the final of the two zones.

The Pogonoski Cup was played in two zones, Gloucester winning the Cup from Muswellbrook in the final of the two zones. All games were keenly contested and have done much to improve the game generally. I would like to see every club enter a team or teams in these competitions.

The Championship meeting was held at Maitland, and the Secretary and Committee are to be commended on the order of their links and the way they ran the meeting.

The Championship was won by S.D. Seearston of Branxton Club with an aggregate of 156 for 36 holes. K K Tulloch was runner up with 157.

The Mixed Foursome Championship was won by Mr & Mrs H L Sargeson of Cessnock Club with a splendid round of 85 off the stick. K K Tulloch and Miss K Tulloch were the runners up with 88.

The Associate Championship was won by Miss K Tulloch of Cessnock.

The T.B. Cup was won by W Johnstone of Kurri Kurri Club. Although the entries for this cup were better than last year they are still not good enough. I will not be satisfied until every club takes part in it.

The Association was again represented in the teams match at Country Week, but unfortunately we were not strong enough. I hope we will be again represented this year and with our strongest team.

If the Secretaries of the various affiliated clubs answer my letters as soon as possible they will save me a lot of unnecessary work. I do not think there was one club that I did not have to write to for replies to my letters of results of their matches and some of them I had

to write to twice. If I took as much interest in the Association as apparently some of them do, its affairs would be in a mess.

A new set of rules for the Association have been drawn up based on the rules of the Suburban & Country Golf Association and our old rules which will be submitted for your approval at the Annual Meeting.

C Fitzhardinge, Hon Secretary.

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## **HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION**

### **Secretary's Report for 1936.**

Gentlemen,

I am pleased to present the 9th Annual Report for adoption.

The following clubs are now affiliated with the Association, Singleton, Branxton, Maitland, Morpeth, Dungog, Gloucester, Kurri Kurri and Cessnock.

Your Executive Officers offered to meet the clubs that withdrew last year to try and arrange for them to rejoin the Association, but so far we have not heard from them. We have had alterations to our rules, to allow the Association to affiliate Sub-district Associations drawn up for submission to this meeting.

The Treasurer's Report shows we have a credit balance of twenty four pounds, thirteen shillings and two pence made up as follows: Current balance of twenty four pounds, thirteen shillings and two pence: made us as follows: Current Account four pounds, thirteen shilling and two pence.

Fixed Deposit twenty pounds due 23/8/37.

I would suggest that the meeting consider requiring the club on whose links the Championship meeting is held to guarantee to pay the Association at least six pounds, this will just about cover the replicas and engraving.

The Bettington Cup was again won by Cessnock, after keen competition between 5 teams, viz. Cessnock 1, Cessnock 2, Maitland, Singleton and Gloucester.

The Pogonoski Cup was played in two divisions 4 teams in each, viz, Cessnock, Kurri, Branxton and Singleton. Branxton won this division having to play a final match against Kurri at Maitland. Maitland, Morpeth, Dungog and Gloucester in the other division where Dungog was the winner. Branxton and Dungog played home and home matches and as they were still equal to 3, four of the individual matches at Maitland where Dungog won by 6 matches to 3, four of the individual matches finishing on the last green. Playing these matches on handicap will encourage these players to improve their golf and eventually get into the Bettington Cup.

The Championship was held at Cessnock, unfortunately I was away from the district when it was played. The Championship was won by Mr F G Young of Cessnock Club, the Mixed Foursomes by Mr K Tulloch and Miss K Tulloch of Cessnock Club.

The T B Cup by Mr H A Horton of Branxton Club, the Teams Match by Cessnock (Mr F H Lindeman's team) and the Associates' Championship by Miss K Tulloch of Cessnock Club.

It has been suggested to me that the Association conducts a "B" grade Championship for players on handicaps of 15 and over. I think this would be a financial success as well as giving interest to the long markers.

I have to thank the secretaries of affiliated clubs for their assistance in answering my letters and sending me the results of the matches, and hope they will carry on the good work.

During the year I attended open meetings at all the affiliated clubs except Gloucester, unfortunately, I was unable to get away for their meeting.

C Fitzhardinge, Hon Secretary.

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#### **HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION**

##### **Secretary's Report - Year ended 31/1/39**

Gentlemen,

I am pleased to present the 11th Annual Report.

During the year your Executive council granted the Stroud Club provisional affiliation and I recommend that this meeting welcome them to our Association and accept them as full members.

The following clubs will then be affiliated, Singleton, Branxton, Maitland, Morpeth, Raymond Terrace, Dungog, Stroud, Gloucester, Kurri Kurri, Cessnock and the Upper Hunter Sub-district Association with which the following clubs are affiliated Muswellbrook, Aberdeen, Scone, Murrurundi, Denman and Merriwa.

I have been in touch with the new club formed at Paterson and hope to have their application for affiliation for the Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer's Report will be available at the Annual Meeting.

The Bettington Cup played under the new rules was again won by Cessnock Club.

The Pogonoski Cup also played under the new rules was won by Cessnock.

It is for this meeting to consider whether this method is to be continued for both Cups or to revert to the old method. I recommend that the Pogonoski Cup be again played on handicaps.

Two or three of the Clubs dropped out of the competition as the weak clubs have little interest in it when played off the stick.

The Championship was played at Kurri Kurri Club this year and was again a success.

The following players winning the Championship events:

Men's' Championship, Mr K K Tulloch, Cessnock,

"B" Grade Championship, Mr Tom Paterson, Kurri Kurri.

Mixed Foursomes, Mr R Trotter and Mrs Gillon, Kurri Kurri.

Teams Match, Kurri Kurri;

Associate Championship, Mrs W Gillon, Kurri

The Association suffered a great loss in the death of F H (Eric) Lindeman of Cessnock he has always been a great worker for the Association and was always ready to do anything to further the interests of golf. He was our Captain for a number of years at Country Week.

I think we should have a motion of appreciation on our books.

I have been transferred to Wentworthville and will not be available for election this year.

I thank all secretaries for their co-operation during my term of office.

C Fitzhardinge Hon. Secretary. Branxton

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### **HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION**

#### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the "Criterion Hotel" Singleton 18th February, 1939 at 8 pm.**

Obituary: Before the commencement of the formal business of the meeting the President, Mr K O Warburton made reference to the death of Mr F H Lindeman, (Cessnock), and Mr P Truscott (Muswellbrook) both of who had been prominent in the affairs of the Association.

At the request of the President the delegates stood in silence for a moment as a mark of respect and regret at the passing of these former stalwarts of the Association.

New Affiliations: The provisional affiliation granted to Stroud and Paterson Clubs was confirmed on the motion of Mr Brownie seconded by Mr Bercini.

F G Lindeman Cup: The President again made reference to the death of Mr F H Lindeman and to his long and valuable services to the Association and he suggested that to perpetuate the late Mr Lindeman's memory a Cup should be provided by the Association for perpetual competition at the Annual Championships meeting.

The President then moved that the services of the late Mr F H Lindeman should be recorded and in order to perpetuate his memory a cup should be purchased to be played for each year at the Championship meeting for the 36 hole handicap event, the winner to hold the Cup for one year and to receive a replica to be provided by the Club holding the meeting.

This was seconded by Mr C Fitzhardinge, Hon. Secretary, who also expressed his appreciation of the late Mr Lindeman's services, and carried. Mr Clarke said that the Cessnock Club was grateful to the Association for thus honouring its former President.

Mr C Fitzhardinge: The President referred to the services of Mr Fitzhardinge as Hon. Secretary of the Association. He said that Mr Fitzhardinge had been the first or second Honorary Secretary and after an absence from the district of some years was again made Hon. Sec. on his return. He moved that the good services of Mr Fitzhardinge and the Association's appreciation of all he had done for golf should be recorded. This was seconded by Mr Joughin and carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was carried by acclamation and the meeting closed at 11 pm.  
Signed: K O Warburton, Chairman 24/2/40

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### **HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION**

#### **Hon. Secretary's Report for 1939 Season to be presented at the Annual Meeting, Saturday, 24th February, 1940.**

Gentlemen,

This is the 12th Annual report of the Association and the first which I am presenting.

Since the last Annual Meeting our country has become involved in a war, the course or duration of which none of us can foretell. Whether that fact is to limit our curtail the activities of the Association is a matter of concern to us as golfers, who must consider whether any national duty does or should interfere with our normal working as an Association and our programme for the coming season. In my opinion it does not. The year we are concluding has been a successful one in many respects.

Gloucester, Stroud, Dungog, Paterson, Morpeth, Raymond Terrace, Maitland, Kurri Kurri, Cessnock, Branxton and Singleton and the Upper Hunter Sub-district comprises Merriwa, Denman, Murrurundi, Scone, Aberdeen and Muswellbrook.

The affiliation fees were as follows:- Association Clubs - 430 members. Ten pounds, fifteen shillings. Sub-district Clubs - 197 members. Four pounds, Eighteen shillings & six pence, plus three pounds, three shillings.

The Association team won the District Teams Championship at Country Week with the following team:- DR Lysaght (Captain) and R Linsley (Murrurundi) R McGregor (Muswellbrook), N Lloyd (Singleton), J Bercini (Branxton) H G Cobley and K K Tulloch (Cessnock).

This was possibly not the strongest team available but no selected team could have played its part better, and the final match which resulted in a 7-0 victory for the Hunter River Association team was a wonderful finale. The Cup presented by Hardy Bros. is being circulated among the Clubs whose members made up the teams, and miniature copies also presented by Hardy Bros. have been forwarded to the members of the team.

As the result of a happy suggestion by Mr Warburton during the season matches were arranged between teams representing this Association and the Newcastle District Golf Association.

In approving of the suggestion and arranging the matches the Executive had in mind two objects, namely practice for the Country Week team and also the fostering of relations between the two Associations. In this connection it might be remarked that at some future time similar matches could be arranged with other adjoining Associations, but for the present the idea of Inter-district matches with the Newcastle District Association. Interest would be added to these matches if pennants were provided for the competition once the matches became regular fixtures.

Bettington Cup - The Bettington Cup competition gave the Cessnock Club another opportunity of demonstrating its supremacy in the Association. Its team only sustained one defeat and it was then not at full strength. For the final against Muswellbrook, the winning Club in the Sub-district, it was decided to play home and home matches and after winning the match at Muswellbrook 5-4, Cessnock was beaten at home by the same margin, however, a final match played at Singleton was won by the Cessnock team and I have pleasure in congratulating the Club on maintaining its record of so many successive wins.

Pogonoski Cup The struggle for the Pogonoski Cup was very keen. The draw in the Association was made in two zones, the zone winners being Branxton and Raymond Terrace. These Clubs played home and home matches and each won its home match 5-4. A final match was then played on the Maitland course by courtesy of the Club and Raymond Terrace won this match. Two zones were also played in the Sub-district and the final between Merriwa and Scone was played on the Denman course, resulting in a win for the Merriwa Club, which subsequently defeated Raymond Terrace in the final on the Muswellbrook course. Merriwa is to be congratulated on its first win in this event and it might not be out of place to add that on its performance the Club might consider playing in the Bettington Cup next year.

I would like to express the thanks of the Association to the Club who have made their courses available for these final matches, and in the case of the Maitland Club for the inter-Association match as well.

Obituary. It is with great regret that the death is reported of Mr R Dixon, a member of the Kurri Kurri Club who was killed while returning from a match at Cessnock, and Mr A A H Christie, former Hon. Secretary of the Cessnock Club, whose death was reported only a few weeks ago.

I have to thank those Club Secretaries who assisted me during the year by promptly answering letters and supplying teams and results where necessary; and I am glad to say that apart from my complaint in the matter of handicapping there were only one or two who did not help me in this respect. I hope that Club Secretaries will always remember that the Association Secretary depends largely on them and that their co-operation is essential to the proper carrying out of his duties.

C H Dunlop Hon Secretary, Singleton

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### **HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION**

#### **Minutes of A Special General Meeting held at the Club House of the Singleton Golf Club on Monday, 17th June, 1940 at 5 pm.**

Present: Messrs. K O Warburton in the Chair; J Bercini, Branxton, N E Clarke, Dr W A Conolly and Dr T R Street, Cessnock, J J Johnstone & G Lavender, Kurri Kurri, J Brownie & W F Norris, Maitland and at a later stage C H Dunlop, Singleton.

The Chairman announced to resignation of Mr N A Lloyd from the office of Hon. Treasurer and moved that Mr W A Low of Singleton should be elected in his place.

This was seconded by Mr Brownie and carried.

The Chairman reported that the Associates of the Singleton Club had decided not to conduct the Associates' Championship owing to the war position but that if it was thought desirable to hold this Championship the Singleton Club would conduct it. It was decided on the motion of Dr Conolly, seconded by Mr Brownie, to refer the matter to the Associates of the affiliated Clubs and to act in accordance with the desires of the majority.

On the motion of Dr Connelly, seconded by Mr Bercini, it was agreed to cancel all Association fixtures for the year. On the motion of Mr Brownie, seconded by Mr Bercini, it was decided that the Association should hold an Open Tournament of 4th August at Maitland, the proceeds to be given to the Commonwealth Government for war purposes; that a competition of 27 holes be conducted and that each affiliated Club be asked to provide one trophy.

Signed K O Warburton, Chairman, 1/12/41

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### **HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION**

#### **Hon. Secretary's Report for 1940 Season to be presented at the Annual Meeting on 15.2.1941**

Gentlemen,

This is the second report which I have had the honour of presenting to the Association.

It records what is perhaps the smallest activity in the Association's 14 years of existence.

At a special general meeting held at the conclusion of the annual tournament, it was decided that in view of the critical war situation and of the decision of the N.S.W Golf Council to suspend inter-club competitions, the Bettington and Pogonoski Cup matches should be abandoned. Country Week was not held, so that the Teams' Championship Cup won in 1939 is still held by the Association. No inter-district match was played.

Affiliation The following clubs were affiliated: Gloucester, 17 members, Stroud 20, Dungog 31, Paterson 18, Raymond Terrace 13, Morpeth 42, Maitland 58, Kurri Kurri 68, Cessnock 116, Branxton 25 and Singleton 67, a total membership of 475 compared with 430 in 1939. The number 475 of course represents 1939 membership as the affiliation is based on the previous year's figures. The sub-district affiliation has not yet been paid, though I am advised by the Hon. Secretary that his will be done.

Association Championships. The Championship Tournament held at Singleton was not a great success. Entries were disappointing, but in the circumstances this cannot be taken to indicate a lack of interest in Association events. The Championship was won by J Bercini, Branxton; B Championship by H G Bailey, Singleton; F H Lindeman Memorial Cup by H Snelling, Singleton;

T. B. Cup by H G Bailey; Teams Match by Singleton; and Mixed Foursomes Championship by T (Tom) Patterson and Mrs Patterson after a tie with R Lindsay and Mrs Chaplain.

The failure of the Singleton Associates to conduct the Associates' Championship caused much disappointment. The question has never previously arisen, but now that it has it is considered that the Club holding the Championship Meeting and not the Associates of that Club should be made responsible for the conduct of the Associates' Championship.

Patriotic Tournament A highly successful "War Fund" Tournament was held at Maitland on 4th August, the proceeds being given to the Commonwealth Government for war purposes.

I was unable to attend or even to devote any time to the organisation of the effort, and most of the work devolved on Mr J Brownie of Maitland, to whom much of the success of the tournament was due. Although not fully supported by all clubs, and a very great disappointment in this respect, the tournament yielded a sum of One Hundred & Seven pounds. The initial contributions of Cessnock, Five pounds five shillings, Gloucester, Five pounds, Maitland Five pounds five shillings and Singleton Five pounds five shillings are worthy of special mention, as is the provision by the Maitland Club of all the facilities for the tournament.

The New South Wales Golf Council has appointed 9th August for a state wide patriotic drive, presumably a day for individual Clubs - but it is felt that another successful Association effort might be made in the coming season.

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer, N Lloyd, Singleton, report indicates a satisfactory financial position. It was thought last year that it might become necessary to increase the capitation fee for one year, but this has been avoided for the present.

In Conclusion I desire to thank Mr T Patterson for his very active support on the Handicapping Committee; also the Hon. Secretaries of the various Clubs for their support and co-operation.

Signed C H Dunlop, Singleton, Hon. Secretary.

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### **HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION**

#### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of The Hunter River Golf Association Held at the Club House of the Maitland Golf Club on 15th February, 1941.**

Present: President, K O Warburton in the Chair, J Brownie & C Harding, Maitland, T Patterson & J McDonald, Kurri Kurri, Dr Connelly, C J Cooper & N C Clarke, Cessnock, J Bercini, L Russell & J Stewart, Branxton, E R Foggo & H Deane, Singleton, R Williams & C Monkley, Raymond Terrace, and C Dunlop, Hon. Sec.

Apologies were received from Dr Hollywood, Messrs J Johnstone and W A Low from the Dungog, Morpeth and Muswellbrook Clubs and from the Upper Hunter Sub-District.

Obituary: The President made reference to the death of the late J H Bettington and moved that the Association's appreciation of his services and activities should be recorded in the minutes.

(James Horwood Bettington born 1870 at Cassilis - died aged 71 yrs.)

Annual Championships: It was decided on the motion by Dr Connelly seconded by Mr Cooper to abandon the association championships for this year. Mr Dunlop moved and Mr Russell seconded that a tournament be held with the King's Birthday Monday as the principal day and that a committee be appointed to arrange details. This motion was carried and it was decided on the motion of Mr Bercini seconded by Mr Johnstone that Cessnock be the course for the meeting. It was decided to appoint a committee of five, including the President and Hon. Sec. and on the motion of Mr Russell seconded by Mr Johnstone, Mr J Brownie and the President and Hon. Sec. of the Cessnock Golf Club were elected members of the committee.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the Maitland Club for the use of the Club House which was carried.

Signed K O Warburton, Chairman 25/2/42

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### **HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION**

#### **Hon. Secretary's Report for 1941 to be presented at the Annual Meeting on 28th February, 1942.**

Gentlemen,

Although it was thought at the beginning of last season that Golf competitions would probably continue normally throughout the season it soon became evident that inter Club activities are not possible while the war continues, except on a greatly reduced scale, and it is extremely doubtful whether the Association can function usefully at all during the war period.

The effect is first seen on affiliations which last year were as follows:

BRANXTON 25, CESSNOCK 104, KURRI KURRI 50, MAITLAND 62, MORPETH 43, RAYMOND TERRACE 25, SINGLETON 56, GLOUCESTER 20, STROUD 16.

TOTAL 401

The Association's Opening Day held at Singleton was not very well attended and I consider that this day should be abandoned as well as the championship meeting.

The Bettington and Pogonoski cup competitions were played but much of the interest usually attaching to this inter club series was missing. The strong Cessnock and Maitland Clubs did not enter either competitions, preferring to concentrate their activities on the raising of funds for war and patriotic purposes, and apart from this factor there was a noticeable lack of keenness which no doubt was due to the war situation.

Three Clubs, Branxton, Singleton and Kurri Kurri took part in the Bettington Cup competition and five in the Pogonoski Cup. Kurri Kurri won both competitions and must be congratulated on this performance. I think it will be unanimously agreed that these competitions should not be resumed until after the war.

The patriotic tournament conducted for the Association by the Cessnock Club was a woeful failure as an Association effort, but a great individual triumph for the Cessnock Club.

Only one other Club can be said to have supported the tournament whole-heartedly and in view of this the sum of ninety pounds five shillings and six pence realised was very good indeed.

The generous donations of five pounds five shillings each by the Cessnock, Maitland and Singleton Clubs, two pounds two shillings by Branxton, one pound one shilling each by Kurri Kurri and Raymond Terrace with donations from Maitland, Kurri Kurri & Singleton Associates of two pounds, two shillings - one pound ten shillings and one pound one shilling respectively made a total of one hundred & fourteen pounds seventeen shillings and six pence of which one hundred & eleven pounds eighteen shillings and three pence was distributed.

In conclusion I should like to express the hope that all the Clubs carrying on will devote their full energies to assisting the war effort in some way.

Signed: C Dunlop, Hon. Sec.

**HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION held at Maitland on 13th October, 1945.**

Present: The President, Mr K Warburton in the Chair, Dr. Conolly & Dr Street, Cessnock, Dr Accola, Morpeth, Messrs Clark, Cessnock, Russell & Heustone, Branxton, Harding & Jones, Maitland and Dunlop, Hon. Sec.

Annual Meeting: The Hon. Sec. explained that this was the first meeting called since the Association had suspended its activities for the duration of the war and as there has been no other meeting this year the meeting might be regarded as an annual meeting.

It was moved by Mr Russell and seconded by Dr Street that the meeting should be regarded as the Annual General Meeting. The Hon. Sec. informed the meeting that there was no report or financial statement as there had been no activity of the Association.

Election of Office Bearers: The President, Mr K Warburton, announced that he did not wish to accept nomination for the office again. He nominated Dr Conolly and Dr Street seconded this nomination. There were no other nominations and Dr Conolly was declared elected. He then took the chair.

It was moved by Dr Street and seconded by Mr Harding that the Association's appreciation of the services rendered by the retiring President should be placed on record and this motion was carried by acclamation. The Hon. Sec. announced that he was not a candidate for the office and he nominated Mr N E Clark. Dr Street seconded the nomination and as there were no other nominations.

Mr Clark was declared elected. Dr Conolly moved and Mr Warburton seconded that the Association's appreciation of the service rendered by the retiring Hon. Sec. should be placed on record, and this motion was carried. Other office bearers elected without opposition were: Hon. Treasurer, Dr Street, nominated by Messrs. Russell & Clark, and Hon. Auditor, Mr C Fry, nominated by Mr Harding and Dr Street.

Annual Meeting: It was resolved on the motion of Messrs, Dunlop & Clark to hold the annual meeting in 1946 on the last Saturday in February at the Maitland Club House. The meeting then adjourned.

Signed: W A Conolly, Chairman 23/2/46

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**MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION  
Held at the Maitland Golf Club, 23rd February, 1946 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Dr W A Conolly in the Chair; Delegates from Branxton Messrs Heuston, McDermott & Mayne, Morpeth, Messrs. A L Newton & Timms, Maitland, Messrs. J Harding & R Laurenson, Kurri Kurri, Dr Lowe, T Patterson & J R Robinson, Cessnock Dr Wiles & J Y Peart, Singleton Messrs. Reynolds & Knight, Muswellbrook, A McClintock & H W Broadbent, Secretary, N F Clark.

Election of Office Bearers: The election of office bearers resulted as follows:

President, Dr W A Conolly, Cessnock, Vice Presidents, A McClintock (Mus), J Johnstone (Kurri) & J Burgess (Sing) Hon. Sec. Mr N E Clark, Cessnock, Hon. Treasurer, Dr T R Street, Cessnock, Hon. Auditor, Mr C Fry, Maitland, Delegates to Suburban and Country Golf Association Messrs. N E Clark, Cessnock, H W Broadbent, Muswellbrook.

The President suggested that the Association should have a Patron and it was decided to appoint Dr J J Hollywood as Patron of the Association.

Selection Committee, President, Three Vice Presidents and Hon. Secretary;

Judicial and Conciliation Committee, C Harding, Maitland, J Y Peart, Cessnock, and Dr Wiles, Cessnock; Match Committee, T Pate, Kurri Kurri, J Bercini, Branxton, Dr Accola, Morpeth;

Bettington & Pogonoski Cups.: It was moved by Mr H Broadbent and seconded by Dr Lowe that the Bettington and Pogonoski Cup competition be held and played under the same conditions as last time.

Association Championships: It was moved by Mr Timms and seconded by Dr Wiles that the Associations' Open day and Championships be held at Cessnock, a suitable Sunday to be decided by the match committee. Carried.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr Timms and seconded by Mr McDermott that it be left to the President and Hon. Secretary to fix date and place on the next Annual Meeting.

Signed: W Conolly, Chairman, 22/2/47

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**HUNTER RIVER GOLF ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Annual Meeting, 1947, 10 Victoria St, Kurri Kurri, 25th February, 1947.**

It was resolved to put on record a special minute to show appreciation for the valuable services of the retiring Secretary, Mr F E Clarke.

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The 17th Annual Meeting of the H.R.D.Golf Association was held at Branxton Golf Club on February, 28th, 1948.

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**Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting, held at Branxton Club House, 5.3.49.**

President, Dr W Conolly. Moved C Lavender, seconded Dr McInerney, that the Men's Foursome Cups be known as the "King Warburton Cups". Carried.

Signed: W Conolly, President, 11/12/50

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**The General Meeting of the Hunter District Golf Association was held in the Clubhouse at Branxton on Saturday, 3 March, 1950.**

President, Dr W A Conolly. Notice of Motion; That a Junior Championship be held on a date and course to be fixed by the Match Committee. J C Harding.

Signed: W Conolly, President, 3/3/51

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**A Special Meeting of the Association was held on 11th June, 1951;**

President Dr W A Conolly was in the chair and there also present, C Lavender, B Owen, Kurri Kurri, I Heuston, B McDermott, J Bercini, Branxton, H Broadbent, A McClintock, Muswellbrook, R Miller, J Hancock, Cessnock, R H Burgess, C Robinson, B Wood, Singleton, G Sippe, A Laurenson, B Hislop, Maitland.

Par Rating: Mr I Heuston returned to the meeting. Moved R H Burgess, seconded by C Lavender that par rating be: Kurri Kurri 67, Branxton 69, Maitland 69, Cessnock 69. Carried.

An amendment by H Broadbent, seconded by A McClintock that they be Kurri Kurri, 67, Cessnock 70, Branxton 69, Maitland 69 was lost.

Par rating for Upper Hunter: Muswellbrook 66, Scone 70, Singleton 66, Murrurundi 68, Merriwa 65. These were moved by R Miller and seconded by I Heuston. Carried.

Signed: W Conolly, 15/9/51

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**The General Meeting of the Hunter River District Golf Association was held in the Club House at Branxton on Saturday, 3 March, 1951.**

The President, Dr W A Conolly was in the Chair.

Junior Championships: It was resolved that because of lack of entries the idea of running Junior Championships be abandoned.

Association Championships: These are to be held during King's Birthday week-end, 9th to 11th June. "A" Grade at Maitland, "B" & "C" Grades at Cessnock (Lower Hunter), at Scone (Upper Hunter).

Signed W A Conolly, Branxton, 10/11/51.

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**A Special Meeting was held in the School of Arts, Branxton on Saturday, 15th Sept, 1951.**

The President, Dr W Conolly presided, there were also present: Owen & Vogt, Kurri, Peart & Hunter Cessnock, Laurenson & Fry, Maitland, Burgess & Leighton, Singleton, Bercini, Hewitson & Russell, Branxton, McClintock, & Atkinson, Muswellbrook.

Mr J Bercini intimated that he would be pleased to donate a Cup to be played for by players in the "C" Grade on a team basis. The President thanked Mr Bercini for his fine offer.

Mr Burgess moved and Mr McClintock seconded that we have a "C" Grade team's competition each year for a "CUP" to be known as the "BERCINI CUP" to be played for in the same manner as the Bettington and the Pogonoski cups. Qualifying rounds to be held on King's Birthday weekend. Carried.

Moved Messrs Burgess & McClintock that the Association will not allow Club competitions to be held in conjunction with Association team's matches. Carried.

The President reported that the Secretary's wife has been very sick for some time past and that he, Mr Paterson, was leaving the District for a period in connection with same.

Moved Mr Bercini, seconded Mr Leighton that the Committee regret to hear of Mrs Paterson's ill health and trust that she makes a speedy recovery. Carried.

Moved Messrs Leighton & Laurenson that C Lavender be appointed Acting Secretary during Mr Paterson's absence. Carried.

Notice of Motion given by Mr J Bercini: That the grades or handicaps be as follows:

"A" Grade 0 - 16, "B" Grade 17 to 24, "C" Grade 25 and over.

That the Hunter River Golf Association Championships be held in three grades,

"A" Grade, "B" Grade, and "C" Grade

Men's Singles Championship winner for 1951, G (Graham) Belle.

Mixed Foursomes winners, G (Graham) Belle and Miss N (Noni) Broadbent, Muswellbrook

Men's Foursomes winners, J(Jack) Bercini Branxton and H Dever

Bettington Cup Kurri Kurri, Pogonoski Cup Maitland

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Information was researched from the Original Minute Journal of The Hunter River Golf Association of NSW from Memorandum of the Association. Mr K O Warburton, President, Mr B Fitzhardinge, Secretary.

First Annual Meeting of the HRG Association, Singleton, 16th September, 1927, to the last recording in the Minute Book 10th November, 1951. Dr W A Conolly, President, Mr T Paterson,

Secretary, Mr Cecil Lavender, Treasurer, Mr C Fry, Auditor.

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This was the last record of Meetings held in this Minute Book 1927 - 1951.

### **Annual Report 1951.**

#### **Extracts from the original Minute's Book 1951 to 1993**

Gentlemen,

In presenting the annual report for the year 1951, I have to report that the Association has again had another successful year. All clubs with the exception of Raymond Terrace affiliated the following being the membership of each Club as per affiliation. Cessnock 393, Maitland 219, Singleton 151, Muswellbrook 111, Scone 33, Branxton 84, Kurri 83, Merriwa 33, Dungog 31, Denman 15, Stroud 15.

Unfortunately due to the repeated flooding of their course, Morpeth Club was forced to disband.

Kurri Kurri Club are to be congratulated on their win in the Bettington Cup.  
Maitland Club defeated Muswellbrook for the Pogonoski Cup.

Bercini Cup During the year Mr J Bercini generously donated a Cup to be played for by C grade players in the same manner as the Bettington and Pogonoski Cups are played for and it is hoped that this event will create the same amount of interest among these players as does the other Cups.

The executive desire to express their thanks to Mr Bercini for his generous donation.

Finances As the Treasurer, Mr C Lavender's report indicated the Associations financial is very strong, the credit balance being greater now than at any other time.

During the year we were honoured with the visit from the President, Mr Hyde and the Hon. Secretary, Mr Higginbotham of the NSW Golf Association.

At the Special meeting held at the Club House at Maitland Golf Club on the 11th June, our President Dr Conolly, welcomed the visitors who afterwards addressed the Delegation present.

They explained that they were in the District in connection with the new method of handicapping that had been adopted by the NSW Golf Association. During their brief visit these two gentlemen visited a number of the courses in the District and commented on the high standard of those they saw and expressed their appreciation at the progress being made in the district due, in their opinion, to the active functioning of the Association.

In conclusion Gentlemen, I think you will agree that this has been one of the most successful years in the life of the Association and I express the hope that the Association's activities will receive the whole hearted support in the coming year as it has had in this on.

To the Hon. Secretaries' I ask them to accept my personal thanks for the assistance and co-operation given.

Signed: Cecil Lavender, Acting Hon. Secretary.

# **THE HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION**

## **Annual Meeting.**

The Annual Meeting of the above association was held at Branxton on Saturday, 10th November, 1951.

The President Dr W A Conolly presided. There were also present the acting Hon. Sec. C Lavender. R H Burgess, W Leighton, Singleton, N Vogt & B Owen, Kurri, L Russell, I Heuston, Branxton, H Broadbent, L Atkinson, H McClintock, Muswellbrook, A Laurenson, G Grossman, Maitland. Apologies were received from Messrs. Bercini and Peart.

Election of Officers: Patron R J Burgess, President, W A Conolly,

Vice Presidents, H Broadbent, Senior, J J Bercini & A Laurenson.

Secretary, C Lavender, Treasurer, B Owen, Kurri Kurri Club, Auditor, C R Fry.

Mr McClintock supported by other delegates expressed the good wishes for a very pleasant holiday to Dr and Mrs Conolly who intend going abroad early in the New Year, 29.11.52.

## **HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION**

### **Meeting of delegates held at Branxton Club House on Sunday, 20th April, 1952**

The acting President, Mr R Broadbent, presided there were also present J J Bercini, Vice President, G Lavender, Hon. Secretary, B (Ben) Owen, Kurri Kurri, Hon. Treasurer. The following delegates were also present, J J Pryor, Kurri Kurri, A Bourke and W Atkinson, Muswellbrook, K Groves & I Heuston, Branxton, I Worms, Singleton, R Turner (Ron) & K Tulloch (Keith) Cessnock.

From Branxton Club asking for a review of the "Par Rating" due to the redesigning of their course. The Acting President, Mr H Broadbent, congratulated the Club on the alterations.

Messrs Peart, surveyor, Tulloch and Broadbent assessed the new course, their assessments showing the Course to be full 68. It was decided to apply to the NSW Golf Council for approval of the New Rating 68. From the NSW Golf Council advising that "Par Ratings" of courses as submitted by the Association had been approved.

### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Delegates of**

**THE HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION held at Branxton on 27/11/54.**

Mr H Broadbent, in the absence of the President, Dr Conolly presided. Present were Messrs: J J Bercini & A Laurenson, Vice Presidents. C Lavender, Hon. Secretary, B Owen, Hon. Treasurer, Mr A H Higginbotham, Secretary, NSW Country Golf Association, Cessnock, R (Ron) Turner, Businessman/Chemist and J (Jack) Hancock., Hotelier/Taxi.

Correspondence Letters from Maitland Golf Club and Dr Conolly. Moved by B White & E Oliver that correspondence be received and dealt with. Maitland Golf Club advised that trophies which were at their Club House at the time of the fire were not covered by insurance by their Club. From Dr Conolly, apology for being unable to attend and his thanks for the presentation from the Association and for the assistance given him by members of the committees during his term as President.

General Business The President, Mr H W Broadbent, on behalf of the Association, thanked Mr Pogonoski and the Cessnock Golf Club for the generous offer to replace two trophies lost in the fire at Maitland Golf Club and to the Branxton Delegates for having made their Club House available for the Meeting.

Signed H W Broadbent, 12.11.55

### **Annual Meeting 17/11/1956**

The President, Mr H Broadbent asked the Cessnock Delegates, Mr R(Ron) Turner & Mr W (Bill) Leckie to convey his thanks to their Club for the replacement of the Lindeman Vase.

### **Annual Meeting, Branxton Golf House, Saturday, 17th November, 1956**

Associates' Cup On the motion of Messrs. Turner and Leckie, it was left in the hands of the Secretary, Mr C Lavender and Treasurer, Mr Ben Owen to make a check as to where this Cup had been played for, and to arrange for the playing of same in future.

Signed H W Broadbent, 16.11.57.

### **Annual Meeting, Singleton Golf House, 29/11/58**

Affiliation Fees The Secretary reported that the fees to the NSW Country Golf Association had been increased by one shilling per member and that the fee payable to that Association would be;

"four shillings for each male member entitled to play golf whether such member plays golf or not and irrespective of his class of membership. The subscription to be calculated on the Club's maximum membership during 1958." On the motion of Messrs Leckie & Maxwell it was decided that the fee payable to this Association for the coming year be four shillings and six pence per member.

The President thanked Mr H Gregson for his donation, behalf of Merriwa Club, of a trophy to be played for by Junior's at the Kurri course in 1959.

signed H W Broadbent, 24.10.59.

### **Annual Meeting, Singleton Golf House, 24.10.59**

Arthur Frame, Kurri Kurri, elected Assistant Hon. Secretary. Ben Owen, Treasurer.

**Annual Meeting, Singleton Golf Club, 5/11/60.**

Present, Mr H Broadbent, President, W Leckie, Vice President, A W Frame, Hon. Secretary, B Owen, Hon. Treasurer. Cessnock represented by Horace Olive. Mine Electrical Engineer.

**Annual Meeting ,Singleton Golf Club, 4/11/61.**

Election of Officers: Patron R H Burgess. President W Leckie, Hon. Secretary, A Frame, Kurri.

Cessnock delegates, Horace Olive and A Esplin.

General Business: Moved & Sec. Mr J Bercini & Mr H Olive that it be recommended to all clubs in the Association that Mr Horace Broadbent, the past President from Muswellbrook, be made an Honorary Life Member of each club. Carried. Moved & Sec. Mr Carroll & Mr Bercini that we place on record our appreciation of the services of the Past President Mr H Broadbent. Carried.

**Annual Meeting at Branxton Golf House Saturday, 15/10/66**

Present Messrs. W Leckie, President, J J Bercini, Senior Vice President, J W Hancock & L R Carroll Vice Presidents, B W Owen, Hon. Treasurer, A Frame, Hon. Secretary.

Moved & Seconded that the Association's appreciation of the services of Mr J W Hancock to Golf in this area be placed on record. Carried.

**Special Meeting at Singleton Golf Club, Friday, 8/4/74**

Apologies: W Leckie, J J Bercini, L Hearne and Scone Golf Club.

Business: Moved & Seconded that the resignation of Mr W Leckie be accepted. Carried.

Moved & Seconded that the appreciation of this Association be extended to Mr Leckie for his many years of service as President and as Delegate to the NSWGA, and that he be informed of this appreciation and it be noted in the records of the Association. Carried.

Moved & Seconded that Mr William (Bill) Leckie be elected a Life Member of the Association and that he be presented with a badge which indicates this fact. Carried.

Moved & Seconded that all affiliated Club be asked to consider making a donation of ten pounds each to go towards the purchase of a gift to Mr Leckie and that a presentation be made at Maitland Golf Club on Sunday, 19th May, 1974.

Mr Howard Allan (Jim) Baker of Maitland Golf Club was elected President at this meeting.

**Annual Meeting at Singleton Golf Club, Friday, 8/11/74**

Present: Messrs H A Baker, President, D Castledine, L Hearne, Vice Presidents, A W Frame, Hon. Secretary, B W Owen, Hon Treasurer, B Moody. Junior Golf Promotional Officer. Delegates from Aberdeen RSL, Branxton, Cessnock, Dungog, Kurri, Merriwa, Maitland, & Scone Golf Clubs.

Apologies: Messrs J J Bercini, Branxton, V Victor, Cessnock, G Hawkins, & K Price.

Business: M & S. that Mr John Joseph (Jack) Bercini be elected a Life Member of the Hunter River District Golf Association and that the appreciation of the Association for his services to Golf be recorded. Carried.

**Annual Meeting at Singleton Golf Club on Friday, 14/11/75**

Present: Messrs. L Hearne, Vice President, A W Frame, Hon. Secretary, B W Owen, Hon. Treasurer, B Moody, Junior Golf Promotional Office, Delegates from Aberdeen RSL, Branxton, Cessnock, Dungog, Kurri, Merriwa, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Scone and Singleton Golf Clubs.

Apologies: Messrs. H A Baker, President, J J Bercini, Senior Vice President, M Watson, Match Committee, R Bennett, Scone, Delegates from Murrurundi Golf Club.

Business: M & S that Mr Ben W Owen and Mr Arthur W Frame be elected Life Members of The Hunter River District Golf Association and that the appreciation of the Association for their services to golf be recorded. Carried.

**Annual Meeting held at Singleton Golf Club, on Friday, 8/10/82**

Mr. J J Bercini, Branxton Club, did not stand for an Executive position at this meeting, and his apology was not recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

**Annual Meeting held at Cessnock Golf Club on Saturday, 3/11/84**

Present: Messrs H A Baker, President, G E Cook, Senior Vice President, J Olson, Vice President, A W Frame, Hon. Secretary, B W Owen, Hon Treasurer, D Parkinson, Match & Junior Golf Sub-Committee and Delegates from Branxton, Cessnock, Dungog, Kurri, Maitland and Muswellbrook Golf Clubs. Arthur Frame became a member of Cessnock Club after 25 years as a Kurri Club member.

Apologies: Messrs Z Grzanka, P Wyper, Match & Junior Golf Sub-Committee, G Jacobson, Cessnock Golf Club and Delegates from Stroud Golf Club.

General Business: M& S that Mr Ian Watkins, the Professional at Cessnock Golf Club be appointed as Association Coach of Junior's. Carried.

M & S that in recognition of his services to the Association, Mr Howard Allan (Jim) Baker be elected a Life Member of the Association. Carried.

The President thanked Cessnock Golf Club for its hospitality.

Signed H A Baker, 30/12/85

**Annual Meeting held at Singleton Golf Club on Saturday, 18/11/89**

Present: Messrs H A Baker, President, G E Cook, Senior Vice President, J Olsen & L F Williams, Cessnock, Vice President, A W Frame, Hon. Secretary, D Parkinson, Junior

Promotional Officer, G Powell, Match and Junior Golf Sub-Committee and Delegates from Aberdeen, Branxton, Denman, Dungog, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Scone, Singleton and Westside Golf Clubs.

Apologies: B W Owen, Hon. Treasurer, J Linnertson, Match & Junior Golf Sub-Committee and Delegates from Cessnock, Kurri and Murrurundi Golf Clubs.

General Business: M & S that the Association shirt be of a blue colour with the Eastern Rosella emblem on the pocket. Carried.

M & S that all Clubs be urged to protect their members by effecting the "Members Personal Insurance Plan" as recommended by the NSW Golf Association and the Australian Golf Union.

**Meeting of the Executive Committee and Match & Junior Golf Sub-Committee at Kurri Golf Club on Tuesday, 24/9/1991**

Present: Messrs. H A Baker, President, L F Williams, Vice President, A W Frame, Hon. Secretary, D Parkinson, Captain, J. Linnertson, Match & Junior Golf Sub-Committee.

Apologies: Messrs. J Olsen, Vice President, Z Grzanka & P Wyper, Match & Junior Golf Sub-Com.

General Business: M & S that it be recommended to the Annual General Meeting that the "B" and "C" Grade Champions from each Affiliated Club be included in the Association Champion of Champions event. Carried.

M & S that the "Discussion Paper" prepared by the President, Mr H A Baker, for all Country Zone Committee Members, be endorsed. Carried.

**Meeting of the Executive Committee and Match & Junior Golf Sub-Committee at Kurri Golf Club on Tuesday, 22/10/91**

Present: Messrs. G E Cook, Senior Vice President, J Olsen & L F Williams, Vice Presidents, A W Frame, Hon. Secretary, D Parkinson, Captain, J Linnertson, G Powell & Z Grzanka, Match & Junior Golf Sub-Committee.

Apologies: Messrs. B W Owen, Hon. Treasurer, P Wyper & G Rankin, Match & Junior Golf Sub-Committee.

In Attendance: Mr. R McKenzie, Captain of Maitland Golf Club. The Hon. Secretary, Mr A W Frame, announced the deaths of the President, Mr H A (Jim) Baker and the Patron, Mr G R Bailey (1979 - 91) and a minute silence was held as a mark of respect.

M & S that the Trophy for the "Vardon" Type Event conducted by the Association be called "The Jim Baker Memorial Trophy". Carried.

M & S that it be recommended to the Annual General Meeting that Mr E (Eric) Fitzgibbon M.H.R. Hunter, and Mr G (George) Souris, State Minister for Sport, be elected Joint Patrons. Carried.

Both Mr G E Cook, Senior Vice President and Mr Z Grzanka, Match & Junior Golf Sub-Committee indicated to the Meeting that they would be a candidate for the vacant office of President.

**Annual General Meeting held at Aberdeen Golf Club on Saturday, 9/11/91**

Present: Messrs. G E Cook, Senior Vice President, B W Owen, Hon. Treasurer, D Parkinson, Capt., Z Grzanka & P Wyper, Match & Junior Golf and Delegates from Aberdeen, Branxton, Cessnock, Denman, Maitland, Merriwa, Murrurundi, Muswellbrook and Westside Golf Club.

Apologies: Messrs. J Olsen & L F Williams, Vice Presidents, A W Frame, Hon. Secretary and Delegates from Dungog Golf Club.

The Chairman, Mr G E Cook, announced the deaths of the President, Mr H A ( Jim) Baker and the Patron, Mr Geoffrey Rex Bailey. One minute silence was observed as a mark of respect.

Minutes: M & S that the Minutes of the Sixty Sixth (66th) Annual General Meeting held at Cessnock Golf Club on Saturday, 17th November, 1990 and the meetings of the Executive Committees at Kurri Golf Club on 5/2/, 28/5/ 25/6/ 24/9 and 22/10/1991 be confirmed and signed as a true copy.

Election of Officers: Mr. E Fitzgibbon & Mr G Souris, Patrons, Mr Z J Grzanka, President. Mr G E Cook, Senior Vice President, Mr J Olsen & Mr L F Williams, Vice Presidents, Mr A W Frame, Hon. Secretary, Mr B W Olsen, Hon. Treasurer, Mr D Parkinson, Captain, Match & Junior Golf, Messrs. P Wyper, R McKenzie, J Linnertson. Hon. Auditor Mr. K W Guy.

General Business: M & S that the action of the Executive in naming the Hunter River District "Vardon" Type Trophy, the "JIM BAKER MEMORIAL TROPHY" be endorsed and the Baker Family offer of a sum of money, to be invested, and the interest used to purchase replicas for the winner, be accepted. A letter of thanks be sent to the Family. Carried.

Discussion: The letter to the NSW Golf Association, from the Late Jim Baker, was discussed.

It was the unanimous feeling of the meeting that this letter and desk top study should be followed up. The Delegate, Mr Z Grzanka, assured the meeting that he would pursue the matter further and report to the H.R.D.G.A. Executive.

The Trophies, for the Golf Events, were presented, The Chairman thanked Aberdeen Golf Club for the use of its facilities and for its hospitality and the Delegates for their attendance.

The Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm Signed, Z J Grzanka 16th Nov. 1992.

**Minutes of the Sixty Eighth Annual General Meeting, held at Kurri Golf Club on Sunday, 15/11/92**

Mr B ( Ben) W Owen did not seek re-election as Hon. Treasurer at this meeting.

M & S that, in accordance with the Constitution of the Association, the offices of Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer be combined to become Hon. Secretary/Treasurer. Mr A (Arthur) W Frame was elected to this new position.

President's Report Annual General Meeting, 15th November, 1992.

Our long serving Secretary Arthur Frame has been recuperating after major heart surgery and after further complications is on the slow road to recovery. During Arthur's period of incapacity his duties have been largely carried out by Captain Dave Parkinson and to a lesser degree myself.

Whilst it provided us the opportunity to familiarise ourselves with the behind the scenes work, we are only too happy to have Arthur back on desk. Signed, Zig Grzanka, President, 15/11/1992.

**Secretary's Annual Report, 15th November, 1992**

Gentlemen, I have much pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1992. The Association has had a successful year.

Affiliation: All 14 Clubs have remained affiliated and their memberships figures, with last years in brackets, are as follows: Aberdeen 175 (196), Branxton 228 (184), Cessnock 526 (576), Denman 70 (65), Dungog 160 (163), Kurri 595 (478), Maitland 601 (543), Merriwa 52 (59), Murrurundi 58 (66), Muswellbrook 384 (427). Scone 160 (159), Singleton 510 (543), Stroud 32 (30), Westside 131 (130). The total of 3,672 affiliated members represents an increase of 53 members over last year, although some Clubs have had a large reduction in memberships.

Thanks: My sincere thanks go to our President, Zig Grzanka, and Captain, David Parkinson, who have carried the load while I have been incapacitated for a great part of the year.

Signed A W Frame, Hon Secretary, 15th November, 1992.

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The last typed entry into this Minute Book was recorded

**The Extraordinary General Meeting, held at Branxton Golf Club, on Wednesday, 27th July, 1993.**

M & S That the presently unincorporated body known as The Hunter River District Golf Association will be taken over by the Hunter River District Golf Association Incorporated at the date of Incorporation. Carried.

**Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting, held at Muswellbrook Golf Club on Tuesday, 3/5/1994**

Business: M & S That Arthur William Frame being resident in New South Wales be hereby authorised to incorporate the Hunter River District Golf Association under the Associations Incorporation Act. Carried.

**The Seventieth Annual Meeting of The Hunter River Golf Association Incorp. was held 20th November, 1994**

Present: Messrs. Zig. Grzanka, President, R McKenzie, Senior Vice President, G Cook & P Brennan Vice Presidents, Dave Parkinson, Captain, Les. F Williams & Vern Gillespie, Club, Cessnock Delegates and A (Arthur) W Frame, Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

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The Association purchased modern office equipment at this point in its history and the Minutes of all meetings have been recorded on the Association's computer, of which I have no access.

Arthur Frame has lent these two minute books to help establish some history of the Cessnock Golf Club. Cessnock Golf Club's Minute books were destroyed about ten years ago by two unthinking members, when they had a clean-up of the Club's office; and burnt the entire Club's written history.

Owing to failing eyesight, Arthur is preparing to resign from his position Hon. Secretary/Treasurer of The Hunter River District Golf Association Incorporative after 45 years of service.

The Association's records and modern office equipment will be returned shortly for the next era to continue recording the activities of The Hunter River District Golf Association Incorp.

On behalf of The Oaks (Cessnock) Golf Club I would like to thank Arthur Frame, most sincerely for his help and availability of these records for this research.

Janice Williams,

Associate Member

The Oaks Cessnock Golf Club

18 June, 2003