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Letter **THE GOLF COLLECTORS SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (Inc.)**

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A Happy new Golfing year to all members

But first. **Our Championships.** Played at Auburn city Links on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>. Won yet again by Peter Read with a round of 75. Well done Peter. Runner up was Julian Pickrell with 78. Handicap winner Barry Leithhead with a fine 66 net. Ladies Winner. Shuri Yasuda - Hines. Congratulations to all.

**The "Al Howard Trophy"** Set down for Oatlands on the 21<sup>st</sup> Nov, This Event Between the Golf Society and the Golf Collectors did not eventuate. We were informed that regrettably they could not raise a team. Not to be disappointed, several of us played with our "Hickories" and enjoyed a lovely meal afterwards. During the course of the evening we presented back to Oatlands the 1932 "Berk" Cup Won by Frank Clune in 1932. We understand that this may be the first trophy played for by Oatlands Members over 18 holes. Discovery by Owen Denmeade is a great story in itself and in keeping with our policy to return items of significant interest to the Club concerned we were delighted to be able to do so.

**The Dan Cullen Trophy.** Set down this year for Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. at 2.30 p.m. at the beautiful Long Reef Golf Club. Played for with hickories on a 2 ball Ambrose format over 11 holes in conjunction with the Links Classic it is limited to Members only. Visitors are welcome to play in the Links Classic. Cost is \$25 and includes refreshments afterwards. Entries To Captain Ross on 0402148946.

**Annual General Meeting.** This was held in the Rosnay Golf Clubhouse after the Championship. Several important decisions were taken. Foremost was the proposal to amalgamate the Australian Historic Golf Trust and the Golf Collectors Society. It was found that having 2 bodies was impracticable. The meeting unanimously agreed to proceed with this proposal. The A.H.G.T has also unanimously agreed and Bruce Nairn, President of the A.H.G.T. is obtaining legal advice on the matter. When agreement has been reached it will be put to an Extraordinary General Meeting of Members. All members of the Executive were reappointed with the exception of Peter Read who stepped down as Captain and his position was taken by Ross Howard. Barry Leithhead and Des Froneman also stepped down from the Executive leaving 2 vacancies to be filled. President thanked them all for their efforts in getting the Society established.

**New items at the Museum.** Items continue to roll into the Museum at a great rate. Recently we received One of the first computerised swing analysers which came into Australia around 1970. Five wrapped small balls ( 3 Silver King H.V's and 2 Spalding tournaments) were given to us in an original Half dozen cardboard box. We also received a complete Ladies Uniform from one of Australia's finest Lady Amateurs, Marea Parsons or Marea Hickey as she was then known. Marea wore this Uniform when she represented Australia in the 1960's. Highlight of the items received were 2

long nose clubs in a very poor state. They came from Bruce Nairn who said he had had them in his garage for many years and forgot who actually gave them to him. They were stamped "Tom Morris". Sent down to Noel Terry in Melbourne for sympathetic attention, Noel was flabbergasted. One of these is a Transitional club with a full brass soleplate but the other is a genuine Tom Morris long nose play club Noel reported, and even has the date recorded in ink on the sole Circa 1870. Noel has done a superb job. "This is a very valuable club." Said Noel, "I will not entrust it to any carrier but will get my brother Ken to deliver it back to Sydney." How about that /

**New Members.** Welcome to Rex Mc Kay and brothers Julian and Anthony Pickrell. Rex comes from Wollongong and was a leading Amateur around the Illawarra. He played in the era of the Elkington Brothers and won as many games as he lost. The Pickrell boys hail from the New England District originally. Their Father was a Champion at Tamworth in the late 1920's and 30's. Julian now lives at Nundle and has had an adventurous life at one stage being a Patrol officer in New Guinea. Anthony now lives in North Rocks and spent most of his working life as a schoolteacher. Welcome to the Hickory Hackers //

**Volunteers Needed.** Our Museum at Granville is open every Sunday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and volunteers are needed to act as guides. Its good fun and really would only involve attendance twice a year.

**Think Tank.** We need a "Mission Statement" and a "Logo" for the Society. Any Ideas. Send them to our Secretary Henry.

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**See you at the Dan Cullen.**

**Tom Moore.**