

This Sporting Life

Golf - Bench and Bar v. Services

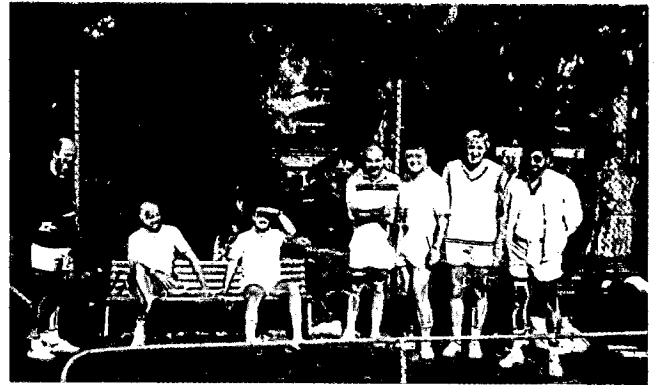
For the second year running the Bench & Bar scooped the pool, winning all three trophies in the annual July match against the Services.

Elanora Country Club was again the venue on a sunny winter day with dinner to follow in the Club House. Judge Gallen accepted the bronze gong trophy for the overall result as well as the cartridge case and wooden shield for "A" and "B" Grade. The victory was due in no small measure to Wheelahan/Hrouda and Delaney/Skiller each of whom managed 44 points in "A" Grade with Peter Gray and John Rowe contributing 40 points in "B" Grade. None of the Bench & Bar participants demonstrated sufficient skill to win the long drive or nearest the pin prizes.

Wheelahan distinguished himself as Dining President by arriving 30 minutes late which, in some incomprehensible way that made sense on the night, provoked after dinner speeches about the Big Bearded Boring Barrister and the Poor but Passionate Prussian Prince. Those readers who were not present and are intrigued to know the full details will now regret not having attended. On that note, every encouragement is extended to members of the Bench and Bar to participate in this day including the dinner at night which is one of the highlights of the Golfing Society Calendar.

The date for next year's fixture against Services will be notified in Bar News early in 1989, in conjunction with a report on the Solicitors Golf Day which is scheduled for January next year, the precise date and entry forms for which will be circulated before the end of Term. □ Neil Francey

The A.B.A. Conference brought out the eccentric in many, as witness the strange garb and posture adopted by Bennett Q.C.



(L to R) Mr. Justice Beaumont, Mr. Justice Giles, Gary Walsh, Michael G. Ikraim, M.B. Williams, Michael Sexton and Des Kennedy.

Tennis Day - 1st August 1988

In stark contrast to conditions which prevailed between 1984-87, the Bench Bar Tennis Day was held in glorious sunny weather on 1st August 1988 in the "Great Gatsby Gardens" of Royal Sydney Golf Club.

Although numbers were somewhat down on previous years, an enthusiastic and dexterous group gathered (under the watchful eye of a News Program helicopter) to pit youthful agility against the guile and subtlety of experience.

After a very enjoyable morning's tennis and an even more enjoyable lunch at the Clubhouse, Judge McCredie and Wynyard did battle against the powerful combination of Sexton and Newport for the minor placings with Mr. Justice Giles and Kennedy taking on Mr. Justice Beaumont and Deakin in the finals.

After a closely fought battle with only a few breaks of service despite the after effects of a heavy lunch, the pinpoint consistency of Mr. Justice Beaumont and the aggression of Deakin at the net finally prevailed.

Special thanks to the Registrar and the organisers for a great day. It is to be hoped next year a greater number of players can be enticed out of chambers and onto the courts to compete for the R.T.H. Barbour Cup which is the oldest Sporting Trophy of the N.S.W. Bar. □