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**JANUARY 2012**

## Welcome to Captain/Handicapper's Day

Happy New Year. January 2012 marks the 7<sup>th</sup> time Neil Winterton has hosted this day. Why he keeps coming back for more is anyone's guess, but the Lizards certainly appreciate his calm manner when we approach him with our various handicapping concerns. He takes the flak for the numbers produced by Manfred (who incidentally has been crunching them for 13 years now), and in recent months has had to deal with late changes to the course layout. Thanks for your hard work Neil. Now, let's talk about how long it's been since I've gotten a shot back!

*CHRISTMAS CARROLL DAY*, with 25 Lizards and 6 visitors, produced the following results:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> LIZARDS</b>	Garry Bird LM - <b>44</b> points off a handicap of <b>23</b>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> LIZARDS</b>	Michael Morgan - <b>40</b> points on count-back off a handicap of <b>17</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> VISITORS</b>	Peter Kiely - <b>37</b> points off a handicap of <b>21</b>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VISITORS</b>	David Copeland - <b>34</b> points off a handicap of <b>28</b>		
<b>BEST SCRATCH</b>	Michael Harrison - <b>31</b> points		
<b>BEST FRONT NINE</b>	Dennis Castle - <b>21</b> points off a handicap of <b>23</b>		
<b>BEST BACK NINE</b>	Peter Simmonds - <b>23</b> points off a handicap of <b>30</b>		
<b>NEAREST the PINS</b>	19+ 9 <sup>th</sup> David Copeland	14 <sup>th</sup> Peter Simmonds	
	18- 6 <sup>th</sup> Michael Harrison	16 <sup>th</sup> Michael Harrison	
<b>LONGEST DRIVES</b>	19+ 17 <sup>th</sup> David Copeland		
	18- 17 <sup>th</sup> Michael Harrison		
<b>BRADMAN</b>	<b>Lizards</b>	Michael Moran - <b>27</b> points off a handicap of <b>29</b>	
	<b>Visitors</b>	David Montgomery - <b>22</b> points off a handicap of <b>21</b>	



Every once in a while Garry Bird LM decides that it's been too long between drinks and pulls out a 40+ score to refill his trophy cabinet, and December's score was his best in at least 10 years. When approached after his round as to how he had played by an interested Andy Warner, Garry replied "not too badly, but I only had 44 points". It's this gentle modesty that endears him to the members. Well done Garry, and we'll see you next time you're out of scotch!

Michael Morgan got his nose just ahead of a pack that included Michael Harrison and Dennis Castle to take out second place with 40 points. It's his second second place in as many months – it will be interesting to see what a further handicap reduction does to his chances today.



Peter Kiely seems to be making a habit of playing with us in Sydney (as opposed to Jamberoo) of late, and he never seems to go home empty handed. December was no exception where he picked up his second win in three months. This time it was against a stronger visitor's field, including David Copeland who came in second with 34 points.

December marked the welcome return of Dawson Carroll to our shores. Although not able to play on the day he helped out by coaching John O'Meara from the comfort of a shared golf cart. John responded to his welcome advice with an 11 point front nine. It's not recorded whether he put a sock in Dawson's mouth at half time, but he completed the back nine with a more respectable 19 points.

Only 6 weeks or so now till the Jamberoo trip. Please be ready with your availability when names are called for today. The itinerary will follow last year's, with Friday being at Kangaroo Valley followed by Sat & Sun at Calderwood. For those that missed out last year it is worth making the effort to play at the picturesque Kangaroo Valley GC.

### **Fines of the Day**

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| Jim Small      | Neglected to bring his grandson to Lizards today despite Joel being ready and waiting for him.   |
| Matt Small     | Credit fine – seeing Joel's disappointment brought him here himself.   |
| Michael Morgan | Ducks on the pond. His wife was observed in North Turrumurra shopping centre when the Dobber was at the bottle shop purchasing extra beer. |
| Chris Mooney   | Did complain that only half of the olives served in our salad today had been pitted and stuffed.   |
| Geoff Wade     | Did walk around the golf course today making noises like the fog horn at North Head lighthouse. He explained that he had a slight cold.    |
| Garry Bird LM  | Was heard to say – “Look at all that sand in the bunker”.  |



## TODAY'S PLAY

### **Handicap Adjustments**

Garry Bird LM	-4	Gary Castle	1	Hartmut Schwarz	1
Dennis Castle	-1	Ian Massey	1	Jim Small	1
Michael Harrison	-1	Michael Moran	1	Geoffrey Wade	1
Peter Kiely	-1	Bob Paine	1	Geoff Warren	1
Michael Morgan	-1	Michael Porter	1	David Montgomery	2

### **Nearest the Pins**

Handicap of 19 or more	5 <sup>th</sup>
Handicap of 18 or less	11 <sup>th</sup>

### **Nearest the Pins - Second Shot**

Handicap of 19 or more	12 <sup>th</sup>
Handicap of 18 or less	10 <sup>th</sup>

### **Longest Drives**

Handicap of 19 or more	1 <sup>st</sup>
Handicap of 18 or less	1 <sup>st</sup>

## **NEXT MONTH**

Event: Foundation/Life Member's Day  
Tee Time: 8:05 am  
Caterer(s): Glenn Castle

## **TODAY**

8:05 am  
John O'Meara

Good Golfing and Good Luck  
Chris Mooney, Editor

