



## BRANCH NEWS

### NEWCASTLE

## AUSSIE STARS TEED OFF FOR THE TAVERNERS

Four former Australian internationals were among the field in another successful Golf Day at the beautiful Newcastle Club course in January this year.

Ex-Australian cricketers Rick McCosker, Bob "Dutchy" Holland and Graham Corling and former Wallaby, our Branch President, Professor Saxon White, all performed well and picked up prizes with their respective teams in the Ambrose Competition.

Graham again successfully teamed up with wife Christine, Newcastle's "Mr Music" Alan Ward and his wife June.

The main prize was taken out by a talented young team from the Belmont Golf Club, Nathan Nayler, Paul Fields and Matt Easton.

Once again, the family of our former National Chief Executive, the late Mr Keith Lewis, was well represented by his widow Baith, his sons David and Stephen, and two of his grandsons.

Also in the Sydney contingent were Taverners' stalwarts, Jock Cordner, who was NSW Branch Chairman for some years and Gordon Boyd. Both have been attending the golf day for more than 10 years.

The Branch again received great support from sponsors Tyrrells, McGuigans, Tamburlaine and Sobels Wines, Garry Dowling Real Estate and Club Professional, Jason Law.

Our thanks also go to Garry Dowling, John Duncan, Nick Sovacles, Trish and Paul Marjoribanks and Alan Squire for their support of the auction and to Lorraine Clifford for her sterling work with the raffle.

The Branch is planning a dinner to commemorate the birthday of the late Sir Donald Bradman in August as its next big event.

*Taverners enjoying the Newcastle Branch Golf Day.*



*Branch Chairman Vic Levi congratulates Corey Wright and NSW skipper Cameron Rosser.*

## IMPARJA HONOURS FOR SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Corey Wright, the winner of the Newcastle Taverners' Indigenous Scholarship for the past two years, was included in the elite Imparja Cup Honours Squad this year.

Corey, an outstanding batting all-rounder for the NSW team, made the Squad as a result of some fine performances in the Carnival at Alice Springs between February 11 and 16.

He scored a 51 n.o. in the 20-20 Section of the tournament and top scored with 36 in a 40 over match against Tasmania.

NSW failed to make the finals this year but Corey was also one of the bowling surprises with his off-breaks, taking four wickets in the match against Tassie.

Corey played his first Imparja Cup last year and played a major batting role to help NSW win the final against Queensland.

Queensland convincingly won this year's tournament making it four out of the last five.

The grandson of Maitland League legend Merv Wright, Corey lives at Maitland but travels to Sydney to play with Western Suburbs. He plays in the same first grade side as the new NSW wonder boy, 18 year old left hand batsman, Phillip Hughes.

Another local boy, 17 year old Tyson Jolly, of Karuah, made his debut at Imparja this year. Tyson, a leg spinner and hard hitting batsman, plays for the Charlestown Club in the Newcastle District Competition.

Nathan Price, an outstanding fast bowler from the Newcastle area, could not make the Carnival this year.





*Prof. Saxon White with Gordon and Kate Boyd*

## A RARE APPEARANCE ON CENTRE STAGE

Former stage and television singing star, Gordon Boyd, made a rare centre stage appearance these days when he received the Branch President's Award for the most significant contribution to the Newcastle Taverners.

President, Professor Saxon White, presented the award at the annual dinner at Newcastle Golf Club.

Gordon, who at one stage in a long career had his own Australian television show, has been taking part in the Branch's annual golf day since the event was first held 12 years ago. This year, he brought his wife, Kate, along for the first time to play in the 4-person Ambrose.

A close friend of the late Mr Keith Lewis, the former National Chief Executive of the Taverners, Gordon has only missed one Golf Day since the event began.

It is also significant that another stage and screen personality should play a role in the Branch's history.

The guest speaker at the founding of the Branch 15 years ago was well known Australian film and stage star John McCallum who was accompanied by his actress wife, Googie Withers.

And the Taverners world-wide owe their beginning to a group of actors and media people who used to meet at the Lord's Tavern on cricket days. They started the Lord's Taverners in the UK in 1949.



*Junior Taverners Andrew Kealy and Phoebe Rogers with Ken Clifford, Baith Lewis and Keith Lewis' daughter Janet.*

## TWO AWARDS TO GIRL SPINNER

A 14 year old girl cricketer from Wallsend won two prestigious Newcastle Lord's Taverners scholarships this year.

Phoebe Rogers, a batting all-rounder who bowls off spin, won the Keith Lewis Memorial Junior Taverner Scholarship and the Newcastle Taverners scholarship for a member of the Hunter Academy of Sport's elite cricket squad.

The other Junior Taverner scholarship went to Andrew Kealy, a 17 year old left arm fast bowler from Maitland.

The two Junior Taverner awards were presented by Keith Lewis's widow, Baith and his daughter, Janet, with the Executive Officer of the Hunter Academy of Sport, Mr Ken Clifford.

The Taverners' Hunter Academy of Sport Award for the Disabled went to 30 year old Corey Bull, of Wickham, a National Soccer for the Intellectually Disabled representative.

## TAVERNERS' GOLDEN OLDIES TOUR

A Newcastle Branch team led by former Australian spin bowler, Robert Holland, represented Lord's Taverners Australia at the World Golden Oldies Cricket Tournament at Queenstown, New Zealand, in March.

The Novocastrians, whose average age was around the 60-mark, began the tour in sensational form by convincingly defeating The Florida Dolphins, a team of ex-pat West Indians.

Man of the match was former school teacher and grade player, Ian Hodge, who top scored for the Newcastle "boys." But it was a great top spinner from Bobby Holland which turned the match when he clean bowled the opposing skipper and danger man.

Newcastle went down narrowly to Kiwi teams, the Hawkes Bay Hobblers and the Kaurie Stumpers in their other two games. All-rounders, Vic Cook and Professor John Fryer, were named our men of those matches.

More than 60 teams from seven countries competed in the carnival in unusually fine conditions and surrounded by magnificent scenery. The Newcastle team members and their wives spent an extra week touring the South Island. They are already planning to go to Harrogate, England, for the next Carnival.

The side played three other matches during the year, losing to a NSW Branch side at Barker College in Sydney, the Lindfield Lawyers at Mandalong and a Kenthurst team in a 20-20 match at Toronto.

*Below: The Florida Dolphins skipper congratulates Bob Holland after the Aussie team's win*

