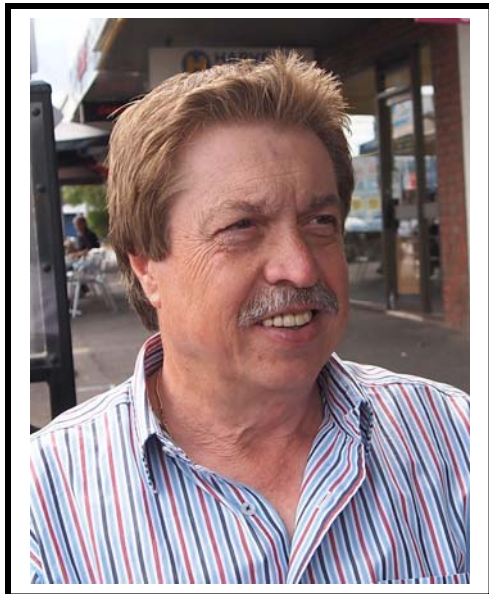


Italian Golf Association Melbourne



I.G.A. Newsletter

Making Golf more Fun



Member Profile

I.G.A. Captain

John Pallisco



At South Africa's Legends Golf and Safari Resort they have a very special Par 3, 19th hole. The tee box is located 1400 feet above the green. The 630 yard hole requires a helicopter to reach the tee box and it takes the ball some 30 second to reach the green below, that's assuming you hit the ball clean. The best news, if you get a Hole-in-One you get to collect a cool \$1,000,000 dollars for the effort. Beats getting your name on the clubs honor board.

John hails from Fondi and arrived in Melbourne in 1966 when he was 18 years just in time for the change to decimal currency. Having a hairdressing background he quickly established himself with Peter Jackson's in the Little Bourke Street store.

Those were the days when a good suit cost twenty pounds and a haircut was about one pound unless you had your hair cut by John in which case it would have been two pounds, one for him and one for Peter.

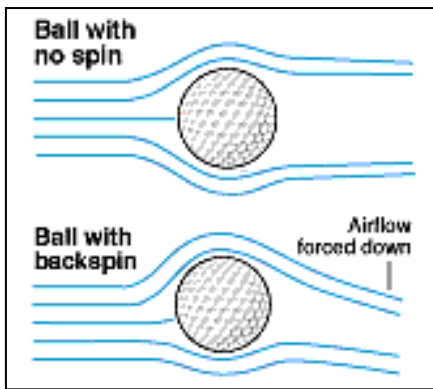
John was not happy in Melbourne and would have been on his way back to sunny Italy had it not been for his meeting with Lena. Two years later he was married and as they say "the rest is history".

In 1970 he started his own business and was making a fortune so he helped set up the Italian Golf Association in 1972 as a foundation member.

John has the distinction of being the IGA'S longest serving captain as well as steering the IGA ship to the success it enjoys today thanks to his passion for the game of golf. Many of the innovative aspects of the IGA have been thanks in part to John.

John's favorite course is Kingston Heath closely followed by Yarra Yarra although he has been a member at Northern since 1971. He has managed to go through some 36 putters in that time and got his handicap down to a very creditable 7 at one time, currently playing off 13 which is not bad for a guy of 63 years of age who has all his hair. Lena keeps him in order as does his two kids and grandchildren and what makes's him happy? Chinese Food, getting past the Ladies Tee and taking money off those stupid enough to bet with him on the Golf Course.





Have you ever thought?

Why are there dimples on Golf Balls when all they do is collect dirt?

The two main principles are to give the ball lift and reduce air resistance which results in longer distances and greater stability in shot trajectory. Without dimples the golf ball would only travel about one third the distance. So next time you are standing on the tee, have a good look at the dimple pattern on the ball you are using.

With around 85 million golf balls produced each year and that does not include the knock off brands, you can see the interest from golf ball manufacturers to explore the best designs and materials. Getting it right means a substantial profit as well as the brand reorganization. While the diameter and the overall parameters of the golf ball must conform to the rules of the Royal and Ancient, most golf balls have between 300 and 450 dimples.

It seems that 336 is the most common number used and ideally the dimples should be spread evenly across the surface. You will see that the dimples are not all the same since the task is to get the whole surface covered in dimples. Looking at some older golf balls you will see some with square dimples and some with irregular patterns. Technology improvements in materials and the ability to test in wind tunnels help to determine the performance of the Golf Ball. Of course you still have to hit it out of the middle of the club no matter what the dimple pattern.

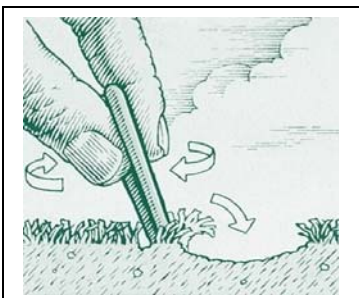
Rules

Last issue the answer to the question was... you must play the ball as it lies

Instead of recording his signature on the score card a competitor records his initials. Has he met with rule 6-6b?

Answer, yes he has

If your ball comes to rest on the edge of the hole you must approach the hole without delay and you are allowed to wait for 10 seconds. If the ball drops into the hole within this time it is classed as having been holed. If it falls into the hole after 10 seconds are up, it is also classed as holed... but you have to add a one (1) penalty stroke.



Repairing Pitch Marks on the Green

The correct method for repairing pitch marks according to the green keepers association is to insert the tool at the edge of the ball mark and push towards the centre of the depression using a gentle twisting action. Do not try push up the bottom of the depression as this will tear the roots and kill the grass. Then gently tap the grass with your putter back into shape.

The IGA encourages you to always repair your pitch mark and any others you see on the putting green...someone has to set the standard!!!!!!



Games Report

*Latrobe Golf Course was the venue for the **Tony Meden Trophy***

This was won by Anthony Murphy (God Bless the Irish) with 43 points.

A grade Vince Cirelli on 38 points, B grade Tony Costanzo 39 points and C grade Giuseppe Raudino with 41 points well done guys.



The Club Championship

This year our Club Championship was held at Rosebud Country Club and Ranfurlie/Amstal Club over the two days. We had 96 starters and of course Stroke always sorts out the good players. Livio Marrone collected the cigar

Gross Winners

A grade L Marrone B grade P Ronne C grade J Rosa

Nett Winners

A grade M Cellante B grade M Forte C grade T Renda

Rosebud

A grade L Marrone B grade P Ronne C grade T Scidone

Ranfurlie

A grade M Cellante B grade P Ronne C grade J Rosa

Sponsors for these two events were

*Livio and Massimo Cellante from
Vic Properties*

*Carlo Travaglini and Mario
Ciampa from*

Alepat Taylor





In the Bunker

*An agitated man dashed into the doctor's surgery
'What's wrong asked the doctor?
The man drops his trousers and revealed a tiny penis the size
of a jelly bean
The doctor burst out into uncontrollable laughter
It's nothing to laugh at complained the man
It's been swollen like that for the last three days!!!*

*Wife... Last year we gave mother a chair for Christmas
What should we do this year?
Husband.... Electrify it !!!!!*

*When Tony's wife died he was inconsolable.
He cried all through the funeral service, in the car
At the cemetery his whole body shook with sobs
Mario tried to cheer him up, Itsa not so bad Tony
I know itsa tough but in sixa-month you will find another
Beautiful signorina and getta married again.
Sixa-month says Tony
What I gonna do tonight !!!!!!!*

*You'd better pack; Joe told his wife "I just lost you in a poker
game"
How could you do such a thing? Says his startled wife.
Well it wasn't easy says Joe, I had to fold with four aces !!!!!*

Take Note.....

Our golf game at Kingston Links is Cancelled

***New Venue will be
Melton Valley Golf Club
Melton Valley Drive
Melton 03 9743 2590***

***Tee off time 8.45
White Shirt***

Something you should always remember. know your rules!!

***Tony and Mario are playing one day, on the
first hole Tony slices his ball into the adjoining
fairway. The ball hits another player right
between the eyes and he drops to the ground.***

***Mario and Tony rush over to the prostrate
mane to find him unconscious with the ball
lying between his legs. Oh my God what should
I do says Tony?***

***Mario says Don't move him. If you leave him
there he becomes an immovable obstruction
and according to the rules you are allowed to
drop two club lengths away !!!!!!!!***

What's coming up?

***Presentation Night Saturday 13th of
November. Which is heavily subsidized
by your club and as usual will be a
terrific night. No excuses you have to be
there.***

***Christmas Picnic yes it is almost
that time of the year again so you need
to book if you want your children or
grandchildren to meet with the big
fellow in the red suit***

Got something to say?

***Your newsletter is also your forum to post any
ideas, newsworthy items, announcements;
perhaps you have some golf clubs you need to
sell. All you have to do is Email.***

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The Interstate Challenge

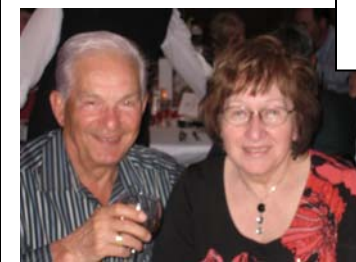
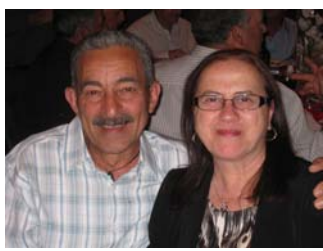
We sent forth a terrific team to clean up the trophy but sadly we returned empty handed. Rumor has it we played under Queensland Rules. You have to watch those banana benders in the future. Never mind guys according to the reports everyone had great time, leaving some money to assist the local economy was a noble gesture.



NSW Winning Team and Assistants

All the Presidents Men

<i>Muzio Cantarella</i>	<i>NSW</i>
<i>Maurice Forte</i>	<i>VIC</i>
<i>Bruno Battistella</i>	<i>SA</i>
<i>Lou Parolin</i>	<i>QLD</i>



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Eagle Ridge Golf Club

Spring Cup

We only managed to have 28 starters on what turned out to be a great day for golf

*Winning A Grade Matthew Hill 72 nett
And B Grade Tony Scidone with 69 nett*



*Sponsor on the Day
Hospitality Assist
Many thanks to Santo Marino*



Not sure if these three are golfers or enforcers, but they sure look a mean lot

Not a bad deal..

Noticed an advert from Portsea Golf Club with regards to memberships. Seems they are offering no joining fee from September 1 to December 1, 2010 to any potential new members giving a saving of \$1000 Anyone interested can contact them on 5984 3521

Golf is a game played by Human Beings. Therefore it is a game of mistakes. Successful Golfers know how to respond to mistakes

Dr. Bob Rotella

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A hangover is the wrath of grapes