

DOGGIE WOLFE MEMORIAL

Record field competed in annual event

A record 280 Brisbane golfers took part in the prestige E. "Doggie" Wolfe Memorial over a testing course at Gailes Club recently.

The open four ball competition was a popular win for Gailes stalwarts, Ken Jones and Frank Heenan, who scored 43 stableford points.

Runners-up were R. Hertrick and B. McCarthy, also of Gailes, with 42 points.

Teaming up for their first Doggie Wolfe Memorial, Jones and Heenan played good solid golf throughout the 18 holes.

The hard-driving Jones gave the best solo performance on the day when he eagled the fifth with a driver and two-iron.

The unsuspecting Jones said after the fifth: "I thought I had lost my ball."

Gailes professional, Jack Koogan, said the fifth hole was one of the most difficult on the course.

The competition has a colourful and interesting background.

CHAMPION AT 18

Ernie Wolfe, or more commonly known as Doggie Wolfe, was a keen young golfer who won the Gailes Club championship in 1939 when only 18 years old.

A big-boned man, Doggie Wolfe had to have special golf shoes made to fit his size 14 feet.

Unfortunately, Doggie was one of the 8888 Australians who did not return from Japanese prisoner-of-war camps. He was an inmate at Changi.

Fellow Changi prisoner and former Gailes club president, Dr. Clive Boyce, instigated the competition as a memorial to Doggie Wolfe in 1955.

(The inaugural competition was won by Jack Coogan and current club captain, Len Jones).

Dr. Boyce at 72 years of age, was the oldest player in the 1970 event. He has never missed a Doggie Wolfe Memorial.

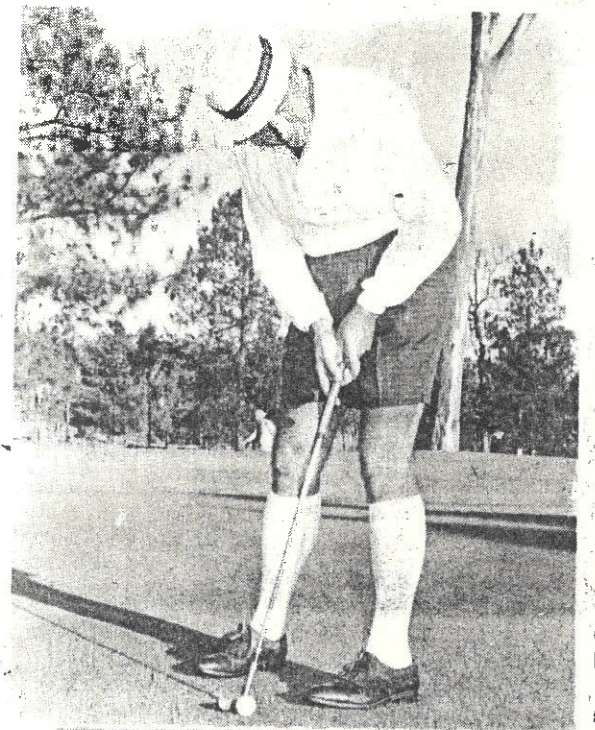
Doggie Wolfe's feat of driving pin high to the right of the 13th hole and driving to the road at the ninth has never been equalled said Dr. Boyce.

All proceeds from the memorial event go to the mentally ill through the Goodna RSL sub-branch.



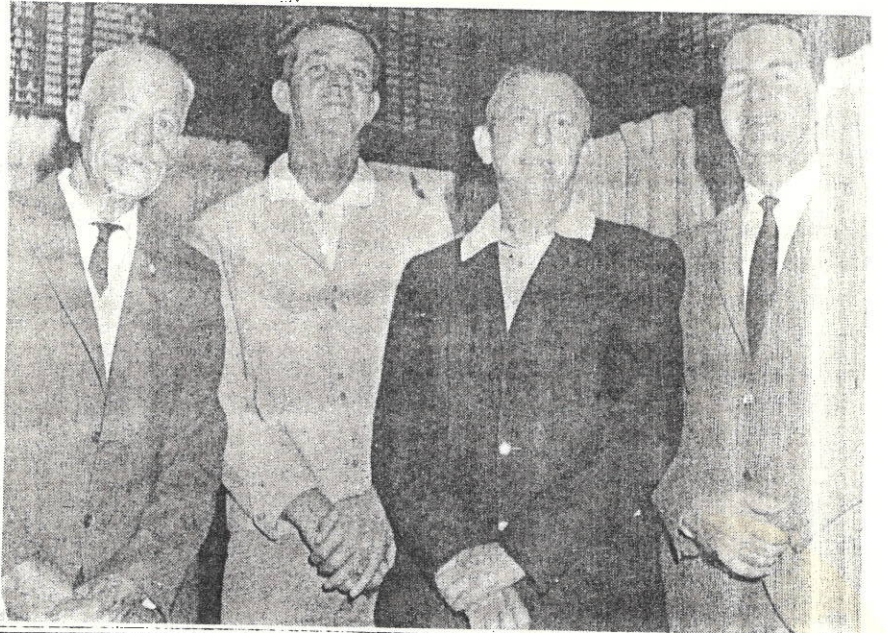
ABOVE: Former pennant player, E. J. Ingram.

BELOW: Playing his eight event was Tom Price.



ABOVE: Last year's Memorial winners, Doug Hertrick (putting) and Geoff Houghton, both of Gailes.

BELOW: Instigator of the Memorial, Dr. C. R. Boyce congratulates this year's winners, Ken Jones and Frank Heenan while Gailes club president, Dr. O. E. Orford, looks on.



A keen group of Gailes Club golfers returning to the clubhouse after 18 holes in the Doggie Wolfe Memorial. They are (l. to r.) Joe Dacey, a former World War II "Dambuster", Geoff Edwards, Len Jones (club captain) Gary Weston (juniors' captain) and Bill Pillsworth, manager of the RACQ.

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