



# SPALDING PARK

## GOLF CLUB



# HONORING THE PAST

## GRACING MELBOURNE'S GREENS

***In August 1992 four of our players had won the right to represent WA in the Spalding (Australia) National Club Teams Championship in Melbourne with all expenses paid. The Photo below shows (from left) team members Kevin Davies, Noel Jackson, Jim Stagg and Vince Knight receiving the trophy for the state section of the event. Noel Jackson provided the following report.***

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 1993 Vince Knight, Jim Stagg, Kevin Davies and myself left Geraldton bound for Melbourne for the final of the Spalding (Australia) National Teams Championship.

On arrival we were met by Australian Golf Union Representative, Simon Magdubki, who welcomed us to Melbourne and escorted us to our hotel on the other side of the city.

Our first look at Royal Melbourne Golf Club was on Friday afternoon when we played a Stableford round with AGU officials, Spalding (Australia) heads, and guests. Although this was deemed a practice round there were prizes and the winner was our own Vince ("Twinkle Toes") Knight with 36 points.

All players were issued with 6 "Top Flite Tour" balls but I lost four during the round and Kevin lost all six! This gives you some idea how difficult the course is with long rough (4-5 inch high thick grass right to the edge of the fairway) and very dense treelines.

The first round of competition was on Saturday morning and our best score (79 nett) was by Jim Stagg despite not feeling well – we think he picked up a bait! Jim also had our best score (76 Nett) in the second round on Sunday afternoon.

After the practice round on Friday it was obvious that the team with the

lowest handicap players stood the best chance of winning because they were more likely to keep the ball on the fairway.

This proved to be the case with Royal Queensland winning on a countback from Flagstaff Hill (SA with a score of 453. Our team finished fourth on 473.

Socially we acquitted ourselves very well with our new Spalding Park Shirts and navy blue Club Blazers attracting much favourable comment.

We were looked after like Royalty, staying at a 4 star hotel, having a barbecue on Friday night, a presentation dinner on Sunday night, and lunches each day. Overall there were no losers, only winners, and we had the opportunity to play on Royal Melbourne (rated among the best in Australia) and to meet and play with other golfers from all over

Australia.

Many friendships were formed and it was found that there are characters and bandits in all clubs.

I know there will be four golfers who will be trying their hardest when it comes time for the qualifying round this year.



***Kevin Davies, Noel Jackson, Jim Stagg and Vince Knight receiving a trophy for the state section of the event.***