Bench & Bar v Solicitors Golf Day

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On 24 January the annual Bench & Bar v Solicitors Golf Day returned to the recently revamped Many course after an absence of some years. Some described Manly as the ‘spiritual home’ of the event but for the Bench & Bar team it was a place where hopes of a victory again in 2013 (after winning in 2012 at Elanora) were left dead and buried. There was nothing ‘spiritual’ about it except the bonhomie and fun amongst all participants that the event never fails to generate.

The solicitors were the winners of the team event (7 games to 4) and thus gained the right to hold the Sir Leslie Herron mace (suitably engraved) until 2014.

Other results were as follows:

- Winners: 44 points – James Antonenas and David Sparks (solicitors)
- Runners up: 44 points – Phil Bannister and David Shannon (solicitors)
- 1st nine: 22 points – Judge Robert Toner and Col Heazlewood
- 2nd nine: 23 points – Chris Crawley and Glen Coyne

Because of an ‘administrative error’ there was no nearest to the pin or ‘longest drive’ awards this year. That will be remedied next year.

Judge Robert Toner SC (the captain of the Bench & Bar team for the day) graciously handed over the Sir Leslie Herron mace to the president of the Solicitors Golfing Society, Mr John Newnham and promised a return to glory for the Bench & Bar team in 2014.

Swimming

The Ground Floor Wentworth Gropers entered the 2013 Naiman Clarke Lawyers Challenge on 22 February 2013 and outshone teams from some of the leading law firms. The Gropers, comprising:

- Roland Matters
- Janet McDonald
- Anthony Kaufmann
- Bradley James
- Chris Peadon
- Roger Marshall
- Michael Bramble
- Christine Bailey
- Louise McBride

put in solid performances in every event, such as the mixed 500m freestyle relay, in which the Gropers took third place.

Combined team scores

| 1. Ground Floor Wentworth Gropers | 295 | 2. Bartier Perry Stingrays | 249 |
| 7. Corrs a Splash | 194 | 8. Swaab Attorneys | 159 |