



The winning team relaxes in the Impressive Limousines pink stretch Hummer.

Concierge by nature are a competitive lot so it was no surprise at all to see a big turnout for the second staging of the WHERE Magazine Les Clefs d'Or Annual Golf Day at Kogarah Golf Club. The event held on September 14th attracted a record field of 56 players and while most competitors could be best described as "social players" a few big hitters took to the course with gusto.

Conditions were ideal as players arrived at the southern Sydney course, but only minutes before tee time a strong southerly change swept over the links wreaking havoc with tee shots and sponsors' banners alike. Thankfully the weather improved during the course of the morning and by plays end we were once more reveling in a fine spring day.

At the end of the morning's play concierge and sponsors headed back into the city for a well deserved lunch at Italian Village, courtesy of our friends at the Dockside Group. The usual stories of missed putts, dodgy lies and near misses flowed freely, but the days bragging rights went to Drew Court of the Park Hyatt Sydney who almost aced the par three 5th hole thereby collecting a \$3,000 'nearest the pin' prize generously donated by Gary Coffey of Giulians.

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The winning score of four under par was shared by three groups but handicap honours went to the somewhat surprised team of Colin Toomey (Shangri-La Hotel), Jamie Costello (Costellos Opal Discovery Centre), Ian Jackson and Scott Sandoe (Crowne Plaza Darling Harbour). In accepting the trophy on behalf of the winning team Colin Toomey thanked the local concierge fraternity for their support of the event and acknowledged the efforts of Tony Ilbery of WHERE Magazine and Chris Trail from the Park Hyatt Sydney who did a wonderful job in putting it all together. Our thanks as well to the many sponsors involved. We look forward to inviting you all back next year for an even bigger and better day out on the green.

It is with great sadness we report the recent passing of our dear colleague and founding Les Clefs d'Or member Hartley Bennett. Along with Tony James, Alfred Jasinski and Tony Facciolo, Hartley was responsible for the Societies foundation in Australia and right up until recent times was still actively involved in our activities.

Hartley was an institution at the Sydney Hilton Hotel where he worked for decades only retiring a few years ago well into his 70s. As a great friend and mentor of many a young concierge, Hartley has left an indelible legacy

on the local hotel scene and his passing at the age of 84 will be sadly mourned by his many friends in the industry. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Eileen and his stepson Les as they deal with their sad loss.

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