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SECRETARY/MANAGERS

ERNEST A GILL 1927 – 1937

A former teacher at Brisbane Grammar School and later the founder and headmaster of Toowoomba Grammar Preparatory School, Ernest Gill was a talented all-round sportsman, representing Queensland in tennis, country cricket and golf. He won the Australian Amateur Golf Championship in 1906, making him the only Queensland golfer to capture a national title until 1946 when Norman von Nida won the Australian PGA Championship.

Ernest Gill became Indooroopilly's first full-time Secretary in 1927.



His son Budge caddied at the Club before becoming a junior member in 1931, going on to become Club Champion five times as well as Captain, President and life member.

In December 1937 the Club was stunned to hear news of the sudden death of their dedicated Secretary. The weekend competition was immediately cancelled. The following November the Governor, Sir Leslie Wilson, unveiled a special fountain memorial to Mr Gill and said it was "a great personal loss as well, as Ernie Gill usually partnered me in events at the Club".



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JOHN A ARMSTRONG 1937 - 1942 & 1944 – 1957

John Armstrong took over as Secretary and apart from three years' war service as an Army captain, was to steer the Club through two important decades. In 1953 he became the Club's first Secretary/Manager with widened responsibilities. After his death a half-way house at St Lucia was subsequently dedicated as a memorial to him.

ALBY WILLETT 1958 – 1982

In 1957 Alby Willett, a former captain, president and life member of Victoria Park Golf Club, became the next Secretary/Manager.

A fine 2 marker in his heyday, it was ironic that Alby had cost Indooroopilly a pennant title in 1954 when, playing in the final for Victoria Park, he defeated Bill Bowler from Indooroopilly in the deciding match on the 19th.

During his term at Indooroopilly Alby was the sole handicapper – he supported the theory that a correct handicap was something one could play to once every three to five rounds and was loath to let any new transferees to Indooroopilly from possibly less disciplined clubs get under his handicap guard and win an honour board event in their first few months at Indooroopilly. Alby retired after 25 years at the helm. He died in 1995.



Alby Willett at his desk



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PHIL BEATON 1983 – 1986



In 1983 Phil Beaton took over from Alby Willett, having been Assistant Secretary for the previous six years. A former Irish Schoolboys rugby representative, he played A grade rugby with Brisbane Wests.

JIM PHIPPS 1987 – 1991

Jim Phipps had been General Manager of Pymble Golf Club for 13 years and it was he who had initiated the exchange visits between the clubs back in 1979. A former Wallaby three-quarter, he represented Australia for seven years before a broken leg and a severe bout of hepatitis on a British Isles Tour ended his playing career in 1958. After four and a half years of service Jim resigned to oversee the development of a major golf resort in Thailand.



TONY KENT 1992 – 1999



Tony Kent was Secretary/Manager for eight years from 1992. Tony was a qualified accountant and Club member since the early 1980's. He had represented the Club in pennants and in 1983 he was defeated in the club championship final by 60 years old George Gunderson.



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ROBIN MILLS 2000 – 2001

Robyn Mills had held senior management positions at Royal Melbourne Golf Club before becoming General Manager at Indooroopilly in 2000.

ADRIAN EDGAR 2002 – 2003



Adrian Edgar had been General Manager of our reciprocal club, Glenelg Golf Club in South Australia, before coming to Indooroopilly as CEO.

NEIL WARD 2004 – 2005

Neil Ward had been General Manager of Killara Golf Club in Sydney for ten years before his appointment as CEO at Indooroopilly.



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DALE DURANT 2006 – 2011



Dale started work at Indooroopilly in 1994 in a part-time capacity whilst studying at University. He completed his marketing degree in 1997 and travelled extensively overseas before returning to employment at Indooroopilly in 1999.

He held various positions at the Club including Functions Supervisor, House Manager and Marketing Manager and was appointed CEO in 2006.

GARY COSIER 2012 – 2014

Gary spent 12 years in Indonesia, Japan and Morocco, working as the senior manager or consultant on the development and operations of golf courses in those countries.

On his return to Australia in 2006 he was General Manager of Macquarie Links in Sydney, North Lakes in Brisbane and The Glades on the Gold Coast.

Gary's early career saw him play 18 tests and 9 One Day Internationals for Australia and Sheffield Shield cricket for Victoria, South Australia and Queensland.



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MAURICE HOLLAND 2014 – 2017

Maurice Holland, originally from Ireland, was in the hotel and resort industry before taking on the role in 2014. Maurice had previously managed the former Hyatt Resort at Coolum, on the Sunshine Coast, for a period of 18 years.

Initially his role at the Club was a temporary assignment of three months, which extended to two and a half years.



STEVE LAMERTON 2017 - 2023

Steve was involved in the design, construction, opening and operational management of integrated golf developments around the world for 30 years. He worked as Director of Golf Projects for IMG in Europe and notably opened Noosa Springs and the iconic Greg Norman designed Nirwana Bali. Following six years at our reciprocal club Southport on the Gold Coast, Steve joined IGC in June 2017 to lead the operation through the retirement village development and integration of improved facilities.



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CHRISTIAN GILLOTT 2023 –

Christian is a former Indooroopilly junior (see Juniors section). He was Golf Manager of The Lakes Golf Club from 2010-13 and Assistant General Manager from 2013-17, followed by 5 years as General Manager of Newcastle Golf Club. He returned to Brisbane early in 2023 as Communication & Operations Manager of IGC and was appointed as CEO following the resignation of Steve Lamerton in October of that year.

