

Who's sorry now?

In last month's *Balance* Councillor Little cited "Who shot the Sheriff?" as the tune that best summarises her with "apologies to Chris Cox" (Sheriff of the Supreme Court).

Those apologies have been now withdrawn after Chris Cox, who also deputises as a Darwin City Council traffic inspector for the Supreme Court complex, issued Councillor Little with a parking infringement notice outside the court.

Dust up in the Dustbowl

Last month saw the inaugural DPP vs CAALAS ten pin bowling championships in Alice Springs at the Alice Springs Dustbowl.

Representing their respective teams was Glen "Kingpin" Dooley and Steven "Gutterball" Geary for the DPP and Stewie O'Connell and "Todd" Woodroffe for CAALAS.

After a first round win to the DPP lads there was a thrilling comeback by CAALAS to trounce the DPP by two rubbers to one.

Highlights included a triple strike by Stewart O'Connell.

A disappointed Glen Dooley presented the trophy to the CAALAS players who have vowed to hold it for many years to come.

Golf day victors

The young 'uns got the better of the barristers at the NTBA's 3rd Annual Quixotic Challenge Golf Day.

Law student Timothy Bradley (who summer clerks at Ward Keller) and Ward Keller's Christopher Booth were unavoidably a team of two when two of their colleagues could not make it at the last moment.

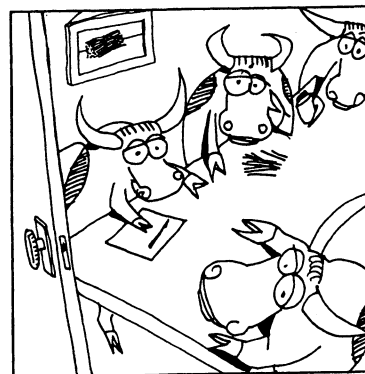
After some debate and a brief vote, the barristers determined it was okay to accept the lads' scores in the nine hole Ambrose.

Ultimately though, the winning score was determined by the roll of two huge fluffy(!) dice. Tim and Chris scored 10, which was then taken from their score. And even though the William Forster team scored the highest gross score, they didn't get there after their dice roll. Thus the lads won the perpetual trophy. See their victory photo on page 23.

Movers and Shakers

Chris Cox is the Director of Courts

The Muster Room



Administration from 28 October for six months. Peter Wilson is acting Sheriff.

John Lawrence is leaving James Muirhead Chambers for John Toohey Chambers.

Collette Dixon has left Hunt & Hunt and gone to the Commonwealth DPP. Charles Yuen is the chair of a new association called LawShield. His contact number is 8942 0682.

Admissions...

..to the Supreme Court in early October were: Fiona De Graaf, Roman Micairan and Helena Blundell.

Tax seminars: for LSNT members

The Territory legal profession will hear the latest about taxation issues in three exclusive workshops to be hosted by the Law Society of the Northern Territory and the Australian Taxation Office. The workshops – one in Alice Springs and two in Darwin – will take place in mid November.

CSA, from previous page

However, the Family Court makes a final determination of parentage where CSA does not.

If the application is properly made and the Registrar is satisfied that the liable parent is a parent of the child under one or more of the points above, then the application must be accepted and an assessment of child support issued.

In the next instalment the paper will look at conflicting evidence, and how parentage may be proved or a presumption challenged. ①

* Nigel Harden is a senior adviser at the Child Support Agency's Brisbane office.

The topics of the workshops have been presented interstate to other Law Societies and professional bodies and have been received well.

In Alice Springs, the ATO will present a workshop *Business Tax Reform and Rural Issues* on Tuesday 12 November, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

It will focus on issues for rural Australia including: Alienation of personal services income, non-commercial losses, sale of farmland, sale of a going concern and farm management deposits.

The venue for the workshop is to be advised.

In Darwin, the ATO will present two workshops.

The first, *Is supply of a going concern GST free?*, will be on Wednesday 13 November from 5.30pm.

"The ATO has published its views on when a business can be sold as a going concern and therefore be treated as a GST-free transaction," the ATO's Norman Kochanek said.

"The seminar will discuss the ATO's views as expressed in the Public Ruling and discuss members' concerns."

The second workshop, *Issues for primary producers, margin scheme and commercial premises (in addition, new residential premises)*, will be on Thursday 14 November from 5.30pm.

Both Darwin workshops will be at the Jury Muster Room, Supreme Court.

Those attending must register by COB Friday 1 November.

Registration forms and further information can be obtained from the Law Society on 89815104 or email lfonglim@lawsocnt.asn.au ①