

## Golf

The 1988 inter-unit competition was conducted in June at the Townsville Golf Club. The course was in excellent condition and the competition was played off the championship tees.

Two trophies were contested, the Handicap and the Scratch. Each unit team contained at least five players, the 2/4 RAR team found twelve available competitors. Our plan was to win by weight of numbers (you also have a better chance of someone getting lucky).

Each player completed three rounds, the best two of which counted, with the best five being submitted as the units total.

The battalion does not have many regular golfers and with our two best handicappers, Darren Chesney and Les Holmes away with the camels, the unit was not expected to do well, but alas, our planning had worked, the unit won the handicap trophy and placed 4th in the scratch event, an excellent effort from a group of hackers.

Les Lindgren played well and was selected for inter-service. Good performances came from Wally "have you seen a yellow hot dot" Miller, Brian Grace, Zac Brown and Peter Haynes. Paul Smith and Sgt. Jansen had more excuses than a one armed violin player and Wayne Tait found another sport you could play on a chit. Most of the lads are still trying to work out how Ron Baumgart hits the ball at all. Thanks guys, winners are grinners.

## Basketball

The 1988 Basketball season started with the Battalion fielding a small but enthusiastic team. Although we had a nucleus of skilful players, basketball is a team sport and games are rarely won by individuals.

Training sessions started well with good turnouts but disrupted by other unit work and sports commitments. Preparation was not ideal but never the less the team fronted for every game with mixed success. At times, we beat the best teams in the competition and then lost to the worst. Every player did their best in every game and we made it to the final series only to be knocked out in the first game.

I encourage anyone who is interested to front up for a game next year, so we can give the competition a real shake.

Once again, thanks for the effort put in by all players this year and see you next season.



Sgt Harrison practicing his public speaking



Cpl Louie



Pte Crake



Cpl Haynes