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AFP United

Eastern Region's new soccer team boasts a player who was once an apprentice player with top English club, Watford.

The team plays under the auspices of the Lakemba District in Sydney's Central District All-age competition.

Mid-fielder Phil McNeice, the former Watford apprentice, helped to pay his way through Wollongong Teachers' College as a professional soccer player before joining the AFP.

Another welcome recruit is Greg Preston (Organised Crime), who has played for Newcastle (NSW) first grade competition teams.

The team is captained by Kel Daniels (Admiralty House). Manager is Bill Williams (Family Law) who reports that "at 48, I still manage to turn out and stay the distance!"



BASKETBALL

Calling all AFP basketballers. The side needs you for the 1985 Police Basketball Championships in Brisbane.

Last year, the AFP competed in the championships in Darwin. Although the girls didn't win a game they were not disgraced.

This time their ambition is to improve their performance dramatically — and they will if team captain Sue Anderson has anything to do with it.

Sue has launched an appeal to police-women around Australia interested in competing to contact her in Canberra on (062) 497444.

"The nucleus of the team may come from Canberra as we already have a team competing in one of the regular Canberra women's basketball competitions," Sue said. "But we want to try and get the strongest possible AFP team.

"There must be a number of police-women with considerable experience who may want to join us in Brisbane. Although we can have only five players

on the court at the one time, we can register 10 players for each team.

"As the national championship is a week-long competition, invariably all of those players are needed," she said.

The championships begin on 10 November.

AFP members must compete in their own time and at their own expense.



GOLF

An 18-hole charity golf match held at Morisset Golf Course, Newcastle, raised \$3,295 for a local charity.

The match was organised by members of the AFP's Newcastle Station under the auspices of the Eastern Region Sports and Social Club.

The day attracted a field of 146 competitors who played for a total of 44 donated trophies ranging from bottles of whisky to a television set.

The takings were subsequently donated to the Hunter and Northern Kidney Association, the cause selected for the day.

The match was followed by a dinner and trophy presentation by Assistant Commissioner Ray McCabe, Commander Eastern Region.

On previous occasions, charities from Newcastle's golf day were the New Deal Association for handicapped people between 18 and 25, and the NBN3 Cancer Telethon Appeal.

It is hoped this function will continue as a worthwhile annual event.



CYPRUS

AFP Cyprus contingent member Senior Sergeant Ian Pine showed his top driving skills recently when he finished best driver in the 1985 UN Force in Cyprus Safe and Skilled Driving Competitions.

Senior Sergeant Pine was presented with the Special Astra Prize for the best

overall individual driver in the competition and the prize for the Best Individual Driver Light Class.

The AFP team making up AUSTCIV-POL also took out the Light Vehicle Trophy. The team was described as having put on an outstanding performance in the light class and an impressive and competent performance in the heavy class.

A total of 18 teams — 9 in each of the light and heavy transport classes — took part in the competition in which drivers had to go through a demanding series of manoeuvring tests, putting their vehicles through a tight test track. The best team was from the Austrian Contingent.



RECRUITS' SALVO HITS TARGET

AFP recruits — nearly 70 of them — were out in force in Canberra recently to aid the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal.

With Sergeants Rob Biggins and John Davidson they covered Canberra's North and Southside suburbs throughout the appeal day — Sunday, July 7.

And the result? A whopping collection of \$100 each recruit — which was, incidentally, several times higher than the average achieved by other collectors.

"AFP recruits made a marvellous contribution to the day," said ACT Salvation Army Appeal Director, Captain Ray Proud.

"They were well dressed and we have received nothing but praise about their presentation. Without them we just couldn't have covered the suburbs we did.

"The results speak for themselves. We set a doorknock target of \$94,000. We bettered that target — considerably," said Captain Proud.

"I can only conclude that the Salvation Army is immensely grateful for their help."