

but it just did not kick. I must say it is most disappointing," he said.

"We had good support from the sporting bodies and competitors, but the general public did not want to lend its support."

But Kropp said some good had been recorded as the result of the two previous games.

"A number of the sporting associations intend to go ahead with the special annual events they had arranged to be part of the games," he said.

David Smith, who is the Sunshine Coast captain.

Smith has graduated through the schoolboy ranks and has had a most impressive season.

The best back award was scored by Nambour five-eighth Peter Kerr, while the best forward award went to Kawana No 8 Trent Hammill, who is only 16.

Guest speaker at the evening was Wallaby second-rower Rod McCall, who represented Australia on the recent South African tour.

## IMPROVE YOUR GOLF

■ Soft lob pitch shots are shot savers and easily played if the approach is kept simple.

Start with a light grip and allow the club to move back and through in time with a smooth chest turn.

The legs play a very passive role and the power needed is developed through chest rotation.

A constant rhythm is needed to help develop correct judgment. A slowly paced long swing will create the soft lob you are aiming for. The hands always move in tune with the chest rotation.

— MARK GIBSON, Caloundra Golf Club

# Ithaca added surf later

By NEIL MELLOY

Frank Venning, who came to Australia in 1899 and set up lifesaving in Perth.

He later returned home to represent his country as a diver in the 1908 London Olympic Games.

But in that same year in migrated to Brisbane and was instrumental in setting up clubs as far north as Cairns.

Mr Venning was lessee of the Ithaca swimming pool in Caxton St, Brisbane, for many years.

Many parts of Brisbane were known as Ithaca because the wife of Queensland's first governor was born on the Greek island of Ithaca.

In 1949 at the Ithaca baths, the Ithaca Life Saving Club was formed but it was not until eight years later that the club began to use Bulcock Beach.

"Ithaca was originally an all-girl club," Mr Rayner writes.

"Its first club house was a tent and then an old house near the site of the present Caloundra Coast Guard headquarters.

THIS month marks the beginning of the season for the Ithaca Bulcock Beach Life Saving Club — a club with a history which differs from most.

Its members protect swimmers at Caloundra, but it is not really a Coast club at all — and it started as an all-girls club.

Caloundra resident John Rayner has been chronicling the history of the club which dates back to 1949.

The history of the club can be directly traced back to Britain in 1891.

In that year the Swimmers Life Saving Society, which quickly became known as just the Life Saving Society, was formed.

Its aim was to save lives by teaching people how to swim and learn methods of rescue and resuscitation.

To do this the society formed a group of six men, who toured the British Isles teaching their techniques to schools, police and other similar bodies.

One of those six men was

of 648, has previously represented the Sunshine Coast in competition play.

Title defender Craig Strid, of Maroochydoore, is not normally a tournament player and sticks to league bowling.

Heading the challenge for his crown, with a score of 726, is Alan Hollis, of Mooloolaba.

Hollis is a relative newcomer to the Sunshine Coast and this is his first major tournament.

Brendan Lillingstone, another first timer, is placed second with 695. He represents Buderim.

Poised third on 686 is Maroochydoore's Charlie Palmer, an experienced tournament performer, who recently competed in the World Cup series at Melbourne.

Darryl Butner, of Nambour, has registered a 676. Butner is one of the top local competitors, but he does not often appear in tournaments.

Of the other entrants Phil Holden, of Buderim, has 675 in his first big event.