

President's Report

The club has had another successful year with new members increasing (over 560 at the end of October) and more green fee players. With our visitor numbers well up on last year.

We did have a very slow month when four Saturdays in a row had to be cancelled due to the weather events that hit the region in June and July. The course was closed for a significant period of time due to water inundation. However some play was possible due to a lot of pumping and the drainage work that has been done over the last few years. We also had arguably our largest working bee with over 50 volunteer members who showed the true spirit of our club. Armed with blowers and leaf rakes, they helped to clear all the debris that had covered most of the course. Thank you to Shona Johnson for organising this.

One of our biggest task we have been faced with this year was the rewriting of the club constitution for re-registration under the new Incorporated Societies Act. Over a number of months the team led by Jon Gammon and Chris McGeown produced a document that should put the club in a good position for the foreseeable future. The rewrite included a modification to our Governance structure which will take effect at the conclusion of this meeting.

We have a couple of committee members standing down this year after serving on committees for some years.

Donna Mitchell has been on the match committee for a number of years and has done a wonderful job in running all of our tournaments very successfully for the club. Big thanks.

Mike Inwood has helped on the match committee as well and has also been involved in the running of our major tournaments, Big thanks.

Darryl (Stan) Graham has served on many committees for the club over the last 25 years. He has been the club captain for several of the last years and due to the new constitution, he will be the last. Stan would be our longest standing committee member and has worked with the juniors over some years. Its members like Stan that have got the club in the great position it is today, so on behalf of the club a very big thanks for all your services over many years.

Emily Smolenski has served as our secretary for 13 years and was wanting to finish up but will stay on until we find a replacement for her; she is happy to give the new secretary guidance into the role.

Emily has been a great asset for the club over the years as secretary and has successfully run the summer twilight series for many years as well.

On a personal note, when I first started my role as president she helped me work my way into the job and as I have said many times I would have struggled without her help.

There are others in the club she has helped out. Thanks Emily for all your great work, we really do appreciate what you have done for the club.

Please ask around to see if someone would like to take on the secretary role; it doesn't have to be a member of the club.

Jenny our long time caterer left at the beginning of the year, and we now have Melissa in the kitchen helping Dave and Linda in the bar as well. Welcome to the club Melissa.

A huge thanks to all the volunteers that help out all year round. Having you do what you do means the green keepers and house staff can do the specialised work that they are employed for.

You will have noticed our loyal band of woodies working every Monday and Thursday doing a wonderful job keeping the course tidy, from cutting down trees to fixing all the fallen branches and splitting firewood.

They are always looking for new recruits so if you think you might be of help just have a chat to Pete Johnson.

Our sponsors are a vital part of the club and I ask you to support them when you can as they support our club.

Happy golfing and have a great year