



CAPTAIN'S REPORT – 2015/16

This year has been a particularly difficult one for me personally. As a result I have decided not to nominate for an additional term as Captain. This report will complete twelve most enjoyable years as I reflect on my years as Captain of Gosford Golf Club. I have served on the Board with many remarkable people, all with the best interests of our club at heart. I believe that our golf course has made significant improvements over this time. At no stage do I claim responsibility for any improvements, I simply make the point that the various Committees over the past twelve years have all worked tirelessly and have made significant improvements to our course, especially in the areas of drainage and irrigation, and the quality of the greens that are presented from week to week for us to play on. I do congratulate our green keeper David Nicholls for his diligence and the skill that he demonstrates in his job. Our course began a remarkable recovery from the first day he arrived. Well done David.

The best part of being Captain of this club is the members. I have had wonderful support from the members throughout the past years, Not everyone enjoyed the answers I gave them to their enquiries, however I was always treated with respect and I thank you all for that. I have made many wonderful friends at this club and trust that I will make many more into the future as our numbers grow.

Over the past year there has been many members who have made significant contributions to the success we are now enjoying.

Our new President Paul Scholberg and Greg Harrison who between them have managed the club into a very secure financial position. Thank you gentlemen.

To Shay and his team in the kitchen who have turned the quality of the food around well done. If you haven't had a meal at GGC recently you are missing out on quality and value.

Scott Cubis and his crew in the Pro-Sop provide a valuable service to our members, nothing is too much trouble for them, and they can usually get merchandise needed at a very competitive price. Thank you all.

Di Beechey is our handicapper and is doing a marvelous job, always approachable and friendly towards members. Thank you Di, and also thank you to Caroline Buttsworth who has been assisting Di recently and is learning the handicapper's duties diligently.

We have had a significant number of new members join over the past year. To all these people a warm welcome to GGC. Thank you for choosing our club. It takes a while for me to get to know everyone so please, if you get the opportunity come up to me and introduce yourself, I am only too pleased to chat with you and get to know more of our members.

Gosford Golf Club is blessed with many outstanding members, and a hard working and diligent team of employees, whose combined efforts has made the past year a very successful one.

As usual I must thank numerous people for their efforts throughout the year.

Firstly to all members who play regularly, and support the club in both golfing activities, and socially, thank you for your continued support.

To those who assist so capably in the day to day functioning of the club and golfing activities a sincere thank you.

These include :

The bar staff (every successful golf club has an outstanding bar staff)

David Nicholls and his course staff who have worked tirelessly on our greens (how good are they??) and the general maintenance of our course, not to mention the ongoing irrigation and drainage work which continues to make our course much more playable and enjoyable.

Col Matterson and Graeme Kingsmill Clyde Cruickshanks and Paul Scholberg who regularly assist with course marking, and Martin Gallagher who very capably maintains the hazard and other stakes on our course.

The volunteer group **F Troop** capably led by Peter and Jan Martin continues to make a significant difference to the golf course. Improvements to pathways, gardens, and course appearance are ongoing. If anyone would like to assist F Troop: 7.30am Monday mornings at the green keeper's shed. You will be most welcome, will enjoy yourself and make new friends.

I would like to thank those members who assist the Special Olympics golfers of a Tuesday afternoon during daylight saving. Led by Richard Massey these members have provided a community service which has reflected very favourably on Gosford Golf Club. Well done Richard and all the helpers. Anyone interested in assisting these young people please see me for details.

Thanks to my wife Anne who sadly passed away earlier in the year. She was forever so patient and tolerant of my numerous absences on golfing and club matters. I am missing her terribly.

Men's Championship 2015

A Grade : Matt Snelson
A Reserve : Graeme Wright
B Grade : Dave Mundy
C Grade : Mitchell Bonnett
Senior : Col Matterson
Junior : Curtis Larnach

Men's Match Play Championship 2016

A Grade : Glen Giddings
B Grade : Lane Russell
C Grade : Mick Prince

Men's Foursomes Championship 2015

Div 1 : Matt Snelson & Dan Snelson
Div 2 : Insufficient starters for two divisions

Mixed Foursomes Championship 2015 & 2016

Steve Thomlinson & Dianne Thomlinson

Gosford Junior Classic 2016: Not held

Mixed Team Series 2015

Team Series Winners : Jan & Elly Vandenberg, Kevin O'Brien & Lorraine Bignall
Men's Series Winner : Kevin O'Brien
Ladies' Series Winner : Annette Cross

Gosford Open Amateur 2015: Keiran Jones (Shelly Beach)

Orange Bowl 2015: SHELLY BEACH: Ryan Edwards, Jack Milne, Keiran Jones, Jake Kable

Naggers Cup 2015: Peter & Jan Martin

Gosford Pro-Am: Not held

Medal of Medals Winner 2016: Paul Davies

Congratulations to all our champions and to all those who participated in each event.

My sincere thanks to Graham Chee who has been a marvelous help to me over this year, and preceding years. Graham has displayed a keen interest in the Pennant Series conducted by the CCDGA and the Masters Pennant. Graham has also attended the District meetings representing our club and ensuring our opinions were heard. Well done Graham. Graham has written the following brief account of activities held at district level.

Mens representative season.

Gosford fielded teams in A B and C grade in the CCDGA pennant series. All teams performed well but were not good enough to reach the pennant playoff series. A grade finished 4th in their division, B Grade finished second and C grade finished third.

In the Masters pennant series in the last match and virtual divisional final as both teams were undefeated we were defeated by Wyong who reached the NSW playoffs.

Gosford fielded two teams in the Super Seniors both teams performed well but were unable to reach the divisional playoffs.

In junior representative golf for CCDGA we had one representative being Curtis Larnach

Super Senior Pennants

Sincere thanks to Martin Gallagher who has organised our teams in this event. Martin has also gain election to the Super Senior Match Committee and is working tirelessly to ensure that this competition continues to grow. Well done Martin.

Eric Apperly Shield 2014

We were unable to field a team in this competition this year.

Junior Golf 2015

Scott Cubis and his staff are grooming our young players into a group who are showing aptitude and enjoyment of the game. Scott Cubis has written the following report regarding junior development activities throughout the year:

The Friday afternoon junior clinic has been averaging 10 kids each week with ages ranging from 7 years up to 15 years old. Jemison Fitzgerald and Riley Millers are the stand outs as they have been regularly playing and winning our members comps and are now down to 21 and 31 respectively which is great considering Jemison is 12 and Riley is only 10 years of age. Unfortunately we couldn't field an Eric Apperly or Junior pennant side again this year but we are looking good to put in an Encourage Shield side for early next year. Curtis Larnach was our sole District representative when he travelled to Patterson to meet Hunter River DGA for the coveted Artie Mollett trophy on the 24th April.

District Representation 2015 Our member Curtis Larnach gained selection in CCDGA junior team this year. Well done Curtis.

Thank you all for a very successful golfing year.
Mark Stimpson – club Captain

