

PRESIDENTS REPORT

In every way it can be evaluated 2014-15 has been a super year for us, with all contributory factors

working in our favor. Such as: (not in any priority order)

- * Course presentation by Brian Cox and his team
- * An excellent conscientious hard working Committee
- Our Membership which has increased to 175 and averaging 60 playing Members each Monday.

The main reasons for this can be attributed to:

- (A) More golfers want to play here
- (B) More people retiring from the work force earlier, including M.G.C. Golf Club Members, wanting to join "The Vets". Plus our older Vets are still playing well into their "80s".
- (C) The M.G.C.'s reputation of being a very friendly club is being increasingly recognised.

OUR SPECIFIC EVENTS OF THIS YEAR

1. Our Vets Open Day in June with 189 players from other Northern Rivers Clubs. A wonderful team effort from ALL Vets Members and Ladies Marshalling the tees, bunkers and fairways. We were told it couldn't be done to have 189 players complete the course, including lunch, on the shortest day of the year. Of course they were wrong.

2. Our Vets Week of Golf in July.

A highly successful week and lots of praise to our Subcommittee, Rob Bradford (Tournament Director), Ray Kent and Gary Hughes. Once again we extend our thanks to all our Members and the Ladies assisting as they did on our Open Day In June.

The feedback we received from participants was unanimously positive for both events with comments such as: Great Course, Excellent Organization, Friendly Atmosphere, We will be back.

Sub-Committee has already started a list of possible improvements to our performance for next year. Important to note that our price for participants is up near the top in comparison with all other "Weeks of Golf" in N.S.W. so we must continue to keep improving our performance.

One factor we had no control over for both these events was the weather. It was superb. (Our spiritual liaison officer excelled.)

3. Our subsidized trips away for Members.

(a) Tenterfield in March. Once again our Touring Vets Captain Col Hulme organized a brilliant 3 days for golf, accommodation and food.

(b) Our one day trip to "The Glades" in November. Many thanks to our Captain Ray, and we are doing it again next month.

4. Our Christmas Party in December which is our major contribution to our Members each year.

5. Our contribution to the Golf Club.

(a) Three "Working Bees" with between 12 and 20 of our Members "top dressing" the irrigation pipe trenches.

(b) Completion of the toilet block adjacent to the fifth tee.

(c) Supplying seating and tables for the new area outside the Golf Shop.

(d) Providing some financial assistance to the cost of the new irrigation system.

(e) Upgrading the Golf Club computer system, which means that our financial contribution to the Golf Club this year was over \$10,000:00

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all Members of the Vets plus the Golf Club Management for supporting me and our Committee over the past year.

R.C. (Bob) Green Honorary President