

MEN'S CAPTAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017

2017 HAS BEEN A BUSY, EVENTFUL AND QUITE INTERESTING YEAR. ON BALANCE IT HAS BEEN A SUCCESS AND A LOT OF FUN. WE TRIED TO BE INNOVATIVE WITH SOME NEW EVENTS AND REVIVED AN OLD ONE.

THE WEATHER PLAYED ITS PART WITH A VERY LONG DRY PERIOD THAT EVENTUALLY REQUIRED TEE UP TO BE INTRODUCED. HARDLY A COMPETITION DAY WAS LOST TO BAD WEATHER. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR GOOD HUMOUR AND SPIRIT DURING THAT PERIOD WHEN THE COURSE WAS FAR FROM AT IT'S BEST.

THE INTENTION OF THE MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE IS TO TRY AND MAKE PLAYING COMPETITION GOLF AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL MEMBERS. I BELIEVE WE HAVE GONE A LONG WAY TO ACHIEVING THAT THIS YEAR. THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN SATURDAY COMPETITIONS WAS TRENDING DOWNWARD BUT I AM DELIGHTED TO REPORT THINGS ARE ON THE UP AGAIN. RECENT MEN'S FIELDS HAVE NUDGED THE 80 MARK AND WITH ANOTHER 20-25 WOMEN PLAYING SATURDAYS YOU CAN SEE THINGS ARE LOOKING ROSEY. SPECIAL EVENT DAYS LIKE THE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH DAY, THE PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS DAY, AND THE COOROY OPEN DAYS, BOTH MEN'S AND WOMENS, AND THE OPENING AND CLOSING DAYS, DREW NEARER 120 PLAYERS. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

TO KEEP EVERYONE IN THE GAME EVEN IF THEY WERE HAVING A POOR DAY INDIVIDUALLY WE OFTEN RAN A FOURBALL EVENT IN CONJUNCTION. I THINK YOU ARE GETTING THE HANG OF THAT. THERE WAS A FOURBALL TOURNAMENT IN JANUARY OVER A FEW WEEKS SPONSORED BY ANDY STEWART AND HIS SON DREW (MY SPARKIE). THE 'FEATURE GROUP' SPONSORED THE GOLDEN EGG IN APRIL. THANK YOU PHIL, DAVE, GEORGE AND THE THIN MAN. THE ANZAC DAY PAR THREE TOURNAMENT WAS A MAJOR SUCCESS. PERHAPS WE COULD GET PERMANENT PAR THREE TEES SET UP ON EVERY HOLE ON THE COURSE, THEN WE COULD STAGE SUCH EVENTS MORE EASILY AND ON SHORTER NOTICE. THE 9 O'CLOCKERS SPONSORED A SATURDAY. THANK YOU PETER P, PETER O', MARK, KELVIN, CAMPO AND WAYNE. THE COOROY MEN'S OPEN WAS A MASSIVE SUCCESS WITH ONLINE REGISTRATION SECURING THE EVENT WAS BOOKED OUT 3 WEEKS IN ADVANCE. THANK YOU TO THE EVENT COMMITTEE SPECIALLY FORMED TO RUN THE TOURNAMENT AND ESPECIALLY SPONSORS LIKE JEFF MCDONALD FINANCE, IGA COOROY AND POMONA, COOROY HOTEL, TITLEIST AND COOPERS. THE MIXED FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP WAS REVIVED AND A GREAT DAY ENJOYED BY ALL. GRATHAM LEATHERBARROW SPONSORED THAT - THANKS GRATHAM AND 44 MEMBERS PARTICIPATED. THAT WAS A VERY GOOD TURN OUT FOR A MIXED EVENT AND I EXPECT THERE WILL BE MORE NEXT YEAR.

LESTER BONNELL AND HIS SUNDAY SOCIAL CLUB SPONSORED MORE THAN ONCE. LESTER LOVES AN EVENT ESPECIALLY IF SOME FUN IS INVOLVED AND JUST A LITTLE IMBIBING. THANKS MATE, YOUR SUPPORT IS TRULY APPRECIATED.

IF YOU HAVE A REGULAR GROUP YOU PLAY WITH PLEASE CONSIDER STUMPING UP, SAY, \$100 BETWEEN YOU TO SPONSOR A SATURDAY COMP. IT'S VERY REWARDING AND YOU MAY HAVE AN INTERESTING IDEA ON WHAT SORT OF COMP YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAY.

MANY THANKS TO THE HALLS WHO SPONSOR THE SEW DIRECT DAY EVERY YEAR.

EVENTS DON'T JUST HAPPEN. A GREAT DEAL GOES ON BEHIND THE SCENES. LOTS OF ADMIN, LOTS OF INPUT. MY THANKS TO ROD BOOTH WHO HAS DRAGGED ME KICKING AND SCREAMING INTO THE CYBER

WORLD. YOUR CONTINUED PASSION FOR 'DOING THINGS PROPERLY IF YOU ARE GOING TO DO IT AT ALL' HAS BEEN INSPIRING (I WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GET A SEVERE SLAP ON THE WRISTS FOR DOING THIS ENTIRE REPORT IN UPPER CASE - SORRY MATE!). THANKS TO WENDY MORSE AND ANDREW CAMPION WHO ARE DOING SUPER WORK WITH ROD TO PUT THE ENTIRE 2018 PROGRAM ON THE WEBSITE. THE DETAIL THERE IS QUITE AMAZING AND MUCH MORE INFORMATIVE THAN THE OLD BOOK COULD BE.

MY THANKS TO THE MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE: KEVIN STEVENS, BRENT JESBERG, GARY DAYMAN, PETER FRYER AND ANDY STEWART. WE ARE A WORK IN PROGRESS SO DON'T JUDGE US TOO HARSHLY AT THIS STAGE. WE HAVE YOUR INTERESTS AT HEART.

THE PLAYER OF THE YEAR IS OUR PREMIER AWARD AND IS ANNOUNCED ON CHRISTMAS SHIELD DAY. AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF WORK GOES INTO COLLATING ALL THE POINTS ACCUMULATED DURING THE YEAR ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA SET DOWN. IT REWARDS CONSISTENCY AND COMPETENCE TO PLAY TO YOUR HANDICAP ON A REGULAR BASIS. MY THANKS TO KELVIN BRITTAIN FOR THE HOURS OF COMPUTER WORK HE HAS PUT IN TO KEEPING THE P.O.T.Y POINTS UP TO DATE.

THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WORK TIRELESSLY TO MAKE EACH WEEKEND, EACH SPECIAL EVENT AND EACH CELEBRATION DAY GO OFF SMOOTHLY. THEY ARE NOT MATCH COMMITTEE PEOPLE THEY ARE JUST FOLKS WHO SAY 'YES' EVERY TIME I SEEK THEIR HELP. YOU HAVE SEEN THEM COLLECTING FEES ON SHOTGUN START DAYS AND HELPING WITH RESULTS. THEY DO LOTS OF OTHER STUFF TOO....SO A BIG, VERY BIG, THANK YOU TO CAROLE, COLLEEN, SUE, LYN, ASUNTA, SONIA, SARAH, TERRI & JOHN, CARMEL, WENDY, CAMPO, KELVIN, RON, BRETT, NICK, RAY AND ANYONE I MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN.

YOURS, CYRIL TRIST.