

President's Report

Dear Members

This has been a year of enormous challenges, and I have watched as our Chairman and his committees worked through these.

Our manager Terry joined us last September – she has proved to be extremely hard working and her skills in the hospitality industry are showing benefits in the profitability of the club.

Sadly, two well-liked staff members, Kathy Macilquham and Karen Pugh, left the club after several years' service. Bob Johnston remains as the sole survivor of that group and is doing a sterling job.

Mark Goodwin, the son of Pauline Goodwin, made a generous offer to build precast concrete storage bins for the greens shed complex. These are now completed and in use. This installation is valued at many thousands of dollars, and is a real asset to the club. We are very grateful to Mr Goodwin's company, Riverside Developments, for this construction.

A memorial fountain to Pauline has been installed on the path to the 7th tee.

The Management Committee decided it was time to renovate the car park and driveway. A major fundraising effort was undertaken, and the resultant \$26,000.00 is in the bank, awaiting the contractor. We are now able to say that the Contract is ready for signing, and weather permitting will be completed before Xmas.

The Kevin Crombie Memorial Tournament and the Two-Day Matchplay Tournament were two of the best fundraisers, along with a major cash raffle. Members also made generous donations and all the playing groups within the club contributed. The Friday Men's Group started the ball rolling with \$7000 and will provide top-up finance to complete the job.

Various groups have provided finances for redecorating the clubhouse interior. The success of that operation was largely due to the tenacity and hard work of Len Ludlam and his helpers.

While most of us within the club are witness to the never ending search for new members and funding, I have been lucky to receive lots of positive feedback from visitors, who say that our course is well presented and a pleasure to play on.

Jamie, Wally and Stu, along with the Wednesday Volunteers and the Gardeners, are the ones to thanks for that!

Two ex golfers, Keith McLeavey & Colin Mowbray, need a special vote of thanks. These two guys, no longer members, are here week after week helping the greens staff in their duties.

Jamie likes to keep his equipment up to scratch – for me it's a real pleasure to see how well he manages with some of the older gear that he is operating.

My compliments go to Chairman Hamish and his accounting crew. They are providing positive ideas to keep the club in the black, and to make us competitive with other courses in the area.

It is my pleasure to thank the groups and individual members for their participation and work during the year. Without your enthusiasm, as a Club we would struggle.

We note with great sadness the passing of Lynne Walker, Gwen Ferguson & Roy Scarlett.

Many of you have suggestions of the running of our club. Do not hesitate to put these thoughts on paper and send them to the office.

Good golfing for the coming year and enjoy our great course.

Tom Southgate
President