

CAPTAIN'S REPORT FOR 2017

The past year has been demonstrably better than the previous one. The course has been in much better shape and the Board has been quite settled under the leadership of Sue Webster.

The course is looking in trim condition and although the greens have taken a bit of a hammering over the past month or so, they appear to be improving.

The general improvements over the last 12 months can be attributed to an enthusiastic greenkeeper in Dave Parsons (sometimes maybe a little bit too enthusiastic) and a core group of volunteers who have kept the bulk of the course in serviceable condition. Things should only continue to improve in the months leading into winter.

Congratulations to the winners of all of our club events. Highlights were Club Champion-James Benson, Open Day winner-Brad Graham, men's foursomes winners-Brads Graham & Adam Ulrick, mixed foursomes winners-Maddison and Scott Butterfield, junior winner-Maddison Butterfield (for the second year on the trot)and ladies champion-Greta Farrowell. For the second year running we had four holes in one. Interestingly, no one has cracked the ninth for a while!

David Knox has done an outstanding job with the cultivation of juniors throughout the year and was deservedly handed the honour of Clubman of the Year.

At interclub level, the Jock Giles competition seems to have bitten the dust, but Harry Richardson motors ever onward. And our team (which stayed quite stable throughout the year) leapt out of the boxes like champion greyhounds on our home track, and never looked like being headed, taking the trophy for the first time in 20 years by about 10 lengths!! Congratulations to all the blokes in the team-you did us proud.

We thank all our sponsors for the year, particularly Drummond Golf, Brad Cooper and James Benson and Carpet Court's Ray Farrowell. Ray gave the camp a hell of a health scare a while back when he decided to clock off for about 70 minutes, but he's now back on track and looking disgustingly healthy. All the best for the future Ray.

Support for the club has been encouraging of late so keep up the good work members. I wish all our members the best in golf and in life for the coming year.

Dave Hill