

Presidents Report 2011

Our Club like many other Clubs in this industry has had financially a tough year. I shall leave this area to our Treasurer, Jim Bullock, to further elaborate.

The previous year we embarked on a much needed internal Club "refresh" program and this has been completed. The next stage is to "refresh" the externals and this is nearing completion with an ongoing 3 year maintenance program.

Our transition to Micropower has taken longer than planned but the results have been worth it as now the Club has an Online Golf booking system that displays Competition results as well as Members details. These details can be changed online thus saving valuable administration time. Thanks go to Lisa and Liz for their patience in this very difficult migration.

Once again we hosted a Remax Long Drive Event and we are working with the organizers to host again in 2012. To take advantage of this Event the Club hosted a stand at the Hawkesbury Race Club advertising the Remax and "promoting" New Membership. I thank Trent McMillen, a former Board Member, and Director Rachael Drover, who worked together in driving, promoting and implementing this Event.

I am especially pleased with our Junior program, moreover with Director John Kaye, Shirley Smith, Kirk Drayton and Richard Mackie. These four members have spent numerous hours in assisting with Club Pro David Ecob in his coaching clinics, supervising the Saturday Juniors and the Encouragement Shield team, running the Junior Player of the Year and very importantly planning and documenting a Junior Development Program. This work has been rewarded with Richmond having the only Junior Academy in the district.

What a year for our Greens staff with our Supervisor Mark Williams assisting in the US Open Event. Week after week they present a course in pristine condition. Recognition for this was given by the PGA of NSW and ACT at Annual Awards with a Top Ten place for the Best City based Pro Am.

I thank Noel Byles, the President of our Vets, and Fran Turnbull, the Ladies President, for stepping up to the challenges of our Club and working with the Board as a team.

I would to thank Mike Creighton, our General Manger, for his expertise and guidance throughout the Year. His dedication to the success of this Club is much appreciated.

The challenges facing this Club are high and some tough decisions will need to be made, however, I firmly believe we have a strong Board with diverse skills and with the support of the members we look forward to the challenge of leading the Club into a successful future.

Alan Simpson