

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year has been a very difficult year for our Club but with sound financial management we have finished the year with a moderate loss, that will, no doubt, be mentioned in the report of Treasurer David Mead. The Club's bank account is in a healthy position with enough cash on hand to continue to maintain the necessary works on the golf course, as well as allowing us to purchase new course machinery to maintain our Course in pristine condition.

The impact of the 'NO SMOKING' legislation, which came into force in July 2007, cannot be ignored. Whilst the Board has done a good job in adjusting the Budget to account for the downturn in revenue the impact was still greater than forecasted. The Board will be looking into Clubhouse changes during the new term that will allow for better use of this facility. This includes the addition of a Gaming Area away from its present area. Plans are being drawn up as I write and will be available to the Members on Notice Boards and hopefully we will have a Member who will take the challenge.

Well done and congratulations to all Club Champions and thankyou to the Pennant players who represented the Club. A special "well done" to the organising committee for the Legacy Day, a very worthy cause that will always have the Clubs full support.

My personal thanks to Stephen Hodge our Clubs General Manager for the "many hours" he has put into this Club and managing the Club's affairs in such a professional manner. Stephen ran a tight ship but without his skills the Club would not be in such a sound position.

Stephen has added a new dimension during his period and certainly opened the eyes of the Board with his lateral thinking. The Board wishes Stephen and Jane all the best in their venture in Victoria. To the Administration team including our Professional and his Staff, thankyou, the year has certainly been difficult with computer issues, phone issues and with the many diverse responsibilities, along with staff changes, has placed extraordinary strain on these departments. To the Staff behind the bar and behind the wheel of the drink cart - many thanks for carrying out your duties so pleasantly and always with a smile.

To Mark and Brendan and the green staff – how do you do it, once again you have maintained the course in superb condition, receiving compliments from members and visitors alike. Given the tight budget for the year the greens staff have done a wonderful job.

To the many volunteers that just want to do something for the Club, from trimming roses, pulling out weeds, contribute as Sponsors to Junior Golf, etc. THANKYOU. In conclusion I look forward to next year with enthusiasm as I envisage good times ahead for our Club.

Regards

Alan Simpson
Chairman of the Board.