

Presidents Report 2017-18

It has been a busy year for our board and I thank all our hard working Directors for their time and contribution. To those who are not standing for the Board again, THANK YOU. As a club we owe a great deal to the contribution of our many volunteers, particularly our shop volunteers for their friendly and welcoming service to members and visitors. Our club relies heavily on all our volunteers including members of the Board, and I congratulate them all on their efforts which save the club significant expense.

Thanks also to our paid staff (office and greens) for their contribution throughout the year. We have had our share of challenges with damage to greens from corellas, cows, contaminated soil and vandalism, but thankfully no damaging floods.

For this my first report as President of JGC I want to focus primarily on the future, our financial challenges and what you can do to help make our club stronger and healthier. Jamberoo has from its beginnings relied heavily on its brigade of volunteers, to run the shop, look after gardens, contribute to various works projects, and assist our greens staff with course maintenance. They all do a wonderful job, but we do need the next generation of volunteer members to step forward and start contributing a few hours of their time to continue this wonderful tradition that is Jamberoo.

Come on put your hand up you may find it very rewarding.

I suspect our membership is to a large extent price sensitive so our Board are very conscious of keeping fees as low and reasonably priced as we practically can and our volunteers play an important part in keeping membership fees to a minimum. Our greens staff of just four (very light on compared with many clubs in the area) do a fantastic job and have been struggling with equipment that has long been in need of replacement. To ease that problem the Board recently moved to leasing of greens and fairways equipment as we could not afford replacements. The Board has in recent years introduced footgolf which is a wonderful contributor to the clubs finances. More recently the Tomra Reverse Vending Machine in the car park has been introduced and will now contribute \$15,000 plus annually to our finances. We also have a terrific band of sponsors who are greatly appreciated.

However, issues such as the unavoidable upcoming cost of a new shed and hoist in the works compound (approximately \$30,000) represent significant funding challenges. We continue to delay updating of the golf computer system which would cost approximately \$17,000 in the first year with on-going costs each year thereafter in the order of \$8,000. Our greens staff need a bobcat to facilitate the reconstruction of many of our paths, the building or rebuilding of greens etcetera possible cost \$20,000.

The Board has managed to achieve a small surplus for the year (a little over \$40,000) largely through a very frugal approach to management of our business operations. The major and unavoidable expenditure items ahead and mentioned above will consume that surplus in the near future. Essentially we are trading water financially and have very little capacity to undertake improvement works such as a greens nursery, improved drainage or the rebuilding of a green without increasing annual fees or imposing a competition and visitor fee surcharge such as that introduced for a set period to fund some priority path work last year. Even a slight drop in membership numbers puts even more pressure on our capacity to maintain and replace machinery, update computer systems, repair or replace paths.

Our membership numbers (472 in 2017, 464 in 2018) have been relatively static for the last few years. Growing our member numbers (particularly adult beginners and juniors) is one way we can boost income and ensure the health of our club and the game of golf generally. In that regard the Ladies committee introduced a very successful new golfer clinic which has attracted new people to the game many of whom subsequently joined our club. Well done ladies.

How can you help? Simple, BECOME A RECRUITER.

Invite a neighbour, friend or acquaintance to come out to Jamberoo and get them started playing golf. Or tell them about the next upcoming golf clinic. Or volunteer to do a letterbox drop in your neighbourhood promoting the next golf clinic.

Donating a couple of hours just to do a letter box drop could attract half a dozen new members that's over \$3,000 in membership fees alone and its on-going each year they remain a Jamberoo member.

We now have a 365 days a year liquor licence.

We need more Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) trained members who are willing to assist with liquor sales on certain occasions.

Notable events and activities from the year.

- The vegetation waste in the practice area has been partially removed and will hopefully be completely gone by the time of our AGM. Hooray! We need to ensure it doesn't build up again.
- An aerial survey and contour plan for the course was commissioned to establish base line information critical to getting course drainage systems working efficiently. The product of this work is yet to be received.
- Concrete and bitumen path upgrades to priority areas has been completed.
- A course development plan has been drafted and while it is and will remain a work in progress it provides guidance on both course maintenance and, subject to funding, desirable new works around the course.
- Policy Development has received a significant boost with some behind the scenes assistance from Arthur Bosanquet. Thank you Arthur for your valuable help.
- The Greens Committee is much to my delight, now very active and professionally representing the interests of the members and the Board, providing improved accountability and guidance to the greens staff.
- A new shed and hoist has been committed to and should be constructed and operational over the next few months.
- We now have 27 junior members. Geoff Wilson is responsible for Junior Development and is endeavouring to get our juniors into ongoing development with the involvement of Jim Butt.
- Our 10 day "limited" alcohol licence has been upgraded to 365 days per year.
- We now have modern greens and fairway mower equipment under lease.
- A new golf cart lease has been established.
- Commencement of Golf Beginners Clinic established and to be part of the golf program in future years.
- Tomra Reverse Vending Machine licensed occupation of the car park raising new revenue in excess of \$15,000 per year.

- Footgolf – The 2017 Australian Championships were again held at Jamberoo attracting international players. This new game continues to grow and provide considerable financial benefit to Jamberoo Golf Club.
- Jamberoo has again participated in and acquitted itself very well in representative pennants (4 men and 2 ladies teams) (refer to Ladies Presidents Report and Captains Men’s Report), my congratulations to all players involved.

Geoff Boxsell Stands Down after 21 Years Board representation

In closing, I wish to thank outgoing Board member Geoff Boxsell (an inaugural member of the Board of JGC) for his long and dedicated service over 21 years to our Club. I am sure our members attending the AGM will agree with the recommendation of the Board to grant Geoff a very well earned life member status.

Phil Hahn, President.

Mens Representative Teams – Captains Report

In 2018 Jamberoo was represented by four men’s teams in the Golf Illawarra Pennants [B and C Pennants, plus 2 White Horse Cup Teams, 27 players in all]. Thanks to all players and particularly the Team Captains Tony Panecasio, Chris Leckey, Larry Kent and Colin Booth who all did a sterling job.

The B Pennant team played well finishing a close fourth. The C Pennant team continued their excellent form of past seasons winning their division but going down in a close fought final series.

The White Horse Cup “Flies” team finished second while the “Cowpats” team went through the season undefeated winning their division but going down in the final to Kiama.

Our Trevor Bell Shield representative side trailed runaway leaders Port Kembla and Kiama most of the season but some great individual performances late in the season lifted us into second position not too far behind the eventual winners, Port Kembla.

Dave Ransom, Captain

Ladies President’s Report

I would like to thank the Board for the opportunity to submit this report to the AGM and thank them for their ongoing support of the ladies. Thank you to the committee for their tireless work keeping the club viable for all our members. We have always found the Board approachable and ready to give advice and assistance when needed.

Thankyou also to Linda and Marie for their ongoing assistance and guidance, and to the starters, volunteers and groundsmen for their hard work.

This year we were able to enter Gold and Silver pennant teams of 5 in the Women’s Golf Illawarra competition. Gold have finished a very creditable 3rd out of 10 teams. These ladies played well over a long season of 12 weeks. The Silver team competed over a 7 week period in a divided field of 12 teams, A and B, our ladies won division A and had to meet Russell Vale in a play off at Port Kembla, taking them to an extra hole to decide a winner. Congratulations to all our ladies who played well and were as always, a credit to the Jamberoo Club.

Our only source of income is our lunches weekly, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies who provide the lunch and the slices weekly and our veteran's days monthly, for their ongoing work. Also to our hard working committee who work tirelessly all year for our club.

This allows the Ladies to assist the club financially over the year. This last year we have contributed \$2375.00 in goods and payments directly to the club. The Ladies enjoy being able to contribute as ultimately it is to the benefit of all the members of the Club.

During the year we have open days and Charity Days. This past year we have donated \$2340.00 to Ovarian cancer and \$1950.00 to Community Cancer Link Group.

Congratulations to all the Ladies Champions this past year. Our Ladies are always recognisable in their red and green when they compete in WGI events and open days during the year and regularly come home winners.

We look forward to a bigger and better year ahead with more new members joining our Tuesday competitions from our very successful golf clinics.

Lyn Kuskey, Ladies President.