

Presidents Report 2018-19

Once again it has been a busy year for our Club and I take this opportunity to formally thank all our Board of Directors for their passion, commitment and hard work. In many respects it is a thankless task and the members don't see how much time and effort is contributed by many of our Board members. In particular the roles of Captain, Treasurer and Secretary are particularly onerous and we are in deed fortunate to have such dedicated Directors filling those positions. Thank you, Dave, Graham, and Geoff, respectively.

To our retiring Board members Sue Paul and Stuart Potter we owe you both a debt of thanks for all your hard work over many years. Paul Rodgers has been on leave of absence from Director's duties since February this year for medical reasons and we are unsure at the time of writing this report when or if he will be able to return to the Board but we are hopeful he will be able to continue to contribute in the years ahead.

To our small army of volunteers who run the shop, take care of the gardens, undertake various works projects on the course, assist greens staff, run the barbeque, sell alcohol, make and supply salads, cakes etc a very big thank you on behalf of the club and its members. It is particularly pertinent that I recognise the wonderful service of both Allan Cox who retired from shop duties earlier in the year and more recently Bill Hodgson who has for health reasons retired from his role as purchasing officer for the golf shop. Thank you, Allan and Bill, you will both be greatly missed.

Our hardworking office staff do a wonderful job working in what can only be described as a very ordinary office environment. Thank you, Linda and Marie.

Both Lance Fredericks and Geoff Boxsell who were made life members of JGC, were also awarded Honorary Fellowships with Clubs NSW in recognition of their long-standing services as Board members of JGC. During the year Lance was also made a life member of Golf Illawarra. These are fitting recognition to two wonderful stalwarts of our club.

Congratulations are in order for Betty Chittick who was awarded an Order of Australia medal. Well done Betty.

I also wish to thank our many sponsors for their support and in particular our major sponsors Elders Real Estate Jamberoo, Just Bathrooms and Oaks Automotive. I encourage our members to direct any business they may have towards our club's sponsors.

It has been a turbulent year for our greens staff with Head Green Keeper Martin Boatswain departing mid-year and more recently we welcomed new Head Green Keeper Nick Goodger who has brought some fresh ideas, great to have you on board Nick. In the interim to Nick taking over our young deputy head green keeper Cody McParland did a fantastic job over the six-month gap between Martin leaving and Nicks arrival. We experienced something of a perfect storm with the failure of the course irrigation system, a long hot spring/summer period when parts of greens were too wet and other parts not wet enough, and rampant couch infestations thriving in the conditions.

As the auditor's report will detail it has been a tough year financially with a loss of \$29,384 compared to last year's profit of \$41,824. The Board has had no choice but to throw financial resources into fixing the irrigation system in a bid to save our greens. Similarly, we have had to undertake

renovations to the works compound (raising a section of roof) to accommodate a hoist to address a workplace health and safety issue. This latter project is currently underway and will hopefully be completed by the time of the AGM. We also have a donated shed to be erected when our budget priorities and needs converge.

A review of staff wages required some adjustment to grades and pay rates, including some significant payments in arrears, which have contributed to the 2018/2019 financial result.

Two semitrailer bodies were purchased for use in bridge renovations. One for the 8th may also be completed by the AGM or soon thereafter. The other has been stripped down and will be used for the next bridge renovation, possibly the 4th.

It is clear that some of our course machinery is due for replacement or major overhaul which will likely be a further impact to our 2019/20 accounts.

The introduction of a new golf booking software system has not been without its teething problems but will, I am sure be fine once we are all more familiar with its operation and improved capabilities.

The path through the wet area between the 2nd green and the 3rd tee has been largely completed utilising donated Geohex matting which appears to be an economical option for addressing other problem paths around the course.

Unfortunately, the rental income from the Tomra Reverse Vending Machines in the club car park has been short lived with the machines removed on 10th July 2019.

Our membership numbers (472 in 2017, 464 in 2018) have again dropped and are now down to 428 which is a cause for significant concern.

Most of our Board now have their RSA certificates (Responsible Service of Alcohol) and we will be looking to have the bar open after golf on all the major golf days (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, plus major event days). Once the bar service is made available, members and visitors won't be allowed to bring their own alcohol into the licensed area. This is expected to become a significant new income stream to support the operation of the club.

Once we have established a routine of regular bar sales, if members could support the club by staying on for one or two post game drinks this would provide a significant boost to the clubs income enabling us to keep membership fees reasonably priced and give us the financial resources necessary to present the course and run the club in a manner that our members can be proud.

My congratulations to our men and ladies representative teams for their participation and manner in which they represent our club (details below in the Captains and Ladies Presidents report).

The annual White Duck Charity Day was again an outstanding success raising in excess of \$4,000 towards Juvenile Diabetes. Thanks to the events major sponsors The Accounting Professionals and Just Bathrooms.

In conclusion an appeal to our ladies who are a significant and important part of JGC. It is important with the retirement of Sue Paul that we have a continuing involvement of the ladies on the Clubs Board of Directors we need ladies to nominate for vacant Board positions.

Phil Hahn

President

Men's Representative Teams – Captains Report

In 2019 Jamberoo Golf Club were represented by 4 teams in the Golf Illawarra Pennants. The Men's B pennant side finishing 4th while our C Pennant team finished 2nd not losing a match until being eliminated in the semi-finals.

In the White Horse Cup, we were represented by two teams, with the Division 2 Red Team (the Jedi Cowpats) played a draw in their final but unfortunately, they lost in a playoff.

Congratulations to all our Club Champions in 2019 of whom George Vlatko (A Grade Champion) and Brian Bennett (C Grade Champion) represented our club in the Illawarra Champion of Champions where Brian Bennett came home victorious as the Illawarra C Grade Champion (a first for Jamberoo).

Dave Ransom

Captain

Ladies President Report

Another year has come and gone all too quickly with a lot of changes new rules, new booking system, new ground staff, new board members to name a few.

The ladies were able to assist the club with \$2000.00 towards the purchase of a touch screen for the new Slice competition and membership system, making it much more user friendly.

On our many open days and charity days our visiting golfers look forward to coming to Jamberoo to play, for their friendly atmosphere, bargains in the pro shop and great lunches.

During this past year our Ladies have continued to represent Jamberoo in both Gold and Silver Pennant teams. Unfortunately, they were not in the winning circle but as always played well and were, a credit to the Jamberoo Golf Club. Better luck in 2020 to our Ladies when we will be entering a Bronze team as well.

Our ladies are always very recognisable in our green shirts and red vests when we compete, often complimented for our visual presence on the golf courses all over the Illawarra. Thank you to the committee for your support to purchase our Pennant shirts for our teams.

There have been many open days, and WGI open events where our ladies have achieved well, congratulations to these ladies.

Congratulations to all our Club Champions for 2019.

We have had our usual charity days this past year, Ovarian Cancer Day, raised \$2325.00 and Community Cancer Link Group raised \$1720.00, these groups are very active in the community making life a little easier for those in need.

I would like to thank our ladies who provide lunches and slices weekly, our Vets monthly and on our open days, this is the only means of income for us to be able to support our ladies and assist the Club during the year.

The board members are always there to help and assist the ladies at any time, and we would like to thank them for their support.

The ground staff have done a wonderful job keeping the course playable during this dry season we have been going through, and with the ongoing plans in place for further improvements to the greens and the bridges, we can only look forward to a better course in the future.

We must also thank the volunteers in the starters shop and on the course and in the gardens, they make playing golf at Jamberoo much more enjoyable.

Thank you to Marie and Linda for their assistance on a daily basis, with results and membership queries.

We have had a clinic earlier in the year with another planned for August. Our thanks to Jim Butt for his assistance with these clinics. Hopefully we will again get some more new members.

Finally, I must thank the ladies committee for the support they have given me this past year. Particularly Vice President Shirley Dixon who stepped in as President late last year when I was unable to walk.

We look forward to a good year in golf for the 2019-2020 season.

Lyn Kuskey

Ladies President