

Captain's Report 2017

2017 marks my fifth year as Captain of Jamberoo Golf Club and I would like to thank all members for their continued support. I continue to be extremely honoured & proud to be representing you as Captain.

A big thank you goes to my Vice-Captain Stuart Potter, Match Committee member Pat Paris and Greens committee chairperson Jim Henry and the rest of the Board of Directors for their continued dedication to the club. The efforts of Judi O'Brien, Margaret Cook and Lorraine Cram and the members of both the Ladies and Lady Veterans Committees should also be recognised as well.

The work of the shop volunteers in running the day to day business of the club is most appreciated. A special thanks goes to Alan Cox, Mike Harris, John Keeling, Peter Young and Rod Hodgkinson whose help is invaluable in starting the competitions and to Bruce Hammond for being the Pennant starter.

To the Office workers Linda and Marie, your amazing efforts are always outstanding. I could not fulfil my role without your support and assistance.

Greenkeeper Martin Boatswain and his staff should be commended for the excellent condition of our course despite some very trying conditions and stormy weather. Visitors and members alike often complement me on the beauty and condition of our course.

The beauty of the gardens in the club show the dedication and commitment of this exceptional bunch of members. Those members who volunteer their time in helping in working bees are also sincerely thanked.

2017 saw Jamberoo Golf Club enter 4 teams in various Golf Illawarra pennant competitions. The B Pennant team had a very good year coming second in their division and decisively winning their semi-final. In the final they almost had the pennant and were unlucky to lose the match 3-2 with 3 matches decided on the 18th green. Aply led by Tony Panecasio our team surprised more fancied teams with their grisly determination and tenacity. We look forward to future campaigns.

The C Pennant continued their fine tradition of being a leading team in the pennant and this year they were winners of their division and big winners in their semi-final. Unfortunately we went down in the final 3-2, with 3 matches again decided on the 18th green. Captain Chris Leckey led from the front and the 'never say die' attitude of the players almost got them home this year. Next year again promises great things for the C Pennant team.

In the White Horse Cup, we entered two teams in this year's campaign. The Red team, with the new moniker, the 'flies', and the Green team, commonly known as the 'cowpats' who were defending their title. Both teams won their divisions and like 2016 met in the semi-final at Kiama. In a remarkable coincidence, after regulation play, it was locked 3 matches each for the second year running, and a play-off between the number ones was used to decide the outcome. On the third hole the cowpats were affirmed victorious.

The next weekend the Jamberoo 'cowpats' were defending their title, trying to claim the White Horse Cup for a third straight year. After regulation play it was tied 2-2 with 2 all square matches. Unfortunately in the play-off holes both our players were unsuccessful and we had to be content with 2nd place. Well done

to both teams, ably led by Col Booth and Chris Goodwin. A great bunch of gentlemen and true champions. Thanks to club Professional Jim Butt for arranging the purchase of balls, to Mike Harris for organising the shirts.

The Ladies club also entered two teams into the Women's Golf Illawarra Pennants this year. The 'gold' pennant team were very close to again winning their pennant only ½ a point behind the winners as were the 'silver' pennant team. Both teams played well and represented the club with pride.

A great year for Jamberoo with teams in all Men's Pennants finals, a first for the club, and with the Ladies getting very close in both grades. Congratulations and thanks to all those members who represented our club this year.

Our competitions continue to be well supported by members. I sincerely ask all members to continue to repair their divots on the fairways and pitch marks on the greens. To do so will help us maintain our beautiful course in its present excellent condition. I would also suggest that members consider the ideals of 'ready' golf and be prepared to play their shots when it is their turn. These simple measures will speed up play.

It has been a busy year at the club with several charity days run at the course, the continued growth and popularity of Footgolf, stroke and foursome championships played, matchplay championships contested, Mens, Ladies, Mixed and Junior Open events successfully run, Junior development days held and Trevor Bell Shield matches contested. Thanks to all participants and organisers in these very important club days.

The use of the club website and the 'Daily Cow' to communicate with members continues to gain support and I recommend members to look at all tabs and not just the Results page.

Finally congratulations go to all club champions and monthly and gold medalists.

Dave Ransom

Captain