



An Update from the President.....

At last, a hint of Spring weather is upon us and this heralds the annual coring and top-dressing of the greens! This morning, Bill's team was assisted by around 20 volunteers in carrying out this important task. A big job done well by everyone involved and please, when you are contemplating that short putt over some renovated ground in the next week or two, say a quiet thank you to those hard workers before you even think of cursing!

There have been many notable activities to report since my last update, together with some important upcoming events, that you may be interested in.

- The Monster Garage Sale held on Sunday 10th July on the practice fairway was indeed a monster success! Through the direct efforts of Royce and Maureen Dickson, their Friends of the Shepparton Golf Club band of volunteers and the many individuals who donated goods for sale, almost \$4,200 was raised. What a sensational performance by Royce, Maureen and their wonderful helpers.*
- Members would have noticed the improvements made to the surface of the lower car park last month. The generous support of Graeme North and Walter Lee enabled us to renovate the most damaged areas with some much needed re-surfacing. If not for this goodwill, we would have been faced with either deferring the works or stretching the budget to meet the commercial quote of \$4,000.*
- Our annual flagship event, the Corporate Cup, is fast approaching and Rod Giri's sub-committee is promising yet another bumper day. Rod reports that the field in this year's Shepparton Audi Centre sponsored event looks likely to reach 50 teams. Some exciting new initiatives will provide additional interest and fun for participants in the 18th November gala day. The objective of the Corporate Cup is to raise funds in support of our golf club's mission to provide high quality golfing and event facilities for the community.*
- A reminder that the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held this Wednesday evening, commencing at 7 pm. I encourage you to come along to the meeting and take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions or provide comment to the Club's Committee.*
- The upward trend in our financial performance has continued into the new financial year. July and August returned Net Operating Profits of*

\$16,509 and \$5,283 respectively. These results are testament to the hard work and commitment of our staff, volunteers and committee and the on-going loyalty of our wonderful membership.

- Ian Bugg's Treasurer's report for 2015/16 will be presented to the AGM on Wednesday night and will provide full details of the results for last financial year.*
- A pleasing aspect of our business performance is the increased activity within the catering department. Catering income for the three month period June/July/August was \$17,283 higher than the corresponding period last year, representing a growth of just over 30%. I am confident that we will see continued growth over the next three months.*
- The Golf Club is hosting the GV Young Professionals annual ball on Saturday 15th October. Should be a fantastic night and any of our younger members looking to hit the boards should certainly consider this one. At \$90 pp all inclusive, it's a great deal. For bookings, please contact info@gvyoungprofessionals.com*
- The Life Subscribers offer that was made available to members has proved to be popular, with nine members taking the opportunity to pay up their annual membership subscriptions for life. The financial benefit to the Club is substantial, with the funds derived used to offset our outstanding loan commitments and, in doing so, reducing the annual interest payments and the term of the loan significantly.*
- Great to see three local community members with a connection to our Club announcing their candidacy for the upcoming City Council elections. Darren Linton (Club member), Seema Abdullah (wife of Club member, Muhammad) and Bruce Giovanetti (Shepp Golf Bowling Club President) are all endeavoring to win a seat on Council for the first time. I wish Darren, Seema and Bruce well in their campaigns.*
- A new sponsorship agreement with Cardamone Real Estate sees the introduction of the Player of the Month and Player of the Year awards for both men's and ladies golfers. The rivalry between members vying for the awards should be a lot of fun and hopefully creates some additional incentive to play as much competition golf as possible. A leaderboard will be erected in the Clubhouse in coming days and will be replicated on our website and the digital screens around the Clubhouse.*
- 16th September saw the introduction of live entertainment at our Friday night smorgasbord with Nigel Parsons providing fantastic acoustic guitar and vocals to diners. This initiative by Ian Bull's Social Committee will be continued over the next three months, together with the occasional Sunday afternoon on The Balcony, and will hopefully become a regular feature.*
- The annual Victorian Teachers Games were held in Shepparton last week and we were fortunate to host golfing competitions on Monday and Wednesday. Whilst the fields were small (17 and 20, respectively) the players all enjoyed the great course conditions and service provided by our pro-shop and catering staff.*
- Darren and Mitchell represented the Club at the annual Kidsfest at Kidstown on the Causeway last weekend. Over 1,000 kids and parents visited our*

interactive display and received information and advice from Darren and Mitch on the facilities available to juniors at the Shepparton Golf Club.

- The improvement in the weather is bringing a smile to Mitchell's face as he eagerly looks to help members improve their game with some first-class coaching. Now is the time to sharpen up your swing for Spring and Summer golf and there is no better person to see than our highly accredited PGA Teaching Professional.*
 - Please join me in welcoming Rhiley Lau to the Shepparton Golf Club. Rhiley commenced with us last week as an apprentice Greenkeeper on Bill's Course and Greens team. Be sure to introduce yourself to Rhiley out on the course.*
 - As always, the most recent reports and meeting minutes are available for you to read through the links below:-*
- [General Committee Meeting Minutes, July 2016.](#)
 - [General Committee Meeting Minutes, August 2016](#)
 - [Match Committee Meeting Minutes, August 2016](#)
 - [Course & Greens Superintendent Report, August 2016](#)
 - [Ladies Committee Meeting Minutes, August 2016](#)
 - [Profit & Loss Report, July & August 2016](#)
 - [Social Committee Report, September 2016](#)

Regards

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