

Captains Report to Mens Golf Club AGM 9 November 2019

Firstly I would like to thank The Mens Golf Committee for a very successful year. This was my second term as Captain and it was great to work with such a great team of people. We have introduced new competitions into our golfing calendar and increased spending in prizes to give back to the members.

Over the past two years I have worked hard to try to improve the golfing experience for all of our members at Kew Country Club. The Men's golf committee have continued to raise awareness with management of the issues we have with our current golfing management system (Slice) The current system is not very user friendly. The system is hard to use is cumbersome and causes a lot of frustration not only for myself but for the pro shop staff and other committee members.

Management has advised us that the new proposed system (MiClub) is not financially viable at this time. I have to accept this in light of the many projects the club has invested in that have drained the capital budget of the LUSC/Kew CC.

Course Superintendent Brendan Hansard and his team continue to present a beautiful golf course under difficult circumstances with very little rain and months without water in our dams. Brendan has also lost 3 staff members during the year, only 1 of these has been replaced and the course continues to improve. We should all be thankful to have such a skilled and dedicated Greens staff at Kew.

I would also like to thank the dedicated volunteers who donate their time every week to help and compliment the efforts of our greens staff.

It is imperative that Members continue, wherever possible, to assist Brendan by getting involved in working bees. These working bees are not hard work. They only go for a couple of hours at a time and are always rewarded with a free refreshment at the conclusion. It is a very rewarding and satisfying way to make your golf even more enjoyable.

I'd like to thank Deniece and her Office, Bistro and Bar Staff for their great help throughout the year.

Luke Garel and the Pro Shop staff have done a terrific job in managing our competitions. Luke and his team are doing a great job under difficult circumstances.

Mistakes are made by everyone and some mistakes are out of their control. If you have a problem, don't charge in waving your arms about, put it in writing so a team representing management and the committee can try to rectify the problem. This way you will always get an answer back for your efforts.

I would like to thank all of our Pennant team members who gave up their Sundays to represent KCC in the district pennants. This year we missed out in all grades so please get your names in early so we can field some strong teams in next year's Pennants.

The recent Pro Am was again a great success. This year we had a new sponsor, Local Lawyer & Conveyancer, who also sponsor other events in our golfing calendar.

In May we conducted the Jack Newton North Coast Junior Masters Tournament for the Fifth year. This event will undoubtedly continue to grow as KCC is now the permanent home of this event.

This year there were two Hole in one. On Saturday Brie Mapanao (Australian GC) on the 15th hole and on Sunday William Kain (The Ridge GC) on the 10th hole.

The Boys winner was Corey Lamb and the Girls winner was Yerin Kim who also won last years event.

I'd like to recognise and congratulate our reigning Club Champions. This year there was a changing of the guard with a new name on the trophy in A Grade.

A Grade – Tom Bateman

B Grade – Shane Madden

C Grade – Geoff Mascord

Junior – Fletcher Murray

Senior – Robert Plante

Super Senior – Robert Plante

I would like to thank our naming sponsor “Manning & Hastings Electrical Services” (John Burgess) for the support of our Club Championships.

I would also like to single out our new Monthly Medal Sponsor, M&H Mechanical (Matt Guffogg).

I would also like to thank all of our sponsors, who throughout the year contribute to all of our competitions and representative teams.

I would also like to thank Rob Dwyer and the LUSC for their continued support with funding for Prize money as well as financing the majority of the Course Improvement Works.

Good golfing to all in 2020.

Allan Wilkinson

Captain