



Last week saw the Club holding its AGM. There was a very good turn up with over 60 members present. We also had nearly 20 apologies. The evening went well.

Without doubt the star of the night was Jean Huckel who, once more, told some very funny if outrageous jokes to keep us all occupied while the vote counting took place.

There were the usual presentations, one from myself and one from our Treasurer, Sam Stalgis, both emphasising that while 2023 was a difficult year to navigate through, the Club had done so successfully, and remained a financially strong and

robust Club. There was no one person or group that was responsible for ensuring the Club remained strong, it was due to the hard work of all the sections of the club. The Board, the Committees including the Ladies' and the Vets', all our staff, the Pro Shop and all the volunteers. I firmly believe that we are well placed going forward into 2024 and beyond.

Back to the voting. Most of us will know that the Club operates under the Triennial Rule. This means that the member elected directors hold office for a three-year term. Ordinary Directors may seek and be nominated for a second three years after their first term. Office bearers must step down. They may seek other positions or may be renominated if there are no nominees for the position they held. This year the Secretary, and two ordinary directors rotated off the Board.

The results are on the website. In case you haven't read them.

Outgoing	Secretary	- Kevin Watson
	Director	- John Ditton
	Director	- Jackie Boaden
Incoming	Secretary	- Jackie Boaden
	Director	- Marilyn Schott
	Director	- Jenny Miller

It's always sad to lose fellow directors that you have worked with for some years. None more so than the two that left this year. Both Kevin "Rev" Watson and John Ditton have performed admirably on the Board and in their respective roles of Secretary and Chair of the WHS Committee. I will miss them both at meetings and I would like to thank them for all the hard work and dedication they showed performing their duties.

It's always exciting to welcome new members to the Board, who will bring in new

ideas and enthusiasm to its working. Congratulations to Jackie who has taken on the Club's Secretarial role. Welcome back and congratulations to Marilyn Schott who has returned to the Board, having previously served as its Treasurer for four years. And finally, congratulations to our new Board Member Jenny Miller, who I am sure will be an asset to the team.

This year all the usual AGM reports have been, or very soon will be, posted onto our new website. I encourage all our members to take some time and read through them.

So, what now!

Well 2024 has started off better than expected. Green fees and income from the bar and kitchen are all up against budget. And costs are slightly lower than budget.

Work has begun on some projects out on the course. Some path work has been done.

- Members may notice that the path alongside the 15th tee box is using a honeycomb mesh system that is proving to work well.
- Bunker levels are being raised. (A thank you to the hard- working Parramatta Grass Eradication Squad under Rob Edgerley who have been aiding Will's team do this). Work has commenced on our tee boxes in preparation for winter.
- And the left-hand side of the 18th fairway just before the green has been made more playable. In time expect to see the right-hand side of the fairway a bit 'rougher'. The idea being that golfers will play more towards the left and we avoid errant balls on the Greens Shed, or the car park or the Clubhouse.

It's been good to see that the pace of play policy "POPP" is already having a positive impact on competition days. Well done to all those involved with its development and introduction, in particular Nic Hall and Phil Lyons and the rest of the G&M Committee.

The bar and kitchen have been working hard to service the increasing number of players and visitors using the club. Testament to the quality of that service is that we get many returning and many more join as social members.

The new website is up and running and looks great. Thanks go to Jackie Boaden, Rebekah O'Reilly, and Mountain-Eagle Pitt for the hard work they did getting it up and running. Its development is ongoing but already there have been some innovations introduced.

- The Hole-by-Hole fly over is fantastic.
- You can access the official "Rules of Golf".
- There has also been a Sponsor's page added and where possible there is a link from the name to the sponsor's website. This is expected to assist in looking for and contacting providers of particular services.

Watch this space for more developments on the website.

All up, a good start to 2024 and it will only get better!

John Clawley

President

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