



AUSTRALIAN GOLFING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS Inc.

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NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM VICTOR HARBOR

It is now some 6 months since our last AGFR Tournament in Victor Harbor (how time flies), and since I am now recently retired I thought I should bring members up to date with the results etc. of our Tournament in Victor Harbor.

As I said in my closing address at the presentation dinner, the tournament in Victor Harbor was a huge success – and this was entirely due to the way in which our host Rotary Clubs of Victor Harbor and Encounter Bay organized the event for us. It can be a daunting task to host an AGFR event, but when you have never been to an AGFR event before, the task becomes even that more daunting, and this was the case for our host Rotary Clubs. But not so for our hosts in Victor Harbor, and our sincere thanks go to the two host Presidents, Brian Liddy of Victor Harbor and Peter Francis of Encounter Bay for their great leadership, and particular thanks to Graeme Ewans and his wife Kay and their team of assistants for their organizational skills. Naturally we should also thank our own Past President, Rob Motteram for his overseeing of the event and the guidance provided to the local organizing Committee, before and during the week.

The talk during the week of the tournament amongst Rotarians and guests was that the 2 golf courses presented (Victor Harbor Golf Club and McCracken Country Club Golf Club) were not only a couple of the best courses we have played, but also the toughest and most picturesque, with Victor Harbor Golf Club one of the best manicured courses we have played in the AGFR.

Naturally some of the Rotarians handled the conditions better than others and the following is a list of the trophy winners for the week.



Rotarians Tournament

Clem Renouf Trophy – Cliff Searle & Jim McNally

(Best Total Team Score)

Victoria Trophy – Michael Irwin & Peter Faulkner

(Team with 2nd Highest Score)

Royce Abbey Trophy – David Clough

(Highest Individual Aggregate Score with Handicap)

The Western Australian Trophy – John Heathcote

(Highest Individual Aggregate Score without Handicap)

The South Australian Trophy – Cliff Searle

(Division 1 Player with the Highest Individual Aggregate Score)

The Tasmanian Trophy – Michael Irwin

(Division 2 Player with the Highest Individual Aggregate Score)

The Northern Territory Trophy – Joe Devereux

(Division 3 Player with the Highest Individual Aggregate Score)

The Queensland Trophy – Neville Williss

(Division 1 Player with the 2nd Highest Individual Aggregate Score)

Glen Kinross Trophy – Rod Tate

(Player 65 years or over with the Highest Individual Aggregate Score)

The Australian Capital

Territory Trophy – Barry Peskett

(Division 3 Player with the 2nd Highest Individual Aggregate Score)

The New South Wales Trophy – John Lette

(Division 2 Player with the 2nd Highest Individual Aggregate Score)

Guests Competition

Team with Highest Lili-ann Kriegler &

Stableford score Ian Procter

Team with Second Highest

Stableford score

Ann Fenton &

Beverley Wakefield

Highest Individual

Stableford score Lili-ann Kriegler

Second Highest

Individual score

Ian Procter

Congratulations to all the trophy winners and all those who participated in a great event.



AGFR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As usual the Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship was held during the Tournament and the following were elected to the various committees:-

Executive Committee

President -	Greg Armstrong
Vice President -	Wayne Nicholls
Secretary -	Peter Corke
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer -	Barry Watson

Nominating Committee

President -	Greg Armstrong
Immediate Past President -	Robert Motteran
Another Past President -	Peter Partridge
5 year Participating President -	Alastair Ward

Delegates Committee

	2 year Term	1 year Term
NSW	Ernie Dunstan	Bill Pitt
NT	Martin Jolly	Jim McNally
QLD	Lloyd Fleming	Vern Gilbert
SA	Brian Esselbach	David Motteram
TAS	Leigh Iles	Paul Grubb
VIC	Ian Doak	Allan Newstead

JOHN HOOD MEMORIAL TURF SCHOLARSHIP



At our Delegates meeting in Victor Harbor we appointed Alan Newstead to act as our AGFR representative and coordinator for the John Hood Memorial Turf Scholarship, with a view to liaising with State Turf colleges and State delegates to see if we can't improve on our number of awardees.

I am pleased to report that this initiative is already bearing fruit as we have recently sent our first awardee from Western Australia. His name is Alistaire Marsh and Alan has advised that he has settled in to his new home in Southern Florida.



Alan has also been successful in getting another awardee out from his own State of Victoria and his name is Jack Simms. From all reports both lads have settled in well to the Scholarship and are enjoying learning heaps of new skills and knowledge.

IGFR NEWS

IGFR Pinehurst - North Carolina USA

21-27 August 2011

We had nine Australian Rotarians plus partners participating at the Pinehurst fellowship. The weather was warm but not too hot, we played on courses No.1, 3, 5 and 8 at the resort.

Unfortunately we did not play on the famous No.2 course where the 2014 US Open is to be played.

The golf courses were in good condition although the greens on the No.8 course were very slow due to a mould in the greens, and it was a little unusual to see large industrial fans blowing air over the greens to stop the mould.

With the threat of Hurricane Irene, Margaret Atkin and Robin Thorne decided it would be better to get out of North Carolina before the airports were closed, and missed the last round of the golf.

The remaining Australians performed extremely well with a number of us bringing home trophies. Perhaps the most valuable trophy won was a hole in one by Rodney Woodman on the 13th hole on the No.8 course, the prize \$3000 worth of earrings. Others to win were: Peter Corke, 1st Fellowship Individual Stableford Net and 2nd Fellowship Team Stableford Net, Noel Kenna, 1st Seniors Individual Stableford and 1st Fellowship Team Stableford Net, Rob Motteram, 2nd Division 2 Individual Stableford Gross and Alison Woodman 2nd in the Partners Team Stableford

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS

2012 – Will be in the Northern Territory at the Darwin Golf Club. If you have not been to an AGFR Tournament in Darwin this is one not to miss. I know the guys in Darwin have a few surprises in store, and as I said this event is something special as only the Northern Territorians can produce—when you go to Darwin you learn to expect the unexpected. I have recently spoken to the organizing committee and registrations are starting to fill quickly, so if you do not want to miss out on a fantastic tournament and entertainment next year, I suggest that you get your registration in as soon as possible.

2013 – The Rotary Club of Earlville in Queensland has been selected to host the AGFR Tournament in 2013 at both the Cairns Golf Club and Paradise Palms courses in either late June or July.

2014 - Victoria is the next state in rotation to be eligible to host the Tournament and already we have Rotary Clubs lining up to be considered to host the event.

WEB PAGE

Since our last Tournament a lot of development work has been done on our webpage. When you now visit our webpage you will not only be able to view future tournaments you will also be able to read the AGFR History and past winners of trophies etc. of each years event since our inception. I urge you and any of your fellow Rotarians to visit our revamped web page at www.agfr.org

In closing may I take this opportunity to wish all Rotarian golfers and partners and families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in Darwin.

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