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AGFR Newsletter December 2013

This is my first newsletter as the President of the Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians. I am honoured to have this position and to follow a distinguished group of Past Presidents

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all members a great Christmas and good golfing in the New Year, may all your handicaps be lower.

35th A.G.F.R. Tournament – Cairns 23-28 June 2013

The tournament in Cairns was an outstanding success with both courses Cairns and Paradise Palms in excellent condition. Congratulations to all the organisers, administrators and scorers and members from the Cairns Southside Rotary Club, a particular thanks to Corry and Beth Cats who worked tirelessly to ensure the tournaments success.

The Rotary Make-up dinner on the Ocean Spirit was a great success with all having an interesting tour of the Cairns waterways. This was followed on Friday with the presentation Dinner at the Cairns Racecourse

The Tournament numbers were down on past years maybe due to 2 far northern locations in a row (Darwin & Cairns) we had 70 AGFR members and 22 guest nominations. To ensure the ongoing success of the AGFR we all need to spread the word to other Rotarians. Are there golfers in your Rotary Club who would enjoy the fellowship of the AGFR? Ask them to join the next tournament in Hamilton. From all the Rotary Club Members in Australia only a small number are represented at our AGFR Tournaments

I need to advise all golfers that following the Cairns Tournament we had a number of written complaints about some members breaking the rules of golf with drops and balls in the rough. We are all members of Golf Clubs and should know the rules, tournaments are played under the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews supplemented each day by the local Club rules and the rules of the AGFR.

Cairns Results

Clem Renouf Trophy -- Paul Grubb & Mike Bermann

(Team with the Best Total Stableford Score)

Victorian Trophy -- Alan Towart & John Sykes

(Team with the 2nd Best Total Stableford Score)

Royce Abby Trophy -- Kevin Beaumont

(Best Individual Stableford Score with Handicap)

West Australian Trophy -- John Sykes

(Best Individual Stableford Score without Handicap)

South Australian Trophy -- Aidan Wood

(Division 1 Rotarian with the Best Total Stableford Score)

Tasmanian Trophy -- Paul Grubb

(Division 2 Rotarian with the Best Total Stableford Score)

Northern Territory Trophy -- Charlie Prizeman

(Division 3 Rotarian with the Best Total Stableford Score)

Glen Kinross Trophy -- David Court

(Senior AGFR Champion with Handicap aged 65 or over)

Queensland Trophy -- Tim Lansberg

(Division 1 Rotarian with the 2nd Best Stableford Score)

New South Wales Trophy -- William Ritson

(Division 2 Rotarian with the 2nd Best Stableford Score)

Australian Capital Territory Trophy -- Barry Stokes

(Division 3 Rotarian with the 2nd Best Stableford Score)

Guest Competition

Individual Winner -- Ann Fenton

Individual Runner up -- Janet Ritson

Team Winner -- Ann Fenton & Janet Ritson

Team Runner up -- Janette Wilson & Margaret Roberts

AGFR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Executive Committee

President – Wayne Nicholls

Vice President - Alan Newstead

Secretary – Peter Corke

Assistant Sec/Treasurer – David Kingston

<u>State Delegates</u>	<u>2 Years</u>	<u>1 Year</u>
<u>NSW</u>	Ernie Dunstan	Barry Watson
<u>NT</u>	Jim McNally	Lloyd Stevens
<u>QLD</u>	Vern Gilbert	Lloyd Flemming
<u>SA</u>	David Motteram	Brian Esselbach
<u>Tas</u>	Paul Grubb	Leigh Iles
<u>Vic</u>	Alan Newsted	Ian Doak
<u>WA</u>	Grenville Courtland	Aidan Wood

Nomination Committee

President **Wayne Nicholls**

Past President **Greg Armstrong**
 Rob Motteram

5 year Member **Alastair Ward**

AGFR RULES

At the delegates meeting Alaister Ward reported that the rules require only small changes and that he would continue to review the rules and report at the delegates meeting in Hamilton

36th A.G.F.R. Tournament - Hamilton 7-11 April 2014

Next year we move to Hamilton were Ian Ferguson and his committee members are hard at work to ensure that we have a successful AGFR Tournament and a great social week. Ian has arranged a full week for the non- golfers and advises that the Hamilton Golf Club is in great condition.

Ian has received a number of nominations to date and has asked all members to book now and encourage other Rotary Club members to join us.

A rules official and a match committee have been appointed to run the tournament and copies of the local rules will be available at registration.

You can download your registration form from our website www.igfr.org

AGFR Website – Members Facility

Our web site (www.agfr.org) is working well and Past President Greg Armstrong will continue to look after the website with news and updates.

Greg encouraged members in Cairns to log on, check your email address and update your details, there is nothing worse than sending out information to members only to have it bounce back due to an incorrect address.

Our webmaster Alice Booth provided us with a range of website statistics and advised that unique visitor is the best measure of a websites visitation (AGFR site 12,133 for the 2013 year)

John Hood Memorial Scholarship

Alan Newstead our JHMS co-ordinator has forwarded 2 articles on our JHMS Awardees Simon Rees and Nathan Turner. Both articles have been uploaded to the AGFR website and I encourage all members to read both articles and see what Alan has achieved and the feedback from both Awardees.

Email from Alan Newsted 24 November 2013

“Simon Rees is from the Sunshine Golf Club and finished his course in March 2013, Simon then spent 6 months in the UK at Sunningdale GC, London. Whilst there he was approached by the Trump Organisation re a position at Trump National, New Jersey, where he is now working.

I received the following email from Simon last week;

Gday Alan, good to hear from you. You know I always have time for you and the AGFR!

We shut down for winter after thanksgiving where we get a chance to do a lot of winter projects (coming up we are rerouting a few irrigation lines on some tees, major tree works to promote air movement on some of our more stagnant holes, a few troubled bunker reconstructions and plenty more regular works we have to keep up on.)

Currently we are winterizing our irrigation system (something we would never have to do back home so it's new to me) but means I'm currently standing out in beautiful 20 winds watching sprinkler heads blow out the remaining water in our irrigation lines.

I think I may have forgot to tell you but I wrote for the agcsa newsletter in September when I volunteered at the deutsch bank championship <http://www.agcsa.com.au/newsletter/060913> you'll find it towards the bottom of the page.

I can put together some photos of the course here when I'm back in the office for you in a little while.

I have to say I'm pretty jealous you're spending your time at Royal Melbourne, I do love the sand belt courses and it's great seeing them on TV over here

Look forward to hearing back from you.

Cheers

Simon

Article 2 is about Nathan Turner, who after completing his time at Kirkland GC, is now down south in Naples, Florida at the Fazio designed 36 hole Mediterra GC.

Leigh Iles and Paul Grubb are currently working on getting a Tassie to Ohio in 2015

IGFR- 51st World Championship Adelaide, May 18-24 2014

Rob Motteram and the organizing committee are hard at work with the IGFR Tournament and Rob urges all AGFR members to attend. All information including registration forms are available on the IGFR website (www.igfr2014.com). The organizing committee have chosen 2 of the best courses in Adelaide, Royal Adelaide and Kooyonga.

37th A.G.F.R. Tournament Launceston March 25-20 2015

Leigh Iles and the organizing committee would like all members to keep March 2015 free for the 2015 Tournament to be held at the Launceston Golf Club.

Leigh and his committee will be making a presentation at Hamilton.

In closing I would like to wish all Rotarian golfers, partners & families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in Hamilton next year

Wayne Nicholls

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