

Veterans Golf Club of Victoria

Captains Report 2020

2020 was a year we will never forget. From March onwards we were locked down owing to COVID.

It was so bad we could only play five rounds of golf. So as a committee we made the decision to abandon all trophies for the year.

However the scores from the five rounds of golf will be carried forward to 2021. That means all going well, we will play 12 rounds plus the five from 2020, which will count towards the awards for 2021.

The big disappointment of the year was not being together for our social event in December.

During the year we increased our membership, which was a great result considering the trying year.

Owing to COVID and the restrictions we decided to draw the fields early. Because of social distancing members were able to arrive before their allotted times. It worked great and clubs were very happy with the outcome.

Special thanks to my Vice Captain Jeff Stevens for all his terrific work.

To all the starters we had during the year, a personal thanks to you all. Without you guys it would be difficult to organise our fields.

As a club we face the same challenges every year to keep our numbers up. We still need to encourage friends, acquaintances and fellow golfers to come and join a remarkable social golf club.

On behalf of the committee our thanks go to all of you. You are the essence of our Club.

Our golf management processes, including on line bookings and course directions, continue to improve courtesy of the magnificent work done by our Webmaster Laurie Comerford. Well done Laurie.

Our handicapper Ray Desmond has done another excellent job including fixing the problem of all players having a handicap. Well done Ray. Also a special thanks to Peter Ross for his help as Deputy Handicapper throughout the year.

Financial strength and sustainability is another ongoing challenge so it is thanks to our excellent Treasurer, David Vine and his wonderful team of helpers: Daryl Edwards and John Hiscock who run a very successful monthly raffle that keep our heads above water.

Big Thanks to our sponsor Innes Ireland from House of Golf, who came up with a new venture, to give a half hour lesson to all our Naga winners, to allow them to improve their golf. A great idea.

Also Thanks to Chris Thorne in providing a \$100 voucher for Window Cleaning every month. If you want your windows cleaned the \$100 will be deducted from the quote which is given by Chris. Many Thanks Chris.

As you are aware there will not be a Club Champion for 2020, which means our 2019 winner Christopher Tierney will be our champion for a longer period. That should create History.

Also many thanks to our Lady members who joined our wonderful Club – please spread the word that we'd love to see more ladies enjoying golf with the Vets.

Sadly we lost three great members this year: Hugh Churchward, John Currie and Stan Odachowski (of yellow shirt fame). They will be remembered forever. To their families we wish them all the best for the future.

Finally can I personally congratulate all our members for all their help throughout a very trying year. Let's hope 2021 is something extra special.

Your Captain
Harold Hayes