

MURRAY
BRIDGE
GOLF
CLUB

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Murray Bridge
Golf Club
Annual report

**PRESIDENT
FINANCE
CLUB CAPTAIN
WOMEN'S (REPS)**

COMMITTEE

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SUE ANTEL
PATRICK SECKER
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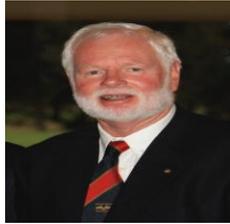
**MANAGER
GROUNDS MANAGER
GOLF SHOP**

**STEPHEN COCKS (RETIRED)
CHRISTOPHER STEMMLER
STEVE WILSON**



CLUB FOR ALL PEOPLE

PRESIDENTS REPORT OCTOBER 2017 TO OCTOBER 2018



Roger Wickes

The highlights for what has been a most eventful year:

The positives for the year have been:

- The Burke-Urban Pro-Am event in April supported by a range of sponsors, a week-long national Rotary Golf event and hosting the Golf events for the Masters Games.
- Engagement of Steve Wilson as the Club Professional following Shanan Scott who took a position at Tea Tree Gully Golf Club. Steve has fitted in well and is developing a good reputation in Murray Bridge and other Murraylands Clubs.
- Introduction of the "Slice" golf software that allows on line booking, a leader board and the offering of monthly payments for the annual golf fees.
- The improvements in the Club House.
- The up grading of the Gaming area to make it more private and provide more playing options and enjoyment for gamers, significantly improving the gross income to the Club.
- The introduction of the Yabbie Hole on hole 4.
- The continued compliments from visitors on the excellent playing conditions of the course.
- The increase in the volunteer hours that keep the club running.
- The Club Championships and well attended Presentation Night with once again some Champions coming from the younger members of the Club.
- The numerous events such as Sponsors Day, the Ham and Turkey day, Open Days and Night Owls.
- Social and Marketing Committee fund raising events i.e. Quiz night, Steak and Red night, the \$100 Club, Footy Tipping and the Live Music Night/Auctions.

The challenges have been:

- Capital raising through the sale of 35mg/l water and investing it in gaming machines and air-conditioning that improved the gaming area and income to the Club.
- Attempting to revitalise the kitchen and keeping the input costs under control.
- Replacing the Grounds Superintendent.
- Covering the sick leave, long service and annual leave taken by the Manager.
- Playing member numbers decreasing as older members retire from golf.
- The unprecedented dry conditions over the winter and extensive galah damage of the course.
- Staff sickness and leave over winter.

The Murray Bridge Golf Club has a significant turn-over of about \$1.3m. However the slow decline in the number of members and the decline in gaming income continue to put pressure on the income.

There are a number of areas of activity that I would like to make special mention of.

- **Membership.** The Management Committee has made some innovations on the membership categories and in particular introduced a Challenger membership aimed at the new member or the busy family person who would like a handicap, be a member of a Club but not able to find time to play that often. A similar approach in Hobart increased their membership by 200 members. We all need to promote this and other membership opportunities. We currently have 203 playing members. In 2016/17 and 2015/16 we had 252 and 307 respectively. We currently have 55 social memberships.
- **Improved income from Gaming area upgrade.** After the proposal to amalgamate with the Community Club fell through, it was evident the falling income from the gaming area needed to be either turned around or replaced with some other source of income. The concept of selling the machines was investigated and as reported at the last AGM there was no market for selling machines. While gaming had a reduced income, it did make a significant contribution to the income. It was decided to invest in two new machines and upgrade the room. The net result has been a lift in gross income from the gaming area per month from \$11000 to \$22000 when comparing the same period a year ago. Sue Antel and I have attended a gaming forum held by Clubs SA and now the Management Committee, with a better understanding of the industry, has ordered two new machines and an upgrade of two more to again improve on the gaming area performance.
- **Volunteer Effort**
With the Manager going on leave and the Groundsman moving to Grange Golf Club, there has been a significant response from volunteers taking roles that have ensured the Club and its grounds has continued to thrive. The volunteer group has improved the grounds particularly the extensive tree lines around the course. The organisation of the golf events has been well organised by the Match Committee with the able assistance of Steve Wilson. The Clubrooms have seen many hours of painting, floor and tile cleaning and carpet repair, and an upgrade of the lighting to low energy LED replacements. The office work has continued and been supported by a number of people. The new licensing Act will require more volunteers who serve alcohol, even on the course, to have a Responsible Services of Alcohol ticket. These can be obtained on-line on a short course or Club SA is providing a 3-hour evening class for its members on a Wednesday evening. I encourage members to consider taking the course and helping out.
- **Racecourse/Golf Course/ development.** Discussions have recommenced with Burke Urban and the Council and some initial costings done for adding the two new holes. The negotiations will increase over the coming year particularly as the Racing Club moves and the developers look to develop the existing site.
- **Staffing.** We have lost two long-term members of the staff this year being Stephen Cocks and Malcolm Grundy. Their contribution was significant. We are very lucky to have some very committed new staff join the team in the office, in the bar and grounds.
- **Slice Software.** The Management Committee has been seeking a system that would allow members, if they chose, to be able to pay their fees monthly over the year. The President of Claremont Golf Club in Hobart attended the Rotary Golf week and

shared the journey their Club had been on. We immediately contacted the Slice team and quickly introduced it as it gave us a simplified invoicing system, the opportunity for monthly payments and other advantages such as on line booking, competition management, a leader board and voucher management. We would like to go to the next step to a point of sale system but because of cost this will have to occur in the future.

- **Women's Committee.** The Women's committee is very active and ran a successful Women's Open Day in September. Jill Morrell has again been elected as their President. Robyn Teasdale is the new Women's Captain.
- **Golf Shop.** Steve Wilson commenced in early April. The variety of stock in the Golf Shop quickly increased and there is good feedback on the lessons he gives both at Murray Bridge and across the Murraylands. With the ever-reliable Michael Potts filling in when Steve is not available, the Golf Shop is an asset to the Club.
- **Sponsors.** We do have a good range of sponsors and they are very important to the financial well-being of the Club. This is an area that needs development and the Management Committee is seeking help to better organise the sponsors. I can only assume we as members return the support our sponsors give us by frequenting their businesses.

The course has been in excellent condition during the year and only effected in recent months by the galah damage and the unprecedented dry conditions that have occurred this season. We said farewell to Mal Grundy who moved to a position in Grange after 37 years with the Murray Bridge Golf Club. Mal started as an apprentice in 1981 and became Superintendent in 1994. He undertook many studies during his career and in recent years volunteered at the big Courses including being chosen to go to America to provide groundsman support for a US Championship. Chris Stemmler who has been providing a technical approach to managing the course has replaced him. Thank you goes to Malcolm McDonald and Joe Ross for their commitment to the Golf Club and keeping the course in good condition when Malcolm Grundy left. Jeff Morgan has taken on the overview of the Grounds for the Management Committee and has been assisted by Patrick Secker and Ken Graetz. We also thank Glen Jericho, Mal Pitcher, Sid Robbins and Fred Carter for their continual mowing assistance and Gary Pearson and Rob Magor for their Odd Job assistance every Thursday without fail. Thanks also to the ground crews who clean up the course and rake the bunkers each week. The condition of the course continues to give the golf club a good reputation. Without this volunteer assistance we would not be able to maintain our course.

Patrick Secker as Captain has continued to ensure the events are well organised and is supported by the ever reliable Ken Graetz. The addition of the orange tees will add a new dimension to the options for the Golf Club and we look forward to this being rolled out this coming year. Patrick is well supported by the Match Committee and by Steve Wilson.

The Club is a seven-day a week operation with many hours to cover and many financial transactions to deal with as well as a range of legislation and industrial awards to keep abreast of. Stephen spent 12 years managing the complex environment of the Golf Club. With Stephen going on leave early in the year and deciding to retire in October and a number of health and tragic events that occurred within the staff, has seen Barry Clarke, Amelia Roach and Jenny McLaughlin step up to keep the club running efficiently. Lee Freaney now has the office business running well which is a relief to Sue Antel and I. I sincerely thank the staff for their commitment and often doing what is necessary to provide a good service to members and customers.

I must thank Ken Graetz and Sue Antel for helping me keep the office going in Steven's absence and the upgrading of the new Slice & Membership systems. It was a very steep

learning curve and it was very important that there were a few committed people prepared to learn and be able to back each other up.

Sue Antel and her finance committee have met on many occasions during the year grappling with the ongoing continual difficult financial situation of the Club. We must thank Michael Perrey and Peter Canaway for the considerable time they have put in at no cost to help prepare the statements for the Auditors.

Damien Moloney and Mildy Raveane ran the Major Events Committee and with significant input from many volunteers we put on another professional PGA event.

The kitchen has continued to provide a social atmosphere to the Club by providing a Wednesday and Friday meal services and also serve the many functions the Club attracts. It has been difficult to make a significant income from this area and the Management committee with Kyle Bennett will continue to work on how this can be improved. The availability of food does bring people to the bar and enable them to socialise together amongst each other. It also is essential for major events such as Presentation night, Jazz Nights, Pro-Am dinner, Rotary events, Christmas and various functions that come to use the venue. We thank the volunteers who have helped serving food particularly at a number of major events held during the year.

The Social Committee lead by Jared Thoman and secretary Dianne Wickes has continued to provide events for the year that have been well supported. The Presentation Night was well attended and a great night. There were a number of events during the year including Peter Goers, a Christmas Ambrose, Quiz night and Steak and Red night.

I must thank members of the Management Committee who have been a great support during the year. It has been a difficult year for the Committee dealing with the complex financial situation and the changes required and I sincerely thank them for the constructive discussion and support throughout the year.

This is my last report and I wish the new Committee and President all the best for the coming year. It has been an eventful 8 years and Dianne and I have made many close friends and we will continue to enjoy the Club atmosphere that exists.



MURRAY BRIDGE GOLF CLUB INC. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2017/18



Sue Antel

October 10, 2018

Once again, the overall result for the Club for the financial year 2017/2018 is not satisfactory for the long-term financial health of the Club. This financial year the Club sustained a loss, after depreciation, for the year of (\$87,276) compared to a loss of (\$63,191) in the previous year. The Club took the opportunity to sell some of the water allocation which has never been needed by the course, therefore, making a Capital profit of \$117,366 for the year which allowed the net profit in the P&L to be \$30,090. This Capital Profit is now in the Balance Sheet under Reserves as a Capital Profit Reserve. With some of this Capital Profit the Committee has installed 2 new machines in the Gaming area that has had a significant impact on the income and there are 2 new machines and an update on 2 others due in October which will give a much-needed boost to the income of the Club.

The liability for both annual leave and long service leave has again been reduced this year and we will continue to work on reducing this in the current financial year to a more sustainable level. The income in both the Bar (8.7%) and Kitchen (14.3%) was down and the cost of stock in the Bar was also down but the cost of stock in the kitchen was almost the same as last year. This has been a trend in the kitchen which we are addressing currently.

Bar:

The bar income decreased by (\$22,962) and the cost of sales decreased by (\$16,298).

Kitchen:

The kitchen income decreased by (\$34,622), however, the purchase of goods increased marginally by \$417. Wednesday night generally still does not have enough diners to regularly turn a profit. The kitchen and bar total trading figures have been grouped together and the combined profit is only \$535.86 down against last YTD combined profit of \$36,814

Gaming:

This year the income from Gaming was down by (\$33,382) and as we rely on the Gaming income to assist the Club financially changes needed to be made. Roger Wickes and I attended a conference on Gaming which confirmed that because our games and machines were old it has had an adverse impact on the turnover. The Management Committee made the decision, with the aid of the \$117,366 Capital Profit, to renovate the Gaming area and install new machines to improve not only the venue to enhance the enjoyment of the players. The income has virtually doubled in the first 4 months, with just the first 2 new machines.

Golf/Match

The competition fees and levies are down by (\$11,509) but the green fees are up by \$14,770 this year while the membership subscriptions were down by (\$14,436). The sponsorship from the PGA Tournament was \$22,146 compared with \$13,504 in the previous year.

Social/House:

Like everything else Bingo and Social/House activities are down this year by (\$7,332).

Grounds:

Both the amount spent on repairs and maintenance and on sprays and fertiliser has been reduced this year despite having held major events. After many years with the Club Malcolm Grundy resigned in June.

Wages:

The total wages for 2017/2018 were reduced by \$31,219 despite having to pay Long Service Leave, holiday pay and termination entitlements. The Management committee continue to monitor staffing levels to keep them to a minimum level.

Golf Shop:

It is not possible to compare the Golf Shop with the previous year as the Club was managing it for most of the year, however, we now have a Professional, Steve Wilson who is doing an excellent job. This year we have acquired more Golf Carts which are proving to be very profitable showing a 38% profit margin.

Overall Financial Results for 2017/2018

The Golf Club has ended the year with \$52,348 current cash on hand and \$80,207 in a cash management account plus \$13,750 cash on hand Floats totalling \$146,305. While the provisions for Long Service Leave and Annual Leave have been reduced by \$22,087 there is still a liability of \$83,077. The Management Committee is focussed on reducing the amount of Long Service and Annual leave to a correct level within the next 6 months. The Total Net Assets in the Balance Sheet at 30 June 2018 is \$614,736 compared with \$584,646 at the end of 2017.

Prepared by Finance Committee member Sue Antel

MURRAY BRIDGE GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED
ABN 60 329 047 032

Trading Account
For the year ended 30 June 2018

Operating Result

The deficit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

	Year ended 30 June 2018	Year ended 30 June 2017
	\$	\$
	(87,276.27)	(63,190.60)
	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Trading Income		
Sales - Bar	241,240.46	264,202.38
Sales - Kitchen	207,310.26	241,932.10
Total Trading Income	448,550.72	506,134.48

Cost of Sales**Add:**

Opening stock - Bar	14,282.48	14,715.79
Opening Stock - Kitchen	2,858.26	2,858.26
Purchases - Bar	101,777.28	118,217.46
Purchases - Kitchen	<u>123,772.32</u>	<u>123,355.44</u>
	242,690.34	259,146.95

Less:

Closing stock	12,704.94	13,280.80
Closing Stock - Kitchen	<u>5,028.23</u>	<u>3,859.94</u>
	17,733.17	17,140.74

Add:

Wages & On Costs - Bar	145,775.51	146,289.66
Wages & On Costs - Kitchen	<u>77,282.18</u>	<u>81,024.66</u>
	223,057.69	227,314.32

Cost of Sales	448,014.86	469,320.53
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Gross Profit from Trading	535.86	36,813.95
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**Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2018**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Income		
Trading profit	535.86	36,813.95
Gaming Machine Income	159,217.62	192,599.43
Golf Shop Income	51,895.44	55,413.91
Golf Competition Fees & Levies	102,196.01	113,704.99
Green Fees Income	112,774.97	98,005.07
Membership Subscriptions	137,766.58	152,203.15
PGA Sponsorship	22,145.57	13,504.27
Social Committee Income -Bingo & Raffles	33,334.75	40,666.85
Insurance recoveries	5,769.26	3,528.62
Interest received	622.31	1,666.66
Other income	6,485.71	3,832.69
Water Lease income	<u>3,551.30</u>	<u>8,763.22</u>
Total income	636,295.38	720,702.81
Expenses		
Accountancy		2,000.00
Advertising and promotion	22,017.54	33,445.23
Affiliation Fees - Clubs	8,419.23	9,112.60
Audit fees	6,920.00	6,300.00
Bank fees & charges	4,880.23	5,274.84
Cleaning/rubbish removal	13,712.06	12,117.07
Computer Expenses	6,322.52	7,228.23
Competition Prizes & Vouchers	25,535.67	35,611.74
Depreciation - plant	37,443.00	57,152.00
Donations	2,506.32	
Electricity	52,276.49	50,389.93
Fuel & oil	9,284.88	8,948.00
Gaming Tax & Expenses	68,308.79	46,983.36

Golf Event Expenses		20,657.06
Golf Shop Expenses	27,457.69	43,680.40
Insurance	24,051.15	22,548.25
Interest	33.01	52.86
Laundry	2,923.80	8,616.22
Printing & stationery	1,964.19	3,148.79
Provision for Annual Leave (Decrease)	(10,275.19)	(12,728.53)
Provision for L.S.L. (Decrease)	(11,812.31)	(18,281.51)
Rent, Rates & Taxes	10,821.72	10,242.17
Repairs & maintenance	46,106.75	33,463.67
Security	654.88	424.44
Social Committee Exp-Bingo & Raffle	12,319.32	17,991.32
Sprays, Chemicals & Fertiliser	23,289.91	24,976.50
Staff amenities & First Aid	919.29	805.72
Staff training	1,605.00	24,226.36
Subscriptions	5,210.73	3,232.90
Superannuation	24,591.04	28,349.32
Telephone	4,912.95	5,153.75
Uniforms	978.63	
Water Licence	9,578.21	10,839.44
Wages (Admin, Grounds, Golf Shop & Social)	284,496.93	299,836.39
Work cover	<u>6,116.98</u>	<u>6,094.89</u>
Total expenses	723,571.65	783,893.41
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	(87,276.27)	(63,190.60)
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(87,276.27)	(63,190.60)
Total changes in equity of the association	(87,276.27)	(63,190.60)
Opening retained profits	452,954.69	516,145.29
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(87,276.27)	(63,190.60)
Closing retained profits	365,678.42	452,954.69

Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Commonwealth Bank Cheque Account		52,348.09	28,482.24
Commonwealth Bank Online Saver		80,207.40	83,405.59
Cash on hand (floats)		<u>13,750.00</u>	<u>13,750.00</u>
		146,305.49	125,637.83
Receivables			
Trade debtors		<u>12,529.65</u>	<u>1,726.80</u>
		12,529.65	1,726.80
Inventories			
Stock on Hand		<u>17,733.17</u>	<u>17,140.74</u>
		17,733.17	17,140.74
Total Current Assets		176,568.31	144,505.37

Non-Current Assets

Property, Plant and Equipment

Land & Buildings - at cost	770,431.00	770,431.00
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(218,291.00)	(211,418.00)
Plant & Equipment	746,897.89	734,016.98
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(640,979.00)	(619,198.00)
Plant & Equipment (Lady Members)-at cost	642.00	642.00
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(562.00)	(542.00)
Office Equipment, Furniture - at cost	97,525.29	88,361.90
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(84,424.00)	(82,282.00)
Gaming Machines - at cost	183,566.00	183,566.00
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(183,359.00)	(176,732.00)
Plant & Equipment - at valuation	66,620.00	66,620.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(66,620.00)</u>	<u>(66,620.00)</u>
	671,447.18	686,845.88

Total Non-Current Assets

671,447.18

686,845.88

Total Assets

848,015.49

831,351.25

Current Liabilities

Payables

Unsecured:

Trade creditors	<u>58,019.92</u>	<u>35,314.85</u>
	58,019.92	35,314.85

Financial Liabilities

Unsecured:

Deposits - Functions		<u>500.00</u>
		500.00

Current Tax Liabilities

GST Payable to ATO	25,111.00	20,522.00
GST Claimable from ATO	(14,842.00)	(9,814.60)
FTC – June	(738.00)	(718.00)
Amounts withheld from salary and wages	<u>10,921.00</u>	<u>4,755.00</u>
	20,452.00	14,744.40

Provisions

Accruals	6,800.00	6,680.00
Employee Entitlements	4,007.42	4,201.73
Provision for Annual Leave	43,582.94	53,858.13
Provision for L.S.L.	<u>39,494.04</u>	<u>51,306.35</u>
	93,884.40	116,046.21

Other

Income in Advance	59,953.61	79,139.96
Buggy Room Key Deposits	<u>970.00</u>	<u>960.00</u>
	60,923.61	80,099.96

Total Current Liabilities	233,279.93	246,705.42
Total Liabilities	233,279.93	246,705.42
Net Assets	614,735.56	584,645.83
Members' Funds		
Reserves		
Capital profit reserve	117,366.00	
General reserve	131,691.14	131,691.14
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	<u>365,678.42</u>	<u>452,954.69</u>
Total Members' Funds	614,735.56	584,645.83



Club Captain's Annual Report



Patrick

Secker

The Match Committee settled into an experienced group consisting of myself, Ken Graetz (Vice-Captain), Steve France, Andrew Meddle, Liz Llewellyn, Michael Potts (until our Professional Steve Wilson arrived in February), Steve Cocks (as Club Manager) and Jeff Morgan soon after. Jeff quickly got heavily involved in Grounds work which took a lot of pressure off the rest of the Match and Grounds Committee. Together with Ken Graetz they formed a regular group of volunteers to help with upkeep of our course.

We also welcomed back Robyn Teasdale as Women's Captain at our last meeting and thank Liz Llewellyn for her thoughtful service for the Murray Bridge Golf Club.

We ran another successful Ham and Turkey Day on Sunday December 3rd for a fun relaxing day for Members and Guests and we are well underway in preparations for this year's event on Sunday December 2nd. It's a good fundraiser and a measure of its success is it being copied by other Clubs. We will need many volunteers so please help if you can.

We will be running another Christmas Ambrose on Saturday December 22nd and we hope to attract more outside Guests.

MBGC had another successful opening day on Saturday March 3, sponsored by Perrey Bozzetti with a different form with the tee blocks changing on each tee block depending on the score on the previous hole with the feedback that we needed to put the front blocks even closer to the greens!

On March 18 we thanked our important Sponsors and that was thoroughly enjoyed, as shown by the conversation, libations and laughter by all.

April was a busy month and this year we ran our first Australian Rotary Golf event over 4 days with lots of accolades from Rotarians from all over Australia. A good fundraiser and may lead to a similar Rotary event from South Australian Members of Rotary next year. MBGC Member Rob Walters was a great conduit to make this event so successful.

April also saw the MBGC hosting the Masters Games with people from South Australia and Northern Territory playing over 4 days with Medals being evenly spread between locals and visitors. We may be holding this event again in 2020. Many thanks go to the chairmanship by Ken Graetz and the many volunteers who helped.

Under the chairmanship of Damo Moloney We again ran the only 3 day Pro-Am event in South Australia on April 25, 26, 27 with Matt Millar winning which helped Matt resume the European Tour. On April 25 we paid respect to our armed forces with The Last Post and a 12.01 start and Mayor Brenton Lewis gave the official welcome. This event could not happen without the sponsors that support us and a big thank you for your support. The Rural City of MURRAY Bridge again supported us with \$25,000 and with BURKE URBAN supporting us with \$15,000 our event became known as the Burke Urban Classic. Next year's event will be held earlier, in March at the start of the Pro-Am season.

Not to shy away from major events we ran our Classic Murray Bridge Open on May 5, 6 that successfully finalised 5 weeks of intensive work by our Grounds Staff, General Staff and lots of Volunteers. Mal Grundy, Mal McDonald and Jo Rossi were magnificent!

We were sorry to see Mal Grundy leave in June after 37 years ago service and we are thankful that Mal McDonald came back from Long Service Leave until we could find a replacement. Mal Grundy was offered a position at the Grange Golf Club and we wish him well.

A selection committee of myself, Jeff Morgan and Mal McDonald were given the job of selecting a replacement and in August we selected Chris Stemmler. Previously we had 2.6 Ground Staff under Mal Grundy and Chris has had to make do with 1.6 staff until Mal McDonald comes back part time at the end of October.

We continue to try to support our juniors by supporting a Murraylands fundraiser and also a SAPSASA event on August 9 and our part in the Junior Open competition on October 12 where over 50 juniors from around South Australia played. Due to my absence in Brisbane KG ably stepped in to manage that day.

Whilst not quite as successfully as last year we still fielded 3 teams in the Southern Pennants competition and thanks again for Steve France chairing that with help from Keith Durham and Malcolm Downie.

The Club Men's Championships were held in July and August with Keith Durham playing against Happy Gilmour again but Keith won this time on the 35th hole.
The Women's Club Champion again was 13yo Armani Marsters and to make it a family affair younger sister Asia Marsters won the B grade Championship after a close struggle with Jill Morrell that needed 2 extra play-off holes.

B Grade winner was Mark Sappenberghs
C Grade winner was Paul McCulloch
Vets winner was Neville Briggs

Our Golfer of the year for this year was a runaway win to new player Carlos Taylor who dropped a huge amount of his handicap during the year.

Well done to the Women in running a very successful Women's Open on September 21 with over 50 women taking part.

Members may have noticed some orange pavers on the course to designate the tee blocks for a short course game. In the near future we will try to have an introduction to the Orange Course that will help us form an index for each hole. This course will also be useful for juniors in their training and I suspect something seniors might enjoy it too!

WOMEN'S REPORT 2018



Jill Morrell

Despite the challenges that all sporting clubs are experiencing across the district, the Murray Bridge Women's Golf Committee and members can be very proud of what has been achieved with limited numbers across season 2017-2018.

The season has been peppered with many exciting events. Despite having to cancel previous competitions such as the Club Foursomes, Shylie Rymill Foursomes and with multiple departures forced by members moving away, we have endeavoured to encourage participation in our beloved sport.

Early in the season, Jan Murray offered to continue organising our 9-hole competition on Tuesdays during summer golf. This was very appreciated by players unable to play 18 holes. Our Christmas Luncheon proved a favourite with twenty club members and guests enjoying festivities in our picturesque dining area with outstanding service provided by Kyle's staff.

The Open Day of Winter season occurred on the 13th of March with an Ambrose Competition and Bring a Friend Day. This was attended by 24 players and including 8 guests.

During a busy month for the club, we welcomed the appointment of Steven Wilson as our new club professional. In April we had the Rotary Week, Masters Games and Bourke Urban Pro- Am. Our course looked magnificent and these events were the success they were, thanks to the efforts of those who volunteered.

Our Club Championships were held in August with a change to our format. Our victorious Club Champion was Armani Marsters, while her sister Asia Marsters collected the Nett Champion accolade. After the Championship Final, a BBQ was held to end a successful event with thanks to our referees.

The Women's Open was held on 21st September and could be considered a successful event with 42 players participating in the day. Thanks to Steven Wilson for his great support and help.

The presentation was held in September and we congratulate all trophy winners. This season we have been generously supported by some amazing sponsors, our thanks and gratitude go to Amcal Pharmacy, Sue Antel, The Davery and Notts Nursery.

Personally, I would like to thank the committee and members for their continued support. This support of member's is crucial to the future of the club.

Positive signs for our future include Steven Wilson coaching clinics on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Hopefully this may provide new members down the track. The introduction of the 'Slice' program so members can book in on-line and record our scores indicate we are moving with the times.

There many things to look forward to in the coming year.

GROUNDS REPORT 2018



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Due to only being involved with grounds for six months, this report will be brief, but hopefully give an overview of where we are currently at.

As you are aware Mal Grundy headed off to greener pastures earlier in the year and the appointment of the new Grounds Superintendent (Chris Stemmler) took place. A special thanks go to Joe and Mal during the transition phase earlier in the year.

Mal McDonald is still away on LSL and he will be a welcome face around the place again in early November. With restricted staff numbers we have relied heavily on volunteers and will continue doing so into the future.

With a very dry year thus far upon us it has been challenging to say the least. Major clean-up throughout the course, mainly low hanging branches was our main priority to start with. This will now be ongoing heading forward.

The volunteer group has been very supportive and needs to be continued if we are to achieve the outcomes expected. Thank you very much to those who have contributed, and please continue to keep turning up it is essential we have your help.

The Irrigation system continues to function but not without its problems. This along with machinery that is getting tired will be in itself a challenge for the next period. The Management Committee, due to finances, have put us on a tight budget, but with careful planning we should continue to maintain the course to a satisfactory level.

Upcoming works will be to remove some overhanging tree branches around the course. Coring has just been completed and will be done again early next year. More work similar to that at the back of the 17th green will be a focus, and the next project is the back of the 12th green. (Removing turf clogged with tree roots close to the putting surface).

We will continue working on the bunkers with additional sand at some stage, as well as continual work on tee blocks.

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