

**Volunteer's Report**  
**18<sup>th</sup> September 2017**



**Volunteers: -**

Stephen Humphreys, Ken Bellman, Pete Tanner, Brian Thorn, Terry Hughes, Phil Bevington, Peter Legge, Phil Cleaton, Brad McNeilly and a very warm welcome to our new vol, **Frank Cahill**.

**Apologies:-** Ian Goodall, Jan Domanski, Byron Myer, Gordy Bray, Bob Gray and Bob Preston.

Before waxing lyrical on the day's events, I think it well worth noting that we have a new mechanic on board.

Introduced by first name only - **Tom** and with youthful appearance, it would not be out of place for the vols' to address him as 'Young Tom'. If his surname turns out to Morris, well, what a golfing coup that would be.

Just a few weeks into the job and from all reports, Tom is already receiving very favourable accolades. In fact, an old but small tractor has already been restored and will be suitable for mulching activities.

Welcome Tom.

**Spray Team:** The '*Blues Bros*' of **Phil Cleaton** and **Brad McNeilly** took care of the weeds near Lodges Rd and Club entry – quite a long strip to cover. The day was mostly event free except for a leaking nozzle as evidenced by four blue hands. I am told 'nappy-san' is the best remedy – for the hands, of course!!

**Stick Run/Mulching:** With the F/E Loader now running good (a Bellman phrase, I am told), **Brian Thorn** took out the team comprising **Phil Bevington**, **Stephen Humphreys** and our new man, **Frank Cahill**.

According to **Phil**, they completed the stick run through holes 9 and 10 but with the trailer hydraulics not linked to the F/E Loader, the team decided to re-attach the bucket and complete mulching around the new loose metal path leading from the 7<sup>th</sup> green.

**Brian** mentioned that even though mulching was not his preferred activity, the result at the 7<sup>th</sup> was rewarding and a much-improved look and functionality for golfers who for some considerable time just walked through the garden. A similar area from the 2<sup>nd</sup> green to the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee has also received the loose metal treatment, another positive for the course. I don't think the day was too taxing and a very easy induction for **Frank** who told me at morning tea that he will be back. On that note, I have added his photo holding 'Vos Estis' to our archives. Everyone's a winner!

And thank you **Brian** who has volunteered to train up a few of the team as backup for F/E Loader duty – namely **Pete Tanner**, **Ken Bellman** and **Peter Legge**.

**Sand-Box Engineers:** Following up on the recent success with damaged sand boxes, our duo of **Peter Legge** and **Ken Bellman** continued with repairs. Not an easy task as they must remove all soil, repair the box and refill. I think they are up to number 8 or 9 with a few more still to do. Also repaired a seat at the 14<sup>th</sup> tee but some of the timber is warped and may need replacing. A job for another day!

Upon passing the stick run team, **Peter** 'casually' mentioned to **Ken** how clean his hi-vis vest was compared to **Stephen's**. Not one to let a disparaging remark go unchallenged, **Ken** quickly quipped "*that's* cause some-one else wore it before 'im – **Peter!**"

**Hedging Team:** A request came through from el presidente that grevilleas were beginning to obstruct the view from the Clubhouse, so a new team of **Pete Tanner** and **Terry Hughes** attacked the bushes with the hedge trimmer and extension branch cutter. Here is a snap of **Terry** well into the larger tree.



**Terry** suggested a suitable nom de plume might be - *'the grevillea gang'*, although I am not sure that two vols qualify as a 'gang'. Being in good form and obviously chuffed with the *GG's* gardening results, **Terry** asked the team to solve a short riddle.

The question did include a 'soft profanity' so the team agreed that we best just publish the answer and let readers guess the question.

Ans: *'One up, one down and one to polish'*

Q: ?.....

First correct answer can collect their prize at the bar.

**Special Mention:** 'Dave's Garden' surrounding the Pro Shop continues to receive regular doses of TLC from **Dave Butler** who was looking particularly up-beat this week – happy with his garden and/or a 'small win' on the pokies? Well done **Dave**.

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**"Studley Park – Order of the Shovel – Vos Estis Sal Terrae"**

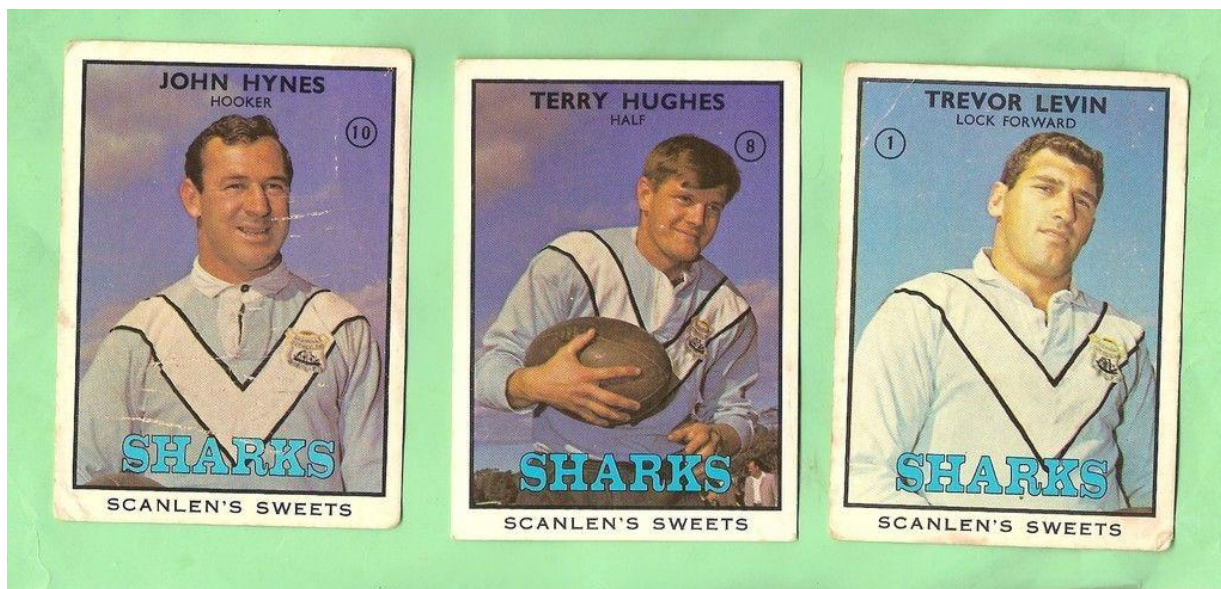
This week's recipient is **Terry Hughes**.

We can all be pretty sure that **Terry** will be delighted to finally add a trophy of substantial importance to his **1968 Rothman's Medal**.



And a significant year according to author Mark Kurlansky who wrote '1968 – The Year that Shook the World' arguing that the consequence of the Prague Spring, the North Vietnamese Tet Offensive, the Paris Student Riots and the assassinations of Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King (among other things) made '68 a particularly volatile year. Clearly, he omitted one other major event.

Here is a couple of pics. I particularly like the Scanlen's Sweets cards – how's your memory?



**Next Vol Day:** should be 16/10 due to some upcoming Monday events.

**Cheers,**  
Peter T. VCO, OOTS.