

Volunteer's Report

Monday 18th April 2016



Volunteers :- Jan Domanski, Dave Butler, Phil Cleaton, Phil Bevington, Pete Tanner, Stephen Humphreys, Bob Preston, Byron Myer and Ian Goodall.

Apologies:- Brian Thorn, Ken Bellman, Peter Legge Frank Farrugia, Gordy Bray, David Kidd, Leigh Grice, and Bob Gray.

Achievements:

Spraying:

VCO received a message from Stephen advising that he and Phil C. would be starting at 9am with a preference for spraying. However Phil turned up at 8 ready to go! Stephen, do I detect a theme developing? (ref Feb 29th report).

With Byron returning from Qld, we started him and Phil on the spray team with Stephen to replace Byron at 9am.

Between them, they completed a large area at club entry and holes 1, 2, 3, 17 and 18.

A brief mention should also go to Col Hargraves with ample evidence around the course that Col is covering substantial areas of Parramatta Grass with his new spray gun. **A big thank you Col.**

Soiling:-

Rest of the team attended to soil fill covering numerous ruts and holes adjacent to the 7th tee and which included a small but untidy area between the path and tee.

Dave B suggested that we should rope this off and left to collect some pegs and rope.

Shortly thereafter Jan saw 2 golfers of reasonably advanced years approach the 7th tee and exclaimed 'this will be interesting'.

Dave returned within 5 or so minutes, and would you believe, the 2 golfers of reasonably advanced years had already left not one but several foot prints in the newly laid soil.

Many things could be said in exclamation but with the club's good reputation in mind, I will just say – Unbelievable!!!

The 'soilers' moved on and so did we –to complete ruts and holes left of the 17th green and on the barren ground between tee and fairway on the 18th.

Readers may also be interested to note a rare sighting this shift, which I think appropriate to be listed in the category of archaeology (we dig!) – something akin to Stonehenge (2500 bc) or Gobekli Tepe (c9500 bc). Yes, it was Dave B on the end of a shovel!!

To be fair, Dave is our outstanding Front End Loader driver and without whom much of the volunteer work would not be achieved.

Mulching:

Nil this return.

Of Note:

- Volunteers were treated to a Masters Breakfast and golf on Monday 11th April courtesy of the club. Many thanks to the Board and management for this recognition.
- Congratulations to our Super Senior Pennants members, Peter Legge, Ken Bellman, Brian Thorn and David Kidd who continue on their winning ways. Perhaps the thought of returning to normal vol duties may be a motivator?
- Phil B working in an R.M. Williams' tee shirt – ah, a retired union rep!
- The new chef Jeff seems to be settling in and should be commended for our morning tea. Must be good, Byron ate his crusts!

12th Tee Project:

Yes, it is still alive and kicking. The Board and management (notably Stephen and Matt) have approved a budget in terms of the original plans. I will co-ordinate with Shane so we can get it done.

Volunteer's Trophy:-

“Studley Park – Order of the Shovel – Vos Estis Sal Terrae”

Well overdue and is shared by two champions of Camden Golf Club – **Stephen Humphreys and Philip Cleaton.**

As you all know, they have been an integral part of the club ‘forever’ and with all their other duties over the years have still managed time to pitch-in with the volunteers.

Oh yes, from recent correspondence I would have to add that they both have outstanding (and timely) communications skills as well!!!

Photos attached.



Next Vol Day: Should be 2nd May.

Cheers,
Peter T. VCO, OOTS.

Footnote:

Ken B. suffered a family loss this week and our thoughts are with you Ken.