

Volunteer's Report 20th February, 2017



Volunteers :- Bob Preston, Dave Butler, Byron Myer, Bob Gray, Pete Tanner, and Phil Bevington.

Apologies:- Stephen Humphreys, Ken Bellman, Peter Legge, Phil Cleaton, Jan Domanski, Brian Thorn, Ian Goodall, Gordy Bray, David Kidd, Leigh Grice and James Joshua.

We're back!! Some of us, that is.

We currently have three (3) away on Super Senior Pennant duties for a few more Mondays, having just beaten division leaders Stonecutters Ridge 4.5 to 3.5 which progresses our Rams into the sudden death stage. **Good luck Ken, Peter L. and Brian.**

Also, a couple on overseas leave and the odd Director or two with 'busy season' duties.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Spraying:

Shane Herring had the spray kit all ready to go but the wind was up a little and our numbers down. We will give it priority next shift Shane.

Soiling:

Nil

Mulching:

With our main gardening tool, the Romanian built Fiat Tractor still in for repairs, but expected back in a week or so, the team kept pretty much to the car park and club precinct. Luke's garden got a mulch top-up at the behest of our #1 FE Loader man- **Dave Butler**. Dave has been instrumental in the improvements around the Pro Shop and it is one of those prominent positions that is well worth the effort.

And it would be a braver man than me or Gungu Din to deny the request of our FE Loader man, who is without a Tractor-Trailer to fill. (Although Rudyard Kipling may have put it more eloquently!)

Bob Preston reports that mulch was also spread in the garden near gates at club house.

Hedging:

Byron Myer took the initiative to do a one out job trimming 'low lying' branches from the 1st through to the 7th. The idea was to clear areas that Club Carts are driven (or should be!).

A great job Byron.

Having said that, club members would be aware that Byron is not our tallest member, so, I have added inverted commas to the words 'low lying' to cover any potential mishaps arising from possible measurement differentiations.

Or just use the theory behind Leyland Primes (ref: Adam Spencer's Big Book of Numbers) which is simply "X to the power of Y plus Y to the power of X"
Problem solved!

Vac Blowing and Sweeping:

Pete Tanner attended to vac blowing of debris on and around car park (following a rare but heavy down-pour the previous evening). Also cleared the pathway adjacent to the 10th tee. He thought he was doing a sterling job until he noticed **Bob Preston** not far behind covering the same area with a second vac blower. Bob had taken the initiative to “assist”. Thanks Bob, very thoughtful!

General Gardening:

Phil Bevington and **Bob Gray** took care of raking and clearing fallen branches and the like from car park gardens, which were looking in need of some TLC. **Dave Butler** assisted in the removal and dumping process. All in all, the area looked substantially better following their efforts.

Didn't pick up any 'goss' on Phil or Bob this week, but will encourage the team to remain alert!

Stick Run:

Nil – but as all golfers have observed, there are numerous fallen twigs and branches, some almost tree size that need to be collected. So a large scale stick run should be on the cards as soon as the Romanian built Fiat returns.

Of Interest:

- I think that it would be only fair to report on recent events in the car park, being our area of attention this week:
- **Ken Bellman:** For those regular readers of the Super Seniors Report, ably written by our highly respected member, club director and manager of the Super Seniors, Neville Smith, can I draw your attention to an article dated 6th Feb regarding our valued volunteer and Super Senior, **Ken Bellman**. Ken's version states that upon pulling into the car park to join the bus, he was harassed by the team to “load your gear, jump in, let's go”- or words to that effect.

It wasn't until the bus was near Cobbitty Road that Ken started rummaging for keys in his pocket and came to the realisation that he must have left them in the car. So got the driver to turn back (it is Ken's 1st new car in about 15yrs some have said!). **Yes – when they got back to car park, boot up, door open, keys in ignition, car running!!!!**

Peter Legge: Peter has recently volunteered to drive the team bus for the Super Seniors. I am not sure if it was his 1st or a subsequent outing, but there is a story going about that a team bus driver may have inadvertently (a word used often in the insurance game) side swiped a members car in the car park. Pride aside - not a lot of damage or person injury incurred. And now that the car park is tidy, parking lines are now clearly visible.

I did casually ask Pete about the incident and was only greeted with raised eyebrow and a smile. Case closed!

Volunteer's Trophy:-

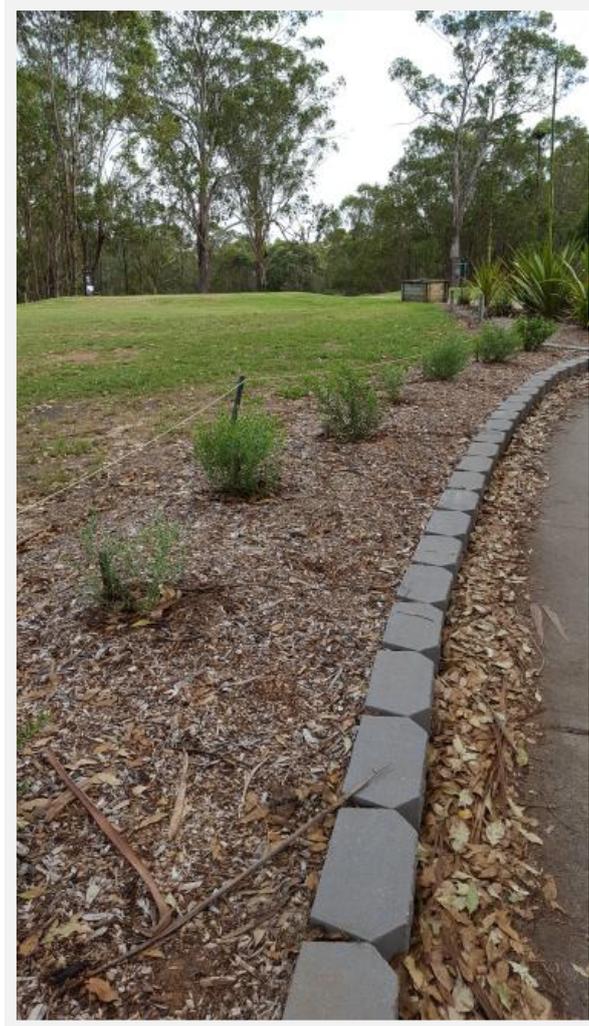
“Studley Park – Order of the Shovel – Vos Estis Sal Terrae”

Bob Preston is our man. Bob (right) has been with the vols 'for ever', is a self starter, good bloke (they tell me) and rarely listens to my advice!

Thanks Bob – another Guernsey.



Included a snap this week of our plants on the 12th. *Coming along nicely!*



Next Vol Day: Should be Monday- 6th of March.

Cheers and Welcome Back,

Peter T. VCO, OOTS.