



## Volunteer's Report

24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

**Volunteers :-** Ken Bellman, Byron Myer, Bob Gray, Brian Thorn, Ian Goodall, Phil Cleaton, Pete Tanner, Phil Bevington. And a hearty welcome to Brad McNeilly on his 1<sup>st</sup> shift.

**Apologies:-** Bob Preston, Gordy Bray, Dave Butler, Stephen Humphreys, Peter Legge, Jan Domanski, David Kidd, Leigh Grice and James Joshua.

### **Achievements:**

#### **Spraying:**

**Phil Cleaton** and **Brad McNeilly** took the spray rig out with Phil's normal partner in crime, **Stephen Humphreys** being a late withdrawal due to toddler commitments.

**Phil** again provided his teams debrief but only on a single club coaster this week, explaining that **Owen Madden** keeps a close eye on expenditure, including excessive use of coasters! They sprayed: Lodges Rd (just the club frontage!), mounds on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, gardens on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> green surrounds, 5<sup>th</sup> tee, 7<sup>th</sup> green area and area adjacent to 10<sup>th</sup> path and tee.

**Brad** looks as though he will fit seamlessly into the team, explaining on arrival that he has a couple of dud shoulders, is susceptible to the odd hernia and his knees are shot!!

All that puts him well towards the top of our 'able-bodied vols' list!!

#### **Soiling:**

Nil

#### **Mulching:**

Nil

#### **Hedging:**

**Byron** is back from Queensland and continued on with hedge and tree trimming. According to **Byron**, he pretty much covered all the low hanging stuff throughout the course. Geez, little blokes are quick!

#### **Vac Blowing and Sweeping:**

Nil.

#### **General Duties:**

**Brian Thorn** took on some general maintenance work around the course which included repair and/or replacement of posts and chains at the back of the 5<sup>th</sup> green and a couple of new posts at the road exit from the 16<sup>th</sup> etc etc.

#### **Stick Run:**

Nil

#### **Painting:**

With the NSW Open Regional Qualifier being played at Studley mid-May, the team was equipped with cans of orange, yellow, blue and red paint, and headed out to complete all distance marker and hazard stakes throughout the course.

Yellow team- **Peter Tanner** and **Phil Bevington**.

Blue team – **Ken Bellman**.

Orange team- **Ian Goodall**.

Red team – **Bob Gray** and **Ken Bellman**.

Supervisor of paint teams (a popular appointment!) **Peter Southby**.

**Peter S.**, whilst doing his rounds reported that paint work was quite up to standard and noted stakes that had turned a pale orange or off-pink were now back to their correct colours.

**Peter** also noted that yellow, orange and red teams should be commended with the blue team not far behind. Apparently **Pete** and **Ken** have a long past history together at the PMG, so he couldn't resist the dig!

**Bob Gray** took on the red stakes single handedly but quickly realised that there were lots of 'em. **Ken** volunteered to join red after completing blue, so it may have been with some haste that contributed to the aforementioned 'dig'. I hope that squares the ledger Ken?

#### **Of Interest:**

- A few weeks earlier **Jan Domanski** and **Pete Tanner** turned up to a scheduled but very wet Monday. They did stay long enough to weed gardens on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, do a short stick run and tidy up the 12<sup>th</sup> garden. In the end, the rain won the day, but the rest of the team already knew that!!
- **Phil Bevington** spent much of the day discussing famous paintings – things like 'the Mona Lisa is only famous because it was once owned by Napoleon' etc. etc. Was there something in the yellow paint Phil?
- Joke of the day. **Phil Cleaton** said 'one of his relatives recently took a beating from a mimic but the injuries were unspeakable!' Boom Boom.  
**Ken B** told a good one about a supermodel and a bee – yet to be rated!!

#### **Volunteer's Trophy:-**

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

**Ken Bellman** is our man this week.

Always willing to contribute, a consistent performer, offers constructive suggestions and yes, good for a yarn.

**A valued team man.**

**Thanks Ken.**



**Next Vol Day:** should be Monday- 8<sup>th</sup> of May.

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