

Volunteer's Report
Monday 27th June 2016
'The 12th' cont'd.



Volunteers:- Brian Thorn, Dave Butler, Phil Bevington, Pete Tanner, Byron Myer, Ken Bellman, Peter Legge and David Kidd.

Apologies:- Stephen Humphreys, Phil Cleaton, Jan Domanski, Bob Preston, Ian Goodall, Frank Farrugia, Leigh Grice, James Joshua, Gordy Bray and Bob Gray.

The day started with our team brushing off the early morning winter cob webs with a nice cup of coffee made by Kyle T in the Pro Shop. Kyle is very talented for a uni student!! However, Ken B, Peter T and Peter L, upon passing our cars on the way back to the greens sheds, noticed an empty coffee cup laying alongside Phil B's car and a glance higher - the cups' contents covering the rear window and door. Standing alongside - a very forlorn looking Phil B. It just goes to show how important that 1st morning cuppa is!

Achievements:-

Spraying:

Nil

Soiling:-

A small job at the 10th green which had been washed about in recent heavy rain was 'fixed' by Dave B. Dave was restricted to spreading with the FE Loader only and did quip that he may have left a groove or two due to today's dampness. Soil mix was spread through the 3 new gardens on the 12th which took quite a number of loads.

Mulching:-

Again, we managed to cover the 3 new gardens at 12 – just a thin layer to settle the garden in before planting commences around mid August.

Stick Run:-

Brian and Ken (as always) collected a nominal sum of assorted twigs etc in between our main activity.

The 12th Tee Project:-

After all the hard work (and 'friendly' banter), the 12th is really taking shape. Those passing will notice a substantially new look about the area which is now roped off with GUR signs placed in gardens for the interim by our very special guest volunteer and Club Captain - David K.

David doesn't get time to join us all that often these days due to his onerous duties but does point out that when he is with us, his productivity equates to 2 f/t vols. I could go into lengthy debate on this point but I am told it would be to no avail!!

Volunteer's Trophy:-

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

A very close call this week with everyone putting in.

However, the very recent exploits of one **Ken Bellman** could not be ignored. I have it on very good authority (Ken told me!) that after being down 3 holes at least on two occasions during the Masters home game yesterday, and being the final game with which comes the heaviest of responsibility to uphold our great club's reputation (Ken also told me that) he and his opponent teed off the 18th all square. Ken up the middle, opponent in the trees left. His shot – short left. Ken takes a glance at his 2nd shot options and notices a large crowd spilling from the Clubhouse and surrounding the 18th. What to do, does he play long and safe and aim for a square, or take on the treacherous short pin and go for the win. Go for the win he says, its' just a good wedge in and momentum is with me. Takes his stance, no sign of nerves, steely eyes, a little internal discomfort (but that's another story entirely). Takes the shot, the crowd goes bananas – 4 feet, pin high. Advantage Ken! His opponent chips on and sinks his putt. Bugger, 2 putts to square, 1 for the win. Pressure back on – what pressure? Slams it into the hole. Camden 7 and a half – opponents Nil.

Ken then backs up for volunteers the very next day. **What a Club man!**
And I am sure that the above info is quite accurate – we did hear the story more than once!!



Next Vol Day: tba

VCO (and Sandy) will be attending The Open – Thursday 14th July at Royal Troon, Scotland.

Cheers,
Peter T. VCO, OOTS.