

Volunteer's Report

Monday 28 Nov 2016



Volunteers :- Byron Myer, Bob Gray, Ken Bellman, Pete Tanner and Phil Bevington.

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

A victory for apologies this week! Ah, it's that time of year again. Doesn't it come around quickly?

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Spraying:

Nil.

Soiling:

Nil

Mulching:

Nil.

Unfortunately, the tractor is currently in for repairs. According to **Eugene**, the brakes are in need of attention but he suspects that there may be another gremlin causing grief.

To complicate things, Eugene advises that although the tractor carries US labelling, the motor and other parts are Fiat but the machine plate states that it was manufactured in Romania. Spare parts – not a problem?!!!!

Hedging:

Ken Bellman and **Pete Tanner** continued the stellar work that **Bob Preston** achieved last shift.

We shared the motorised hedger for about one hour each and it was later reported that both had an afternoon nap for 2 or so hours. **Bob did three and a half hours solo!**

However, we did cover a good part of the remaining (if not all) foxtails including the 7th tee, full garden between 13 and 14th and the RHS gardens at 13th green.

This was on the back of some extensive tree trimming along the pathway from Studley Park House to Camden Valley Way as well as various trees close to play.

It was nice to receive a compliment in our travels from one of our senior greens staff, **Mitchell Arnold**, who noted it will make mowing in these areas much easier. Many thanks for the on-site feedback Mitchell. And congratulations on your win - A Grade Champion of Men's Match Play 2016! A good example of greens staff and volunteers working in unison.

Stick Run:

Byron Myer chimed in with Peter and Ken to collect and dump the tree trimmings – some decent size branches included. We only had use of two Toro Workmen vehicles supplied by **Shane** which is appreciated as they are in demand.

Vac Blowing and Sweeping:

Nil.

General Gardening:

With **Phil Bevington** and **Bob Gray** the remaining team members, I suggested to Phil that they may wish to do some general gardening in the absence of heavy machinery today. Phil

(our union rep) had mentioned on a 'few occasions' that weeding had thus far been somewhat neglected.

This aside, VCO was aware that Phil may well be pre-occupied with the proposed parliamentary bill amendments to the ABCC powers which will limit the future influence of unions. So I thought - best tread softly for a day or two!

Bob looked after garden watering on the 12th last week in my absence which is greatly appreciated. **Thanks Bob.**

However, Bob reported that the equation for the number **7** was of little assistance. He completed the task in **2 runs.**

Adam Spencer explains that **2** can only be written as $2 = 1 \times 2$, so **2** is a **prime** number, and is the only even prime number, as every other even number is divisible by **2**. **I think we are right now!!**

Oh, and they completed gardening through the 17th RHS gardens and then onto the Clubhouse gardens. A wonderful effort for **just 2.**

Of Interest:

- With just 5 vols, Byron missed his dietary serving. We will get that fixed next shift
- During the foxtail trimming over the past 2 shifts our team collected in excess of 90 golf balls and some very new and upmarket brands amongst them. One in particular had **2** blue octopus rings on it and was found on the LHS of the 17th just past the ladies tee. If memory serves me well, I would say the ball belongs to an A grader, one **Ken Tideswell**, and can be collected on application, Ken. A **prime** (sorry) example of the misfortunes of golf!

Volunteer's Trophy:-

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

I am told that it is **Pete Tanner's** turn, for no apparent reason other than some new photos have been taken.



Pete Tanner

Next Vol Day: Should be **12/12** and possibly the last for 2016.

Cheers,
Peter T. VCO, OOTS.