

VOLUNTEER'S REPORT

Monday 29th August 2016



Volunteers :- Dave Butler, Pete Tanner, David Kidd, Phil Bevington, Bob Gray and **Susan Goodall** (our First Lady (volunteer)*).

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

With the course being closed Monday and Tuesday for coring of greens and fairways etc, the vols did not have access to the course proper and took the opportunity to do some overdue work around the club entry.

Achievements:

Spraying:

Nil

Soiling:

Nil

Mulching:

Group completed a large portion of the club car park entry including the pro shop area which required the removal of some aging shrubs etc. and the garden area adjacent to the 1st tee. This area has some newly laid plants and watering system installed by Chris Blockley. Chris will be happy to note that we were very careful in not disturbing his waterworks!

Stick Run:

Nil

The 12th Tee Project :

An additional 18 Eremorphila Maculata tubes were planted on Thursday arvo by messrs Legge, Bevington and Tanner. All we need to do now is keep the water up and continue with some ongoing TLC.

Vac Blowing and Sweeping:

Quite a bit of loose debris, leaves and sand around the car park needed special attention and I suggested to David K that the vac blower might be the go. Always looking to put his superior work ethics on show, David agreed and put the vac blower into operation with gusto.

At the same time, Susan G. was doing some very meticulous sweeping of loose bark and soil from the front fringe of the pro shop near the garden that the group had just mulched. Unfortunately as things turned out, whilst Susan was going one way, David was going the other!!!

Undeterred, (following a priceless expression) Susan then went in the reverse direction to 'tidy up again'. Alas, so did David.

Now, The Reader will have to afford some solace to The Writer here, giving due consideration as how to report this unfortunate and delicate event.

However, some popular idioms come to mind:

- 'fools rush in where angels fear to tread' (auth; Alexander Pope, from his poem An Essay on Criticism: circa 1711.)

- 'hell hath no fury like a woman scorned' (**Origin:** This saying is based on lines from *The Mourning Bride* by William Congreve (1670-1729):

*Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned,
Nor hell a fury like a woman scorned.)*

In summary – David got off lightly!

Of Interest:

- Dave B turned up somewhat despondent, reporting that he was out of pocket \$68. Apparently Daves' better half requested that he replace the plug-in scent dispenser. He did (or thought so) but shortly after, one of his grandkids told him that the door bell wasn't working. Yes, you guessed it, he threw out the door bell plug-in!!!
- Susan G advised that she was very proud of her man (that's Ian) who has taken off substantial kilos training for the City to Surf. Did it in 88 mins and she still allows him to indulge in his favourite drink, half coffee, half cream with sugar!
- Our wonderful Club Pro, Luke Higgins, upon seeing the garden improvements around the Pro Shop took the opportunity to place a special order for plants. Reminds me of the old idiom 'you can't keep a good man down'

Ref: Genesis 40-41:-This is a parable about a farmer whose old dog fell into a dry well.¹ After assessing the situation, the farmer sympathized with the dog but decided that neither the dog nor the well was worth the trouble of saving. Instead, he planned to bury the old dog in the well and put him out of his misery. When the farmer began shoveling, initially the old dog panicked. But then it dawned on the mutt that every time a shovel load of dirt landed on his back he could shake it off and step up. This he did blow after blow. "Shake it off and step up, shake it off and step up, shake it off and step up!" he repeated to encourage himself. It wasn't long before the dog, battered and exhausted, stepped triumphantly out of the well. What he thought would bury him actually benefited him—all because of the way he handled adversity.

- our two retired 'schoolies' Bob G and Phil B reminiscing about the kids they had suspended / expelled. Too many idioms to print for this subject!

Volunteer's Trophy:-

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

Must go to our First Lady, Susan Goodall who applied her special multi-tasking skills with gusto and style.

Clearly the driving force in some peoples life.

A good-all round performance. (Sorry Sue, but I think I have used that one on Ian as well)

Photo to be attached on web site edition.

Next Vol Day: Should be 12/9

Cheers,
Peter T. VCO, OOTS.

*with reference to this group of vols, and notwithstanding the many ladies who have and still do contribute to the wellbeing of Camden Golf Club.

(that should 'save my bacon')

ref: In this phrase, bacon represents the person's body. (Compare "He saved my ***.") The Oxford English Dictionary defines "to save one's bacon" as "to escape injury to one's body, to keep oneself from harm." The earliest example it quotes is dated 1691.)