

## Volunteer's Report 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017



**Volunteers:-** Brian Thorn, Ian Goodall, Gordy Bray, Phil Cleaton, Bob Preston, Pete Tanner and Phil Bevington.

**Apologies:-** Dave Butler, Byron Myer, Bob Gray, Stephen Humphreys, Ken Bellman, Peter Legge, Jan Domanski, David Kidd, Leigh Grice and James Joshua.

Two of our three Super Seniors (a contradiction in terms?) **Ken Bellman** and **Peter Legge**, were 'resting' in anticipation of their knock-out stage match scheduled for Thursday. However, **Brian Thorn** was happy to come along to vol's- as he considered 3 days rest in between events to be plenty.

Just as well, considering **Dave Butler**, our FE Loader man was out this week and Brian being the only other qualified operator. Yes – the Romanian built Fiat FE Loader is back!!

PS: I will arrange an ECG (An **electrocardiogram** – to save people like me looking it up) for Ken and Pete for future reference!

### **Achievements:**

#### **Spraying:**

**Phil Cleaton** took the rig one-out with his normal offsider, Stephen Humphreys being a late withdrawal due to family illness (hope all is well Stephen).

I asked Phil for a quick rundown on his day and to just do a dot point on the back of a Club coaster.

Three coasters later (Phil's version of brevity), I can pass on that Phil sprayed: Lodges Road area at Club entry, the greenkeepers compound, 9<sup>th</sup> green, 10<sup>th</sup> tee and pathway, back to the 9<sup>th</sup> tee, gardens surrounding the 18<sup>th</sup> green and most of the car-park perimeter, etc, etc.

#### **Soiling:**

Nil

#### **Mulching:**

Following the substantial rain event, VCO decided that it would be appropriate to mulch around the car park entry and garden area each side along Lodges Road.

And doesn't it make a difference to the aesthetics, particularly for visitors getting a 1<sup>st</sup> impression of the Club when they drive in (or past).

The rest of that area covers an extended frontage along Lodges Road, which I understand is council's responsibility for upkeep. It might be worthwhile for representation to be made to council for a tidy up request. In fact, **Phil Bevington** came up with the idea for council to supply some decorative plants or the like, and the volunteers would be happy to attend to planting.

**I have to commend the whole team for their efforts this week. A big job and every-one really put in.**

I was absolutely done after a couple of hours on the BIG pitchfork.

However, it was noted that the other BIG fork operators, **Gordy Bray** and **Phil Bevington** must have had some reserves left. **Gordy** quipped that 'he might pop down to the gym in the arvo' and **Phil** said 'he was off to hit a few practice balls later'. No ECG required for these two!!

Special mention is in order for **Ian Goodall** (who was back after a short sabbatical – taken after last receiving the 'Vos Estis'?). Ian took the initiative to jump on the Toro Workman and collect all the debris and dead bushes at Club entry - **a great job Ian.**

**Hedging:**

Nil this week - **Byron** is in Queensland!

**Vac Blowing and Sweeping:**

**Bob Preston** once again took the initiative to 'clean up' after the team and 'vacced' all the surrounding hard areas.

**General Gardening:**

Included - as above

**Stick Run:**

Nil

**Of Interest:**

Nothing further to report

**Volunteer's Trophy:-**

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

**Brian Thorn** is our man this week.

I don't think too many take the well being of the course to heart like Brian. A great machine operator and also is known to help the greenkeepers with mowing etc on a regular basis. All done under volunteer status.

Oh yes, and always happy to offer his opinion!!

**Thanks you Brian.**

**Next Vol Day:-** Should be Monday - 20<sup>th</sup> of March.

***Cheers,***

Peter T. VCO, OOTS.

