

Presidents Report 2017

It is somewhat surprising that I am actually writing this report, as I was elevated into this role in mid June as a result of Mikes Burnett's resignation.

Fortunately for me Mikes dedication to the role made things relatively easy to take on, as he had everything required neatly parcelled up in a very orderly format and had given us all a very precise set of objectives to work to. Thanks Mike.

Nearly six months on and I am pleased to report that we have continued the journey of success. Our financial results for this year have been quite solid and this was confirmed by a very positive annual independent audit report. Membership numbers are also holding up well and its pleasing to note that our club is quite unique in that it opposes the trend of declining membership numbers elsewhere in the Far North.

Credit for these encouraging results are because of the very hardworking, diligent and dedicated management team and associated staff. They are an awesome group of people, continually striving for excellence, in what can be at times a very challenging environment.

They are the real backbone to the successes of our club and as a combined team have done a magnificent job in keeping our club professional, current, vibrant and alive.

Grant thanks to you and your dependable team for the incredible work effort put in throughout the year, its tough and trying work but very much appreciated.

To the many enthusiastic volunteers that have rallied at various times of need again this year thank you very much, your support has again been sensational.

Our elected committee members have also played an integral role in setting the agenda for our clubs success this year. Pursuing members needs and expectations are a priority for both the Management and Golf committees. Committee members are volunteers who genuinely care for their club and its members, they have again given up their own time to address the day to day challenges as they were presented and continued to seek improvement in a vast array of areas. Their ongoing commitment and dedication has provided us all with a another very professional golfing experience this year and as a result can only assist in building future improvement.

Our club continues to deliver an amazing venue for a round of golf, and I am sure all our members have continually reflected on what a fabulous course and picturesque landscape we are privileged to enjoy every time we have stepped out onto the course this year.

Anytime an opportunity arises to promote our club to others please take it on, as new members are crucial to our long term success and should be seen as everybody's individual commitment to the club.

I am pleased to inform you all that new club house furniture will finally happen early in the new year, a new bar cold room will be installed not to long after, the critical work required on the green keepers facilities will be up graded throughout the year, and major water pumping equipment purchases will be made.

These projects are being fast tracked to not only continue the immediate improvement process but also to ensure our long term strategies can be achieved.

As we enter the New Year we will again face many challenges and potential threats to our club. One of these threats will be the proposed access road and new boat ramps planned to be constructed adjacent to the fourteenth fairway and green. This is obviously something we are seriously concerned about and will be working closely with the HMBC, Buckley Street Resident Action Group and other interested parties. Already meetings are planned and we will continue to provide updates on positional progress as they happen.

In closing its been a very interesting, challenging and at times frustrating year, but Ive really enjoyed it. I truly hope existing Committee members re standing and new Committee members to be elected continue to embrace the clubs commitments to it members, and we can all enjoy the journey in a financially buoyant, pleasant and harmonious environment.

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all in 2018

Col McVea