

Commonwealth Bank Sydney Golf Club

Captains Report 2016

Welcome everyone to this year's Annual General Meeting and Presentation night for 2016.

It again has been a busy and exciting year for the club:

- we hosted another successful Bank Holiday at Stonecutters,
- we again sent teams to the RS Elliott and Interbank and had success coming back again with some major trophies
- and probably our biggest effort was the launching of the club's website. (since the site's launch in March this year, we have had over 7700 hits on the site....not too bad !)
- Also relating to the website, we were able to fill in missing details on the history of the club's Henry & Long trophy. As you all probably know, we managed to track down Les Henry earlier this year who presented the Henry & Long trophy to the Scratch Club Championship winner Jack Brown back in 1956. We did invite him to the AGM hoping he would be able to present the trophy again 60 years later...unfortunately he was unable to attend tonight but looking at the bigger picture, we were able to complete the club's trophy history.

Okay let's warm up with some stats for the 2016;

Average attendance at this year's 13 regular events was 34 (which was pretty much the same as 2015 at 33.2). We had a high of 42 players at "Royal" Glenmore and low of 22 at The Links Shellcove.

This year, we again had 4 members play every Presidents Trophy game, they were –

Warren Francis
Steve Chan
Simon Soo
Steve Nicholson

Well done to those players.

Membership numbers are still looking good. 6 of the 13 games this year had 35 or more players in the field. All the other games (with the exception of The Links Shellcove & Penrith) still had between 30 and 35 players so that's still pretty good.

Looking forward to next year's games....

There will be a few changes for 2017 schedule. The first game of the year will be at Eastlakes GC on 8th January. During August and due to popular

demand (well lack of demand), we have finally replaced The Links Shellcove with Bayview GC (apologies to the Shire people). The September game will still see us out west at Camden GC.

Well done to The Mouse again for another outstanding job in booking the games. Also....The Mouse will be hanging up his booking officer boots this year so I would also like to congratulate The Mouse again on a great job he has done over the last 4 x years as booking officer.

Fixture cards.....with the launch of the club's website early this year, we have decided to stop printing the blue fixture cards. All the information is readily available on the site so it was a pretty straight forward decision to retire that function, however a softcopy of the fixtures card will still be available for anyone who wants to still print it off. And for Bruce Clausen, I will make up a couple of the cards especially for you.....

Matchplay

This year we reduced the number of players from 32 to 16 with the number of rounds from 5 to 4. This will continue in 2017.

Qualification for the draw will be (as usual) last year's winner and the top 5 x players from the Liverpool game, Koohindah Waters game & the Mona Vale game. The first round will start at the Glenmore game.

The full match play schedule will be noted on the 2017 fixtures list.

Ok.....let's move on to the **Representative events.....**

RS Elliott - This year's RS Elliott tournament was hosted in Melbourne at the 13th Beach Creek Course and Beach Course.

Monday's game was held at Creek course with The Managing Director's trophy won by the NSW team with an average team score of 34.2 stableford points. 2nd was Tas with 32.5 with SA coming in 3rd with 31.7

Highlights from the NSW's team on the Monday was Richard Mair with 39 points and myself with 38 points, Stephen McCammond with 37 points and Allen Kenny with 36 points. With the other scores from the NSW team being 30 and above, it was going to be hard to beat.

On the Tuesday, the RS Elliott was held on the Beach course. The NSW and SA team tied for the RS Elliott trophy with a score of 460 strokes each. The Brisbane Salver trophy was won by the SA team with 205 points.

The Melbourne Cup was won by our Lloyd Rodger with 85 strokes while runner up was also another NSW player Simon Cooper with 86 strokes. The

Gateway Cup (best stableford score on Tuesday) was won by Ashley Jennings with 33 stableford points. Well done to the whole 2016 Elliott team.

The 2017 RS Elliott tournament will be hosted by Tasmania during the 12th to 15th of March next year and will be played at the Tasmania GC on Monday and Royal Hobart GC on the Tuesday. Accommodation will be at the Wrest Point Casino. Tasmania has requested for final details by 31st December.

The players that will be joining Warren Francis to represent NSW next year will be announced shortly.

Sydney V Newcastle - The 55th Sydney V Newcastle match was held on February 22nd at the Hunter Valley Golf & Country Club. The Lea Thompson Trophy was won by the Newcastle team with an average score of 29.7.17 to Sydney's 28.6.

Next year's event will be back at the Hunter Valley Golf & Country Club again on Sunday the 19th Feb.

Interbank - The 87th Interbank Tournament was held at Stonecutters Ridge GC this year and was hosted by CBA.

Westpac won the Interbank Pennant (Scratch Stableford) with a score of 122 points. CBA were runners up with 120 points. For the Interbank Trophy (Handicap Stableford), CBA were successful in winning this trophy with 350 points while Westpac came in at 2nd place with 347 points.

Congratulations to Richard Mair on winning the Moss Parker Trophy (Individual Scratch) with 28 points. Other highlights of the day for CBA were Glen Williamson winning B Grade with 38 points and Steve Nicholson runner up for B Grade with 37 points.

The 2017 Interbank will be on March 6th at Stonecutters Ridge GC again and will be hosted by RBA.

Winter Cup - The 17th Winter Cup was again held in July at the Federal Golf club in Canberra. The winner of the day was first time Winter Cup participant Mark O'Connor with a net score of 73. Runner up on the day was Warren Francis with a net 74. Well done again to Mark O'Connor on winning and a big thankyou to the Winter Cup sponsor Peter Bendiech. Next year will again be at Federal GC on the 23rd July.

Bank Holiday – For the 65th Bank Holiday, the event was held again at Stonecutters Ridge GC.

Congratulations to Simon Cooper on winning the Welfare/Watson –Mason Cup with 73 strokes and congratulations also goes to Michael Vickers for winning the Ted Geekie Veterans trophy with 38 points.

Overall the day was a huge successful day and thanks to everyone that helped in making it a great day. Next year's Bank Holiday game will be again held at Stonecutters Ridge again on 7th August.

CBA/Westpac Challenge– the CBA/Westpac challenge, hosted by CBA this year, was contested again at the Riverside Oaks on the 23rd Aug.

After all 19 matches had been completed and tallied, CBA were the winners with 12 points to Westpac's 5. Initial results looked like another close match but CBA romped home in the end.

Congratulations to Martyn Durie on winning the day with an individual stableford score of 35 points.

Next years challenge will be hosted by Westpac and will be played again at Riverside Oaks on Sunday 20th August 2017 but on the new Bungool course.

Sydney V Brisbane - The 39th Sydney V Brisbane Tournament was recently held in Coffs Harbour again.

From the reports the weather was fantastic for the weekend games at Bonville & Coffs Harbour golf Club. In the end, the Sydney team won the weekend event with a score of 69.37 to Brisbane's 67.11.

The winner of the Shannon Driscoll Aggregate trophy went to Brisbane's Bob Ada with a total score of 88 points over the 2 days.

The "lowly" respected "The Wendy" trophy was won by our own Chris Dowell with a score of 49 points over the couple of days. Well done Dowlie !

Hole in Ones'

No hole in one's this year, so I save a few dollars on trophies this year and so does Bruce Clausen.

Club Championships –

The club championships were recently conducted over 2 rounds at Carnarvon and Penrith Golf Club's.

The champions for 2016 are: -

Open /SCR	Simon Cooper	69 points (34/35 - Trophy)
Runner up	Richard Mair	53 points (27/26)

A Grade	Michael Parker	73 points (38/35)
Runner Up	Stephen McCammond	66 points (33/33)

B Grade	Craig Horley	67 points (39/28)
Runner Up	Dave McCann	66 points (37/29)

C Grade	John Bennion	67 points (30/37)
Runner Up	Ganesh Ramachandra	66 points (36/30)

Congratulations to all of the above.

Match Play – The 25th Match Play final was held again in September at Long Reef where Steve Wise defeated Gordon Ho 1 up. Congratulations to Steve on winning his first Matchplay trophy.

Long Drive - The long drive comp this year has gone to Fassih this year. He managed 6 x long drives wins during the year. The wins were at Penrith, Carnarvon, The Springs, Lynwood, Kooindah Waters & Windsor. Well done to Fassih

Rookie of the Year trophy - Rookie of the Year trophy is won by the best performing rookie/new member though out the year. The trophy has been generously sponsored by Glen Williamson.
The recipient of the trophy this year goes to Ganesh Ramachandra. Well done..

Glen, could please come forward and present the trophy to Ganesh...
(if Ganesh is present)

Presidents Trophy

Chuck has already presented the Presidents Trophy, but a quick summary on Warren's performance this year.....to win the Presidents trophy this year, he had (out of 13 games) 7 x top 10 finishes which included a win at Windsor at the start of the year and a 3rd at Long Reef in September.

Throughout most of the year, Warren was pretty much on top of the table with top 10's in the first 3 x games of 2016 (which included the win at Windsor). A couple players were the only likely players to threaten Warren's lead but in the end he romped home by a comfortable 35 points.

A very well deserved winner and automatic selection for next years Elliott team. Well done Wazza.

RS Elliott Interstate Team

It is now my pleasure to announce the team (which now can be someone who isn't or has not worked in the bank) to represent NSW at the 53rd tournament to be held in Tasmania next March.

Ok....here we go....the first person (as you would already know) to represent NSW is

Name	First year	Number of selections (including 2017)
Warren Francis	1997 (WA)	11 th
Richard Mair	2015 (WA)	3 rd
Lloyd Rodger	2011 (Tas)	5 th
George Emerson	2009 (WA)	4 th (for NSW)
Michael Parker	2008 (NSW)	4 th
Darren Wissam	n/a	1 st (virgin - No. 138)
Dave McCann	2004 (Vic)	7 th
Steve Wise	1995 (ACT)	11 th
Steve Nicholson	n/a	1 st (virgin - No. 139)
Peter Bendeich	1989 (NSW)	11 th

Reserve 1 – Bruce Clausen

Reserve 2 – Dom Khoury

Reserve 3 – Craig Horley

Interbank Team – The following players have been selected for the Interbank Squad (with the final 14 will be chosen closer to the event). 2016 will be hosted by CBA and will be played at Stonecutters Ridge on Monday 3th March 2016. (The Elliott players will have a chance to play another game before heading south for Victoria)

1. Steven Chan
2. Ehtesham Fassih
3. Simon Soo
4. Bruce Clausen
5. Gordon Ho
6. Patrick Kastl
7. John Bennion
8. Glen Williamson
9. Stephen McCammond
10. Craig Horley
11. Allan Kenny
12. Kevin Ho
13. Graham Flanagan
14. Greg Liversage
15. Domenic Khoury
16. Rowena Rees-Poole
17. Paul Short
18. Ian Watson
19. Daniel Westraad
20. Michael Vickers

In closing, I would also like to thank all players for their conduct on and off the course during the year, and to all the committee members for their assistance throughout the year. This has been my 8th year as captain and I have again thoroughly enjoyed supporting the club and look forward to serving as Captain again next year.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas this year, and all the best for 2017.

Steve Chan
Captain