

# EAST GEELONG GOLF CLUB

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## 92<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL REPORT Season 2015 – 2016

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

### OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT:	Mr. Gregory Bennett
CAPTAIN:	Mr. Robert Hadden
TREASURER:	Mr. John DeCarle
HON. SECRETARY:	Mr. Doug Ilsley
VICE PRESIDENT:	Mr. Stewart Madden
VICE CAPTAIN:	
COMMITTEE:	Mrs. Barbara Birkett, Mrs. Margaret Hadden, Mr. Gary Hardiman, Mr. Chris Maloney, Mr. Gary Ryan, Mr. Neville Stalio, Mr. Ian Trevorrow.

### MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Membership Category	2016	2015
	Male / Female	Male / Female
Ordinary	157	151
Limited	74	83
Senior	19	23
Intermediate	13	11
Junior	20	26
Honorary Life	10	8
Honorary	4	4
Senior Limited	7	8
Non-Playing / Social	16	10
Sporting	24	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>351</b>

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

After 20 years on the committee it is with some regret that this is my last year, and would like to thank all those who have supported and assisted throughout all that time.

Back in 1996 Ted Anderson approached me and asked if I would be prepared to come on to the committee, as they were looking for “younger” candidates, and with computer expertise it would be an opportunity to take the club forward in the area of match.

Accepting this I had no idea it would lead to the satisfaction I have had and hopefully the opportunity to give something back to the golf club.

Funny how after 20 years the committee is still looking for the same thing, someone to stand up and help keep the club moving forward.

This time last year the address to the AGM was all about where we were at, the difficulties financially, and the lack of membership numbers moving into the 2015/2016 financial year.

This year we have managed to turn the financial status around to a small trading profit, thanks to the diligence of all the sub committees in the amount of spending, and in no small part due to the voluntary action of Russell in the reduction of his hours.

Whilst we have not been able to significantly increase the membership numbers, we have added a number of incentives and categories that may see improvement in the next few years.

Whilst spending has been minimised and enabled a healthier outcome, we must be aware that very soon there will be a need to maintain the clubhouse and there is course machinery that desperately needs replacing, so complacency is not an option when it comes to increasing membership and raising funds.

The club still offers to the members good value for money, with the course holding up over the year, the watering done in Nov/Dec which allowed the fairways in summer to be in as good a condition as we have seen for many years.

There has been a lot of work done over the past year with Barwon Water, and City of Greater Geelong. Whilst Barwon water has not been able to help directly, they have offered some advice and suggestions which have been undertaken.

We are in a good position to move forward with the Mens Toilet upgrade, with funding going to the second approval stage. Hopefully this will be achieved and the project started late 2016.

Doug Ilsley has worked with the CoGG on the renegotiation of the current lease, and fingers crossed this may assist in a positive outcome.

To the manager, general committee, and the subcommittees I would like to thank you for the hard work during the past year.

To all those outside the committee who volunteer their services to improve the course and club house I would like to express my sincere thanks for all of your time and effort.

*Greg Bennett*  
*President*

## **CAPTAINS REPORT**

Another year of golf has gone by; this year we have seen an increase in the amount of winter rain over the past few years, this has resulted in a good growth of winter grass and hopefully a better covering of grass in the summer months. With the softer fairways competition scores have been on the low side.

The change to the course rating early last year has been successful with competition results DRS being more realistic and in line with the course ACR.

The year has seen the competition entry numbers still on the low side; particularly PM fields; but are in line with the field sizes for the previous year, it would be nice to see a larger number of players playing competition golf.

The East Geelong Open Tournament is again being played a week earlier than the traditional week due to the change to the AFL finals, last year's open was great success and hopefully this year's event; with help the club members; will be as successful.

To the Match Committee people, the Greens Committee, all the volunteers I wish to thank all of these people for their commitment help during the past twelve months. To all the members of the Golf Club I wish them good golfing over the next year.

*Robert Hadden*  
*Captain*

## **GREENS REPORT**

This year has been relative quite in regards to major projects, due to budgetary constraints.

In saying this, there has been plenty of smaller projects ongoing to keep improving the course and the beautification.

Once again we had a very dry summer which impacted the course going forward with grass growth on the fairways and the repaired bare sections on the fairways getting good grass coverage.

Watering heavily before Christmas certainly assisted the course in getting through the Summer period in reasonable condition.

The acquisition of the water tank below the clubhouse has had a great result, with the need to pump water not as vital as it has been in recent years. All water from the clubhouse roof goes into the tank, and then it drains to the bottom 2 tanks.

Tee signs for the new ladies course have been ordered and we are awaiting for them to be fitted.

Unfortunately we have experienced a increase in vandalism this year, with the 7th & 8th greens affected the most. Corella's did all of the damage to the 4th green, which is still struggling to recover.

To all of the volunteers (whether how large or small your involvement has been) Dale and I thank you very much for all of your efforts and your time given to the club is gratefully appreciated.

As this is my last year as the Greens Chairman and I would like to thank Dale for a great working relationship over the past 5 years and look forward to being just a volunteer in the years to come.

To keep the course in the condition that it is in, is a credit to his commitment and dedication to the club.

Finally a thank you to the Greens Committee, General Committee and Russell for there support over the last 5 years.

*Stewart Madden*  
*Chairman Greens Committee*

## **HOUSE REPORT**

It has been another relatively quiet year to report for House Committee. No big achievements or newly completed projects.

Focus has been on maintenance and only projects deemed absolutely necessary due to financial constraints.

Unfortunately much attention has had to be placed on the damage repair and implementation of preventative measures as a result of our attacks from the current spate of burglaries rampant in Geelong.

This has also had a big impact on our insurance coverage with increasing demands from insurers before they will cover us. This is worrying as well as time consuming and with unwanted expenses.

I wish the scum would leave us alone.

We have this year agreed to trial a caterer working out of our much underutilized kitchen facility on a monthly rental basis. We trust that this sharing of facilities will not impact on club usage and will hopefully prove a very healthy partnership down the track.

As Manager, I am talking with members constantly and hear of many things that should be done around the club. This feedback is always very welcome and is always taken on board.

Believe me, the House Committee is very aware of what is needed new, and the areas getting tired and requiring works. It is all very much a matter of priorities. Please be patient as we try to continue to present our great facility to the best of our ability.

*Russell Lucas  
House Committee*

## **SOCIAL CLUB REPORT**

Well we got through another great year for our social side of the Club with great support from all the members and sponsors. Many many thanks to my Bunnings crews for all their hard work in making the BBQs a success.

We also had a great result from our major raffle and our Open Week.

Last year and this year we had good results from the sale of Entertainment Books – WOW!

Margy had an Easter and Christmas raffle which were well supported.

Thanks to Stacey, Nev and Stewie for all their help in the SGS BBQs and behind the scenes to Russell and John Decarle.

We also broke a record I think for the first time we made a profit on Presentation Night and what a great night it was.

Now, just on a personal note, I would like to thank all the members and sponsors for their support in all that we have done, like Morris Finance and Club House Golf. This year we have got Hogs Breath on board as a major sponsor for our Open and I would like to thank Greg Bennett for his support over the years in what we did good or bad.

So here's to the new Committee which I know all the members will support in every way.

Thank you.

*Ian Trevorrow  
Social Chairperson*

## **LADIES REPORT**

2016 has been a very successful and happy year on several fronts.

Firstly, we are now proudly displaying the Otway and Division Pennant flags. Congratulations to those players who represented our club and achieved such amazing results. We have a small ladies's membership base and to be able to field teams who achieved the ultimate success is truly remarkable. We have also had individual successes at both District and Club level.

We congratulate our 2016 Club Champions and acknowledge the wonderful efforts of our club captain, Kath Dellar, achieving the title of 'Club Champion' for the 19th time.

Secondly, our success can be measured in our camaraderie, friendship and genuine sense of fun. Our 'Diamond Ladies' add an extra layer to this and provide more chatter, laughter and support in the clubhouse. Thank you ladies!

Our friendship ties have been strengthened through our winter soup roster. Thank you to the ladies who have provided us with wonderful gastronomical delights through the gloomy, cold, winter Wednesdays!. So successful has this been, that on days when the weather has made play impossible, up to 18 ladies have arrived for lunch and merriment!

Thirdly, success can be attributed to our dedicated, reliable and hardworking committee. I would like to thank them all very much for their commitment shown to the club, as well as their loyalty and support. While our membership numbers have remained constant, we have had some 'ins and outs'. To those ladies not re-joining again, we say a sincere thank you for the contributions you have made during your time with us. To those ladies who have recently joined the club, we welcome you and trust you will enjoy your golf at E.G.G.C.

Thank you Russell Lucas and John De Carle for your assistance when we have needed it.

Finally, we would like to congratulate the outgoing General Committee for the strong decision making and leadership you have provided for our club to remain one of the best clubs in the district.

Helen Norton  
Lady President

## **PENNANT REPORT**

We had a somewhat successful pennant season with both teams making the final. Unfortunately both teams were unsuccessful in the final with the Div.3 team losing 4 1/2 to 2 1/2 and the Div.1 team losing 4 to 3. Thanks to the club, the players and especially to Brad Dunn for his generous sponsorship. Hopefully we can go one better next season.

Cheers.  
Luke McKee

## **VETERANS PENNANT REPORT**

East Geelong had another strong year in the Veteran's with 8 players representing the club in the Vets Pennant competition.

Unfortunately we missed out on making the finals by the smallest of margins ( 1 game)  
The team had 3 Matches where we were defeated by one game and lost these 3 and 2.

Hopefully next year we can get back into the finals and in contention for an inaugural win.

Thanks to all the players who played throughout the year, the camaraderie has been excellent and the pride in representing the club was obvious throughout the whole season.

*Greg Bennett*  
*Vets Pennant Captain*

## **MANAGERS REPORT**

Golf Clubs are hurting in today's society. We all know that.

The running costs and overheads required to run a golf club today are enormous.

The sole reason East Geelong Golf Club is here today and continues its wonderful tradition and service to the Geelong community is through the time and effort of its volunteers over many years.

Thank these volunteers every chance you get. They do their best for your club, not always the way you want, but at no cost except for their own time and effort and a love for your club, and it always works out.

Congratulate them on the great job they do.

And if you could spare any time at all.....you are our future.

I would like to thank John DeCarle for all his support and assistance through the year. John has voluntarily taken on a big part of the daily admin duties of the club with my hours reduction, as well as fully covering my position in my absence. I sincerely thank John for his great job. He is a backbone in this club.

Thank you to Greg Bennett on his rest from committee.

20+ years of dedicated voluntary duty to the club through various roles to deservedly President.

You have done a wonderful job.

*Russell Lucas*  
*Manager*

## **OBITUARIES**

The Club was saddened by the loss of the following valued members and friends during the year.

Mr. Rob Scopaz and Mr. John Saunders.