

MOREE GOLF CLUB – AGM NOVEMBER 2024 – CAPAINS REPORT

As we turn the page on another year, I would like to thank all those members who have contributed in whatever way to make it another successful golfing season for the Club.

The golfing calendar and the course itself cannot be presented for enjoyment of players without an extraordinary level of input from many volunteers who assist with course maintenance and improvements including the vets, lady gardeners and ordinary members and my fellow directors. All this supplements the excellent work being undertaken by Schalk and his staff to provide a course that continues to improve and makes golf in Moree as good as you can hope for in Regional NSW. With the completion of the automated watering system and bore and some additional turf-care equipment added it now sees us with a course that will only continue to improve in years to come.

The golfing calendar continues to be well sponsored by a selection of very generous local businesses and members that makes for a rewarding range of competitions throughout the year. Thank you to all these sponsors, your support is appreciated. To members please consider these sponsors when you are considering where to spend your dollars throughout the year.

Week to week golf fields remain a challenge, a sad reality with our aging membership, but overall events have been soundly supported, within the constraints of competing events and seasonal workloads. We would certainly like to see a lift in numbers so please encourage your friends and mates to come and play a round whenever you can, or even better encourage new participants to enjoy these great facilities. Darren Burger is making some great progress with the younger generation and getting them started on the basics and hopefully these will roll along to competition golfers before too much longer.

As most of you will be aware the Club installed new Golf Management software throughout the year. I think everyone agrees has been a great step forward for golf bookings, competition scoring, shot measurements and understanding your own strengths and weaknesses around the course, as well as monitoring how wagers amongst mates might be progressing throughout the round. I encourage you to use both OneGolf app as well as MiScore to maximise the benefits of this system.

A timely reminder though, this system is not a step to developing “carpark” golfers. We are a Club of multiple facilities and I urge you to patronize and enjoy more than just the course. That quiet beer and reflection on how your group played is an integral part of developing a good club spirit and also helping to maintain the course at affordable membership prices.

The Club Championships drew sound fields that did stand up for the four days making all grades competitive. Congratulations to all Champions across all grades and events but in particular to Club Champion Will Smith for his first championship win and Ladies Champion Trim Munro for defending her crown this year.

All winners will all be recognized at our Presentation Night during the Opening Day weekend, which we are trying to make a special weekend for the Club. Please note your diaries and watch for tickets in due course to support this event, and acknowledge those that have played a little bit better than the rest of us at various times during the season

To those that travelled to represent Moree in NSW Golf statewide events, congratulations and well done for your efforts. These events are always enjoyable and an opportunity to play some other good golf courses, but it does take some time and expense given our location so thank you.

Ladies Golf well done on a great year and your participation in the various competitions and thank you to those who have put their hand up to take an organizational role and leadership for your representative events. I apologize that I have not been as closely involved as I perhaps should have been, but distance and other challenges made the last twelve months a little hard to manage these aspects.

The Luis Dreyfus Legends Pro-Am again featured in our calendar and was another successful event. The strength of the fields Moree attracted is only emphasized when within weeks of competing here two of the competitors took out both the NSW Senior Open and the Australian PGA Senior Championship. Overall feedback from all the visiting professionals was highly favorable, not only of the course but the local hospitality and camaraderie of the members. I believe the oncoming Board will be working hard to retain this event again next year.

This will be my final report and year on the Board so I would like to thank everyone for their friendship and assistance over the years. My time in the Club and on the Board has been most enjoyable and I wish the Club every success in the future.

I may be stepping down, but I will still be enjoying my golf on this great and assure the incoming Captain that I will be available to ensure a smooth transition.

David Chomley

Club Captain

