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## **NEW SOUTH WALES SUPER SENIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION (Inc)**

Captain's Report for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
held at Asquith Golf Club on Friday 25<sup>TH</sup> February 2022

This report covers the time period from July 2020 to December 2021. It has been partly due to Covid 19 and also the change of reporting the Annual General Meeting from a Fiscal year to a Calendar year.

The following are changes to Committee that have occurred during the last 18 months.

- Firstly Bruce Cummins, a Life Member of our Association and a member of Shelly Beach Golf Club decided to retire from Committee after many years of loyal service. We wish him all the best for the future.
- One of our founding & a Life member, Barry Ewert, decided to step down, however the Committee, not wanting to lose his wisdom and knowledge of match play, persuaded Barry to become our Patron and steps were put in place for this to happen later in 2020. Barry now wears his Patron shirt with pride.
- To replace Bruce, Dennis Marr from the Shortland Waters club was elected to the Committee in November 2020 and has proved to be a valuable asset representing the Newcastle area.
- Lastly Peter Legge from the Camden Golf Club has also left us due to some medical issues. We thank Peter for his insight at our meetings and wish him all the best for the future.

To replace Peter we welcome Ian Jordan from the Richmond Golf Club onto our Committee.

In an attempt to ensure that our two events, the Championship and the Pennant had every chance of taking place despite Covid, the Committee met 10 times from July 2020 to December 2020, 3 times face to face and 7 times using video conference. However for the first time in 12 years the Championship was not played, the Pennant eventually getting under way in the first week of August 2020. Nine Divisions were formed from the 52 remaining clubs with strong performances displayed by Muree, Shelly Beach, Wallacia, Kogarah, Asquith, and the Lower North Coast team. Also prominent in the performances in the rounds were The Lakes, Castle Hill, Port Kembla, Camden, Cumberland, Monash and Forster Tuncurry. Semifinals took place at Asquith Golf Club between Castle Hill and The Lakes with the boys from the Hill successful 6/2. The other semifinal played at Horizons Golf Club between Forster Tuncurry and Cumberland saw the boys from the Mid North Coast victorious 6.5/1.5

The final was set down for the Lakes Golf Club on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Play started with a slight southerly breeze facing players at the first tee. All was set for a bright sunny day for the Final. Alas it was not to be. By the time players reached the Par 3 ninth the southerly had turned into a 50km/h gale making conditions rather testing on the back nine.

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Play proceeded slowly in very difficult conditions and the game eventually ending on the superb 16<sup>th</sup> Hole when Ian Cochrane from Castle Hill sank a 1.5metre putt to clinch the win for Castle Hill 5.5/2.5. and become the 2020 Super Senior Champions.

The Association would like to thank all those Clubs that willingly gave up an extra day to assist running the final series especially Asquith, Horizons and The Lakes Clubs.

The Super Senior Championship was once again held at the Toukley Golf Club on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Best scratch score and winner of the Jim Earl Plate was Bruce Lee from the Cumberland Club, whilst Geoff Greenaway from the Forster Tuncurry Club had the best Nett score. A word of praise here for our Committee who raised over \$2000 in prizes from various business houses. This enabled us to cover our costs and earn a small profit on the day which will eventually go back to you, the players. The date for the next Championship day is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the same venue. Entry forms will start to go out on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and prizemoney will be increased. Numbers will be limited to the 120 players.

Next came the challenge of ensuring the 2021 Super Senior Pennant would be able to be held despite Covid. The Committee met 10 times during 2021, 3 face to face, and 7 by video but to no avail. On the 17<sup>th</sup> September it was decided by the full Committee that the 2021 S.S.P. was just not able to be held... the first time since 2002.

During the past 18 months several issues have had to be addressed in an effort to make our Pennant even more relevant to Scratch Match Play Golf in conjunction with our Rules of Play. The following is a list of those items that we hope all Captains and players will take on board in the 2022 season.

- We have had to introduce an alcohol ban to players and caddies whilst playing a match.
- A player who wishes to claim a forfeit when his opponent fails to appear must himself be present before his hit off time.
- We are a **Not For Profit** Organisation, not a charity, which means as much as possible of our revenue earned is put back into trophies and prizes to the players in our events.
- I ask that Captains make sure that the Numbers 1 and 2 players that play in the Pennant have the lowest handicap. Each team is checked for this after every game. Penalties apply.
- Teams are still playing unregistered players. The Rules of Play on our website specifically state that ALL players must have their details, i.e., Name, Date of Birth and Golf Link Number in the possession of the Captain **BEFORE** they can take part in a match. Once again Penalties apply. A player is eligible to play when he turns 65 years of age.

I wish you all an enjoyable season in the events that we promote during the 2022 season.

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Martin Gallagher ~ Captain