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NEW SOUTH WALES SUPER SENIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION(Inc)

Captain's Report for the year 2023

12 months ago at the 17th AGM I made those in attendance aware of the decline in Committee numbers from 7 to just 4. I am pleased to report that after today's meeting the numbers will return to 7- the maximum allowed in the Constitution.

After today the Committee will consist of the following:

- Leigh Brydson from the Waratah Club
- Rod McBride from the Port Kembla Club
- Dennis Marr from the Shortland Waters Club
- Eddie Hoskins from the Kooindah Waters Club
- Bruce Threlfo from the Carnarvon Club
- Steve Turner from the Massey Park Club
- Martin Gallagher from the Gosford Club.

Stephen Farr has resigned from the position of Treasurer. I thank him for his contribution over the past few years and he has agreed to act in an ex officio position during the 2024 season.

With the exception of Bruce, who will be appointed at today's meeting, the remaining members have worked towards making the Association's year work like a well-oiled machine, developed a strong working relationship with one another and I thank every one of them for their inputs during 2023.

The Pennant:

The 2023 Super Senior Pennant commenced with 67 teams, 7 Divisions with 7 teams and 3 Divisions having 6. Our goal has always been to strive towards a maximum of 70 teams so that each of the 10 Division will contain 7 teams. It could well be at this stage that this number will be achieved for the 2024 Pennant. We would also like to thank all Clubs for allowing the Pennant to proceed without green fees being paid while hosting.

Problems highlighted in my 2022 report regarding incorrect handicaps, playing unregistered players have fallen dramatically and I thank those Team Captains in being diligent in attending to these matters. Slow Play is still the biggest bug bear in the Pennant. I have witnessed first hand during the past year of players being 2 holes behind the group in front of them as well as players taking more than the 4.5 hours to complete their match.

We seek the co-operation of all Team Captains and players in 2024 to eradicate these problems. Slow play is selfish play.

Results in both the Northern and Southern divisions in the Finals provided some close games with the biggest winning margin being 5/3, with 4 games

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decided 4.5 to 3.5 whilst the final played at Pacific Dunes between Forster Tuncurry and Castle Hill end in a thrilling 4.5 to 3.5 result, decided on the 18th green. Congratulations to the team from the Hill.

The Championship:

With this event held in early June 2023 86 players enjoyed fine weather and a Greg Norman golf course, Stonecutters Ridge in outstanding condition. The entry fee of \$ 80 entailed a game of golf and a lunch with a presentation in the clubhouse. Over \$3 000 worth of prizes were available with many clubs offering a game of golf as a prize on the day ,many thanks to those clubs. Our new sponsor, Drummond Golf also contributed to the day with vouchers to the value of \$1 000.

Two representatives from the Norwest branch of ICON Cancer Centre were invited to talk about men's health in relation to Prostate Cancer. This was very well received by all at the Presentation.

The best scratch score was on the day came from Doug Cullam from the Monash Club off a handicap of 1, returning 34 points. The best Nett score was won by Daivid Hemming from the Gosford Club with 39 points off a handicap of 9. An outstanding back nine of 25 points,1 under par enabled David to blitz the field on the day.

Our thanks must go to the CEO at Stonecutters, Craig Scott and his function Manager, Vicki Dunn for their smooth running on the day. We are due to play this event on the 6th May in 2024,at the same venue and with the same entry fee.

Finally, a word about the website. The 2024 Calendar has been posted which provides all interested persons with important dates throughout the year. We also have overseas interest in the site. Questions you may have about either event can usually be found on the site and we ask that you employ this facility.

We look forward to having a great 2024 year and we hope to see your club battling it out again and hopefully enjoying the camaraderie of the players you meet over the year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Gallagher".

Martin Gallagher

Captain NSWSSGA(Inc)