



13 December 2015

CHPRSL GOLF CLUB PRESENTATION & CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Golf Club Presentation and Christmas Party, our last event of the year, were we meet for a bit of fun, celebrating and socialising , with 54 members, wives, partners and children that filled the Viva Function Room.

The whole CHP RSL Club was jumping with activity on our arrival, with two children's circus's shows and kids Christmas Toy raffle held on the same day. We all passed the giant snow globe in the foyer, kids and parents were enjoying this fun filled time together, and it was obvious which big kids were having more fun than their children, with "snow flakes " still remaining in their hair and clothes. Although I didn't have a go in the globe, I returned the next day with my grand-kids to have my time in the "snow" and attach a photo

We arrived early and set up the tables with the trophies, raffle prizes, lap top with 600 photos of some of the photos from over the past 5 or 6 years shown on the screen, put out the names for seating arrangements, questionnaire with song sheet attached etc, and Santa gift bags under the table

Mal Tyler was the welcoming committee, who greeted you , wished you Merry Christmas and followed up with "give us your money". Sid Pelcz, was one of the answers to question of "which member was a health care worker", couldn't attend the Party as he was working, organised a visit to the CHP RSL, accompanying 7 people in his care, so dropped in to say hello and picked up his Yearly Booklet and Chrissy bag and not to get off Scott Free, bought some raffle tickets, sorry Sid , Roger won the first two prizes with a ½ ham and the golf bag

The raffle prizes included a golf ball retriever and Gary Morrison bagged that, but not sure if he took it as a retriever or a walking stick as he limps around. Robert Rubbo won two prizes and said that they would cover his mum's xmas presents for this year, Glenn won a prize but the hidden jewel of the prizes was the hamper wrapped in red cellophane was won by George Liu. Kathy Johnson(Ferguson), our resident Thermomix lady , (missed that as a question), had put together a hamper of wine, along home made jams and lime curds, with the curd made from limes from their backyard. So next year, keep an eye out for this much sort after hidden jewel and get an appraisal from George, but you may have to make an appointment to talk to him as he has moved from "the fibro's to the silver tails" in the Manly area. Don't be sorry for him now he is a homeless person, as if you spend some time with the little Aussie Battler, you may see him foraging for food, little scraps here and there, wrap them and put them in his little bum bag, (which is not worn on his bum anyway), saying it is for little dog. Oh! Got side-tracked ,John Parsell took the care car bucket & Lee Fitzgerald has the mozzie zapper to protect her patio and I think Noa took the cider pack

One suggestion for next year was to be Politically correct and start proceedings with "A Welcome to Country" but we do already start with the Traditional Smoking Ceremony where our smokers in the group have to trudge off to their little designated area outside to carry out their life shortening habit. Things were moving so fast on our day, I can't even remember the club stopping for the 6.00pm Tradition of the reading of the "Ode"

The day flowed along and after everyone was seated Joanne handed out the Yearly Booklet. What a great effort she has put into this edition with plenty of time and towards the last few weeks, many very late nights lasting into the wee early mornings on the computer finishing the Revue of our CHP RSL Golf Year 2015, to a point she was happy to have it printed up. Let me tell you, tears were shed when we picked up the booklet after being printed by others and after about page 5, it started to go goobly gook, so after a few tense moments got the club printer to re-print the book to her satisfaction. The lesson is,"don't mess with the fiery redhead".

I write the words, Joanne does the editing, adding ball markers etc and we both keep an eye out for material, ie jokes and captions, all year round, to bring out the result, a vast difference from my cut and paste first efforts of 2010.

After welcoming our Patrons to start the proceedings, I handed over to Captain George to hand out the prizes and vouchers to our Winning Team's and place getter's for our Strathfield G.C. Ambrose Day.

To get us in the Christmassy mood,we had to sing Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and Jingle Bells with all having to sing for their supper with George Liu as choir master. George got saved from murdering the singing of Jingle Bells, when we heard the distant jingling of bells as Santa arrived and with the help of his two Elves, Joanne & George, handed out a little Chrissy colourful bag to all there with a few extra things, such as bubbles and lolly pops, instead of a golf ball for the 3 kids. Santa did have the question to a few older kids had they been "naughty or nice" and after consideration all got a bag. Somehow I missed the arrival of Santa and his quick visit by the time I got back after doing a few errands, so missed out on a bag of goodies.



After our lunch, I presented our committee with a little “Warren” caricature of golfers that suited their nature on the golf course. Joanne’s, received a red headed caricature with tee in the hair, with exaggerated size of bum and boobs, George’s caricature was a frustrated golfer breaking his club over his knee, Malcolm’s & Laurie’s, a tiny golfer in a deep, deep bunker and Keith given a caricature of the breaking a club over his knee or the two blokes on the putting green with one not displaying any regard to the etiquette of golf, standing on his line and on the mobile phone.

The Trophies were presented to our winners with John Kottaridis & Troy Wilks, the long time friends and school mates at Belmore Boys High, taking out the vast majority of trophies up for grabs, with our Patrons being asked to say a few words before I announced the winners and runners-up .

To break up the presenting of the trophies, we ask all in the room to place their hands on their heads or bums, but if you can’t make up your mind one on each, what-ever your preference. So the winners of our Heads and Tails after George was tossing a pair of 1949 pennies(a good year to be born) into the air several time to determine the winners and they were Peter Deady and the 2nd time round was Lucky Palu. One toss resulted George crawling under the table, but he wasn’t even drinking to end up there.

We honoured both Les Frost and John Parsell with the Joint Achievement Award, named in memory of Alf Leech a past member. Neville Brown presented the trophies to both Les & John and I asked Neville to tell us what he and Roger Harriman could recall about Alf. In accepting his award, Les Frost thanked us for receiving his award but objected to being called an old gentleman but didn’t rebuke me for saying he used to be a real pain in the arse with his 1935 version of how to run an AGM at our AGM’s, so I can only assume that Les agreed with my assumptions.

Keith Johnson collected the 50 question sheets on “Members and People in the Room” and came up with a winning team, his of course , and a runner-up team of Michelle & Eric Osman & Joanne to win a couple of bottles of wine for each team. The questions created great interest and every-one learnt a little bit more about each other and our Patron’s. Bill Fonseca still had members querying, how “Wilman” was spelt even after several attempts, asking him how to spell it, in his broad accent. Robert McDougall in answering which members were related left off his and Lorraine’s name off their list of answers. There few disputed answers, on who likes to bet on the races, with both John Kottaridis and Troy Wilks producing TAB tickets to warrant inclusion on the list. Another dispute arose on the question of “who speaks loudly and never shuts up?” where I thought Gary Morrison was a “lay down Massier “ but there were several claims that the Little Aussie Battler, George should be considered.

Our last trophies the Average Golf and the Biggest Burglar were hotly contested with Mal Tyler , thinking that it should be re-badged, the Club’s Worst Golfer when accepting his Average Golfer prize but one of the biggest cheer went up when George Liu won the Biggest Burglar Trophy which was hotly contested in a three way contest between naturally George, Noa Palu and Troy Wilks.

George Liu had skid marks on the grass he trod towards the end of the year, keep his handicap high so as to draw favourably for the Ambrose Game, dumping his winning combination with Recardo Palu , last year’s winning team , to team up with John Kottaridis and take home a bit of pig for the table for Christmas, for the second year running , calling out on arrival back to Rozelle at the time, “Honey I’m home but I think we may have to move as the’re onto me, maybe we’ll head north somewhere”

Dessert and Dancing was all that was left before the Perpetual Trophies were returned to the Trophy Cabinet down stairs

In conclusion, I’m sorry if I haven’t insulted you in anyway, in our newsletter, I don’t how I could of missed you, and I’ve had all year , but there is next year if I get voted back

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

I’ll see most of you on the tee at New Brighton, 17th January, 2016 at 7.02am

The Bearded One



2015 TROPHIES

A Grade Champion	John Kottaridis
A Grade Runner-up	Keith Johnson
B Grade Champion	Noa Palu
B Grade Runner-up	Troy Wilks
C Grade Champion	Mark Jones
C Grade Runner-up	Peter Deady
Handicap Champion	Troy Wilks
Putting Champion	Troy Wilks
Par 3 Trophy	John Kottaridis
Matchplay Champion	Joe Belinha
Matchplay Runner-up	John Kottaridis
Stableford Points Winner	Troy Wilks
Consistency Winner	John Kottaridis
The Average Golfer	Mal Tyler
Patron's Team Trophy	Keith Johnson, Gary Morrison, Joe Oriti, & Greg Parsell
Achievement Award Alf Leech Memorial Trophy	Les Frost & John Parsell
Biggest Burglar Award	George Liu
Golf Club Member of the Year	Laurie McMartin
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