



AUSTRALIAN GOLFING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS Inc.

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PATRONS: Sir Clem Renouf, R.I. President, 1978-79. Royce Abbey, R.I. President, 1988-89.

WINDSOR/RICHMOND

Ernie Dunstan reports that all is in order for another wonderful tournament at Windsor and Richmond.

We have over 100 players registered so if you are still thinking of playing you had better hurry up and send your entry form to the Rotary Club of Richmond.

To obtain an entry form just go into the website of the rotary club at www.rotaryrichmond.com.au and download the form and send it off as soon as possible.

Between the two clubs a marvellous programme of golf and entertainment has been arranged, with the economic downturn this is the best value for money you can get.

For the non playing partners there are a number of sight-seeing and other programmes arranged to inform our partners of all the history in the area and entertain during the golfing times.

To all the Tasmanian Rotarians attending and hiring a houseboat, please remember the Hawkesbury River is tidal and do not tie up to the bank at high tide and then leave the boat. You could be left "high & dry".

I look forward to catching up with all those attending, the rain will have gone the courses will be in splendid condition and the fellowship will be fantastic as always.

IGFR NEWS

It seems so long ago that we attended the IGFR at Niagara Falls, Canada, however it really is only eight months.

The golf was played at some wonderfully challenging and scenic courses. Once again the Australians were well represented in the trophy winners list.

Ian Doak, with a blistering last round took out the Division 1 Net trophy. Pierre Kriegler, the most consistent and steady golfer was the Division 2 Gross winner and Diana Motteram once again a steady down the middle golfer won the Partners Div 1 Net trophy.



Myself with my golfing partner Chika Chiejina and his wife Faith from Nigeria.

Robert Motteram - President

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IGFR NEWS

This years' event is to be held at Kitzbuhel, Austria from 5th – 11th July 2009 and at the time of writing the event is booked out, which is amazing considering the GFC. However if you have not entered as yet you may still do and you will be put on a waiting list.

Pierre Kriegler after completing his three years as a board member has retired. Pierre thank you for representing Australia so well, both on the board and on the golf course, I am sure you will still star in future tournaments.

I was elected to the board and will certainly try and look after the interests of Australia.

Obituary

Once again we mourn the loss of a great member of our fellowship in **Dick Knuckey**.

Dick passed away on Saturday 31st January and will be sadly missed by all those who attend this years' event at Richmond/Windsor and future tournaments.

He was one of the original group that founded the AGFR, and represented both Victoria and then Queensland as a delegate and was the Secretary/Treasurer for a few years. Dick also was the charter president of the Mudgeeraba Rotary Club.

Our thoughts and sympathy go to his wife Win and son Garry and all their family at this time.

Jack Bushong the long standing secretary of the IGFR passed away on Sunday 1st February.

He had been suffering for some time from cancer and had retired his golf sticks to the garage just a few months ago.

Jack will certainly be missed at future IGFR events and I have passed on our condolences to his wife Robyn and family.

The John Hood AGFR Memorial Scholarship

Last year we awarded the scholarship to Mr Matthew Styles, who has been a greenkeeper at the Royal Canberra Golf Club. He is currently in the USA and Greg Armstrong will be able to give a report on his progress at the AGM.

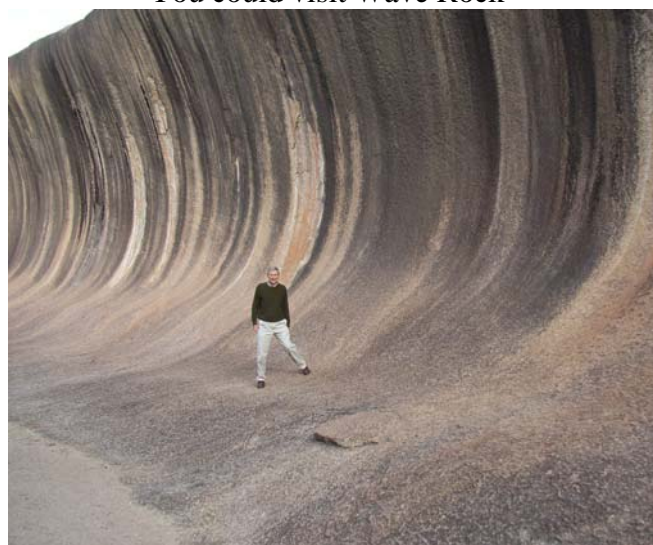
As we have sufficient funding we will be awarding two scholarships this year. I believe Victoria and Tasmania will be selecting one person from each state. The scholarship is really cherished by those who attend the Ohio programme and many of the past recipients have had very successful careers in green keeping following their year in the USA.

Future Events

Start planning your holidays for 2010. Why not visit Perth, West Australia and see the wonderful wild flowers in September or October.

Our tournament will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Ascot and will be held at the magnificent Western Australian Golf Club from 3rd October. This will be an event not to be missed. In fact it is the first time the AGFR has visited the state of West Australia. Please support Grenville Courtland and his team who are going to give you something to remember.

You could visit Wave Rock



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