

Dear Members

2022 has been an eventful golfing year with cancelled games and low member participation due to personal commitments. I'm hoping that next year's course selections and times will allow for an increase in player numbers. I managed to **secure 8 am tee-off times for winter games**, courses and tee off times are on the TeamReach App events calendar. Be aware that booking numbers were **reduced to 16 per game**, RVP via the App will be first in best dressed

Standouts for the year were Allison Garnett winning a golf day for the first time as a club member at Wentworth Falls with a **solid 46 on the day**, I'd like to see this happen again

I've selected two group winners for 2022 based on the number of games played and averaged out scores –

- Players lower than a 20 handicap, **Malcolm Skinner** consistently playing well with an average score of **37**, might get our handicapper to have a close look at his handicap
- Players with handicaps higher than 20 handicaps, **Steve Sutherland** played consistently well with an average score of **36** over the year

Mal, Chris and Greg Epple played most games throughout the year

Next year's **weekend away in May** we will be playing at the **Nelson Bay and Horizons** golf courses. Hopefully, we can all attend and have the traditional captain vs president competition. We will be playing three new courses next year, **Long Reef, Moore Park and Muirfield**. Except for Nelson Bay and the Hunter Valley, all remaining courses are generally our favourite annual inclusion

I enjoyed my 2022 captaincy due to the great group of people we have in our club. Thank you for your patience with game cancellations, Wollongong will go down in history as one of those crazy weekends away

I'll be honoured to serve my final three-year term as captain in 2023, hopefully, NSW can win the interstate.

Merry Xmas to you and your loved ones and safe travels wherever you go. See you at the January game

Jacques