

# 2015 South Australian Golf Industry Awards Night

Saturday 17 October 2015

## SCRIPT

### Ben Hook (MC)

The Club Volunteer of the Year Award is for a person nominated by their golf club whose efforts have been significantly beneficial to the management of the club. The volunteer may be involved in such tasks as on-course work, Match Committee duties, administration or a Board Director. The work they have contributed to the club is recognized as selfless, constructive and profitable for the club.

**For COUNTRY awards** - nomination forms were forwarded to their District Secretaries - with each of the eight Country District Committees able to select their female and male finalists.

**METROPOLITAN club nominations** - were received directly by Golf SA. This year there will be **NO** Metropolitan Female Award due to a lack of nominations.

Winners of the three Volunteer awards have been selected by representatives of the SA Industry Awards Night Organizing Committee.

\*I have been told that there were outstanding nominations across all 3 Volunteer Awards.

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I would like to invite Award Sponsor **Michael Umbers** from (MiClub) to come forward to present:

### COUNTRY MALE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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The winner of this award has been a member of his club for over 30 years. He has been on the Management Committee for the past 26 years and during this time has held various positions such as captain, vice-captain, secretary & president for 10 years.

He has also been a District Delegate and Vice President.

When his club embarked on a major development program in 1998 to irrigate the course & convert the sand greens to greens, the award winner was given the position of convener for the task.

He was involved in the ordering, planning & coordination of all volunteers & subcontractors and became a major figure in the program from planning through to implementation.

The amount of time & energy he contributed was immeasurable and by the year 2000 the dream was realized when the course was converted.

The award recipient is the key person managing the greens, machinery & club operations. He spends countless hours each week mowing, spraying, maintaining water equipment, monitoring the water program, ordering requirements, maintaining machinery & developing a support network with key industry people.

He has continued to convene the Course Management Committee and the course has developed continuously over the past twelve years to be a great asset for the town.

He is also involved with fundraising and his role coordinating the twice yearly auctions is paramount to the success of the fundraising activity.

Through all his hours of hard work he still has time to win 11 Club Championships along with 5 Open Championships whilst maintaining a single figure handicap.

His expertise & tireless energy has been the drive needed to develop the course to where it is today.

In recognition of all his hard work he was awarded Club life membership in 2012.

Ladies & Gentlemen, the Country Male Volunteer of the year is:

**David Robinson - Burra Golf Club (Mid North District)**

David is unable to attend tonight but pre recorded a message:

[PLAY VIDEO – David Robinson thank you speech](#)

Accepting the award for David tonight is Mid North President **GUS WENZEL**