

2016 South Australian Golf Industry Awards Night

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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.

This year all Clubs were able to nominate a maximum of one Club Member directly to Golf SA.

A designated Selection Committee has selected the Award Winners; being the Metropolitan and Country Volunteer of the Year.

Before we announce this year's winners, I can advise that last year's Metropolitan winner **Neil Brown** from Blackwood Golf Club is one of three finalists for the Sport SA (State) Volunteer of the year Award to be announced at a gala dinner at Adelaide Oval on 17 November. Good Luck Neil!

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I would like to invite Award Sponsor **Tim Colling** from (Schweppes) to come forward to present:

COUNTRY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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The Award Winner is his Clubs current Secretary, a position he has held for approx. 6 years. He has also held office in the past as Captain and Handicapper and is a Club Life Member.

In November 2015 the Pinery Bushfire caused the club to lose valuable assets, along with damage to many trees lining the 1st and 18th fairways.

The Award Recipient was untiring in negotiations with insurance companies and contractors to re-equip the club enabling ongoing maintenance of the course.

Along with the administrative duties he arranged working b's to remove burnt trees and clear fence lines, spending countless hours on the chainsaw and doing hard manual labour.

He was also instrumental in getting sponsorship from contractors, arranging fencing demonstrations for local farmers and catering for this group and Blazaid volunteers.

Whilst this was a one off event, it was typical of the volunteer spirit he has demonstrated over his long association with the club.

Apart from superficial scaring, the course was back to normal and by August 2016 ready for the club to proudly host the State Sand Greens Championship.

Ladies & Gentlemen, the Country Volunteer of the Year - for 2016 is:

Roen Cameron - Hamley Bridge Golf Club (Mid North District)