

2016 South Australian Golf Industry Awards Night

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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 now like to invite **David Sherry** of (Programmed Property Services) to come forward to present the:

METROPOLITAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Award Winner, is an integral part of his Golf Club, who have said, they don't know where they would be without him.

In his 26 years of membership he has been the leader of the clubs 'Charlies Angels group' who volunteer every Tuesday to do odd jobs around the Course and Clubhouse. He allocates tasks and instructs the group on what is required and has saved his Club thousands of dollars by building sand bucket holders, wooden pump sheds, to name a few.

He also spends every Friday night and Sunday night at the Club selling raffle tickets and assisting in Twilight presentations. He has increased participation numbers from 60 to 200 thanks to his enthusiasm and the sourcing of sponsors. He regularly volunteers at charity golf days by assisting as a referee and was an integral part of the volunteer committee at the 2008 World Amateur Teams Championships where he cooked bbqs and topped up eskys.

He has made sure he is available for every major event held at the Club and when he goes on holidays during the Winter months, the volunteer group does not exist. The Award winner receives no recognition or perks for all the work he does and is an example of the perfect golf club member. If only there were more of him in the world!

What a wonderful volunteer - Ladies and Gentleman the Metropolitan Volunteer of the year is:

John Turnbull - from The Grange Golf Club