

# 2017 South Australian Golf Industry Awards Night

## Saturday 21 October 2017

### 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.

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I would like to invite Award Sponsor **Paul Vigar** from (Programmed Property Services) to come forward to present:

### COUNTRY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Award Winner retired from full time employment at the end of 2016 and intended to help a little around his club.

He started helping the Greenkeeper with mowing, but a few months after he started (in March 2017) the Greenkeeper resigned.

The Award recipient helped advertise and interview for a replacement, but in the interim took on all of the Green Keeping responsibilities full time. He continued in the role until August when the new employee commenced.

The improvement in the course over this 5-month period however, was nothing short of amazing but he wouldn't accept any form of payment, not even free membership.

The greens were almost unplayable due to dry conditions and disease so he learnt the irrigation computer program from scratch.

- He arranged and supervised coring of the greens in April,
- Spraying for disease
- Reseeding the greens in May
- and prepared the course for the annual Women's Open Day and for two State Events, the SA Masters Games and The Golf SA Silver Country Meeting.

He supervised weekly maintenance and repairing of leaks, spraying for broadleaf weeds, overseeing the course watering and supervising the apprentice who had only commenced the previous December.

He completely rearranged and helped restock a very inefficient workshop, set up machinery maintenance schedules which were non-existent and established WH&S procedures.

He learned the invoice systems, adhering to budget restraints while setting up the 2017/2018 budget.

None of the above roles were familiar to the award winner in his previous employment, so he learnt all roles, 'on the job'.

All country clubs struggle but without this Volunteer over the last 5 months his club may not have survived.

Ladies & Gentlemen, the Country Volunteer of the Year - for 2017 is:

### Wickham Jenkins - Clare Golf Club (Mid North District)

Wick is unable to attend tonight, accepting the award for Wick tonight is fellow Clare Golf Club Member and Golf SA Board Member **Bill Klæbe**.