

## **Ben Hook (MC)**

I would now like to invite Award Sponsor **Barry Ellison** of (BGC Industrial Cleaning) to come forward to present the:

### **METROPOLITAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

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In addition to his stellar volunteer ethos with his Club, This years winner has provided Golf SA with the ultimate 'go-to' option as a tournament administrator for over a decade - in particular with external agencies such as Masters Games, University Games, Police & Fire Games and Pacific School Games where golf is a featured sport.

He was the Golf SA Volunteer Coordinator for the 2008 World Amateur Teams Championship that saw 48 female & 65 male teams play between The Grange & Royal Adelaide. There were four hundred + volunteers involved for that event!

The 'modus operandi' is to send the award winner an e-mail stating there is another '...event...' These events normally have an administrative lead time of 4-6 months as was the case with last years Pacific School Games.

He arrives at the Golf SA Offices carrying a battered leather briefcase containing all manner of paraphernalia. After a short briefing, he disappears and then reappears with an 'outline plan' for approval.

He 'checks-in' on a regular basis with updates and/or to seek clarification on Association policy. The golf component of the event runs with precision and a final report provided.

In between these major events he volunteers at a host of other state events including Junior Opens, State Championships and as the Match Official for the B-Pennant final.

When Golf SA sends out an 'emergency' call for an official the award winner always steps up, inevitably saying 'yes, I can do it!'.

Ladies and Gentleman the Metropolitan Volunteer of the year is:

**John Ward**

**from The Vines Golf Club of Reynella**