



## **Update from the President**

The NAGC Management Committee (MC) has settled in with two meetings held so far. In accordance with our Strategic Plan, I was keen to have each member of the MC with a specific responsibility. At the August meeting we discussed the responsibilities and agreement was reached on committee members roles. For your information, outlined below are the Committee members names and their responsibilities:

- *Marlene Boundy (President) and Anton Holmes (VP) (Strategy and Policy)*
- *Peter Sahb (Immediate Past President)*
- *Alan Potts (Club Captain); Laifong Chong (Ladies Captain); Bob Henley (VC) and Kerry Wakelin (VC)*
- *Oscar Moss (Junior Development Officer)*
- *Luke Montgomery and Diane Biebrick (Events)*
- *Murray O'Neil (Chair of Finance)*
- *Bob Naffin (Club Secretary) and Ruth Gordon (Finance Officer)*

As a Committee we look forward to getting to know all members. I am focused on ensuring that all of us are visible and approachable. We are certainly enjoying many varied opportunities to do this with a broad range of competitions, events coordinated and managed by very committed and enthusiastic NAGC members.

In recent weeks we have shared some good days on the golf course. The Mixed Foursomes Championship Event was a great success with 40 competitors on the day; a strong team have competed at Flagstaff Hill and Penfield in the Mixed Senior Pennants; 70 ladies (42 visitors) from 15 Clubs participated in the Jane Crafter Challenge and in the next few weeks we have the opportunity to participate in a Mixed Ambrose event and then compete in the Club Championships. I encourage you to scroll through our webpage photo gallery "*a picture is worth a thousand words*".

The general administrative improvements in the office are ongoing thanks to Di Schwarz providing support in reviewing processes, procedures and policies. (This is a key action outlined in the NAGC Strategic Plan). Most of this work was done back in 2011 so was in need of reviewing, updating and or re-writing for currency.

My aim is to ultimately reduce the cost of running events. As a result we have agreed to set up a small working group comprising Di Biebrick, Luke Montgomery, Peter Sahb and myself with our main focus to address sponsorship and raising the profile of NAGC encouraging additional financial or product donations. Feel free to contact us if you have any suggestions, ideas, thoughts, contacts etc. We acknowledge the constraints we have in managing "green fees" for guests, however, promoting sponsors and involving them in other ways may work for some. We are open to suggestions.

As tenants on the complex, our discussions are ongoing with the Adelaide City Council (ACC) with meetings scheduled monthly. Representation from NAGC is the President and Club Secretary and for a smooth and seamless transition on negotiations the Immediate Past President attends. At our recent meeting the following was discussed:-

- The ACC confirmed that the 6<sup>th</sup> green renovations are set to commence on November 1. This has been done as a result of negotiations between our Club and the ACC's golf course management so as not to interfere with our Club Championship event.
- The ACC is also planning to have several Volunteer projects to assist with early course management; a juniors program; a gardens project and driving range balls project. Our members will have the opportunity to express interest in these projects once the Job Descriptions have been prepared by the ACC.
- Golf course management are assisting us when and where possible for NAGC additional tee-times to cope with demand.
- A NAGC committee member will be given permission by the ACC to access the MiClub booking system and will work collaboratively with the ACC on ensuring that bookings can be managed more seamlessly (this will be an on-going discussion to help in alleviating some of the issues members are currently facing). A formal agreement is being prepared enabling access to be given to the NAGC. We are scheduled to take up this access early October.

I look forward to either meeting you or seeing you out on the course. And speaking of the course, it seems to look and feel better each time I play. Thanks to the ACC Grounds staff because it is certainly looking a picture.

I wish you good golfing and good luck in the upcoming competitions. Our Club Championship dinner is set for November 6<sup>th</sup> and I hope that we continue to be COVID free and can enjoy another great night celebrating the achievements of our members on that special night.

Marlene Boundy

President