

WELLINGTON GOLF REFEREES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL PRESIDENTS REPORT 2016

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Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and thank the members of my Executive Committee, especially those who have taken on extra duties this year due to us not being able to fill the positions of secretary/treasurer at last year's AGM.

This position does not entail a big workload just four to five one and a half hour (1-1/2) meetings each year. I would be most appreciative if any member of the WGRA would like to help us out either advising us by phone/email or filling in a nomination form which will be attached to our AGM information being sent out to you all in the very near future.

To those who were not aware, we were recently advised of the passing away of one of our National Referees, Dick Woods. We were aware that Dick's health over the last two years was not the best and we missed enjoying his company at tournaments. Those of you that knew Dick would agree with me that he was one of nature's gentlemen. To Pat and his family we offer our deepest sympathy - he will be sadly missed by all us and the WGRA.

As you know Murray Radford took on the job of Rules Course Convenor with the help of Andrew Harcourt since Julie Murphy retired and it has been challenging for them. For this year's course Murray is looking at ways to make the course format more acceptable in today's environment. A special thanks to you both.

Murray has indicated numbers are down so the new format hopefully will generate new interest and increased numbers . We would appreciate any suggestions/feedback on what you consider would make the courses better or shorter - let us know.

Again we are looking for members who want to continue with obtaining their higher Referee qualifications beyond the "A" grade pass, being your District and National Badges.

This also takes me on to my next request and that is to increase our small group of active Tournament Referees who want to be involved in refereeing local and National tournaments. At present we have only a small number of these people and we are having trouble being able to cover all our obligations. For example, as WGI have changed the format of the Otaki Cup playoffs we have had to reluctantly withdraw our participation due to the play offs being split and playing at two venues at the same time/day.

Once again, many thanks to all of who have helped the WGRA, not only my fellow committee members but those of you who gave up many hours of your time Refereeing local and National events.

Should any of you want to contact us re any of our aforementioned requests please feel free to ring or email me accordingly thanks.

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