



Annual Report 2019/2020 & Notice of Annual General Meeting

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You are hereby notified that the Annual General Meeting of the Gosford Sailing Club will be held on **Sunday 20th September 2020 at 9.00am** at the Clubhouse, Masons Parade, Gosford.

AGENDA

1. Vale – One minute silence for Members who have passed
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4th August 2019
3. Apologies (only written recorded)
4. Annual Report of the General Committee
 - (1) President's Report
5. Income and Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheet for 2019-2020
 - (1) Treasurer's Report
6. Report of the Auditors
7. Written questions received
8. Questions from the floor in relation to the financials (please hold your questions until this time)
9. Presentation of Trophies
10. Appoint a Returning Officer and Scrutineers
11. Election of the General Committee as per the Triennial Rule. To elect in the following order:
 - (1) President (for a term of 1 year)
 - (2) Vice President (for a term of 3 years)
 - (3) Commodore (for a term of 3 years)
 - (4) Treasurer (for a term of 1 years)
 - (5) Committee Member Director (for a term of 3 years)
 - (6) Committee Member Director (for a term of 2 years)
 - (7) Committee Member Director (for a term of 1 year)
12. Motion to destroy ballot papers
13. Appointment of Auditors
14. Consideration of Ordinary Resolutions
15. Other Business (such as may be transacted at a General Meeting).

By order of the General Committee.
Geoff Jollow - Club Captain

FIRST ORDINARY RESOLUTION

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

- (a) The Members hereby approve and agree to expenditure by the Club of a sum not exceeding \$2,500.00 in total for the following expenditure and benefits for Directors:
- (1) The reasonable cost of a meal and beverage for each Director immediately after a Board Meeting, on the day of that meeting, provided that the meeting corresponds with a normal mealtime.
 - (2) Reasonable expenses incurred by Directors in travelling to and from other duly constituted committee meetings (other than monthly Board Meetings) as approved by the Board from time to time on production of invoices, receipts or other proper documentary evidence of such expenses.
 - (3) Reasonable expenses incurred by Directors in relation to such duties, including entertainment of special guests to the Club and other promotional activities, and these expenses therefore are approved by the Board before payment is made on production of receipts, invoices or other proper documentary evidence of such expenditure.
- (b) The Members acknowledge that the benefits in paragraph (a) above are not available to Members generally but only for those who are Directors of the Club.

SECOND ORDINARY RESOLUTION

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act, the Members hereby approve and agree to expenditure by the Club in a sum not exceeding \$5,000.00 in total for the professional development and education of Directors and being:

- (1) The reasonable cost of Directors attending the ClubsNSW Annual General Meeting.
- (2) The reasonable cost of Directors attending seminars, lectures, trade displays, invitational functions and other similar events as may be determined by the Board from time to time.

NOTES TO MEMBERS

These notes are to be read in conjunction with the proposed Resolutions:

1. The First Resolution is to have the Members at this General Meeting approve an amount no greater than \$2,500.00 in total for expenditure by the Club in relation to duties performed by the Club's Directors.
2. The Second Resolution is to have the Members at this General Meeting approve an amount no greater than \$5,000.00 in total for the expenditure by the Club for Directors to attend seminars, lectures, trade displays and other similar events, including the ClubsNSW Annual General Meeting, and to visit other Clubs to enable the Club's governing body to be kept abreast of the current trends and developments, which may have a significant bearing on the nature and way in which the Club conducts its business.
3. Each of these Ordinary Resolutions must be passed as a whole and cannot be amended by motions from the floor of the meeting or divided into two or more separate resolutions.
4. To be passed, each Ordinary Resolution must receive votes in its favour from not less than a simple majority of those Members, who being entitled to do so, vote in person at the meeting.
5. The Ordinary Resolutions you are being asked to approve have become necessary as a result of a number of decisions of the licensing court of NSW and also because of the amendment of the Registered Clubs Act in 1994.
6. It is a legal obligation of Members to provide adequate training and supervision of its Manager, Directors and staff to ensure compliance with all relevant laws relating to the Club Industry (Section B, parts 22 and 24(f) of the ClubsNSW Code of Practice).
7. A new section 10(6A) has been added to the Act, which provides for the authorisation of different benefits for different classes of Members by a General Meeting. As a result, it has now become common practice for registered clubs to set out all the costs and benefits associated with the Directors in a notice to the Members so that they can be approved at a General Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2020 is normally associated with the term used to express normal visual acuity (the clarity or sharpness of **vision**). The year 2020 could not be associated in anyway with a clarity of vision, with what has occurred thus far this year - bushfires, floods, unusual weather patterns and yes, the COVID-19 pandemic.

In my first year as President, we had a very a successful sailing season. Overall, Club activities were performing very well until the entire world was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in the cessation of sailing activities and the effective closure of the Club to members from 23 March 2020. The 2019/2020 financial year proved to be one of extremes and an eventful year for the Club. The Treasurer's report will give a detailed analysis of our financial position. I sincerely acknowledge the tremendous effort Michael Law has committed to our financials, enabling security during this troubled time.

I'd also like to acknowledge the commitment of our Vice President David Slingsby, and our Commodore Chris Radford, in assisting Michael and I in negotiating through the unique obstacles, including the bureaucratic minefield of COVID-19.

At the time of writing this report, Club activities continue to be impacted by government restrictions, with only limited services available to members. However, the impact of the forced closure of the Club gave us time to evaluate our financial situation, as well as consider how we can improve the way we operate. An Advisory Panel was established to review the current position of the Club's operations and direction, with a view to making recommendations that would assist the Club's survival through the COVID-19 crisis, grow beyond the recovery, and improve its relevance to members.

It was encouraging to see an active year in sailing activities, details of which are set out in the Commodore's and Fleet Reps' reports. Looking back on the bulk of the year, we saw an increase in participation across all fleets.

In support of our primary aim to provide our members effective and quality facilities and service, a special thank you to our staff, who provided continuing and strong support throughout the year.

None of the Club's activities or achievements during the year could have eventuated without the support of our many members, and I take this opportunity to thank all our members for their continued patronage, interest and active involvement in our sailing activities, and Club life generally.

Our sailing program was ambitious, hosting many regattas and events. Our sailing committee, sailing staff, Club staff and volunteers were at full stretch to ensure each and every event occurred without incident, and that all competitors were well served and safe.

We are thankful for our sponsors' continued support. We continue to develop active programs benefiting our members. Our fleets continue to grow, particularly Wednesday twilights and feature events. Our ability to host regattas and other one-design series makes us a strong and unique Club. Racing all year round is our aim, and our selfless volunteers help us achieve this. Our youth sailing and schools sailing are always developing, and we are aware more focus is needed in this area, as it is the nursery for our future sailors.

Our Club survives on the generosity and hard work of our volunteers. Volunteering at Gosford Sailing Club is a tradition and binds the Club together. To all our volunteers, on and off the water, Thank you! I recommend volunteering to all. It enables you to meet people, learn new skills, and is a way of giving to the Club's future.

Unfortunately, several members of staff have left the GSC community this year, and we'd like to thank them for their loyal service to the club over many years. So, thank you to Lee Clarke (Admin), Anne Morrison (Admin), Fiona Downes (Admin), Piotr Puch (Bar), Amy Franklin (Bar) and Richard Croker (General Manager). Richard had been with the club for 5yrs 9months. He initiated many changes to our Club and was a driving force behind the Boatshed Bar and Café.

To the board, fleet reps, staff, volunteers, and members, thank you for your time, friendship, and support. Together we are facing the challenge of a post COVID-19 world. Be safe, enjoy your boating, and have a healthy and prosperous year.

Paul Gulliksen

President

TREASURER'S REPORT

What a disappointing end to the financial year it was. Prior to COVID-19 we had been on track to achieve a profit of perhaps \$100k, but it was not to be. The forced closure on 23 March saw our income plummet – \$270k in March 2019 fell to \$156k in March 2020, and \$290k in April 2019 fell to \$105k in April 2020, the April 2020 income figure including \$83k of government subsidies. That is an income reduction over 2 months of \$299k. Despite this poor end to the year our total income increased from \$2.79m in 18/19 to \$3m in 19/20.

Post the shutdown a lot of work was put into selling stock and reducing costs. A call for help was sent to member for donations, and members responded with generosity. At the time of writing this report we had received just under \$16k in donations. The money has been spent on utilities and maintenance. Thank you to those who contributed.

In relation to our cash position at year end, we started 2019/20 with \$123k in cash at bank and on hand, and finished with \$85k, a \$38k reduction. However, after adjusting for the effects of accounting standard AASB 16 regarding our long-term leases with the NSW Lands Department, we also reduced our liabilities by \$175k, the most notable changes being a reduction in trade and other payables of \$93k, and marina liabilities of \$61k.

Since March we have lost all our administration staff, our bar manager, and many casuals have also moved on. I would like to thank them all for their service, and in particular Richard, Lee, Anne, Fiona & Piotr, Lee having been with us for over 20 years. The departure of full and part time staff will see a reduction in leave entitlements of close to \$100k.

Since the departure of administration staff, Paul Gulliksen and myself had need to step into management. Most systems do not communicate with each other, and we are endeavoring to remedy this by upgrading point of sale and gaming equipment, whilst streamlining processes.

Since reopening, with the help of government subsidies and donations, we have traded profitably. However, with COVID-19 restrictions on guest numbers, our June income was only 36% of that achieved in the same period last year, and for July it was 50%. Until restrictions are eased, our trade will not return to pre COVID-19 levels. Forecasting for the coming year is difficult; will we be shut down again, and how long will restrictions last? What we can do is keep costs low, use profits to pay down liabilities and build cash reserves to enable the implementation of future planning for long term benefit of the Club.

Michael Law B. Bus CPA

Treasurer

COMMODORE'S REPORT

It has been an interesting year I am sure you will agree. Challenging at times but at the same time encouraging. A considerable amount of our focus this year has had to be on background issues, not always interesting, but crucial to keeping the club functioning and well placed for the future. We have attended to these matters the best we could when you consider the circumstances.

The bushfires in late 2019/early 2020 delivered unprecedented destruction to our State and barely had we recovered when COVID-19 hit us. Whilst the bushfires did not directly impact the Club, COVID-19 was a knockout blow as the Club was forced to close in mid-March. Fortunately, the Club is just starting to come back to life as restrictions ease and competitive sailing gets back underway.

Through this time, what has impressed me is how well our members and our staff have adapted and I have had only praise for the way in which the Club reacted to the rapidly

changing position & rightsizing and adjusting our operations to suit.

We are conscious that delivering our core business of sailing requires a dedicated group of energized, focused, and well-trained staff and volunteers and this needs to be supported.

I have no doubt however that this pandemic will have long-term consequences for our Club. The world is going to experience a post-stimulus recession like we have never seen before and GSC will not be immune. I am confident, however, that we have the skills, resources, and resilience to survive and grow from the experience and ensure that we have a good strategy moving forward.

I would like to thank the members of the sailing committee for your assistance, input and dedication to the club and sailing. Without this group of positive, and passionate people the club and sailing would not be the same. Thank you, Peter Walsh, Brian Baker, Penny Dilworth, Andrew Heenan, David Neate, Rod Hookway & new members John Humphries, Peter Rivers, Dennis Grilk & Shannon Corbett.

On behalf of the board of directors and management I would like to thank our sailing members, members and guests for your continued patronage and support. I would like to thank especially those who have volunteered to assist with Club activities.

When I joined the Board as a Director 4 years ago, I did not have the ambition to become Commodore. Having been in the Commodores position for the last year, I wish I had the ambition 4 years ago, as I have really enjoyed my time. Due to personal circumstances I have made the difficult decision not to contest the Commodores position at this year's AGM. Whilst my time in the role was brief, I have tried to make a difference whilst I have had the privilege of being your Commodore. I would like to take this opportunity to make special mention of the club's executive, President Paul Gulliksen, Vice President David Slingsby & Treasurer Michael Law. When presented with the challenges COVID-19 handed us, you all rose to the occasion. Without the countless hours of behind the scenes work, the club would have been far worse off. Additionally, in standing down as a board member, I would like to thank the various directors with whom I have been privileged to serve with over the past 4 years and I leave confident that the Club is in great hands.

Chris Radford
Commodore

SAILING AND MARINA MANAGER REPORT

Sailing

The 2019/2020 season has been a season that I have never experienced before. As it commenced, we were soon under the threat of air quality constraints due to surrounding bushfires and, by the end of the season, we were faced with Covid-19 pandemic which made for a challenging season.

Despite these challenges, and the necessary Covid-19 limitations and restrictions placed on us by the Club management, sailing at the GSC was extremely well supported. The growing fleets include the juniors, Lasers, 16ft skiffs, Etchells and yachts, while the mixed fleet maintained its status quo.

The growth in the junior fleet, I feel, was largely due to the work put in by our dedicated junior instructors and the fleet's management under the leadership of David Neate and the tireless work of Anna and Stephan Rott. The Etchells fleet under Andrew Heenan's leadership saw great enthusiasm and close racing and will again expand with the addition of two new boats for the coming season. The Laser fleets saw a slight increase in numbers with the addition of some junior sailors joining which is great for the future of the fleet. The 16's doubled in size to a fleet of four where the competition was extremely competitive and held in good spirit. Thanks to Dennis Grilk for his co-ordination and work behind the scenes to make this happen. The inshore yacht fleet group saw good competition and support for the points score series as well as an increase and consistency in the twilight

fleets, where the support after this event saw between 60 and 80 sailors enjoying dinner back at the Club for their night celebration. The yacht fleet under Penny Dilworth's leadership has done a great job.

My congratulations go out to all the winners of the club championships and point scores series, but I really feel congratulations should go out to all the competitors who entered any of our competitions over the season, as your support and efforts make our Club what we are. Underpinning all this is the tireless work of the Sailing Committee, led for the past 5 ½ years by Paul Gulliksen who stepped down as Commodore to take over the President's position. Chris Radford joined us as Commodore. Thank you for stepping up Chris.

We all enjoy the well supported after-sailing activities. However, behind the scenes, the people who make this work are the sailors who give up their time to calculate the results. I would really like to thank Kevin Phillips from the Lasers, David Slingsby from the Etchells and Paul Gulliksen from the skiffs and mixed fleets.

On the water, we are supported by a fantastic team of Race Officers who work tirelessly to manage not only our Club events, but the visiting regattas we host throughout the season. I would like to thank, in no particular order, the Saturday team on Splinter - David Burrows (24 seasons service), Robyn Denton (7 years of service), Peter Robson (5 years of service), Paul Gulliksen (5 years of service) and, backing them up to fill in, were Graeme Sheldon, Bris Doyle, Geoff Jollow and Phil Gribble. On the mark boats, I would like to thank Terry Pike, Peter Burris, Dennis Gilshenen and Johnno who between them lay about 11 marks a week, which is a lot of anchors to set and retrieve throughout the season. The yacht fleet crew have done a fantastic job this year, and they include Liz Ross, Andrea Laborde and Brian Zemanek, backed up by David and Sonia Doherty who also make a big contribution to the regatta race management at GSC.

Sailing Academy

Our Sailing Academy had another busy season where we introduced and taught 39 participants in the Adult Learn to Sail programme. Again, we need to thank Neil McDonald for his enthusiasm and tireless work with this programme along with our regular Saturday skippers including Jason Browne, Warwick Phillips, Rob Hook, David Turner and, joining us later in the season, was Rob Landis. Without these guys, it would nearly make it impossible to run the programme. Our twilight Try Sailing was also popular where we introduced over 80 people to the sailing adventure. This was made possible by the twilight skippers who were Don Wilson, Brian Baker, Brian Mitchell and, of course, Neil McDonald. A big thank you to this team.

The junior programmes were also well supported and they feed our silver fleet programme which then grows our junior fleet. They are run by an amazing team of enthusiastic senior and junior instructors who all deserve our thanks.

Sophie Macintosh works tirelessly behind the scenes in the sailing office to help me put together our sailing programmes and manage our team of instructors. Her dedication and enthusiasm for sailing certainly rubs off on, not only our instructors, but also our students. Thank you once again Sophie for your dedication and hard work.

Marina

This year, 3 more berths were returned back to the Club which means, out of the 29 berths, the Club now has the controlling financial interest of 17 berths. So we continue towards our goal of a Club 100 percent owned marina. Major work was done with the floating dock system which was reconfigured to give better storage and access to our race management fleet. To help me with this were Mark West, Nigel Short and Simon Smith. Great job, thank you guys.

Conclusion

With the coming season not too far away, we still face some challenges with Covid-19 as well as the normal challenges of sailing. Going into the season, we need to be more

flexible and adaptable as to how we approach our sport. I feel with your support we can still enjoy a successful and rewarding sailing season.

At the time of writing this report I have learnt that long serving staff member Lee Clarke will be leaving us, so a big thank you to you Lee for the 12 years we have enjoyed and argued together. There is no doubt you will be missed.

Lastly, thanks to the Board for your support to all our sailing programmes and, in particular, to Paul Gulliksen who has an amazing commitment to, and knowledge of, all facets of our Club.

Peter Walsh

Sailing and Marina Manager

YACHT REPORT

The Yacht fleet were lucky to get all the scheduled inshore races in before racing came to an abrupt halt. A couple of Twilight races were lost, but most of the season had good breezes and no problems with not enough or too much wind. About 14 yachts are racing regularly in the inshore series and 20 to 30 yachts can be seen out on most Twilight races.

We have welcomed 2 new yachts to our fleet this season and it has not taken these crews long to get to know their boats and to become competitive.

The offshore fleet has grown a little to 4-6 regular starters for their one day and overnight races to Sydney.

The Broken Bay Interclub Series was a bit of a disaster this year with only one completed race. 2 were lost to severe conditions and the last due to the COVID-19 shutdown. I am uncertain if they are going to call this a series or just abandon and hopefully start afresh next season.

We instituted a roster of 1 boat's crew per race day assigned to assist our starters helping them with buoys etc, and this has been greatly appreciated by the starters.

We were planning on a big reunion day in early April to celebrate 30 years since the Yacht fleet joined GSC, however this had to be cancelled as has our presentation night. It is uncertain at this time if the events can just be postponed or totally abandoned.

Sail Port Stephens Week was also cancelled. Sadly, this is an event quite a few of our yacht fleet look forward to each year. Our Winter Series has also been abandoned.

We all look forward to when GSC can reopen again and normal racing can be resumed. Yacht fleet members are well aware of the difficulties GSC is facing and are trying to support the club as much as they are able.

Penny Dilworth

Yacht Captain.

ETCHELLS' REPORT

The Etchells Fleet have enjoyed a resurgence of late, with the addition of several new members. The total number of boats on the hardstand currently stands at eleven, of which ten are regularly on the water.

This growth in the fleet has led to a crew shortage on a number of boats. Thankfully the very successful GSC adult Learn to Sail program has provided us with a number of very capable recruits who have transitioned into the Etchells very well and are now permanent crew on a number of boats.

Hosting the NSW States in February 2019 was very successful, however it confirmed that we as a fleet need to lift our standards in order to be more competitive at regattas. To this end we have implemented a number of initiatives:

- The services of both Nev Wittey and Noel (Nitro) Drennan have been engaged to run a total of five coaching days this season. Long days on the water and in the seminar room reviewing the videos have been invaluable in bringing us up to speed with boat handling skills and the latest tuning concepts.

- Our season program has been adjusted to include more multiple race days in order to build our starting and mark rounding skills.
- Finally, we have simply agreed to be more open with each other with regular discussions on rig tuning and boat handling techniques in person and via our WhatsApp group.

We are also fortunate to have as fleet members John (Whale Spars) Denton and Simon (Sly) Smith who between them can deal with pretty much any Etchells issue that may arise.

The summer season was almost completed before “that virus” caused our sailing world to stop turning. Fortunately, we managed to complete the Club Championship Series and only missed the last Pointscore Race and the Rip Bridge Race.

Weather-wise the season was far from typical as we experienced the usual building NE sea breeze on only a few occasions and our Saturday races were mostly sailed in light south or south east winds. Some blamed the horrendous bushfires putting a cap on the convection over the land but we certainly missed those long windy works into Caroline Bay.

The standard of sailing and intensity of competition has improved markedly this season due mainly to the initiatives mentioned above. Proof of this is our much improved results in the 2020 NSW States Championships at Lake Macquarie where we averaged 16th place compared to the previous years’ States at Gosford where we averaged 24th place. It was pleasing to see that Gosford made up over a quarter of the fleet at Lake Macquarie.

The seasonal results were dominated by Huh? (Mick Law, Bruce Tenant, John Humphries) winning both the Club Championship and Scratch Pointscore. Second in the Club Championship was Ivy (John Denton, Daniel Eddy, David Poole) and third Froth (Andrew Heenan, Claire Heenan, John Morton, Justine Gowland-Ella). The minor placings were reversed in the Scratch Pointscore with Froth second and Ivy third. On Handicap first once again was Huh?, second Froth and third Sun Tsu (George Johnstone, Mark Lawrence, Russell Stanton)

Andrew Heenan

Fleet Captain

JUNIOR REPORT

Like all sections we had a very abrupt end to our season! So unfortunately, we’ve not yet had a chance to celebrate our young sailors achievements or thank the army of volunteers we have in juniors we muster each week.

Our membership numbers are strong with 39 regular sailors partaking each week in 20 to 29 boats. To me the most encouraging numbers come from our biggest section which is silverfleet. This program is feeding our section with a diverse group of young sailors which keeps our numbers high.

Peter and Sophie with the support of Gabby and our other coaches have developed a fantastic program which is fun, encouraging, engaging and instructive, not easy when you consider the age range is currently 6 to 13. Our volunteers really enjoy seeing our new sailors develop, as one volunteer said “Basically they are sinking less and are sailing more, making our volunteer days quite uneventful, and, therefore more enjoyable” to me this sums up the spirit of Silverfleet!

Each week we have a dedicated BBQ crew who sell sausages to raise money for the junior fund. This year we’ve maintained a healthy balance in the fund but we’ve also actively used the fund, our spend this year includes:

- Paying for subsidised Friday training
- Subsidising the Australia day fun day
- We’ve covered entrance fees for sailors who travel interstate
- Trophies for presentation day (when it happens)

To everyone who has done a shift on the BBQ thank you!

The standard of sailing this year has increased and next year we expect to see more children in the open fleet. As we've not had our presentation day so I won't spoil the surprise by naming this year's winners but congratulations to you all. But I will say this year surprisingly we have managed to grow the Sabot fleet and both fleets (Sabots and Optis) are strong and competitive.

Our F11 fleet decided to sail as part of the senior fleet this year, so unfortunately I don't have much of an update apart from they appear to be doing well.

We did this year resurrect the after sailing presentations which has been well attended.

This year we've seen a small group of sailors travel interstate for various events, this is always good for our club, I would like to thank the parents whose dedication make this possible.

In February GSC were due to host the Sabot states, unfortunately the event was cancelled due to poor weather, but the sailors had some onshore fun.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee members who step forward for this great cause.

So, looking forward to next season, we will continue in our goal to get as many children out on the water, continue to teach them the life skill which is sailing and continue to build the fantastic community which is Gosford Juniors.

David Neate

Junior President

LASER REPORT

This season gave us fair weather for our sailing on the beautiful Brisbane Waters.

Our sail on Australia Day was contested by 5 boats in moderate North East breeze with Paddy's Channel again sorting out the pack against the tide but as always it was most enjoyable. Revelers along Woy Woy channel cheered us on as some of us found the mud banks slowed us down. Kevin Phillips won the day on scratch, but congratulation go to Mark Greenwood for winning on handicap and collecting his medallion at Sydney Town Hall.

We had a very successful season in 2019/20 with very active club racing and good participation in Laser Association events.

At the club level we had around 20 to 25 boats racing on most Saturdays. We completed 20 pointscore races and 6 Club Championship heats.

Congratulations to Club Champions Adam French (Standard), Kevin Phillips (Radial), Myah Greenwood (4.7 Rig) and to the Season Pointscore winner Di Wagstaff. We awarded a Junior Club Championship to Myah Greenwood, well done Myah. Congratulation must also go to Bill Nixey for being the best sailor in our Ron Thompson Sprint Series for the season and Colin Cartwright for taking out the Charlie Clark trophy for the most handicap winner during the Club Championship series.

Championship runners up were David Edmiston(Standard), Mark Baker(Radial) and Jane Humphris (4.7).

Another major trophy winner was Mark Baker (John Rigg Trophy). Unfortunately, we did not have an offshore regatta this season and we did not run an Au-gust Series due to lack of interest.

Special mention must go to Mark Greenwood who was awarded the Wally Cook Memorial Trophy for Most Improved Sailor and Myah Greenwood and Dianne Wagstaff who were awarded the Highlight Consulting Trophies for Women on the Water. Well done ladies, keep up the good sailing next season.

In State Masters at Jindabyne Sailing Club in February, Kevin Phillips 8th, Chris Meech 13th and Erez Kaplan placed 14th with a total of 5 boats representing GSC at this event.

At the Metros in February held at Double Bay Sailing Club, David Edmiston placed 22nd and Kevin Phillips 25th in the radials. Bob Partridge and James McLaren were also there placing 27th and 28th respectively in the Standard rigs.

Open States titles were held at Gorge's River Sailing Club, Kevin Phillips placed 28th and David Edmiston placed 21st in the Radials. Well done guys.

In the Metro's held at RPAYC David Edmiston placed 22nd in the Radials and James McLaren placed 18th in the full rigs. Myah Greenwood placed 12th on a 4.7 rig, well done Myah.

At the Coast Championships held at GSC in October, Myah Greenwood placed 8th in the 4.7's. Kevin Phillips and David Edmiston placed 14th & 15th in the Radials while in the Standards James McLaren placed 16th & Bob Partridge 21st.

The Laser Master worlds held in Melbourne were called off due to Covid 19 concerns which also dictated the final races of GSC for the rest of the season.

Our Board of Directors are thanked for providing us with a beautiful Club House and facilities that allow us to go sailing each week.

Thanks to Commodore Chris Radford for your patience and dedication to our sport.

Thanks to Peter Walsh making the difficult decisions throughout the season as our P.R.O. and our dedicated club race officials for their work during this season. We could not go sailing without your input.

Thanks also to our scorer Kevin Phillips for collating all the results whilst under extreme time pressures each week. We greatly appreciate the time and effort you put into the Laser Fleet.

A vote of thanks to all our committee members for their tireless input, making sailing and other events possible for all of us.

Yours in Sailing

Brian Baker

Laser Fleet Delegate.

NS14/MG12 FLEET

NS14's had their 9th season at Gosford and had many good interstate results until restrictions halted our season. Gosford had 9 boats entering the State Titles at Port Stephens but Covid stopped that. Also, the CHS Regatta & Youth titles were cancelled. The Touring trophy was cancelled in Manning Point due to fires, so a season to forget...

'The Dart' 2041 & 'Just Tuning' 2064 battled out the club champ until the final race of the season along with 'Sortelage' 1797 & 'Team Taylor' 1912. 'Shameless' 2020 Brian Mitchell joined the class and is one of about 10 Gosford boats entering the NS14 Nationals to be held at Gosford December 28th, 2020.

Three NS14's entered the winter series and a few more sailing the next heats. NS14 local legend Shannon Corbett 'Nemesis' 1985 unfortunately retired from the class.

Looking forward to 2020/21 season

Regards

Ross Hansen

GOLF SECTION REPORT 2020

Our AGM may be held soon, but I would still like to thank our Committee for their work this season.

Col Woods as our new Secretary who took the minutes at each Committee meeting and who has done an excellent job of booking courses for our upcoming season. Certainly "on the ball". Col was also a kind "sponsor" during the GSC Touring Club trip to Forster. Great throat lubrication!

Terry Connor as Treasurer for his skill in handling our funds. Terry has firm hands on our purse strings and "always" provides an up to date report at each Committee meeting. Onya, Terry.

Sue Waugh AND Phil Wilson as Co-Captains keeping events fair and fast, and reminding some fellow golfers of the "generally accepted" rules of golf, and the important new ones. Thanks again.

Wal Loschi as Handicapper. Thanks for keeping the burglars honest. Almost. I don't know how you do it. Neither do most golfing members..... 😊

Also, Committee members Kim Cardiff, Col Harris, Rob Parry & Terry Smith.

Many thanks guys - as usual.

Al Hutchinson, our butcher, for supplying meat trays for our raffle. Coastwide Meats – Pleased To Meat You, With Meat To Please You! Coastwide Meats, Grieve Rd West Gosford. Phone 4324 8737.

Lee Clarke in the office for assisting the golfers by placing ads on the in-house video system.

Richard Croker, Past GSC General Manager, for assistance with raffles and keeping lines of communication open. Sad to see him go. A huge thanks from the golfers.

The Golf Section Prezo night was to be held on 28th June, but obviously had to be postponed until who knows when! Thanks to Grant & Amber and the Spinnakers Brasserie team. We'll be there soon. I hope.

Extra Thanks:

To bread butterers and BBQ cooks, the wonderful Ann Rowbotham for her organisation of our after golf lunches, party organisers, nearest the pin stickers, and the "socialisers" who keep supporting our great club. Keep it up guys. The more the merrier. Especially for we get "back to normal".

Trophy Winners:

For the first time since 1978, we did not have our usual 4 Rounds of Club Championship games, and therefore no Club Champions. We may have to wait until later in the year. Sadly.

If you would like to join our small band of keen golfers, call me on 0402 708701 or email dickbridge@bigpond.com for more info. We play about every 2nd Sunday morning on 8 different courses on the Central Coast and Hunter areas, but mostly at Gosford GC. The more, the merrier.

Dick Bridge

Golf Section President.

