



Wollongong Golf Club

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15th September 2023

Nomination – Life Membership

Dear members,

I have received the **enclosed** nomination for Adam Giddings to be recognised as a Golfing Life Member. A copy of the nomination is included in the attached.

In accordance with Wollongong Golf Club's Constitution, a nomination for a Golfing Life Member must be made in writing by not less than 2 full playing members or life members and submitted to the Secretary at least 28 days before the general meeting at which it is to be considered.

This business is to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 26th October 2023, by way of a vote by the life members and full playing members, who are eligible to vote on the election by secret ballot.

The Life Membership will be approved if more than 75% of the life members and full playing members present at the meeting and eligible to vote, vote in favour of the election.

Regards,

Leigh Hingston
Chief Executive Officer
Wollongong Golf Club



Dear Members,

I am honoured to nominate Adam Giddings, a dedicated member of the Wollongong Golf Club, for the Golfing Life Membership. This prestigious recognition is reserved for individuals who have not only displayed unwavering commitment by being a club member for at least five years but have also contributed exceptionally to our club.

Adam Giddings embodies the true spirit of this criteria and has been an active golf member of our club for an impressive 26 years. His dedication and leadership have left an indelible mark on our club. First elected to the board in 2008, Adam became President in 2011 and he will soon be the longest-serving president in our 126-year history.

Adam's tenure as President is highlighted by numerous outstanding achievements, including:

- Major golf course upgrade successfully upgraded in 2012 - This involved significant capital expenditure and ensured the improvement of 1st, 7th, & 17th holes whilst maintaining their integrity.
- the implementation of gender-neutral playing categories – In 2014 Wollongong Golf Club became one of the first golf clubs in Australia to offer neutral gender player categories.
- the multi-million-dollar clubhouse upgrade in 2019 and 2021 – two significant clubhouse upgrades were undertaken to improve clubhouse usability whilst providing necessary uplift in standards to meet market and customer requirements.
- During the challenging COVID-19 shutdown, his guidance steered our club through an unprecedented and very financially stressful period – He ensured W.G.C remained open for golf for benefit to members. The clubhouse was closed but we retained staff to maximum possible levels through accessing government funding support and reallocating staff duties.
- Perhaps his most significant accomplishment was the recent amalgamation of Wollongong Golf Club with the City Diggers club in 2020, solidifying both club legacies. The amalgamation of W.G.C. + Wollongong City Diggers was perhaps the single most significant event that has occurred in the long history of W.G.C. Whilst this ensured the long-term viability of both clubs, it also added major capital value to W.G.C as part of the club with the subsequent transfer of assets.



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- In addition to his administrative achievements, Adam has led a team of up to 60 volunteer marshals for various major golf tournaments, including the Australian Open, he also served as a hole captain at the prestigious Presidents Cup in 2011. In each of these major events he proudly represented W.G.C.

I am pleased to confirm that this proposed nomination as has the total support of current active Golfing life members Geoff Jones, Paul Hogben, Bill Noble, Ann Woods, and Lynne Townsend. Adam Giddings is undeniably deserving of W.G.C's Life Membership, and I urge you all to recognise his outstanding contributions and vote in favour.

Thank you for your attention and let us celebrate a remarkable member who has truly enriched our golfing community.

Geoff Jones/Lynne Townsend/Paul Hogben/Ann Woods/Bill Nobel