

WARATAH WOMEN MEMBERS

DOWN THE FAIRWAYS

Newsletter

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"POSTCARD"

Have you been anywhere interesting lately?

This is the section for you to communicate with members. Share information about outside competitions you have attended or places of interest you have visited.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have news, humorous anecdotes, stories or information for inclusion in

Down the Fairways

forward to Loraine Smith no later than 22nd of the month in written format or via email russloraine@optusnet.com.au

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EDITOR'S NOTE

As we farewell 2020, which has been a difficult year and welcome 2021, "Down the Fairways" will continue to feature the same popular stories, activities within our club, upcoming events, course etiquette, course care, rules and re-introduce new member/member profiles. Support from you will be appreciated by providing stories and humorous/serious anecdotes, to ensure our publication each month remains entertaining as well as informative. Caption these Photos request, which appeared in our December Newsletter, had two great captions submitted:

1. High Tee(a) Time (Jan Gillies)
2. The Perfect Tee to Brag(g) About (Jan Baldwin)

Two clever Jan's in our club!

Great golfing, to each and everyone for 2021! *Lorraine, Editor.*

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hi ladies and welcome to our 2021 golfing season! Let's hope that we will be able to implement this year's program in full! This is of course subject to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions that are still in place, but are easing slowly, so cross-fingers everyone that the events we have planned take place. And it's another great season we have lined up for you! So do get involved and enjoy playing each week at Waratah Golf Club (WGC). The social element is good for all, particularly when we meet afterwards in the Club for Presentation and, besides, it's the best golf club in the District!

For the Members who were unable to attend the 2020 AGM held at the end of October and other readers of "Down The Fairways" newsletter, we have a new 2021 Women's Committee appointed and these women are: Jenny Quist (President – 2nd term), Kerrie Coughlan (Vice-President - new), Maureen Dyer (Captain), Robyn Suprano (Vice-Captain), Kate Brownsmith (Secretary – new), Jan Bransgrove (Treasurer), Renay Robertson (Assistant Treasurer – new), Carole Becklar (Committee), Barb Ferris (Committee) and Ledene Israel (Committee). I look forward to working with this great team of ladies. The Committee works hard to ensure that every golfing season at our Club will run smoothly and effectively, with some fun times thrown in too! Additionally, should you have any queries, feedback or suggestions relating to golf here at WGC, your Women's Committee is here to assist as best we can and will endeavour to respond accordingly.

PRESIDENT'S PEN cont...

The 2021 Program booklets have been compiled and will be available for distribution to you on our scheduled Opening Day which is Tuesday, 2 February. The opening game of the season will be a 4-person Ambrose a nice, fun day of golf to start off the program. I'm looking forward to seeing your happy selves after the game at our first Presentation of the year.

What a change in the weather from 2019/2020 to now, when the bushfires were raging around our great country! The rainfall we've had this past month or so has been welcomed. Congratulations are therefore in order to Shaun Patrick (Supervising Greenkeeper) and his hardworking team of grounds staff and volunteers, who have done a fantastic job maintaining our wonderful golf course it's the best I've seen it.

As always, I'd like to end this report with a quote – this one from Bobby Jones:

"You swing your best when you have the fewest things to think about."

Be happy, be safe, stay well. *Awesome golfing everyone for the month of February!*

Jenny Quist, Women's President

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Welcome back ladies, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Although we start a New Year, unfortunately, we still have Covid to deal with. Restrictions are easing every week but we all must stay vigilant and follow the guidelines set by authorities. Upon entering the club, you must sign in to both the New Club Sign In which is located at the Front Office and also to the Service NSW QR Code. For those of you that have Mobile Phones you just download the Service NSW App and it will store all your information. Otherwise you must either go to the Office or the Bar.

Our incredible Green Staff have the course in great condition. 10 Inches of rain during December was made a big change from last year where they battled extreme heat. Although the excessive rain had it's own issues, I'm sure I know what they would prefer. As with all holiday periods we have a large amount of people on the course and some are a little slack in taking care of maintenance. I would ask that you all do your bit to keep our course looking its best.

- Fill in divots on the fairway – even if they are not yours – everyone please carry a sand bucket
- Repair Lob Marks on the green – even if they are not yours - please make sure you all carry a divot repairer.

Our Ladies Program commences on:

Tuesday 2nd February 4 Person Ambrose

Tuesday 9th February Stableford

Tuesday 16th February Stroke/Stableford - Sheet in Ladies Room for Draw

Tuesday 23rd February Par

Joker's Wild is on Friday 12th March and this is already on the NHL DGA Website, so get your teams in early.

Pennants start on 15th March. Anyone wanting to play, please let me know, as we will be sending out information in February. Please also let me know any dates that you are unavailable.

I want everyone to enjoy their day on the golf course, so I would like everyone to be aware of Slow Play.

Micropower now monitors the duration of your round and penalties will be imposed for repeat offenders.

If you are losing ground with the group in front, please follow these guidelines:

- Go to your ball and be ready to hit, whilst staying at a safe distance from other players
- Mark your card after you have hit off
- If you have lost ground, once on the green 2 players putt out, while the other 2 players hit off
- You only have 3 minutes to look for a lost ball

I am taking a little break for the first week in February and I look forward to seeing you all on 9th February. Keep up the good golf. *Maureen Dyer, Women's Captain*

2021 WOMEN MEMBERS' COMMITTEE



Back Row L-R Jenny Quist (President), Renay Robertson (Asst. Treasurer), Kerrie Coughlan (Vice-President)
Middle Row L-R: Kate Brownsmith (Secretary), Robyn Suprano (Vice-Captain), Carole Becklar (Committee)
Front Row L-R: Maureen Dyer (Captain), Jan Bransgrove (Treasurer), Barb Ferris (Committee)
Inset: Ledene Israel (Committee)

PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY

- 2 Opening Day
Four (4) Person Ambrose
- 9 Stableford
(Extra Competitions commence)
- 16 Stroke/Monthly Medal/Scratch/Stableford
1st Round GNSW Medal
Putting in Conjunction
- 23 Par

UPCOMING EVENTS – OPEN DAYS

February

- 9 Gala Day – Nelson Bay GC (Event Full)
- 15 Belmont Open Day GC (Event Full)

March

- 1-2 Ladies Classic – Hawks Nest GC (Event Full)
- 12 **Jokers Wild Day (Mixed Event) Waratah GC**
- 19 Merewether Open Day
- 30 Muree Open Day

All information for above events can be found on the ladies' notice board.

JOKERS WILD DAY

Friday 12th March 2021

4 Person Stableford Team Event
Categories - Women's, Men's and Mixed Teams

Registration: 8:00am for 8:30am Shotgun Start



Entry Fee
\$30 per player

Great Prizes
For each Category according to entries

Entries Close 5th March 2021

Organise your team, invite friends, and friends of friends. Place your entry form and money in the drawer in the ladies' club room or EFT.

All information for above event and entry form can be found on the ladies' notice board.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthdays are filled with yesterday's memories, today's joy, and tomorrow's dreams.

JANUARY

- 1 Joanne Clews
- 2 Tracey Cooper
- 3 Michelle Clarke
- 11 Robyn Grant
- 14 Kerrie Brooks
- 17 Jan Baldwin
Jennifer Wilson
- 18 Margaret Robertson**
- 27 Virginia Alexander
- 30 Chris Muddle
Natalie Barthofer

FEBRUARY

- 5 Renay Robertson
- 7 Joan Smithson
- 9 Kate MacDonald
- 11 Kerrie Coghlan
- 20 Marlene Russell
- 12 Yvonne Kaluski
- 17 Monique Gordon
- 27 Lesley Daglish



MARGARET ROBERTSON

2021 GOLF NSW MEDAL COMPETITION

Programme of six (6) stroke events between 1 February and 30 September in 2021, played in three divisions. These events are run in conjunction with Club Medal Rounds.

Entry fee \$5 per player, to be paid prior to the commencement of the first round of the competition. Late entries can be accepted prior to the 3rd round of the competition with payment of the appropriate fee.

Divisions for the 2021 Golf NSW Women's Medal Competition are determined by the player's GA handicap on the first medal round they play.

If you wish to participate in the above competition submit your payment in an envelope, with your name, current GA handicap, Golf NSW Medal written on the front, and place in the Treasurer's drawer in the Ladies Club Room.

VETS INFORMATION

Veteran Women's Golfer's Association (VWGANSW) annual subscriptions are due for 2021 and are \$5.00 for current members and \$12 for new members. By becoming a member, you are eligible to play in VWGA events.

If you are not a member and would like to join, speak with your VWGA representative, Loraine Smith.

Club VETS Ball Comp is held on all individual events, not team events or Open Days and is for all Waratah Women Club members **50yrs and over**. Players who pay the 50c per game are eligible for the ball comp on that particular day. The winners of the ball comp will be announced at the end of each comp round on the day and credited to their prize list via the Pro-shop.

Club VETS Consistency Point Score Competition is held over the Comp Season and is club orientated. This is open to Waratah Women Club members ONLY, 50yrs and over. Points are allocated on a sliding scale; depending on the position a player finishes Over the Field (OTF) on that day. The winner of the VETS Consistency Point Score is announced at the end of year at the Ladies' Presentation Dinner.

If you require further information on how these Comps are administered, I am happy to explain in more detail. **Loraine Smith (VETS Delegate).**

WEEKLY COMP WINNINGS/PRIZE MONEY

We are offering our women members the choice of two options again in 2021 for redeeming their prize money; Members Card or Coles/Myer Card. Advantages for transferring to Member's card where it can be used for purchases:

- ❖ Over the bar for drinks, chips, coffee etc.
- ❖ Bistro, lunches
- ❖ Pro Shop for golfing needs
- ❖ Pay for hire of golf carts
- ❖ Winnings can be redeemed to Member's Card on weekly basis
- ❖ Good for two (2) years from the date amount is transferred to Member's Card

We encourage members to redeem to Club Member/Account card; by doing this you are supporting the viability of the Golf Club.

PENNANT DRAW - 2021

Round 1: 15 March 2021

Div. 3 Waratah v Charlestown at Horizons GC
Div. 4 Waratah v Horizons at Muree GC
H'Cap Waratah v Tanilba Bay at Nelson Bay GC

Round 2: 22 March 2021

Div. 3 Waratah v Maitland at Kurri GC
Div. 4 Waratah v Hawks Nest at Horizons GC
H'Cap Waratah v Maitland at Pacific Dunes GC

Round 3: 29 March 2021

Div. 3 Waratah v Horizons at Newcastle GC
Div. 4 Waratah v Toronto at Tanilba Bay GC
H'Cap Waratah v Pacific Dunes at Tanilba Bay GC

Round 4: 12 April 2021

Div. 3 Waratah v Newcastle at Charlestown GC
Div. 4 Waratah v Muree at Hawks Nest GC
H'Cap Waratah – (BYE)

Round 5: 10 May 2021

Div. 3 Waratah – (BYE)
Div. 4 Waratah v Tanilba Bay at Pacific Dunes GC
H'Cap Waratah v Nelson Bay at Maitland GC

Round 6: 17 May 2021

Div. 3 Waratah v Nelson Bay at Maitland GC
Div. 4 Waratah v Pacific Dunes at Toronto GC
H'Cap Nil Games

Round 7: 24 May 2021

Div. 3 Waratah v Kurri at Nelson Bay GC
Div. 4 Waratah (BYE)
H'Cap Nil Games

Washout Game to be played on Monday 31 May 2021



I HATE THIS GAME, I HATE THIS GAME
OH! NICE SHOT
I ♥ LOVE THIS GAME

Waratah Golf Club PRO-AM



Lorraine, Barb, Ros with James Grierson



Jay Mackenzie with Jan, Lloma, Jenny



Kerrie, Greg, Barry with Blake Windred

PREVENTING SLOW PLAY

Be ready on the first and stand with ball on the tee and club in hand

**On the next tee, saving time is not hard
One drives off and the other marks the card**

**Do not leave your buggy in the way or those behind
you must wait to play**

**Keep up with players ahead of you, losing a hole is
strictly TABOO**

**Lost a Ball? Not a clue?
Players behind you, must call through**

**In Stableford if you cannot score, pick up your ball and
putt no more.**

**If slow coach you must stay, then please play later in
the day!!!**

