



DOWN THE FAIRWAYS



Newsletter

Issue: 7

Volume: August 2023

Inside this Issue

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| President's Pen | 1 |
| Captain's Corner | 2 |
| August Programme | 2 |
| Upcoming Open Days | 2 |
| Birthday Wishes | 3 |
| Quote | 3 |
| Member Profile | 3 |
| Out and About | 3 |
| Care of the Course | 4 |

"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

Down the Fairways is available on our website: www.waratahgolfclub.com.au

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hi ladies, what a change from last year, great weather for golf, and one could say we are having a bit of an 'Indian Summer'. It's good that we are now getting a bit of run on the course, which I'm sure everyone appreciates!

Jokers Wild Day - Last month on Friday 21 July, we held Jokers Wild Day, which was another success judging by the number of positive comments I received after the event. Well done again to our Women's Committee and Functions staff who put on another beaut mixed event and, to all those who participated, thank you for making it a fun day, albeit on a cold one.

Black Cat Day - Our next main fun, mixed event will be 'Black Cat Day' on Friday, 13 October, so Committee will advise closer to the time when the flyer for this special day is out for you to enter your team. It will be a 4-person team event – Stableford – with 3-scores to count with a twist! Stay tuned!

'Injured & Fractured' Update - Robyn Hamilton (Lifetime Member) – I recently spoke to Robyn again and she is well, but has been restricted from playing golf and doing things due to an issue, which she is getting sorted. I asked her to try and come to the Club for lunch on a Tuesday with the ladies if she's up to it. It will do her good to be with familiar faces. Hope to see you soon, Robyn.

Helen Rowett – Helen will be away from golf for a while due to a surgical procedure she has recently undertaken. She is feeling well and we wish Helen a full recovery in order for her to return to her favourite pastime - golf!

Virginia Bowden – I also recently spoke to Virginia Bowden, who had her right knee replaced a few months ago and has been doing all the rehab exercises with great success. Her right knee is coming along very well, but it's the left knee which is causing her grief with a lot of pain and is waiting on the specialist to advise when she will have the op for that knee. Let's hope it's sooner rather than later! Virginia loves her gardening and at least she has been able to get outside to do one of her favourite pastimes. Virginia is very positive and enjoying life, which is fabulous to hear. We look forward to having her back at golf after her recovery from her left knee replacement.

Jenny Quist (La Presidenta) – I stupidly played 6-games of golf in a row, which consequently put my lower back and gluteal muscles out yet again, as well as dealing with an infected wound from a golf incident whilst playing up at Hawks Nest; then I came down with a head cold/cough (negative for Covid – just Winter blues); plus some not so good news from my endocrinologist last week. Not a good run health-wise these past 2-weeks, but am on the mend. So I hope to see you all again soon at the Club. I miss my golf!

If you have any news of one of our women members being injured, unwell or in hospital, etc, please contact me directly or on my mobile (in the front of our Program booklet). Many thanks. I would like to end this report with a quote I gave this time last year from Mark McCumber – an American professional golfer who has played on the PGA Tour and Champions Tour, which I feel is one to ponder again:

"Forget the last shot. It takes so long to accept that you can't always replicate your swing. The only thing you can control is your attitude toward the next shot."

Be happy, be safe, stay well. *Awesome golfing everyone for the month of August!*
Jenny Quist, Women's President

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well it had to happen sooner or later, so yes the days are getting colder. But it is good to see that it is not deterring you wonderful ladies from playing the game we love.

Our Monthly Medal winner for July was won by Christine Eckford. It is very encouraging that our 'Orange Tee' ladies are doing well on the course and achieving excellent results.

The Secretary's Trophy was also played this month and won by Robyn Suprano. Congratulations to both Chris and Robyn.

Our Patron Beryl Tobin turned 95 years young this month and what a remarkable Lady she is. We had a lovely day with some special invited friends who helped celebrate this milestone with her.

The ever popular Jokers Wild day was held this month and was a huge success. Not only our ladies, but the men also enjoy this lighter side of a golf game. Waratah earns some excellent feedback for our open days and the Women's Committee is happy to achieve this for you all.

This month we will be playing our 4BBB Championship. So best of luck to all players and may the best team win.

Good Golfing Girls

Renay Robertson, Women's Captain

PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST

- 1 1st Rnd 4BBB Championships (2 Person Stableford)
- 8 2nd Rnd 4BBB Championships (2 Person Stableford)
- 15 Stroke/Monthly Medal/Putting President's Trophy
- 22 2 Person Ambrose - **Keno Qualifying "Let's Play Ambrose" event (\$5.00 entry fee per team)**
- 29 Stableford (2 Putt Rule)



UPCOMING EVENTS – OPEN DAYS

August

- 31 Tanilba Bay Open Day
20-21 NHDLGA – Women's Championship (see below)

September

- 13 Merewether Lady Mayoress Bowl
18 Nelson Bay Ladies Classic
19 Shortland Waters Open Day

NHDLGA

36 HOLE AMATEUR WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

20 – 21 AUGUST 2023

HORIZONS GOLF CLUB

Entry forms and payment details can be found on the NHDLGA website www.nhdlga.org.au

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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

AUGUST

- 3 **Liz Suprano**
6 Virginia Bowden
7 Ledene Israel
8 Corinne Quist
12 Trish Ashton
Ros Spain
21 Robin Bragg
Margaret Godbee
27 Joanne Brown



LIZ SUPRANO

A recent study found that the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study found that golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year.

This means that, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon!

Kind of makes you proud. Almost makes you feel like a **hybrid**.

Submitted by Kate Brownsmith

MEMBER IN PROFILE

—— Beryl Tobin (OAM) WGC Life Member, Lady Patron

On 18 July 2023 celebrations were held to celebrate the 95th birthday of one of Waratah Golf Club's longest standing lady member, Beryl Tobin (OAM) who has been a member of WGC for 76 years. In 1980 Beryl was honoured with a Life membership at Waratah Golf Club and since 1983 has been the Ladies Patron and will continue into the foreseeable future, a position Beryl says she is honoured and fortunate to hold. Over her golfing career Beryl also held memberships at Newcastle Golf Club and The Lakes. Beryl was honoured with Life Membership at Newcastle Hunter District Level in 1996. Beryl's golfing achievements include 7 Holes in One, A Grade Club Champion 19 times, Club Foursomes Champion 21 times and played Pennants for 50 years. Beryl set numerous course records, won District Championships and Champion of Champions events, State and Country titles, and played exhibition matches at National and International level. To add to all of the above Beryl and her golfing partner, Robyn Watt, won the WGC 2014 Foursomes championship. Accolades for Beryl's achievements and dedication to the game throughout her golfing career and afterward, have been honoured with Beryl receiving an OAM award in the Queen's Birthday Honour list in 2019. *Keep On Keeping On!*



OUT and ABOUT



Annual NHDLGA Mixed Foursomes

Mixed Foursomes was held on Sunday 16th July at Nelson Bay GC. Waratah had four teams representing from a field of 32 teams. The day started out nicely but the sky turned black close to midday and half the field had to contend with Mother Nature for the remaining few holes. Renay Robertson and Ron Smith had a good day out and were R/U Div. 1 Nett. It was nice and dry in the clubhouse afterwards and we all enjoyed the hospitality. Well done to the Dyer's, Coughlan's and the Edwards' who managed to still be talking to each other after their game. *Submitted by Renay Robertson*



Hawks Nest Open Day

Ten ladies attended the Hawks Nest Ladies Open Day on 14th July and it was another well run and enjoyable event. Jan Gillies won the Longest Drive in Div. 2 and the team of Loraine Smith, Mindy Simmons, Jan Gillies, Jenny Butler won a ball. *Submitted by Loraine Smith*



CARE OF THE COURSE

REPAIRING DIVOTS

FAIRWAYS

Sand buckets are available at the starting tees and divots should be repaired as follows:

- Use the sand to fill the divot hole (and any others nearby).
- Use a foot or a club to level the sand so that a reasonably flat lie remains for following players.
- If buckets are not available or you have run out of sand, replace the divot in its hole if it is intact, or otherwise knock in the sides of the divot hole with a club so that a level lie is maintained.



A careless repair may provide an unfair lie for other players, and may also damage course equipment and will result in the divot taking longer to repair.

GREENS

Repairing ball marks is a huge help to the golf course, and the grounds team. The rule of thumb should be to repair your ball mark and three others that you find on the green. This not only helps the grounds team, but ensures a true surface the next time you play.

Repairing those little depressions is very important. Equally important is doing it the right way.



Step #1: Take your ball mark repair tool and insert the prongs into the turf at the edge of the depression. Note: Do NOT insert the prongs into the depression itself, but at the rim of the depression.



Step #2: The next step is to push the edge of the ball mark toward the centre, using your ball mark repair tool in a "gentle twisting motion,"



Step #3: Once you've worked around the rim of the ball mark with your repair tool, pushing the grass toward the centre, there's only one thing left to do: Gently tamp down the repaired ball mark with your putter to smooth the putting surface.