



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

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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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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hi everyone, what great weather we have been having and it looks like we may be in for a hot summer too. More run on the golf course for everyone playing our favourite game golf! With Spring having sprung, the warmer weather will be welcomed, particularly for the upcoming first round of the Women's Club Championship commencing on Tuesday, 19 September. As I won't be available to play in the Champ, I sincerely wish every player the very best for the three (3) rounds.

As I mentioned in July's "Down the Fairways" newsletter, we will be conducting our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 31 October, after Presentation of the day's play. Nominations for Committee positions will be open on Tuesday, 19 September (6-weeks prior) for the 2024 Committee. Nomination Forms will be available in the Women's Club Room from 19 September. I would like to reiterate the importance of having a Women's Committee. Should you have any questions about Committee, please don't hesitate to contact me or to have a chat when you see me at the Club. Committee looks forward to and welcomes our financial playing members participating at our AGM.

We also have coming up on Tuesday, 5 September, the "Big 'O' Birthdays" for 2023 and there is a 40 year old and a number of 60, 70 and 80 year old's, as well as one (1) 90 year old who have reached their respective milestone. Thankfully these ladies are happy and relatively healthy, so please do come along and celebrate the milestones achieved by these ladies after golf and when Presentation has finished.

Green renovations took place the week commencing Monday, 28 August and, as such, on Tuesday, 29 August, all the ladies playing that day hit off from the Orange tees. This was the second time play occurred off the orange tees this year and it was a fun day working out one's distances on the shorter tees. We also had playing with us that day a few of the Clinic ladies, including Louise Renshaw, and a couple of new members from the Clinic – Robyn Pridue, Robyn De'Lore and Shari Youngberry (Social Playing Member). Hopefully they can stay for the Presentation and celebration of the "Big 'O' Birthdays".

Well done to Debra Plummer (current Women's Club Champion) and Renay Robertson (Women's Captain), who participated and represented Waratah GC in the recent NHDLGA Women's 36 Holes Amateur Championship held at Horizons Golf Club. Deb was winner in the Nett (76) on Day 1, but was unable to do as well on Day 2. Renay got caught in a few bunkers and wasn't having too much fun both days with her game. "It is what it is" as they say. All in all, we appreciate the representation by both ladies.

It was lovely to see Di Hinchcliffe back with us playing at the end of August – 9-holes at the moment after having 'leave of absence' from the Club. She looks great and says she feels really good too. Excellent to see and hear, Di! We look forward to seeing more of you out on the course and back with the ladies on Tuesdays.

I'd like to end this report with a quote from US legend, Tom Watson: "*Confidence in golf means being able to concentrate on the problem at hand with no outside interference.*"

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

Jenny Quist, Women's President

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

In the month of August we played our 4BBB Championship and our Division 1 Winners for 2023 are Colleen Wilson and Jenny Butler and Runners-Up Narelle Bramble and Marlene Russell. Division 2 was won by Lynne Page and Elizabeth Suprano and Runners-Up were Yvonne Kaluski and Cherie St Vincent. Very well played by all. (Photos on front Page)

Our August Monthly Medal in conjunction with the Annual Presidents Trophy was won by Narelle Bramble. Congratulations Narelle.

The NHDLGA District Amateur Tournament was held at Horizons Golf Club this year. It was a 36-Hole event and both myself and Debra Plummer attended. Deb played very well and won 1st Nett on Day one with a great score of 86/76. Unfortunately she wasn't as lucky with a few holes the next day but did finish in the top third of the district. Well done Deb. I myself believed I was playing cricket, or so you would have thought if you saw my scores! But I did compete and have a go and that's all that is required. The Champion of the District for 2023 is 17 year old Amy Squires from Horizons who plays off scratch and has a very bright future in golf. It was lovely to watch how effortlessly she hits the ball and her no-nonsense approach to the game.

Our Club Championships are fast approaching so I hope you are all fine tuning your games in readiness. For those of you, who will be playing all three rounds, please place your names on the entry sheet in the ladies clubroom as I will be doing the draw for all of these rounds. I also need to determine what the divisions will be for the Championships so it is very important that you advise your intention to play.

Best of luck for all your rounds in September Ladies, and I'll see you on the course.

Renay Robertson, Women's Captain

PROGRAMME FOR SEPTEMBER

- 5 Stableford - Big 'O' Birthdays
- 12 2 Person Ambrose
- 19 Stroke/ Monthly Medal/Scratch
1st Rnd Women's Club Championship
Quist Family Putting Trophy
- 26 Stroke/ Monthly Medal/Scratch
2nd Rnd Women's Club Championship
Joyce Frith Rose Bowl



BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

- 2 Cherie St Vincent
- 5 **Linda Penhall**
- 10 Trudi Edwards
- 15 Kath Potter
- 18 Robyn Suprano
- 20 Robyn Pridue
- 24 **Patricia Swan**
- 28 Loraine Smith
- 29 Sophia Roberts



Linda and Patricia

UPCOMING EVENTS – OPEN DAYS

October

- 6 Horizons Open Day
- 13 **Black Cat Day – Waratah GC**
- 13 Ladies Classic – Toronto GC
- 19 Pacific Dunes Open Day

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

VWGANSW

- November - Bankstown
- 6 VWGANSW State Foursomes

BLACK CAT DAY

Friday 13th October 2023

4 Person Stableford Team Event
(3 scores to count with a twist)

Categories

Women's, Men's and Mixed Teams
\$45 per player includes Lunch



Organise your team, invite friends and friends of friends and enjoy another fun day of golf at Waratah Golf Club!!

OUT and ABOUT



Pennant Teams Lunch

Left - Sue Evans, Jenny Butler, Michelle Clarke, Jenny Quist, Gael Andrews, Renay Robertson
Right - Jo Dusterhoft, Mindy Simmons, Jo Brown, Deb Plummer, Lynne Page
A beaut lunch had by all at a great location - Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club
Submitted by Jenny Quist
Photographer Kate Brownsmith



Mindy Maureen

Mindy Simmons, Maureen Dyer, Jenny Butler, Loraine Smith represented Waratah GC in the 2023 Women's Bronze Medallion, a GNSW event, held at Ryde-Parramatta and Lakeside-Camden golf clubs.



Jenny Loraine

POSTCARD – Submitted by Lloma Laws



We started in London then headed to Liverpool for the British Open. Unfortunately weather wasn't pleasant in Liverpool, wet and cold. Huge crowds at the golf so didn't see too many of the players but did manage to get some photos. We drove to Newcastle and Cambridge to visit family then train down south to visit friends.

Caught Eurostar to Paris, went to Moulin Rouge which was fabulous, had dinner on 2nd floor of Eiffel Tower, awesome and did a day tour to Normandy, very informative, went to the Louvre but lines were at least 3-4 hrs. to get in whether you had booked tickets or not in so we gave that a miss. Next was the train to Amsterdam where we visited the Rijksmuseum this place was huge, we tried to go to the Van Gogh museum but it was booked out until 27th of August. Did a tour to Zaanse Schans to see how the windmills operate, also on the tour went to cheese factory, yummy cheese, and took ferry ride across the largest freshwater lake in Europe. We had a great time, made lots of memories, took heaps of photos. *Lloma and Michael Laws*

RULES

Clarifying rules for WGC 13th and 17th holes as requested.



WGC - 13th Hole – bare patches in the trees are not official cart path or road - No free drop – integral part of the course.



WGC - 17th Hole – Free drop. Road built for maintenance vehicles.

TO PLAY or NOT TO PLAY.....decision times for Gael Andrews and Carol Tutt



There it is, in the tree-course or laugh –that was easy as playing partners were already laughing. What a dilemma, what are my options? I believe I have three:

- play the ball as it lies;
- declare the ball unplayable;
- or proceed under the lost ball ruling;

Well option one is not such a good idea as the tree would not hold my weight (it is a small tree), I could fall and hurt myself, although I did read Sergio Garcia and a youthful Bernard Langer have successfully played a shot this way, they had a very large tree to climb, youth, and strength on their side and playing for lots of money, it does make a difference!

So to save myself the embarrassment of all the above, the decision was easily made; option two was the way to go but first must identify it as my ball. Yes the blue signature will give it away every time, and of course it is the only ball in the tree, lucky me, so a one-stroke penalty was taken. *Gael Andrews*

Carol Tutt- Decision time – in the tree roots -This is the classic, play it as it lies situation, but you're not usually going to get free relief from tree roots. You might not like it, and you might fear either you or your club are going to come off the worse if you go ahead and play. If you don't fancy that, and who could blame you, you can take unplayable ball relief, for a one stroke penalty. Should you go for the lateral option, you can repeat that as many times as you need to find a rootless spot. **But each time it will cost you a penalty stroke.**

Procedure: The place from which you measure the length of the two clubs is that place on the ground directly below, if in tree, or in line where the ball lies in the tree roots.

