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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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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hello to all our wonderful lady members – yes, you! Our women members are, I think, arguably the loveliest, generous bunch of people in the District, but who's biased!

As this report for the newsletter is my final one for 2023, my President's Report, included in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) document (meeting held on Tuesday, 31 October), summarized how I felt mostly about the year and what transpired. If you don't have a copy of the AGM document and you would like a copy, please let Committee know and we will be happy to send you one.

There are two (2) more special events at the end of November after a couple of program changes that needed to be done re the Club's café being upgraded with a week allocation for that work to take place. Renay will advise of the changes in the Captain's Catch-up. Firstly, on **Tuesday, 28 November, "Back to Waratah/Cake Cutting, Christmas Fun Day"** – a 4-Person Team Event using only three (3) clubs and a putter - one (1) score to count. Renay Robertson (current Captain) has again invited our Clinic ladies to play on this day. This is always a great day for the women members to play and/or come along to, particularly for the ladies who were playing members of this Club now being invited to attend for lunch and the 'Cake Cutting' ceremony.

Secondly, the last event of 2023 will be Presentation Night, which was to be held on Wednesday, 29 November, however, we have had to change the date to **THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER FOR PRESENTATION NIGHT** held from 5:30 pm at the Club. Details are: the meal cost per person (pp) will be \$40.00 – up \$5.00 due to increasing food costs. A 2-course meal for \$40.00 is still good value. As has been the case in previous years, final numbers and payment will be due no later than EOB Thursday, 23 November – *no refund of money after this date*. I will put on the Noticeboard in the Women's Clubroom, a copy of the invitation, the 2-course menu for the night and a document for you to add your name and select your preferred main and dessert options against a table number. My intent is to have this information put up on the Noticeboard from Tuesday, 31 October. Please put your money inside an envelope, with your name and Presentation Night written on it, and pop it into the end drawer slot for our Treasurer, Jo-Anne Baird, to confirm payment. Many thanks and we look forward to having a great night on 30 November, 2023.

For those members who were unable to attend the recent AGM, I would like to welcome and acknowledge our team of Committee Members for 2024. Jenny Quist (President); Jan Gillies (Vice President); Renay Robertson (Captain); Loraine Smith (Vice-Captain-accepted after AGM); Kate Brownsmith (Secretary); *Vacant (Assistant Secretary)*; Jo-Anne Baird (Treasurer); *Vacant (Assistant Treasurer)*; Carol Tutt, Colleen Wren (new) and Lynne Page (new) General Committee Members.

Thanks also to the team in the Pro Shop for assisting the ladies throughout the 2023 competition season; the members on the Board and to the outstanding Functions staff, Administration team, the Course Superintendent and his ground staff team and the many volunteers – they've done a superb job this year under challenging conditions.

I wish all Members of WGC awesome golfing for the rest of 2023 and into 2024, and hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends, with the New Year bringing happiness, good health and success for all. As always, I'd like to end this report with a quote from Sir Nick Faldo – *"Visualization is the most powerful thing we have."*

Be happy, be safe, and stay well. Awesome golfing everyone for the months of November, December and January! *Jenny Quist, Women's President*

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well October has come and gone and all our champions for 2023 have been decided. Well done to all the ladies of Waratah for joining in the contest. Congratulations to all our winners and we look forward to rewarding you with your trophies on our ladies presentation night on Thursday 30th November.

Our AGM was held on Tuesday and our new committee for 2024 has been elected. Huge thank you to all the outgoing committee of 2023, job well done Ladies! Your time and effort is very much appreciated. Best of luck to next year's incoming committee. We are lucky to have a great team of ladies who will endeavour to do their best to represent the best interests of all our women members.

November sees our final rounds of ladies programmed golf for the year. The Glad Todkill monthly medal playoff is on the 14th, so good luck to those ladies who have qualified throughout the year. The Back to Waratah Christmas Fun Day is where we say a fond hello to past members and welcome some new clinic ladies to our club on the 28th. This always proves to be an enjoyable get together.

I'm off for three weeks so won't see you all again until presentation night. So take care and enjoy the sunshine.

Regards, Renay Robertson, Women's Captain

PROGRAMME FOR NOVEMBER

- 7 Melbourne Cup Day – Pro-Shop Competition
- 14 Glad Todkill Golf Medal Playoff – Stroke
Playoff will be seeded -Mixed draw for remainder of the field
- 21 Stableford –Proshop Comp
- 28 Back to Waratah / Cake Cutting and **Christmas Fun Day** – 4-Person Team Event – 3 clubs and a putter – two scores to count.
Clinic Ladies and Social Golf members have been invited and will be placed in teams.
- 30 Presentation Dinner



HOLE-IN-ONE



You're
★ ★ ★
Star!

Jenny Quist
Aced the Par 3
3rd Hole on
Thursday
19 October 2023.
Congratulations
Jenny!

PRESENTATION DINNER

Date: 30th November 2023

Time: 5:30pm

Cost: \$40 per head



Final numbers and payment required by 23rd November for catering purposes - NO refund after this date

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

NOVEMBER

- 01 Kim Valentine
Lucy Cowen
- 05 Morag Shaw
- 10 Karen Davis
- 11 Jan Gillies**
- 16 Manon Thomas
- 17 Sonia Hughes
- 22 Carol Tutt
- 23 Jackie Johnston**
- 26 Jennifer Quist
- 30 Lloma Laws

DECEMBER

- 01 Kerrie Coughlan
- 06 Barb Ferris
Vicki Done
- 13 Dianne Miller
- 14 Hazel Skinner
- 18 Helen Rowett
- 21 Ronnie Antill
- 25 Jo-Anne Baird
- 27 Robyn Hamilton
- 28 Sue Oakey**
- 31 Shari Youngberry**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLUB CHAMPIONS FOR 2023

A GRADE



L-R Champion-Debra Plummer
R/up Renay Robertson

B GRADE



L-R Winner-Maureen Dyer
R/up Mindy Simmons

C GRADE



L-R Winner-Marilyn Frost
R/up Barb Ferris

GOOD LUCK- WGC Women Representatives

Competing in the Champion of Champions Day in conjunction with the NHDLGA and GNSW Medal (6 November 2023)

Champion of Champions	Debra Plummer (Div. 1)	Maureen Dyer (Div. 2)	Marilyn Frost (Div. 3)
NHDLGA Medal	Robyn Suprano (Div. 1)	Maureen Dyer (Div. 2)	Lynne Page (Div. 3)
GNSW Medal	Debra Plummer (Div. 1)	Maureen Dyer (Div. 2)	Jo-Anne Baird (Div. 3)

AROUND THE TRAPS

I have the pleasure of spending time with participants who have been enjoying the Ladies Beginner Clinics, with Daniel. If you see them on the course say hello they are friendly, and keen to improve. *Submitted by Loraine Smith*



THE THINGS SOME PLAYERS DO JUST TO SAVE A SHOT!!

Mindy Simmons decided to climb into the creek on the 12th hole and play the shot rather than take a penalty – all her team friends could say Congratulations - Well Done Out first go!!



LOCAL RULES

(To be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf and Temporary Rules)

Out of Bounds (OOB): All areas beyond club boundary fences, the line of white and black posts, the creek bordering the course. Alternative out of bounds and lost ball local rule applies, ball may be dropped in the area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and the edge of the fairway of the hole being played that is not nearer the hole. 2 stroke penalty applies (now playing 4th shot if first shot was OOB).

Ground under Repair: Bare patches and tree roots on **fairways only**. Areas defined by white stakes/lines, except in a penalty area. Artificial surfaces, gardens and mulch gardens containing white stakes, staked trees, exposed geo-textile in bunkers, and grass or soil filled irrigation trenches. Roads, paths, and bare shoulders of paths. Material piles and any damaged areas made by mower, tractor, golf cart or motor vehicle. Machinery shed and surrounds. Drains crossing 7th, 8th, and 13th fairways (fairways only).

Lightning: If an electrical storm approaches and players are concerned for their safety, play should cease, position of ball marked, and players should take cover until the storm has passed.

Immovable Obstructions: All stakes defining penalty areas, GUR and staked trees. Fixed sprinkler heads, distance plates, posts, screen fences. Swing and stance relief applies under Rule 16.1. Relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b if a fixed sprinkler head is on the line of play within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball.

Power Lines: If a ball strikes a power line and/or pole located inbounds, the ball must be replayed without penalty.

Penalty Areas: Red stakes/lines define penalty areas.

Embedded Ball: Relief from an embedded ball through the green may be taken under Rule 16.3.

Measuring Devices: May be used to measure distance only.

Coloured Distance Posts/Markers:

Are measured to centre of greens:

Blue - 200m White - 150m

Yellow – 100m Red - 50m

Clarifying Path rules for WGC 13th and 17th holes



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.