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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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Down the Fairways

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



29 March – 1 April

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Some of our lady members participated in the WGC Pro-Am held on Wednesday 28 February. Great day and the Course was Ok after all the rain. Pro Winner was Andrew Richards who also aced the third hole. Lloma Laws and Deb Plummer were in the winning circle—congratulations! Photo 1 – Barb Ferris, Loraine Smith, Gavin Fairfax (Pro), Ros Spain. Photo 2 – Deb Plummer, Torie Blackmore (Pro) Lloma Laws, Joanne Brown. *Loraine Smith - Editor*

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hilsen damer! God golf i efteråret!

Danish/English translation – Greetings ladies! Happy golfing this Autumn!

Five (5) members of our Women's Committee (Jenny Quist, Jo-Anne Baird, Kate Brownsmith, Carol Tutt and Lynne Page) competed in the NHDLGA's "Committee Day" golfing event held at Easts Leisure & Golf Club in Maitland on Monday, 26 February representing Waratah Golf Club (WGC). My President's team may have won last year, but alas, not for 2024. I think we came about seventh, as we all won a ball! But I am happy to report that Carol Tutt's team came third with a score of 63.50. Congratulations Carol! We all played a Dropout Ambrose and the winning team of ladies, a Captains' team, had a score of 60.125.

Monday, 11 March is the start of the Pennant season. For all WGC's Divisions (Divisions 2 and Bronze South) playing in the NHDLGA Pennants, we wish you good luck and every success from all our Women Members and from WGC. Be positive, be focussed, be calm, be strategic and be persistent in Matchplay! Go girls!

From Monday, 11 March, green renovations will take place that week. Shaun Patrick and his grounds staff team, as well as the many volunteers, do a fantastic job maintaining our wonderful course. Having a week or so of inconvenience with sand over the greens is a sacrifice we need to make playing golf in order for the Club to have splendid greens prepared for us thereafter.

The WGC website for the Women's and Men's Programs for 2024 have been loaded, so you can also check there as to what's happening in both the men's and women's competitions should you not have a Program booklet (which is for 6-day, 7-day, Gold, Lifetime, Staff and Clergy paying members only). Loraine Smith has updated the website for the women till February, 2025, which is indicated in the 2024 Program booklet. Thank you Loraine.

For our newsletter readers, Maureen Dyer (previous WGC Women's Captain from 2017-2022) has been appointed as the NHDLGA's Captain, taking over from Dominique Kelly. Big shoes to follow, but Maureen is very capable and that was obvious on the District's Committee Day. Well done Maureen! I must also add that Maureen has as her Vice-Captain, Waratah's Robyn Suprano, to assist when necessary. It's good to know we have representation at the District level in both these very capable ladies!

PRESIDENT'S PEN continued...

On the 'Injured & Fractured' list, I've been in touch with Yvonne Kaluski who is progressing every day with her injury and we hope to see her playing at the Club soon. Helen Rowett, who has not been playing golf for quite some time due to shoulder surgeries and another matter, will be back in early March to play off the orange tees with us during green Reno's. Looking forward to it, Helen. I've also been in touch with Virginia Bowden, who had her second knee replacement in the beginning of February and she is well and the surgery was successful. We hope to see Virginia back to golf soon. I have also connected with Aileen Murphy and Cherie St Vincent via phone and had lovely conversations with both of them and I'm pleased to report that they are both progressing slowly yet confidently with their treatments. They seemed happy and doing well as can be expected. Karen Davis is also doing well after having her hip replacement and sounds happy and well too. Progress by all! Excellent news!

One never knows what will happen next in our life, so enjoy every precious moment you have on this planet with family and friends.

On finishing, I have a quote for you from David Forgan (Forgan was a descendant of the St. Andrews Forgan family of club makers and a world-class golfer): ***"Golf is a science, the study of a lifetime, in which you can exhaust yourself, but never your subject."***

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

Jenny Quist - Women's President



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well we've had a bit of a rainy start to our February program but that hasn't deterred our steadfast lady members from showing up to play. Great to see you all back and supporting the club.

Our Invitation Gala Day was a great success and a fun day was had by all. It was good to have so many visitors join our club for the day and take home the majority of the prizes.

Our next big open day is the Frith Cup on Tuesday 02 April, a four person Dropout Ambrose event. The entry sheet is now open in the lady's clubroom for you to add your team. I suggest if you need to book a cart for this day, to do it ASAP as carts ran out for our last event.

Our stroke round was played on Tuesday 27th in some pretty tough conditions, but finish we all did. Congratulations to our February Monthly Medal winner Debra Plummer who was our best player on the day. It was also the first round of the GNSW Medal. There is a \$5 entry fee to participate in this competition, so please pay your monies to our Treasurer Jo Baird before the third round of the series to be eligible.

Our Pennant teams for 2024 have now been finalised and I would like to thank the following ladies for putting up their hands to represent Waratah. Our Division 2 squad is: Debra Plummer, Sue Evans, Renay Robertson (C), Robyn Watt, Jo Dusterhoft, Jenny Quist, Jo Brown, Michelle Clarke and Robyn Suprano. Our Bronze South Squad is: Maureen Dyer, Jan Gillies (C), Christine Hughes, Mindy Simmons, Barb Ferris, Lynne Page, Loraine Smith and Kate Brownsmith. Our first match is on Monday 11 March and I hope you join me in wishing our teams good golfing and the best of luck.

On the second week of March our green staff will commence the biannual coring of our greens. So on Tuesday 12th we will be playing an Individual Stableford - 2 Putt Rule with Compulsory Orange Tees. I am mentioning this now, just as a gentle reminder that your daily handicaps will change on this day due to the orange tees, and this will mean some of you will change divisions for our NTP and long drive prizes. So please check your handicaps on that day. Here's hoping for a drier Month of March.

Renay Robertson - Women's Captain

PROGRAMME FOR MARCH

- 5 Stableford – Secretary’s Trophy
- 12 Stableford – 2 Putt Rule – **Orange Tees**
- 19 Stableford
- 26 Stroke/Monthly Medal/Scratch/Putting in Conjunction/2nd Rnd GNSW Medal

VWGANSW Mabel Mackenzie



UPCOMING EVENTS – OPEN DAYS

March

- 4-5 Hawks Nest Ladies Classic
- 26 Nelson Bay Pink Charity Day

April

- 2 **Frith Cup – Waratah Golf Club**
- 9 Muree Open Day

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

2024 GOLF NSW MEDAL COMPETITION

Programme of six (6) stroke events between 1 February and 30 September in 2024, 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 2024 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 Meeting Room.

FRITH CUP

Tuesday 2 April 2024
4 person team event
(Dropout Ambrose)



Entry Fee \$45.00

Includes morning tea and lunch

8am registration for 8:30 shotgun start
Entries and Payments close 26 March 2024

Organise your team and come along for a great day of golf!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

March

- 4 Christine Hughes
- 7 Tracy Baker-Holmes
- 9 Cher Jones
- 10 Vicky Lozana
- 14 Carolyn Solway
- 11 Lechelle Simmons
- 19 Marilyn Frost
- 22 Lyn Franks
- 23 Gael Andrews
- 27 Julie Craig



FRIENDLY REMINDER

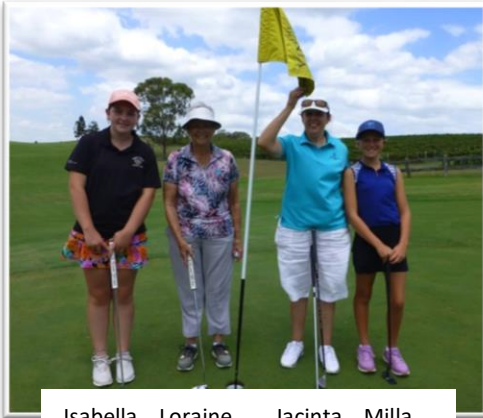
Ladies if not playing for any reason, e.g. sick, looks like rain or raining etc, could you make a courtesy phone call/text to your playing partner/s, to advise of this decision? Also, remove yourself from the timesheet. This not only helps with a smooth transition of moving players up a group but lets the group you are set to play with know you will be a “no show”, and of course when people don’t show there’s the added worry of “are they okay”. A courtesy phone call/text will be appreciated.

WORDS TO LIVE BY



"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts"
Winston S. Churchill

OUT AND ABOUT



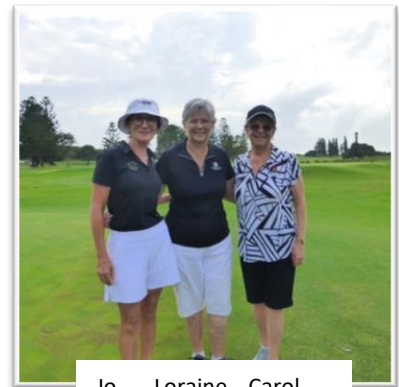
Isabella Loraine Jacinta Milla

Junior Invitational Event at Vintage GC

I had the pleasure of attending the Junior Invitational at the Vintage GC in January. It was a two day event and I was teamed with Jacinta (not sure of her club) and two lovely junior girls, Isabella (Wagga Wagga GC) and Milla (Coffs Harbour GC). Two lovely young ladies who can really hit a ball! Our group was also very lucky, as the mothers of Isabella and Milla followed us and were great ball spotters, saving a lot of time for our group. Isabella won the female longest drive competition and received a Helicopter ride over the Vineyards with her family. A great two days, shame about my golf!
Submitted by Loraine Smith

Belmont Open Day

Three Waratah Lady Members attended the Belmont Open Day, Joanne Brown, Loraine Smith, Carol Tutt. Day started great until thunder and lightning hit and to finish off torrential rain. Disappointing for the Belmont Ladies however 8-holes were completed and their Committee made the decision to draw winners from Draw sheet.



Jo Loraine Carol



Carole

Novos at Wauchope

Carole Becklar and Jan Bransgrove attended the Novos golf event. Carole was a winner at Wauchope on Wednesday. We had a good time even though we got rained out on Monday at Port Macquarie after 13 holes and didn't even get on the course at Emerald Downs on Tuesday. We went shopping and 10 pin bowling instead. 18 holes at Wauchope but very wet underfoot. Japanese and Italian restaurants were really good!
Submitted by Jan Bransgrove

NHDLGA Committee Day

Waratah Ladies enjoying the NHDLGA Committee Day at Maitland Golf club.

L-R Carol Tutt, Jo-Anne Baird, Lynne Page, Jenny Quist, Kate Brownsmith, Maureen Dyer.

Submitted by Jenny Quist



MISCORE APP BATTERY POWER

Submitted by Jenny Quist, Women's President

I thought I'd mention again about better lasting battery power for your smartphone when using the MiScore app, particularly for new women members and a refresh for others, by doing the following:



For the iPhone, go to Settings - scroll down to the **MiScore** app - touch that app - then touch Location - touch the word Never. Then exit accordingly. If you don't have a USB port in your cart, I found my battery power had only gone down 30% over a 4-hour period by doing the above in Settings on my iPhone. Previous to making this change, my battery power had gone down approximately 60% for 4-hours without charging during the game whilst using the MiScore app. Loma Laws kindly passed on that information to me in 2022, but I felt I would revisit this information, particularly, as I mentioned above, for new members.

For other smartphones, I found the following by Googling, FYI:

- Fully charge your device prior to use.
- Close all other applications that are running in the background.
- Try LOW POWER MODE option on your device.
- Set your device to DO NOT DISTURB during play.
- Do NOT attempt to use the app in FLIGHT or AIRPLANE mode as data connection between the clubs golf system is required - even during the round.

The other option is to purchase a battery power bank using a connecting cable from it to your smartphone. These packs are small and have power for up to 10,000mAh. Amazing! They are approx. \$30.00, although there are dearer ones.

Check out this website:

<https://www.officeworks.com.au/technology/powerbanks>