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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

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hi everyone, I hope you are all well and enjoying your golf, as well as life in general! I can't believe its April and just how fast the days are slipping by. It's a sign of getting older I guess!



The next event we have coming up is the Frith Cup – a ladies' only District event which will be held on Tuesday, 2 April. The Women's Committee is hoping for a positive outcome with good weather. Let's hope Beryl Tobin (née Frith) will be able to attend.

There are lots of flyers on the women's noticeboard with upcoming open day events, which you might well be interested in playing at the various clubs in the District. It's always good to see WGC ladies representing our Club at these events. So next time you're in the Club, please check out the noticeboard, or you can visit the NHDLGA website at : <https://nhdлга.org.au/club-events/>

Should you have anything funny to tell, or anything unusual that's newsworthy, or golf stories you would like printed in the 'Down the Fairways' newsletter, please contact Loraine Smith via e-mail or send her a written copy.

Also, don't forget that your Women's Committee is here to help with any enquiry you may have about golf or the Club. Please remember that **any enquiries relating to golf are to be directed to our Captain, Renay Robertson**. Anything else I will try, or any Committee Member, to assist and/or direct to the appropriate person for an answer. We also have the 'Suggestions' book you can write in with your enquiry or comments. This is always available in the Committee room and on Tuesdays at the Presentation table.

'Injured and Fractured' – Robyn Forbes had knee replacement surgery on Monday, 18 March, and is doing well. When I spoke to her via text, Robyn said in her text back to me at 2:41 am (!) that the op went well and the pain blockers were doing their work, she was just not sleeping, hence the text at that time of the morning. As I'm a light sleeper, I picked up my phone and read it! All good.

On Tuesday, 19 March, it was lovely to see Robyn Hamilton and Kath Potter come to the Club for lunch and a catch-up with friends. As you know, Robyn's husband, Keith, passed away earlier in the year, so it was beaut to have her visit us. Additionally, it was great to see Kath again. Kath is unable to play anymore due to failing eyesight and I assume age, but I'm pleased she came to the Club for some social chats with friends.

On finishing, I have a quote for you from Dr Bob Rotella, Professor of Sport Psychology (in USA): *"Golf is about how well you accept, respond to, and score with your misses much more so than it is a game of your perfect shots."*

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

Jenny Quist, Women's President

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Happy Easter Ladies. I hope you have had an enjoyable family time over the long weekend.

We had favourable weather over the month of March and were able to get through all of our programmed days. Congratulations to Joanne Dusterhoft who won the Secretary's Trophy with 36 Stableford points and to Christine Hughes who won our March Monthly Medal with 71 Nett.

Our Pennant teams have now completed two rounds apiece. Division 2 has had two team wins 4/3 and 4/3, giving us a total of 10 points and currently holding 2nd place on the ladder. Our Bronze teams has lost their matches 4.5/0.5 and 3.5/1.5 but are getting better with each round, so keep up the fight girls. Best of luck and thank you to all of our pennant players for the remainder of the season.

I have received information from Golf NSW advising about some Ladies Tournaments that are being televised which should prove to be good viewing for us golf enthusiasts. For those of you that are interested, dates and times are as follows:

- 2024 Women's NSW Open – Saturday, March 30 at 12.30pm and Sunday, March 31 at 12.30pm - Live and Free on 7plus
- 2024 Australian Women's Classic – Saturday, April 6 at 12.00pm and Sunday, April 7 at 11.30am - 7plus
- 2024 World Sand Green Champs – Thursday, 11 April at 11.30am - 7plus

That's it for me Girls. Hope to see you all at the Frith Cup on Tuesday and that we have a victorious Waratah Team to take home the trophy. Best Wishes, Renay Robertson, Women's Captain

PROGRAMME FOR APRIL

- 2 Frith Cup- 4-person Team Event (Dropout Ambrose)
- 9 Par
- 16 Stableford
- 23 Stroke/Monthly Medal/3rd Rnd GNSW Medal/ Putting in conjunction/VWGA Country Championships/Qualifying Rnd for Singles K/O
- 30 1st Rnd Singles K/O – Stableford for remainder of field



BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

APRIL

- 1 Robyn Watt
- 2 Rosie Baker-Holmes
- 6 Colleen Wilson
Deborah Baird
- 12 Vivien Jones
- 13 Jan Bransgrove

UPCOMING EVENTS – OPEN DAYS

April

- 2 **Frith Cup Waratah GC**
- 9 Muree Open Day
- 19 Merewether Charity Day

VWGANSW

- 8 2BBB Stableford - The Coast GC

May

- 10 Toronto Open Day
- 14 Shortland Waters Charity Day

VWGANSW

- 20 2 BBB Stableford - Barnwell Park GC

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

GOLF IS FUN WHEN TEETERING ON THE EDGE



Q:
Who will do anything to save a shot?

A:
Gael Andrews

CARE OF THE COURSE

REPAIRING DIVOTS

FAIRWAYS

Sand and 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.