



Women Members



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DOWN THE FAIRWAYS

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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 loraineasmith47@gmail.com

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

A **Mother** holds her children's hands a short while, but their hearts forever.

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hi everyone, I don't know about you, but it seems like the month of April just rocketed by! At least we had some fine days to play our beloved sport and let's hope this continues for May.

Charity Day – Tuesday, 4 June

Our next event will take place on Tuesday, 4 June, and that will be our Charity Day (ladies' only throughout the District). Your Women's Committee decided at our April meeting that we will not be holding a 'Market Day' this year on Charity Day, again supporting the well-deserved charity - 'Nova for women and children'. For those who are unaware, Nova supports women – with or without children - in the Lake Macquarie and western suburbs of Newcastle, who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or escaping domestic or family violence/abuse. Do check out their website: www.novawomen.org.au

Last year we managed to raise for Nova \$2,500 – a fantastic effort by our women members, players from around the District and sponsors who kindly supported our charity and we are seeking your assistance once again to achieve this amount or better. The flyer for this event is on our noticeboard in the Women's Clubroom and, this year, we will be holding another Tombola raffle, together with the 50 Club. To explain the Tombola raffle concept, it is where fun prizes are out on display and supporters may purchase as many tickets as they like. The prizes are generally something that anyone would like to win, but not quite the same as regular raffle prizes. For instance, gourmet items and themed baskets work well for Tombola raffles. We will be seeking from the Waratah women members only who will be playing in this event to contribute to the Tombola prize pool by asking each team to organize a monetary amount (e.g. \$10-\$20 each) by buying a prize for the Tombola. Committee will also be supplying other raffle prizes from donators/sponsors to win.

Committee will be meeting again on Tuesday, 14 May to further discuss Charity Day and fundraising. So, I will mention this event at times throughout the month of May on Tuesday's Presentation prior to the event.

We will also have the Nova Hub setup again in the Women's Clubroom from the first Tuesday in May where you can drop off goods for Nova's women and children in need such as blankets, bed throws, towels and face washers, packs of toiletries (shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, etc); clothing (jumpers, jackets, jeans, trousers, skirts). Nova advised that they *do not need* baby clothing/young children's clothing this year. If you put together items prior to Friday, 31 May, please bring them in bagged or boxed to the Women's Clubroom and/or give to a Committee Member for storing till Charity Day.

You, our women members are thoughtful, generous and kind to say the least when it comes to helping people who have suffered, particularly those who have endured domestic and/or family abuse. So let's get behind and support this phenomenal charity once again. Nova is so very thankful for all contributions WGC women provide and, as the Women's President who initiated the support for this charity, I THANK YOU for your generosity. Should you have any questions about goods for the "Nova Hub" or "Tombola," please don't hesitate to contact me or any of your Committee Members who can offer suggestions.

PRESIDENT'S PEN continued.....

Injured / Fractured List

Cherie St Vincent - I was playing Pennants for Division 2 on Monday, 29 April and was waiting at the 13th tee, when Cherie St Vincent came over from the 5th tee to say 'hello'. It was so lovely to see and speak to her again and she is managing to play occasionally five (5) or seven (7) holes when she goes out for a hit. Fabulous to see and great that she is getting out in the fresh air and doing something she loves. She is doing well and, of course, there are the ups and downs of being in cancer treatment. I wished her our very best wishes and encouraged her to keep coming over to the Club when she is able.

Robyn Forbes - I spoke to Robyn on Monday, 29 April, regarding the rehabilitation of her knee where she had a replacement 6-weeks ago and she advised that everything is going well. She walks 2.5–3.0 kms a day for exercise and finishes her physio/rehab at Warners Bay Private as an outpatient on 23 May. She said she's impatient and wants to get back to golf, but has to go through the process of recovery. Robyn sounded really well and positive.

Aileen Murphy - I had a chat with Aileen also on Monday, 29 April and she is doing well and has another week of taking tablets with her treatment and then she's finished with that! So Aileen is looking forward to coming back to the Club and catching up with her friends in the not too distant future. Good to hear!

On finishing, I have a quote for you from the great legend golfer, Arnold Palmer, to ponder: *"Concentration comes out of a combination of confidence and hunger."*

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

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

April was a busy month for our Waratah Ladies. The Frith Cup was held early in the month and was again a very successful day. The winning team for 2024 was Shortland Waters. Our Patron Beryl Tobin OAM attended the day and it's always a pleasure to have her join us at presentation. Beryl has been sponsoring this event for many years and we are very grateful to her for her continued support not only of this event, but of Waratah Ladies Golf in general.

Rain has caused a little havoc with our program this month and our Monthly Medal was delayed a week. Congratulations to the ever young Robyn Watt who won the April Medal with 71 Nett (on a count back from Lloma Laws, well done to you also Lloma).

The Qualifying round of the Singles Knockout (Matchplay) has been completed and the following ladies will play Round 1 on 07 May (weather permitting). Best of Luck Ladies.

Division 1:	Robyn Watt v Joanne Brown Debra Plummer v Robyn Suprano	Joanne Dusterhoft v Michelle Clarke, Gael Andrews v Renay Robertson
Division 2:	Barb Ferris v Carole Becklar Kate Brownsmith v Jenny Butler	Sophia Roberts v Ledene Israel Louise Renshaw v Jo-Anne Baird

Our Division 2 Ladies Pennant Team achieved a great 5/2 team win last Monday at home which moved them up to 2nd place on the ladder and secured their place in the final. This is our 2nd year in the Division 2 final which is a fantastic effort from our girls. The final will be held at Shortland Waters on 27 May against Hawks Nest. Fingers Crossed and lots of Luck Team Tahs! Our Bronze South Team are giving their best each week and we are so happy that they are representing Waratah. They have one more round to go so keep up the fight Ladies.

Thank you to Lynne Page and Colleen Wren who have been selected to represent Waratah at the NHDLGA Country Cup to be held at Tanilba Bay on 05 July. They will join 14 other ladies from our district and compete against 16 ladies from the Rivers District in a Stableford event. Always a fun day, so best of luck girls.

GNSW have sent out flyers for the following Tournaments and if any of you ladies are interested, please contact me to advise your interest in nominating.

GNSW Pewter Plate - Thursday 4 July - Lakeside GC Camden - 18 Hole aggregate Stableford for teams of two players from the same club on GA handicaps from 29.1 to 54.4

GNSW Coronation Medal - Tuesday 23 July - Moore Park GC and Cromer GC (both Sydney) - 18 Hole stroke handicap for teams of four players from the same club (2 at each venue) on GA handicaps from plus to 20.

It looks like it may be a rainy month ahead, so please be patient and understanding of your ladies committee who may need to make changes to our program to accommodate the best interests for all.

Good (Dry) Golfing Girls *Renay Robertson, Women's Captain*

PROGRAMME FOR MAY

Note: Changes in Program

- 7 ~~2nd~~ **1st** Rnd Singles K/O
2BBB Stableford Rest of Field
- 14 ~~Final~~ **2nd** Rnd Singles K/O
Stableford Rest of Field
- 21 Stroke/Monthly Medal/Putting in conjunction
GNSW Goodwill Plate (\$5.00 entry PP)
- 28 ~~Grandmother's Trophy~~ **Final Rnd Singles K/O**
Stableford Rest of the Field



Please Note: further changes may apply if weather conditions intervene.

UPCOMING EVENTS – OPEN DAYS

May

- 31 Salamander Bay Rotary Charity Day

June

- 4 **Charity Day – Waratah GC**
- 6 Pacific Dunes Bowl (BT/JD event)
- 14 Easts Leisure Westcott Cup (BT Event)

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.

MAY

- 3 Kylie Wilkinson
- 6 Dawn Evans
- 7 Robyn Forbes
- 9 Colleen Wren
- 11 Aileen Murphy
Mindy Simmons
- 12 Diane Poole
- 31 Jenny Butler



Golf is a lot like life. It will test your patience. It will dazzle and baffle you with highs and lows, successes and frustrations ~ *Amy Alcott*

MEMBER PROFILE – LOUISE RENSHAW

Hi my name is Louise (most people call me Lou or Louie). I am 48yrs old and was born in Gloucester NSW. I moved to Valentine as a child where I



attended school and began my working life. I was married in 1999 to my Husband Michael and we have two daughters named Charlotte and Olivia. Charlotte is 23yrs old and a Police Officer in Gunnedah NSW.

Olivia is 21yrs old in July and is in her 3rd year doing a double degree at Uni in criminology and psychology.

We have a mining consultant business that we started in 2006 that my husband runs. I had a Landscaping Business for 15years before moving to detailing where I have recently retired from.

I played netball for 40years and played and coached tennis when I was younger. I have done triathlons for the past 3years. I took up Golf in October 2023 doing Daniel's clinic with a group of friends.

The Waratah ladies (and men) have been very welcoming, and I have loved playing with the ladies I have met.

I look forward to playing with many more of you in the future and thank you for being so patient and inviting. See you all on the course very soon.

WEEKLY COMP WINNINGS (EOFY)

All prizemoney for EOFY to be redeemed by 28 June. Advantages of transferring money to your membership card you are able to purchase; products from the Pro-shop (includes hiring of golf cart), Bar, Bistro to purchase lunch and drinks. If requesting Coles/Myer card then request to Treasurer, via email jocol.baird@gmail.com prior to 21 June otherwise funds will automatically transfer to your Membership card. Thank you for co-operating with this request.

Jo-Anne Baird, Treasurer

CONGRATULATIONS



Robyn Watt - winner of her third consecutive over 80's Australian Championship. The event took place at Harrington Waters GC and whilst the weather caused the tournament to be reduced to an 18 Hole event it was still a great event with 92 players participating.

Congratulations Robyn, you are a Star, a worthwhile Champ and an inspiration to all at Waratah GC!

OUT AND ABOUT

Mindy, Loraine, Ros, Gael



Trudi, Maureen, Richie, Luke



Merewether Charity Day

Waratah GC was represented by seven members at the Merewether Charity Day. Mindy Simmons, Loraine Smith, Ros Spain, Gael Andrews, Trudi Edwards, Maureen Dyer, Richie Edwards, and a 'ring in' from Merewether Luke Dyer. Great day had by all with the Ladies Team taking out fourth place and the mixed team obtaining second place in their respective categories. Not only were we successful in the golfing contest but also won many prizes in the raffle. A successful, fun day!

JUNIOR GOLF

Waratah GC Junior Golfers have been busy representing at different tournaments during the April school holidays. Three competed in the Australian Junior Age which was held at the Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast as well as competing at the Australian Masters, Hunter Valley GC.

Two of our juniors were selected in the Hunter Academy of Sport for golf and have been busy attending their programs.

Scheduled for May is the Waratah GC Junior MatchPlay over four weeks commencing on Sunday 24 May. Matches will be Stroke and Handicap MatchPlay from the White Tees and a Rookie MatchPlay from the white posts.