



WOMEN MEMBERS

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

Down the Fairways

forward to Loraine Smith no later than 22nd of the month in written format or via email lorainesmith47@gmail.com

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Hawks Nest Winners



NHDLGA Country Cup Winners



Deb – Merewether Clarke Cup Winner



PRESIDENT'S PEN

How good is it to see a few weeks of consistently nice weather? July has come with some very cold mornings and some days cold, windy and rain, and now sunshine! There have only been a handful of mornings over 8°C.

Waratah GC Junior Classic was held on Sunday 12 July and I had the honour of starting the field. The Course was in great condition considering the recent weather and there were some great scores achieved on the day. Waratah GC Juniors excelled yet again with Alexis Moanaroa winning the girls Stroke Division with an 80, Nash Peattie winning the boys Stroke Division with a 74. Congratulations to our juniors. A great day had by all!

Our Charity Day was a huge success raising funds for Sleepy's Foundation. A big thank you to the ladies who supplied the morning tea goodies, all our women members for their fabulous raffle prizes - all donated, and another great thank you to our Committee for all the behind the scenes planning, as you all know this could not run so smoothly without you. Feedback was positive from visitors, e.g. liked the way we presented who we were raising funds for, and a well-run organised day.

Spring is on its way and on the second Tuesday in September wear spring colours to celebrate the change in season. This is also the day we celebrate all our ladies who have a Big 'O' birthday in 2026.

I would like to invite members to start considering nominating for Committee positions for 2027. As a Committee member, you get to help organise great activities, events, and celebrations to bring our members together. There is no better feeling than seeing an event you and your committee have organised come to successful fruition. The organization of weekly events and our special days is worthwhile and you won't regret doing it!

Our Jokers Wild Day, Mixed Event, is set for 25th September so start organising your teams, this event is very popular with good field sizes each year.

A couple of busy months are on the horizon.

Lorraine Smith, Women's President

AGM NOTICE

AGM - Scheduled for 20th October – we will start calling for nominations in September for our 2027 Committee.

Liat Baddock, Secretary

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The month of July started out wet but thankfully got better weather wise as the weeks went on. We celebrated our club patron Beryl Tobin's 98th Birthday this month with a full field of lady members and quite a few visitors playing Canadian Foursomes. The winners on this day were Jan Gillies and Robyn Suprano with a score of 77.75 Nett. Thank you to Robyn Watt for sponsoring prizes on the day and organising a happy Birthday celebration in the clubhouse afterwards.

The Monthly Medal Winner for July was newcomer Cassandra Wright with 74 Nett. I can see big improvements coming from this talented player in the future.

Our Charity Day was a great success with 108 players, 27 teams in total and visitors from 12 different clubs. There was an even spread of prizes between locals and visitors which is always pleasing. Thank you to our hardworking ladies committee for putting on a great day for all.

The NHDLGA held its annual Country Cup at Maitland this month and Louise Renshaw and Cassandra Wright participated on Waratah's behalf. Apparently the weather was atrocious, but it didn't deter our Ladies from taking home first prize OTF on the day with 39 Stableford points. Their great score contributed to the district overall win of 455 points to the HRDGA's 434 points. Outstanding!

Next week is our 27-Hole Foursomes Championship and it is already showing great participation numbers. Thankyou ladies, I love to see these prestigious events well supported.

Congratulations to all our monthly winners and best of luck for the upcoming championship.

Renay Robertson, Acting Women's Captain

PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST 2026

Please note change in Red

- 4 ~~Par~~ 27-Hole Foursomes Championships
- 11 Stroke/Nett/Monthly Medal/Putting
- 18 Stableford
- 25 Stableford- Orange Tees/2-Putt Rule

UPCOMING EVENTS/OPEN DAYS

September

- 3 Tanilba Bay Open Day
- 14-17 Nelson Bay Classic
- 25 Waratah GC – **Jokers Wild** – **Mixed Event**

October

- 1 Pacific Dunes Medal and Bowl
- 9 Toronto Classic
- 30 Horizons Gala Day

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

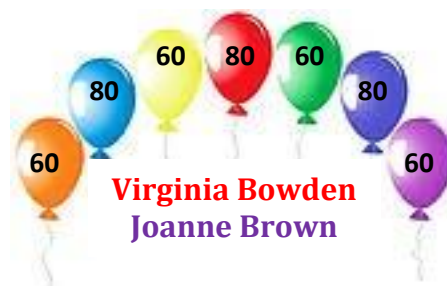
"In golf as in life, it is the follow through that makes the difference" - Anonymous

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

August

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 3 Liz Suprano | 21 Robin Bragg |
| 6 Virginia Bowden | Margaret Godbee |
| 7 Ledene Israel | 26 Charmaine Scrooby |
| 8 Corinne Quist | Cassandra Wright |
| 12 Trish Ashton | 27 Joanne Brown |
| 12 Ros Spain | |



JOKERS WILD DAY



Friday 25 September 2026

4 Person Stableford
Categories - Women's, Men's and Mixed Teams

Great Prizes - For each category according to entries. Organise your team, invite friends, and friends of friends for a great day of golf.



BERYL TOBIN OAM

Beryl is our Ladies Patron, WGC Life Member and has been a member of WGC for 78 Years. Beryl celebrated her 98th birthday on the 14 July with WGC Women Members and friends. Beryl's golfing achievements include seven Holes in One, A Grade Club Champion 19 times, Club Foursomes Champion 21 times and played Pennants for 50 years. Beryl set numerous course records, won District Championships and Champion of Champions events, State and Country titles, and played exhibition matches at National and International level.

Congratulations Beryl on reaching this milestone!

CHARITY DAY

Charity Day was held on 28 July and was a roaring success. With a field of 108 players, from WGC and various clubs throughout the district, the day commenced with a shot gun start. Recipient for this year was Sleepy's Foundation. Sleepy's Foundation is all about heart, local spirit, and being there when it matters most. Founded in Newcastle, they offer to support individuals and families facing the overwhelming challenges of life-altering illnesses and adversity to those in the Hunter New England area. Their mission is to ensure that no one in our community has to navigate their toughest days alone. Peter and Robynn Sleep, both Founding Directors, attended and presented prizes to the winners.



SPONSORS FOR THE DAY

WGC Women Members
Waratah Golf club
Sleepy's Foundation
Kmart - Glendale

CARE OF THE COURSE

REPAIRING DIVOTS/ BALL MARKS

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.

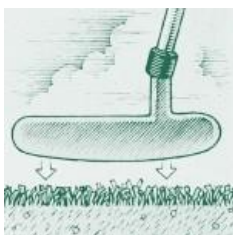
Repairing those little depressions is very important. Equally important is doing it the right way.



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.