



WARATAH
GOLF CLUB

WARATAH WOMEN MEMBERS

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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 loraineasmith47@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S PEN

I would like to reiterate how important it is to consider nominating yourself/person/s to stand for Committee. As most of you would know all positions for Committee will be declared vacant and it would be nice to see new faces join the committee, use your skills where they will be more than appreciated, the choice is yours! Nomination forms will be available from 8th September, six weeks prior to the AGM which is scheduled for 20 October (new date) – see notice at bottom of page.

Don't forget we will be celebrating on Tuesday 8th September, Spring theme day, with our Ladies who have had a special birthday (big '0') this year, yes there are quite a few ladies with ages ranging from 50--80, wonderful to see so many celebrating such an auspicious occasion. Invitation will be sent to all, so come along play golf, celebrate with our ladies, and enjoy cake afterwards!!

Thank you to everyone for helping to make our 'fun' cheque presentation to Peter and Robynn Slep. Their thanks to Waratah Ladies for the donation was immeasurable.

Another thank you to ladies who baked for the Junior Foundation Day Fundraiser. Cakes sold out very quickly. The whole day went smoothly and the Juniors teeing off on the 9th and 10th holes were a roaring success! One of the Cadets did putting on the 9th hole and impressed by achieving birdies for the teams!

Loraine Smith, Women's President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

AGM –Scheduled for Tuesday 20 October 2026 (New Date)

2027 Committee nominations, for all positions, will open on 8 September 2026 (six-weeks prior) and close 13 October 2026.

Nomination Forms will be available in the Ladies club room.

Liat Baddock, Secretary

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Our 27-Hole Foursomes Championship was held in early August. The final result went down to the wire with a playoff between Narelle Bramble and her partner Janelle Everett, and Sue Evans and myself with both teams finishing with 142 strokes. Sue and I were the eventful victors after sudden death on the first playoff hole. Very exciting way to finish. Congratulations to Janelle and Narelle who both played excellent golf and paired up well. They also managed to achieve the best Nett score over the field with 100 Nett, so were awarded the 27-Hole Nett Champions. The Gross Runners-Up with a score of 147 was Louise Renshaw and Mindy Simmons and the Nett Runners-up with a score of 104.75 was Robyn Forbes and Gael Andrews. Well done to all of the daily winners and thank you to all ladies for your participation.

The Monthly Medal for August with a score of 70 Nett was Lynne Page. Well done Lynne, now a multiple month Winner!

I hope you ladies will enjoy the Orange Tee day on Tuesday 25th with the 2 putt rule applied due to greens coring. Don't forget to check your daily handicap as this will affect your NTP divisions for the day.

I am off to Norfolk Island to play in their big event of the year, the Norfolk Classic, 4 days of Stroke. I am hoping for good weather and good luck and hopefully at least one good day of Golf! See you all on Tuesday 1st September and thanks to Louise for running the show in my absence.

Renay Robertson, Acting Women's Captain.

PROGRAMME FOR SEPTEMBER

Note: Changes in Red

- 1 PAR
- 8 'O' Birthdays – 2-Person Team Event
- 15 **Stableford**
- 22 **Stableford**
- 25 **Friday Jokers Wild**
- 29 **1st RND Club Championships/Stroke/MM**
Quist Family Putting Trophy

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

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

NHDLGA

**36-HOLE AMATUER OPEN
TOURNAMENT 2026
INDIVIDUAL**

**26-27 OCTOBER 2026
NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB
\$40 PER DAY PER PLAYER
CLOSING DATE IS FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER
Online Entry via www.nhdlga.org.au**

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.

- 5 Linda Penhall
- 10 Trudi Edwards
- 13 Robyn Lynch
- 18 Robyn Suprano
- 20 **Robyn Pridue**
- 24 Patricia Swan
- 28 Loraine Smith
- 29 Sophia Roberts



VETS - VWGANSW

OCTOBER

- 2 Muirfield GC – Metropolitan Championships

NOVEMBER

- 10 State Foursomes Championships- Bankstown GC
- 30 2BBB – The Coast GC

Entry forms via www.vwgansw.org.au

CONGRATULATIONS – FOURSOMES CHAMPIONS



Champions
Renay Robertson, Susan Evans



Scratch R/Up
Mindy Simmons, Louise Renshaw



Nett Winners
Janelle Everett, Narelle Bramble



Nett R/Up
Robyn Forbes, Gael Andrews

OUT AND ABOUT

Busy month for our ladies, attending open days and winning!
Congratulations for supporting our District Open Days.



Pacific Dunes - representing Waratah GC and Sleepy's Foundation



Cypress Lakes Pro-Am



Deb at Shortland Waters



Large turnout of Waratah Ladies at Merewether GC for Merewether Bowl

RULES

Free Relief or Drop without Penalty

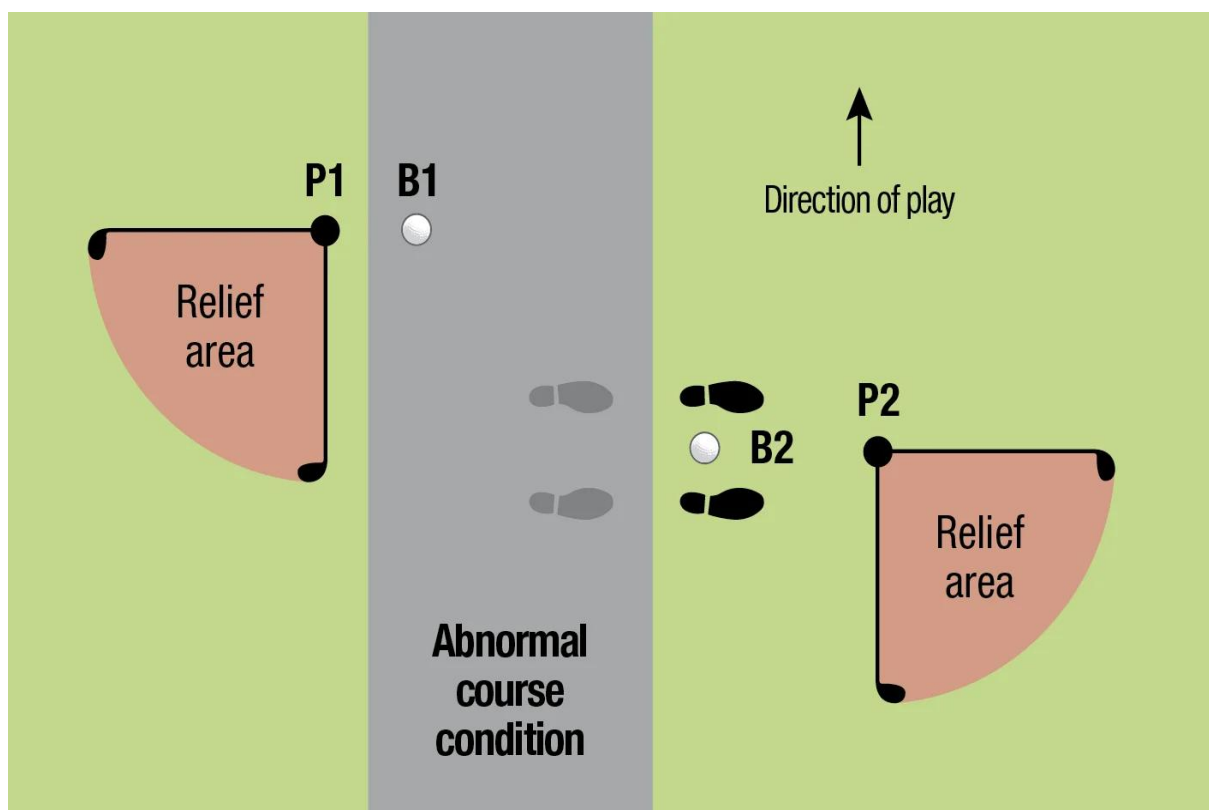
One of the most common rules we encounter during a competition round is when needing to take free relief, or a drop without penalty. Free relief is **one** club length.

There are too many reasons why free relief is allowed to list here. **The focus here is on how to take your drop.**

The most common perception is that relief is one club length away from the edge of the area in question.

When in fact, you have one club length to drop your ball from a point where you have clearance to make your next shot.

The diagram below highlights this, as well as showing that "nearest point of relief" no nearer the hole is also an integral part of the process.



The example above is based on a right-handed golfer. The grey area could be a cart path, bare fairway patch, temporary water, GUR etc.

Ensure that you place a tee in the ground at the reference point before measuring one club length relief, and yes you may use your driver (cover off) or any wood / iron to measure.