



Newsletter

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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
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GO THE KNIGHTS!



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is available on our website:
www.waratahgolfclub.com.au

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given the Women's Annual General Meeting will be held on
Tuesday 20 October 2026 at 2:00pm in the Ladies Meeting Room

Note: Nominations close 13 October 2026

Business: Election of Office Bearers and Committee, Annual Reports
Balance Sheet and General Business

Members entitled to attend, and vote, are Life members, Gold, Seven Day,
Six Day, 18-24, 25-30 or Clergy.

Playing staff members are entitled to attend the meeting but cannot vote.

Loraine Smith, President

PRESIDENT'S PEN

A fun day was had by all to celebrate our '0' a birthday ladies on 8 September
and of course cake was the order of the day! See photo above! Yes a couple of
'0' birthdays this month, see Page 2!

Nominations for 2026 Committee closes on 13th October. All positions will be
declared vacant and any person may nominate. If you are considering joining
the committee, or if you have a specific person in mind, put your/their
nominations in please.

Presentation of the Joyce Frith Rose Bowl winner is on Tuesday 6 October, after
second round of championships, please stay for presentation to congratulate the
winner – it may be you!! Good luck to everyone in the forthcoming second and
third rounds of our Championships.

At completion of third round of Championships winners will be presented with
their Trophies. Please remain after completion of your round to congratulate
the winners of each division and join in the festivities!

Four of our ladies are taking on the Cancer Council Longest Day of Golf on
Monday 9 November to raise funds for cancer research. These intrepid ladies
are Deb Plummer, Mindy Simmons, Cas Wright, and Louise Renshaw – yes they
are playing 72 holes of golf in one day at Waratah GC. Donate at the Bar or
Online. See ad on Page 2. Good luck ladies!

CLUB SHIRTS – if you are considering ordering a club shirt please do ASAP.
Cutoff date for ordering is 30 October 2026. Shirts are \$65 and preferred
payment is via EFT to the Ladies Account when ordering.

Loraine Smith, Women's President

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Our premier event of the year is upon us, the Club Championships. Round 1 will incorporate the Quist Family Putting Trophy and the September Monthly Medal. Thank you to Corinne and Jenny for their ongoing sponsorship of this annual prize. There will be a change this year in that only one person can win the putting trophy. In the event of multiple low putting scores being received, a countback will take place. Round 2 of the champs will include the Joyce Frith Rose Bowl. The monthly medal for October will be awarded after the completion of round 3 of the champs and will be presented to the lady having the lowest Nett score in either round 2 or 3. Remember there is no 10 shot rule for the championships, we will however be allowed preferred lies on closely mown areas for all three rounds of the championships. I wish all of you good golf and the best of luck for the Championships.

Renay Robertson, Acting Women's Captain

PROGRAMME FOR OCTOBER 2026

Note Changes in RED

- 6 Club Championships Rnd 2 – Stroke/Monthly Medal/Joyce Frith Rose Bowl
- 13 Club Championships Rnd 3 – Stroke/Monthly Medal
- 20 Stableford – *Extra Competitions close*
- 27 Stableford – Jackie Johnston Memorial Trophy

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 9 Toronto Classic
- 26-27 **NHDLGA Amateur Open**
- 30 Horizons Gala Day

November

- 11 Maitland Ladies Gala Day

NHDLGA

36-HOLE AMATEUR 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.

OCTOBER

- 3 **Chris Eckford**
Robyn De Lore
- 9 Narelle Bramble
- 11 Carol Rendall
- 15 Louise Renshaw
- 25 Kate Brownsmith
- 30 **Maureen Dyer**
- 31 Susan Evans



Chris Eckford



Maureen Dyer



Donate via Bar or Online

WEEKLY COMP WINNINGS

As we draw to the end of our season members need to start thinking about how you would like to redeem your winnings as all prizemoney is to be redeemed by 17 November. If requesting Coles/Myer gift card notification must be given to our Treasurer, Jan Bransgrove via email janbrans1@gmail.com prior to and no later than **17 November**. Balances remaining will then be automatically transferred to respective Member's Account. *Jan Bransgrove (Treasurer)*

VWGANSW-2027 FEES

Veteran Women's Golfers' Association (VWGANSW) annual subscriptions are due for 2027 and are \$10.00 for current members and \$20 for new members. By becoming a member, you are eligible to play in VWGA events. If you are not a member and would like to join, speak with your VWGA representative, Robyn DeLore.

CONGRATULATIONS



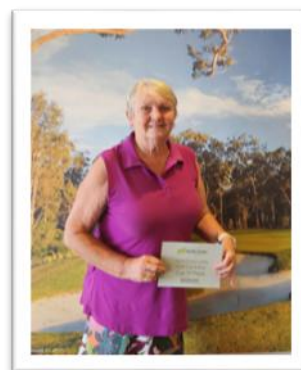
Mindy Simmons was the winner of the Quist Family Putting Trophy. Trophy was presented by Jenny and Corinne Quist.

OUT AND ABOUT

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



Kew GC Ambrose Event – Winners
L-R Cas Wright, Deb Plummer,
Mindy Simmons, Louise Renshaw



Pacific Dunes
Deb Plummer
3rd Place/Stroke Event

**“CELEBRATE SMALL VICTORIES;
THEY LEAD TO BIG ACHIEVEMENTS”**

Another successful Mixed Event held on Friday 25 September Jokers Wild

The format for the day was a four-person mixed team event. A field of 92, in a variety of teams participated, consisting of men, women, and mixed. The day commenced with morning tea followed by 18 holes of golf with a twist, choose your symbol and find out who scores on hole following the hole you just played – sometimes it works in your favour and sometimes not! Good food, great company, lots of fun, and great prizes were the order of the day. Great day enjoyed by all! Well done, Women's Committee!

WINNERS



ARE GRINNERS



Women's Team Winners

1. Mindy Simmons, Louise Renshaw, Lynne Page, Cas Wright (Waratah)
2. Carole Becklar, Jan Bransgrove, Linda Penhall, Loraine Smith (Waratah)
3. Louise Southward, Ruth Jenkins, Kath Kent, Di King (Charlestown)
4. Deb Luke, Gaye Gillard, Michelle Palfrey, Donna Robinson (Toronto)

Men's/Mixed Team Winners

5. Brett Jaegar, - missing Phil Donnan, Steve Drinkwater, Geoff Power (Waratah)
6. Lloma Laws, Graeme Williams, Gael Andrews, Ros Spain (Waratah)
7. Colin Gillies, Jan Gillies - missing – John Maguire, Rex Waite (Waratah)
8. Kate Brownsmith, Andy Clarke, Michelle Clarke – missing Liat Baddock (Waratah)

♠ ♥ **GOLF WAS THE WINNER** ♦ ♣

Hazards/Penalty Area/Bunkers and Correct Procedure for Dropping Ball

HAZARD RULES

On the subject of hazards, golf's governing bodies have declared golfers can now **touch the ground with their golf club in a hazard** and can even move impediments in a hazard without any penalty. The rule has been classed as "relaxed rules in a penalty area." No **penalty** for moving loose impediments, touching **the ground**, or **grounding your club in a penalty area**.

So this rule will help you out the next time you find yourself trying to balance yourself in a stream in order to make sure you don't touch the hazard. You won't be penalised for now doing so.

BUNKER RULES

Golfers can move loose impediments (*can be leaves, stones/pebbles, rubbish etc.*) in bunkers and will not be penalised for generally grounding their club away from their ball. However, **you still CANNOT ground your club** when **playing a BUNKER shot**. **You can** take an unplayable lie from **a bunker**, should **you** need to, but with a drop out for **two strokes**. For those uncomfortable playing bunker shots, you may take relief outside the bunker by dropping your ball back on the line from the hole through to where your ball is at rest in the bunker. **Relief** allowed outside a bunker for an unplayable ball incurs **two penalty** strokes.



These diagrams show how a ball must be dropped and come to rest.

DIAGRAM 14.3b: DROPPING FROM KNEE HEIGHT

Allowed	Not Allowed

A ball must be dropped straight down from knee height. "Knee height" means the height of a player's knee when in a standing position. But the player does not have to be in a standing position when the ball is dropped.

DIAGRAM 14.3c: BALL MUST BE DROPPED IN AND COME TO REST IN RELIEF AREA

The ball is dropped in the right way under Rule 14.3b and the ball comes to rest in the relief area, so the relief procedure is complete.	The ball is dropped in the right way under Rule 14.3b, but comes to rest outside the relief area, and so the ball must be dropped the right way a second time.	The ball is dropped in the wrong way as it is dropped outside the relief area, and so the ball must be dropped again in the right way.