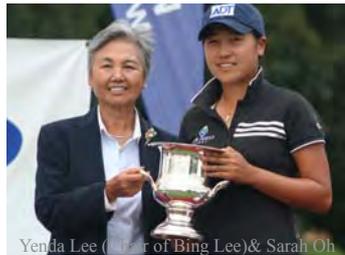


President's Report

It is with mixed feelings that I write the President's Report for the last Annual Report of Women's Golf NSW. On 1st July 2010, the Merger between Women's Golf NSW and the NSWGA was officially completed and Golf NSW Limited came into being.

The past year has seen many changes in our organization, many causes for celebration and some challenges. The fourth NSW Women's Open was a great success, with a field of quality players from Australia and overseas, including Laura Davies, Catherine Hull, Wendy Doolan, Nicky Campbell, Kristie Smith, Nikki Garrett and Sarah Kemp. Sarah Oh was the winner, defeating Catherine Hull by one stroke. Some of our top amateurs benefited from the opportunity to play in such company, and a good crowd of spectators enjoyed the golf. Congratulations and thanks to Oatlands Golf Club for their support of the event, to Warren Sevil, Graham Nightingale and the ALPG team, to Nicky Bethwaite and the staff of WGNSW, and to the team of Rules Officials, scorers and the wonderful volunteers whose contribution was vital to the success of the Open. Special thanks to the Sponsors of the Open, Bing Lee Samsung and the NSW Government without whose support the Open could not have been held.



Yenda Lee (mother of Bing Lee) & Sarah Oh

NSW players have performed with distinction in National and International competitions during the past year. The NSW Senior Team of Rebecca Flood, Rebecca Blain, Justine Lee, Allyce Watkinson, Sue Fairhurst, Nerida Gregory and Olivia Wilson were winners of the 2009 Interstate Series, a second consecutive win for NSW. Congratulations to the team, Coach Dennise Hutton and Manager Jane Searle.

The NSW Junior Girls Team had an outstanding success in the 2010 Junior Interstate Series – the Burtta Cheney Cup – held at Ulverstone Golf Club. The Team was undefeated in the series, and celebrated a great win for NSW after nine years as runners-up. Congratulations to Chantal Hodson, Carly Beck, Claudia Lim, Jordana Keaton and Cathleen Santoso, Coach Peter Van Wegen and Manager Jan Heys.

NSW player Julia Boland has been selected in the Australian Team to compete in the World Amateur Teams Championship to be held in Argentina in October 2010, and Justine Lee will be reserve. We are delighted that Dennise Hutton has been selected as Coach for the Australian Team, and Jane Searle as Manager. Justine, with Stacey Keating (Victoria) and Ebony Heard (SA) was also part of the Australian Team which gained third place in the 2010 Queen Sirikit Cup, held in New Zealand.

A major project of WGNSW during the past year has been the implementation of the Golf Australia decision, supported by all the States at the Forum in April 2009, to move to the USGA system of Course Rating and Slope Handicapping. I express our great gratitude to Lynne Ritchie, who took on the role of State Coordinator of Course Rating for both men and women, and has given her time so generously in organizing and carrying out the training of Course Raters all over NSW. Training of raters is nearly complete, and the process of rating courses has begun. We are very lucky to have Lynne, with her wide experience and attention to detail, to oversee the whole process. Golf Australia released the first package of handicap changes in April 2010, which introduced "rolling averages" (based on the best 10 of the last 20 scores). This has been generally well received and seen as giving a fairer indication of a player's ability and performance.



Sue Fabian - President

Our relationship with Golf Australia continues to remain positive and productive. WGNSW has been represented on a number of national committees, and has therefore been able to contribute to discussion on a range of issues. Golf Australia's initiative in areas such as player insurance, high performance and junior development has been widely appreciated. At the 2009 AGM, the Board of GA was able to report a greatly improved financial situation, for which they are to be congratulated.

The NSW Golf Foundation continues to provide assistance to clubs and individuals according to its Charter. Assistance at present is limited to the amount produced in interest on its capital investment. This capital reserve is very gradually being increased, thanks to the efforts of the women's committee which continues to run its popular and successful Committee Days, and to the generous donation given by John and Jill Kinghorn. An important project of the Foundation during the past year has been providing assistance to small clubs to acquire computers to enable them to access Golf Link and manage the new Handicapping system.

WGNSW has seen a number of significant staff changes over the past year. We were sorry to lose Frances Crampton, who resigned in July 2009 to take up a position with Golf Australia, and Adam Power, who also moved to Golf Australia in November. Emily Miller, our excellent Golf Programmes Coordinator, was offered a position by Golf Australia and resigned in June 2010. I commend Nicky Bethwaite, who became General Manager of WGNSW in July 2009, for her contribution during the past year, particularly in her support of the staff and her attention to the often complex and demanding administrative details required for the Merger. We are all thankful for our wonderful staff, who took on the challenge of learning new skills and assumed new responsibilities to maintain the high degree of friendly, efficient and professional service which we have all come to expect from WGNSW. Nicky will take up the position of Chief Operating Officer for Golf NSW, Denise Rogers will be Chief Financial Officer, and Mitsie Kent will take up a full time position as Communications Officer. Donna Mitchell has been appointed to the position of Golf Programmes Coordinator. Our best wishes to them all.



AGM - Colin Walker
Paysmart

After six years of discussions about the Merger between Women's Golf NSW and the NSW Golf Association,



Council casting their votes

negotiations for finalizing the new Constitution and the Merger Implementation Agreement, which set out the agreed framework for the new organization, were conducted intensively during the latter part of 2009 and the beginning of 2010. A thorough Due Diligence process was carried out early in 2010, along with consultation about the draft Constitution, and a joint meeting of both Boards agreed to recommend the draft Constitution and the Merger to Members.



On 27th April, Members of the NSW Golf Association voted unanimously to adopt the new Constitution of Golf NSW Limited and to approve the Merger. On 30th April, 2010, Members of WGNSW voted on and passed, by a 91% majority, two Special Resolutions to effect the winding-up of WGNSW and its merger with the NSWGA to form Golf NSW Limited. The structure for the Merger was chosen following careful consideration and the receipt of detailed legal advice, as being the most cost-effective (minimizing Stamp Duty) and efficient means of merging the two organizations. The 30 Councillors of WGNSW and the 35 Councillors of NSWGA voted for the new Board of Directors during May. The Board elect, consisting of nine Directors, five men and four women: Chris Allen, Frank Gal, Alan Harrison, John Waanders, Darryl Watts, Carolyn Bloch, Sue Fabian, Jean Moran and Lynne Ritchie, was announced on 4th June. The Board held a number of preliminary meetings during June, and formally assumed office on 1st July. Meetings of the new Board have been most cordial and positive, and there is a real feeling of energy and enthusiasm for the future of golf in NSW.

Our wonderful organization has supported women's golf in NSW for 107 years, and we have a history and tradition in which we can take great pride. Our story is built on the contributions of many talented and committed women, and we owe them a great debt for the part they have played in the development and promotion of this great sport. I particularly acknowledge the Life Members of WGNSW over past years, and especially our current Life Members, Mrs Patricia Bridges and Mrs Margery McWilliam, who have supported our organization with their wise counsel and constant encouragement. I also thank our Honorary Members, recognized for their generous service and ongoing support of WGNSW. We were delighted to award Honorary Membership

to Frances Crampton and our Archivist, Jeannie Walker, at the November AGM. It is pleasing to note that Mrs Bridges and Mrs McWilliam have been invited to become Life Members of Golf NSW, and that the Honorary Members of WGNSW have been invited to accept Honorary Membership of Golf NSW.

I express sincere thanks to the many people who have contributed so generously to our organization. Our Councillors have served WGNSW and their own Districts and Zones with tireless effort and an intelligent and constructive contribution, not only to local matters, but to the welfare of women's golf in general and to the many issues involved with the Merger. I thank them and wish them well in their new role as Councillors of Golf NSW. Thanks also to the Chairs of our Committees: Lynne Ritchie (Course Rating and Handicapping), Jan Heys (Juniors) and Sandra Gillies (Match), and to those who have served on and supported those Committees. Paula McAnally has been an excellent Chair of the Finance Committee, and she and our Accountant, Denise Rogers, have worked well together to provide clear and accurate information to the Board, Council and Members of WGNSW. I express great appreciation to those who have served as Board Members of WGNSW during



the past year: Annette Baggie, Sandra Gillies, Paula McAnally, Jean Moran, Lynne Ritchie and Susan Wilson, for their dedication and commitment and for their thoughtful, positive and courageous approach to issues and decisions.

The Board of WGNSW strongly supported the creation of Golf NSW as being in the best interests of all the golfers of NSW, both men and women, of all ages and backgrounds. Golf Clubs will see benefits in more effective and consistent communication and a more efficient and streamlined service. Women's golf in particular will benefit from being part of a stronger, unified voice, especially important when it comes to obtaining sponsorship from Government and business. Since Golf has been designated an Olympic Sport for 2016, we hope for even greater support. Golf NSW provides a wonderful potential to progress into an exciting future, to develop participation and to strengthen and enhance opportunities for all golfers to continue to play and enjoy the game. We look forward, with confidence and enthusiasm, to the next 107 years.

Sue Fabian

Outgoing CEO Frances Crampton at AGM

Signing of Merger Agreement

Final Board Meeting 29/6/2010 & Guest Speakers Chris Allen & Peter Van Wegen at Final Council Meeting



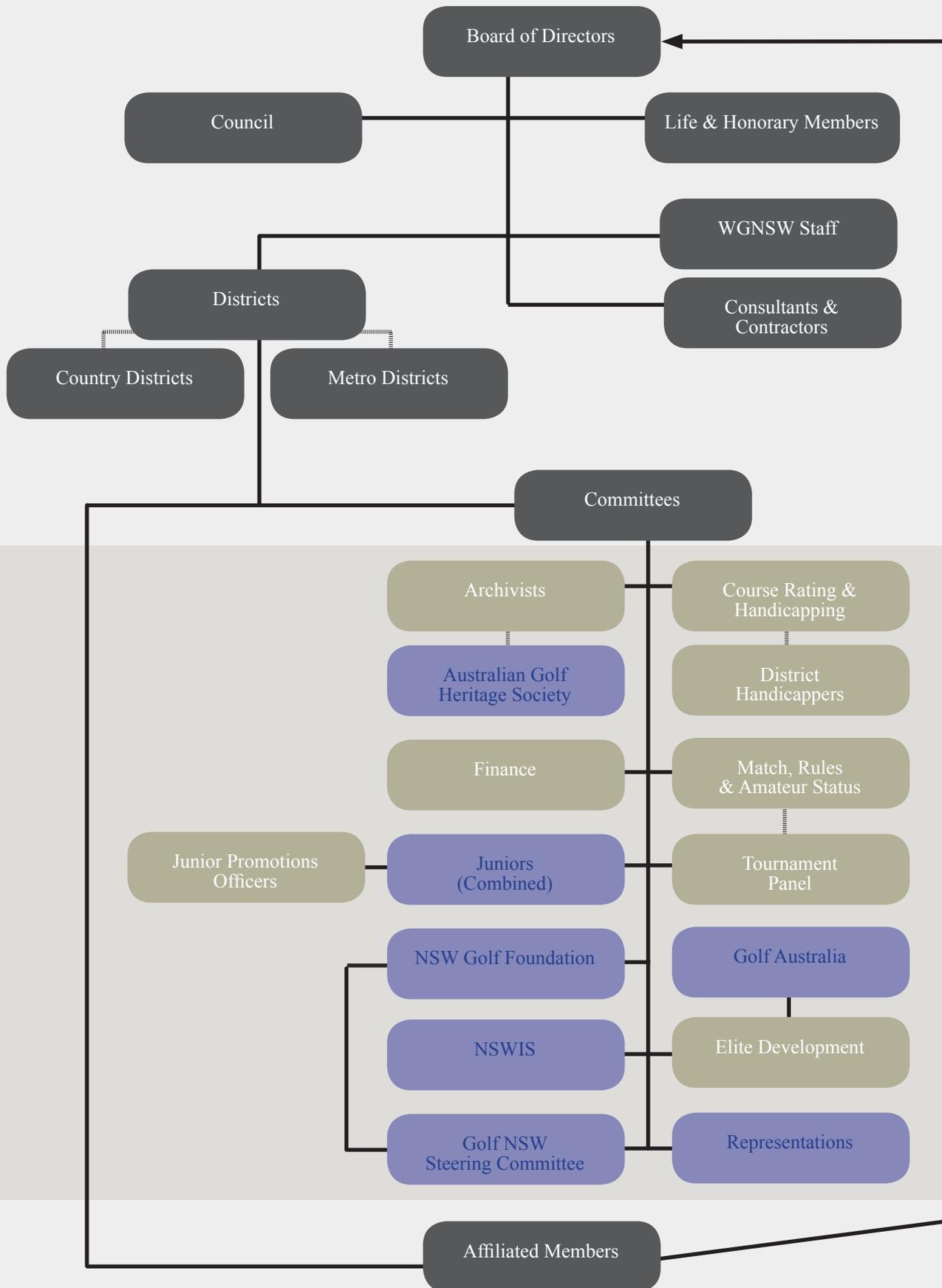
Board & Staff Farewell Dinner

Joy Gives Special Presentations at Council Dinner honouring Councillors' Achievements

Final Council Meeting 30/06/2010

WGNSW Organisation Flow Chart

2009 - 2010



General Manager's Report

Who knew what a significant year 2009-2010 would become?

Some of the highlights were:

- After six years of negotiations, Women's Golf NSW and the NSW Golf Association agreed to merge as Golf NSW from 1st July 2010;
- The open NSW Women's Interstate team defended their win of the previous year to retain the Gladys Hay Cup at the Australian Interstate Series;
- After nine years of coming second, the NSW Junior Girls Team won the Australian Junior Interstate event and the Burta Cheney Cup;
- The 4th NSW Women's Open was won by Sarah Oh, for the second time;

The economic climate of 2009-10 was when the Global Financial Crisis had its full impact. Although it was triggered in September 2008, the full effects became apparent this past year, and even though Australia weathered the downturn relatively well, there was much belt-tightening and reappraisal of spending by both individuals and businesses. Coupled with the 10th year of drought, some clubs were forced to close and others to merge, reflecting a downturn in golf club memberships in the country areas. The metropolitan areas increased in numbers, partly due to clubs becoming much more innovative in their membership categories. There are opportunities for women to be seven-day members, mid-week, social and everything in-between.



Board and Staff end-of-year celebrations

BOARD AND COUNCIL

I have had the very great privilege of working with an amazing group of women comprising the Board and Council of Women's Golf NSW. They have been unfailingly helpful and supportive and form the basis of the women's very strong volunteer network. At every event, country and city, these Council representatives form a fundamental part of the organisation of tournaments and events across the state. The WGNSW Council have also considered and embraced a future that includes merging with the men to ensure that our game grows and competes with other recreational pastimes.

Sue Fabian, as President of WGNSW, has provided strong leadership in helping to forge the amalgamation with the NSW Golf Association. Whether it has been consulting and writing the new Constitution, or travelling many miles around NSW to explain, encourage and answer questions, Sue has given her time over to the women in golf.



Women's Golf NSW Homebush Office



Nicky Bethwaite
General Manager

Lynne Ritchie, Sue Wilson, Sandra Gillies, Paula McAnally, Jean Moran and Annette Baggie have provided wisdom and guidance as the Directors of WGNSW and have also allotted many hours and miles to the furtherance of golf in NSW.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Frances Crampton was awarded Honorary Membership of WGNSW thanks to her vision and unceasing commitment to women's golf in NSW. Her departure to Golf Australia in July 2009 was a mixed blessing, terrific to have someone of Frances' calibre working at the national level, yet leaving huge shoes to fill.

Jeannie Walker, a tireless volunteer, over the past five years has brought order and structure to the WGNSW archives and was also awarded Honorary Membership. As a former archivist with the ABC, Jeannie took charge and along with The History Company, has ensured that the history of women's golf in NSW is available to posterity. This is an ongoing exercise and only the other day further Presidents were discovered, hitherto unrecognised. In 1914 Mrs RV Pennefather and Mrs Ruby Lethbridge served consecutively as Presidents of the NSW Ladies Golf Union.

ARCHIVISTS

Jeannie Walker was assisted in the long, invaluable and detailed work of recording the history of women in golf in NSW from 1903 to 2010 by Joanne Wilson, Pat Ellis, Margaret Poulton and Mim McCutcheon. This was done with the professional assistance of The History Company, who is continuing the work in conjunction with Golf NSW.

The Australian Golf Heritage Society has set up its museum at Granville, under the curatorship of Tom Moore. With a fascinating collection of Australian golf memorabilia, the museum is open to the public every Sunday.



GOLFERS CLUB NSW/ACT

The Golfers Club NSW/ACT is seeing a regular churn of around 60 members per year – 60 new ones join and approximately the same number leave, nearly all to join clubs that they have found during their time 'in limbo'. Staff member Mitsie Kent took this over after Adam Power joined Golf Australia in November 2009, and has injected it with enthusiasm and energy, organising many

coaching clinics and rules/etiquette sessions. There is a regular group of around 20 members playing comp at North Turramurra each Thursday and Saturday and Marrickville has been very pro-active in welcoming the Golfers Club beginners.

STATE TEAMS

As mentioned above, our open State Team retained the Gladys Hay Cup, winning the Australian Interstate Series being played at Peninsula Country Golf Club in Victoria. The team members were: Rebecca Blain, Suzanne Fairhurst, Rebecca Flood, Nerida Gregory, Justine Lee, Allyce Watkinson and Olivia Wilson. Their Manager/Coach was Dennise Hutton, and Assistant Manager was Jane Searle.

The Junior State Team, playing at Ulverstone Golf Club in Tasmania, was also victorious, winning the Burttta Cheney Cup and the Australian Junior Championships. The team was comprised of: Carly Beck, Nerida Gregory, Chantal Hodson, Jordana Keaton, Claudia Lim, Cathleen Santoso and reserves Aliza Huff and Dana Barriball, Coach Peter van Wegen and Manager Jan Heys.

STAFF

Every business relies heavily on its staff, and WGNSW has been very fortunate to have individuals who have worked well beyond expectations. The staff clicked as a team, so that when a hole needed to be plugged, there were willing volunteers to help support the members and organisation.

Denise Rogers, Finance Manager, steered us through the GFC with confidence and accuracy, monitoring investments and expenditure. Denise's expertise has been rewarded with the offer of the position of Chief Financial Officer for Golf NSW and I am looking forward to continuing our liaison and friendship.

The new course rating system being introduced around the country has absorbed many hours, not least those of Adam Power, who made this his specialty. Golf Australia identified his passion and made him an offer he couldn't refuse, particularly as it meant relocating back to his home state of Victoria. Adam left us in November 2009.

Our Golf Programmes Manager, Emily Miller was awarded great recognition by Golf Australia offering her one of two places at the R&A to further her Rules accreditation. This she did in February, sending us wonderful photos of Scotland in the depths of winter.

Emily's quiet efficiency and confidence was also noted and she too was lured south to join Golf Australia in June 2009. Our loss, their gain.

WGNSW was extremely fortunate to have several permanent part-time associates in Mitsie Kent and Donnella Freeman (nee Burrige). Donnella had the significant role of PR, contributing results and stories of women in golf to many magazines and newsletters, while continuing her extremely successful sporting career, coming 2nd in the 2009 World Masters Games in synchronised swimming.

Mitsie is a talented graphics artist and drove the production of the very popular Yearbook, as well as the Annual Reports (including this one). Much to my delight, Mitsie accepted the offer of a fulltime position with the new merged organisation, Golf NSW, as Communications Officer. As well as managing the communications output, Mitsie is continuing with her vital role with the Golfers Club NSW/ACT and encouraging beginners and social golfers into the fold via clinics and rules nights.

In January 2010, WGNSW took over the employment of Glenn Whittle, Head Coach of Golf at the NSW Institute of Sport. In conjunction with the NSW Golf Association and WGNSW, Glenn has helped to identify and recruit gifted young golfers, to encourage them to perform at their best and also to develop as ambassadors for our sport. Glenn's mastery of the latest technology and his constant enthusiasm has rubbed off onto his protégés, who come from all over the state. After the merger, Glenn will be part of the Golf NSW team looking after the NSWIS High Performance athletes.

Personally, I have enjoyed the past year enormously. It's not often that you are in a position to observe – and be part of – significant changes to a sport as well-established as golf. Managing the legal aspects, the communications process and the negotiations has been an unfailingly interesting process and it has had the overriding benefit of knowing that the game of golf will evolve and grow to keep abreast of our changing times, to the advantage of all golfers. I've had the privilege of meeting many wonderful people and I look forward to many more rewarding friendships and acquaintances as part of Golf NSW.



WGNSW and NSWGA Staff Get-together in Arncliffe

L-R: NSWGA Staff - Julie Skamperle, Christy Collier, Wynter Hines, Robyn Jones, and background: Adam Dransfield and Rod Clark. WGNSW Emily Miller (front right)



WGNSW AGM - November 2009, Oatlands GC

Course Rating & Handicap Committee Report

2009/2010 will go down in history not only for the amalgamation of the peak golfing bodies in NSW but also for the introduction and implementation of the USGA Slope System.



Lynne Ritchie - Chair
CR & Handicapping

NEW/REVISED RATINGS

During this reporting period there have been no new ratings and only a few revised ratings mainly due to the anticipated changes in the System. As the drought has eased there have been reductions also in the number of Clubs requesting "special strokes" and in fact some Clubs have returned to their regular AWCR's.

COURSE RATING

With Golf Australia agreeing to implement the Slope System, NSW was left with the mammoth task of training people to rate some 390 plus golf courses. Our task was not made any easier with the departure of our NSW Course Rating Co-ordinator, Adam Power who had been appointed to co-ordinate both WGNSW and NSWGA raters. A team then had to step up and organise the NSW Training Seminars. A Course Rating Co-ordinating Committee was formed which included Sue Fabian, Colin Kaye (ex Australian and NSW Representative), John Lock (Councillor NSWGA) and myself as Co-ordinator.

To date there have been 3 Metropolitan and 10 Country Seminars conducted, with 2 Country ones remaining. When completed NSW will have around 260 Trained Raters. This may appear excessive however as mentioned there are 390 plus courses by at least 2 sets of tees and up to 5 sets of tees per course to rate.



CR & Handicapping Seminar
held at Pennant Hills GC

Rating has just commenced in the Metropolitan area and will begin shortly in the Country regions. The Raters have until the end of 2011 to complete their task. There is much work to be done by a relatively small band of volunteers so Clubs need to be patient.

HANDICAPPING

April saw the introduction of the first package of changes to the handicap system. The "rolling averages" appears to be a much fairer system of handicapping

as the player is not handicapped on her best round but averaged out of 10 best of last 20. Inevitably players increased their handicaps but after a period of time, perhaps three to six months, I believe handicaps will stabilize and players will be happier with the system. Daily reviews are also a concern to some. Golf Australia is looking at fortnightly/monthly reviews perhaps for their 2nd package which is supposed to be adopted in August. NCR's have proven to be a bigger issue than imagined; perhaps GA will investigate these as well.

CLUB VISITS

During the next 18 months our Teams will be visiting your Club to complete the new ratings. The Zone Co-ordinator will contact the Club and set up a meeting with both the men's and women's Captains and other personnel to discuss your Clubs' requirements. As has been in the past your hospitality and assistance will be greatly appreciated and WGNSW thanks you for that.

CONCLUSION

As the workload during the second half of this year has been enormous, unfortunately WGNSW CR Committee has not had many meetings; for this I apologise to the Members of the Committee and hope they understand the amount of time that has been devoted by a few volunteers in the organisation of the Slope System. I would like to acknowledge and thank them for their friendship and support during this exciting period; Deputy Chair Olwyn Johnstone, Margaret Koeninger, Yvonne Day and Sue Brooks.

A special thank you to Adam Power, who has joined Golf Australia staff as National Course Rating Director and Emily Miller who also took up a position at GA. To those wonderful Staff Members who are remaining, Nicky Bethwaite, Denise Rogers and Mitsie Kent, thank you so much for your continued support, assistance and encouragement throughout the year.

I look forward to working under the new entity, Golf NSW and trust we will give the same guidance and assistance that has been extended by WGNSW for the past 107 years.

Again, my sincere thanks for allowing me the opportunity to be the Chairman of the WGNSW Course Rating Committee.

Match, Rules & Amateur Status Committee Report

The year 2009/2010 has been an exciting year for all concerned with WGNSW. As the firm commitment was made to amalgamate WGNSW with the NSWGA from 1 July 2010. WGNSW affirmed its commitment to continuing to provide support and opportunities for competition for all the women golfers of NSW.

We have always been very aware of the need to offer opportunities for women of all handicap levels to participate in our events. We are still the only state to offer an open event with our NSW Open again held at Oatlands Golf Club in February. We held State Championship events for our elite amateurs, mid amateurs, juniors and senior players. We offer a grade competition open to all metropolitan clubs, club competitions with our WGNSW Medal competition, Club team events in our Coronation Medal, Bronze Medallion and 3BBB Team Event.

Our three 4-day events (Summer Meeting in the Southern Highlands, Autumn Meeting in the ACT and Mountain Meeting) cater for the entire range of handicaps and ages midweek; and our weekend tournaments (women at the Vintage and Shellharbour and mixed at Pacific Dunes) all cater for the working / weekend female golfer. These events are all played on good quality courses and offer social opportunities which are an integral part of golf for women.

Our aim to promote and foster golf for all women golfers of NSW will continue to be our priority as we enter the 2010 / 2011 year as Golf NSW.

I am happy to report that I will continue as Chair of Match (women) for Golf NSW and report that both the women's committee and the men's committee under the Chairmanship of Les Browne is progressing with a positive and constructive relationship under Golf NSW.



Sandra Gillies - Chair
Match, Rules & Amateur Status

We were heartened by a recent report that women golfer numbers in NSW are on the rise and this can be directly attributed to the many Clubs running incentive programs to attract women members and the tireless work of Women's Committees in our Clubs to provide coaching and mentoring to new female members. Golf NSW is committed to work on improving the participation levels of both men and women golfers in NSW into the future.

I would like to thank the many clubs that make their courses available for our tournaments. We realize that clubs are commercial businesses yet we continue to receive support for our tournaments in both the country and city areas. I particularly would like to thank the Club Management and Boards for their generosity, the Course Superintendents who have presented their courses so well and the Women's Committees who have helped with the "on the day" running of our events.

Our first major event in 2010 was the Bing Lee Samsung NSW Women's Open at Oatlands Golf Club 5-7 February, 2010. Despite heavy rain prior to and overnight during the event the Green Staff at Oatlands managed to present their course in immaculate condition. Congratulations Oatlands! A field of 112 competitors contested the event headed once again by Laura Davies who thrilled the spectators over the first two days with scores of 69 and 70. In an exciting third day of play Sarah Oh (207) was the winner by one shot from Katherine Hull (208) with Nikki Campbell and Karen Lunn equal third one shot further back. Once again a great team of match and rules officials helped make the event such a success.



2010 Bing Lee Samsung NSW Women's Open
L-R: Yenda Lee, Stacey Keating, Sarah Oh, Katherine Hull and Sue Fabian



Deidre and Ian Brander (Newcastle Golf Club)

Newcastle Golf Club hosted the 72-Hole Stroke Play Championship and qualifying for the State Championship. The course was in superb condition and a challenge to an elite field. We thank the staff and members at Newcastle for their assistance. The event attracted a strong field of 60 plus players with 13 interstate players and 17 players on scratch or better including the Australian elite squad.

In conjunction for the first time was the NSW Mid-Amateur Championship. The Johnson and Johnson Champion of Champions Division 1, and the Country and Metropolitan Championships were also held in conjunction.

The 72 Hole Stroke-Play Championship was won by Ashley Ona (288 - Gailes Golf Club in Queensland) with Justine Lee (292 - The Australian) as runner-up. The Mid-Amateur Championship was won by Jill Blenkey (154 - Newcastle) from Kim Burke (157 - Tuggerah Lakes). The Metropolitan Champion was Justine Lee and the Country Champion was Kim Burke. The Club Champions Championship Division 1 was won by Carly Beck (Wakehurst) and Division 2 by Sue Jeffrey (Merewther).

The Johnson and Johnson State Amateur Championship, the LGU Salver and the Margery McWilliam Bowl were played at Pacific Dunes Golf Club on May 22-24.

Sue Wooster (Victoria) won the Johnson and Johnson State Amateur Championship defeating Fabienne In-Albon (Manly) in the 36 hole final 2 up. Excellent golf from both players provided a gripping finish right to the last hole.

The LGU Salver was won by Susan Fenwick (Duntryleague) 5/3 in the 18 hole final against Rebecca Goldsmith (Tuggerah Lakes). Jenny Abrahams (Tuggerah Lakes) defeated Rhonda Primmer (Toukley) 3/2 in the 18 hole final of the Margery McWilliam Bowl.

Pacific Dunes was in beautiful condition despite the abundant rain received prior to the match-play and also during the first day's matches. The hospitality and service provided by the staff at Pacific Dunes could not be faulted and was most appreciated by the players and officials.

The 2011 NSW 72 Hole Championship & State Championship will be played at The Lakes and The Australian Golf Clubs and the Margery McWilliam Bowl will be held at Bonnie Doon Golf Club.

The 2010 NSW Women's Senior Amateur Championship was also played on a country course. Hosted by Duntryleague Golf Course in Orange a thrilling final saw Sylvia Donohue (Narooma) defeat Lynne Townsend (Wollongong). The NSW Junior Champion for 2009 is Justine Lee (NSW). WGNWSW appreciates the continuing efforts of JNJG (Jack Newton Junior Golf) under the leadership of Peter Van Wegen for their efforts to foster our junior girls.

The Jean Derrin Trophy for 2009/2010 was won by Justine Lee (The Australian) and the Senior Order of Merit was won by Liz Smyth (Royal Canberra).

I thank the Match Committee for their continued support and hard work and the time they give to attend meetings and work at our events. This year the members are: Deputy Chair Sue Wilson, Margaret Ashton, Annette Baggie, Sue Fabian, Judy Haddrick, Elsa Hocking, Olwyn Johnstone, Julie Jones, Jean Moran and Lynne Robson. We were sorry to farewell Emily Miller who left us to join Golf Australia and we wish her all the best in her new venture. We are pleased to welcome Donna Mitchell to the team at Golf NSW.

With Sue Fabian, Lynne Ritchie and Jean Moran as part of the new Board of Golf NSW and Nicky Bethwaite, Denise Rogers and Mitsie Kent as part of the team and our entire Women's Match Committee continuing to be part of Golf NSW we look forward to a great future for our sport in NSW in the years ahead.

Junior Committee Report



Jan Heys- Chair
Junior Committee

Junior golf in NSW continues to grow. The initiation of a Talent Identification Program in the Regional Academies of Sport across NSW, along with a new Primary School golf program is great news for our future young golfers.

Thanks to the financial support given and a lot of hard work from the staff of JNJG these programs are sure to increase player numbers over the years to come.

Commencing with the NSW Junior Championship along with the State Age Championship held in July 2009 at the Mollymook & Catalina golf courses, the year was off to a great start. Following on from her win in 2008, Justine Lee defended her title with a four round total (304). Runner up and winner of the sub-junior medallion (15 years & under) was Chantal Hodson (306). The Golf in Australia Cup – for the 72 hole nett winner, went to Cathleen Santoso (294). The Age Champions were as follows:- 17 years: Justine Lee, 16 years: Minsu Kim, 15 years: Chantal Hodson, 14 years: Cathleen Santoso, 13 years: Lizzy Elmassian, 12 years: Sophie Madden. Congratulations to all winners!

The Gatehouse Award was won by Jessica Martin (Cumberland); one who is very worthy of encouragement, helps whenever she can at JNJG events & is a delightful young lady.

The Combined High Schools Interstate Series for 2009 was played at Gungahlin Lakes golf course, Canberra. The NSW Team of Justine Lee, Carly Beck, Chantal Hodson, Claudia Lim, Amanda Chin & Aliza Huff won the match play beating both Queensland & Victoria; but were runners up in the Stroke Teams event with Queensland running out winners.

Could you believe ‘SNOW & a wind chill factor of **-5 degrees**’ at Blackheath in September? Well unfortunately that’s what was in store for the young girls who played in the Statewide Round Robin. For the girls sake and safety reasons the event was reduced to nine holes, The winning team was Cumberland; Casey Lappaman, Vanessa Lee, Kura Poko, & Megan Tebutt with a score of 49 points. Runners-up were the girls from the Central Southern District.

The Primary School Interstate Series was held in Victoria this year. The winner of the Craig Parry Shield was Queensland with Victoria second and NSW third. The NSW team; Kura Poko, Celina Yuan, Mikayla Edwards & Madeleine Nurdi.

The inaugural girls under 21 Pennant was played in November/December 2009. Only five teams competed but the competition was fierce. The winning team was Concord who went through undefeated. Second place was a combined Cronulla/NSW team. We are hoping to have more starters in 2010.

The State of Origin was held 18th & 19th January 2010. Well done to NSW who defeated Queensland, 19 points to 11. The girls who represented NSW were:- 12 years: Celina Yuan, 13 years: Elizabeth Elmassian, 14 years: Cathleen Santoso, 15 years: Nerida Gregory, 16 years: Chantal Hodson, 17 years: Carly Beck.

For the first time since its inauguration, the Girls Encourage Shield needed a play-off to find the winner of a division. The Cabramatta team were successful and went on to play Castle Hill in the final. Twins, Sarah & Katie Walker and sisters, Madeline & Bella Woodley playing for Cabramatta went on to win, defeating Castle Hill 5/2. It was the first time Cabramatta had entered a team in ‘Girls Encourage Shield’, hopefully the first of many more! Congratulations Cabramatta.

We returned to the beautiful Ulverstone golf course, Tasmania for the Australian Junior Championship in April 2010. It had been lengthened since the girls last played there in 2007, which of course made it a little more difficult and some of the girls really struggled. The winner was Annie Choi (222) with Saki Suzuki (Japan) second (224). Cathleen Santoso (NSW) & Jayde Panos (WA) were equal third (225). Other NSW girls to do well were Chantal Hodson (5th) 228, Claudia Lim (6th) 229, and Dana Barribal (11th) 234.

NSW WON THE BURTTA CHENEY CUP!

How good does that sound after nine straight years as runner up!

The team for 2010 was Carly Beck, Chantal Hodson, Claudia Lim, Cathleen Santoso, Jordana Keaton and Nerida Gregory. All played extremely well. Out of the 25 games played, the girls won 21, drew 3 and lost only 1. How good is that! As the manager of the team, I can’t tell you how proud I was of all of them.

NSW Combined High School Annual Tournament was held at Wentworth Falls golf course during last week of April 2010. It was won by Carly Beck (146) from Claudia Lim (155) with Chantal Hodson third (156). The match play winner was Cathleen Santoso who defeated Carly Beck on the 19th hole.

TAP Camps are now being held in November and March. The November camp is a compulsory camp for the Golf NSW state junior squads (selected in October) and other talented players identified through the TID camps as future state representatives. This will be a 3-day intensive camp to prepare players for the following interstate series. Camp 2 in March will be for the State Teams (selected in January or February) as final preparation for the interstate series. The focus will be on match play and competitive drills under pressure.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Junior Committee, Peter van Wegen, Khan Pullen, Graeme Phillipson, Emily Miller, Nick Evans, Bruce Nairn & Robert Scott for their efforts and contributions to help make junior golf progress in NSW.

Also to the staff at JNJG & WGNSW a big thank you for your support and assistance. To the board of WGNSW thank you for all the financial assistance provided to promote the juniors.

Congratulations and Good Luck to Emily Miller on her appointment to Golf Australia. As always parents and helpers continue to play a big part, so thanks to all who assist in anyway.

Finally, *'farewell'* to WGNSW & NSWGA and *'welcome'* 'GOLFNSW.' The amalgamation taking place on 1st July 2010 can only be a good thing for junior golf and golf in general; so I am looking forward to seeing the number of juniors playing golf increasing over the next few years. I along with my fellow junior committee will endeavour to help make this happen.



Burtta Cheney Cup Winners – L-R/Back Row: Jan Heys (Team Manager), Carly Beck, Nerida Gregory, Cathleen Santoso, Peter Van Wegen (Coach); **L-R/Front Row:** Chantal Hodson, Jordana Keaton and Claudia Lim.

NSWIS Golf Program Report



Glenn Whittle
NSWIS Head Coach



L-R: Michael Smyth, Pat Wilson, Lincoln Tighe, Michael Williams, Jordan Zunic, Matthew Stieger, Samantha Whittle, Rebecca Blain, Allyce Watkinson, Justine Lee, Tamra Moore and Glenn Whittle (Coach).

2009/2010 scholarship year was a successful one for the NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) Golf Program, which saw twelve athletes, Rebecca Blain, Alizah Kendler, Justine Lee, Tamra Moore, Michael Smyth, Matthew Stieger, Lincoln Tighe, Allyce Watkinson, Michael Williams, Olivia Wilson, Patrick Wilson and Jordan Zunic participate in the program. Glenn Whittle was once again chosen for the program as Head Coach and worked with the athletes on a regular basis.

All athletes had access to the many services available to them through NSWIS such as Psychology, Nutrition, Public speaking, Biomechanics and Athlete Career and Education.

We continued to visit supporting Golf Clubs such as Terrey Hills, The Lakes, Cronulla and New South Wales; used The Ridge Golf Course and Driving range at Barden Ridge in Sydney's south west who have recently upgraded their facilities with a new putting green, chipping green and practice bunker

The program year ended with a number of athletes competing both in Australia and overseas combined with our annual Development Camp at Bonville Golf Resort in Coffs Harbor.

Rebecca Blain (NSW Golf and Anthill Park Golf Clubs) started her PGA Traineeship on 1st January 2010; so Rebecca has left the program but takes with her our support and best wishes for the future as a PGA Professional.

RESULT HIGHLIGHTS

- NSW Women's state team won the Gladys Hay Series for the second year in a row
- Matthew Stieger finished second in the NSW Junior Championship
- Justine Lee and Jordan Zunic won State Junior Mixed Foursomes
- Justine Lee won the NSW Junior Girls Championship
- Michael Smyth made 6 cuts from 6 tournaments during his trip to the USA
- Alizah Kendler qualified to represent Australia in the World University Games
- Tamra Moore tied first in the NSW Mixed Foursomes Championship
- Allyce Watkinson and Matt Stieger tied first in the NSW Mixed Foursomes Championship
- Olivia Wilson won the Club Champions of Champions
- Olivia Wilson finished T8th in the NSW Stroke play Championship
- Rebecca Blain, tied 5th NSW Stroke play Championship
- Pat Wilson shot 62 at Long Reef in a weekday club competition
- Pat Wilson finished 6th at Federal at 6 under par
- Lincoln Tighe finished 8th at Federal at 5 under par
- Michael Smyth finished T19th at Federal at +3



NSW State Seniors Coach's Report



*Dennise Hutton - Coach
NSW State Seniors*

It is my privilege to present this report on the NSW State Seniors.

The Australian Women's Interstate Team Matches were conducted at The North Course Peninsula Golf Club from the 21st to 24th September 2009. We started with fourteen players in the squad in January who were selected based on their handicaps, 2008 winning team members, NSW Institute Players and availability to participate. A letter was sent out by Women's Golf NSW inviting over eighteen girls to be part of the squad, and requesting that they would agree to certain conditions. A number of training sessions and match practices were conducted before the squad was reduced. A team of seven was named at the Lakes in early July to compete in the Interstate Series which included: Julia Boland, Rebecca Flood, Justine Lee, Allyce Watkinson, Nerida Gregory, Rebecca Blain and Sue Fairhurst. Unfortunately, Julia pulled out one month prior to the interstate series. It was fortunate that we had not yet named our six members out of the seven.

Rebecca Flood was voted Captain by her team mates and she did a fabulous job in this position. She attended all trainings before she moved to Queensland and went overseas. Her contribution to the team points was fantastic. She was undefeated in the Singles and won two out of the five foursomes. I look forward to following her progress as a professional golfer.

This was Rebecca Blain's second and last year on the team as she has taken up a PGA traineeship. Illness prevented her from performing on the first day, however she managed to compete in all the other matches coming into the 5th position. She is sure to be an asset to golf and we wish her well in her endeavours.

Allyce Watkinson (Leaf) played well in her individual matches; unfortunately just fell short in the foursomes. The planned foursomes took a bit of re-juggling, dealing with new combinations due to illness, late withdrawals and best fit between team members. The final combinations were: Flood and Justine, Leaf and Sue, Nerida and Bec Blain. The youngest member of our team, Nerida, played number 4 every match and did a good job in that position as she had some tough competition.

All team members were eager and excited about participating in the Interstate Series. They had trained and prepared well. The girls picked a team inspiration song which they played on the bus on the way to the course each morning. Justine, together with Nerida, purchased decorations splashing the bus with NSW colours and symbols. Justine even gave the girls blue ribbons to wear. She is certainly coming of age

NSW STATE TEAM 2009

L-R Back Row: Rebecca Flood, Allyce Watkinson, Sue Fairhurst, Olivia Wilson, Dennise Hutton (Coach); **Front Row:** Jane Searle (Manager), Justine Lee, Rebecca Blain and Nerida Gregory.



and is a very good team member. Like Bec Flood, she was undefeated and earned the same number of points.

Thank you to Jean and Ted Radford (Peninsular Golf Course) for their help in providing fifteen fantastic caddies for the girls. It was a mighty effort and took a great deal of planning and work by them. It was also great value having a travelling reserve in Olivia caddying for the girls as she knew their games well having practiced with them all year. Olivia caddied for Rebecca Blain in the foursomes and individual matches, Nerida three times and Allyce once. She was an invaluable member of the team.

We were very fortunate that through Sue Fairhurst's connections we gained a sponsorship from **IT Sports** who offered their fantastic compression garments. These products, if we were to purchase them, would have retailed for close to \$3,000. Many thanks to Carl from **IT Sports** who gave us a presentation on its benefits and how these products worked. The garments were fantastic and certainly assisted in recovery for all of us.



The NSW Women's State Team, like last year, were prepared and trained quite hard. It takes time and effort to bring together, prepare and play as a team in an individual sport like golf. To this end I feel that this was achieved. A major highlight of the year was when the NSW Women's State Team won the Gladys Hay Interstate Series for the second consecutive year.

Assistant Manager Jane Searle has now been in this role with the State Team for five years. She is a great asset and without her support and encouragement my job would have been much more difficult. We would not have achieved the results we did if it were not for the teamwork she and I share.

We are extremely grateful to the clubs who so generously provided practice rounds: NSW, The Lakes, Bonnie Doon, Macquarie Links, The Coast, Kooindah Waters and Bankstown.

To Women's Golf NSW, thank you again for your support, faith and trust in me. It is such an honour to assist our future stars in their quest to be the best they can be in golf and in life. I look forward to 2011 with excitement continuing my coaching role in Golf NSW.

Opening Ceremony of the Interstate Series for both men and women



Archives Committee Report

The objects of the Union shall be to uphold the Rules of the Game, to advance and safeguard the interests of Women's Golf, and to decide all doubtful and disputed points in connection therewith The Ladies' Golf Union of New South Wales Constitution, 1929.



Joanne Wilson & Jeannie Walker

In 2004 I was encouraged to begin work on the Archives of Women's Golf NSW. Thanks to the foresight of the Board and the CEO, Frances Crampton, we were able to enlist the help of the professional organisation The History Company and their skilled archives expert Kylie Rees. I asked my friend Joanne Wilson if she would join me in this endeavour.

Over those five years we have been able to catalogue and index Executive Council/Board Minutes of the Ladies Golf Union/Women's Golf NSW and this information has been entered into the database Archive Recorder for easy retrieval (the indexing is still incomplete, but by the end of 2010 I hope we can say that the Minutes from 1903 to the mid-1950s will be completed).

We updated the Scrapbooks and at present are completing the Scrapbook collection to the date of 30 June 2010 when Women's Golf NSW ceases and a line is ruled under the archives of this organisation. There is now a collection of early and contemporary photographs stored to archival standard. There is also a collection of ephemera (paper) and memorabilia (badges, uniforms and other objects).

We have received some fine donations of photographs and scrapbooks which have been duly acknowledged. For research purposes, data entries of all the champions have been entered in Archive Recorder, and the Office Bearers to 1999 have been completed. It is

hoped to complete these listings up to 30 June 2010. An oral history recording was made with our esteemed Life Member, Mrs RD Bridges OBE.

Along the way we have found out much extra history, including a complete list of all our Presidents from 1903, the year of the NSWLGU's inception. We can also compile lists of our Life Members and Councillors (Honorary Members), and most of the Secretaries and Treasurers. Most importantly, however, we leave behind a fine record of the activities – golfing, business, bureaucratic – of this significant women's sporting organisation.

I wish to thank Joanne Wilson, Pat Ellis, Mim McCutcheon and Margaret Poulton for their extensive volunteer work and support, and Kylie Rees for her expertise and encouragement. It has been a pleasure to work as a volunteer on this wonderful collection.

Jeannie Walker
Honorary Archivist



Miss Una Clift with a wartime gift from the Ladies Golf Union to the Salvation Army - canteen Units for the Troop in 1941.

Miss Clift was the longest serving President (1912-1956). During her time spent overseas between 1914-1915, three Presidents took over her role: R Lethbridge, N Pennefather and K Egan.



Mitsie Kent



The Golfers Club NSW/ACT has been around for over a decade. It was introduced in 1999 as Women's Golf Club, renamed to Golfers Club NSW in 2008 due to the pending amalgamation of Women's Golf NSW and the men's NSW Golf Association. The name ACT was added in 2010 to reflect WGNWS's reach across NSW and the ACT region.

The Club's aim is to provide a pathway for individuals to join a Golf Club. The view is that by providing opportunities for individuals to be exposed to golf activities, a variety of courses and networks within the golfing community, they will eventually develop confidence, friendships and skills to want to reap benefits of becoming involved in a structured organisation that only Golf Clubs can provide.

We field queries daily asking how to become involved in golf. Our first point of reference is to point them to their local Clubs in their post code areas; or take lessons from local pros. Not everyone is keen to commit immediately to a particular club, and for various reasons are looking for alternatives, such as:

- Golfers on waiting lists to join their local Clubs but would like to retain their handicap and continue to play in the interim;
- Returning golfers wanting a less conspicuous and slow re-entry into golf;
- Golfers wanting to slowly expose their partners to the game or invite them to travel or play in mixed competitions with them;
- Golfers who no longer play, however wish to keep their handicaps to stay involved with others, helping future golfers, or just being in the loop about what is happening in golf;
- Golfers who are unsure of which club to join and trialling various Clubs by participating in Open Competitions and getting to know the courses and its members;
- Individuals who find joining a Club intimidating, and just want to get a feel for what golf is about;
- Individuals who do not want to be formally involved in golf, however would just like to participate periodically with family or friends when they travel, work or socialise;
- Senior golfers who are on a pension, perhaps get a game in two to three times a year, and would like to feel empowered with the choice to play and retain their handicap;
- Some golfers have played socially for years and would like the opportunity to gain a handicap or are curious about what benefits handicaps can provide;
- Social golfers who want that extra security of having insurance;
- Golfers who travel extensively and not in one place long enough to commit to formal memberships.

The structure of Golfers Club is a virtual club requiring self-management by the individual golfers. We are affiliated with Golf Australia through the Golf Australian Network. Ideally members would have a mentor that is helping

them wean into or back into golf. Others are taking lessons from local professional golfers, gradually gaining confidence to become part of a bigger and formal network.

We are fortunate to have a support base for our activities. North Turrumurra plays host to regular competitions on Thursday and Saturday mornings for our members. Results are published on our website and in our Club newsletters.

Golf professionals such as Gillian Rae and Kylie Moulds have been unconditional in their support, not only for our members but for any newcomers wanting to know more about golf. Gillian has run clinics for our members at Moore Park and Golf Paradise Driving Range in Terry Hills. She has been a guest writer for our newsletters offering golfing tips to our readers. At Marrickville resident pro Kylie ran regular clinics; she also hosts Ambrose events and Sunday golf competitions inviting our members to participate. These have been beneficial for working women who are unable to play mid-week.

Monash Golf Club has provided support as hosts for our joint Beginners' Rules and Etiquette evening. We were fortunate that Sue Fabian, President of WGNWS juggled her busy schedule to be our presenter for the workshop. We owe our sincere gratitude to the Monash Country Club members and Ladies' President Veronica Thomas (pictured left) for their gracious hospitality.



We are thrilled that a number of our members have joined local clubs through contacts they have made, after gaining confidence from playing at their courses, and even read about special membership deals and fun social events held at local Clubs via promotions in our newsletters.

It is extremely rewarding to hear the success stories of golfers who do make the transition to a Golf Club. We have received numerous testimonials in full support for this program. After successfully moving on to a Club, a number of ex-members continue to introduce the program to their family and friends as a stepping stone to golf.

We are open to avenues on how to direct newcomers to local Clubs and would be happy to discuss programs that can cater to this market to make transitioning to golf clubs smoother.

A huge thank you to Adam Power who handed over the reins to the Club in November moving on to national golf. He has always been a phone call away offering support and guidance throughout the year which is really appreciated.

With similar sentiments as expressed throughout this Annual Report, I feel very fortunate to have been involved in such a wonderful organisation over the past four years who are bound by friendships, support and a passion to work together to grow this wonderful game.

I look forward to working with you and the Golf NSW team moving into a full-time role, not only with this program but as the Communications Officer.

