



HONOUR ROLL OF 50+ YEARS OF SERVICE TO GOLF IN NSW

As at 31 May 2012

The Golf NSW Honour Roll was established in 2007 to honour members who have made a significant contribution through many years of service to women's golf in NSW. This program has been continued post amalgamation of the two organisations. We are inviting nominees to incorporate men who have contributed in a similar manner.

For clubs who wish to nominate a member who has made such a *contribution* (not just participation) to the game of golf over a period of 50 years or more, the nomination form follows on the final page of this document.

See the following pages for those listed on the Honour Roll of 50+ Years of Service to golf in NSW.

Members admitted to the Golf NSW Honour Roll in 2012

Pam Uhr – Wagga City Golf Club

Pam Uhr, as a young lady was part of the Planning Committee established in 1958 to organise the development/establishment of a new course to be known as the Rosewood Golf Club. Rosewood Golf Club is situated at Rosewood, New South Wales and was a member of the South West Ladies Golf Association (SWLGA). Pam served as the Rosewood Club Delegate to the South West and was also Vice-President of the SWLGA Committee.

Pam served as the Secretary of the first Ladies Committee of the Rosewood Golf Club commencing in 1958 and continued to serve on the committee in various roles, i.e. President, Club Delegate to SWLGA for a number of years and Committee Member until she moved to Wagga Wagga in 1986.

Once settled in Wagga Wagga, Pam joined the Wagga City Golf Club in 1987 and has served on the Ladies Committee ever since holding the positions of Treasurer for some 10 years, Committee Member, Vice-President and President for 3 years. Wagga City Golf Club is a member of the Riverina Ladies Golf Association.

During her years of playing golf, Pam has represented both the South West and Riverina Associations in inter-association matches.

Pam is a dedicated Committee Member who works tirelessly to ensure her fellow Lady Golfers enjoy their golf. She continues to play twice a week, regularly travelling to the various Clubs in the Riverina district for their tournaments as well as attending the Riverina Ladies Golf Association Opening and Championship events.

Pam's golfing achievements are as follows: Club Champion at Rosewood, Mixed Championships Winner (1995), Four Ball Better Ball Championship (1996) and Bronze Champion of Riverina District (1999).



Trish Gray with Pam Uhr

Members admitted to the Golf NSW Honour Roll in 2011

Margaret Boyd – Kiama Golf Club

Margaret joined Kiama Golf Club in 1945 as a keen junior who used to ride her horse to practice, with her clubs over her shoulder. Three years later Margaret won her first Club Championship, a feat she was to duplicate 22 times. Margaret also won the Foursomes Championship 13 times and the Mixed Foursomes 16 times. Another milestone during her years of playing was achieving several holes-in-one.

Margaret twice served as Ladies' Captain, held the position of Vice President, represented the Club in many events including Pennant competitions and was the first woman to be elected to the Board of Directors – a position she held for six years. In 2005 Margaret was granted Life Membership of Kiama Golf Club.

Although Margaret no longer plays owing "to a few aches and pains these days" she still maintains an active interest in all matters pertaining to the Club and her family is well represented by her daughter and two granddaughters.



David York – Barraba Golf Club

David has been a member for 64 years, became Club Champion in 1947, then won the Club Championship 16 times. He won the North and North West District Championship three times in the 1950s.

He was involved with the construction of a new 18-hole golf course in 1958, planned and supervised club house renovations, and was made Life Member in 1970 for his services to the club. David has been Club Secretary for the past 16 years, in which he still holds the position. He was the Central North District Golf Association President for one term.

David designed, directed and was involved in the clubs' course watering system. During the 1990s he planted and maintained in excess of 500 trees on the course, and raised the difficulty around several greens with mounds, etc. David tournament directed for several NSW Veteran Golfers Sand Greens Championships (the most recent one in September 2011), and was involved with NSW Golf Association Sand Greens Championship in Barraba. David is still a keen golfer, with a current handicap of 12 (scratch player in his youth) travelling to most tournaments in our association.

He still helps with the mowing and maintenance of the 18-hole golf course.



Beryl Harris – Woodenbong & District Golf Club

Beryl is the longest playing member of the Woodenbong & District Golf Club. She began playing in 1951 and took the office of Treasurer of the lady golfers and is still the Treasurer. Over the years she has also taken on other roles including Captain and Handicapper. Beryl has a keen interest in golf and the Woodenbong Club – even though she is now in her 80s. She still wins events and plays in 3-day tournaments run by Northern Rivers.

Beryl was made a Life Member of the Woodenbong Golf Club in 1988. There are strong family ties with the Club as her father (the late George Hines) and her husband (the late Don Harris) were also made Life Members.

From 1969 to 2003 Beryl represented the Woodenbong Golf Club as a delegate to Women's Golf Northern Rivers (WGNR) and was made a Life Member of the WGNR in 2004. She was a member of a delegation from the Northern Rivers to the Golf Centenary Luncheon in Sydney in 2003. Beryl was very humbled and grateful to receive the certificate for 50+ years of service to golf in NSW.



Jan Heys – Bankstown Golf Club

Jan joined Bankstown Golf Club on 25th March 1961, her 16th birthday. Over the 50 years of membership, she represented the Club for 20 years playing in Metropolitan Grade followed by Silver Pennants. For the last 10 years, she has continuously caddied for Club Grade players.

In 1991, Jan was elected to the Ladies Committee and served 10 years, 6 years as Ladies Captain. She was the first lady to be elected to the Board of BGC (in 1999) and served on both Match and House committees for 4 years.

From 1996 to 2009, Jan ran a junior program for girls on Saturday afternoons. Sarah Oh, Allyce Watkinson and Justine Lee are just a few of the successful girls she nurtured as juniors during those 14 years. She was instrumental in establishing and managing a Girls Encourage Team which represented Bankstown from 1996 to 2009. During the season, Jan would ensure players had arrived at the course, were ready to compete and would remain to the end of the day's play.

Jan became a Councillor on Women's Golf NSW in 2000. She was a member of both the Match and Junior Committees for three years. Jan was asked to Chair the Juniors Committee in 2004 and remained in that position until the amalgamation of WGNSW and NSW Golf Association. Whilst negotiations were taking place for the amalgamation, Jan was appointed Joint Junior Chairperson.

Over the years, Jan has worked tirelessly with Jack Newton Junior Golf and the Primary Schools Sports Association attending meetings and being a Match Official at school, State and Interstate tournaments.

Jan has been the Junior Girls State Team Manager for the past 7 years, showing tolerance and guidance for her young charges.



Margaret Worms – Singleton Golf Club

Golf at Singleton is a family and generational affair for Margaret. Her family moved to Singleton from Ganmain in 1950 and among the first steps her father, Roger Wood, took was to have his family become members of Singleton Golf Club. Margaret, then a young teenager, began her connection with a club she continues to support today. It is interesting to note that Margaret's grandfather, Dr William Wood, designed Branxton Golf Course which was opened back in 1921. It is fascinating to think Margaret would eventually have such a strong connection with the neighbouring golf club in the Hunter Valley. Over the past 61 years Margaret has been a very keen golfer and an avid supporter of the local club and women's golf at both a social and competitive level.

Margaret met her husband, Kaye through golf. Kaye's family also had a strong connection with the club with his father Lewis Worms involved in the design and construction of the existing golf clubhouse and taking on the role of club president when the club was built in 1955 and holding that role to 1957. Kaye's mother, Enid, was also active in the club and on the course for many years. Margaret's mother, Edna Wood, and Enid Worms were members of the Singleton ladies first winning pennants team back in 1950.

Naturally, all five of Margaret's children were encouraged to play golf. Daughters Lynne, Dianne, Sarah and Catherine play only socially while son Roger was club champion 12 times, the first time at 16 years. Singleton Golf Club has a men's perpetual trophy to celebrate Roger's achievements.

Margaret has held positions on the ladies committees many times, secretary, handicapper and captain. On turning 50 she took on the role of veterans delegate and held that position consecutively for the following 24 years. Margaret played pennants for 25 years with a personal best handicap of 15 and now, at age 77, Margaret continues to play a competitive game. Still winning! In 2010, Margaret won the Veterans Cup.

Margaret has a caring, quiet, unassuming disposition and hence is universally liked at the club. She is also a family person, loves her garden, 'the matriarch', 13 grandchildren and six great grandchildren who will agree she makes the best milkshakes and burgers around.

But on Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:15am sharp, you will find Margaret marching sprightly down Boundary Street, pushing the clubs, rain or shine, off to golf.

Truly inspirational, timeless, a treasure and beloved Singleton member.

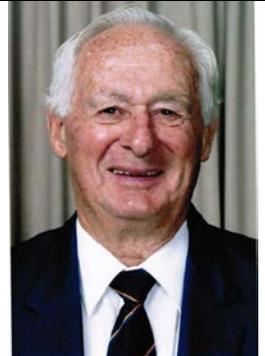


Tony Doggett – Liverpool Golf Club

Tony Doggett has been an active Member of Liverpool Golf Club long before his official joining date 1st February 1951 (Tony thinks this is incorrect and believes it was a few months earlier), in fact you could say Liverpool Golf Club is in Tony's veins. A more passionate member would be hard to find although the Liverpool Golf Club does conjure loyal members. Tony grew up across the road from the "original" Liverpool Golf Club which was then located on the Collingwood Estate, Hume Highway in Liverpool. The Club moved to its present location 4th December 1971 which to be accurate is in Lansvale keeping the name Liverpool Golf Club (which can be confusing at times).

Living across the road from the "old" Club House Tony spent many days in his youth collecting Golf balls for pocket money and later Caddying, (the job paid 2 shillings and six pence per round which translates to 25 cents but was worth quite a bit more then) and doing club repairs learnt from George Fitzgerald [1st June 1948 – 13th January 1951] who was a part time professional; George's day job being Club Maker at Slazenger. Like many golfers of the time Golf was a hobby everyone had day jobs. In reading Tony's recollections he talks about being given golf clubs that were both right and left handed to start with and later playing as a right handed golfer, quite remarkable.

Tony has done just about every job there is at some time or another for the Club and was an Employee for a period of time too. At the young age of 21 in 1960 Tony was elected to the Board serving on the Committee for a period of a year, work commitments took precedence and Tony had to resign. In 1973 Tony became Captain of the Club for the first time and later on in 1985 to 1987. Tony says this was very satisfying period for him personally as he oversaw the Club preside over a NSW Medal, Amateur and Junior Championships as well as being offered the 1987 Australian PGA (sadly lost to The Lakes due to the course being flooded). Tony was President from 1989 to 1995 a period Tony proudly recounts as the Club rose above financial difficulties to being very successful Championship Course. Tony has served as a Board member in 1988, 1996, 2007 – 2011.



Nola Lattimer – Liverpool Golf Club

Nola Lattimer is in her 81st year this year and attained her 50th year of continuous membership at Liverpool Golf Club on 11th December 2010 having joined the Club on this date in 1960.

In 1972 the Club published a record of the Clubs History where Nola received an honourable mention and photo as the then Club Champion.

Nola has an outstanding Golfing record of achievement being Club Champion for 25 times, Foursomes Champion, Mixed Foursomes, representing the Club in Pennants, hole in one. Nola served the Club over the years in the role of Captain and Vice-Captain for many years.

Nola is always keen to offer advice to up and coming members her golf knowledge is bountiful on oncourse management and rules alike. Open minded and always encouraging Nola is a great asset to our Club.

Still very active competitively Nola is often seen on the course practising and on some occasions with her grandson passing on her knowledge to another generation. Recently Nola was a member of the winning district 3BBB team to make the finals at Twin Creeks. Attached is the photo of Nola receiving her Certificate of Recognition from Liverpool Golf Club at the end of year Presentation Day.



Members admitted to the Golf NSW Honour Roll in 2010

Beryl Cannen – Dunedoo Lady Golfers

Beryl has been part of our golf community for the past ten years. Prior to this she was a valued member at Gunning, approximately from 1959-1969 and Goulburn from approximately 1969-1972 and Kiama Golf Clubs, approximately 1972-2000. During her time here at Dunedoo Lady Golfers, she has been on the Committee and in recent years our Patroness. Beryl has always participated with catering for our tournaments and functions as well as the gathering of our prizes. She has also always encouraged players with their game.

In 2004 and 2005 Beryl won the Championship Bronze, the Gobbler Trophy 2005, and the DCC Beat Handicap Trophy Garry & Leona Walters 2005. Beryl's generosity of time, labour and finances and a keen interest in golf helps to keep the Dunedoo Lady Golfers going forward.



Elaine Hurcum – Dunedoo Lady Golfers

Elaine started her love of golf as a twelve year old at the Mendooran Golf Club. When she married she moved to Dunedoo and continued playing the game she loved and enjoyed. Elaine is a valued member of our Club as she encourages beginners and helps them to gain confidence in themselves and the game. Her endless knowledge to newcomers and older members is invaluable.

Elaine is always there to help out with the catering of our Golf Tournaments and functions as well as participating in the gathering of our prizes. She always takes part in our committee meetings. She has been part of our Golf community for the best part of 72 years and still enjoys a game of Golf. In 1999 Elaine was the winner and 9-Hole Electric and also won the Wargundy Cup when she was at Mendooran. With the generosity of time and labour and finances, all of which along with a keen interest of golf, helps the Dunedoo Lady Golfers to keep going forward.



Marcia Rhodes – Dunedoo Lady Golfers

Marcia started her love of golf as a teenager at the Mendooran Golf Club, after she married and moved to Dunedoo. She continued playing and welcomed and encouraged anyone who came along to play. In 1996 and 1997 Marcia won the 9 Hole Electric. Marcia is a valued member of the Dunedoo Lady Golfers and participates in our committee meetings, and is always there to help out with catering whenever we have tournaments and functions and helps with the gathering of our prizes.

Marcia's generosity with her time, labour and finances and a keen interest in golf which helps other players, adds to the benefits that keep the Dunedoo Lady Golfers going forward.



Wendy Taylor – Dunedoo Lady Golfers

Wendy started playing golf as a teenager at the age of 17 years old and continued playing when she married. In recent years, Wendy has been our Patroness and prior to this was on the committee and attends our meetings. Wendy encourages new and old members to play.

Wendy won the Nell Jakins Memorial Cup in 1979. She participates in the running and organizing of our tournaments as well as helping out with catering for them and other functions we may have. As a valued member, Wendy is always there to help.

With the generosity of her time, labour and finances and a passion for golf, she has helped to keep the Dunedoo Lady Golfers moving forward.



Melita Watson & Pauline Thomas – Branxton Golf Club

The ladies enjoyed a great presentation day at the Branxton Golf Club. When Melita and Pauline received their certificates from Golf NSW they were very surprised and there were quite a few tears shed. Many of their old friends and all their families came along for the day. Everyone enjoyed getting together again as some of their friends that they played golf with have left the area. About 60 people turned up for the presentation which was a great turnout for a small club.

Melita Watson joined Branxton Golf Club as a thirteen year old girl on the 8th May 1960. She has been very involved in women's golf in the Hunter area for a very long time, and is well known for her golf in our area.

Melita has had great success at our club, winning fourteen Club Championships spanning from 1966 to 2007; as well as eight Hunter River Championships from 1967 to 2008. She won the Branxton Ladies Foursome Championships eighteen times.

Melita has held every position on our Club Committee and has done tireless work for Branxton Ladies Golf Club, being Captain for many years. We could fill numerous pages for her achievements over the last fifty years. The Branxton Ladies Golf Club hoped to honour her contributions by presenting her with the 50+ Year Service to Golf Honour Roll.

Pauline Thomas joined Branxton Ladies Golf Club in May 1960, within five years Pauline was playing A Grade golf. She achieved much golfing success and has won 22 Branxton Championships between 1964 to 1995; she has won 18 Ladies Foursome Championships and 7 Mixed Foursome Championships.

Pauline holds a very significant record probably never to be broken from 1960 up until a few years ago; she has played in every championship - around 46 years total and she holds many records at our club. Still playing now and again due to ill health, she turns up every comp day to support our ladies.

Pauline held the position of Club Captain at the Branxton Golf Club from 1967 to 1980, 14 years altogether. She also served as the President and Vice President of the club for a number of years. Pauline was our clubs District Representative from 1966 to 1976.

Ill health has stopped her playing as much as she would like to this year as she is now in her seventy's but she can still get out and have a game in a cart. Even if she is not playing she still turned up every Wednesday just to have a chat to the girls. Sadly, Pauline passed away in 2011 not long after receiving her certificate.



Melita Watson



Pauline Thomas

Olwyn Johnstone – Bayview Golf Club

Olwyn Johnstone has been a member of the Bayview golf Club for 52 years joining as a Junior on the 15th April 1958. She was made a Life Member in December 2008. She has been on the Ladies Committee for 38 years as Handicap Manager and was Lady Captain for three years. She has also been on the Board of Directors. She was involved in Grade and Pennants for 37 years and played Grade for 27 years.

Olwyn was a founding member of the Barrenjoey Peninsula Week of Golf and was competition and match secretary for eight years. At state level, she was a member of W.G.N.S.W. Council for ten year as and involved with Match and Course Rating Committees and a State Handicap Manager. She is also rules accredited (Club level).

Olwyn was nominated by Women's Golf NSW for a Volunteer Long Service Award for Golf (over 30 years) which was presented at the N.S.W. Sports Awards in February 2008. She stated when receiving the certificate, "It is an honour to receive this certificate of appreciation for over 50 years service to the club and golf. What you contribute to golf you receive back in the pleasure of playing golf and friendships made over the years."



Eileen Potter – Botany Golf Club

Eileen has been an active Lady Member of Botany Golf Club for over 50 years since joining at the age of 31 in 1956. She has over her period won *all* the major events. She represented the Club in Bronze I and Bronze II, winning the Bronze I Championship numerous times, as well as the Mixed Foursomes, Foursomes, WGNSW Medal and also the Gold Medal. She was runner-up in Division 2 for the 2007 Botany Golf Club's Championships. In 1990 Eileen had a hole-in-one on the 6th hole at Botany Golf Club. She is still playing good golf at the age of 85 years old

In 2004 Eileen underwent bypass heart surgery and was back playing golf six months later! Her passion has passed on to her two daughters who have taken up Golf and are destined to be good golfers.

Eileen has served on the Botany Golf Club's Committee for about 14 years and has introduced numerous members into the club and into the game of golf. She has been a wonderful role model for all our new members. Eileen was absolutely delighted to have receive her Certificate to be on the Honour Roll.



Nola Burke – Long Reef Golf Club

Nola Burke joined Long Reef in 1960. The lowest handicap she has played to is 16 and at 81 years old she is playing off 37 and still plays in our 11-Hole competitions.

Nola has served on the Women's Committee as Secretary in 1966, 1967 and 1968 and again in 1977, 1978 and 1979. She has represented the Club in Pennants and caddied for our Grade Team and Bronze Medallion Teams as recently as 2007.

She has competed in all Club Events over the fifty years winning the Bronze Premiership in 1978 and 1979 and the Bronze Foursomes in 1979 and 1988, Runner-Up in C Grade Foursomes in 2008.

Nola has supported women's Golf for her entire playing career and was recognised in 2008 for 45 years of attendance at Duntreyleague of Golf at Orange. She has been a valuable member of the Long Reef Golf Club and supportive of all its women members.

When she received the 50+ Year Honour Roll Certificate, Nola was much overcome.



with President Marg Verrills

Priscilla Jeffrey – Forster/Tuncurry Golf Club

Priscilla has been a full playing member of the Forster Tuncurry Golf Club for approximately 59 years and is a Patroness of the Club.

During this time, Priscilla has served on the Ladies Committee as Vice President and House Convenor for a period of over twenty years. She has donated numerous trophies over this long period of time and still donates a trophy for Patroness Day.

Priscilla is a great cook always making pies and cakes for the club's fund raising stalls or afternoon teas on special days. She is an inspiration to the club members and she still enjoys taking part in competitions at both Forster and Tuncurry courses and in 2009 won the C Grade Foursomes Championship with Betty Harris who is also over 80 years old.

On presentation of her Certificate Priscilla said "I would like to thank Golf NSW for my appreciation award. It has been a pleasure for me to have worked over many years with the Association and to have made the many true friends who I still have. I am sure to have played for so long has been a positive help to my good health."



Olga Gerathy – Forster/Tuncurry Golf Club

Olga commenced her golfing career when she was fifteen and played at Cobago and Bega. Olga subsequently moved to Massey Park where she was a member for three years and then Bonnie Doon where she was a member for ten years.

Olga joined Forster/Tuncurry Golf Club 42 years ago and during those years has had some outstanding golfing achievements. She was six times Foursomes Champion; six times Mixed Foursomes Champion; five times Club Champion; seven holes in one. Olga's lowest handicap was 7. On the 10th February 2009 at age 82 years old in the Monthly Medal Round at Forster Course, Olga had 78 gross net 60, a wonderful achievement!

Olga still enjoys her golf and plays for "love of the game, friendship of competitors and challenge of the game".

Apart from her good golf Olga has been active on the Ladies Committee as First lady Member of the Forster/Tuncurry Club Board, Lady Captain for three years, President for twelve years; President of the Lady Veterans Committee for several years and "receives satisfaction of being involved in Committee duties." For the past ten years Olga has been Patroness of the Ladies Committee.

Olga was also Vice President of the women's Golf Central North Coast District for five years.

On receiving her Certificate Olga replied "My greatest pleasure in receiving this award is the assurance that Golf NSW still cares for veterans and aged golfers, who form a large part of the great game of Golf. I have had many years of enjoyment hitting that little ball around numerous golf courses only to discover it has a mind of its own. However, I still accept the challenge of being in the winning circle and that is the great game of Golf. My best wishes to the NSW Golf controlling body and once again thanks for my recognition."



Alice McGregor & Jess Miller – Coffs Harbour Golf Club



Jess Miller & Alice McGregor

manager, Vice President and President.

Two Coffs Harbour golfers, Alice McGregor and Jess Miller have been active members of the Coffs Harbour Golf Club for fifty years. Jess first came to the Club in 1948 and during this time served on the Ladies Committee in many capacities including Captain, Secretary, Handicap Manager, Vice President and President. She was also a delegate and later treasurer for the Central North Coast Association as well as delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Ladies Golf Union held in Sydney each year. Another of her achievements was the instigation of a Veterans Club and Veterans Tournament, within both the Coffs Club and the Central North Coast Association. Jess has also been a very fine golfer who won the Club Championship seven times.

Jess said, *"When I first came to Coffs Harbour in 1948 I was a golfer on a handicap of 17 and because the Club was so small, operating from a clubhouse that could only be called a glorified shed, I was welcomed with open arms and almost immediately elected to the Associates committee, a position I held for sixteen years. During that time I served as Captain, Secretary, Handicap*

More importantly, I was elected as delegate to the Central North Coast Association as well as delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Ladies Golf Union held in Sydney each year.

Our Club was so small we did not have a resident professional. We did have a touring professional by the name of Wally Deveraux who visited. Wally, during this time here, used to give me lessons so that I could pass on that knowledge to new players. Consequently, a group was formed and I used to teach them the fundamentals of play. This resulted in the Club gaining new members.

After 16 years on the Associates committee I was elected Treasurer for the C.N.C. Association. This allowed me to still be a delegate to the governing bodies, the L.G.U. This position was held for the next ten years.

In 1971, the year I turned 50 I instigated the forming of a Veterans Club and Veterans Tournament, both within the Coffs Club and the CNC Association. A nine hole tournament was welcomed particularly as most clubs only had 9 holes. I was Club Champion in 1951, 53, 54, 56, 58, 59 and 1971. Club President 1962-64 and Club Captain 1951.

These were the early days and so much has happened since then. It was one of my proudest achievements when my golf handicap was reduced to 8 when I won the Ladies Section of the North Coast Open, a professional tournament, setting a new course record.

Golf is still an important part of my life and I will be so disappointed when the time comes and I am unable to play."

Jess will be turning 90 on 1st January. She is still very much involved with the Club and plays a very competitive game of golf.

When presented with her certificate, Jess said, "It is such an honour to receive this award. The positions I've held were an education to me and I took great pleasure to doing them...but most of all I would like to say how much golf is like a medicine to me. When I come along to play, and see your happy faces, it lifts my spirits."

Alice was also thrilled to receive the award. She spoke of her pleasure in being involved in the Club, the many friends she has made and their help to her over the years. Alice served on the Ladies Committee from 1970-1992 and held a wide variety of positions including Publicity Officer, President, Vice President and Vice Captain. She was also a representative for the Central North Coast Association and the Ladies Golf Union. Perhaps one of her most enduring achievements is the work she did with beginners. For over 20 years she fostered the growth of new members through a special competition held on Tuesdays. Many members owe their enjoyment of golf to Alice's work.

Alice worked tirelessly with the Tuesday beginners group for 22 years, fostering over many new members and boosting Wednesday fields to 160+. She stated, "I was very proud of this, to see our Club growing was wonderful." Many members owe their enjoyment of golf to Alice's work.

For the Club's 60th Anniversary, Alice and the committee organised a 'Week of Nostalgia'. A full week of golf for everyone including an Art Show. Social activities were held every 2nd night with a huge Sunday function to wind up the week. It was a great success.

In 1991, Alice was nominated for Life Membership *"for which I feel very humble but also very proud and I hope I have lived up to what this stands for. I will always be very grateful to all our Lady Members for their wonderful friendship over the whole of my 50 years of membership, the camaraderie and respect of all the lady members and committee over all these years."*

As a Life Member, Alice is still giving the Ladies her full support. Attending functions and weekly golfing events, always willing to assist the committee and advance the Club.



Olive (Ollie) Edwards – Muswellbrook Golf Club

Over fifty years ago in 1959, Ollie Edwards joined the Muswellbrook Golf Club and became hooked on the game ever since. She has been a valued member of the club over the years and has not only been a playing member, but helped in all areas of golf at the Muswellbrook Club.

Ollie was a C Grade Champion in 1976, 1977, 1981, 1996, 2001 and 2004; a B Grade Champion in 1987, 1989 and 1990. Ollie was also part of the winning Ladies Foursomes and Mixed Foursomes Team in 1990, a Flanders Cup Winner in 1983 and a member of the winning Country Cup Team in 1978 and 1981. She played in the Pennant Teams for numerous years.

Ollie's volunteer activities saw her take on committee duties as a Ladies Committee member. She went on to become Captain in 1982 to 1985, then again from 1996 to 1998. She rose to the helm as President from 1993 to 1995, then again in 2001 -2002. She stepped into the role as Patroness of the Ladies Club since 1996. To honour her contribution to the Club, Ollie was made a Life Member in march 1998.

Before the Club had caterers the Associates catered for all Members (male) major events. Ollie was part of this dedicated group. She has worked and still works as a volunteer for the Clubs Charity Days. These include the Police Golf Day (43 years), Black Coal Cup Day (Westpac Helicopter) and junior tournaments (e.g. the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation).

After being inducted into the 50-Year Service to NSW Golf Honour Roll, Ollie recounted that she has had many wonderful times being involved with golf over the years. She even met her husband Brian on the golf course. She joined the committee with Joyce Lonergan, also a Life Member, Geida Gladsby and Carmel Harris who as mentors taught her much over the years.

When asked about her best moments she said "playing in the Local Pro-Am with Nathan Green and winning the Holden Scramble twice in three years."

And as an interesting note the annual membership when Ollie joined Muswellbrook was 21 Shillings. It cost 2 & 6 to play and the winning prize was 7 & 6 and a ball! How times have changed!



Mollie Hodgkinson – Killara Golf Club

Mollie, a spritely 87-year-old, is well known to everyone at Killara Golf Club. Her ready smile and bright eyes make you always feel welcome. She's also keen to offer positive encouragement to beginner golfers with more than 50 years experience under her belt.

No one was more surprised than Mollie when the award was announced by Killara Golf Club's Lady President, Libby Lothian, and Annette Baggie, a member of Killara and a representative of WGNSW.

"I was quite shocked and overwhelmed. I was sure they were talking about someone else when the presentation started. Then I realised that this was all for me. What a surprise. I think my friends were all 'in on it' but kept the secret very well," she said.

The honour recognises Mollie's many years of service to golf at Killara since she joined the club in 1954. In 1964-65 Mollie was the Ladies Handicap Manager and part of the No. 1 Grade winning team. In 1967-69 Mollie was Killara's Lady Captain and represented Killara on the State Executive Council of NSW Ladies Golf Union.

Mollie was elected Lady President in 1971 and served for three years. Her persuasive charm and foresight as President brought benefits we still enjoy today. Mollie also initiated a weekly bridge day at the Club, which proved so popular it became a weekly event that still flourishes. As an active member of the Ex-Service Women's Association she was also involved in the Ex-Service Women's Trophy, which continued up until a few years ago when the field was reduced to just two, including Mollie.

From the mid 1980s until 2003 Mollie was also responsible for the Ladies' Archives, producing a two-volume pictorial record of the History of the Ladies at Killara. This still remains a valuable resource for the Club's archives. In honour of her commitment to Killara Golf Club, Mollie Hodgkinson was elected a Life Member in 2004. She continues to play an active role at the Club, and is still a very active golfer, often seen playing in the main ladies' comp on a Tuesday or Friday but sometimes preferring the afternoon field of 10 holes.

Lady President, Libby Lothian, says she is often amazed at Molly's stamina and grasp of all the latest technology: "She is a very 'with it' lady who has no trouble accommodating our new computer timesheets and scorecards. Mollie has an amazing knowledge of the Club as a whole. She is a reliable sounding board for opinions and new ideas and a good barometer of the membership's thinking, as well as being a wonderful supporter of the Ladies Committee. We all love her dearly."

In accepting the award, Mollie said she was overwhelmed to receive such a wonderful recognition of her contribution to the Club and was grateful to still be enjoying her golf.



L-R: Annette Baggie, Killara GC President Libby Lothian and Mollie Hodgkinson.



Thelma Hogg

Joining the Taree Golf Club at age 26 as a young mother with four children, Thelma and her husband were very keen club members with Thelma becoming Captain of the Ladies Committee. Some years later the family moved to Sydney and Thelma played at Cabramatta for about 13 years, before moving to the Toukley Golf Club.

Since joining Toukley, Thelma has been a very involved member, working on the Ladies Committee and also the Brisbane Waters District Committee, helping to organise tournaments etc. Over the years she has won many competitions and has represented her club at pennants many times. In 2001, Toukley started a beginners group for women to encourage new members. They are known at the "Angels". They have a few lessons with the pro and Thelma walks 4 or 5 holes with these beginners teaching a few basic rules, etiquette and mainly giving lots of encouragement. Many of Toukley's good players say they owe it all to Thelma, when they would have given up; it was her enthusiasm that kept them going.



Joan Wansey

A recipient of a Life Membership at Newcastle Golf Club, Joan is only one of 9 people that have been honoured in the 105 history of the club and one of the two living Life Members, both women.

Joan has served the club extremely well, having been a club member for over 60 years, a regular player, and a supporter of the club's teams and individual players. She has served 10 years on the Women's committee, including a term as Club Captain, represented the club in many events and sponsored a Perpetual trophy. Her family have been generous in assisting in the course's development.



Nancy Elrington

Nancy Elrington (nee King) started playing golf at the Narromine Golf Club in 1956 at the age of 16 years, With very keen golfers as parents, she was taught by her father and she continued to play regularly until her three children were born, returning to the game when her children were at school.

In 1974 Nancy was elected to the committee of the then Narromine Associates and has held every position on that committee for at least a period of three years. She is still an active ladies golf committee member. In 1994, Nancy became Narromine's representative at Western Districts meetings. In 1997 - 1998 she was the Western Districts elected representative at WGNSW. Elected Vice President of WD in 1998 - 2000, Nancy served on the Match Committee 1996 - 2006, was Handicap Manager 2004-2006 and was co-opted and still holds that position.

Nancy successfully completed her rules accreditation course in 1996. She was elected to the Members Board of the Narromine Golf Club in 2001 and elected Honorary Secretary in 2007 (we do not have a paid manager). She still holds this position.



WDLGA District Delegate Marcia Box and Nancy Elrington



L-R: Narromine President Joan Collins, Narromine President (men's) - Richard Duff, Nancy Elrington and far right WDLGA Delegate Marcia Box.

Members admitted to the WGNSW Honour Roll in 2009

Ethel Nelson, Betty McLean, & Val Heferen - Mudgee

Mudgee lady golfers Val Heferen, Betty McLean and Ethel Nelson were all inducted to the honour roll in 2009 as part of a joint ceremony in Mudgee. They have been members involved in golf for more than 50 years and have significantly contributed to the development of the game at their club in the form of serving on the committee or volunteering their time. Between these three ladies they have contributed over 163 years to golf and their club. Betty and Ethel – who are sisters – have been members of Mudgee Golf Club since 1952 and 1953 respectively, while Val joined the club in 1980 after being a member of several clubs including Dubbo Bourke, Young, Leeton and Barham since 1959.

Ethel has been involved in the fund raising side of the club, being one of the regular raffle sellers and organizer of any fund raising event even though she has not been able to play for some months. She donated a perpetual trophy back in 1956 in memory of her dear golfing friend who passed away at a young age. This trophy is one of the most sought after prizes still in the club.

Her younger sister Betty has worked on the committee and sub-committee for many years. Betty was handicap



manager from 1989-1992, secretary in 1993 and served twice as vice-president from 1994 and 1996-1998. Betty was awarded life membership of the Mudgee Golf Club in 2000.

Continued: Nelson, Mclean & Heferen

Val has been a continuous member and player of New South Wales clubs since she joined Dubbo Golf Club in 1959. Val has been a committee member for many golf clubs with roles including captain, vice president, treasurer and secretary at Mudgee Golf Club. She was a committee member for Western Districts for several years, including time as President from 2004 to 2006. On two separate occasions in the 1980s and 90s, Val was the Western District State Councillor for New South Wales.

Susan Wilson – Merewether Golf Club

Sue joined Merewether as a Junior (her father, Merv Hughes, was Secretary/Manager at Merewether for 28 years). She played Pennants for Merewether and was twice the Club Champion. Sue has been very active in golf administration: she was on the NHDLGA Committee for eight years; she was the non-playing Captain of the NSW Women's Golf Team in 2003; and she currently serves as Deputy Chair on the WGNSW Match Committee. Sue is currently involved as a WGNSW Board Member.



Joan Palmer – Maitland Golf Club

Joan joined Maitland Golf Club in 1947 and has held positions of president, vice president, handicap manager and social committee member on the Committee, starting in the early 1950s and continuing for many years. She was president from 1958 to 1960 and, whilst she was on Committee, all meetings were held in the evening due to the fact that she was working as a teacher during the day. As the club historian, Joan established an archives collection after finding the original hand written members' minute book of 1899. It was Joan who edited a souvenir book on the Club's history 1899 – 1988 for the Australian Bicentennial Authority.



Joan's dedication and work was honoured with Life Membership in 1998. In 2004, when Maitland Golf Club incorporated with East Maitland Bowling Club, she was proud to be asked to overturn the first sod on the new course. In 2008, as a mark of great respect from the club, the new bridge over the creek on the 11th hole was named Palmer's Crossing. Joan is a great example to us all. She is always the first to arrange to play with a new member and, even at this stage of her life, is only happy when she can be out on the golf course.

Members admitted to the WGNSW Honour Roll in 2008

Patricia Hain – Cooma Golf Club

Patricia served on the Ladies Committee as Secretary for ten years, then as Vice-President for nine years and finally as President for eleven years. She was also a committee member for many years after that.

Patricia joined the Cooma Golf Club in 1945. However, she has had an even longer association with the club as both her parents were also playing members of the club. Made a Life Member in November 1997, she gave up playing later that year. Patricia continued to enjoy going to the club to help in some way whenever needed. Her philosophy is that

“we must all contribute to the club in return for the pleasure we have had from being able to participate in club events.”



Doreen Edwards – Merewether Golf Club

Doreen joined Merewether Club in 1958, having played her first game in 1948 at Gosford. Her first club was Narrabri and she joined there in 1953 gaining her first handicap of 32 in the same year.

She won the club championship at Merewether 25 times and Newcastle Golf Club twice, as well as numerous foursomes and mixed foursomes titles at Merewether and the District. The District Champion of Champions title, the Open Northern Cup and District title all figure in her record. Along with fellow club members Susan Wilson and Cheryl Middleby, this team won the right to represent NSW as the club Scratch team in the 1982 Australian Ladies Golf Union Spalding National Teams event in Canberra, and winning the event with the nett club team Manly Golf Club .

Played every year in the pennant team since 1959, bar one year, collecting six Pennant winner's badges, and as a country member of the Lakes Golf Club in the 70s played for the that club in the Sydney Metropolitan Grade competition.

At the time of her award, Dorren's handicap was 14 and her lowest was 3. She played off 4 for many years. Winning a Laurel Wreath brooch was a proud achievement.

Doreen contributed significantly to the club and district as an administrator and also an innovator. She has held many club positions including Assistant secretary, Honorary secretary, Captain for two terms and President one term and now as patroness. She also received Life Membership of the club. As the inaugural Junior Promotion Officer for the Newcastle and Hunter District Ladies Golf Association Doreen developed a strong programme for junior girls in the District and laid the foundation for the future.

The Merewether Minor Programme at Merewether Club was Doreen's initiative. This programme has been successful in promoting and attracting women to golf and is seen as a blueprint for other clubs. The maintenance and growth of women's membership at Merewether is directly attributable to this programme. Doreen's advice to anyone about golf is

“Know your Rules” and she continued to inspire and encourage others to develop their golfing skills and knowledge of the game.



Dorothy Clark – Merewether Golf Club

Dorothy was a member of the Merewether Golf Club for fifty (50) years. She served on the District Committee for ten years.

Dorothy also served twenty-five years in numerous roles on the Merewether Women's Committee as President, Captain, Vice President and Assistant Secretary.

She played in the Pennants Team, with a handicap down to 12 and at the time of her award off 28.

Joyce Fletcher – Newcastle Golf Club

Joyce joined the Newcastle Golf Club in 1947 and on 14th – 20th May 2007, she celebrated her 60th years of Membership.

She played Pennants for Newcastle Ladies for ten years and has been a loyal follower ever since. She has won the B Grade Championship three times and the C Grade Championship once at eighty-four years of age.

Joyce served on the Ladies Committee for nineteen years including terms as Assistant Secretary and Vice President. She was made an Honorary Life Member of Newcastle golf Club in 1995 and remains a great source of knowledge and good humour within the Club.



Esma Nicols – Bayview Golf Club

Esma joined the Bayview Golf Club on 12th April 1947. She served on the Ladies Committee for fourteen years --- four as Captain, one as Vice Captain and four as President.

She made Life Member in 1987. In 1997 after fifty years of continuous membership she became the first woman to be appointed Patron of the Club. Esma was a member of the Club's first Grade Team in 1950 and continued to represent the club for many years. Until about a year ago, she put away her clubs, but is still an active member, coming to the Club often on a Thursday to catch up with the old friends, attending Finals of all Championships, Presentations, etc. She turned 91 years young on the 4th of March 2008.





Rosemary Jackson – Bayview Golf Club

Rosemary joined the Bayview Golf Club on 8th May 1956. She also served on the Ladies Committee for many years.

Rosemary was part of the team of four which won the Coronation Medal in 1992 and 1993 by Bayview. She played in many of the Pennant Teams and was B Grade Club Champion in 1989 and 1996. She is a valued member of our Club and it is always great to have a game with her still.

She turned 81 years old on 26th May 2008.

Members admitted to the WGNSW Honour Roll in 2007

Irene Fuller
Alice Williams
Beryl Harris
Bubbles Elliott
Elaine Aiken
Gwen Molloy
Lola Clarke
Marie Day
Meryl Wright
Noi Miller
Veema Williams
Ann Halliday
Beryl Kelleher
Dorothy Clarke
Elisabeth Lloyd
Gwyn Shambrook

Loris Clunne
Marie Dinsey
Nella Hunt
Nola Wright
Shirley Donlon
Violet Hawker
Audrey Somerville
Betty Cross
Eileen Gielis
Linda Linklater
Lucy Turner
Mary Dawson
Nella Pinkerton
Patricia Macdonald
Tessa Croke



NOMINATION TO THE HONOUR ROLL FOR 50+ YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE GAME OF GOLF IN NSW

[As at 30th July 2010]

Is there a stalwart in your Club who has contributed significantly to the development of the game of golf in NSW and provided over **50 years of Service?** (**NOT just participation**). Then why not nominate him/her for recognition in the Golf NSW Honour Roll?

Golf NSW will provide a special certificate which can be presented on an appropriate occasion. Following the presentation, we ask that a photo of the recipient receiving her acknowledgment be sent to us. The story and photo will be forwarded to "The Golfer Pacific", therefore a good quality is required quality (high resolution with a file size of 500kb or more). Please also send a quote of the nominee responding to receiving the Certificate as well as any articles, e.g. local papers, etc.

For more information visit www.golfnsw.org and check out the "About the Honour Roll of 50+ Year of Service to NSW Golf" and read the Bios of those currently on the list.

Email nomination is preferred.

Name of Nominee:	
Club Name:	
Background of the SERVICE the Nominee has given the Club: Please use back of page for further information.	
Nominated By:	
Position: Contact Details: (email, phone address to mail certificate to)	
Proposed date of Presentation:	
I will forward a photo of the Award Presentation to Golf NSW (preferred) OR (Please circle or cross out/delete one as applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
A Photo of the Nominee is enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
OFFICE USE ONLY:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Email P/VP _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cert./CL _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation Photo Rd: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Article Rd: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> DATE RECEIVED: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Photo <input type="checkbox"/> Bio <input type="checkbox"/> Quote <input type="checkbox"/> Golfer Pacific Sent: _____ Web _____ <input type="checkbox"/> List <input type="checkbox"/> Data <input type="checkbox"/> Other: SFA <input type="checkbox"/> NT/APP: _____	
APPROVED: COO/CEO: _____	[Date] _____