

District Reports for October 2012 Council Meeting

DISTRICIT BLUE MOUNTAINS REPORT (Women's)

As another year draws to a close it has been a busy one for all our clubs. Blackheath and Oberon have their open days in November and the district has finals day on 26th November to complete the year.

Blackheath Club has made a decision not to program major events during the winter months as a trial to see if they can retain and attract new members.

An article in the Inside Golf Magazine re Clubs charging a fee for Members to use motorised golf carts on their own course was taken to Anti Discrimination Board by a Member of one of our clubs prior to the article being published, as a result the fee has now been waived

Springwood Country Club has now implemented a school program whereby on sports day a clinic will be held before the students go on the course.

ZONE A REPORT

In September Zone A conducted its second meeting for the year of Council Members and Club Delegates at Ryde-Parramatta Golf Club. The meeting format comprised eighteen holes of golf at Ryde-Parramatta followed by light refreshments and informal presentations from Zone A Council Members. Sixteen clubs were represented with apologies from five others. The scope of discussion covered the changes in conditions and eligibility for Major Pennant effective from 2014 and a revised format for Junior Pennant effective from 2013 in addition to the new criteria for high performance players. Also covered were the changes that will be introduced to the Ladies Grade competitions. An update was provided in respect to the progress of the Course Rating and Handicapping and the detail and timing of future changes by Golf Australia viz implementation of slope and Daily Stroke Rating. There was general discussion around handicapping after the revision of the calculation and the introduction of the anchor. It was advised that there is currently being prepared a Q&A paper expected to be released shortly that covers many questions around management of handicapping. Issues in relation to membership were discussed particularly in relation to making golf attractive to girls and young women, modified rules for juniors to make sure they were having fun while at the same time keeping in mind the potential memberships from the 40 to 50 year olds. Chris Allen, the Chairman of Golf NSW and Delegate, Pennant Hills Golf Club, addressed the meeting and reported on the investigations underway by the EPA into courses using 'illegal' pesticides. Only products approved for use on turf are allowed to be applied to golf courses, products approved for agriculture do not necessarily comply. The register of approved chemicals is available to all course superintendents. The EPA is conducting a pilot study of 40 clubs to audit the appropriate use of chemicals. Clubs are advised to audit their own stock and, if anything illegal is discovered, to contact a registered disposal company to remove them.

ZONE B REPORT

One Council-owned Club reported increasing pressure to provide recreational facilities for the general public beyond golf related activities e.g. children's playgrounds, public walking paths. It is understood other Clubs in NSW face similar pressures, and if so, the question needs to be asked as to the future sustainability of these Clubs as Golf Clubs.

Bankstown GC reported that the Bankstown Cup was won by Sean Macdona, a local Member, with a course-record equalling 69.

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Also a Zone B meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, 27th November at 5:30pm at Bankstown Golf Club. All Zone B delegates and Club officials, plus representation from Golf NSW to be invited.

ZONE C

Most clubs in the Zone have been holding their club championships, and the weather has been kind, most of the time--apart from a few "freezing and wet" days. The courses are in their prime at this time of the year, and it is a pleasure to play on them.

The Inaugural "Penrith Valley Ladies Golf Tournament" was held this year at Penrith Golf Club, Glenmore Heritage Club and Leonay Golf Club. Representatives from each club joined together to form a committee which started 18 months prior to the event, to manage and run the Tournament. Players had the opportunity to play one, two or all three days with each day being at a different course. Daily and 3 day tournament trophies were awarded, with a major trophy for the best 3 rounds at the Hawkesbury Classic tournament in June and the Penrith Valley Tournament. This trophy was donated by Women's Golf Nepean, and won by Janita Robb from Glenmore Heritage Club. Due to the success of this tournament, it has been programmed again for August 2013--with exact dates to be confirmed.

GOLFNSW held one of the 3BBB metropolitan playoffs at Windsor Golf Club on Thursday 18th October. The course was in excellent condition for the playoff. The scones, jam and cream provided by the Windsor ladies was a nice touch half way. Castle Hill and Asquith teams both qualified for the state final to be held at Bonville Golf Course.

Windsor Golf Club is holding "History Week"--the first week in November. They are raising funds for a History Book which is being published in 2013 to celebrate 50 years since the club started. The ladies are holding a History Fun Day. The men are holding a series of events as well. There will be a Trivia Night on Saturday 3rd November. The Windsor Ladies have started a Beginners 9 hole competition with 6 ladies competing. Committee members go out on the course with these ladies to teach rules, etiquette, how to score--basics etc. It is hoped that some of these ladies will be ready to join Summer Competition which starts in December.

Stonecutters Ridge--the new course was officially opened on Saturday 13th October and Sue Fabian and Chris Allen from GOLFNSW were in attendance. There have been a few teething problems which hopefully will sort out soon. They are averaging 300 players each Saturday, and the average time for a round of golf is 5 hours. This is mainly due to men searching for lost balls in the long rough, which is brown snake habitat!!!! There is a shortage of lady members, and the cost of membership is making it hard to attract a lot of women. A two--day Veterans Tournament is being held in November with Richmond and Stonecutters Ridge.

Richmond Golf Club's amalgamation with The Richmond Club is still ongoing, and we hope to be able to report this final stage, once all the legal issues have been passed and accepted. We then hope to be able to report on new changes to the club, and hopefully a membership drive will take place--especially for the ladies.

On reflection it is wonderful to see clubs combining together in "Zone C" and running events and tournaments between clubs. I think this seems to be a great way to strengthen relationships and bring in revenue for each other during these "difficult" financial times.

THE ZONE C DELEGATES MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER AT CASTLE HILL GOLF CLUB.

Zone C Council Member--Judy Harris

MID NORTH COAST DISTRICT REPORT

MNCDGA has always supported Regional Championships and this year as host of the event we endeavoured to give the event high priority. Bonville stepped up to host the event and added an attractive weekend package that all could afford. The field however was a little disappointing with individual players and Districts not committed to the event.

The Regional Champion for 2012 was Kurt Freeman from Ballina who finished with a two round total of 153

Tom Major from Coffs Harbour shot 157 to win the Junior title while Phil Daley was the senior champion.

Coffs Harbour Golf Club took Sandy Cameron Shield winning both scratch and nett team events

Special thanks to Bonville for hosting and running the event a special thanks to those players who supported the championships

In conjunction with the Regional Championships MNCDGA played Northern Rivers DGA in the Fred Causley shield. It was tremendous to have Fred travel down for the event and be present to hand over the Shield. Unfortunately for Fred ,home ground advantage assisted Mid North Coast to win the clash , so presenting the Shield to the opposition was not the perfect ending. This years event was played under stroke conditions with plans to revert to the regular matchplay format next year.

The Bonville International was again played this year. 14 Clubs attended the event which commenced with a presentation from Mike Orloff a well known Golf Industry consultant. The presentation was followed by morning tea and a round of golf. Coffs Harbour won the Invitational however the success of the day was in the networking between all clubs present.

MNCDGA is planning a Junior Gala day at various Clubs in the District . Jack Newton Territory manager Ray Robbins is busily organising these events for late November and after success of a gala day held at Port Macquarie it is hoped the participation will be replicated in our District.

NORTHERN RIVERS DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

It is my sad duty to report that Mr Earle (EJ) Williams passed away on 12th August. EJ was a Life Member of Murwillumbah Golf Club, Northern Rivers District Golf Association and NSW Golf Association. Earle will be sadly missed by both his family and the golfing fraternity.

The NRDGA Mixed Foursomes were held at Woodenbong Golf Club on Sunday 7th October. The defending champions, Keith O'Grady and Sheridan Gorton (Murwillumbah) were tied with Charlie Kaehler and Catherine Coates (Murwillumbah) after 27 holes. Kaehler and Coates won the title on the first hole of sudden death after O'Grady and Gorton 3 putted.

On Sunday 14th October, the annual Tri-District match between the NRDGA, Gold Coast DGA and South East Queensland DGA was played at Murwillumbah Golf Club. In general, the course was probably the winner with almost all players challenged by the speed of the greens and the run on the fairways following a prolonged dry spell. The NRDGA was successful in 2 of the 4 categories (Seniors and Juniors) and the GCDGA were successful in the Open and Colts Divisions. All players appeared to enjoy the challenge and one NRDGA Junior, Liam Anderson, scored a great round of par 71 – after 4 putting his first hole!!

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The NRDGA Championships were held at Maclean on Sunday 21st October. A strong field of 80 competed with the winner being Damien Jordan of Coolangatta-Tweed Heads who shot a fine 2 under par round of 70 to win by one shot from Matt Crandell of Byron Bay.

The NRDGA recently received a \$15000 bequest from the estate of the late Gary Ridge, a former member of Ocean Shores Golf Club. Mr Ridge specified that the funds be used for the development of Junior Golf.

The NRDGA is in the process of updating their webpage to make it more mobile friendly. In this digital age it is important to have a strong on-line presence. The Australian Bureau of Statistics recently released figures which showed that from April to June, mobile users downloaded 32% more data compared to the last 3 months of 2011. The figures show that 6 million Australians use mobile wireless connections – an increase of nearly 7% in six months.

Ian Armour

President

MURRAY DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

With the development of a website the district has vastly improved its ability to provide up to date information to our members. Although the process has required some trial and error the site is now operating well and only needs additional input from clubs re their events and activities to make it a valuable source of relevant and interesting information to everyone.

In December a new event the 'Murray Masters' will be played on the 7th, 8th and 9th December on three of our major courses – Thurgoona, Howlong and Corowa. The event is sure to attract a lot of interest from both local and visiting golfers and the MDGA is pleased to support this event and feels sure it will become a permanent fixture on the District golfing calendar. Further information is available on the website.

This year has also seen, in addition to the Scratch and Handicap Pennant competitions a Masters Pennant competition being played. The competition has been well received and supported and the district believes it will only get better as time goes by.

A major focus of the district continues to be Junior Golf with particular mention of Howlong Golf Club and their fantastic efforts. The program is remarkably successful and Howlong has been recognized by Golf Australia for having the best Junior Golf Program in Australia.

NHDLGA DISTRICT REPORT

The NHDLGA District has just had their last tournament for 2012. This was the Champion of Champions and District medal playoff. For this event Toronto was our host and the ladies did a great job helping out, and supplying plenty of tea/coffee and food. The course was presented in excellent condition for our club champions to play on. Our eventual winner of the Champion of Champions was Alisa Huff with runner up being Deirdre Brander. It is always good to see the last event closely contested and a good score posted.

The District AGM is to be held on the 29th October in Maitland. The nominations for committee positions have not been rushed with enthusiasm so we go to the AGM with some positions not filled. Clubs are finding it hard to fill committee positions as less want the commitment of being on their committee. There are numerous clubs operating with no club Captain only a match committee. The baby boomers are travelling and golf is not a top priority or most.

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There is no-one young coming into golf to take these positions on. I fear for a lot of the clubs in our District that will not survive once these baby boomers leave the game. Our District Committee is the same and to attract ladies onto our committee we have to make allowances for these ladies to be away sometimes 3 months in the year for their own travel or family commitments.

We were pleased to see the Council had 10 nominations for the board positions for 6. From these nominations we didn't know some. We are of the firm opinion that a resume does not tell you if that nomination is a team player and suitable for a board position on GNSW. Someone can have excellent credentials, but personalities are also very important for a working relationship. We have always thought that board nominations should have Council experience before being nominated for a board position. The Councillors would then know the candidate and also if that person would be a good board member. I am sure other Councillors feel much the same. GNSW needs a good solid working structure as there are many challenges ahead to keep the game alive.

To the incoming board we wish you the best of luck. To the passed board our thank you for a job well done. Thankyou to all our Councillor colleagues for a very interesting and friendly year.

Dee Deitz and Maggie O'Donnell

SOUTH WEST

Our pennants were finalized, we had eight teams this year, (only 4 last year) mainly due to the fact we decided to play on Sunday instead of weekday and this brought in 4 more teams. This was so successful that the committee has decided that both zones will play Sundays, as there are only three days.

Zone 1 won by Tumut and zone 2 by Boorowa (1st time) Final at Junee on the 5th Of August, Tumut the victor by 3-2

South West Annual Tournament played on 5 6 7 of October Good result 116 players clubs represented 19 clubs outside association, 8clubs from Aria Park, Bondi, Boorowa, Cabramatta, Concord, Cootamundra, Gundagai. Harden, Junee, Moruya, Murrumbidgee, Queanbeyan, Temora, Tumbarumba, Tumut, Weethalle, Woollahra, Young. Rain on Saturday rather dampened things, but a very successful tournament. Open Championship won by Lauren Stensrud of Queanbeyan runner/up Jeanette Elliott of Harden, Closed Championship by Jeanette Elliott of Harden runner/up Maryanne Fitzgerald, Harden.

WESTERN DISTRICTS LADIES

Another year has passed very quickly and the 2012 golfing year is drawing to a close. There are not many club tournaments to be held as most western clubs go into recess until after the hot summer months.

Hopefully we have all had a happy year although being very busy as usual although a lot of tournament numbers have been down unfortunately this seems to be the trend at the moment.

Western Districts held their Annual General Meeting at Wellington on 19th October, 2012.

The new Committee for year 2012 is:-

President	-	Paula McAnally (Trangie)
Vice Presidents	-	Penny Russ-Smith (Albert) Marj Kelly (Narromine) Beryl Pearce (Dunry League)
Secretary	-	Robyn Newey (Orange Ex-Services)
Assistant Secretary		Sue Martin (Wellington)
Treasurer	-	Val Soulsby (Warren)

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Handicappers - Carol Furney (Mudgee) Colleen Helyar (Condobolin)

JPO - Sharon Nott (Dunedoo)

Co-ops - Marcia Box (Mudgee)

Western Districts Finals Day was held at Duntry League Orange on 13th September, 2012.

WDLGA Pennants was won by Parkes Runners up Forbes 4/1

Champion of Champions was won by Susan Fenwick (Duntry League) 74

Sand Greens Champion was won by Virginia Drogemuller (Grenfell) 93

Western Districts has lost one of their clubs with Lyndhurst Golf Club not being able to affiliate this year.

Western Districts held the Open Western Cup this year and it was won by Alison Seib from Orange Ex-Services Country Club adding to her success at winning the Western Districts Tournament for the last 3 years. Alison also won the City of Orange Championships for the third time in October – this tournament had 194 starters.

A highlight for the year was Val Heferen from Mudgee being elected as counsellor for Western Districts. Val received this position after all her many years dedication and work for Western Districts over 30 odd years.

Mudgee has continued with their junior programme holding monthly junior days with Go-Go golf with an average of 30 juniors participating in a morning's golf with a bar-b-cue to follow. Coaching is held on a Tuesday afternoon and fortnightly competitions on Sunday. A pizza night was held on the first Tuesday of term and 39 little juniors turned up and registered for either My Golf programme or a new initiative of a golf sports day for 6 to 9 year olds which includes soccer, softball and golf.

Sharon Nott and Eddie Emerson also held a very successful junior two day MYGolf camp in September at Forbes – they have 63 juniors registered in MYGolf during the past 12 months and the program is providing a pathway for the introduction and development of junior golfers at Forbes.

Western Districts held a very successful Junior Camp at Coonabarabran with approximately 40 juniors attending for the week. Sharon Nott conducted the camp with the help of professionals Matt Maquire (Moree) Eddie Emerson (St Michaels) and Bob Richards Sydney with the week culminating in the WD Junior Championship on Friday.

The Western District Championship winner was Hannah Smith (Coonabarabran) and Ellie Capewell also from Coonabarabran runner up. (Full report attached)

Mudgee held a very successful tournament on 14th October with 107 players, Kate Purcell from Mudgee won the 18 hole event with a score of 81 – after being runner up for quite a few years Kate was very happy with the day.

Western Districts held the NSW Sand Greens Championships on weekend of 20th & 21st October.

Div. 1 winner Sharon Nott (Dunedoo) Div. 2 winner Vivian Beehan (Cobar) Division 3 winner Suzie Hardwick (Cobar) 104 players competed in very hot conditions. Thanks to Cobar for their great hospitality and also Sue Fabian for her attendance.

We would like to thank the board, office staff and fellow councillors for another successful year. Good golfing health and happiness for 2013

Marcia Box - Robyn Newey - WDLGA Councillors - October 2012

WOMEN'S GOLF NORTHERN RIVERS

In late July Women's Golf Northern Rivers celebrated their 80th Anniversary with 3 days of golf at Lismore Workers Golf club and a dinner held to thank all of those who had contributed to that time. Sue Fabian represented GNSW and congratulated WGNR for their contribution to the promotion and development of the game of golf. In particular, Irene Fuller, our highly credentialed Life Member, at the age of 91 travelled from Brisbane and enjoyed catching up with ladies who she had been involved with since arriving on the Northern Rivers in the mid 1950's. The dinner was enjoyed by all and our President Patsy Jessup, as always, was a great MC.

It was wonderful to see Sue Reguson of Coolangatta-Tweed Heads win both the Open and Closed Championship, emanating the same result that her mother, Jean Dahl of Grafton, had done in 1975.

Jean was also recognised on the night for achieving her 30th "Club Champion" of Grafton club. Also in attendance was the 1961 Champion, Betty Ellem, and now of Ballina, who still plays golf weekly.

Foursome winners were Val Davidson of Tenterfield with Marilyn Druitt of Ballina.

Our District had responded to Golf Australia on the proposed changes to the Handicapping system, in particular our strong objection to the introduction to the DSR. We appreciated the opportunity to be at a meeting when Golf Australia was in Sydney giving a presentation on those proposals.

Joy Slater

District Councillor

WESTERN RIVERINA DISTRICT REPORT

Summer is fast approaching and a number of our clubs have ceased competition for the year.

Deniliquin hosted the WRDGA Championships at the end of August and whilst numbers were down 30 on 2011 we were reasonably happy with the field of 187 over two days. A move away from foursomes to a fourball on Saturday has proven successful and well received by those participating. Championship winners and Champion of Champions were Gail O'Halloran of Deniliquin for the ladies and Matt Staines of Griffith for the men. Next years event will be held at Hay.

Our annual sandgreen challenge against Riverina DGA was held at Coleambally in September and after an enjoyable game of golf and considerable socialising Western Riverina emerged winners. 2013 sees us venture to Lockhart in an attempt to retain the O'Mahoney / Sneddon trophy. Since its inception 13 years ago the event has grown in popularity amongst sandgreen golfers and teams now consist of twelve players.

Junior participation is still low and causes concern. Jerilderie and Goolgowi have successful programmes in place and the new professional at Griffith had a good response to a programme he ran over the school holidays.

WGCNC

District Medal:

On Friday 6th July the final of the District Medal was played at Camden Haven in less than ideal conditions. The winners were:

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Gold Medal: Cindy Gough Taree Net 76
Silver Medal: Julie Moore Sawtell Net 81
Bronze Medal: Elaine Everitt Sawtell Net 86

Annual Tournament – Coffs Harbour

A very successful tournament was held on 7th, 8th and 9th August with over 200 players nominating for the Open and Closed Championship and 164 for the foursomes.

The Open Championship was closely contested with only 2 shots separating the winner, promising junior Amelia Mehmet-Grohn of Coffs Harbour, from Carole Blair of Forster/ Tuncurry, runner up. The foursomes was won by Amelia Mehmet-Grohn and another promising junior, Courtney Robinson from Sawtell. After many weeks of rain the weather was perfect and thanks to the Coffs Harbour ladies for all their efforts to make the tournament such a success including the great 60's concert. Next year the annual tournament will be held at Taree on 6th 7th and 8th August.

AGM

Our AGM was held on 8th October when our Secretary, Jean Ramsey retired and we welcomed Robyn Calvert of Forster Tuncurry. All other Committee ladies retained their positions.

Junior Camps

Our Junior Co-ordinator Catherine Robinson has run 2 very successful weekend training camps for the junior girls in our District and another is planned for the first weekend in November at Forster Tuncurry.

Verelle Miller

District Councillor WGCNC

RIVERINA DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

Our AGM was held on Sunday 7th October at Coolamon Golf Club and all executive members were re-elected. David Mumford (Narrandera Golf Club) is President, Brian Harris (Wagga Country Club) is Captain and Colin Stewart (The Rock Golf Club) is Secretary/Treasurer.

Lockhart Golf Club hosted our Sandgreen Championships in July and a good field of 56 players enjoyed the good weather and good course conditions.

During August Tournaments were held at Junee, Leeton, Henty and Narrandera. Unfortunately the trend of players not travelling is continuing and player numbers were down at these events.

Kapooka Golf Club hosted our Riverina Championships in September and again it was very disappointing to have only a small number of players participate considering the two Wagga Clubs are within the same location. The members and committee at Kapooka Golf Club have put an enormous amount of time and energy into bringing the course into good condition which was in fear of closing 18 months ago.

The City of Wagga Tournament was held at the Wagga Country Club on 6th & 7th October with around 160 players participating. The event was won by the Club Champion Henry Brind.

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Our very popular handicap pennants were again contested early in the year with Junee Golf Club defeating Wagga Country Club in the final.

All our clubs have supported the Keno NSW Mixed Fourball and the Sureshots GPS NSW Mens Fourball. Our players enjoyed the experience and hospitality at Bonville Golf Club.

A popular event with our sandgreen golfers is the annual challenge with Western Riverina DGA. The event this year was hosted by Coleambally Golf Club and Western Riverina DGA were the victors 6 matches to 4.

David Byfield
RDGA Councillor

RIVERINA LGA

Life Membership At our Annual Championship Dinner, on 26th September, Gail O'Halloran, from Deniliquin Golf Club was awarded Life Membership of Riverina Ladies Golf Association. Virginia Lange read the citation and outlined Gail's amazing contribution to golf in the Riverina. A standing ovation followed leaving Gail speechless, unusual as Gail is never lost for words! Her heartfelt response drew applause and congratulatory remarks from all.

New Website After months of planning our website was launched on 23rd September, at our Annual General Meeting. www.riverinalga.com.au is 'alive' on the web providing tournament details and results, Association and club information and the 'latest' news with photographs of District events.

Golf Events 2012 has been a busy golfing year in the Riverina. Members have enthusiastically supported RLGA and club events which involves ladies travelling many kilometers to attend tournaments.

Sandgreen Championships The Rock Golf Club hosted 96 players for this event. 2012 Champion, with a great score of 72, was Kylie McDougall, from Hay Golf Club.

Inter Club Pennant 22 teams competed this year. Zone winners were Narrandera, Deniliquin 1, Wagga Country teams 1 and 2. Final played between Deniliquin 1 and Narrandera, at Corowa Golf Club. Deniliquin 1 prevailed to win 2012 pennant flag.

Open and Bronze Championships Looking for warmer weather this event was rescheduled to late September rather than early August. Date change proved to be a good move for 130 players. Members of host club, Leeton, worked tirelessly to provide a great venue. Photographs on display showed the fairways totally inundated with floodwaters in March. Visitors had difficulty believing they were playing the same course! 2012 Riverina Champion is Glenda Hoskins, from Howlong Golf Club.

RLGA Committee members and lady golfers were delighted to welcome Golf NSW Board member, Jean Moran, to Leeton for our Championships.

3BBB Final Sixteen teams competed at Griffith Golf Club, on 15th October. Usual fabulous country hospitality somewhat compensated for the very challenging greens! Griffith team, with score of +13 won the day.

2013 NSW Women's Sandgreen Championships There will be plenty of country hospitality on offer for this event 19th & 20th October. If golfers want to experience *golf on the Hay Plains*, advice is, book accommodation now. Contact Hay Visitor Information Centre hayvic@hay.nsw.gov.au.

Margaret Playford

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RLGA Councilor

NORTH & NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION INC

Concerns were expressed at the July Association Meeting re the proposed Daily Scratch Rating and the difficulties that will be encountered with small clubs that are not on Golf Link. A motion was carried that we write to Golf Australia and Golf NSW re the DSR and the effect it will have on small clubs as this will not work at the smaller clubs due to data not being available. Concerns have also been expressed by the larger clubs.

All lady golfers of Clubs within the Association will soon hold their Presentation /Closing Days and will then be in recess until February, with some Clubs conducting 9 holes competitions only, on a social basis, during the break. The District Meeting for the Incoming Association Committee will be held at Boggabri on November 19th.

The 42nd Annual North and North Western District Ladies Golf Association Veterans 4BBB Tournament was held at Tamworth August 27th with a field of 68 players vying for the Goodacre Salver. Lesley Jeffries, Tamworth and Ruth Osborne, Quirindi, paired to win the scratch salver with 27 points. A great day was enjoyed by all the ladies who entered from Clubs within the N&NWDLGA area.

The District 3BBB Ladies Teams Classic Final was held September 17th at Boggabri. There were thirteen teams entered for the District play-off. The winning team were Boggabri ladies M. Hunt, M. Roberts and E. Eather with an amazing +16. Local knowledge must have assisted with the scoring.

The Association Pennants Final was held at Bingara on October 8th. The winners of the three Zones, Moree, Longyard and Gunnedah played 3-way Matchplay to decide the 2012 winners. Moree was the victor. As in previous years our Pennants are not played in grades as we have difficulties with clubs finding enough players to participate. This year teams consisted of three players which enabled more clubs to field teams but for the first time in many years we had three teams withdraw from the competition due to forfeits.

Our annual Junior Girls Coaching Clinic was held at Tamworth October 3rd, 4th & 5th with eight girls participating. The 18 Holes Schoolgirls Championship was played at the conclusion of the Clinic with Montana Dries, Gunnedah, winning by one shot from runner-up Emily Roworth, Tamworth. Zoe curran, Tamworth, won the 18 Hole nett event. The 9 hole Alison Watt Memorial event was won by Bella Burr Clift, Nundle.

Happy Christmas to all,

Di Boulton, Councillor

NEDGA

The combined Fourball and Veterans tournament was held at Uralla in September with 64 players. Fourball winners were Lil Faulkner & Rhonda Mellor - Uralla and the Veteran winners were Kay Nash & Pat Hall - Armidale, this was a very successful day. The Ladies 3 Ball Team Classic play-off was held at Warialda with Sue Urquhart, Jan O'Neill & Lyn O'Brien - Inverell winning and progressing to the State Final at Bonville in December. The 2012 Pennant final is to be held on Tuesday 30th October at Uralla between Walcha and Glen Innes ladies.

Open days have been held at Uralla, Warialda and Walcha with good support from the players. Open days coming up in November are at Armidale, Uralla, Glen Innes and Deepwater.

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The District Annual Meeting was held on 18th October with the following committee being elected:- President..Marlene Ballinger, Vice-Presidents..Joan Bragg & Pip White, Secretary..Pat Hall, Assist. Secretary..Pip White, Treasurer..Janice Egan, Handicap..Marie Moule, JPO..Patsy Barry and Committee..Penny King, Margaret Miller & Margaret Curr.

Matters raised were the proposed changes to the handicapping system, with a letter to be sent to Golf Australia, and also whether GolfNSW will be sending a representative to the Annual District Tournament to be held at Guyra in March 2013 as this is the venue for the 'Open Northern Cup' event, hopefully this will happen next year.

Jan Frater - NEDGA Councillor

WOMENS GOLF ILLAWARRA

Port Kembla Golf Club recently hosted our WGI District Tournament. This is the third annual tournament since separation from the Nepean District and is run over three days. On the first day of the 36 hole event, district champions play in their various qualifying categories. The day also incorporates an open event for visitors. All players also have the option to play in the 18 hole daily competition or in the 36 holes event. On the third day, a Foursomes is played. In between, these days, we hold our Presentation Dinner where along with the presentation of the previous two days events we are fantastically entertained by talented golfing ladies who volunteer to perform skits. Good food, good fun and most of all, good friendship! We were again very pleased with the support we received from our own district ladies as well as neighbouring districts. Numbers over the three days averaged 150 competitors on each day. The 36 Holes Open Champion was Sharon Nott from Dunedoo Golf Club with 157 gross. The WGI Closed Champion was Colleen Bell from Port Kembla Golf Club with 165 gross. And not surprisingly, these two ladies combined to be 18 Hole Foursomes Champions with a score of 85 gross.

Marilyn Wright

Central Western District

There is a newly elected captain for 2013, to our district following our AGM in September. The other positions were all re-elected as per 2012.

The Pennant series was discussed at length and we have extended the club numbers to include Parkes, who will be or third club outside our district to participate in the very successful series. Amalgamation with other Districts was discussed at the meeting, as we realise that NSW Council is too large.

The CWDGA Grass Greens Tournament was a success with 67 players taking part at the Wellington Club. The CWDGA Sand Greens Tournament needs a lot of work, (advertising, promoting, etc) to ensure its success.

John Miller.

Notes: