

### ZONE A REPORT

#### Minutes of a Meeting of Zone A Councillors Tuesday 23 April 2013 at St George Rowers Club, at 1.15.pm

#### **Present**

Les Browne (Chair), Jann Pearson, Lynne Robson, Alan Simmons, Gerry Bush, Mark Stamopoulos, John Benn.

#### **Confirmation of previous minutes**

Minutes from the Zone A meeting held at Cammeray Golf Club on 29 November 2012 were confirmed. Noted that minutes from the Zone A meeting at Avondale Golf Club on Tuesday 12 March 2013 were previously confirmed.

#### **Business arising**

##### **1 Golf event for Zone A**

LB agreed that Long Reef Golf Club could host a 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter golfing afternoon for Zone A councillors and delegates along the lines of the successful 2012 event at Ryde Parramatta G C.

Suggested date: Monday 23 September at 2.00pm hit-off. Suggestion to play 11 holes with a post-game informal gathering. A recommended speaker for the gathering could include a GNSW representative to discuss/share the outcomes from the Sports Business Partners review of governance and structural reform for GNSW. In this regard LB to extend an invitation to both Chris Allen and Stuart Fraser to attend.

LB advised that no participation/player cost would apply to the day while Long Reef would also be pleased to provide light snacks to accompany the gathering. Drinks to be purchased at player's expense. Golf carts would be available for hire at player's expense. LB advised he would be able to assemble certain prizes for the event.

A pro-forma invitation would be prepared by JCB and circulated to councillors for comment/approval in early July whereupon GNSW would be asked to forward details to invite at least two delegates from all Zone A clubs to attend the Long Reef event. All councillors expressed their gratitude to Les for his generous support on behalf of Long Reef Golf Club directors.

**ACTION:** Although the date has all but been confirmed should councillors absent from this meeting have difficulty with the event timing can they please respond via email reply to JCB.

##### **2 Golflink anomalies**

Noted that certain clubs were being monitored regarding non-financial members who continued to play golf at other clubs using their GolfLink registration.

**ACTION:** All councillors are to finalise discussions with their nominee clubs to determine the extent of this anomaly and report to the Zone A meeting on 23 September.

##### **3 List of delegates**

Prior to the 23 September event invitation mailing LB asked that councillors contact their respective clubs in June to secure up to date details regarding delegate representatives - name and contact details - and

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pass this information to GNSW for the Long Reef event invitation as well as for voting/nomination form distribution.

ACTION: All councillors to advise GNSW by 30 June.

### **4 List of attendees**

Councillors sought the names of final attendees at the Avondale Zone A meeting on 12 March.

ACTION: Could MK please circulate to other councillors when convenient.

### **5 Letter from Zone A clubs to Srixon**

It was noted that Srixon generously supported many Zone A clubs through balls/caps and other marketing assistance as part of the 2013 Major Pennant series. Councillors requested LB to write to the appropriate Srixon personnel on behalf of all Zone A clubs to express their gratitude and thanks for this generous golf support.

ACTION: LB to finalise.

### **6 Next meeting/closure**

Long Reef Golf Club on 23 September 2013 with email confirmation of outstanding issues in the interim.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

Les Browne – Chairman

26 April 2013

*Note: previously agreed date for Zone meeting of 16 September changed afterwards to 23 September*

Macarthur grange is currently undergoing some course reconstruction and drainage works to improve it and will be nearing completion later this year. Still open and without too much disruption to play

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## **ZONE C**

WALLACIA- The Men won their "A" Grade Pennant in their Division for the first time in 15 years. The ladies won their Nepean District Pennant for 2013 2 weeks ago.

LADIES NEPEAN DISTRICT- The two-day District Tournament was held earlier in the year at Camden Golf Club. The overall winner was Kerrie Davis, who has won several tournaments in the area-see photo and information.

WINDSOR LADIES- The ladies won their Nepean District Pennant for 2013 2 weeks ago.

### **LADIES HAWKESBURY CLASSIC**

The Ladies from Windsor, Lynwood and Richmond held their "Hawkesbury Classic" Golf Tournament in June. The previous week had been torrential rain, however, for the tournament, we had cool, dry days. The fields were very encouraging with 150 at Windsor, 118 at Lynwood and 140 at Richmond. The ladies came

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from as far north as Yamba, and as far south as Batemans Bay. Frank Gal from GolfNSW was the Rules Guru for the 3 days, and the men from Richmond were spotters and crow chasers on the last day. Chris Allen from GolfNSW very kindly attended on the last day to award the 3 day winners, and was quite happy with the kisses and hugs from the ladies!!!! The overall winner of the 3 day competition was Marija Barclay from Richmond, a lady off 42 handicap, who has young children and only manages to play once a week-she was thrilled.

### **RICHMOND GOLF CLUB**

Richmond is hosting the Australian PGA Seniors Championship from 1-3 November 2013. The event is part of the E-Z-GO PGA Legends Tour and is expected to attract some of Australia's best over 50's tournament professionals, all competing for a prize purse of AU\$70,000. It is the first time that Richmond Golf Club has been selected for involvement in the tour. The Honour roll of the Seniors Championship includes some of Australian Golf's most recognisable names, such as Peter Senior, Peter Fowler and Mike Harwood, many of whom will be involved in the competition in November-see press release.

CASTLE HILL GOLF CLUB- Is hosting the PGA NSW Open. It is several years since this tournament was held here, and everyone is thrilled that it is coming back to it's home in the Hills District.

METROPOLITAN ZONE "C"- Held a VERY successful Presidents, Captains, Councillors and other members meeting at Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. It was great to finally see so many clubs represented from our zone at this meeting. The feedback, I have received, has been very favourable, and I am sure that this format will be continued in the future. We thank Chris Allen, Stuart Fraser, John Lock and Frank Gal from GolfNSW for the talks they gave on various topics. We also thank Stonecutters Ridge, for providing their clubhouse and providing tea, coffee, food and drinks for the night.

JUDY HARRIS

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### **BLUE MOUNTAINS DGA**

Golf activity over the past few months has been minimal due to the extreme wet weather, how much it affects the membership and viability of some clubs worrying.

Total District membership continues to be a matter of concern.

Katoomba GC went into voluntary receivership on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013, its fate will be unknown for some 28 days.

As previously notified Kurrajong Hills and Grose River have closed with these courses no doubt going for housing development.

Our current district membership according to affiliation returns is senior males 1972 and junior males 139, this is a reduction of 186 senior males and 26 junior males from the 2012 membership.

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### Adult Members

<u>Club</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Blackheath	335	338	306	237	287
Grose River	109	137	129	136	Closed
Gulgong	83	69	58	56	66
Henbury	93	89	89	84	85
Katoomba	135	127	112	119	Receivership
Kurrajong	64	55	39	30	Closed
Leura	325	348	258	276	329
Lithgow	168	168	168	143	151
Mudgee	Trans. to Cent. West				
Oberon	106	89	91	110	105
Portland	95	95	104	95	97
Springwood	550	539	503	510	479
Went.Falls	429	398	369	375	237

### Junior Members

<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
45	45	64	40	19
9	9	2	2	Closed
11	6	4	2	1
3	4	4	5	8
21	15	35	21	
0	1	1	2	Closed
29	49	23	16	25
19	17	17	21	21
Trans. to Cent. West				
28	10	12	12	7
10	10	7	15	7
38	58	49	34	18
96	60	42	24	21

Even more alarming is the 5 year reduction result of some 683 senior males and 161 junior males. Falling membership of this magnitude is placing our Blue Mountains clubs under severe pressure to keep the doors and course open.

I can only presume some other districts are experiencing similar circumstances, perhaps GNSW could provide some assistance in this area, it is a topic worth investigation.

### **Tony Busch**

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#### **FAR SOUTH COAST DGA**

The first part of this report is somewhat sad for the Far South Coast DGA. The Candelo Club (our last sand green course) has formally closed. Just 5 or 6 stalwarts have kept the club going for many years and the FSC Sand Green Championships were always a popular event – with the outstanding hospitality to visitors that is typical of the small country club. Unfortunately, it is over.

The other piece of news is interesting – and part of a learning curve which we hope will produce positive results in the long run. As with all in our industry, FSCDGA is looking for ways to attract new members. Our new District Captain, Peter Weire, suggested we try what (for want of a better name) was called a Golf Expo. All clubs in the Southern part of our District were invited to attend one of the largest and most central clubs, displays were established, some fun events conducted, some lessons given – and, of course, clubs were then able to show their wares to attract new members.

A small number of new members for district clubs were signed up. The major lesson learnt seems to be that the forum needs to attract an audience beyond those people already committed to the game of golf. Since it was conducted at a golf club, most of the people who attended were golfers.

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The idea is not lost. We are investigating becoming a part of a much wider Expo to take place in the district next year – an event called “Big Boys Toys”. As its name suggests, there will be a much wider display of items to attract community interest. It is expected that the display from golf will be a District display that can direct people to clubs, rather than there being individual competing club displays – documentation from all clubs re membership will be available.

Bob Soper  
FSCDGA Councillor.

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### **FSC&TGA**

The Far South Coast of NSW has fared better than a lot of areas regarding the weather. While we have had good rain, we have not suffered any major flooding, although some courses, from Moruya north have had a great deal more rain than those clubs further south.

Our Pennant season has been completed. Due to lack of teams competing in the Division 1 Scratch, there was no final played with first past the post being declared winners. Congratulations to Bermagui finishing on top by 1 point from Mollymook. Division 2, went to Eden (Zone 2) defeating Moruya (Zone 3) in the final. Bermagui (Zone 3) proved too strong for Tura Beach (Zone 2) taking out the Division 3.

We are very pleased to have Sylvia Donohue based in our area. 7 times Senior Australian champion, Sylvia teed up at the Eden Open in June and recorded a course record after the re-vamping of the Par 3 8<sup>th</sup>.

Following our own Tournament’s shotgun start this year, Pambula Merimbula adopted the same format for their Open and were delighted with the outcome. A lot of Clubs will now be considering the popularity of this.

Much work has been done revising our Constitution which went to a Special Meeting held July 8<sup>th</sup>. All recommendations put forward by the Executive were adopted. In the main these mostly covered bringing our Constitution in line with Golf NSW, the name of the governing body being changed from WGNSW to Golf NSW and the process/time frame for the election of the District Councillor, however there were a few other areas covering terms of office, quorum and defining a Co-Opt member that were also addressed.

Colleen Bennett  
COUNCILLOR  
FSC&TGA

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### **CSGA DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

The 2013 Pennant season is nearing completion with one round left before finals for the Beginners Emily Hurt Shield. All other grades have been completed with Clubs sharing the winners circle with the following results:

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Bruce Cup (Scratch) – Royal Canberra  
CSGA Plate (Hcp) – Highlands  
Bronze Shield (Hcp) – Queanbeyan  
Brindabella Shield (Weekend Hcp) – Belconnen

Veterans Day was played at Goulburn in April with a field just under 100. The overall winner was Elaine Sharman (GBN) 40 points ocb. Div 1 – Wendy Stewart (GBN) 40 points Div 2 – Brenda Campbell (MV) – 40 pts and Div 3 Sarah Fahey (MV) 40 points.

Upcoming events are the Inter District Challenge with NI&NIA in August and our ANNUAL TOURNAMENT. The Annual Tournament will be held on the 16-18<sup>th</sup> September in the Highlands utilising Bowral, Mossvale and Highlands courses. Entry can be done using MI Tournament or via our website [csga.asn.au](http://csga.asn.au). We are encouraging competitors to contest for over \$3,000 in prizes and add to their Jean Derrin and SOOM results.

It was great to have a Regional Meeting in which Golf Australia and Golf NSW members came and updated all the Captains on the upcoming changes to the Handicapping system and also a very informative rules and general info session. I have had a lot of positive feedback, and all are hoping this will become a regular occurrence. The District would like to thank Chris Allen, Sue Fabian and Frank Gal.

Liz Smyth

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### LACHLAN VALLEY DGA

An excellent field of 112 men contested the Association's annual Pennants and Championship event at a water logged Grenfell Golf Club on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

The Pennants which are played in both A & B Divisions off Scratch saw Parkes Golf Club take out the A Division by 17 shots with Condobolin ousting Forbes for the runners up position.

The B Division went to host club Grenfell who narrowly got over the line from Forbes and Parkes, while in the Veterans Pennant Parkes made it 18 successive titles when it defeated its No. 2 side, Trundle took out the junior title in a large boost to that club.

In the Individual Championships Parkes golfers Robert Hey, Phil Barnard and Mitch McGlashan all returned excellent rounds of 73 and in the subsequent playoff Hey birdied the first play-off hole to edge out his club mates with Forbes golfer John Betland finishing one shot further back in fourth place.

The B Grade for players on handicaps of 10 to 18 saw Forbes golfer Alfonso Melisi take the title after a four way play off after all players returned rounds of 81 off the stick while in C Grade Grenfell's Allen Logan with a brilliant 83 off the stick.

The Veterans title went to Robert Hey of Parkes whilst Trundle junior Bradley Watt snared that division's title and Grenfell's Farran Stevens with a 64 nett took home the Gordon Moulder Cup for the day's best handicap score.

The Association is currently seeing clubs conduct their annual Open Tournaments over the next two months and for some of them it's their only chance to raise funds to keep the self-sufficient.

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In other good news the Anti-Discrimination case against the Parkes Golf Club which commenced some five years ago and cost the club thousands of dollars has been amicably settled when both parties signed a Deed of Release and the Anti-Discrimination Board accepted the Deed and has advised the complainant that no further action can be brought against the club in relation to all matters mentioned in the action.

Paul Thomas  
President

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### SOUTH WEST

We held the South West Scratch Teams Event. This year was at Arian Park. This course is a nine hole sand green course, and they hosted 73 players and all had a wonderful day. Good weather good food and good golf. Temora A team won the A grade and Cootamundra's B team won the B grade.

The next big event was the South West V Riverina competition, this competition has been running since 1964, and is still very popular. Riverina was successful in the Silver Division 7-2, and South West won the Bronze division 7-2.

The players for South West in the Silver were, Sandra Crowe, Pip Blewer, Julie Boland All Temora,

Gail Lynch, Kate White, Julie Jenkins, Judy Finkle, All Cootamundra, Liz Harding, Young, and Wendy Tuckerman ,Boorowa.

The Players in Bronze Division were Debra Noack, Sue Tier, Temora, Leanne Slater, Shirley Roberts, Young, Marie Deep, Barbara Beveridge, and Cootamundra. Paula Deane, Maureen Jenkins Tumut, Cheryl Minehan ,Harden.

We have completed the rounds of pennants, there were 8 teams, Zone 1 was won by Young and Zone 2 was won by Tumut. The final will be played on a neutral course at a date to be fixed at the next South West Match Committee meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, The 4BBB rounds in clubs have almost been completed and the final will be at Gundagai on 26/8/2013 This is my news for this time .

Pat Croker

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### WESTERN DISTRICTS LADIES

A very successful **Western Districts Annual Tournament** was held on 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May at West Wyalong club with approximately 170 players attending . Unfortunately the weather wasn't too kind to us. Tuesday was cloudy and cold but on Wednesday the clouds opened which made play very difficult to players. The overall champion was Melissa Russell from Dubbo, this was a tremendous effort as Melissa has only just got back into golf after many years, runner up was last year's winner Alison Seib from Orange one shot behind.

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Division 2 winner was Anne Marie Forster from West Wyalong and winner of Division 3 was Val Heferen from Mudgee.

### **Western Districts Sand Greens Championships**

53 players contested the Sand Green event at Trangie Winners were Caragabal on 126, team members T. Armitage, G. Cooper and L. Pollack, Runners up Cumnock from Albert on a countback.

### **Bogan Gate**

Bogan Gate has had a fair amount of rain over a period of a few weeks and it is playing long, our creek that runs across the course is full and ladies are finding it quite a challenge. Like all clubs we have times when we see ladies struggle to attend golf and to travel to other clubs through ill health or just age has caught up to them. Being a very small club we have combined with the men and it has been the best thing, we have a ladies captain and secretary and it is like it has never been any other way, we are a very well oiled machine. We love our club and hope time allows everyone to keep playing.

### **Manildra**

Our numbers haven't grown for many years still lucky to get 4 players so still travelling slowly. Our tournament is on 5<sup>th</sup> September, maybe some of the Sydney ladies would like to come and enjoy country hospitality.

### **Blayney**

Blayney is looking good since the rain in June but making the course difficult with no run so our handicaps and increased considerably.

### **Narromine**

Following on from a successful beginners clinic last year with grant money from Golf NSW we continue to attract new players. Offering a combination of social golf and coaching clinic's seems to be a winning formula.

Sharon Nott conducted a ½ day clinic at the club with 15 new recruits, 4 of which were juniors, 1 grandfather, 2 beginner ladies from Trangie and 8 ladies from Narromine. All were very eager to learn the fundamentals of chipping and long shots and put new found skills into their next round of golf. If enthusiasm is anything to go by then Narromine Golf Club has the right approach with attracting new players and getting them hooked on golf. Further coaching clinics are planned for later in the year.

Narromine held a 6 week social 9 hole competition on Sunday mornings, overall they have the interest of 12-15 players wishing to learn how to play golf. This has proved to be very successful. Anne Harmer on Handicap 31 had a hole in one which she was thrilled about. We have applied for a grant from the Golf Foundation but haven't heard yet.

### **Mudgee**

Well at last Mudgee's club house was opened in April just in time to host the Golf NSW Mixed Tournament. The weather on Saturday wasn't kind to us but the sun appeared on Sunday. This was a very successful weekend and as this tournament has been given to Mudgee next year hopefully a bigger event than.



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Our junior programme is still very successful with two My Golf programmes in place and 2 Go Go golf programmes – one during the week and another on Sunday. The Sunday event is now a 3, 6 or 9 hole competition which has become very popular with approximately 25 players participating.

With the help of Golf Pro Peter Mayson and an active Junior committee we now have approximately 55 junior members. Some quite young but they will get older.

Mudgee's Junior Tournament will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> all welcome 6, 9 and 18 hole events.

Marcia Box – Robyn Newey  
WDLGA Councillors

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### **WOMEN'S GOLF NORTHERN RIVERS**

Clubs continue to struggle to play catch-up with their timetabling, the on-going wet weather playing havoc with District courses. There is a genuine concern that in missing so much golf, members will consider whether or not to renew memberships at all.

The District website is now up and running, [www.womensgolfnr.com.au](http://www.womensgolfnr.com.au).

After commencing late April the annual pennant season has finished today. At Byron Bay, in cool but sunny weather, the Division 1 Maclean team defeated Coolangatta-Tweed Heads to win their 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive pennant 4/1. In Grade 2 Coolangatta-Tweed Heads were successful defeating Lismore 4/1.

We are now hoping for good weather for the Annual District tournament to be held at Murwillumbah next week.

Joy Slater  
District Councillor

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### **WESTERN RIVERINA**

"Golf is in full swing out west with six clubs having already held their annual tournaments. The J B Lugsden shield which is held in conjunction with the tournaments sees Jerilderie holding a handy lead from a number of clubs who will need results to go their way if they are to make up ground.

A Junior Golfing Day is to be held at Jerilderie on Sunday 18 August in an attempt to increase the number of junior golfers in our District. Commencing at 10.30 the day will include 2 hours of coaching by Tori Pratt, a Riverina local who spent a number of years coaching in Melbourne, followed by lunch and a skills competition. Driven by our District JPO, Darren Mitchell, we will be seeking the assistance of all Clubs to ensure the day is a success.

Whilst seasonal conditions have been quite mild clubs are struggling to keep their courses in good condition and most rely on volunteers to keep their clubs open. Two of our northern clubs which suffered

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during the summer have struggled to establish good ground cover. There has been a large increase in weeds invading courses with Khaki Weed creating problems on most courses. Brought onto courses by vehicles and spread by golf carts and buggies the cost of chemicals and the availability time to combat it has resulted in it taking over.

The WRDGA annual tournament is to be held at Hay towards the end of August and promises to be a great event with true country hospitality and organisation on display.

Our annual sand green challenge with Riverina DGA is to be held at Lockhart mid September. Open only to players from sand green clubs the event alternates between the two districts and is going from strength to strength.”

Ken Martin – WRDGA

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### WGCNC

#### **Senior’s Tournament – Kew Country Club**

The annual Senior’s Tournament was held over 2 days in May at Kew Country Club (formerly Camden Haven). There was a great response from District players with 170 ladies hitting off each day and the course was in immaculate condition . The Kew Ladies Committee were very well organized and left nothing to chance so made for a very well run tournament and an enjoyable time was had by the players.

#### **Pennants:**

Our format with teams of 7 playing off  $\frac{3}{4}$  handicaps was used again this year. Unfortunately Bulahdelah and Gloucester did not compete finding it hard to field teams each week. 98 players turned out each Monday in the Southern area and 63 in the North. The semi final in the South was won by Wauchope B who defeated Forster Tuncurry A at Taree. Coffs Harbour B were the winners in the North and the final is to be played at Kempsey on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Annual Tournament – Taree**

This Tournament will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and Taree course is very picturesque and in great condition. Entries close on 19<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Juniors**

The Junior girls in our District, capably led by our JPO Catherine Robinson, are doing exceedingly well especially last week at the JNIG Subaru State Age Championships which were held at Coffs Harbour and Sawtell. Catherine has also arranged 3 two day camps for the girls this year which are very well attended and members of the Club and the local Professional help with the days. These camps will be held at different venues in the hope of more girls from our District Clubs joining in.

#### **Verelle Miller**

District Councillor CNC

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### RIVERINA DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

All our courses have benefited from the good autumn rains and are in great condition. The sand green courses are starting their open tournaments with The Rock Golf Club running a very successful tournament on 30<sup>th</sup> July. A good field of 48 players representing 13 clubs was a good result. The Coolamon Golf Club tournament will be on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Coolamon Golf Club was the venue for an Information Session for Club Captains and Committees conducted by Frank Gal and Sue Fabian from GolfNSW on 25<sup>th</sup> June. Numbers attending were a little disappointing but those who did attend were well informed with rules information and committee responsibilities. Our thanks are extended to Frank and Sue for devoting their time to give a very informative presentation.

A Rules of Golf Club Accreditation session is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> July at Wagga Country Club.

In 2008 the Leeton Golf Club merged with the Leeton Soldiers Club to ensure its future as it was struggling to maintain its independence as a sole entity. Unfortunately earlier this year the Leeton Soldiers Club was placed into voluntary administration which left the Golf Club with no financial support to maintain the golf course. There was a strong possibility that the Golf Club would close. However some good news that the Leeton Shire Council has agreed to take over the operation of the Golf Club and to maintain the course for a two year period. It is hoped that this will give the club time to re-establish itself with support from clubs in our District.

It was encouraging to have the winners of our District Keno Mixed Foursomes David and Samantha Killen were from Leeton Golf Club.

David Byfield  
RDGA Councillor

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### RIVERINA LGA

July already but Riverina ladies' tournament calendar has plenty of events to be enjoyed. Autumn and winter sunshine made all the difference for club events. Although fog, frost and chilly conditions greeted some on the tees rain caused only one event, Lockhart's tournament, to be rescheduled.

#### Foursomes Championships – 9 May 2013

Corowa ladies, Bernadette McLean and Judy Black, with a scratch score of 86, are 2013 Foursomes Champions and were thrilled to be presented with the Kennedy-Iverach trophy. Local Wagga Wagga pair, Lisa Glastonbury and Di Brown won the Hoskin-O'Halloran trophy for best nett score. Forty-nine pairs enjoyed ideal conditions, a manicured course and friendly hospitality at picturesque Wagga Wagga Country Club.

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### Inter- Club Pennant Competition

District pennant co-ordinator, Trish Gray, was pleased with the timely return of results from host clubs. Members appreciated weekly score updates on our website.

Semi-finals were played in foggy conditions on 17<sup>th</sup> June at Wagga Wagga City club. *Zone 1* winners Finley 2 prevailed over *Zone 3* contenders Griffith. *Zone 2* Wagga Wagga Country 1 took *Zone 4* winner, Corowa's chance at a finals place.

Finals were contested at Narrandera golf course on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June with Wagga Wagga Country 1 winning the 2013 Inter-Club pennant flag.

### Inter-District Challenge

Down south the first Monday in June is always a much anticipated day. This year South West Ladies' team travelled to Wagga Wagga for the annual inter-district challenge. Riverina captain, Carolyn Martin, was thrilled to have strong interest from a large number of talented Riverina golfers and was confident of victory. However, one South West team was too good on the day and took out the Bronze trophy, again. Riverina's silver team kept Captain Carolyn smiling coming in with a 7/2 victory. An enjoyable day for all participants. 2014 teams will 'do battle' at Gundagai Golf Club.

### Championship Preparations

Deniliquin ladies have plans well in hand for their hosting of 2013 Riverina Open Championships to be held 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> September. Further out west Hay golfing community is excited to be hosting both our RLGA Sand Green and GNSW Women's Sand Green Championships on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October. Golfers are in for a treat with plenty of country hospitality and entertainment assured both on and off the golf courses! If your accommodation has not been booked the advice from organisers is, 'do it soon'. Accommodation details can be found at [www.riverinalga.com.au](http://www.riverinalga.com.au) .

Margaret Playford

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### **NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT GOLF ASSOC. INC. (WOMEN)**

The District clubs are continuing with their Open Days with Armidale and Inverell holding successful events with good entries and sponsorship support. Upcoming days are to be held at Delungra, Warialda and Walcha. Club Champions for 2013 are at Inverell Elizabeth Hobday and at Tenterfield is Maree Cook. Pennants competitions are under way in both the Southern and Northern sections of the District with some clubs finding it difficult to get the numbers to form a team however all want to continue.

District events coming up are the Open Fourball and Veterans Tournament to be held at Glen Innes on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013. The Annual General Meeting is to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at Guyra. The 2014 Annual 3 Day Tournament is programmed for 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March at the Uralla Golf Club.

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The District has been greatly saddened this week with the passing of our Life Member, Beryl White who had served her club, Delungra and the NEDGA District for many, many years with dignity, efficiency, enthusiasm, humour and a willingness to share her experiences and ideas with us all. She will be remembered fondly and with kind thoughts.

Jan Frater - NEDGA Councillor.

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### **ILLAWARRA DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION (GOLFILLAWARRA)**

The IDGA is going through a process to rebrand and revitalise the organisation with the aim of reviving interest in golf throughout the District. The first step was to rename the DGA "Golfillawarra" and adopt a new logo. A new website is being developed as the existing website has limited expansion capability and limited facilities.

A Code of Conduct based on the Golf NSW code has been adopted and a Strategic Plan developed.

From the golf point of view an Illawarra Open Series has been created where players are encouraged to enter the various Club Open tournaments throughout the year with a minimum number of events to be played (Depending on zone). The district has been divided into three zones and a number of Open Tournaments designated as "IOS" events. The IOS series caters for A, B and C grades. Experience to date shows interest from A grade players but few B and C graders playing in other than their own club's event. Not every club's Open is designated as an IOS event in any one year.

The Mens and Junior Pennants were played with teams of five instead of seven this year and proved successful with some extra teams entering and for 2014, a further increase is expected, particularly in the handicap Pennant.

Lance Fredericks

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### **MID NORTH COAST DGA**

All Golf Clubs have experienced rotten weather in recent months– below is a couple of photo graphs taken at Coffs Harbour Golf Club. The top photo was taken on a Thursday morning the following photo was taken the next day during an East Coast Low. Unbelievably the course was operational on the Saturday and members enjoyed their normal Saturday competition.

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THE MNCDGA Pennants series have been played and won. Bonville have successfully defended their Division One title defeating the young Coffs Harbour team by 3 matches to two. The summary of other Divisions saw Coffs Harbour defeat Bonville in Division 2, Sawtell won both Division 3 and 4 with Coffs the unlucky team in both matches. Dorrigo Club have previously won the Division title with a composite side however this year they came out and defeated Woolgoolga with a “home grown” team. The Division 6 competition has been won entirely by Fredrickton and Macksville but that all changed this year with Urunga taking this years final over the Macksville team.

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Looking for a Golf Getaway in the near future? The Mid North Coast has plenty to offer with the nationally rated Bonville plus other great courses such as Sawtell , Coffs Harbour , and Woolgoolga all within half an hours drive. The reason I mention this is because you may have get the chance to catch the Golf Getaway program on One HD channel. The program ran a competition with the winning Club having a full episode devoted to the course itself as a golf destination.. Coffs Harbour members really got behind the competition and were declared the winners. The presenters and film crew have already visited the course, playing the entire 27 holes, and filming featured holes as well as other attractions in the area. The show will be shown a little later in the year but why not come and enjoy the area first hand and have a Golf Getaway!!!

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The Jack Newton State Age Championships were played at Sawtell and Coffs Harbour during the first week of July. The weather was up to its normal tricks and with the courses already suffering from wet conditions, 60mm of rain in the days prior to the event and 40mm on the first day of play saw the abandonment of that day. Both courses improved as the sunny conditions returned although the courses conditions remained heavy. We talk about volunteers and they came out in large numbers to assist the event and the example was Sawtell having up to 30 spotters on course to assist with play. Despite the event being reduced to 54 holes as always the State Age Championships were a great success.

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The State Age Championships ran a District teams event over the first two days and it was great to see the pressure of expectation did not affect the Mid North Coast Team- With the best 3 out of 4 scores counting the team led by 4 shots after Day 1 and then completed a seven shot victory on the second day.

The winning team was Amelia Memhet-Grohn, Tom Major, Bill Stocks and Jack Pountney

Amelia had an outstanding tournament becoming the 2013 State Age Champion in the 16 years girls section with a three shot win over clubmate Mia Jovanavich

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