



# VetsNews – 2021



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to welcome you all to the VWGA's first Newsletter for 2021.

Covid 19 hit the 2020 VWGA program with a whack. In 2020 we were only able to hold one country tournament at Taree and just two metropolitan tournaments at Mona Vale and The Coast.

During April to June the only work going on in the VWGA office was cancellations and refunds. In June 2020 we moved offices. Our old office block was going to be renovated and we were asked to vacate. With the help of the VWGA committee it was not a painful move. The office is in a newish block and is light and airy. It's just one big room but big enough for us. We are still able to hold our committee meetings in person, (during Covid we held them on Zoom) which was just another learning curve.

There are ten of us on the VWGA committee now who have lots of different skills on offer. We hope that any time you need a question answered we will be able to help. The office is not always manned, or womaned. We are normally open Monday – Thursday between 10.00am – 3.00pm. We break for lunch around 1.00pm. If there is no one home, please leave a message. Trish Huthwaite (Woollooware) has joined the committee in 2021 and will be assisting Virginnia with membership. Lilian Ong has returned from a Covid break. Jenny has taken over the role of Tournament Manager and Nancye has returned to the Treasury. Jan McDade (St Michaels) has resigned and I wish to thank her for her contribution to the VWGA over the past 3 years.

As I write this, I am thinking of all our VWGA members caught up in all this very unpleasant weather. I hope that you have come through this period unscathed.

*Jacky Parsons*

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:



Four ladies celebrated their 90year milestone and received their hat clips! Patricia Greer and Barbara Webster (Stonecutter's Ridge), Edith Kabel (Moree) and Paula Bettridge (Ryde Parramatta). Congratulations you are an inspiration! One very special lady- Hazel Donaldson (Forster Tuncurry) celebrated 100 years young on 24<sup>th</sup> March and received a gift voucher on behalf of the VWGA.

### HOLE IN ONE ACHIEVERS:

There were 17 ladies who achieved the extra special golfing accolade of a Hole-in-One during January and February including Suzanne Brown of Manly Golf Club on 16<sup>th</sup> February. Suzanne used a 7 wood on 154m Par 3. Congratulations on achieving the perfect shot!



### HELP!

I will be working with Jacky to re-establish VetsNews but we need your help to keep this newsletter interesting on a regular basis. Please email happy snaps, birthdays, condolences, ideas, food for thought to [office.vwga@bigpond.com.au](mailto:office.vwga@bigpond.com.au). Attention Lyn Walker, Editor.

**THE COAST 15 March 2021**

What a wonderful start to our 2021 program. The rain stopped and the sun came out on the Sunday before the tournament. Blue skies and even bluer seas were there to greet us on Monday morning along with a very strong wind.

There were 136 ladies playing and I think we were all eager to get back to normal. It was wonderful for us to see such a good turnout. There were 14 clubs represented: Balgowlah, Barnwell Park, Beverley Park, Bonnie Doon, Chatswood, Eastlakes, Manly, Marrickville, Massey Park, North Ryde, Randwick, Roseville, The Coast, and Wakehurst. Keep it up girls!

Even though we were playing the short course off the purple tees it was difficult out there. The course was surprisingly dry with just the odd patch of casual water. The results were close with the International Cup winners having a very nice 41 points.

I would like to thank Joan Dunn for all her hard work on the day. The score cards gave some of us a bit of trouble, but Joan was there to help sort them out. (Pictured Joan Dunn (Delegate) and Trish Huthwaite (representing at her first VWGA event))



**INTERNATIONAL CUP RESULTS**

**WINNERS:** Val Wilson and Sally Hill (Long Reef) 41 pts <<<<<<<<<<<

**Division 1:** Caryn Wallace and Helen Patience (Manly) 40 pts

**Division 2:** Robyn Morrison and Catherine Ann Price (Beverley Park) 38pts

**Division 3:** Kerrie Cunningham (Nth Ryde) and Robyn Keyvar (Lynwood) 39 points

**Senior Vets:** Kaye Smith and Maureen Cruikshank (Bonnie Doon) 38 points >>>



**INTERNATIONAL CUP HISTORY:** In 1950 the Mosman Golf Club closed and donated this cup to the NSWLGU. In 1958 the VWGA asked the NSWLGU if they could secure the cup and rename it the ‘International Cup’. Its purpose was to raise money for the International Fund run by the NSWLGU. The cup was to be played for annually and open to all VWGA members. The first event was held at Concord Golf Cub in August 1958. It raised 35 Pounds, and this was sent to the ALGU Treasurer in Melbourne for the International Fund. In April 1959, a small presentation (initialled handkerchiefs) was made to an Australian Ladies Team going abroad. The prizes for winning the annual event varied from International Spoons, purchased from the LGU, to open orders, to cake fork and spoon sets. I am not sure when the donations from the yearly event stopped but up to 1974 an amount of between \$100.00 - \$200.00 was sent to the ALGU.

**UPDATES:** Our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tournament at Manly which had been rescheduled from 2020 was cancelled due to unplayable course conditions. Entries to our first country tournament at Kurri Kurri (May) exceeded expectations and closed as soon as it was listed on our website. Penrith (22/4) have 108 ladies entered and will be reported in the next issue. Hopefully this theme continues and I’ll catch up with you either at Penrith or at Woollooware on 4<sup>th</sup> June. Regards *Jacky and Lyn*