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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In my last report I mentioned the bad weather that we were experiencing in NSW - very heavy torrential rain which brought havoc to many. Some of our Sydney golf courses copped it hard and a few are still out of action. I have spoken to ladies from Windsor Golf Club who informed me that at their course the water covered 15 holes. When the water abated it left silt over everything. This then had to be bulldozed off. A similar tragedy also struck Lynwood Golf Club, among many others. I believe that Lynwood is up and running again but Windsor will still be out of action for months to come. The lucky clubs that were not affected by the floods, but within the district, have allowed the associate members of the stricken clubs to play in their competitions at member rates. Fantastic support and well done!



This month will sadly see the closure of Chatswood Golf Club because of major renovations. The golf club started out in the 1950's and is an 18- hole course, twelve holes owned by the club and six leased from the council. It will now be redesigned into a 12-hole course. It will have a new club house and units overlooking the course. This could take a couple of years. Over the years Chatswood has had ladies who served on the VWGA committee, such as Shirley Breheny and recently, for a short time, Ros French. There have been many delegates, the latest being Pat Oliver who has been in that position since 1999. The lady players have now spread far and wide but there are a few diehards left, including Pat, who will remain members until the course is up and running again.

It is always sad when we hear about the passing of one of our ladies. Barbara Silinis OAM died on her 84th birthday. She had been a member of Yowani Golf Club for 44 years. She held the position of VWGA delegate for 15 years. Barbara travelled to many of the VWGA Country Tournaments and was always encouraging others to join her. Earlier this year she had asked the Yowani Ladies' Committee to support her in asking for a VWGA tournament to be held at Yowani in March 2022. That has now been ratified by the VWGA committee so Canberra, here we come!



On April 22 we held a successful tournament at Penrith Golf Club. (report page 2). Two tournaments have been played during May, a country one at Kurri Kurri and a metropolitan one at Long Reef. Both tournaments filled very quickly and had to be closed before the due date. Kooindah Waters and Magenta Shores, set down for August, also are full and had to be closed due to their popularity. What fabulous support you are giving us! Thank you!

We have had a few "Expressions of Interest" to host country club tournaments. This is positive. We would also like metropolitan clubs to do the same. It is especially important to give you a varied program. So, think about it, talk to your club committee and contact us so we can include you in future programmes.

Please remember to keep us updated on special events and happenings at your club.

Jacky

HOLE IN ONE ACHIEVERS: A further 10 ladies were issued with their hole-in-one pins, during March April – some were backdated to 2018. Congratulation's ladies but unfortunately no pics to show the happy moment.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:



Since the beginning of the year 133 ladies have celebrated their 80th birthdays. A special mention of the 8 Toronto ladies who were presented with their 80-year badges by the delegate Narene Anniwell in April. What a fabulous photo and dressed for the occasion were Maureen Skeet, Shirley Street, Marie



Jordan, Mary Moore, Ingrid Bassen, Mena Melmeth, Pam Edwards and Patricia Celovic.>>>>>>



During April/May nine ladies achieved the 90-year milestone. From the list below the country air must have something to do with longevity! Helen Powell (Werris Creek) Maralyn Sneddon (Howlong) Unie Thompson (Ballina) Alma Rogers (Cobar) Helen Macquire (Hawks Nest) Joan Henrich (Moruya) and Val Leicht (Bardwell Valley), Betty Dalglish (Ryde Parramatta) and Barbara Haworth (Pennant Hills).

<<<<<<< As reported in the last issue an incredibly happy Hazel Donaldson finally got to celebrate her 100 years young with friends at Forster Tuncurry. A little late due to the floods and course closure but time could not dampen the enthusiasm!

TOURNAMENT REPORT: PENRITH 22 APRIL 2021



A crispy morning greeted us at Penrith along with a delicious display of a never-ending supply of homemade cakes and slices. Well worth getting up early for! 104 ladies represented 22 different clubs: Barnwell Park, Beverley Park, Brighton Lakes, Cabramatta, Camden, Campbelltown, Dunheved, Everglades, Fox Hills, Glenmore Heritage, Hurstville, Lakeside, Lane Cove, Leonay, Lynwood, Manly, North Ryde, Pennant Hills, Penrith, The Grange, Wallacia and Windsor. A fantastic turn out!

The course was in a great condition and well worth a return visit. There were a few problems with the cards but Jenni Brown, the new tournament manager for the VWGA managed, to get the presentation done in good time. The competition was close, and it was nice to see such a good spread of clubs winning the spoils of the day! Thank you to Helen Kennett (Penrith delegate), and her team of bakers, for all their hard work in making this tournament a success.



MABS DOWNES MEMORIAL SALVER:

WINNERS: Lorraine Cochrane & Bernadette McGrath (Penrith) 45 pts

DIVISION 1: Brenda Williamson & Tracey Steyne (Lynwood) 44 pts (c/b)

DIVISION 2: Mabel McCormick & Trish Manning (Leonay) 43 pts

DIVISION 3: Marg MacLean & Joan Tooke (Pennant Hills) 41 pts

SCRATCH: Joanne Ogle (Penrith) & Tracey Wood (Lakeside) 32 pts

SENIOR VETS: Barbara Foy & Cheryl McEearney (Beverley Park) 42 pts

HISTORY: This salver was donated to the VWGA of NSW by Mrs Mabs Downes of Wallacia Golf Club in 1976. Mabs was an inaugural member of the Nepean-Illawarra District Ladies Golf Association which was formed in 1933. She joined the VWGA and was the Wallacia delegate from 1962 to 1986. The Salver was played in the Illawarra District nearly every year since 1973. It has traditionally found its home at Penrith Golf Club, being played there mostly over the past 20 years.

I hope you enjoyed this issue. We love celebrating with your news and happy snaps! Keep them coming to

office.vwga@bigpond.com Happy golfing: *Jacky and Lyn*