



## VetsNews – JUNE 2021

### VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – *Virginia Hewitt*



Our intrepid President has just returned from an inland NSW expedition! 4 weeks travelling north, west, south, and east on her way home. In her absence from the office, I have been holding the fort and have been asked to write the June Newsletter.

At our last committee meeting it was moved that a Newsletter would be created monthly so we could keep in touch with all our VWGA members, whether Country or Metropolitan. We need input from you all to let us know what interesting things have been happening in your clubs. Photos are always good too!

**Handicap Limit:** Handicap limits for VWGA events held by clubs will be limited to 45. Ladies who have higher handicaps can enter an event, but they will play off a 45 handicap on the day. Could all clubs hosting an event notify the Pro Shop when setting up the event and printing off the cards. All clubs should highlight the importance of combating “Slow Play”.



Jacky noted in her May Newsletter that Chatswood's demise has left only a few members. As the Membership Registrar I can report that I have transferred many Chatswood players to various clubs around the North Shore of Sydney. This photo celebrates the camaraderie of the Chatswood ladies and hopefully the continued gathering of old friends in the future but under different banners!

All new delegates will receive a “Delegates Pack” to give them the information they will need as a delegate. With the issues encountered with COVID last year where the committee was somewhat reduced, the packs were sadly behind in dispatch but thankfully with committee members returning to the office they are now up to date. If you are a new delegate and have not received a “Delegates Pack” please contact us on [office.vwga@bigpond.com](mailto:office.vwga@bigpond.com) or 9299 2250.

There are few clubs who have not sent in their 2021 fees. If your club has not renewed, please contact me if you need assistance. Fees are due from November to the new year for the following year, early payment is most acceptable.

Do not forget the three annual events held by the VWGA where all members can play with a chance of winning internal club awards and the major prizes State-wide, Challenge Brooch for Metropolitan, Mabel Mackenzie Brooch and Country Championships for Country members. Closing dates for Challenge Brooch and Mabel Mackenzie are 30<sup>th</sup> June and the Country Championships by 31 July 2021. Results should be submitted as soon possible.

There are two remaining Country two-day events in 2021. Coolangatta Tweed Heads are hosting on Thursday, Friday 5 & 6 August and Nowra is on Thursday & Friday 23 & 24 September.

The Foursomes Championships to be held at Moore Park on Monday 1 November are open to **all** VWGA members State-wide.

It is heartening after the events of 2020 with COVID -19 causing the cancellation of all but two of our events to have our 2021 program running as planned. Long may it continue!

*Virginia*



**HOLE IN ONE ACHIEVERS:** Venka Dadswell (Lismore) achieved a hole in one at the Northern Rivers Vets Day at Casino on 30<sup>th</sup> April. The feat on the par 3 12<sup>th</sup> hole earned her a whopping 6 points. A further 9 ladies joined Venda in the exclusive Hole-in-One Club including 3 from Thurgoona.



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:**



Since the last newsletter there has been 26 x 80-year birthday celebrations. Patricia Farrow (Moruya) and Gwen McCarthy (Howlong) will be celebrating 90 years young in June and July, respectively.

**TOURNAMENT REPORT: KURRI KURRI 2/3 MAY 2021**

Kurri Kurri is renowned as having the largest display of outdoor murals in mainland Australia. Approximately 60 are within a walking distance around town. I had to include the mural on the side of the clubhouse.



As usual, a very friendly meet and greet for the start of our first two-day



Jacky and Teddy enjoying a joke!

country tournament for 2021. A glass of champagne and some nibbles is always a good way to begin. The tournament attracted 136 ladies from 31 clubs from far and wide.

The course was in great condition (if you were on the fairway), and it was a pleasure to play. The greens were very good and there were some challenging holes. On one of the par threes there was a new cart up for grabs, on both days, for a hole-in-one. The hole is about 135 metres long, over a dam and slightly up hill. Needless to say - they still have their cart!

The organisation from the Kurri girls was amazing. Everything ran to clockwork. I have never seen a room transformed from having lunch, to having dinner and then back to lunch so many times and so quickly. Teresa Peachey, the Kurri delegate, affectionately known as Teddy, took this tournament on as her own and always kept control. To Teddy, Patsy Fielding (President) & Ronda Cousins (Captain) and to all the Kurri committee and the lady members, well done and thank you. The dinner was highly successful with the Kurri committee devising a few games which made everyone laugh. What could be better than that?

We last played a VWGA event at Kurri in 2007. The first day was a 4 Person Team Event and it attracted 178 players. Yes 178, it is not a typo. The Diamond Jubilee Salver was first played for in Deniliquin in 2010 and has been played at all the VWGA country tournaments. It is traditionally played on day 1 of tournament in a two-ball stableford format. The results at Kurri Kurri were close on the challenging layout. Congratulations to all the winners over the two-day event.

**DIAMOND JUBILEE SALVER:**

**WINNERS:** Marilyn Williams & Jeanette Walters (Belmont) 46 pts >>>>>>

**2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE:** Jennifer Macklinshaw & Rhonda Cousins (Kurri) 44 pts vvvvvvvv





3rd place Roseville and Chatswood

4th place Lynwood

**4<sup>th</sup> PLACE:** Jan Steel (Chatswood) & Kerri Robinson (Roseville) 44

**4<sup>th</sup> PLACE:** Margaret Selby & Chris Amery (Lynwood) 43 pts

**5<sup>th</sup> PLACE:** Julie McCallum & Susan Oliver (Belmont) 42 c/b

**TOURNAMENT REPORT: LONG REEF 17 MAY 2021**

Long Reef is a Sydney coastal links course with spectacular views. Weather wise it was sunny but windy. Crows were about on some of the holes and were very greedy, sometimes taking two balls from one group. The course was in lovely condition. The fairways were fast and running but the trick was to stay on them. The rough was very unforgiving especially if you got into the little patches of low bushes. The greens were fast but true.

We had an early start to the day with a 7.30 am hit off. Fortunately, there were hot drinks along with a very lavish and yummy morning tea. A few ladies failed to attend, (without notifying us) or were late and this really mucked up the draw. Unfortunately, the computer system at Long Reef had not been set up correctly for the 2 ball. This was not anything to do with us. Jenni Brown, the delegate for Long Reef & the VWGA Tournament Manager, did all she could to rescue the day before presentation but to no avail. Therefore, we had no choice, but report abandon presentation. We finally sorted the cards out manually at 4.30 pm.

**FLORENCE STEWART SILVER BASKET**

**WINNERS:** Sally Hill and Val Wilson (Long Reef) 44 pts >>>>>>>>

**DIVISION 1:** Vicki Cotter & Dee Paul (Manly) 41 pts

**DIVISION 2:** Di Rockwell & Beryl Cowan (St Michaels) 42 pts

**DIVISION 3:** Margaret Leggett & Melissa Fitzsimmons (Wakehurst) 44

**SENIOR VETS:** Robyn Hare & Sandra Lane (Balgowlah) 40 pts



**HISTORY:** Mrs. Florence Stewart was the 2<sup>nd</sup> VWGA President (1966-1971). The trophy had been won, in 1901, by Florence's father. He was a prominent golfer in the Bathurst area. The basket was donated to the VWGA by the Veteran Associates of Manly Golf Club.

**TOURNAMENT REPORT: WOOLLOOWARE 4 June 2021**



A very worrying time on Thursday with rain pouring down and the weather map looked horrendous but fortunately moving out to sea. Friday morning dawned cool and sunny, so the Golfing Gods smiled on us, and the lovely morning continued throughout the day. The course looked lovely after the washing the day before.

We finally had 77 players after a couple of late withdrawals due to injuries. We managed to get the field off on time after a few delays with explaining the cards and how to fill them in. The course set up by the Pro shop for the shot gun start worked very well and the field was in good time, no 6-hour games. We still had problems with ladies filling the cards in incorrectly but to top it off the computer would not recognize Player 2. Thank heavens Liane Nowak and Belinda Hammond were on hand with Trish helping put the scores in manually. The scores were very good with many count backs. We had presentation before 3.00pm and most people stayed for presentation.

My thank you to Jill Roach our Woollooware Delegate for organizing morning tea before the game with a couple of the Woollooware members supplying some lovely vittles', and for organizing JD's (our inhouse Restaurant) to provide lunch specials for the ladies which was well supported by everyone. Thank you, Trish, and Jill, for their help and support on the day. Trish moved into her new unit on Thursday after waiting and being homeless for 5 years, so it was a huge effort on her part.

**MARGE D'ELMAINE SALVER**

- Winners: Debbie Street and Kim Barclay (Beverley Park) 44 pts >>>>>>>>
- Division 1: Rebecca Sharpe and Angela Marney (Woollooware) 41 pts
- Division 2: Sandy D'Alpuget and Pam Findlay (Woollooware) 42 pts
- Senior Vets: Kerri Branch and Judith Shade (Woollooware) 40 pts



Hopefully we'll see you at Lakeside to play the Chapple Salver on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Entry forms for all our tournaments are on the website. Many thanks to all the contributors in this issue. Our news is only as good as the information you supply. Keep news coming to [office.vwga@bigpond.com](mailto:office.vwga@bigpond.com) Happy golfing: *Lyn*