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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, here we go again. Rain, rain, and more rain!

More sad days for private houses, businesses and many golf courses. Some, flooding again after drying out from the last recent deluge.

In Sydney, a lot of golf courses have been closed for more than seven weeks. But that is nothing to the courses that are closed for major work to repair damage done by the floods.

Unfortunately, we have also had notification from Anne Petinsky, delegate Wisemans Ferry, that Wisemans Ferry Golf Club no longer exists. They were hopeful of reopening from the March floods, but the latest flood ended their dreams. We hope that all the VWGA ladies are safe and well in the area and that eventually they get to call another golf course home.

We have seen two tournaments cancelled so far, The Coast (March) and Wollongong (April). Fingers crossed for the two-day tournament at Pambula/Merimbula on 16/17 May. This is followed by two Metropolitan tournaments at Castle Hill (Tues 21 June) and Beverley Park (Monday 1 August). Entry forms are on our website: vwgansw.org.au/tournaments/

Apparently there have been rumours that there was going to be an amalgamation between the VWGA and NSWVGA. Nancye Cullen, VWGA Treasurer, and I had a meeting last week with Lex Knox, Vice President of the NSWVGA. This was an amicable, frank, and open discussion about our two vastly different organisations. Even though we will be having future discussions between us, now there is no thought of amalgamation.

One item that did come out of the discussions was that the NSWVGA have changed their policy of VWGA members who play in their tournaments. To play now you must be a member of the NSWVGA. The fee is \$5.00 per year, and you will be asked to pay this when you enter the first tournament you play in during the year. This now clarifies many queries we get from VWGA members.

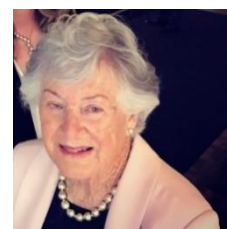
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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Lilian has taken over the celebratory role in issuing 80 and 90-year badges and from the numbers keeping her very busy on Monday. She advises that since the beginning of 2022, 110 (80) and 9 (90) members, celebrated their special birthdays. These include Patricia Grieve (Wagga City), Daphne Sidney and Adeline Cranberry (Ballina), Margaret Macdonald (WWCC), Marie Roberts (Dubbo), Betty Barrow (Port Macquarie), and Jay Moore (Mudgee).



Around 50 ladies gathered in February to celebrate the 90th birthday of Margaret Paterson with cake and bubbles. Margaret is the oldest lady member of Oatlands and is certainly a role model to all lady golfers. She is still playing golf regularly and mostly walks the course.





YOWANI TOURNAMENT – 7TH and 8TH March 2022

Anyone who attended the tournament at Yowani Country Club (ACT) was a happy chappy. We were able to play golf after weeks of not being able to in Sydney and other parts of NSW because of heavy rains and flooding.



Many a ball was lost in this fast-flowing drain. It didn't deter the ducks though!

The “meet & greet” went well (despite the challenges of ACT Covid restrictions) with a lot of ladies in attendance. The Yowani ladies had organised things so well that the whole event ran like clockwork. Registration, lunch orders, ladies to take you out to your tees for the shotgun start in the morning worked beautifully. Our lunch orders were all ready when we had finished our game and were set out on tables for us to find very easily. The dinner on the Monday night was delicious and later in the evening a local comedian entertained us. A big thank you to Lee Carter, Yowani’s delegate, and her band of wonderful workers. A job well done.

The course is quite long, a 74 par, and for me, it was a tough track. It was in good condition considering they had had a downpour last week. There were 128 attendees coming from 38 golf clubs.



The 4BBB event (Jubilee Salver) was played on the Monday in beautiful sunshine. The course was presented exceptionally well but played very heavy with numerous wet patches. Congratulations to the winners of the Jubilee Salver, Lyn Hart (Beverley Park) & Dianne Elrick (Cronulla) with 46 Points. A well-deserved win as both these ladies’ Sydney courses have been underwater for many weeks.

Tuesday’s event, the single stableford was played under cloudy skies and the threat of a major downpour. This did not dampen the spirits of the ladies who were determined to get in a round. Apart from yours truly, who elected to keep dry and tour the many galleries in Canberra. Prizes were distributed to 6th place in each division. Winners were:

Division 1 (0-25) Lisa Watson (Yowani), Division 2 (26-32) Gloria Boyd-Skinner (Shelly Beach), and Division 3 (33-45) Michelle Michel (Yowani)



HOLE-IN-ONE WINNERS: Yowani was once again the home of a special moment. 3 yes three, ladies achieved the ultimate achievement and joined the hole-in-one club over the two days of the Yowani tournament: Margaret Nugent (RMC), Dawn McKenzie (Richmond) and Trish Lard (Kiama). (Pictured left to right). All were achieved on the 126m 3rd hole and all the ladies used a driver. Not to be outdone, another 3 ladies also joined the club this year- Millie Lucic (Castle Cove 11th), Lynda McDougall (Belmont 13th), Kerrie Carlon (Finley 13th) and Annie Gilmore (Goulburn 17th). Congratulations ladies!

Last newsletter I posed the challenge as to ‘**Whether Beryl Morgan is the oldest financial VWGA member (joining in 1988) who still walks each game**’. Kristen Weingott, (Cronulla Delegate) advises that their eldest member is Muriel Wills, who turns 100 on 6/12/2022. Muriel is still walking 18 Holes twice a week in the ladies’ competition. Well done Muriel that sets a high standard! Any further challenges to the title, send (including a photo) to attention Editor, VetsNews, office.vwga@bigpond.com. *Lyn*

