

# VetsNews – JANUARY 2023



Well, this has been a busy time since our last issue. We have held the State Foursomes at Moore Park and two other Metropolitan events at The Coast and Windsor. All these reports are included in this newsletter.

We also held our 2022 AGM in November. We did achieve the numbers required. These came from those who joined us on zoom and those who attended in person. The meeting went well and the report of this will be in the February 2023 newsletter. This will give the VWGA committee ample time to discuss the issues raised. It was also nice to catch up with anyone who wished to stay for lunch in the club.

The 2023 tournament program is on our website at: <https://vwgansw.org.au/tournaments/>. We have a busy program with 8 metropolitan tournaments commencing on 20<sup>th</sup> February at Bayview (entries closing on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan), 5 country tournaments commencing with Bowral on 6-7<sup>th</sup> February (entries closed), and 1 outer metropolitan one day event at Wollongong on 29<sup>th</sup> May. I hope there is something that tempts you to join us and we'll catch up on a fairway soon!



## HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> MURIEL!

On the kind invitation from Kristen, Cronulla's Vets Delegate, I was able to join in the celebration of the 100th birthday of Muriel Wills. Muriel joined Cronulla on the 2nd December 1963 and took to it like a duck to water. Muriel has represented the club over the years in various events, including Grade and Golf Australia events where she and her partner won the foursomes, etc. Muriel is also a life member at Cronulla and still plays 9 holes of golf and insists on walking. Unfortunately, what might stop her in her tracks is macular degeneration. Muriel was very happy with the gift of a \$100.00 voucher which I was able to present her with from the VWGA. Muriel is also a 30-year member of Cronulla Women's Bowling Club and never misses the chance to get out on the Cronulla greens, playing weekly without fail. An amazing lady!

## *Jacky*

### HOLES-IN-ONE:



100 fantastic golfers achieved their ultimate golfing dream of a hole-in-one during 2022. Pictured are the latest achievers of Sally Peacock (Murwillumbah) who used a 7 iron on the 138m 10th hole (left), a very excited Lorna MacMillan (Antill Park), who aced the 111m 15<sup>th</sup> hole

with a rescue (middle) and Barbara Clark (Nelson Bay) who used a 7 iron on 104m 14<sup>th</sup> hole (right).

Congratulations girls! I hope you enjoy your hole-in-one hat clips. Full listing is acknowledged monthly on our Facebook page.



### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Pictured are the Urunga Golf Club ladies receiving their 80-year badges at the end of year Xmas Party. From L to R Marie Hulst, Anne Cameron, Kathy Thick and Marie Cooper. Dot Connor was not present. They were all happy to receive their award and are looking forward to continuing playing golf in the new year. A total of 250 members celebrated their special birthdays during 2022 – 233/80-year, 19/90-year badges and 1/100<sup>th</sup> milestone.

**TOURNAMENT REPORT: 2022 STATE FOURSOMES - MOORE PARK – 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

The day started out well but quickly turned to custard, as they say in New Zealand.

Unfortunately, the pro shop didn't have a microphone to call the field to the tee and that created a bit of confusion. This resulted in some competitors waiting on their allotted tee for partners. I am sorry that happened and I apologise to anyone who was inconvenienced.

The course was in nice condition but was playing quite difficult. Or was that just me and my partner? We had a good roll up for the game with about 90 players.

Morning tea was very welcome, and the small café was open for cappuccinos. The provided morning tea was also available to those who went upstairs for lunch after their round. For those of you who did stay for lunch and the presentation, thank you.



<<<<<<<<<< I would like to thank Ex-President and Life Member Beverley Everett for attending and presenting her trophy to the **Senior Veteran champions** M Haworth (Leonay) and L Robinson (Penrith).



**State Foursome Champions:** J. Crichton (3) & K. Wood (6) Killara 81 (pictured right)

**Bronze Foursomes Champions:** S. Africh (21) The Coast  
M. Laffy (22) St. Michaels – 96

**Bronze 2 Foursomes Champions:** C. Zhu (21) E. Wee (34) Roseville – 101

**TOURNAMENT REPORT: THE COAST – 15 NOVEMBER 2022**

A beautiful sunny day at The Coast. Watching out for the whales off the coast, spotting the swimmers down on the beach and checking out the walkers along the coastal path. Doesn't that sound ideal. Along with the sun though came the wind which nearly blew us and the pins out of their holes on the greens.

We were playing the Purple Course, which is apparently the shorter course. When the wind was in your face that was very helpful condition. When the wind was behind you, and you caught the ball well you felt as if you had hit the ball a mile. The course was playing well, and the fairways were in very good condition but the wind made the greens very tricky.

We had about 84 players and I thank The Coast's delegate, Joan Dunn, for being able to organise that we play there after the tournament was cancelled earlier in the year because of Sydney's terrible weather conditions. Due to the wind the round was very slow, with some ladies taking over five hours. For those of you who did stay for lunch and the presentation, thank you. (Pictured International Cup winners with Joan Dunn (centre)).



**International Cup Winners:** J. Barret & M. Hogan (The Coast) 42 Pts

**Division 1:** S. Jones & N. Armstrong (Barnwell Park) 38 Pts

**Division 2:** L. Heath & E Chapman (Moore Park) 41 Pts c/b

**Senior Veterans:** C. Hughes (Warringah) & D. Burman (Monash) 38 pts

**TOURNAMENT REPORT: WINDSOR - 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022**



It was so good to be back at Windsor after so many issues. It had been cancelled for the past two years due to flooding. The club house has been modernised and has a new pro shop. The course has suffered obviously but still a good tough game of golf.

It was going to be a stinker of a day in Sydney, so we were ready for the additional heat of being away from the coast. It was very still and as the day wore on it did get very hot and sticky.

Morning tea was served at the halfway mark with very yummy scones, jam, and cream. I would like to thank you all for getting into the Christmas spirit by dressing up a bit. I have to say I have never played golf wearing dangly earrings which say HO-Ho-Ho, but they did match my Santa hat beautifully.



We had about 84 players from 20 clubs playing in a 4-person team event. I would like to thank you for staying for the presentation. Apologies that it was a bit late because of computer issues at the start of the day.

**Heather Champness Trophy winners:** M. Khouri, M. King, K. Rogers & M. Thorne (Windsor) 86

**2nd Place:** S. Owen, D Chant, J E Thorpe & C. Wong (Wallacia) 84 c/b

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** M. Haworth, A. Scheiler & R. Brown (Leonay) 84



Unfortunately, in the November newsletter the surname of the Ladies President at Kew golf Club was spelt incorrectly. I apologise to Pam McRae for this error and for any inconvenience it might have caused.

Delegates thank you for sending in all the happy snaps of the presentations to our major trophies 2022. They have all been highlighted on our Facebook page as unfortunately too many to mention here. Keep them coming please! Our news is only as good as your news! A skeleton crew have been keeping the office motoring along since 19<sup>th</sup> December to give your committee a well-earned break but we will re-open fully on Monday 20 January 2023. Fingers crossed that 2023 is a great year and we'll be able to offer you a full program. Cheers!



*Lyn*