



VetsNews – MARCH 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The tournaments are coming in fast & furious. Two have been held since the last newsletter, Bowral, and Bayview, both reports later in this issue. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Bowral tournament but Virginnia Hewitt, VWGA Vice President, was there in my stead. Two more tournaments will be held in March, Port Macquarie, and The Coast. These will be reported in the next newsletter.

In the January newsletter I noted that I would report on the AGM that as held last November. As I have said the meeting went very well and we managed to get a quorum. Having delegates attend by zoom is a great benefit and certainly means that more country clubs can be involved.

There were a few questions that were asked and here is the committee response as per our December 2022 meeting.

1. Why is the AGM now held on a Wednesday instead of a Friday?

Answer: *From now on the AGM will revert to a Friday.*

2. Number of players and a shot gun start for Metropolitan tournaments.

Answer: *We prefer to have no more than 120 participants. A shot gun start is purely a domestic matter. This should be a negotiation between the delegate and the club. The VWGA are happy to play in any format.*

3. Co-opting local ladies to help with tournaments on the day.

Answer: *We already do try and include any local ladies who wish to help on the day. Mainly this is the delegate.*

4. Cammeray is due to re-open in its new format in Autumn 2023. Eva hopes that the VWGA show their support when it does re-open.

Answer: *The VWGA committee are very keen to support Cammeray, how we do that is still under discussion.*

Jacky

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:



In February, at the Shelly Beach Opening Day, 144 ladies and special guests celebrated the 90th birthday of Marie Anderson. Marie plays regularly and walks every game. She truly is an inspiration!

Birthday wishes also to Joan Veerhuis who celebrated her 80th birthday at a luncheon with the Wagga City ladies.



HOLE IN ONE ACHIEVERS:



Since December 29 extremely talented (or lucky) golfers achieved Hole-In-One status (HIO). A number of these were backdated as delegates were unaware that the VWGA recognised this achievement in the form of a special hat clip. To claim for one of your members submit the form available (to download) on our website. Don't forget to send a pic of the celebration!



Celebrating (left) is Margaret Robertson who hit a driver on the 110m, 9th hole at Waratah in January. Margaret has been a member of the VWGA for 25 years and this is her first HIO achieved at 82 years young. Just shows we can always hope! Pictured (right) are Jeanette Franklin (delegate) and Lyn Rosevear who played together in the same four on Xmas Day at Kareela. Jeanette achieved hers on the par 3, 8th hole and not to be outdone Lyn aced hers immediately on the 9th. A remarkable achievement ladies, and one I was very excited to witness (ed.)



TOURNAMENT REPORT: BOWRAL 6th and 7th February 2023



Finally, Bowral got to hold their 2-day tournament after being washed out in 2022 and what a great tournament it was. Ellen Goodwin (Delegate) did a wonderful job organising it all with her committee opting in when it mattered.

The Meet and Greet was very well attended and the refreshments were great and just kept coming. All members playing in the Monday event, the 2BBB stableford team event were registered and received their team's card for the morning.

It was a two tee start but turned out to be a long day with the later teams taking 5 hours with the last group (with 6 players) nearly 6 hours. The weather was perfect with bright sun, tending to be hot later in the round. The course has recovered quite well from the wet last year but was sad to see some of the old pine trees which have fallen due to the waterlogging of the roots



The Jubilee Trophy was won by Lesley Pickup and Margie Ross-Smith - two new vets from Pymble with 46 points. (Pictured with VP Virginnia Hewitt and Delegate, Ellie Goodwin).

The dinner and Presentations were held in the lovely old clubhouse built in 1908 when the course was opened. The dinner was simple but very nice and if the chattering and noise was an indication, everyone who attended enjoyed the night.

Tuesday dawned a bit cloudy but was a very pleasant day for golf, warming up by the finish of play. Tuesday was a shotgun start which was a better option as everyone finished about the same time. Lunch was available in the clubhouse and most people stayed for presentation performed by the Bowral Women's' President. A highlight of Tuesdays play was the eagle scored by Raquel Vogel, of Commercial Albury on the 12th hole. Raquel was also the A grade winner with a score of 40 points. Well done, Raquel (right)!



24 clubs were represented, **14 country clubs**, namely Bowral, Catalina, Commercial Albury, Goulburn, Howlong, Magenta Shores, Nowra, Royal Military College (RMC), Pambula Merimbula, Shelly Beach, Vincentia, Wollongong, Yowani and **10 Metropolitan clubs**, Barnwell Park, Cromer, Long Reef, Manly, Oatlands, Pymble, Richmond, Roseville, Wakehurst, Woolooware. 8 delegates were present.

Virginia

TOURNAMENT REPORT: BAYVIEW MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2023



Having the alarm ringing at 5.15am was not nice. But travelling to Bayview before the traffic build up was. Morning tea was on the go when I got there and very welcome it was with some yummy home made goodies.

It turned out to be a very warm day and I was happy I'd booked a cart. The course was in very good condition and although it is a tough track, I enjoyed my day there. Lunch was lovely and the presentation went off without a hitch. It was lovely to catch up with Sandra Kercher (long-term Bayview delegate and former VWGA committee member), who welcomed me before the presentation.

There were 16 clubs in attendance and 5 VWGA committee members. All in all, it was a very good day. Bayview would be happy to have us back.



Ella Backhouse trophy winners



Division 1



Division 2

Scoring was close but local knowledge must have helped the winners of the Ella Backhouse Trophy - Di Nash (32) and Maureen Hicks (29) (Bayview) with 44 points on a countback from Raelene Duckbill (12) and Sandy Lollback (23) from Concord.

Raelene and Sandy took out the Division 1 competition. Division 2 was won by Pauline Fallance (23) from Oatlands and Mary Lock (45) (Long Reef) with 43 c/b.

Our next metropolitan tournament is at Long Reef on Friday 14 April, please note this is now a 2-tee start and not a shot gun as previously advertised. Cootamundra will host the next 2-day country tournament on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 May. Entry forms and results are available on our website at:

<http://vwgansw.org.au/tournaments/>.

Muswellbrook on 21-22 August has been very popular and is reaching capacity numbers, so you'll have to be quick, if your planning to go!

I trust you have enjoyed this edition of the newsletter. Remember to send in any pics of special events – I'm happy to publish. The newsletter is only as good as the snippets that we receive. Happy golfing *Lyn*