



# VetsNews – JUNE 2023



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the past six weeks a metropolitan tournament held at Long Reef, and a 2-day country tournament at Cootamundra have kept the grass from growing beneath our feet! These are reported on later in the Newsletter. We have also held a tournament at Wollongong so, this, and Marrickville (June 23<sup>rd</sup>) will be featured in the August edition. Welcome Emerald Downs Golf Course (Port Macquarie) to the VWGA family.

We have now confirmed the dates for the 2024 Country Tournaments.

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| 1. Tamworth    | 7-8 March      |
| 2. Mollymook   | 1-2 July       |
| 3. Coolangatta | 1-2 August     |
| 4. Bathurst    | 11-12 November |

As you can see, we do try to get around a lot of country NSW. Any club who would like to host a county tournament in either 2025 or 2026 please don't hesitate to contact us.

Please note that a motion will be put forward at the AGM in November to increase the membership fee of \$7.00. We are also suffering the fate of many with increasing rents, electricity, insurances, and general office expenses. I can assure you that this is not a decision we have come to lightly.

*Jacky*

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:



The picture (left) shows Mudgee's Life Member, Trish Jones celebrating her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday with Jay Moore who turned 91 on the same day. To cap off the birthday celebrations, Trish had a hole-in-one on the 4<sup>th</sup> the following Wednesday. Certainly, a week to remember- Trish!



Mary Brown celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday recently. Mary has been a member of Federal GC since the 1970s and a member of the VWGA since 1983 and still plays 9 holes regularly. Pictured (left) is Sue Sullivan (Women's Captain), Mary and Delegate Jennie Blake.

Parker and Barbara Anderson of and Viv Hobbs and Sandra Cove) who were lucky to receive President Jacky at a recent Vet's



During May 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations were reported for Wendy Bathurst GC (right), Wolfswinkel (Castle their 80<sup>th</sup> pins from Open Day.





## TOURNAMENT REPORT: LONG REEF 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023

It was an early start to the day with a 7.30 two tee start. A very nice morning tea was provided also available at the halfway mark and for tit bits after lunch.

As the time to start to play drew near so did some very threatening clouds and before we knew it the rain started to fall. If it were only rain, then it might have been bearable, but it was accompanied by a strong wind. It cleared and then started again a few times so not a good day to be outdoors. There were only two groups who pulled out before the game, everyone else finished.

The course looked in fine condition. It is a hard track and was made more difficult due to the conditions of the day. Jenni Brown, the Long Reef delegate, was out on the course directing ladies to their tees and generally keeping the field moving. A lunch menu had been set up for us and was very welcome.

Over the past few tournaments, we have found that ladies are having trouble scoring a two-ball event. Long Reef was no exception. The entering of the score cards is affected and results in the presentation being delayed. This is no reflection on Long Reef or any other golf club, but it is something that must be addressed for the future.



92 players from 14 clubs contested the Sheila Carr trophy. Local knowledge came to the fore with the results very close. **Di Heffernan (34.5) and Jeanette Reitzer (19.6) were the overall winners with a very credible 44 points.** Lynne Jackson (right) from North Ryde had a wonderful day winning Division 3 with her partner Anne Wallace and scooping the pool with a NTP and a straight drive.



## TOURNAMENT REPORT: COOTAMUNDRA 25 -26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023

We had a very good tournament at Cootamundra Golf Club, the oldest NSW country club. It was established in 1895. The Cootamundra President/ Delegate – Annie MacMaster and Secretary /Captain – Marsha Phillips had worked hard to make this tournament a success.

The meet and greet attracted about 70 of the players. Thank you to the Cootamundra ladies for the yummy selection of goodies. Everyone also received a little parcel with a map of the course, (this came in very handy), a personalised bookmark, and crocheted coffee cup holder, all produced by Marsha. It came in very useful last Tuesday, Marsha!



Everyone said “don’t forget your warm clothes” well they weren’t wrong. We had a 9.30 shot gun start both days due to the heavy mist. The second day was coldest of the two days accompanied with a strong wind. The course now has fairway watering and was in quite good condition. I thank the green staff for the presentation of the course.

Morning tea was available both days. Lunch orders were taken at morning tea and were ready when we all finished. We had a full contingent of ladies for the presentation dinner.



Bev Everett, one of the VWGA life members, and eight members of the VWGA committee were in attendance. It was great to catch up with sisters Lee Carter (Yowani) and Prue Karp (Vincentia) who attend all our country events and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 4BBB. Valarie Stuart from Bathurst had a hole-in-one on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole, a notorious 160m downhill par 3 protected by bunkers! **The winners of the Jubilee Salver were Jo Piper & Trish Swan from Kiama with 45 points (left).**



### HOLE IN-ONE ACHIEVERS:

During May, 12 special ladies were recognised as joining the exclusive Hole-In-One club. Photos received, (1) Denise Culpitt (Club Banora) who used a driver on the 143m 11<sup>th</sup> hole on 7<sup>th</sup> March. At Wollongong, (2) Margaret Driscoll on the 17<sup>th</sup> 100m par 3 used a 9 wood (January) and Sue Baker who achieved hers at Shoalhaven Heads in a Silver Pennant Match (April) used a 5 wood on the 141m first hole. Not to be outdone also on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Wollongong, (3) Margaret Reid, used an 8 iron in June. At Wagga City Country Vets Championship, one of their lovely octogenarian ladies, (4) Jan Marks, had a HIO on the 129m 13<sup>th</sup> hole using a 3 wood. Congratulations to all you special ladies.



### BITS AND PIECES:



Sue Pringle, Lismore Delegate asked if I could include her report on the Lismore Ladies Vets Open Day held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023. 92 ladies participated with the winners from Kyogle, Leanne Ivanusa and Kylie Thomas having a fantastic score of 52 points. Sue commented 'after the floods of the previous year, it was wonderful to see our clubhouse again full of ladies enjoying friendship after golf. The day was a little warm but NO RAIN.' She wanted to thank Marie Turnbull for her generous sponsorship. Fantastic that golf is back to normal in Lismore after the floods (Ed.).

Pam Jarratt, (Deniliquin) wishes to advise that she is stepping down from the delegate's role after a period of almost 20 years. She took over from Norma Bolt and wanted us to know that she has loved doing the job over the years. She turned 83 in May. Time to put your feet up - a job well done Pam!

Many thanks for all the happy snaps of what's happening around the State. Birthday greetings and congratulations to all the winners. Prue and Lee would you like to let us know the first country tournament you attended? It might set a record. I'll follow up in the next newsletter.

Following Marrickville our next tournament is at Beverley Park (7<sup>th</sup> August) followed by

Muswellbrook (21 -22 August). Hope to see you at one of them! As always, happy golfing, *Lyn*