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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Wollongong and Marrickville have been played since our last edition and are reported later. It has been an easier time though with a nice spell of relaxation in between. Beverley Park was on the 7th August and is closely followed Muswellbrook on the 21st and 22nd August. Whilst in Wollongong I had the pleasure of catching up with June Moore (2nd right), who was the country representative on the committee for many years and was the administrator for the Country championships. June caught the train from Wollongong to the office on a weekly basis until an accident unfortunately precluded her further attendance.

Our most prestigious event is our Championships to be held at Asquith on the 22nd September - 1st Division play stroke, Divisions 2,3 and 4 all play stableford. Come along and join us, the more the merrier.

In the last edition the dates for the Country Tournaments for 2024 were listed. Please note that the Tamworth event has had a date change.

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| 1. Tamworth | 23-23 February |
| 2. Mollymook | 1-2 July |
| 3. Coolangatta | 1-2 August |
| 4. Bathurst | 11-12 November |

As mentioned in my last report, a motion will be put forward at the AGM on the 24th of November to increase the membership fee of \$7.00 due to increased costs. This is not a decision we have come to lightly.

Jacky

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:



A very special birthday was held at RMC for esteemed member Betty Lawrence on her 93rd birthday. Betty has been a member of the VWGA for 40 years and was the RMC delegate for many of those years. She plays 18 holes every week (sometimes twice) and has only recently succumbed to using a cart. Off the course, Betty loves to party, karaoke, cruising, and the odd glass of wine. She is often in the winners' circle and amazes the ladies with her putting prowess. *Ed: I met Betty (and her Canberra cohorts) at the country tournaments about 20 years ago and can attest to sharing a laugh, a fun game and many a wine with her. Happy birthday special lady!*



80th birthday celebrations were held in June for Jessie Northey and Margaret Franklin (South West Rocks), and in July, Glen Barnwell, Jan Galloway and Keng Cowan (Gordon).



HOLE IN-ONE



During June, 7 Country ladies achieved VWGA HIO status and 4 Metropolitan in July. On the 13th 107m hole at Tura Beach, Barbara Rees claimed her 5th Hole-n-One! She has scored 3 on the 13th hole, 1 on the 3rd Hole, and 1 on the 9th. What an outstanding achievement Barbara! She is pictured



with President - Serena Garrett and Captain – Lynda Plummer. *Ed. Now that's a challenge! Can anyone claim more than 5 Holes-in-one?*

TOURNAMENT REPORTS: Wollongong 29th May 2023

What a beautiful venue Wollongong Golf Club is. We had the most perfect golf day. It was a bit chilly to start and it got a little windy but still lovely.



There were 100 ladies who entered and 98 who played. This time we played a 2ball aggregate. I think that it went down very well and didn't cause as much confusion as a straight out 2ball. Division one winners were Amanda Poidevin and Colleen Bell (Wollongong) with 73 points.

The pro did well with registration and was very helpful and considerate. One of my jobs when arriving at a tournament is putting up the VWGA flag out on the course, for this I need a hammer. I managed to leave my hammer in the cart I was using, and it was returned to me without any questions asked.

Lunch was included in the price of the day, that we had all pre-ordered. When we arrived at the function centre, we were offered a glass of champagne. A bonus and well received! Our thanks to everyone at Wollongong Golf Club.

Marrickville 23rd June 2023

The night before the Marrickville event the heavens opened, and I thought we might lose some of the field. But no, everyone turned up to what turned out to be a lovely sunny day. There was some standing water on the first fairway but apart from that the course was playing well.



72 players from 15 clubs played a 2BBB Stableford for the Heather Champness Memorial Cup. Results were close but local knowledge helped the winners and runners up. Dianne Tompson and Fay McGee won the trophy with 46 on a countback from Lisa Williams and Catherine Sutton Brady.

Cristiane Jones, (Marrickville delegate), and Kylie Moulds, (Marrickville pro) put a lot of work into this event. This included a very nice morning tea which was still available at halfway.

As we go around Sydney with our tournaments, we are getting lots of ladies who haven't played in a VWGA event before. This was the case at Marrickville. It is why we move around and have different tournaments all over the metropolitan area. This enables ladies who don't like to travel to far in the Sydney traffic to meet other golfers from other clubs.

BITS AND PIECES: Jane Sherlock, the Beverley Park delegate and her partner Judy



Smith are taking claim to the Senior Veterans events recently at Wollongong (right) and Marrickville. Jane also achieved a hole-in-one on Hole 4a at Marrickville. Jane (who is never short on words) accepting her HIO pin from Jacky(left).



Lee Carter replied to my comments in the June 2023 newsletter, that the first tournament that Prue and Lee attended was at Coolamatong in the Snowy in May 2014. She still has the ball marker she was given and uses it every game! *Ed. Oh memories, I was at that tournament and still remember the saucer shaped greens! Always great to catch up with you both! Happy golfing Lyn*