



VetsNews – NOVEMBER 2023

PRESIDENTS REPORT



We are nearly at the end of a successful year. We haven't missed any days because of rain. In fact, the courses have mostly been running, due to the dry conditions. We have played at Albury in a 2-day country event and held the State Foursomes at Bankstown since our last issue. Both are reported on later.

Coming up is our last event of the year at Penrith. This will be our Xmas theme day and I hope everybody who participates dresses accordingly.

The AGM was held on November 24th. Unfortunately, due a technical issue we were unable to contact the delegates that were joining us by Zoom. We are very sorry and hope that the issue doesn't raise its ugly head again next year. We were able to get a quorum as some delegates had either sent their proxies into the office or had someone attending in their stead.

The draft 2024 Tournament programme is now on the web site.

The VWGA office will be closing for a few weeks over the festive season. You can still send emails and you are very welcome to put money into the bank, but the phones will not be answered. The committee have worked hard and are ready for a small break from the 16th December to 8th January.

Jacky

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:



Vets' birthday wishes (in the form of a hat clip) have been sent throughout 2023 to 269 Octogenarians and to 21 ladies reaching their naughty nineties! Pictured are the 80-year celebrations for Wendy Gallard with her daughters and the Shelly Beach ladies and the 6 ladies from Ocean Shores (left to right) Larissa, Sheila, Kaye, Elizabeth, Lynette, and Lyn (who missed out of

the afternoon tea shot). Think I'll have to consider moving to the Ocean Shores lifestyle (ed.)



HOLE IN-ONE: October was the largest number of Hole-in-One applications received with 17 reported. Over the year 108 clever ladies were congratulated. Pictured is Maria McManus from Wagga City who used a driver on the 141m 2nd hole. Monthly HIO report is on our FB page.



BITS AND PIECES:

Ballina Ladies recently had their presentation night and the delegate, Robyne Trotter (left) was delighted to present Lynette Crandon (right) with her prize for winning Division One Nett in the 2023 VWGA Country Championships. Lyn was thrilled to receive the award – her smile says it all!



A delighted Heather Collins (Yamba) was the 2023 Mabel MacKenzie Senior Vet winner. Here she is pictured with the Yamba Captain, Julie Campbell and the Delegate, Lyn Rowland. There were 140 entries from Country clubs in the 2023 competition. Well done, Heather!



TOURNAMENT REPORTS: Commercial Albury 16/17 October 2023

Albury was like a well-oiled machine which ran well. The whole tournament was run by Jan Bye, the Ladies Captain as they don't have a President. At the "meet & greet" about 20 ladies arrived and after a few drinks we all sat down and had dinner together on one big table. That was very pleasant.

The weather on the Monday was cold, wet, and windy. Tuesday was very pleasant, and the sun shone. We had two mentions in the local paper with a couple of photos.

There were 76 ladies in the field each day. Ladies were able to use the app or use a card. Plenty of carts were available. It is quite a hard course and everyone who came from Sydney lost at least two shots. The fairways and greens were in very good condition. Four VWGA committee attended.

Lunches on both days were included in the tournament cost and were very nice and unexpected. The first day included sandwiches, wraps, etc. The second was a formal 2 course lunch. The dinner and presentation were held in town at the Commercial Club.



Overall, a great tournament. The 4BBB results were close for the salver on the Monday with Commercial Albury ladies showing the visitors how the course should be played – taking out the first five places between (44 to 42 points). The Salver winners were Melinda McDonald and Stephanie Stephenson with 44 points. Well done ladies.

STATE FOURSOMES: BANKSTOWN 6TH NOVEMBER 2023

I had a very restless Sunday night listening out for rain, but it never happened. Monday turned out to be a little windy but a very good golf day. Bankstown Golf course was in wonderful condition. Lush fairways and very fast greens. Most of the bunkers were out of play because of the heavy rain on the previous two days. There were 96 ladies in the field from 31 clubs. 7 Committee members played. So, a very good turn up!

There are no caterers on a Monday, but the club ensured that a lunch of sandwiches and wraps was available. Thank you to Lesley Paradine for giving up her day to help. She was there from morning registration to the drinks at the end of the day. Division 1 was presented with their spoils as soon as the last card was in for that group. 2nd and 3rd divisions were done together at the end of the day. (2023 Champions pictured left to right)

2023 State Foursomes Champions	Jennifer Slatyer and Jan Crichton	Killara	84
Bronze 1 Champions	Jo Bayley and Jude Richardson	Cronulla	97
Bronze 2 Champions	Sandra Beves (Bankstown)/Mary Butcher (Moss Vale)		111
Senior Vets Champions	Frances Yates and Kath Caruso	Beverley Park	75 Nett C/b



I hope you have a wonderful festive season with family and friends. See you on a golf course in 2024 *Lyn*