

VetsNews – JANUARY 2024



I hope that you have all had a very good festive season and that 2024 brings you all health and happiness.



We start this edition with mention of our last event of 2023. This was Penrith held on the 7th December. All details are listed later in the newsletter. I was a little disappointed that the “Christmas Theme” wasn’t a success but maybe we can advertise it a bit more for Windsor in December.

The office is now back to business and ready for another year. The yearly programme and all entry forms are on our web at: <https://vwgansw.org.au/tournaments/> and have also been emailed to all delegates.

Just a reminder of the Country Tournaments for 2024. Please come and join us for a fun couple of days away.

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| 1. Tamworth | 22-23 February |
| 2. Mollymook | 1-2 July |
| 3. Coolangatta | 1-2 August |
| 4. Bathurst | 11-12 November |

Our first two Metropolitan tournaments are Beverley Park on 26th February and Eastlake 12th March. You may be taken aback when you see the cost of Eastlake but please note that it does include a golf cart and a light lunch. Because of the configuration of the course a cart is a necessity.

Hope to see you around the traps. Good golfing to you all. *Jacky*

BITS AND PIECES:



Di Tyrell (Howlong) sent us news on their ‘fantastic 92-year-old.... fit as a fiddle...ever consistent golfer, Maralyn Seddon’. Maralyn won the regional playoff for the NSW Medal on 30th October shooting a 72 nett. Her straight shooting down the fairways and consistent putting won the Division 3 section and she was invited to play in the State Finals at Stonecutters Ridge on December 6th. Maralyn plays golf at least twice per week. She is loved by the ladies for her keenness, resilience, staying power and enthusiasm. Congratulations, Maralyn! *[My apologies for not including in the last newsletter due to space but I would love to report on her day at Stonecutters. Ed]*

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:



Three 80th birthdays were celebrated at North Ryde on their Xmas Day. President Jacky celebrated with Carmel Hughes, Margaret Feltham and Trish Cross. Happy birthday girls looking very glam around the Xmas tree! Did Santa arrive?

HOLE-IN-ONE:

Suzanne Grobb (Delegate) Roseville had a hole-in-one on their Xmas Gala Day on 5th December. It was an early shotgun start at 7.30 and Suzanne’s first shot of the day. She pulled out her 5 hybrid, sauntered up to the tee and felt she had hit a safe shot somewhere on the green! As Suzanne commented ‘This was my first shot of the day, which only goes to prove the relationship between golf and luck!’ She was spoilt with a few bottles of bubbles, a team second place (ham) and she felt it was a fitting end to her tenure as Roseville Delegate. Well Done, Suzanne!



COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2023

	GROSS			NETT	
Division 1	Sylvia Donohue	Narooma		Lyn Crandon	Ballina
Division 2	Polly Joel	South West Rocks		Leonie Kelly	Gosford
Division 3	Jill Bartlett	West Wyalong		Mary Obermaier	Cooma
Weekend	Tania Haslam	Queanbeyan		Deborah Souter	Murwillumbah
Senior Veteran				Lola Smith	Pambula Merimbula

	MABEL MACKENZIE BROOCH 2023 (Country)			CHALLENGE BROOCH 2023 (Metropolitan)	
Division 1	Pauline Ryan	Maclean		Helen Foie	Wakehurst
Division 2	Molly Plunkett	Maclean		Rhonda Sedger	Richmond
Division 3	Libby Hegerty	Murwillumbah		Sue Bush	Randwick
Weekend				Jan Redropp	Wakehurst
Senior Veteran	Helen Collins	Yamba		Jenny Webb	Wakehurst

In 2023 there was an increase in the number of clubs participating in the above events. The Challenge Brooch saw 63 out of 76 metropolitan clubs involved and 246 hat clips were awarded. The Mabel Mackenzie Brooch involved 140 country clubs with 520 hat clips being awarded. Country Championships will be reported in the next newsletter Thanks to Vanna and Lucy for co-ordinating these results.

Ocean Shores ladies presented their winners with their spoils at their Xmas Day. The ladies dressed for the occasion with the theme 'Merriment – the letter M'. Pictured left to right are the Country Championship Nett and Gross winners and the Mabel Mackenzie Brooch winners. Looks like a fun day and a spread of happy winners! *Apologies in not including the names due to lack of space but they were acknowledged in our Facebook post. Ed*



TOURNAMENT REPORT: PENRITH – 7th December 2023



An extremely hot day was forecasted, and they were not wrong! A very still and airless morning. A delicious morning tea was served outside the pro-shop on arrival. As usual the ladies of Penrith had been baking and it was all very nice and lived up to expectations. Pictured left are Team Reindeer – your committee helpers – Lesley, President Jacky and Lana who took the Xmas theme to the next level. Take note of 2024 at Windsor.

The course was in great condition with preferred lies on the fairways, but generally you didn't have to take it. We had a smallish field of 68 players from 16 clubs, and it ran really well.

This meant that the presentation was finished in good time and that a lot of ladies were still in attendance to clap the Mabs Downes trophy winners: **R Francis and T Wood (Lakeside), C. Jones (Kareela) and P Hatch (Penrith).** with a score of 97.



Division 1 (0-51) D Montgomery, V Hall, K Butler (Penrith) and M Haworth (Leonay) <<<<<<<<

Division 2 (51.5-90) H Kennett, M Nelson, P Tunchon and P Kunkler (Penrith). It was lovely to see the Delegate, Helen Kennett (2nd left) in

the winner's circle as she works very hard to make this day a success for the VWGA. >>>>>>>



Thank you, delegates you for sending in all the happy snaps of your presentations. I loved all the Xmas dress-ups! The pics have all been highlighted in the last few newsletters and on our Facebook page. A skeleton crew have been keeping the office limping along over the Xmas break with the office reopening on 15 January. Keep the news coming as the newsletter relies on your input! Hope to see you on a fairway somewhere in 2024! Cheers!

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