



## VetsNews – APRIL 2024



I have been lucky enough to have completed some overseas travel since our last edition. I would like to thank our Vice President, Virginia Hewitt, for standing in for me.

Unfortunately, Beverley Park had to be cancelled due to a lack of numbers. This may have been due to the early date in the year, 28<sup>th</sup> February. We have now made another date for this event in August. A new entry form will be sent out to all delegates and be put onto our web site when we have confirmed that date.

Tamworth's two-day country tournament was a success and reported on by Virginia. Unfortunately, I missed this one. I was back onboard for Eastlakes but only just.

Our next Metropolitan event is at The Coast, 8<sup>th</sup> April. This closed its books with 108 entries. A very good roll up. Mollymook, which will not be held until 1<sup>st</sup>/2nd July has already closed with 132 entrants.

I have been asked by the ladies who oversee our finances, to ask you to please pay for your events together, when playing in a team or a 2-ball event, not individually.

Lastly, I would like to see if there are any ladies out there who would like to join us on the VWGA committee. We need ladies who are willing to give us one day a week in the office which is in the CBD. Computer skills would be preferable. Could suit someone who has just retired and is looking for something to do. It is a very busy office with lots to do, but we also manage to have lots of fun. Please come and join us. Good health and good golfing. See you at the next tournament.

*Jacky*

### BITS AND PIECES:



Woolooware Ladies recently honoured and celebrated two of their ladies obtaining 50 years membership – Jill Roach and Liane Nowak. This report will deservedly focus on Jill who is the current Vets delegate for over 25 years. Her many achievements include being awarded life membership in 2017, serving on the women's committee (8 years), vice-captain (2 years) and Captain (4 years). She has played in winning pennant teams, has been a Division 3 and Division 4 champion and was winner of the women's foursomes (1998). She also won the Seat of Government Cup trophy in 2008. She is the current Welfare Officer for the Woolooware Ladies a position she has held for 10 years. She was also a Councillor for Metropolitan Central South NSWGA and achieved rules presenter accreditation in 2005. The Woolooware Ladies President, Lynne Willis acknowledged

Jill as a 'truly deserving of all the accolades bestowed' on her. 'You have always been a calm, steady influence on your fellow members and we are grateful for your guidance, wisdom and compassion.' Congratulations Jill! Thoroughly deserved and a lovely lady to top it off! Sorry Liane you only get a photo this time!



Sue Pringle, (delegate) Lismore Ladies reported on their Vets Open Day on 18/3/24. 72 ladies teed off with conditions a little heavy after several days of rain, playing a 4BBB. Scores were excellent with the first 5 places ranging from 42 to 38 points. The overall winners were Jennifer Cicchinelli and Cath Parker with 42 points. After golf, the ladies gathered for lunch and afternoon tea and to enjoy the fellowship of their fellow golfers. Pictured are the winners with Life Member and Sponsor Mrs Marie Turnbull. Sue

commented 'as we are all veteran golfers, the friendships we create and enjoy whilst playing golf, are very much an integral part of our golf.' So true Sue!

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:



Wagga City celebrated two 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays with a lovely lunch and birthday cake at the Tolland Hotel. The two ladies Trish Gray and Lillian Sutherland have held various official positions in the club as well as at District level. Trish recently being President of Riverina Women's Golf Association and Lillian being Lady President of Wagga City for a number of years.

Mavis Palmer celebrated 90 years young with the Shelly Beach Ladies. She is pictured with the Captain and President and a very

large birthday cake! >>>>



### HOLE-IN-ONE:



Dual celebrations occurred at Shoalhaven Heads recently when Helen Todd was presented with her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday pin and Maggie Symonds had a Hole-in-One. An excited Maggie scored her dream on the 180m 8<sup>th</sup> hole<<<<<<

Jenny Smith achieved her 2<sup>nd</sup> hole-in-one at Lynwood on 23/3/24, on the 107m 3<sup>rd</sup> hole using a 9 iron.



Kerry Hunting (Tura Beach) achieved her 2<sup>nd</sup> hole-in-one on 14/2/24 on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole 96m hole using a pitching wedge. Her first was only in January 2024. The ladies considered it was a fitting way to conclude her 3 year reign as Captain – through some very trying times. Well Done Kerry! Looking forward to another one perhaps in March!

A very excited Jill McLean had her first hole-in-one on 7/2/24 at Castlecove on the 153m 18<sup>th</sup> hole using a driver. Jill is relatively new to golf, and with her first shot of the day (shotgun) with a brand-new driver got a hole-in-one! Jill (pink) pictured with delegate Helen Muscat. Go girl!



There was a total of 20 hole-in-one pins issued December 2023 to February 2024. Too many to list in the newsletter but for all these special ladies they are acknowledged on our Facebook page. Amazing achievement ladies!

### TOURNAMENT REPORT: TAMWORTH 22<sup>ND</sup> and 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

The Meet and Greet was held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and was well attended. The Tamworth Ladies Captain Stephanie King, Treasurer Della Ruttley, and Delegate Maxine Crossley welcomed us. The last time a VWGA tournament was held at Tamworth was in 2005 and Di Bolton produced a shoe bag as evidence.



On Thursday, 130 players from 30 clubs played for the Diamond Jubilee Country Tournament Salver. They hit off a two-tee start at 7.30am on a very warm day with the course in beautiful condition. There was not a lot of run on the course as they had rain earlier in the week so one needed an extra club most of the time. Scores were varied but all seemed to enjoy the day. Unfortunately, two last minute withdrawals left a 6 at the end of the field. Channel 7 Tamworth attended and interviewed Stephanie King, and Virginnia Hewitt VWGA Vice President (in President Jacky Parsons' absence) before play and was aired on Channel 7's district news at 6.00.



Results were very close with the trophy being won on a count back by Jo Ann Richardson (Taree) and Cindy Googh (Forster- Tuncurry) with 41 points. (Pictured with Stephanie King (left) and Virginnia Hewitt (right)).

The dinner on Thursday night was held at the club and was well attended. The room looked amazing with white tablecloths and a black runners with black and white serviettes and white flowers. Presentation was done between main course and dessert. Before and after dinner we were entertained by one of their members, Elaine Holden, as DJ. After dinner, the tempo rose and many ladies enjoyed some energetic dancing.



Friday again dawned warm but there was a bit of a breeze. The field of 109 hit off for an Individual Stableford at 8.00 as a shotgun start but it was still a 5-hour game for some. Rain had been predicted but did not eventuate. Scores weren't especially high, but you could still win a ball with 25 points! Presentation was done after lunch and the raffle drawn, major prize \$100 note and other locally produced products. Division 1 winner stood out from the field! Winners were:

Division 1 (0-20)	Helen Veverka (Ryde Parramatta)	38 points (left)
Division 2 (21-24)	Jann Moore (Werris Creek)	34 points
Division 3 (25-31)	Laraine Burrows (Wakehurst)	33 points
Division 4 (32-45)	Fay Wales (Tamworth)	34 points (right)

Delicious morning teas were available on both days, thanks to the great country cooks. Our thanks go to the Tamworth Golf Club and the very efficient ladies committee (mentioned above) for hosting this tournament.

*Virginnia Hewitt, Vice President*

I hope you enjoyed this newsletter and keep those news items coming - particularly if you have a photo. Congratulations to all the birthday girls, the hole-in-one special ladies, and to Jill and Liane on achieving 50 years membership at Woollooware. Next issue will include reports on our tournaments at Eastlake and The Coast. In the meantime – happy golfing



and love your clubs. The cartoon might be a tad over the top. Cheers *Lyn*