



WARATAH
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"POSTCARD"

Have you been anywhere interesting lately?

This is the section for you to communicate with members. Share information about outside competitions you have attended or places of interest you have visited.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have news, humorous anecdotes, stories or information for inclusion in

Down the Fairways

forward to Loraine Smith no later than 22nd of the month in written format or via email russloraine@optusnet.com.au

Down the Fairways is available on our website: www.waratahgolfclub.com.au

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hello to all our awesome women members! I hope you are all well and enjoying life! And one can now tell it is winter with the cold, brisk mornings ... too cold for me to play golf early. With the wet weather occurring of late, the course is still 'squishy' and muddy in places, but is trying to dry out. The greens are good and the fairways have been mowed, as well as most of the roughs when equipment was able to get into those areas. Cross fingers for more sunny days ahead.

Cart Path Construction – Posted on 14 June, 2024 – Quoted from WGC MiClub Website

For those who are unable to access the internet and therefore the WGC MiClub website - FYI:

"After recently being unsuccessful for a second time in receiving grant funding to construct cart paths, the Board has decided to expediate the construction of cart paths on our notoriously wet holes to enable golf carts to be used following wet weather events.

We experienced a major wet weather event that stretched throughout 2021/2022 and expected that it would not be repeated to the same extent for a very long time. However, the recent short wet weather event in April, May, and early June has resulted in similar course conditions to those in 2021/2022. The problem is that players who use mobility vehicles cannot play on those sunny days after rain, as the course takes so long to drain and we do not have cart paths to allow carts or encourage golf generally. One week of rain adversely affects 4-weeks golf revenue and we need to reduce this as much as possible to ensure the financial viability of the club, as well as ensure the course is as accessible as possible for our golfers.

The cart paths will be constructed on holes 1, 8, 10, 12 and 17, with the paths on the 8th and 10th to have an extended shared section.

The work will be carried out by Pack Constructions commencing on Monday, 17 June."

New Members

I'd like to welcome several relatively new women members to Waratah Golf Club (WGC) this year; viz. Jeanette Cairns, Haeseon Kim, Vicky Lozana, Wendy Porter (6-day playing members), Casandra Wright and Charmaine Scrooby (7-day playing members). Ladies, on behalf of the women members, I would like to welcome you to our wonderful club and we hope to see you each week on the course with the other women members, as well as the men, enjoying your golf.

PRESIDENT'S PEN continued.....

The ladies' competition day is every Tuesday, weather permitting. Should you have any questions about playing golf at Waratah, please don't hesitate to contact me or our Captain, Renay Robertson. Our mobile numbers can be obtained through the Admin office.

Charity Day

As I write this report at the end of June, Charity Day had to be postponed to another date; viz. Tuesday, 2 July. Wet weather hampered our original date at the beginning of June and Committee sincerely hopes that the 'wet weather gods' stay away for the next week, so that we can play and support our charity - 'Nova for women and children'.

I'd like to end this report with a quote from the great Bobby Jones:

"You swing your best when you have the fewest things to think about."

Be happy, be safe, stay well. *Awesome golfing everyone for the month of July!*

Jenny Quist, Women's President

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Just a short report this month due to our many postponed or cancelled events.

Luckily, we got the monthly Medal played for June. Congratulations to Trudi Edwards for a nice 73 Nett in these hard course conditions. Trudi also won the President's Trophy for the best Nett score OTF.

July is a very busy month ahead. Our Charity Day is now scheduled for 2nd July with 100 confirmed entrants, so that is very pleasing. We have great prizes to be won with the support of all you lovely ladies, who are proving generous as always. Let's hope for a fine, sunny day.

Our annual 4BBB Championships are on 16 and 23 July. Organise your partner, ladies, and make sure you enter your two names together when the draw opens online two weeks prior (2 July).

The Keno 2-person Ambrose Event will now be played on July 30 and has a \$5 entry fee per team to compete.

We have decided to postpone our Jokers Wild Day to Friday, September 13th. Unfortunately, July was just too busy to run this event successfully. We as a committee also decided that the Jokers Wild Day format is preferable to Black Cat Day, so this year we will not be having a Black Cat Day but will be using the date saved for us to run the Jokers Wild event.

Finally, thank you to Colleen Wren and Dawn Evans, who will be representing Waratah in the District Country Cup to be held at Tanilba Bay on Friday, July 5. Best of luck, ladies.

Good golfing girls. *Renay Robertson, Women's Captain*

PROGRAMME FOR JULY

Note: Changes in Program

- 2 ~~Qualifying for Keno Let's Play Ambrose Event – 2-person \$5.00 entry fee per team.~~ **Charity Day**
- 9 **Beryl Tobin Event** Stroke/Monthly Medal/Scratch/Putting in conjunction/6th Rnd GNSW Medal
- 16 4BBB Championships – 1st Round
- 23 4BBB Championships – 2nd Round
- 26 ~~Jokers Wild Day~~ - **Cancelled**
- 30 **Qualifying for Keno Let's Play Ambrose 2-person team event – \$5.00 entry fee per team.**



UPCOMING EVENTS – OPEN DAYS

August

- 1 Belmont Open Day
- 6 Shortland Waters Open Day

All information for above events can be found on the ladies' notice board.

Cooking is like golf, you slice it, chip it and put it on some greens – *unknown*.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthdays are filled with yesterday's memories, today's joy, and tomorrow's dreams

JULY



2	Lynne Page	18	Beryl Tobin
	Melinda Henriksen	21	Joanne Dusterhoft
3	Helen Donaldson	24	Diane Hinchcliffe
7	Elaine Bennett	25	Sally Kinsella
9	Jeannette Cairns	26	Carole Becklar
13	Donna Drake		Denise Stewart
14	Dianne Watson	27	Liat Baddock

'0' birthday depicted in pink

MEMBER PROFILES



Ann

Lyn

Ann Young and Lyn Franks have been friends for quite a few years. They play tennis three days a week and decided to have golf lessons as they believed that they could not play tennis forever. They started having golf lessons at the beginning of 2022 with Coach Andrew at Belmont Golf Club. They joined Waratah Golf Club as social members in 2023, practicing on Thursdays. In the meantime, they were invited into the Swansea RSL Golf Group at the beginning of 2023, playing every second Sunday. They still play tennis three days a week, when possible, but hope to play more competitive days of golf in the future.

Submitted by Lyn Franks

WGC Members' Portal

The member's portal is your place to get all of the up-to-date information from the Club. The layout has been changed to allow more content for members. Simply log in to your portal and click members home. Use the content headings to find the information you are looking for.

Under Women's News our Newsletter each month is now located there as well as on the main website, along with any updates of changes to program as well as noteworthy news.

FLASHBACK JULY 2017

I am sure there are members who remember the following from 2017 how cold was this, but no rain, and we played golf:

'July has come with some very cold mornings. There have only been a handful of mornings over 8^oC, and there was an especially cold morning on Tuesday 11 July, Frith Cup Event, with a very chilly 1^oC to start the day.'

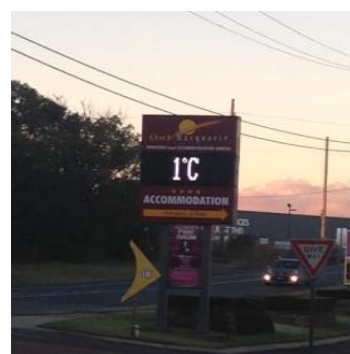


Photo by Barb Ferris

LOCAL RULES

(To be read in conjunction with the Rules of Golf and Temporary Rules)

Out of Bounds: All areas beyond club boundary fences, the line of white and black posts, the creek bordering the course. Alternative out of bounds and lost ball local rule applies, ball may be dropped in the area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and the edge of the fairway of the hole being played that is not nearer the hole. 2 stroke penalty applies (now playing 4th shot if first shot was OOB).

Ground under Repair: Bare patches and tree roots on fairways only. Areas defined by white stakes/lines, except in a penalty area. Artificial surfaces, gardens and mulch gardens containing white stakes, staked trees, exposed geo-textile in bunkers, and grass or soiled filled irrigation trenches. Roads, paths, and bare shoulders of paths. Material piles and any damaged area. Wheel marks or damaged areas made by mower, tractor, golf cart or motor vehicle. Machinery shed and surrounds. Drains crossing 7th, 8th and 13th fairways (fairway only).

Immovable Obstructions: All stakes defining penalty areas, GUR and staked trees. Fixed sprinkler heads, distance plates, posts, screen fences. Swing and stance relief applies under rule 16.1. Relief may be taken under rule 16.1b if a fixed sprinkler head is on the line of play within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball.

Power Lines: If a ball strikes a power line and/or pole located inbounds, the ball must be replayed without penalty.

Penalty Areas: Red or yellow stakes/lines define penalty areas.

Embedded Ball: Relief from an embedded ball through the green may be taken under rule 16.3.

Lightning: If an electrical storm approaches and players are concerned for their safety, play should cease, position of the ball marked, and players should take cover until the storm has passed.

Measuring Devices: May be used to measure distance only.

Coloured Distance Posts/Markers: Are measured to centre of greens:
Blue – 200m White – 150m Yellow – 100m Red – 50m

If at any time you require clarification around local rules, whilst playing, these can be accessed via the **MISCORE APP** or if using card on back of card.

“Play the ball as it lies, play the course as you find it, and if
you cannot do either, do what is fair.
But to do what is fair, you need to know
the Rules of Golf”
