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### 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](mailto:russloraine@optusnet.com.au)

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

"Down the Fairways" will continue to feature popular stories, activities within our club, upcoming events, course etiquette, course care, rules and continue with new member/member profiles, so, yes, I will be requesting profiles from members during 2025. Support from you, by the way of providing stories and humorous/serious anecdotes, to ensure our publication each month remains entertaining as well as informative will always be appreciated. *Lorraine, Editor*

### PRESIDENT'S PEN

Welcome to our 2025 golfing season. Our secretary has worked on our Programme books and they will be available for collection on our Opening Day which is scheduled for Tuesday 4th February and is a 2-Person Team Event, so organise your team, enter via timesheet online and enjoy our first event for 2025!

The Pennant team draws are now finalised and you can find the information on Page 4.

Our 2025 Committee has new members; I look forward to working with each and every one of them. I wish our members a great 2025 golfing season!  
*Lorraine Smith, Women's President*

2025 Women's Committee



Back Row L-R: Kate Brownsmith (Secretary), Jan Bransgrove (Treasurer), Maureen Dyer (Captain), Liat Baddock, Colleen Wren (General Committee), Sophia Roberts (Asst. Treasurer), Robyn Suprano (Vice-Captain)

Front Row L-R: Carol Tutt (Vice-President), Lynne Page (General Committee), Jan Gillies (Asst. Secretary), Loraine Smith (President).

## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Welcome to the start of our 2025 Golfing Season. Although our programme doesn't officially start until Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, we have lots happening already. Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January was our Australia Day Event and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February is the NHDLGA Committee Day. Numbers are slightly down for Australia Day but we still have enough to run a successful event.

### New Ladies Tees and Index

Women			
Hole	Index	Distance	New Rating
1	2/20/38	360	2
2	8/26/44	418	8
3	14/32/50	130	14
4	16/34/52	322	16
5	11/29/47	153	11
6	4/22/40	290	6
7	12/30/48	230	12
8	9/27/45	413	9
9	18/36/54	110	18
10	7/25/43	431	7
11	17/35/53	108	17
12	5/23/41	438	5
13	1/19/37	320	4
14	15/33/51	145	15
15	10/28/46	174	10
16	6/24/42	419	1
17	3/21/39	321	3
18	13/31/49	270	13

Due to the ongoing issues with Parramatta grass on some holes The Match Committee have made some changes to hopefully help with this. Also I asked Jono for a report regarding the Index on the Red Course. This was over a period of six months and indicates that some of the Hole Indexes needed adjusting. There will be three new Tee Beds on the 4th, 6th and the 13th holes and the Index will change also on those holes. The 16th Hole will just be an Index change. I have asked if these changes could be implemented for the 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. MiScore will also be adjusted for the new Index and Distance. We will not be getting New Cards, so anyone using cards will need to be aware of the changes.

### Pennants

In 2025 we have submitted 3 Pennant Teams. Division 2, Bronze South and Weekend Pennants. Anyone wishing to play Pennants please let me know ASAP if you haven't already done so. Our new Pennant Shirts are now being embroidered and will be ready for the start of the Season.

Thanks to the efforts of Sean and his staff and also the volunteers, our course is in amazing condition for the start of the season. With so many visitors attending our club in the coming weeks, it's great to see the course looking so good. With this in mind, it is still the responsibility of all players to help by repairing lob marks on the green and divots on the fairways.

The Ladies programme has been completed and is now being printed. We have kept as much as possible in line with the Men's programme, while also complying with NHDLGA and GNSW Events.

We have several events throughout the year where there is an Entry Fee. The Entry Fee for all events must be paid either on the day, prior to play, or put in an envelope in the drawer in the ladies room.

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and look forward to a great golfing year ahead. Good Golfing to all, *Maureen Dyer, Women's Captain*

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"In golf as in life, it is the follow through that makes the difference" - *Anonymous*

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## PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY

- 4 Opening Day – Two person Ambrose
- 11 Stableford  
**\*Extra Competitions Commence\***
- 18 Stroke/Monthly Medal/Scratch/First Round of GNSW Medal/Putting in Conjunction  
VWGA Country Championships (Affiliated Members)
- 25 Stableford

## UPCOMING EVENTS – OPEN DAYS

### February

- 06 Nelson Bay Gala Day
- 17 Belmont Open Day
- 26 Halliwell Cup – Charlestown GC



### March

- 03 Hawks Nest Ladies Classic
- 13 Shamrock Day – Newcastle GC
- 25 Charity Day – Nelson Bay GC

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

## 2025 GOLF NSW MEDAL COMPETITION

Programme of six (6) stroke events between 1 February and 30 September in 2025, played in three divisions. These events are run in conjunction with Club Medal Rounds.

Entry fee \$5 per player, to be paid **prior** to the commencement of the first round or **on the day** of the first round of competition. Divisions for the 2025 Golf NSW Women's Medal Competition are determined by the player's GA handicap on the first medal round they play.

**If you wish to participate in the above competition submit your payment in an envelope, with your name, current GA handicap, Golf NSW Medal written on the front, and place in the Treasurer's drawer in the Ladies Meeting Room.**

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

### JANUARY

- 1 Tracey Cooper
- 3 Michelle Clarke
- 12 Laura Smyth
- 14 Kerrie Brooks
- 22 Ann Young
- 27 Virginia Alexander
- 30 Chris Muddle

### FEBRUARY

- 5 Renay Robertson
- 7 Joan Smithson
- 12 Yvonne Kaluski
- 20 Marlene Russell
- 27 Alison Roser

## VETS INFORMATION

Veteran Women's Golfers' Association (VWGANSW) annual subscriptions are due for 2025 and are \$7.00 for current members and \$17 for new members. By becoming a member, you are eligible to play in VWGA events. If you are not a member and would like to join, speak with your VWGA representative, Loraine Smith.

If you require further information on how these Comps are administered, I am happy to explain in more detail. *Loraine Smith (VETS Delegate).*

## 2025 VWGANSW TOURNAMENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 24 Bayview GC, 2BBB Stableford  
Florence Stewart Basket

### MARCH

- 17-18 Two Day VWGA Sponsored Tournament  
Day 1 4BBB Stableford (Shotgun Start)  
Day 2 Taree GC - Individual Stableford (Shotgun Start)

### APRIL

- 11 Woollooware GC – 2BBB Stableford  
Marge D'Elmaine Salver

**Entry forms available on the VWGA Website. If you wish to enter please speak with your VETS Delegate, Loraine Smith.**

## WEEKLY COMP WINNINGS/PRIZE MONEY

We are offering our women members the choice of two options again in 2025 for redeeming their prize money; Members Card or Coles/Myer Card. Advantages for transferring to Member's card where it can be used for purchases:

- ❖ Over the bar for drinks, chips, coffee etc.
- ❖ Bistro, lunches
- ❖ Pro Shop for golfing needs
- ❖ Pay for hire of golf carts
- ❖ Winnings can be redeemed to Member's Card on weekly basis
- ❖ Good for two (2) years from the date amount is transferred to Member's Card

**We encourage members to redeem to Club Member/Account card; by doing this you are supporting the viability of the Golf Club.**

## NHDLGA PENNANT DRAW - 2025

### DIVISION 2 SCRATCH PENNANT DRAW 2025 (Played in Groups of Four)

- Round 1: 10 March 2025 at Toronto GC**  
9:00 Waratah v Muree
- Round 2: 17 March 2025 at Pacific Dunes**  
8:30 Waratah v Nelson Bay
- Round 3: 24 March 2025 at Maitland GC**  
9:30 Waratah v Pacific Dunes
- Round 4: 31 March 2025 Waratah (BYE)**
- Round 5: 7 April 2025 at Muree GC**  
9:30 Waratah v Shortland Waters
- Round 6: 14 April 2025 at Nelson Bay GC**  
11:00 Waratah v Maitland
- Round 7: 28 April 2025 at Shortland Waters GC**  
8:30 Waratah v Toronto

**Washout Game to be played on Monday 5 May**

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Good Luck to the teams for the 2025 season. Support by members, where possible would be appreciated.

## NHDLGA PENNANT DRAW – 2025 (cont.)

### BRONZE SOUTH PENNANT DRAW 2025 (Played in Groups of Four)

- Round 1: 10 March 2025 at Toronto**  
9:30 Waratah v Maitland
- Round 2: 17 March 2025 at Maitland**  
9:00 Waratah v Toronto
- Round 3: 24 March 2025 at Merewether**  
9:30 Waratah v Belmont
- Round 4: 31 March 2025 at Charlestown**  
9:00 Waratah v Charlestown
- Round 5: 7 April 2025 at Belmont**  
9:30 Waratah v Merewether

**NOTE:** With a 6 team Draw one team does not host but also will not play anyone at their home course. The team for 2025 is Waratah.

**There are no Bye's.**

**Washout Game to be played on Monday 5 May**

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### SUNDAY WEEKEND PENNANT DRAW 2025 (Played in Groups of Four)

- Round 1: 9 February 2025 at Charlestown**  
10:44 Waratah v Pacific Dunes
- Round 2: 16 February 2025 at Nelson Bay**  
11:00 Waratah v Nelson Bay
- Round 3: 23 February 2025 at Merewether**  
10:49 Waratah v Belmont
- Round 4: 2 March 2025 at Waratah**  
10:30 Waratah v Merewether
- Round 5: 9 March 2025 at Pacific Dunes**  
11:38 Waratah v Charlestown

**NOTE:** With a 6 team Draw one team does not host but also will not play anyone at their home course. The team for 2025 is Belmont.

**There are no Bye's.**

**Washout Game to be played on Sunday 16 March**

## Another successful event held on Tuesday 28 January Jumping Joeys

The format for the day was a four-person team event. A field of 88 players braved the scorching conditions, and a variety of teams participated, consisting of men, women, and mixed. The day commenced with morning tea in typical Aussie style of lamingtons, scones with jam and cream, followed by 18 holes of golf, a BBQ lunch prepared and served by our wonderful Bistro and Bar staff. Good food, great company, lots of fun, and great prizes were the order of the day. Great day enjoyed by all!! Well done, Women's Committee!

**WINNERS**



**ARE GRINNERS**



- Photo 1 Loma Laws, Joanne Brown, Gael Andrews, (Joanne Dusterhoft-absent from photo)
- Photo 2 Kerrie Hassett, Lisa McNamara, Margaret Garwood, (Teagan Taylor-absent from photo)
- Photo 3 Mindy Simmons, Lynne Page, Louise Renshaw, Darren Simmons
- Photo 4 Bob Godbee, Margaret Godbee, Yvonne Kaluski, Hans Kaluski
- Photo 5 Donna Drake, Richie Edwards, Trudi Edwards, Mitch Dyer
- Photo 6 Jim Eckford (Chris Eckford, Stephen Butler, Bruce Lindeboom-not in photo)



## GOLF WAS THE WINNER!

