

Women's Golf Murwillumbah

President's Report

This year saw a very difficult start with extremely wet weather cancelling many of our fixtures only to be compounded with our worst flood ever and in mid year. The effect has been lasting with lower income for the whole club and I believe a weakening of our weekly turn outs to the fixtures. Our fields have been noticeably weaker this year.

Nonetheless, our wonderful committee has soldiered on. The response to impromptu flood raffles was tremendous. We donated to Council's Flood appeal and in response to the plight of one of own being inundated, the ladies donated nearly \$500 to Kristy to help her get back on her feet.

The year has been very busy again. Thank you to our hardworking Captain, Jenny Miller and Match for conducting our tournaments so well. Jenny has incorporated Adam in the Golf Shop more closely in running the weekly fixtures. Match is working on placing all information for running events into a handbook which will prove invaluable to incoming committee members

The Coolibah Mt Warning Classic was again a great success. The A grade was taken out by Sunny Moon, last year 's runner up. Thank you to our wonderful sponsors, especially Bill Townsend from Coolibah Cooling; the continued great efforts of the Formicas, Vince and Narelle and their merry band; the raffle ladies, led by Jenny Dobinson; Janet East who managed the trophies with such aplomb; Val Ireland who gracefully stepped back in to approach sponsors; and most of all – all the committee who always work above and beyond – Barb Blunden with the draw; Jenny Miller and Match; and Jan Brooks and the House committee.

The improvement last year of the webpage for the ladies, has again provided information and photos for our members and players from other club. It is now increasingly first reference for our players. Thank you Jane Jacobs for dragging us into the digital world.

The Locker room continues to be upgraded; the effort this year going into photo wall and digitizing the albums and framed photos so that we will preserve these valuable historical items.

Our club women's champions this year will join those photos on the wall – Dallas McCabe, A grade and Veteran ; Gloria Swan, B grade; Jenny Dobinson, C grade; and Adrienne Amisano, Senior Veteran.

The committee has shown its resilience working around a few unavoidable long absences. This is inevitable with a committee of mainly retired ladies over a long year. It also shows that these absences fit comfortably with being on committee. My personal thanks to Marie Morrin and Kay Croft who stepped in to new roles and covered them so well.

Next year we hope might have more seasonal weather so we can pursue what I think must be a major goal: another membership drive for all grades and juniors.

A special mention of our Treasurer, Karyn Mottershead ,who is unfailingly generous with her skills and money. She has donated a laptop to the ladies this year,a water bubbler for the Locker Room, and is negotiating with the Office to bring our spreadsheets into line with the club's.

Thank you to the Board for their continuing support, Gary Thatcher our obliging manager and his team, who have always supported our efforts; Adam Causley in the Golf Shop, who is always obliging and efficient in backing us, and especially Brian and the ground staff who have done a superb job in such difficult weather.

We farewell Adrienne as Patron for the club, always a knowledgeable and helpful backup to our work. We wish her successor well.

To all those who are stepping down, Thank You. To those stepping in to help, Have Fun.

Ros Julien.

