

2013 Women's Golf Murwillumbah (WGM) Presidents Report

2013 has been a very successful year with great weather that allowed plenty of golf. Numbers have been similar to 2012 what with natural attrition and welcoming new members. Despite tough economic times our sponsors continued to support us, and us them, and we have been very privileged to have some new ones come on board. As a way of thanking our sponsors, we continue to issue vouchers that can be spent either in their businesses or at the club.

WGM continues to provide financial assistance to our junior girls to assist with golfing expenses. We are proud of how well juniors have done and particularly of Sheridan Gorton, Maddie Trew and Ashlee Selwood. We applaud Graham Trews' commitment to both junior & new player programmes that will help to ensure the longevity of this club.

Early in the year we introduced Friendship Day, a day where we invited former members back for a game at our club. The day was timed to encourage ladies to take advantage of a membership offer, and proved very successful. This will become an annual event.

In July, we hosted a very successful WGNR Championships. Around 130 ladies played and all provided positive feedback about both the course and the hospitality. Dallas McCabe won the 36 Hole Championship. We were concerned about the impact this tournament might have on attendance at the Mt Warning Classic, but needn't have worried. We did have fewer entries from the south, but players from the north more than made this up. For the first time in the Classic Divisions 3 & 4 played a Stableford competition. This enabled results to be completed quickly and presentation to be finished by just after 6pm. Match Committee were very capably assisted by Vince and Narelle Formica, Adrienne Amisano, Gloria Swan and Dallas McCabe. Our thanks also to Val Ireland, Ray Brims and the many volunteers who help the Classic run smoothly. Once again, talented junior Sheridan Gorton won the event while Florence Chadwick did a fabulous job of putting together a 'laugh a minute' concert which was MC'd by Life Member, Sandra Pursey.

Dallas McCabe and Adrienne Amisano won the 2013 MWG Division I Foursomes Championship, Jeanette Chapman and Kay Croft - Division II and Narelle Formica and Lesley Schirmer - Division III while Sheridan Gorton virtually cruised to become 2013 Club Champion, Jenny O'Flanagan - Division II, Dee Wright - Division III, Cathy Miller - Veteran and Adrienne Amisano - Senior Veteran. Congratulations to winners and all who participated.

WGM fielded teams in both Northern Rivers and Gold Coast Pennants, with minimal success. That said, we did enjoy the competition. Thank you to captains, Florence Chadwick and Carol Dickenson for managing the teams.

With the support of Palm Lakes Resort, we again held a fund-raiser for MND, this year raising over \$3,000 to assist families living with MND. It was a fun day that attracted 124 players of all abilities. Overall, the winner was MND and I would anticipate that this event remain on the annual calendar.

It was with much sadness that we learned of the passing of Chris Parkinson, Committee Member, Carmel Waugh and long time members, Edith Wardman and Maureen Brown and our Club Captain, Rick Ratray. Chirs was a wonderful support to MWG in his role as Secretary Manager; Carmel worked tirelessly for both Women's Golf and junior golfers; Edith for many years provided, washed and put out towels on all holes; Rick worked tirelessly for the club; while Maureen never failed to put a smile on our faces. All will be sorely missed.

Many people contribute to the success of WGM but we particularly appreciate the efforts of Gary Thatcher and his team, who work with us in such a spirit of cooperation. Special mention must be made of Wayne Kendrigan who in the absence of a Club Manager provided great support to WGM, Bar Manager Terry Sullivan and his staff, Brian Cox with his merry band of greenkeepers, and Joe Chilcott and his Golf Shop staff. Thanks also to Jan Gielis (NSW Vets rep) and Pauline Smith (NR rep). Most importantly, I wish to acknowledge the selfless

contribution of all members of the Committee. To June Baker and her Match Committee for their tireless efforts; to House Committee - our quiet achievers who just get on with it; to retiring Treasurer, Carol Quantrill – we will miss you very much; Vicki Rayner and Julie Jenkins for their expertise as Trophy Buyers; to retiring Secretary, Cath Blissett – thank you Cath – enjoy retirement; and finally to retiring Vice President, Marion Shields, who has been a wonderful support to me and WGM. Thank you all - we have appreciated all that you have done. In conclusion, I welcome the incoming committee and encourage all members to be supportive and appreciative of their contribution during the next twelve months.

Eve Wheeler

President

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