

CAPTAIN'S REPORT FOR GENERAL MEETING 22ND FEBRUARY 2021

I would like to welcome all returning & new committee representatives to the 2021 NHDLGA season. I hope the year runs well for everyone & smoother after the huge changes that we experienced in 2020 & I look forward to working with you all. My apologies for being unable to attend today & I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Vice Captain- Maureen Dyer & thank her for being available to be a part of the NHDLGA Committee.

Also, a warm welcome to Rosanna Rossi to the committee. I hope you enjoy your time with us.

GOLF NSW MEDAL FINAL

Congratulations to Jayne Berriman from Tanilba Bay for her victory in the GNSW Medal Final at Stonecutters Ridge. Jayne won the Division 3 country Medal with a nett 78. Well done.

COMMITTEE'S DAY

This event will be held at Kurri GC on Monday 8th March with entries coming in well.

PENNANTS

It is good to be able to welcome back the Pennant competition in 2021 after the cancellation of the season in 2020 due to the pandemic. If all goes well & if the virus does not resurge in worrying numbers in our district, we should be able to run a full season.

The Scratch & Handicap Pennant competitions are to commence on Monday 15th March. There will be 4 scratch divisions & 1 Handicap division. The Weekend Handicap competition will commence on Sunday 30th May with seven clubs participating. There was a change of date required for the round on Sunday 25th July at Charlestown as it clashed with the first round of the District Championships. The new date for the round is Sunday 11th July.

Thank you to Linda Overend for bringing this to my attention so I could change the date for that round & adjust the draw in plenty of time. The new draw is on the website & I have personally emailed the Weekend Pennant contacts/ captains to ensure they are aware of the changes.

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I would like to request that all clubs participating in the Pennant competition, to advise their pennant managers to regularly check our website for any updates to draws, scores etc. This is the main place where all the information is & where updates are posted. I will do my best to get information to individuals as well, but there is less chance of mistakes being made if the responsibility is shared. If there are any queries, please contact Maureen or myself.

Please make sure that players and pennant managers are familiar with the Pennant COP. There has been some adjustments made in section 12 re; Starting Time & Absent Players in particular.

I have programmed one washout date for Monday 31st May for the Scratch Pennant only.

This year we have stopped paying for the fax service as it is a cost that we have found to be unnecessary now. All results & bye team lists will need to be scanned & emailed to me.

*We had looked at trying to get more Division 3 players playing in the District Championships by having a stableford format, thinking this may attract more players but it didn't seem to last year. So, when reviewing the number of entries closer to the tournament, it was decided to just have all 3 divisions play stroke. This worked well.

*The District 36 Hole Amateur Championships will slightly change it's format for 2021. The 2 day event will be held for the first time on a Sunday, the 25th July & Monday 26th July. Originally it was to be played this way in 2020 but due to the challenges with COVID-19, I was unable to secure a Sunday & Monday again after it had to be cancelled from the original dates. I hope this will encourage more women to participate if previously they were not able to due to both days being programmed on only weekdays. I think this will enable more working women & juniors to be able to participate in one or both days.

*The 2021 Beryl Tobin Trophy will be back on this year & the result sheets & COP will be put on the website very soon, along with the District Medal COP.

*The Country Cup is to be played at Muswellbrook this year on Monday 12th July after having to be cancelled last year.

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*It was very pleasing to have seen The NewCoast Cup played for the first time in 2020 at Belmont GC. It was played in two stages due to bad weather but all things considered, the concept was accepted very well & all players & supporters seemed to embrace it also. I look forward to seeing where the CCWGA decide to play it in 2021. I will be having discussions with Jude Tarran & our match committee very soon to discuss how & when the team will be decided upon this year.

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