

# MINUTES NHDLGA GENERAL MEETING HELD AT MEREWETHER GOLF CLUB ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022 AT 9.30 AM

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**Welcome:** Opened

**Attendance:**

**Committee:** President Val Smith, Captain Dom Kelly, V President Margaret Pearson, Junior Promotions Officer Philippa Kearney, Secretary Robyn Winter, Assist. Secretary Rosanna Rossi, Committee Member Colleen French, Life Member Lorraine O'Connor.

**Clubs:** As per attendance book – Belmont, Charlestown, Kurri, Maitland, Merewether, Muree, Nelson Bay, Newcastle, Pacific Dunes, Shortland Waters, Tanilba Bay, Toronto, Waratah

**Apologies:**

**Committee:** Communications Officer Linda Overend, Treasurer Sue Randall, Life Member Beryl Tobin

**Clubs:** Beresfield, Hawks Nest, Horizons, Karuah, Murrurundi, Sugar Valley, Viney Creek.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Proposed: **Newcastle**

Seconded: **Waratah**

***Carried***

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes:**

Belmont queried the feedback of the new pennants points system. Matter covered in Captains Report.

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards Mail:** Club Flyers, Other District Flyers, Cancelled and rescheduled Open Days, NDGA Junior Pennants Updates

**Outwards Mail:** Club Flyers, Other District Flyers, Pennant Contacts, Cancelled and rescheduled Open Days, Request for information for Junior Girls Data Base, Updated Club Open Days, Beryl Tobin Guidelines, Mixed Foursomes Flyer, NDGA Junior Pennants Updates, Request for Club Information for Web, District Championship Flyer  
Moved: **Toronto** Seconded: **Muree**

***Carried***

**Reports:**

**Captain's Report:**

**Pennants**

In my last report on the 14th February, I wrote: "I hope the year continues on relatively trouble free, but I dare not expect too much as we all know how quickly things can go pear shaped with the covid virus still ever present." Well, how true that prediction turned out to be, as I was knocked out of the first pennant round with my son having covid. But that wasn't a patch on what was to come with the trouble the continuing rain & damp conditions caused throughout the whole season for the vast majority of clubs.

Never before have I experienced a pennant season affected by so much rain over so many rounds. It was unrelenting. The fact that we were able to get all rounds played in 3 scratch & 2 Bronze divisions bar 1 round in division 2 is amazing. It is a real testament to all of the pennant captains, that they were able to field teams with carts on & off, covid,

injuries & that the clubs were able to prepare their courses to get them in a playable condition. Congratulations to you all.

### **Finals**

The Finals were held at Hawks Nest GC on Monday 30th May 2022. There were four contests to be decided.

**Division 1:** Maitland vs Newcastle. Maitland won 4-3

**Division 2:** Horizons vs Merewether. Horizons won 7-0

**Division 3:** Waratah vs Maitland. Waratah won 5-2

**Bronze:** Pacific Dunes vs Maitland. Pacific Dunes won 4-1

The weather was kind & the course was in great condition & all that participated appreciated the dry conditions for their matches. The day went extremely well & a number of clubs had caddies & supporters attend. It gave the conclusion of the Pennant season a fitting finale & all that attended felt the day was special.

The concept to change the Pennant to be decided by a Final in 2022 for all divisions, was met with a good deal of scepticism & criticism from quite a number of the members, but I was extremely pleased with how everything turned out & thought it was a fitting finale to quite a difficult season. My goal was to bring back some excitement to the Pennant in all divisions & see players compete with it all on the line. I think this was the experience for all that attended the Finals day at Hawks Nest.

I had booked all the carts at Hawks Nest for the finals & allocated them evenly across all teams. I asked for all team captains to send me their request for the maximum number that they required. I then allocated the carts & thankfully all that wanted one got one. Some clubs requested more than others but initially, all were allocated an equal number. I felt this was the only fair way.

The presentation was done in 2 sections with Division 1 & 2 completed first & then Division 3 & Bronze concluded later on when all matches had come in. Speeches were made by the Captains & Pennant medals were given out to all with players introduced & photos taken for the website. This worked really well.

I would like to make a special mention of Maitland GC for their very first win of the Division 1 Pennant. They were the stand out team all season in Division 1, & were rightly the favourite going into the final. It was not easy coming up against a very experienced & multiple Pennant winning Newcastle team. I would like to congratulate them on a close & gritty win. This was not the only highlight for them, as they had their Division 3 & Bronze South teams also competing in the finals- quite an achievement for all & especially for Pennant Captain Katrina Skinner-Oyston. She is to be congratulated for the way she rallied & motivated all her players this year.

At the presentation I announced the "Undefeated Players" for 2022. The players will receive their award at the AGM. They are:

**Division 1:** Jo Warby Maitland- 6 wins, Jill Blenkey Newcastle-6 wins

**Division 2:** Deirdre Brander Horizons- 6 wins

**Division 3:** Sue Evans Waratah- 6 wins, Debra Plumber- 6 wins

**Bronze North:** Leanne Osborne Muree- 4 wins, Deb Gardner Hawks Nest- 3 wins & 1 square.

**Bronze South:** Kate Johnson Maitland- 4 wins.

I would like to thank the Women's committee at Hawks Nest & Pro Shop for making the day run so well. From the assistance at getting the booking to the morning tea, arranging the room & presentation table, carts & catering. All areas were covered very well. Thank you to the District committee members that were able to attend & help out in a number of areas. From photos, rules officiating, monitoring pace of play & state of matches, trophy preparation & supplying of medals.

Thank you to Beryl Tobin for attending & making the day special for all the winners she presented the shields to.

The Weekend Pennant competition commenced on Sunday 29th May at Belmont. There have been 4 rounds completed so far. Unfortunately, heavy rain has forced the cancelling of round 4 at Charlestown. I recently received notice from Newcastle GC that they would be unable to field a team for the Weekend Pennant competition due to a number of factors.

I was unable to change the draw, but was offered the solution by Jenny from Newcastle that they could still host the round at their club & in the other rounds, the club that was due to play Newcastle would now also have a bye with the host club.

I have redone a new draw stating this, & have emailed it to Linda for posting & the captains of all the clubs involved.

### **Mixed Foursomes**

The mixed foursomes will be our next event on Sunday 10th July & there are 30 teams competing in two divisions. I expected a larger turn out for this event at Newcastle, but I am sure all competing will have a great day. I would like to thank the NDGA for their continued sponsorship & support for this event, which allows us to offer some great prizes.

There has been a problem with our online entries, with some coming through & a good number not. Linda has done her best to correct it but it is a sign that we really need an updated website & it can't come soon enough. Sue Randall has done a great job of matching money paid with entries, but we currently have a perfect storm of three events running & all are for the same amount of money, which has given her some testing moments. Robyn has created some new forms that are up on the website & I hope that this will alleviate any future difficulties.

### **Country Cup**

The flyer has been sent out by both Districts for this event on Monday 18th July at Muree. Both Districts are busy forming their teams of 2- 17 teams each, to compete for the Country Cup. We have lost the last two, but I am confident in 2022 our team will do their best & bring the Cup to our District.

So far I have teams from; Belmont, Charlestown, Horizons, Maitland, Merewether, Nelson Bay, Newcastle, Pacific Dunes, Shortland Waters & Toronto. I have had offers

from some of our clubs to supply 2 teams if needed & I would like to thank them for the offer.

If any more of you here today not mentioned are able to put a team in, please let me know.

### **36 Hole Amateur Championships**

The flyer has been sent out & some entries have been coming in. Again, the forms are different & feel free to email me to see if I have your entry.

The Championships will be on Sunday 21st & Monday 22nd August at Pacific Dunes GC. I hope to get a good response for the event with enough players to have 3 Divisions competing. In previous years we have had a poor response for Division 3 & we have fluctuated from having them play stableford or stroke depending on the response.

### **Beryl Tobin Trophy**

There have been 3 rounds completed so far with varying numbers attending. I think the wet weather has continued to play a part in limiting the attendance. There are a number of rounds to be played & I would ask if you all could encourage your players to please support other club events. We all need each other's support & it would be a shame to see this trophy not continue.

### **Dom Kelly - NHDLGA Captain**

Other matters raised:

- The state of Newcastle's course for the Mixed Foursomes was questioned. The Captain noted that it's a matter of waiting closer to the scheduled date to determine if the course is playable.
- The new pennants scoring system was specifically addressed with the Captain noting that in each division the competition was very tight and results went down to the wire, noting that the new format was very competitive to the last round. Any further feedback to be provided for consideration at the Pennants washup meeting. No survey being done this year as done last year, just feedback being sought. Merewether noted that the timing of the weekend pennants was an issue for their club. It was also noted that the first round of weekend pennants at Belmont saw some teams finished in the dark.

Proposed: **Maitland**

Seconded: **Tanilba Bay**

### ***Carried***

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The year-to-date result, as at the 30th June 2022 is a loss of (\$3,885.77), compared to the previous financial year which resulted in a loss of (\$11, 085.45). However, items that need to be taken into consideration is that affiliation fees were waived in the 2021 year reducing income by an estimated \$14,000 and in this financial year we provided grants to affiliated clubs for a total of \$8K.

Adjusting for these items would have resulted in a profit of approximately \$3,000 in 2021, given affiliation fees is only an estimate, and a profit \$4,114 in 2022, which equates to a variance of approximately \$1,114. Cancellation of tournaments throughout the past two years would justify this movement year on year.

Our reconciled trading account balance at 30th June 2022 was \$12,482.23 and our term deposit balance remains at \$30,000.

The only events to be held since the last meeting in February, are the Committee Day held at Shortland Waters on 21st February, which ran at a loss of (\$522.93) and this was as a result of the discounted entry fees offered by the district committee. The other event was the finals play-off held at Hawks Nest for the end of Pennant season and the cost of running the play off amounted to \$1,433.59. The majority of this cost was for green fees. Thanks goes to Spinal Symmetry for sponsoring the cost of the medals presented to the winning teams on the day.

Invoices for affiliation fees for the 2022/2023 year have been forwarded to all clubs. Payment was due by 1st July, however, to date we have only received payments from the following clubs: Merewether, Murrurundi, Toronto, Shortland Waters and Beresfield. It would be appreciated if representatives from unpaid clubs could follow up on the outstanding fees, to ensure their members are eligible to play in district events.

Our Mixed Foursomes event is to be held on the 10th July, 2022 and we much appreciate sponsorship of \$1,000 received from the NHDGA to assist in the cost of holding this event.

Financials for the year ended 30th June 2022 will be provided to our auditors in the coming months in preparation for the November AGM when the audited accounts will be made available. However, I anticipate there will be little or no change to the results provided in this report.

That concludes my report.

**Susan Randall** Treasurer

Proposed: **Tanilba Bay**

Seconded: **Kurri**

***Carried***

### **General Business**

1. Mondays – the President reminded all clubs that where possible to avoid scheduling events on a Monday. While details of events and district meetings are noted on the current website, with the new website there will be a calendar feature to make it easier to see what's on.
2. Next General Meeting Date – to be advised.
3. Future Venue for Meetings – until the end of September Merewether Club house will still be the venue.

### **Other Business:**

Merewether pointed out to the meeting that the next round of the Keno Ambrose Golf NSW venues are now on the website with 2 local venues nominated for the next round, being Pacific Dunes on 2/10 & Foster on 6/11.

New website is expected to be up and running from the beginning of August.

**Next General Meeting:** 29<sup>th</sup> August, followed by Pennants wash up meeting.  
Meeting closed: 10.06