

## **Women's Captain's Report**

### **Annual Meeting – 28 November 2019**

Good afternoon members and other guests.

It is hard to believe 2019 is almost over. This has been a busy year with the step up from Vice-Captain to Captain being a huge learning curve. Hopefully my experience from this year should help in 2020.

May I offer special thanks to my predecessor Barbara Clayton for her help in the handover to me taking up the Captain role.

Also, I would like to thank my Vice-Captain Annie Geddes. While away for the early part of this year, she has hit the ground running on her return and is now taking on more and more responsibility. I look forward to a successful year working together next year.

Thanks also to Noela McMurray our Handicap Manager and valued member of the Match Committee for her support and advice.

Your committee is constantly looking at ways to increase the number of members playing on each of our main golf days – Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. One initiative introduced during the summer season last year was the Summer Aggregate Competition or SAC race event. 15 rounds of Stableford evenly spread across the three playing days were nominated. Players best six rounds determined the competition winner. A total of 46 individual players competed in this event with 11 members playing six or more games. The competition has been included in the calendar for this coming December and January and hopefully we will attract even more players.

While considering the number of players we attract to our events, some high-level analysis shows that numbers have remained almost unchanged from last year. On average we have achieved 23 players on Tuesdays, 25 players on Thursdays and 10 players on Saturdays. Of course, some weeks we have had some extremely strong fields offset by lower numbers in other weeks. We continue to work to increase fields on all days in 2020.

As you are aware new rules of golf were introduced effective from 1 January 2019. Many of the changes are designed to speed up play and have generally been well received. In order to familiarise players with the new rules we staged a number of rules quizzes during January. Listening to some of the discussion amongst the tables was often interesting to say the least. Again, I believe this was a popular initiative and we will repeat the exercise during January 2020 to ensure everyone is ready for the new golfing year.

Our club championships are a major highlight of our golfing calendar. Following disappointing fields in all divisions in 2018 we undertook a survey amongst our members to determine why some members did not compete and seeking suggestions on how we could attract more players. Thank you to the 27 members who completed the survey. In most cases players were happy with the current format and much of the non-participation was due to reasons outside your committee's control such as travel, illness or other commitments. As a result, the event format remained unchanged. This year we attracted 36 players in round one spread evenly across all three divisions. Hopefully these better numbers will continue. Annie Geddes was this year's Champion and we congratulate her on a fine three rounds of golf. However, I have to acknowledge that I made a mistake on the final day of this event. Two Division 1 players initially failed to sign their cards and were not disqualified on the day but subsequently have been. The new Division 1 runner-up is Barbara Clayton. Congratulations also to our Division 2 Champion Ellen Neale and Division 3 winner Rosemary Downing.

The 2019 Foursomes Champions were Pam Barker and Carol Warner. While circumstances forced a reschedule of this event from two consecutive Thursdays to Tuesday and Thursday in one week the final result seems to have had positive results. 34 players completed the two rounds of this Championship. As a result, we have again scheduled this event as two rounds in one week in 2020.

Six rounds of the Golf NSW Medal Competition were played this year with the winners in each division Carol Warner, Carole Byrnes and Ruth Bailey going on to compete in the District playoffs at Belconnen Golf Club on 28 October. I am delighted to advise the Ruth was the CSGA District Division 3 winner and will be playing at the state final at Stonecutters Ridge in the 11<sup>th</sup> December.

We had a mixed year in representative golf. In the Bronze Shield Pennants, we made it to the semi-finals but not the final – maybe next year. Thanks to Annie Geddes who was our 2019 Pennants Coordinator.

Annie Geddes with Jan Deane also combined beautifully to become the CSGA Division 1 nett winners at the CSGA Foursomes Championships.

Thanks also to the four players who travelled to Canberra to represent your club in the Royal Canberra Golf Club Challenge Bowl where we finished third and also the eight players who played in the Canberra Shield held at Federal Golf Club. No trophies this year but all players were a credit to our club.

We successfully defended the Bowral Goulburn Shield firstly at Goulburn in early April and again at the rescheduled event at Bowral this month. Hopefully players feel that we were

honouring Uschi while we were out on the course last week. We were less successful in other district events such as the Unity Cup against Moss Vale Golf Club and the Colin Stamm event between Bowral, Highlands and Moss Vale Golf Clubs.

I would like to thank Nick and Darryl in the pro-shop for their help during the year. There is a lot of work involved particularly with some of our special events and they have been very patient and supportive when dealing with our requests.

I would also like to thank Damian and his team. The course has been magnificent all year and I am sure that this will continue in the future.

Thanks also to Kevin Kenny and Tim Davis for their support and advice during the year.

Finally, thanks to you the members for your support during the year. As I said earlier, it has been a learning curve stepping up to Captain and I hope I can continue to serve you during a successful 2020.

I move this report be adopted.

Jane Clifford  
Women's Captain