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# Off The TEE



## Shortland Waters Golf Club Ladies Newsletter

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### From the President

Hello ladies,

Our golfing year is well and truly up and running, although off to a wet start with our Opening Day having to be postponed! Thanks to our Captain Judy for putting together our varied program.

I would like to welcome our new sponsors that have come on board this year and also say a big thankyou to those sponsors who continue to support the ladies. We have 23 sponsored days this year out of a possible 47. What an achievement! Our best to date!

Well done to all the ladies who played the **27 Hole Championships** and to our sponsor JMC Building. The weather was very kind to us following a lot of rain a few days prior and considering the predicted forecast of continuing rain.

Our annual **Red Day** is coming up so start preparing your Red outfits! Our clinic ladies will be joining us on this day so let's make them feel welcome and have some fun! Thankyou to our sponsors, Mary Coleman, Kaylene Gayner, Judy Hayes and Margaret Swarzes.

**Invitation Day** is also fast approaching! We now have a full field, approaching 100 players! Thankyou to our sponsor, Petro Gleeson, who chose to celebrate this day by way of collecting bags for **Share the Dignity**, a charity focused on ending period poverty here in Australia. We already have some wonderful donations of bags filled with goodies that will be distributed locally from Sonia Hornery's office. It would be appreciated if you could **bring in donations by Tuesday 9th April**.

Also, a reminder, to assist with organisation on the day, **payment of \$25 for golf needs to be made prior**, via direct debit to the Ladies account or by cash in an envelope clearly marked with name and event and handed to our Treasurer Gail. Lunch will be preordered on the day, with several meal options on offer, all at \$10 each (the Committee ladies will be taking the payment when ordering so please bring some cash as they will not have EFTPOS facilities available). We will also be holding a **raffle on the day, with some great prizes on offer, if you could bring some extra cash along!** We are taking this opportunity to add a bit of fun to the day, **celebrating the Club's 100 year anniversary by way of a 1920's hat theme!**

Our annual **Charity Day**, supporting **Survivor's R Us**, is on Tuesday 18th May. We already have some wonderful prizes on offer for our raffle, but would love to add to these! Raffle ticket books have arrived and will be available from Tuesday 23rd March from our Secretary, Sandra Freeman.

Thank you to our Ladies that will represent Shortland Waters this year in our Pennants Team. Maree Breen, Jane Martin, Cath Nolan, Melissa Minto, Petro Gleeson, Kaye Simmons and Colleen French. Also our Reserves, Sharyn Neilson, Maree Burns, Mary Coleman and Donna Jones.

From May things slow down with having to request donations from our Members. The Ladies Committee really do appreciate your wonderful support and generosity with their fundraising goals, thank you!

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## From the Captain

*It sure has been a very damp start to our 2021 golfing year! I appreciate that the course has benefited greatly and is looking very good, but less rain on a Tuesday would be appreciated!*

Rain saw the postponement of **Opening Day**, sponsored by Newcastle Waterproofing. This is now rescheduled for Tuesday 25th May.

Congratulations to our winners of the **Royalene Millard Memorial Seniors Trophy**. First Division Winner was Karen Walters and Second Division Winner was Royalene's daughter Anne Millard! Thankyou to Noel Millard for sponsoring the event and to Sue & John McConnell who donate the end of year Trophy.

**February Scratch** went to Jane Martin with 84 and **February Monthly Medal** winner was Anne Millard with a Net 69.

This month Round 2 of the **WGNSW Medal/Goodwill Plate** was played. The Goodwill Plate was won by Alana Herron. Thankyou to the sponsors, Gloria Achurch, Paula Harding, Anne Kiker and Sue Stanley.

Last week ladies played the **27 Hole Foursome Championship**, sponsored by JMC Building. The weather threatened rain but fortunately only a few sprinkles appeared! Congratulations to the winners, Maree Breen and Chris Jackson and Runners-Up were Jane Martin and Melissa Minto. The Nett was won by Maree Burns and Kylie Neems with Runners-Up Sandra Freeman and Donna Jones.

**Red Day** is only a few weeks away on Tuesday 30th March. This is a four person drop out Ambrose and our clinic ladies have been invited to join in. Let's make them very welcome.

**Pennants** commenced this month and our team had a great win, 6-1 against Belmont at Merewether, congratulations ladies! Round 2 was to be played today at Muree against Toronto. It will now be rescheduled due to wet weather. Thanks to Colleen French for taking on the role of team Captain.

Entries for **Invitation Day** on 13th April have been amazing and entries are now closed. It certainly looks as if it is going to be a very successful day!

Judy Hayes

Lady Captain

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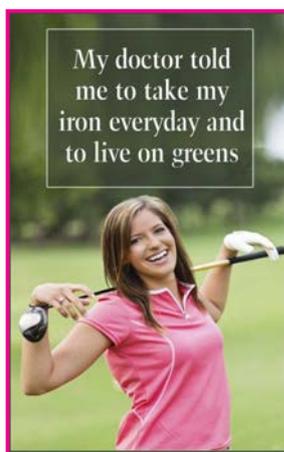
## From the Editor

Hello ladies,

A warm welcome to our first newsletter for the year. It sure has been a busy start to the season with organising our upcoming events!

Thanks Effie for sharing your story for our Player Profile this month. What wonderful friendships and memories you've shared over the years!

And a big thank you to the ladies who have sent me articles recently, keep them coming!



I would like to share some 'Blast from the Past' photos in future newsletters. If you would like to contribute please email photos to me or see me at golf and we can arrange copies of photographs if not in electronic format.

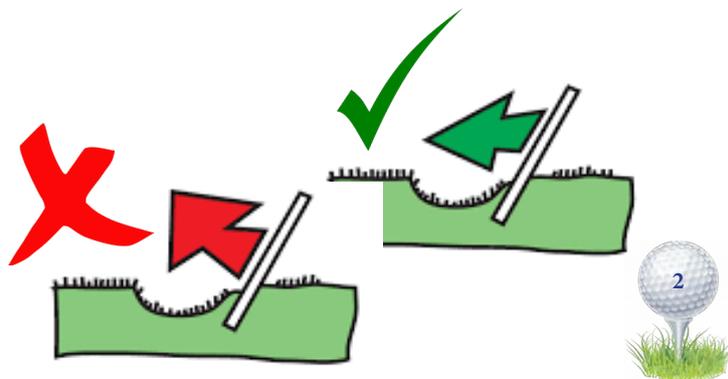
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## Repair of Lob Marks on Greens

A reminder ladies, to assist with keeping our greens in the best condition, especially while they are so soft with this rainfall, it is important to repair our lob marks correctly. Unrepaired or wrongly repaired ball marks can take weeks to heal and as we all know can cause balls to bounce off line. The proper technique for repairing is easy and fast.

Insert the ball mark repair tool behind the ball mark and gently pull the top of the tool toward the center. Continue working around the ball mark, pulling the surrounding turf in toward the center of the indentation. **Avoid using a lifting or twisting motion because this can damage the turf roots.** Once you have finished pulling turf in toward the center, gently tamp the area down with your putter to create a smooth, firm surface.



# From the Social Committee

## 50 CLUB

Thank you to all the members who continue to support our 50 Club. All money raised goes directly back into funding events or course improvements.

*It's as easy as choosing a number between 1 and 50 at a cost of \$2 to win \$50!*

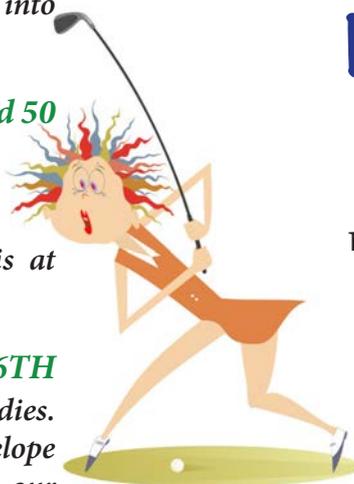
## SHORTY CHICKS GETAWAY

Our annual Shorty Chicks 'Olympic' Getaway is at Wingham Golf Club on 23-24 September.

**\$50 DEPOSIT DUE BY NEXT FRIDAY 26TH MARCH** via direct deposit to Shortland Waters Ladies. If paying by cash, please place money in an envelope with surname and 'Shorty Chicks' and hand to our Treasurer Gail Isles.

See the flyer on the noticeboard in the Ladies Room for full details and for placing your names.

Glenys Martin & Alana Herron  
Social Committee



## REQUESTS FOR EARLY TEE TIME

A reminder to ladies requiring an early tee time - please put your request in writing addressed to our Captain Judy Hayes and email to: [mjhayes06@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mjhayes06@optusnet.com.au)

## Did you know?

Phil Mickelson, who plays left-handed, is actually right handed. He learned to play golf by mirroring his father's golf swing, and he has used left handed golf clubs ever since.

IF IT INVOLVES  
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**If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball!**

Jack Lemmon

Quite proud I am  
as I stand here on the putting green  
I'm shooting the greatest game of golf  
that I have ever seen  
Shot after shot I've played my way  
across this wicked course  
And never have my drives been made  
with such an awesome force!

I have played out of the rough  
with shots that no-one would believe  
My chipping's been much better  
than I could ever conceive  
The sand traps hold no sway over me  
I blasted my way right out  
With every wondrous shot that's made  
I give a victory shout!

Everyone is staring, they just can't believe my play  
They haven't seen a player shoot a game  
like this all day  
Shaking their clubs in jealousy  
they really are upset  
But, I take my putter out - they ain't seen nothing yet!

As I draw back and make my putt  
and watch the ball go in  
I can't believe how wonderful my playing here has been  
I have shot a 63 today and can't believe it's so  
Elated I walk away  
Only sixteen holes to go!

By Sewasham at All Poetry



## Player Profile

# Effie Roach



*Well, it all happened for me when I fell in love with a very handsome young journalist, my husband Stewart, in 1970, who worked at The Newcastle Herald. I also worked at the Herald so was able to see him almost daily, and with his many flowers and love he won me over and we were married in 1972.*

*Stewart was a sporting journalist and golf writer and had been a member of Steel Works Golf Club since 1960. I joined the Herald social club and started playing at different courses in the district, including Steel Works, where my in-laws held Committee positions. My father-in-law, Allan Roach, was the club President (1966-1976) and my mother-in-law Cath Roach was Secretary of the (then) Associates for 25 years.*

*After my third child was born in 1979 I decided that golf was here to stay in the family, so I joined as a member of Steel Works in January 1980, just brining up my 41st year as a Member!*

*My first day as an "Associate", despite knowing a lot of the "older" women friends of my in-laws, I was very nervous. I took a few lessons with the then professional, Tony Mangan, but the first person I ran into in the Pro Shop was the Associates Captain Lottie Young, who had been my Physical Education teacher at Hunter Girls High. Instead of the expected "welcome to the club" she said, "what are you doing here Effie Davias, you couldn't even do a forward roll at school!". I was shattered!*

*I started on a 36 handicap and after 41 years I am back on 36. Fortunately, over the years I have met some very friendly ladies along with my sister-in-law Virginia Cadell and best friend Sue Mangan and made many other life-long friends. I did manage to make a C Grade final, only to be beaten by Hazel Scully. Over time I picked up a few Naggars Cup and Mixed Foursomes events with Stewart, playing in the Sunday competitions. I was not able to play midweek for some years because I ran my own business, Carla Swimwear, which sponsored some holes on the course.*

*My fondest memories are in the old clubhouse where we had many fabulous dinners and dancing after major events with a live band. We usually managed to have the longest and loudest table with our many friends. We also travelled most years on Tony and Sue Mangan's golfing holidays. For around 35 years we enjoyed the great courses on the Gold Coast, staying at Rainbow Bay, Port Macquarie, the South Coast, Mudgee and Orange, where we shared the fun, and golf, with many Novocastrian families.*

*We also had many trips with our friends to the major Australian PGA tournaments, at The Australian, Royal Sydney, The Lakes, Royal Melbourne, Metropolitan and usually on the annual golf trip played at beautiful Bonville.*

*I always found the old Steel Works course a challenge. I have seen many changes to the Club, the Course and its Members over the 41 years, and I believe we are still afloat because of our wonderful loyal and devoted lady golfers. There were around 100 ladies played on a Tuesday and Thursday when I joined, and I would have to rush to pick up my children from school That is now down to the dedicated 40-odd women each Tuesday with an early finish.*

*The highlight of my golfing career was only last year when I won my first "real" trophy, the Royalene Millard Memorial Seniors Trophy (Division 2), and beautiful earrings donated by Sue & John McConnell (pictured above).*



Stewart & Effie in their 'going away' outfits on their Wedding day in 1972



Cath & Allan Roach



# Royalene Millard Memorial Seniors Trophy

*Sponsored by Noel Millard*

## Division 1



L to R: Anne Millard presenting the trophy to Division 1 winner Karen Walters

## Division 2



L to R: Sponsor Noel Millard presenting the trophy to his sister, Division 2 winner Anne Millard



*Photo courtesy of Sue Baartz*

Leila Phillis - a past member and Club Champion for many years, and about to celebrate 100 years - won the putting competition recently where she lives at Moroba Nursing Home



Anne Millard proudly displaying her February Monthly Medal pin



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