

LADIES' REPORT 2023

The recipients of our significant club awards were:

Ladies' Champion - Peta Merchant

Division 1 Nett - Maggie Simmons

Division 2 Gross - Suzie Collins and Janet Bowden

Division 2 Nett - Maureen Latimer

Division 3 Gross - Joy Hollway

Division 3 Nett - Sonja Van Hoof

Medal of Medals - Sonja Van Hoof

Individual Matchplay - Tara Mackie

Foursomes Champions - Gail Pottenger and Tracy Cassinelli

A hearty congratulations to each of the winners on a fine year of golf.

It is a pleasure to turn up each Tuesday (and any other day) to play golf knowing that everything is set in place enabling us to play on the course. On behalf of the ladies, I would like to acknowledge and thank the following people:

Will Ockenden with his band of hard working and industrious staff including Chad, Garry, Adam and Kane. It is remarkable what you have done for the course, and it is most appreciated by each and every one of us. Congratulations on making our course a show piece of the South Coast.

To Greg and his friendly, helpful and obliging staff, Lloyd, Brett, Cooper, Phil, Greg S and Barney thank you for your diligence, organisation and welcoming vibe in the Pro Shop. We do acknowledge and understand that considerable planning and effort are key factors that ensure things run smoothly and you do that well. A huge thank you to Greg and Lloyd for running our ladies' clinics on a Friday morning periodically throughout the year. Lloyd also ran a clinic for new and prospective members on a Tuesday morning under Greg's supervision. These clinics are invaluable, and we cannot get enough of them!

To the Tuesday kitchen staff, René and Jody, thank you for making our clubhouse experience so enjoyable and please keep tantalising our taste buds. I would also like to thank Mouny, Gail and the various barristas for the amazing job they do on the other days of the week.

Thank you to Lee Maddinson for your assistance and tireless work in the clubhouse. You are always obliging and helpful and instrumental in making things run smoothly on a daily basis.

Thanks also to Lee and Marilyn in the office. Your assistance with the ladies' finances is most appreciated and makes our team's job a lot easier!

Health issues have impacted some of our members in 2023. We wish all a full recovery and were pleased to welcome back several ladies from their leave of absence.

It is with great sadness we lost a beautiful member, Pat Knight, at the end of 2023. May she rest in peace.

We fielded three Pennants' teams again this year and were able to play many more matches compared to 2022. Although we were not in the winning line up, we were competitive and keen to try again. Some of our ladies are new to Pennants and adapted very well to the particular nuances of Matchplay. Well done ladies and all the best for 2024.

Being relatively new to golf and very inexperienced in golfing administration I would like to thank the Ladies' Team consisting of Suzie, Vicki, Gai and Julie for supporting me and helping throughout the year. A special thanks to Suzie, the outgoing Captain for her very experienced

guidance in the role. Thank you to Gai and Julie for your service to the ladies' team and we welcome Ingrid Delfos and Sue Davies to the team. Thank you to Vicki for your experienced and capable management of the Pennants' organisation. To Phil Behan and Phil Lyons, our two Club Captains in 2023, I am most grateful for your support and counsel during my first year in the job. Once again, I must thank Greg for all he has done for me including giving me advice, answering my 'dumb' questions, and being patient with me when I keep pestering him!

Finally, thank you to my cohort for supporting me, encouraging me, teaching me, and for being patient with my mistakes and steering me back on track. It is truly appreciated. You are a wonderful group of ladies and are a pleasure to be associated with.

Happy golfing,

Chris Russell 😊