

LADIES' REPORT 2025

Shoalhaven Heads Golf Club offers far more than just a round or more of golf each week. It's a place where friendships are forged, it provides a sense of community, it's a local meeting place to have drinks or a meal. It is pretty special!

Our social events complement our yearly program and the enthusiasm and comradery that is enhanced through events like the Shoalhaven Cancer Care Centre Charity Day, the Corporate Day and the Melbourne Cup Day, make being a member of the club very distinctive.

Our year of golf was celebrated with a 9 - hole competition and afterwards with a Presentation and a delicious luncheon at the beginning of December 2025. At the Presentation the following players received our major club awards:

Ladies' Champion – Sharon McCarthy

Division 1 Nett – Connie Parrish

Division 2 Gross – Janelle Hoskins

Division 2 Nett – Gai Richardson

Division 3 Gross – Marie Miller

Division 3 Nett – Maureen Latimer

Medal of Medals – Jill Lutton

Individual Matchplay – Tara Mackie

Foursomes Champions - Gail Pottenger and Tracy Cassinelli

Foursomes Nett Winners – Gai Richardson and Louise Stoddardt

All the female playing members extend a warm 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, Lachlan, Kane and Cooper**. You all tirelessly weave your magic and continue to produce a quality course which is the showcase of the South Coast.

To **Greg** and his friendly, helpful and obliging staff, **Lloyd, Brett, Barney, Phil, and Graeme** 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 Lloyd for running our ladies' clinics on a Tuesday morning periodically throughout the year. It is very pleasing to see so many new players taking advantage of this initiative. The clinics are a fun, relaxed environment in which ladies with similar abilities are introduced to the game and our friendly club. These clinics are invaluable, and we cannot get enough of them!

To the Tuesday kitchen staff, **René, Linda and Jodie** thank you for making our clubhouse experience so enjoyable. I would also like to thank **all the other Hospitality staff** for the great 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 2025. We wish all a full recovery and were pleased to welcome back several ladies from their leave of absence.

We fielded three Pennants' teams again this year. Thank you to the three captains: **Loretta Green (Gold), Marg Hyland (Silver) and Jackie Boaden (Bronze)** for your leadership and diligence. It is very much appreciated by your team members. Although we were not in the winning line up, we were competitive and keen to try again. Some of our ladies are relatively new to Pennants and adapted very well to the particular nuances of Matchplay. Well done ladies and all the best for 2026.

I would like to thank the Women's Representative Team consisting of **Ingrid Delfos, Marilyn Schott, Bev Calvert and Lee Jeffs** for their contribution to our organization. Without your support this would be a very difficult job. A big thank you also to **Julie Romanowski** who filled the position as Vet's delegate for the year. The ladies appreciated Julie stepping into that role and we wish her all the best with the administration.

To **Phil Lyons**, our Club Captain in 2025 I am most grateful for your support and counsel throughout the year. I threw a few wobbly queries your way and you didn't fail once!

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 😊