

Country Teams Report 29th Aug – 31st Aug 2011

The TEAM

Angela Alcock
Cheryle Andersen
Jane Fletcher
YoYo Han
Joanne McPhee
Marianne Stoettrup
Dale Stuart
Sandy Wicking
Glenda Woods
Tania Zentveld

THE CADDIES

Fran Crimmins
Liz Gee
Eileen Hall
Joyce White

THE SELECTORS

Trish Grinter
Dale Stuart
Joyce White

THE MATCHES

DIVISION TWO

VENUES

Mon 29th August

Melton Valley G.C.
8.30 East Gippsland
12.30 Ballarat

Tuesday 30th August

Sunshine G/C/
12.30 Bendigo

Weds 31st August

Koorungal G.C.
9.15 South Gippsland

Captain Trish is happy as team finishes 3rd in Division Two!

Another year, another gathering of the hopeful at our accommodation, Punthill Essendon Grand Apartments. Some new faces this year and a big welcome to players YoYo Han and Marianne Stoettrup and new caddies Liz Gee and Helen Dennett.

Captain Trish was hopeful of getting off to a good start this year as we have traditionally been rather poor starters. We also knew that this year we couldn't be relegated. Mornington had pulled out of Division One and been relegated to Division Three for 2012.

Before tea together Sunday evening, the team was announced as follows:

1. Jane (2) and Helen
2. YoYo (6) and Liz
3. Jo (9) and Marianne
4. Tania (10) and Joyce
5. Cheryle (10) and Fran
6. Dale (12) and Glenda
7. Angela (12) and Eileen

We were to play East Gippsland at Melton Valley at 8.30am off the 1st tee.

The net result was a $4\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$ win in surprisingly good weather. Jane, Jo, Cheryle and Angela were the stars winning 2/1, 2/1, 3/2 and 6/5 respectively with Dale going the full distance for a half.

After an ordinary sandwich but good coffee in the clubhouse, we were out again to do battle, this time with Ballarat, who were relegated from Division One last year. The Dalhousie team remained unchanged and it worked, with the team coming in with five wins. Jane won 5/4, YoYo



won 4/3, Jo and Tania won 1 up with Dale winning 2/1.

A big thank you to those supporters who arrived to cheer on Dalhousie. They were Judy Rothe, Sharon Matters, Dawn Hinnenberg, Di Gatehouse and Mary Campbell. It is great to see a friendly face waiting beside the green or at the bend on a dogleg. The support is very much appreciated!

At the end of the day, every player had a win against their name and the team had two wins from two matches, Trish was very pleased indeed as it is years since the team had enjoyed such a good start. Just as well too as Jane, our number one player was returning to Seymour due to unavoidable work commitments.

It was a cool and windy afternoon Tuesday at the newish Sunshine course with the team changed due to the absence of Jane. For the match against the undefeated Bendigo the team was:-

1. YoYo and Fran
2. Jo and Marianne
3. Tania and Joyce
4. Cheryle and Liz

5. Dale and Glenda
6. Angela and Eileen
7. Sandy and Helen

Bendigo proved too strong and despite putting up some great opposition, with a number of matches going to the 17th, Bendigo won 7-0, their second win by that margin in three matches!

After dinner, the team was announced for Wednesday morning at Koorungal against South Gippsland. All was the same as the day before except that Dale was now caddying for Glenda at number six.

Early to bed (for some), then off to Koorungal at Altona for a 9.15am hit off and another 18 holes, this time in excellent sunny spring weather.

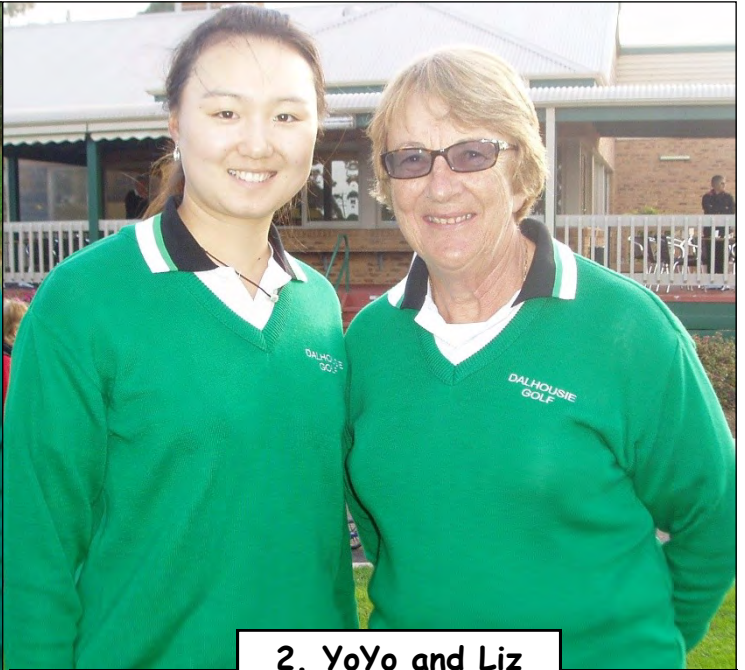
We must have burnt ourselves out against Bendigo as we could not beat South Gippsland, with them defeating us $5\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$, with Cheryle winning comfortably 7/5 and Jo finishing square on the 18th with a large crowd watching. (They were waiting to go to lunch!)

Thanks to Life Member Marg Fanner for visiting us at Koorungal and lending her support.

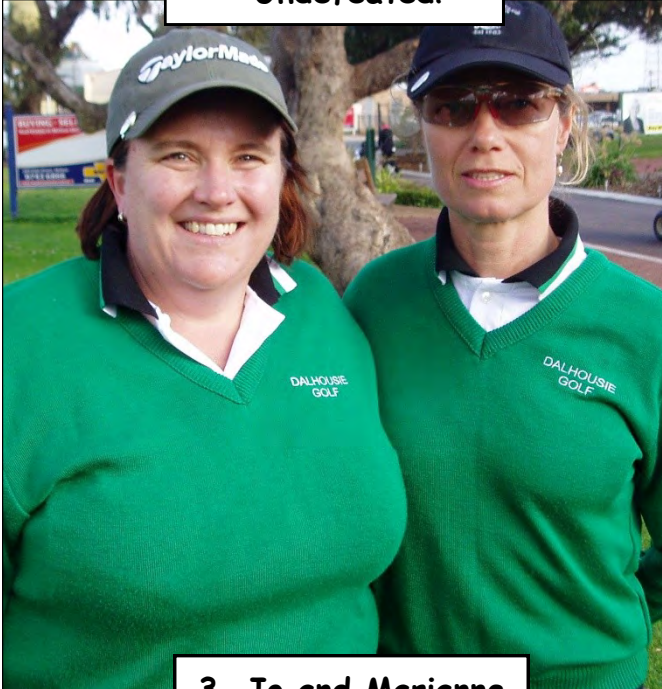
The team finished third. Thanks to Trish for all her great work and organisation to enable everything to run so smoothly. See page three for final ladder. (PS Bendigo did not lose one game in four matches, but did have three halves!)



**1. Helen and Jane
Undeafated!**



2. YoYo and Liz



3. Jo and Marianne



4. Joyce and Tania



5. Cheryle and Fran



6. Glenda and Dale



7. Angela and Eileen

Division Two final ladder

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| 5. Ballarat | 0 points |
| 4. South Gippsland | 2 points |
| 3. Dalhousie | 4 points |
| 2. East Gippsland | 4 points |
| 1. Bendigo | 8 points |

Congratulations everyone! There was not much between four Districts but Bendigo was clearly the strongest team with the lower handicaps.

A special thankyou to sponsor Jodie Reeves from KST Cleaning Services, Kilmore Dry Cleaning and Laundry Services and Bunnings, Epping for their support of our team and to everyone who bought raffle tickets or attended our fundraiser at Euroa in July.

The team appreciates your support. Dalhousie's last flag was in Division Three in 2006 and we are hoping it won't be too much longer before we win another one! Thanks everyone again for your wonderful support.

8. Sandy and Helen



A Closer Look at Handicaps!

To give you an idea of the sort of handicaps players had in Country Teams this year, have a look at the teams from Divisions Two below, with the top seven players listed. Division One or Three handicaps were not available as GV did not write handicaps against players names on the results board. To allow you to see the impact of the new handicapping system, last year's handicaps have been included for a comparison.

Division Two 2011

Ballarat — 5, 8, 8, 11, 13, 15, 15.
Bendigo — 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8, 10.
Dalhousie — 2, 6, 9, 10, 10, 12, 12, 14, 15, 16.
East Gippsland — 7, 7, 8, 9, 11, 11, 12.
South Gippsland — not revealed!

Division Two 2010

Dalhousie — 3, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 14.
East Gippsland — 5, 7, 8, 8, 10, 11, 12.
Goulburn Valley — 4, 5, 7, 7, 8, 8, 10.
South Gippsland — 8, 10, 10, 11, 12, 13, 13.

Division Winners 2011

Division One Winner

North Eastern (again!)

Division Two Winner

Bendigo

Division Three Winner

North Western

For a full report of all matches in every division, log on to Golf Victoria, select Tournaments and Events on top right menu and all details for all matches are available.

Country Teams 2012

At the end of the presentations, it was announced that some courses had been finalised for Country teams 2012, with a couple of courses awaiting confirmation. Those announced were Riversdale, Heidelberg, Victoria, Peninsula and Woodlands. These courses are for all three divisions.

The 'Chip In' competition (an in house team extra competition) was shared by Angela and Tania who both chipped in at Sunshine. The remainder of the money has been 'invested' and players and caddies will be notified accordingly!

The team enjoying themselves on and off the golf course!



HEALTH MESSAGE:

1. If walking/cycling is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water and is fat.
3. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years.
4. A tortoise doesn't run, does nothing ...yet lives for 450 years.

AND WE ARE TOLD TO EXERCISE!

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without alcohol,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

Then You Are ProbablyThe Family Dog!

DALHOUSE



Many thanks to everyone who supported the team this year. Special thanks to Captain Trish Grinter for all her work organising the event and to her team of selectors and helpers. The team members tried their hardest to produce their best golf, but as you all know, despite our best efforts, we don't always play the sort of golf we would like to!

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