

Women's Golf Dalhousie District Divots Newsletter October 2011 www.wgdd.com.au

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Liz Gee

The Dalhousie 27 hole Championship and Champion of Champions was held at Strathbogie on Monday 19th September in very pleasant conditions. This is a Dalhousie Only event, and attracted a field of 38 players. Twelve of the sixteen current Club champions took part and all clubs were represented.

The two major events of the day had to be decided by play-off. In the Champion of Champions Gail Leigh (Marysville) and Kay Dumbleton (Alexandra) tied on 86. Gail was the winner after the sudden death play-off, on the third extra hole.



The best 18 hole handicap score (any grade) wins the prestigious Mary Dockery Brooch. This year the winner was Liz Amos with a nett 66.

Strathbogie course was in excellent condition and with the super hospitality shown by the ladies of the club, it made for a most enjoyable day of golf.



The Dalhousie Championship was tied between Glenda Woods (Seymour) and Gail Leigh (Marysville) with 125 after 27 holes forcing a sudden death play-off. Glenda was the winner on the fourth extra hole. CONGRATULATIONS to Gail and Glenda on their wins.

Of course, these are not the only events played on the day. There are B and C grade 27 hole scratch events and both 27 and 18 hole handicap events. Hopefully next year a larger number of players will be taking part in these events.

For a full report of all results from the day and more photos (page 7), please visit our WGDD website.



News from Here, There and Everywhere — Club Reports

DELEGATES REPORT

Dale Stuart

Country Teams

Glenda produced a wonderful report. Many thanks to Trish for her efforts and her great organizational skills and compliments to all the players and caddies. It is quite a stressful but rewarding experience.

Course Rating

Ratings have been completed for Seymour, Avenel and Strathbogie in the last couple of weeks.



Dale, Libby (GV) and Sue rating Woodend

27 Hole District Championships

Some very good scores were recorded and after the playoffs, congratulations to Gail Leigh as the Champion of Champions and Glenda Woods as the 27 hole District Champion. (I hear she wants all events to be held at Strathbogie!)

Seymour Clubhouse Fire

It was very sad to lose so much history but a few things were salvaged after the fire with some smoke and water damage. It is so important to photograph your Honour Boards and anything else possible and store them off site! If you haven't done this yet, get to it before it might be too late. Please support our Ambrose fundraiser on the 15th October. Details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hidden Valley

The women are struggling to find women players. There are plans for clinics, etc and there will be opportunities for Dalhousie players to join in with the ladies on Tuesdays. Look for details soon on our WGDD website.

Ideas/complaints/club news/queries or indeed anything else would be welcomed by me prior to the Delegates meeting in Melbourne in October.

AVENEL by Lyn Carracher

Things have been moving along quietly at Avenel.

Our Salver in June was a great success with over 70 players. The St James team of Julie Trask, Pat Cook and Ruth Andrews won with 105 points. Di Elliot got a nice surprise when she was presented with a lovely bunch of flowers, which had been delivered to our club for her birthday. (No,

not from a secret admirer, but her very thoughtful son!!)



Happy Birthday Di

The L'Oreal Tournament wasn't quite as well attended, with only 42 players; however, the wet weather in the preceding days certainly didn't help numbers. The day itself turned out to be quite warm with many of the girls playing in their shirt sleeves. Some good scores were returned on the day with Julie Trask once again rising to the occasion with a 66 nett, which was by far the best score for the day.



Winners at Avenel L'Oreal Day

We recently completed our Club Championships. Lyn Carracher is the 2011 Club Champion and Joan Shelton fired a great final round to secure the B Grade title.

We will be closing our back nine soon, but will continue to have Tuesday morning golf as well as Twilight Golf on Fridays (it's actually an all day hit off).

Five of our girls travelled to Stawell to compete in the Vic Sandgreen Championships. We didn't win any trophies (the scores were unbelievable), but had a very enjoyable time and our 'little dress-up' at the dinner was well received.

Finally, we were all shocked and saddened to hear of the devastating fire at Seymour Golf Club and we wish them well in their efforts to rebuild.

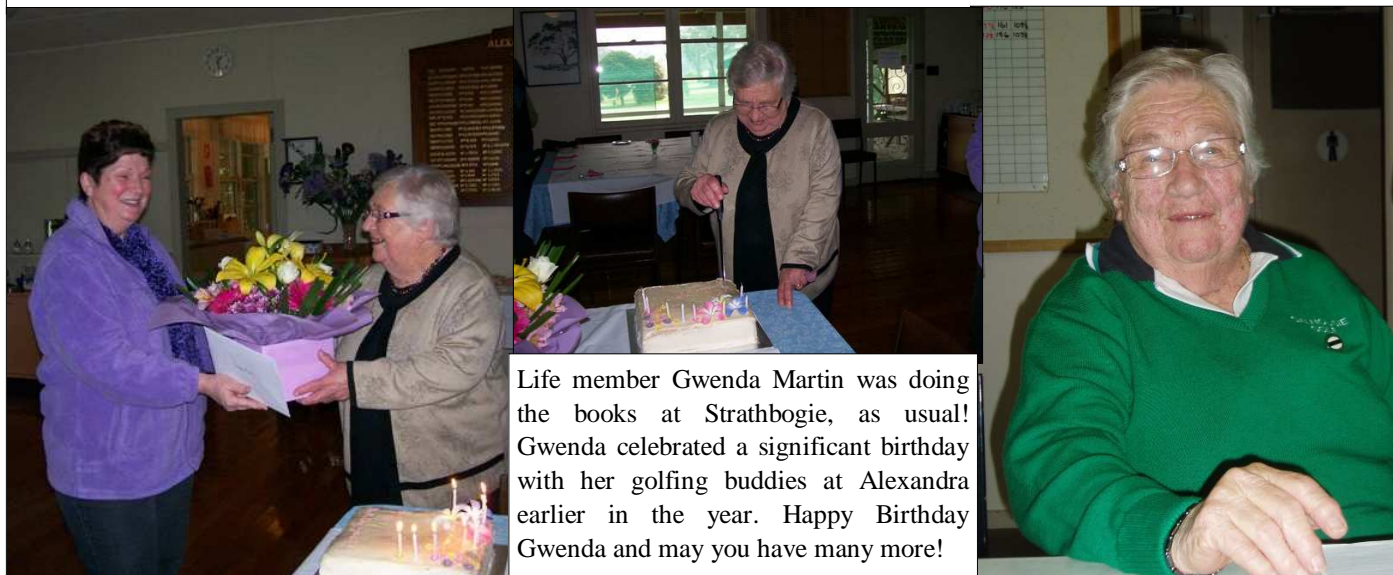
DALHOUSIE PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS AS OF THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER (EUROA), 2011

16	Helen Findlay (Eildon)
11	Jan Wealands (Yea)
10	Judy Richards (Eildon), Helen Dennett (Kilmore), Sandra Wicking (Kilmore)
9	Joyce White (Euroa), Liz Amos (Marysville)
8	Gail Leigh (Marysville), Judy Butterley (Woodend)
7	Mor Gale (Alexandra), Helen Flentje (Gisborne), Jenny Coleman (Marysville), Glenda Woods (Seymour), Denise Doolan (Woodend)
6	Pauline Brooks (Alexandra), Freda Edwards (Euroa), Fran Crimmins (Gisborne), Kerry Peterson (Gisborne), Florence Meyer (Lancefield), Kath Jekabsons (Romsey), Maureen War-
5	Coral May (Broadford), Cheryle Anderson (Broadford), Sue Stoddart (Broadford), Marion Weatherald (Euroa), Molly Bell (Kilmore), Pam Drummond (Lancefield), Editha Ott
4	Barb Doyle (Alexandra), Sandy Wettenhall (Alexandra), Liz Toomey (Gisborne), Tina Baker (Lancefield), Kaylene Cruise (Lancefield), Beryl Cole (Romsey), Sharon Matters (Trentham),
3	Marie Evans (Alexandra), Marion Nicholson (Alexandra), Pam Pedder (Avenel), Judy White (Eildon), Jenny O'Connor (Gisborne), Lyn Wells (Gisborne), Trish Grinter (Kilmore), Sue Cunningham (Lancefield), Dale Stuart (Seymour), Miranda Gill (Yea)
2	Joan McDonald (Alexandra), Marion Williamson (Alexandra), Wendy Newman (Eildon), Linda Combrink (Euroa), Karen Dillon (Gisborne), Di Rohde (Lancefield), Sue McCall
1	Lyn Carracher (Avenel), Lesley Rundle (Marysville), Lorraine Robb (Romsey), Pam Burton

Amalgamation Meetings Joyce White

Three of us, Liz Gee, Sue McCall and myself have had three meetings with the Dalhousie Mens' Executive regarding amalgamation of the District. Our discussions have included the 'workings' of both Committees. We have exchanged Constitutions and discussed similarities and differences.

We feel that we have broken new ground and possibly can't go any further until we get more concrete information from Golf Victoria. We intend to meet again early in 2012.



Life member Gwenda Martin was doing the books at Strathbogie, as usual! Gwenda celebrated a significant birthday with her golfing buddies at Alexandra earlier in the year. Happy Birthday Gwenda and may you have many more!

More News from Here, There and Everywhere!

EILDON by Helen Findlay

Eildon ladies have not had much golf since July. We are preparing for the Bowl on October 6th and looking forward to seeing as many players as possible.

'The Third' At Eildon

Original verse by Wendy Dare

At Royal and Ancient Eildon, I'm talking golf of course,
Some flat, some slope and hills and on the top we pause,
For you would be at 'The Third' and it's everybody's fave.
There's peace, a panoramic view and in silence we rave
About the sheer beauty, yet there's another thrill...
'The Third', a nice par four, is exclusively downhill!

On 'The Third' the grass is greener,
The kangaroos are cleaner,
The birds sing more sweetly,
And the trees are arranged more neatly.
The sun is always shining,
Every cloud has a silver lining,
It's brill, it's fab, it's cool,
And sheer enjoyment is the rule
Your worries just diminish,
Pure wonder till the finish,
And does this sound absurd?
Well it happens on 'The Third'.

GISBORNE by Pat Gilchrist

Gisborne ladies were all looking forward to our annual challenge with Trentham recently. Unfortunately it occurred on the day of the big storm and we all managed about four holes before the lightning started and we headed for safety. It was a great shame because the course was beautiful. We did enjoy a lovely lunch and catching up with the Trentham ladies.

This year our Club Championship is being held in November. This will be a very busy month because the Gisborne Open is also held in November. The ladies 18 hole stroke event will be held on Wednesday 2nd November with a 9 am shotgun start. We also are holding the Ladies Weekend Championship in November so this all adds up to lots of rounds of stroke trying to keep out of as many bunkers as possible!

KILMORE by Helen Dennett

The course is in good condition at present although the newly laid couch grass has yet to enter its growing season. The number of ladies playing is fairly static at around 5 to 10 on a Saturday and 10 to 20 on a Wednesday. The course was recently rated and it remains at 72.

Our new caterers are doing a great job supplying the members with good but very reasonably priced food on competition days. They have also started providing meals to the public on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at very moderate prices. We highly recommend them and is well worth a visit. They

catered for our recent tournament and were very well received.

Our Jan Reeves Memorial Tournament held on 8th September was very successful with 59 players. Jan played at and for Kilmore for many years until her early death in 2009 and this tournament has been named in her honour. She was a wonderful player and a great supporter of Dalhousie events. Her words of wisdom are often heard from present players quoting her. "You must caress the ball". These are good words of advice when putting Kilmore greens. The scratch winner of the Kilmore Tournament was Cheryle Anderson (83) from Broadford, A Grade Fran Crimmins (nett 68); B Grade Denise Doolan (nett 71); C Grade Molly Bell (nett 68).



Our lowest handicap player Jess Pickwick, has returned to Texas to play College Golf. Callaway Golf have kindly given her some sponsorship and we wish her well in her studies and her golf. The Club Championships for 2011 will be decided in her absence over the next month.

Members have travelled to various tournaments and bowls over the last few months with some success although winning a team event has not come our way as yet. Carolyn Morris and Dianne Dixon represented the Dalhousie District in the Royal Women's Hospital 4BBB at Metropolitan on 16th September. They were not disgraced with a score of 40 points. Our representatives in the Doris Chambers event at Goonawarra in October will be Jan Hourigan and Helen Clancy who replace Jess Pickwick (US) and Bev McKenzie.

LANCEFIELD by Jenny Colson

The Lancefield ladies continue to have a fun time on the golf course, except of course when it rains like it did for quite a few weeks this winter! Those Wednesdays were spent at a local coffee shop discussing all things pertaining to life in general, as well as the lack of golf. We have had some success on the golf course with Diane Brennan and Hilda Caly competing in the District Final of the Royal Women's Hospital 4BBB Competition—they came third with 41 points. A good effort girls.

Our Captains Trophy winner this year is Jenni Vennell with 26 and 44 points for a total of 70 points, Runner-Up was Tina Baker with 64 points.

News from Here, There and Everywhere (continued)

We have travelled to Avenel, Hidden Valley, Kilmore, Broadford and Euroa with mixed results. We completed our Ladies Championships last week with the overall winner being Helen Dennett and B Grade Handicap winner Diane Brennan on a countback from Sue Cunningham. C Grade Handicap winner was Dianne Rohde. We had 12 ladies play and congratulate Helen on winning this event.

The ladies are looking forward to our trip to Rich River for two nights next month. Twenty girls are going and we look forward to lots of laughter and some good golf. Hope the weather is also kind to us. Thanks to the team that put this all together.

A reminder to all the clubs to keep 10th November free for our Annual Ladies Open - the course is looking great and we hope for a good field.

MARYSVILE by Lesley Rundle

We have a golf trip to Tocumwal coming up in October. Our tournament is also in October and the course is in good condition. Hope to see you all there.

ROMSEY by Beryl Cole



WOW!! At last the Romsey girls have done something to report on. We won the Broadford Bowl. Still haven't got over the excitement. It is rumoured that one said to the others before play "Good prizes, lift your games." So everyone responded. It was really a day that wasn't meant to be. Jan had tried desperately to get a fill in for herself and Lorraine and I both said we could come on our own. Then as we had the garage sale the following Saturday we were busy and were going to have lunch and leave early. With no bowl scores up and Lorraine telling me someone else had won it was lucky we were still there for presentations. So it was a real surprise and thrill to take the bowl home. The trip home was spent trying to spread the news but husbands, partners and friends were either not answering or vetting phone calls. So once in Romsey we started our visiting, calling at life members and members

homes, for bubbles and show and tell with the silverware.

Our other news is that we have been rerated. It was a lot of work for our captain and I'm sure she would be greyer if she didn't have a good hairdresser. We now have to extend some of our tees which didn't quite make it to standard size. The result was we are now a Par 71 and AWCR 74 (or whatever is the new terminology). There is a slight change to the layout of the course which makes it very slightly shorter. (Kath thinks she needs a chainsaw in her bag, one tree is causing her constant grief on this new hole.)

As we are again doing the Relay for Life next year we have started our fundraising early. We held a garage sale and were left with so many goodies we held a second garage sale and with lots of bargains, better advertising and more customers we made some good money and almost cleared out. With one trip to the tip and a couple of boxes for the opp shop we have very little to start next year's sale with. Yes, there was one electric fry pan with two more to come next year. Our trip to Numurkah is coming up in November and will report next Divots.

Kath and Lorraine played in the WGV Stableford series in Kialla and enjoyed the course and demonstrated their ability to skim golf balls over the water, which impressed their playing partners. It goes to show practise pays off!

As we have been travelling to bowls and a few tournaments around the district we look forward to welcoming everyone to our Bowl on December 1st. After last year, we promise a fine day and a dry course. (It couldn't be any wetter than last year — could it?)

SEYMOUR by Glenda Woods

What a shock to find your clubhouse has burnt down! Sue McCall, Liz Gee and myself were enjoying playing in the Royal Melbourne Challenge Cup when upon our return to the car, the text messages came flying in thick and fast. We couldn't quite believe it at first but as I had a photo of the burning clubhouse on my phone, we knew it was for real. Evidently it started due to an electrical fault and quickly burned through the decades old wooden clubhouse, taking over a hundred years of history with it. A number of members were present as it was the start of the Friday afternoon golf run. Some golf club things were saved, including our 100 year centenary booklet, but at least 20 members lost their golf clubs.



More News from Here, There and Everywhere!

Not to be deterred it was golf as usual on Saturday (the day after) with 41 members as our golf course and machinery shed were untouched. Gayle (our bar manager) even opened up a portable bar with an esky and ice and the machinery shed became the new 19th hole! We will rally and our first fundraiser is set for Saturday 15th October, 4 person Ambrose, any combination, \$40 per team, 11.30am for noon hit-off. Contact Tania Zentveld — 0427 992603 or taniaz@virginbroadband.com.au; Sue McCall - 57992883 or Gary Wright — 57 921059 or gwr32159@bigpond.net.au to enter.

Finally congratulations to Liz Gee for winning the Belle Hamilton Trophy, presented by Unice Ekberg in memory of her mother. Liz really wanted to win this and had a great two round stableford aggregate, of 83 points—the clear winner!



STRATHBOGIE by Eleanor Barnes

Our course is in great condition and we have had our Annual Tournament which went off really well. Club Champion this year is Shirley Dash, congratulations Shirley. We had our course rated on Monday 26th September, thank you to the helpers on that day. Four ladies went to Stawell for the Sandgreens Championships and all played good golf. Shirley Dash and Eleanor Barnes had nearest the pins which was great. We are having trouble getting ladies to play at various tournaments but as most clubs that are small know, it is difficult. Our ladies do the best they can. I would like to thank all players that support our tournaments.

TRENTHAM by Mary Bysouth

Many of you in Dalhousie will know Gwen Justice or even have had the pleasure of playing golf with her. This year Gwen took out the Trentham Club Championship for the 26th time since joining the club in 1979. A fantastic effort!

Over the years Gwen has worked tirelessly for our club in many ways. In the earlier years of her membership Gwen along with her husband, Rod, ran clinics for junior golfers. Members have memories of her working on the course on the tractor or fixing a cupboard in the kitchen. Then there was her term as Captain in 1987 and 1988. Gwen held the

position of Treasurer in the early 80's and again from 2000 to 2010. Over the years Gwen has also done a stint as handicapper. Gwen has played pennant for the club from the days when Trentham belonged to the Central District until now. Gwen is not only an excellent golfer and sportswoman but a very valued club member.



Don't forget Trentham Open Tournament week commencing on Tuesday 25th October, kicking off with Ladies Open Day. The course is in great condition.

WOODEND by Denise Doolan

After plenty of rain during our winter season, we are catching up with our events. Cheryl Garner and Marg O'Connor won the Doris Chambers Foursomes and they are looking forward to representing Woodend at the Goonawarra Golf Club on Friday 14th October - we wish them well. Our course has been re-rated to AWCR 70 which we are very pleased about. Our Annette Wiber Open is on Thursday 20th October and we are looking forward to seeing plenty of visitors. Our course is in beautiful condition. There are four ladies going to Barwon Heads for the spring Country Tournament in October. Rosa is defending her Vi Teasdale Trophy and we wish her good luck. There is still plenty of golf to play in the district before the end of the season, good golfing to all.

YEA by Jan Wealands

Yea Ladies Golf championships have been completed after four weeks of competition. The best three out of four stroke rounds are aggregated to decide the winners. Club champions for this year in each division are as follows: A Grade – Laraine Callander — 267 strokes; B Grade – Maggie Graham — 296 strokes; C Grade – Karen Sangster — 336 strokes. Maggie also won the Handicap event with a nett 220.

Over winter we had to cancel several events due to wet conditions. However the course is now looking fabulous so the events rescheduled for spring should be played in great course conditions. Thanks to the crew of golfers who work tirelessly every Tuesday to help improve and maintain our course. Lately several bare sections have been planted with couch donated by Lilydale Lawn. With spring rain and sunshine these patches should really take off.

Ladies continue to regularly cater for Rotary and other town events to help boost club funds. Three new lady members joined recently and we continue to encourage others to come and join in the challenge of golf.



Euroa—winners of their own Bowl!

LAUGHTER — THE BEST MEDICINE!

The Importance of Walking

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional five months in a nursing home at \$7000 per month.

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well, she looks good doesn't she.'

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years,..... just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

AND

Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.

A teenager brings her new boyfriend home to meet her parents. They're appalled by his haircut, his tattoos and his piercings.

Later, the girl's Mum says, "Dear, he doesn't seem to be a very nice boy."

"Oh, please Mum! Says the daughter. 'if he wasn't nice, would he be doing 500 hours of community service?'"

About Growing Older

First ~ eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've travelled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change from being young.

Eighth ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Tenth ~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

And, finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.

Some Thoughts

I had kleptomania but I took something for it!!

When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

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Monday December 5th.

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