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SOUTH GIPPSLAND WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOC.
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE OUR

60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2018 - LANG LANG GOLF CLUB
OPENING DAY - 4BBB STABLEFORD

TIME: 8:30AM for 9:00AM shotgun start
COST: \$10 ENTRY \$15 LUNCH

ENTRIES TO: Pat Randall - patrandallgolf@gmail.com
ENTRIES CLOSE: Wednesday 1st February

NON-PLAYERS:
Lunch at 1:00pm, come earlier to peruse the displays and catch up with old friends



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The Lang Lang Lady Members are delighted to host the 60th Anniversary Event, which is a very historic event, now that the amalgamation of the two South Gippsland Associations has taken place, and we do hope you all enjoy this wonderful celebration.

Lang Lang ladies have been very active in the district, from the administration point of view, as well as very keen and competitive in local events and pennant competition.

Members who were South. Gippsland Office Bearers:–

Presidents: Ruth Kinsella 1970, Moira Mongan 1979, Wilma Francis 1987, Jean Smith 1995.

Secretaries: Mary Dwyer 1979, Moira Mongan 1980 – 1986, Joy Kitchin 1987, 1995. Carolyn Cripps 2010 - 2012.

Golfing achievements:

All Gippsland Champion Julie Penny 1989.

Minor Champions: Noela Maxwell 1980, Mavis Cecil 1983, Amy O'Donnell 1995.

Senior Champions: Mary Smith 1982, Noela Maxwell 1995.

Joyce Berry 4BBB winners: Mary Dwyer & Sheila White 1982.

Joyce Berry Minor Scratch winners: June Henry & Lil Brain 1981, Julie Penny & Joy Kitchin 1982, Wilma Francis & Alma Johnson 1984, Jackie Condick & Margaret Vick 1988, Raelene Gray & Glenda Mitchell 1996, Terri Scullin & Barbara Oates 1999, Pam Murphy & Carolyn Cripps 2006.

Foursomes Champions: Mary Smith & Norma Wigmore 1971, Ruth Kinsella & Mary Dwyer 1973, Mary Smith & Mary Dwyer 1985.

Minor Foursomes Champions: Dawn Dunn & Merle Vanstone 1974, Cindy Devine & Merle Vanstone 1983, Margaret McDonald & Lil Brain 1984, Cindy Devine & Margaret McDonald 1988.

Members of Country Teams: Ruth Kinsella, Mary Dwyer, Julie Penny, Mary Smith, Moira Mongan.

A Short History of South Gippsland Senior Ladies Golf

At the initiative of Chris Barnfield of Foster Golf Club, a meeting was held on 23rd August 1988 at Wonthaggi Golf Club to determine whether there was sufficient interest for a Senior Ladies Golf Association to be formed.

It was unanimously agreed upon and the Senior Women's Golf Association was formed. The first President, elected unopposed, was Chris Barnfield.

Subscription fees of \$5.00 and entry fees for competitions of \$2.00 were set and the eligible age of over 55 agreed upon. Two sections were formed, 55 – 65 and 65 and over. Each club was to provide two delegates and the host club would provide lunch.

At the second meeting held on 30th August, 1988, also at Wonthaggi, Mavis Zenner of Leongatha was elected Captain, and Secretary/ Treasurer was Grace Brown of Foster.

Chris Barnfield proposed a Four Ball Best Ball Teams Event Championship for which she would provide a trophy. The first event was a Stableford competition at Lang Lang on 11th October, 1988.

In 1989, senior ladies visited nine clubs in South Gippsland. A tradition which continued almost to the end was a delegates meeting held at Woorayl, and an Annual General Meeting held in December each year, followed by a luncheon.

Over the years the fees and charges have altered according to the needs of the group. Minutes for the meeting were hand written from inception in 1988 until 2004.

The original committee served for many years until it was suggested in 2001 that each club serve 2 years then move the onus on to the next club alphabetically.

This continued until 2012 when it became clear that no one wished to take on the role and thus it came to Phillip Island, who were at that time in the chair, to take over. Joy Adams remained on as Secretary/Treasurer, later handing over to Wendy Hamilton. Alice Schofield took the role of Captain and Jill Moor became President. These ladies continued in their roles until 2016, when it became clear that interest had reduced to such a degree that it was no longer viable to continue and so with great regret, and after much consultation with club delegates, the three ladies of Phillip Island formally closed the group at Lang Lang on Monday 12th December 2016.

The Chris Barnfield Trophy was won for the final time by the Phillip Island team of Faye Rosen, Sue Brown, Norma Corr and Robyn Cornell and the Brown/Zenner Plate was won by Lyn Jennison of Meeniyan.

The Foster Golf Club was established in 1924, encompassing what is now Devlin Street to the Foster Football Club Oval, to Munro's front paddock in Boundary Road. In 1925, it was proposed to construct a new Golf Links on the land which is now the present Golf course. It took three years to clear and set up, and the first open day competition was held on March 31st, 1928. The first and second greens were fenced off to keep out horses and other livestock. It is notable that female participation was always a prominent feature in the establishment of the Club; with the election of Mrs L Wilson as Club Vice-President (1924-28) and Miss M E Lewis on the Committee of the inaugural meeting May 28th, 1924. Significantly in 1930, Mrs E M Hall was appointed as Club President. This impartiality continued with Mrs Helene Elmore's appointment as Club Captain for all in 1994 and 1995. Helene's contribution to the Club was prolific on and off the course.

Regularly weekly Club events now attract an average of twenty ladies, who enjoy the camaraderie and gracious competitiveness that the game of golf derives. We are most fortunate to have a cohesive, supportive and amicable group of associated clubs within the SGWGA which will continue as part of the SGG Inc.

Annual Club events include the Doreen Black Plate in honour of a lady member of over thirty years whose charismatic, humorous personality was so memorable, and the Lorna Wilson 27 holes Championship in honour of her all round dedication to the Club.

Foster Lady Office Bearers for the SGWGA during the period 1958-2017 were Dawn Clerk, Blanche Weiss, Chris Barnfield, Poppy Best, Lorna Wilson, Ann Williams, Wilma Scheerle, and Gayle Tyers.

Prominent individual achievements in SGWGA, Country Teams and interclub events throughout the years include:

Molly Mitchell 1947-1960s, Chris Barnfield 1960-1980s,
Lorna Wilson, Norma McGrath, Marg Freeman, Betty Gilbert, Helene Elmore 1980- 1996,
Gayle Tyers, Nancy Parry, Barb Warren and Robyn Galloway in recent years.

Highlights of SGWGA Pennant Success in recent years were:

First Division Pennant: 1997*2003*2005*2007*2010*2012*2013*

Second Division Pennant: 2005*2006*2006*

Third Division Pennant: 2000*2003*2014*2015*

Fourth division Pennant: 2004*2014* Fifth Division: 1986*

Improvers Pennant: 1996*1998*

The Club also had successful participants at numerous times over the years in the SGWGA Singles Championship, SGWGA Foursomes Championship, Joyce Berry Four ball Championship and SGWGA Seniors Championship events.



**WOORAYL GOLF CLUB
GENA ROUGHEAD**

Life Member S.G.L.G.A.

Life Member Woorayl Golf Club

Club Champion 14 Times

South Gippsland Singles Champion 10 Times

South Gippsland Foursomes Champion 4 Times

(Various Partners)

South Gippsland Seniors Champion 1980

VLGA Foursomes Champion (Dot Forrester)

All Gippsland Champion 1964

Queen Elizabeth Trophy goes south

Welshpool golfers Nancy Parry and Darryl Jones brought off a remarkable victory at Royal Melbourne during November with a countback victory in the prestigious Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Foundation Trophy.

"Welshpool golf course doesn't give us much practice at facing these magnificent but daunting bunkers and our greens are not large and fast like these," Parry said.

"We just tried to keep the ball straight and enjoy the wonderful experience of playing at Royal Melbourne and representing our club and the South Gippsland District. It is an enormous surprise and thrill to have won the event."

Parry and Jones were one of 64 pairs to contest the final, winning with a score of 66 stableford points from Huntingdale Golf club and Sunshine Golf Club.

Their path to Royal Melbourne began some time ago when each won the club's respective nominated Queen Elizabeth Trophy stableford events.

In the South Gippsland District play-off at Woorayl in October, Parry and Jones were runners-up to the Wonthaggi club's pair G. Staples and S. Plasenti. However, as luck would have it, for the first time runners-up received a berth in the final and Darryl and Nancy earned their start at Royal Melbourne.

Both players teed off without a thought of winning, they went out to enjoy the course and particularly the greens. Parry finished with 37 stableford points and without three putting any of those "enormous greens".

With wife Dorothy as caddy, it was Jones' first round at Royal Melbourne. "There were a lot of obstacles and always something in front of you," he commented, but nevertheless he enjoyed his round and returned 29 points. It was the first major win for both players.

For many years, the Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Foundation event has been conducted throughout Victoria and provided an opportunity for



Queen Elizabeth Trophy winners Nancy Parry and Darryl Jones with PGA President Doug Blair and Trust representative Colin Dunlop.

handicap golfers to earn the privilege of representing their club in the final at Royal Melbourne.

The event also has raised significant funds for the Queen Elizabeth Trust used to assist young Australians with worthwhile personal development programs. At the request of the Queen Elizabeth Trust, all future funds raised from the event will go to the Victorian Golf Foundation for use in assisting junior golf development.

Following suggestions from clubs at the VGA February Country Conference, a restructuring of the format of the event was implemented this year.

Incentive prizes were donated by Continental Airlines and Murray River Cruises to be used for a draw in which every participant's name was entered. Mrs. Jill Steer (Mirboo North) and Colin English (Warragul Golf Club) were the respective lucky winners of a trip for two to the United States and a week for two on a Murray River cruise.

The response to the changes was encouraging with an increase in funds raised and a much improved participation rate, especially among country clubs and districts.

As part of its contribution to the Golf Foundation, the Victorian Ladies' Golf Union offered to take over responsibility for the organisation of the QEII Foundation event.

This year, the final of the Queen Elizabeth Trophy has been brought forward to Sunday, September 16, in line with requests from the country district associations.

Support will be sought to build on the advances made in 1989 and further develop this event to its full potential.

Clubs have been asked to designate one of the club stableford days during the first half of the year for the QEII event and identify a willing club member to act as a liaison to promote the event.

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The Wonthaggi Golf Club was established in March 1925 and officially opened in June 1925. The original site of the golf club is where Don-Mix is today on the Old Power House Site. The course consisted of 9 holes with sand scraped greens. At an Annual General Meeting of the club a motion was moved to form an association comprising of Leongatha, Korumburra, Loch, Lang Lang and Wonthaggi. In 1927 the Club became affiliated with the VGA.

In 1930 the committee of the day decided to close the course there and relocate to the present site of crown land and build a course of 9 holes and sand scraped greens. In 1950 members decided to extend to an 18 hole course with grass greens. Initially the course was extended to 12 holes of grass greens and played until the 18 holes were completed.

The Club's Annual Tournament in the 1920's attracted the best golfers in Victoria at one stage most of the State Squad attended.

The highest profile player to play the course was Norman Von Nida who played an exhibition round in the early 1970's.

The Wonthaggi Golf Club purchased the land from the State Government in 1994.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED SGLGA & SGWGA

PRESIDENT:

1974 Dawn Turner

1990 Rae Haines

1998 Judy Berry

DISTRICT

DELEGATE:

SECRETARY:

1998-2006, 2009, 2013-2014 Maree Anderson

2001 – 2006 Ria Stewart

2005, 2013-2014 Anne Walker

LIFE MEMBERS:

Anne Walker

Maree Anderson

DISTRICT HANDICAPPER:

1998 – 2006 Lesley Richards

COUNTRY TEAMS MANAGER:

2015 -2017 Anne Walker

Korumburra Golf Club links opened in 1914 near the Botanic Park prior to moving to Jumbunna Road during 1924. In 1935, due to several factors - one being the small size of the course - it was decided to change the location of the club once again, to the current Warragul Road site.

Monica Henry and Clarice Burnett, from Korumburra, were the first President and Secretary of the SGDGA Associates when it was formed in 1958. Korumburra has been well represented on the SGWGA, with many members involved in various roles over the six decades. In particular, Gwen Evison made a significant contribution on the executive committee and was honoured with Life Membership at the final SGWGA AGM. Lee Clements has served on the SG Match committee for many years and is on the current committee of the new SGG Inc board. It is coincidental and rather special that Korumburra members were office bearers in the inaugural year, and also in the closing year, 2017, some sixty years later, with Beryl Brown, President and Barb Twite, Secretary.

Over the years, Korumburra has endeavoured to field competitive pennant teams and members have been keen to support and participate in all South Gippsland events, enjoying visiting other clubs and the camaraderie with fellow golfers.



Top left: Betty Yann, Seniors Champ 1999, Singles B Champ 2005

Above: 1992 Pennant winners

Left: SGWGA Life member, Gwen Evison



Welshpool Golf Club

It is uncertain exactly when the Welshpool Golf Associates commenced, however we do hold Historical records in the form of Minute books dating back to 1955.

Excerpt: "With Mud On Their Boots" written by Jane Vale and Neil Everitt

...Welshpool Golf Club was also experiencing the same problems (sharing the course with cows) with the use of the Christensen' property... Both Clubs (Toora) had played many interclub events during this period, and moves were made in 1946 to relocate both clubs to a new site at the corner of the South Gippsland Highway and Barry Beach Road. The proposal was to form the Toora and Welshpool Golf Club and to purchase the 150 acre property to develop an 18 hole golf course. It was intended to form a Propriety Company, spending up to £2000 to improve the fairways and provide an asset that would serve both towns. Unfortunately this scheme did not eventuate, and Welshpool Golf Club built their own 9 hole course surrounding the recreation reserve in Welshpool.....
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South Gippsland Associates Bowl: (won five years in succession)

- 1986** Dot Jones, Nancy Parry, Thea Fitcher
- 1987** N Parry, T Fitcher, Rosemary Wood
- 1988** Martha Revill, R Wood, Cath Chenery
- 1989** M Revill, N Parry Pauline Cripps
- 1990** P Cripps, Anne Skan, T Fitcher

SGLGA 'C' Grade Singles Championship:

- 1988** Anne Collins, **1991** Pauline Cripps

SGLGA 'A' Grade Foursomes Championship

- 2005** Martha Revill and Gloria Haycroft

South Gippsland District Minor Championship 1992 Martha Revill

Lady Life membership has been bestowed upon Enid Ellis (dec), Martha Revill (dec) and Fran MacPherson for their significant contributions to Golf.

The Welshpool Ladies Plate was renamed the Martha Revill Memorial Plate after the passing of life member and friend to all of those who played with her, Martha Revill in May 2010. Martha was a long-standing member of the Welshpool Golf Club holding positions of Lady Handicapper, Lady Captain and Lady President over many years. She was Club Champion in 1988, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2005.

Meeniyah Golf Ladies

Meeniyah Golf Club established in 1954. The first meeting for the ladies was held in 1955.

We first entered a pennant team in 1958 and had our first win in 1960. Meeniyah have won four Sec 1 pennant flags, eleven Sec 2 pennant flags, five Sec 3 pennant flags and two Sec 4 pennant flags.

Dot Christie has won the District Singles Championships 16 times, Andrea Thorson has won it once.

Meeniyah has won the District 4 BBB five times, the District Bowl five times, the Foursomes four times and the Senior Ladies Championship three times along with many A, B and C Grade handicap wins over the years.

Olive Harris' name first appeared in the district books as a club delegate in 1969, and in 1972 – 1983 she was the Association Secretary. The position of VLGU District Delegate was held by Olive from 1978 – 1995, and while a district delegate, Olive was involved in course rating and golf clinics for the ladies and girls. She became the District President 1981 and again in 1989. Olive was the Country Team manager from 1987 – 1995. Life Membership of the SGLGA was awarded to Olive in 1991.

Bev Young was District President 1996 and 1997, Irene Holm was District President in 2004. Jan Trease, Dot Christie and Irene Holm have been members of the district match committee. In 2013 Sue Hoskin was the District Delegate.

While Meeniyah have a small female membership we have some very eager players who love to represent their club at many district events. We have had four players who have made the District Country Team Squad: Dot Christie, Andrea Thorson, Irene Holm and Sheila Constantine.

In 2017 with the Men and Lady's Golf Associations amalgamating Irene Holm has taken on the position of South Gippsland Golf Inc President.

Leongatha Golf Club.

Leongatha Golf Club was formed in 1909. A nine hole golf course was constructed on part of the Leongatha Recreation Reserve. This was the Club's course for the next fifty years. In 1960 the Club moved to its present site at Leongatha South. The Club had purchased the land in 1955 in order to construct an eighteen hole course. HV Morcom designed the course which was carved out of virgin scrub. In 2003 Santa Ana couch was planted on its fairways so the course could be enjoyed all year round.

In 1958 South Gippsland District Golf Association Associates was formed and Leongatha Golf Club Associates joined immediately. Miss Audrey Pern was the first District Delegate. Miss Gena Roughead was the first District Associates Singles Champion. Gena went on to win this title on ten occasions representing either Leongatha or Woorayl Clubs. Rebecca Thomas, the current SGWGA Singles Champion has won six singles titles representing Leongatha. In 1981 Leongatha women made history by winning all four grades of Pennant. Many other Leongatha Golf Club women have either won other SG titles, pennants or taken office.

