

## **South Gippsland Golf - Joyce Berry Fourball Championship - Friday 22nd June 2018**

Leongatha Golf Club hosted the Sth Gippsland Golf "Joyce Berry" Fourball scratch championship for 2018. Every South Gippsland club was represented in a field of 52 players. The event was played on yet another lovely sunny winter's day, with the Leongatha course presented in excellent condition and the greens rolled to championship standard.

Joyce Berry was a champion golfer and administrator of both the Wonthaggi Golf Club and South Gippsland Women's Golf Association for many years.

Rebecca Thomas & Linda Shannon from Leongatha Golf Club won the Joyce Berry in what can only be described as extraordinarily bizarre circumstances. Linda who had started in a blaze of glory, with her name on the card for the best-ball scratch score for her par on all six previous holes, stepped back too far while lining up her par putt on the 7th & fell into a deep greenside bunker. Appearing to have done some damage to her hamstring she was helped from the bunker & managed to hobble to the green to miraculously hole the 3m putt for par. Her name thus appeared on the card for the 7th straight hole. A cart was brought out from the Clubhouse, but she was unable to continue to play. Instead she travelled in the cart as team mate & support for Bec over the last eleven holes.

We all know that Bec Thomas is a true champion with unflappable temperament but that surely must have been her finest hour. Carding 50 for the last eleven holes she had to play a lone hand. The pair finished with 79 off the stick & went on to claim the title by three shots from their playing partners Anne Walker & Ally Adams from Wonthaggi GC who finished with 82 to be runner's up. True legends seem capable of miraculous performances when put to the test, but it was really a great team effort; a tale of two nines. Spare a thought for Anne & Ally who must have ridden the roller coaster of emotions watching the happenings of their playing partners unfold on such an important occasion.

The Minor Scratch championship was won by another Leongatha Golf Club pair of Jocelyn Howson & Lianne Adamson with a score of 92.

The winners of the A Grade 4BBB Par event were Jenni Delaney & Rachel Brown of Welshpool GC with a score of +2 on a c/b from Jeanette Diss & Mary Whelan from Phillip Island GC

The winners of the B Grade 4BBB Par event, with the best score of the day by far, were Sue Straw & Heather McCaughan from Meeniyah GC with a brilliant score of +8.

Nearest the pin winners were:

14th hole – Robyn Galloway (Foster GC )

16th hole – Lee Clements (Korumburra GC )

Down the line balls were won by :

Maryanne Gartner & Karen Orford (Leongatha ) +3, Jeanette Diss & Mary Whelan (Phillip Is GC)+2, Heather Grist & Lee Clements (Korumburra GC), Beth & Fiona Curram (Foster GC) +1, Betty Williamson & Di Fraser (Lang Lang) square, Melinda Martin & Julie Howard; Helen Mackenzie & Fay Quilford (all Leongatha GC) -1

Photo: Linda, Rebecca, Leanne, Jocelyn, SGGI President Irene.

