

## LADIES' REPORT 2024

Being a member of Shoalhaven Heads Golf Club is not just about playing golf, it also includes embracing many other aspects that enrich our experiences in this wonderful club. Our social events complement our yearly program and the enthusiasm and comradery that is built through events like the Shoalhaven Cancer Care Centre Charity Day and the Melbourne Cup Day, make being a member of the club very special.

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. At the Presentation the following players received our major club awards:

**Ladies' Champion – Sharon McCarthy**

**Division 1 Nett - Maggie Simmons**

**Division 2 Gross – Gai Richardson**

**Division 2 Nett – Jan Wood**

**Division 3 Gross - Sonja Van Hoof**

**Division 3 Nett – Jackie Boaden, Jeanne Salway & Ingrid Delfos**

**Medal of Medals – Gail Pottenger**

**Individual Matchplay – Amanda McFeeters**

**Foursomes Champions - Gail Pottenger and Tracy Cassinelli**

All the ladies 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, Adam, Cooper, Kane and Garry**. It is remarkable what you have done for the course, and it is most appreciated by each and every one of us. Things may not have gone according to plan with some of the greens, but the recovery program is an absolute credit to the team. Congratulations on making our course a show piece of the South Coast.

To **Greg** and his friendly, helpful and obliging staff, **Lloyd, Brett, Barney, Phil, and Greg S** 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 and Jody**, thank you for making our clubhouse experience so enjoyable and please keep tantalising our taste buds. I would also like to thank **Mouny, Gail** and the various baristas for the amazing 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 2024. 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: **Peta Merchant (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 2025.

I would like to thank the Ladies' Team consisting of **Suzie Collins, Vicki Askew, Ingrid Delfos and Sue Davies** for their contribution to our organization for the first half of the year. A special thanks to Suzie and Vicki for their many years in Golf Administration; their knowledge, input and passion for ladies' golf has been exceptional. Thank you to Sue for your service to the ladies' team and we welcome back **Ingrid Delfos, Marilyn Schott, Sonja Van Hoof, Bev Calvert and Lee Jeffs** to the newly formed Women's Representative Team (WRT). A lot can happen in twelve months and in this time, Sonja filled the position as Vet's delegate but unfortunately decided not to renew her membership for the coming year. The ladies appreciated Sonja stepping into that role and we wish her all the best for the future.

To **Phil Lyons**, our Club Captain in 2024 I am most grateful for your support and counsel throughout the year. 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 😊