

# October Newsletter

## President's Report

Hello Ladies,

Where did September go? And now we're halfway through October!! Many of our ladies have been travelling recently, while others have been hosting family members visiting here in Mollymook during the school break. But for those who have been able to get out onto the course, the great weather and fantastic course conditions have allowed for some terrific rounds of golf to be played, resulting in big scores!

### MWG BANNER

If you've driven down Golf Avenue in the past week, you've no doubt seen the new banner on Beachside Golf Course promoting 'Mollymook Women Golfers'. This is an exciting initiative by the club to encourage female participation in our game. Sienna Clarke (our current Women's Club Champion) and her mum Sharon joined some of the MWG committee members when the banner was erected a couple of weeks ago. Sienna and Kelsey Bennett feature on the banner, as well as many of the ladies who took part in our 2023 Charity Day – who's that in the orange tutu?! But the star of the banner has to be our local legend, Joan McMullen. Drive or walk past when you have a chance and check it out!

MWG Committee members (l to r) Jane Rutkin (President), Heather Stewart (Secretary) Sue Rayner (Captain) and Veronica Johnston (Committee).



Sienna Clarke, Mollymook Open Women's Winner and proud mum, Sharon Milton.



## Upcoming Events

### Gerringong Open Day 4 Person Ambrose

Thursday 9 November  
Entries Close: 1 November

### Moss Vale Women's Gala Day 3 Person Ambrose

Tuesday 14 November  
Entries Close: 6 November

## Upcoming Hilltop Events

### MWG AGM 31 October after golf @1:30 pm

Nominations for the 2023-24 MWG Committee positions and Notice of Motion forms are available from Jackie Harvey.

Forms must be submitted by 4 pm 24 October.

Refer to Heather's email sent out on 28 September for details on the Committee Roles and Responsibilities.

## SAFE WATERS CHEQUE PRESENTATION

On 26th September we presented Sarah Date from SAFE WATERS COMMUNITY CARE with a cheque for \$10 000. These funds were raised on our very successful Charity Day in August. Sarah is the founder, Executive Director and President of Safe Waters and she was able to give us some insight into the wonderful achievements of her team. Our donation will enable them to build a much-needed storage shed. Sarah's very proud mum, Pam, was watching on! Pam has been closely involved in the work being done at Safe Waters since its inception.

Our thanks once again to all of our Charity Day sponsors and generous members of MWG and the wider community for supporting this year's event. John Holt and David Hume joined us for the cheque presentation and we are very grateful for the club's donation of green fees on the day.

## 'CHIP IN FOR CANCER' DAY

Last Tuesday we held our annual 'Chip in for Cancer' Day to raise funds (a total of \$1,343) for the Cancer Support Foundation of Milton-Ulladulla - and the course and clubhouse were awash with pink outfits! You all looked beautiful!

Congratulations to Linda Dorsett, who won the hotly-contested 'chip-in' competition at the start of the day.

We also raised funds through our raffle, with the first prize being a beautiful hand-made quilt donated by Judith Davis from Beachside. The lucky winners were –

Quilt: Dorothy Buck; Cheese Board: Therese Lahiff; Deli Basket: Kathleen Bull; Sparkling wine and a Bunnings Voucher: Narelle Martin, Heather Stewart and Sharon Wykes.

Happy golfing everyone!

Jane

Pictured right: Judy Paterson (Beachside Co-Ordinator), Dorothy Buck and Judith Davis.



## Melbourne Cup Medley

4 Person Ambrose

9:00 shotgun start.



Note: this is an Open tournament not a MWG event.

## Christmas Breakup Day

4 Person 9-hole Ambrose  
followed by

Golf Presentation  
and Luncheon  
Theme:  
Dress to Impress.



## At the Movies: Becoming Annika



Profiling the life and career of golf icon Annika Sorenstam, brings viewers on a journey from Sorenstam's hometown golf course in Sweden to becoming one of the most prolific golfers in history. The film touches on Annika's personal life and her foundation work, providing golf opportunities to females at all levels of the game.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0qT1NX4mmo>

## Player Profile ... Joan Hartas



I had my first golf lessons in 1995 at Hurstville GC, which at the time was a 12-hole course. My husband John was a keen golfer and planned on semi-retiring. I didn't wish to become a 'golf widow' when that time came or when we made the move into our newly built home in Narrawallee. The Pro at Hurstville was never very busy at 7am on Monday and was only too pleased to teach us. At one stage he did suggest we play the whole 12 holes if I was intending to play 18 at Mollymook as it was a long course. Little did I know!

With my 37 H/cp in hand I ventured out in 1997 on my first official game. My love of the game took hold and thanks to the members who partnered me and instilled the etiquette and rules of golf (which can't be learnt in a lesson) my introduction to Mollymook was made easier. I discovered you need a lot of patience and a good sense of humour to survive the good and the bad days on the golf course.

I play 3 rounds of golf each week – two 18 holes at Hilltop and 9 holes at Beachside in the Rooster Run. I find this helps to improve my short game, which needs a lot of help! The two most memorable things from my early golfing days are: scoring 68 Nett in a Medal round on 1 August 2001 on a handicap of 23; and winning the much-coveted Grand Mothers' Cup.

My tip for new golfers? Don't be afraid to play with low markers, take notice of their ability to read the course as it is not all about hitting the cover off the ball. I was given a tip from an A Grader, at the 4<sup>th</sup> hole "Joan, for goodness sake ... if you don't get the ball past the hole you are not giving it a chance!" We all had a good laugh (thanks Trish ☺). That hole is one of my favourites because, as an 'easier' par 5, on the odd occasion, I have a good score.

When not playing golf, I'm line dancing, walking with friends or reading. I'm a bit of a bookworm. When the golf is not so good I have often made the comment, "good or bad, what would I do without golf?"

## Community Expo - 13 October

The Dunn Lewis Centre was a hub of activity and colour last Friday. With over 70 local 'Not for Profit's' in one space it was an amazing day! Golf NSW and MWG's shared a booth to promote women, girls and boys in golf. The FlightScope simulator was a hit and with Mollymook GC offering 4 prizes of a free round of golf with cart/clubs, to junior girls/boys and men/women longest drives, participation was fierce. It was heartening to witness over 70 girls taking part alongside the boys.



R: Both Board member Dorothy Buck and President Jane Rutkin swung by to help Heather and Layla at the booth.

L: Junior girl longest drive winner: Bailey Bergen with 135.5 m alongside Luke Grinham (GolfNSW and Dad to Layla).



## The Introduction of 'Golf for the Masses'

About 1850 a revolution in golf occurred. Indeed, some historians would say - it was the biggest technological change to occur in golf.

This revolution was a ball -the 'guttie ball'. Made of resin from the rubber tree, its advantage was two-fold. One, it was much cheaper to make than the very expensive and not-so-robust 'featherie'. Secondly, its capacity to be moulded into a one-piece golf ball gave rise to the introduction of moulds. Unlike its expensive cousin, gutties could be mass-produced cheaply.

Early gutties had a smooth surface with a disappointing carry. However, once it was discovered that a well-used roughened up surface ball carried further (all to do with aerodynamics and air drag!), moulds were made to produce balls with various patterns - not dissimilar to today's dimpled balls.

Another great advantage of the guttie was that, if it got knocked out of shape, it could be warmed up and put back in the mould.

By 1850, you didn't need to be one of the rich and privileged to play golf with a decent ball. Thanks to the guttie, golf became a game for the masses.



## Out and About with MWGolfers... in pictures (thank you to all who contributed)



Statistically, the chance of hitting a hole-in-one is a 1 in 12 500 chance. Congratulations to Jane who recently had a hole in one on the 5<sup>th</sup> green.



And the odds of getting an Eagle in golf? 1 in 10 000 chance. Dorothy was so, so close to scoring two under on the 13<sup>th</sup> at Worrigeen recently.



Sssssnakes Alive! This very healthy 2 metre specimen was seen slithering along the edge the 9<sup>th</sup> green a couple Sundays ago. Thanks Denise Bower for the photo .. the snake was soon on its way to check out the sand buckets ☺

### Worrigeen Charity Event 18 September ... in the winning circle with these golfers



Left: 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Suzy, Sue, Sue and  
Gloria

Right: 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Maureen, Pattie,  
Noelene and Jen.



### Chip in for Cancer – 10 October ... 2 Person Ambrose



Deb and Sylvia



Lesley, Jenny, Kim & Karen.



Niree, Christina, Pattie, Maureen,  
Chris, Deb, Linda, Suzy.

### Golf trip to Japan with Aya ...



**APRES GOLF:** from top - Aya and Liz out enjoying the sites. Bottom photo - dressed in traditional Kimono, a photo of the tour group with MWGolfers (and partners): Niree Adriaanse, Christina Moss, Ros Hughes, Liz Light and of course, Aya. A few of Aya's golfing friends also joined the tour.

