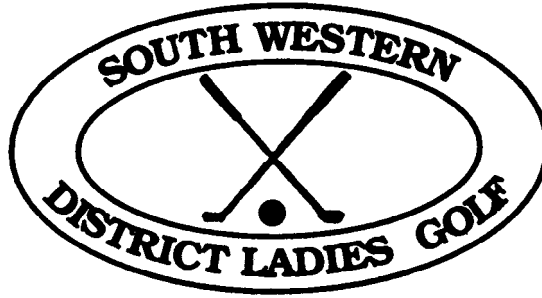


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4 December 2009



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have great pleasure in presenting the 2009 Annual Report. Once again we have enjoyed a busy and I think successful year in South Western. Our thanks to all District golfers for supporting our many events. Congratulations to all the winners. Many SWDLGA golfers have participated in WGV

Metropolitan and other Country District events, we congratulate all successful participants.

Thank you to all Clubs, Committees, Managers and Course Superintendants for your warm hospitality, friendliness and well prepared courses. Many thanks to SWD Committee for their hard work preparing and running the District events. We are most appreciative of the friendliness and courtesy show to us by the host clubs.

Thank you to Colac for hosting the South Western District's Presidents, Captains and Secretary's Day. This event is our way of thanking the club office-bearers for their work during 2009. It was disappointing to see so few clubs in attendance.

We say farewell to Rokewood Golf Club Women members having supported SWD for 30 years. Rokewood was one of the Corangamite District clubs that merged with SWD in 1979. Unfortunately their numbers have declined to 4 and they have decided to join with the Ballarat District, We thank them for their support over the years and wish them all the best for the future.

This year one of our past Presidents, Margaret McDonald passed away. Margaret was a member of Barwon Heads Golf Club, Vice President of SWDGA in 1973 and President in 1974.

The Greater Golf 2010 project has been a controversial issue. The first stage has been completed. The majority of the district Clubs have been supportive and agreed to move forward to Stage 2. Funding for stage 2 is now being sought.

Our Country Team girls represented the District extremely well,

having been elevated to Division 1. This year they were runners up to North Eastern, our girls played some excellent golf. Thanks to Gael Charman, as Captain she proficiently organised and supported the team. Thanks also to Gael's co selectors Marilyn Clifford and Angela Foott. Thank you to the caddies who are invaluable and to the supporters who travelled to Melbourne to encourage the team. Thanks to Mat Milne the Portarlington Professional for his generous sponsorship, supplying the golf balls for our Country Team.

Special congratulations to our 2009 District Champion Jenny Edmanson of Portarlington Golf Club and the District Merit Award winner Pam Cameron (Ocean Grove Golf Club), Silver Salver winners, Margaret Fraser and Gillian Curlewis (Curlewis Golf Club). We still have the Foursomes Championship to play in late November, the last of this year's SW events.

Congratulations to Alice Caddy winning the 2009 Vicky Umland Junior Bracelet. We were delighted Vicky accepted our invitation to present this trophy, the Junior girls were of course thrilled to meet her. Vicky gave an overview of her golfing career from Junior to Professional status. She hopes to attend the Junior Bracelet final in 2010.

Our 2009 SWDLGA Junior Champion is Rachel Korevaar, Congratulations.

2009 saw another keenly contested Pennant season. On behalf of the Committee and district players I thank Mandy Buckley for her untiring work and skills as our Pennant Secretary.

Angela Foott our Junior Organiser has had a very successful year. The Junior Clinics have been well supported, thanks to all the SW members who assisted Angela with her clinics. A special thanks to Barwon Heads Golf Club who have generously given us the use of their par three golf course for the Junior Clinics. Angela gives an enormous amount of time organising and nurturing these girls. She has seen a vast improvement in their games and many handicaps being reduced, thank you Angela.

Marilyn Young has done a great job for the District producing our Information booklets. She was thrilled when the purchase of a new photocopier was approved. Thanks to the City of Greater Geelong's Councillor Community Grant Programme for their generous grant of \$1375, which went a long way towards purchasing the copier. These grants are available to sporting and community projects within the City of Greater Geelong, I do suggest you also take advantage of this programme for your own clubs requirements.

Margot Parton as Chairman of Match has had a very busy year, the Bettine Burgess Clinic held at Anglesea was a huge success, thanks to WGV for their grant which certainly helped to finance this event. Thank you Margot for the many hours you have given liaising with our District clubs organising the courses to be used for SWD events in 2010.

Sue Barnes has managed our finances extremely well, we appreciate her efficiency. Sue is in the process of upgrading the accounting programme.

Thanks to Jenny Mountjoy for her input as a member of the Match Committee and organising and presenting our raffles so attractively.

To Joye Burton life member of SWD, our Website Coordinator, thank you for your dedicated work.

We have a few Committee members retiring this year. Joan Davies has been on the SWDLGA committee for 13 years and has had a number of roles, her recent being Handicap Manager and Merit Award Organiser. On behalf of the District thank you for your years of dedicated service to SWDLGA. We wish you a well deserved retirement.

June Breguet has spent 3 years on SW Committee, as our WGV District delegate. Thank you June for being our channel of communication with WGV, a job very well done. Welcome to Marcia Williams from Clifton Springs Golf Club who is our new District Delegate. We wish her all the best in this important role.

Our Publicity Officer Pat Esler has completed her second term of office on the SW Committee, thank you Pat for working hard in this position promoting Women's Golf in the Geelong Advertiser, not an easy task!

Thanks to Esma Sim our District Secretary of 3 years for her continued devotion to SWD. Esma has executed this task with diligence, competency and professionalism. We spent many hours working together. I thank you for your patience, support and all the help you have given me.

Vice President Sue Hazell's enthusiasm has continued through 2009. Sue once again successfully organised the district ladies to attend and support the Country Team. On behalf of the Country Team and supporters I thank her for a job well done. I also thank Sue for her assistance throughout the year. I wish Sue every success as incoming President.

On behalf of SWD Committee many thanks to East Geelong Golf Club for your hospitality and for the many occasions we have used your club house.

At the end of my term as President, I must acknowledge the welcome I have received throughout the District, and in conclusion thank you all for the privilege and pleasure of being President of this District with its proud tradition of friendly competition and enthusiastic promotion of Women's Golf. I have learnt a great deal and enjoyed the experience. To the incoming SWDLGA committee and the District clubs my best wishes for 2010.

Susan Arnott

President

13 November, 2009

ADDENDUM

Since writing my report, unfortunately Angela Foott, our Junior Organiser has had to resign from SWDLGA Committee. We will miss Angela's enthusiasm and input with our SWDLGA juniors.

MATCH REPORT

2009 has again seen a very busy year of golf for South Western ladies.

The year commenced with the Captains' Seminar and from the positive feedback received, all present appeared to appreciate the opportunity to discuss the many issues that were raised.

The first event for the year was the ever popular Irish 4BBB. Unfortunately many groups missed out due to capacity field being reached prior to the closing date. This event is to be held at Anglesea next year and I encourage all captains to notify their ladies to get their entries in early to avoid disappointment.

The Dorothy Smith Veterans was also extremely well supported and in spite of the large field and the age of entrants most groups finished within 4 ½ hours.

Betty Kernot Scratch Foursomes took place at the end of March and as usual created much interest. Again several teams had to be balloted out as the field was oversubscribed. The host clubs of Portarlington, Lonsdale and Anglesea were all presented in excellent condition and I thank Marilyn Clifford, Micha Evans, Tayna McGann, Judy Emerson and June Breguet who acted as referees in this prestigious event.

The Pennant season ran very smoothly under the watchful eye of Pennant Secretary Mandy Buckley who will report on this. The Joye Burton Salver and the Jean Russell Salver were held at the conclusion of pennant

and although the Joye Burton was not well supported, those Sunday Pennant players who attended enjoyed the break up. The Jean Russell enjoyed a full field as usual.

District Championships completed a busy first half year and again I thank the host clubs Barwon Heads, Clifton Springs and Portarlington for making their courses available for these District events.

The Bettine Burgess Clinic held at Anglesea in July was well attended. 75 ladies representing 19 Clubs enjoyed the tuition from four very competent professionals headed by Kane Nusteling of Anglesea and assisted by four very capable SWD ladies, Marilyn Clifford, Joye Burton, Vida Brenner and Glenda Deans. Valda Connelly completed a very full-on day with an excellent session on Course Management and How to Use the Rules Book. As a result of the enthusiastic response received, we have applied for a grant to conduct a similar clinic next year. Results of our application are not known at this stage.

A well organized Country Teams Day was held in August at which our Country Team was announced. We congratulate our team of Mandy Buckley, Adele Huggard, Rachel Korevaar, Wendy Tottenham, Jenny Edmanson, Marilyn Clifford, Katharine Bunting, Micha Evans, Glenda Deans and Jo Cordner, under the competent leadership of Gael Charman on their success in finishing 2nd to North Eastern in Division 1. This was an outstanding result and brought honour to our District. Thanks to Sue Hazell who organized a busload of supporters – the team appreciated the encouragement and support of District ladies.

Colac recently hosted The Presidents' Captains' & Secretaries' Day. The response was extremely disappointing with only seven clubs represented. This day is an opportunity for the executive of our District to get together for an enjoyable relaxed occasion. We thank Colac for the delicious lunch and the excellent organization that went into the event. Those who did attend were delighted to enjoy the magnificent condition of Colac. Hopefully next year more clubs will take the opportunity to meet socially with their counterparts at other district clubs.

Today you will receive handouts and information regarding next year's events. Please read these carefully and draw the relevant entry forms to the attention of your lady members.

I thank all members of the Committee who have acted as Tournament Secretaries and assisted in the successful running of this year's events. Best wishes to you all for a happy and restful break before we start again in earnest in February 2010. Congratulations are extended to the following winners of District events:

Irish 4BBB - Christine Yelland, Jenny Gleeson, Kerin Galbally, Marie Powell (The Sands)

Dorothy Smith Veterans - Vivienne Benham (Clifton Springs), Dorothy Hermann (Anglesea)

Betty Kernot Scratch Foursomes – Wendy Johnston, Mandy Buckley (Torquay)

Joye Burton Salver – Lyndsey Smith, Cathy Parkin (Queens. Park)

Jean Russell Salver – Colleen Touzel, Robyn Malone (Colac)

District Championship – Jenny Edmanson (Portarlington)

Rene Austin Brooch – Tayna McGann (Lonsdale)

June Gillivour Perpetual Salver – Heather Morris (Clifton Springs)

Margaret Smith Perpetual Salver – Noeleen Chapman (Clifton. Springs)

Country Teams Day - Marilyn Clifford, Jenny Edmanson

SWDLGA Silver Salver - Margaret Fraser, Gillian Curlewis (Curlewis)

Merit Award – Pam Cameron (Ocean Grove)

And to the following ladies who had success in WGV and GA events

Rhelma Barnett, Vida Brenner, Heather Campbell, Margot Parton (Anglesea), Katharine Bunting (Elcho Park), Rachel Korevaar (Queen's Park), Mav Turner, Mary Green (Colac), Liza Mill, Wendy Callahan (Anglesea), Allison Hondow (Inverleigh).

Margot Parton

Match Chairperson

WGV DISTRICT DELEGATE'S REPORT

All the clubs have been notified, but a reminder that the date of the 2010 Women's Australian Open at Commonwealth Golf Club has changed to March 11-14. Volunteers are required and you may choose your field of expertise on the WGV website. The change is a result of late rescheduling of the US LPGA Tour. The ANZ Ladies Masters at RACV Royal Pines is March 4-7.

From January 1 2010 WGV will allow the use of Distance Measuring Devices (DMD) in all WGV tournaments and events. The condition will be written into the '2010 Standard Conditions of Entry for WGV Tournaments' and will state the use is restricted to devices that calculate distance only. The use of any device that calculates any other factors such as wind speed or gradient will result in disqualification.

Golf Club Centenaries - WGV have sent a form to all clubs so that their records are up to date. SWD need to have this information as well. I tried to get the information for WGV, however the district only has a record of when clubs affiliated and not when they formed. WGV would welcome the opportunity to participate in any celebrations as would your District Delegate who is your representative at both levels.

Most clubs welcomed the decision of preferred lies not affecting the AWCR of the course. Your delegate must still be notified if the distance of your course is changed e.g. Queenscliff have a T 72 rating because of a temporary par 3 instead of par4 hole.

February 2010 will see the introduction of changes to handicapping and all scores converted to Stableford. Hopefully the Slope System will be up and running by 2012.

The new format for the Foundation for Young Australians Event was most successful and completely booked two days after opening.

The RWH Event was again very popular with Liza Mill and Wendy Callahan, Anglesea and Marion Lucas and Linda Wilson, Apollo Bay qualifying at Ocean Grove GC to represent SWD in the State Final at Metropolitan GC. Liza and Wendy were 2nd which was a great result.

There were SWD players at all WGV events this year with some outstanding successes, too many for me to mention in this report Congratulations to all winners and to all who participated.

The Women's Golf League is looking to become affiliated with WGV in 2011.

Junior girls are vital to the future of golf and the Kay Mahlook and Anglesea Camps are still two very important dates on the Junior golfing calendar.

The WGV Country Vice President for 2010 is Sue Rae from Warrnambool.

I would like to thank all the Clubs and the District Committee for the support, co-operation, hospitality and friendships formed during the past 3 years. I wish my successor all the interest and enjoyment from the position that I have encountered.

June Breguet.

WGV District Delegate.

JUNIOR REPORT

It has been a busy but rewarding year for me since taking over the juniors from Marilyn Mooney. She left with a well oiled, organized folio which I have managed to disorganize quite quickly. Although sometimes feeling quite overwhelmed at what had to be done and wanting to improve it as well, I must admit I have enjoyed the contact with the girls and delighted in their enthusiasm, improvement and enjoyment of the game.

In February we held the SWDLGA and Open Championship at Curlewis with a field of 9. The District Championship was won by Rachel Korevaar, (hcp5) with an 84. The Open was won by Jessica Pickwick (hcp8) (Kilmore) shot 81.

The first of the junior clinics was held at Barwon Heads par 3 course on April 16 with 17 girls attending and 10 volunteers to instruct.

The second was held on July 2 with 21 girls attending and 8 volunteers. Despite atrocious weather, it was a great success with the girls especially enjoying a game of ambrose at the completion of the session.

The third was held on September 24 with 17 girls attending, despite the worst weather imaginable. However, girls and volunteers alike persevered and once again had a great time. Even little golfers must be crazy! Our delicious morning tea was donated by The Morrissey group from Brumby's and was devoured by the cold kids.

The clinics are a great start for the beginners and we find most of the girls are returning.

The management at the Barwon Heads Golf Club has offered the par 3 course for our use on the first Sunday of each of the school holidays, except Christmas. We appreciate their generosity and support of these clinics.

The team representing SWDLGA in the Kay Mahlook was the same as last year. Rachel Korevaar, Katharine Bunting and Deanne Woodman. They defended the flag at courses around Bendigo on April 7, 8, 9. Marilyn Mooney kindly stepped in to supervise them while they were playing. Joan Davies also accompanied them. Unfortunately they were not as successful as the previous year, but represented us well.

The first round of the Vicky Uwland Bracelet was played at East Geelong on March 15 with Katharine Bunting (Elcho Park) winning with 33 pts. Chloe Pukk (Portarlington) was runner up with 31 pts.

The second round, played at Queen's Park on May 19 was won by Meredith Plummer 39 pts; Hannah Caithness runner up with 31 pts.

The third round, played at Elcho Park on October 25, was won by Alice Caddy with 45 pts; Chloe Pukk runner up with 43 pts.

The final round, played on November 8 at Torquay, was won by Reshae Armstrong with 35 pts; Katharine Bunting runner up with 34 pts.

The bracelet was presented by Vicky Uwland who made a special effort to be there on the final day. Her presence and talk was really appreciated by all. There were hats/coasters/cards all signed, as well as many photos taken. It was a great day. The lovely bracelet was won by Alice Caddy (28) (Apollo Bay) 104 pts on a count back from Chloe Pukk (37).

The Burtta Cheney camp at Anglesea was attended by three of our juniors, Rachel Korevaar, Katharine Bunting and Alice Caddy. They spoke enthusiastically of the benefits they received from their high level coaches. They shared this information with other members of the Country Team Squad. It is well worth encouraging any juniors, at any level, to attend this camp.

Our juniors have represented our District in a manner which we can all be proud, both on and off the course. Some of their achievements this year are: **Rachel Korevaar** was chosen in the State Team and represented Victoria in Alice Springs.

She played in the Jack Newton and the Aaron Baddeley. She represented District in Country Teams and won 6/5, 2/1, squared 1 and lost 1.

Katharine Bunting also had a very good year. She was a member of the Junior Border team to play in SA; member of VSSSA state team to contest the Australian Championships in Canberra; member of the Kay Mahlook; member of SWD Country Team; Lakes Entrance Spring Tournament Champion; Elcho Park Champion. She has reduced her handicap to 8.

It's been an enjoyable year for me especially working with this great bunch of young women.

Angela Foott.

Junior Co-ordinator

MERIT AWARD REPORT

Congratulations to Pam Cameron of Ocean Grove on winning the 2009 Merit Award. Pam scored 26 points in 7 events.

This is a great effort and is the best result since Rita Zenk (Queens Park) scored 30 points over 8 events in 2005.

Pam was followed by East Geelong ladies, Lyn Anne and Dot Billman, both on 19 points.

It was pleasing to see 154 ladies representing 24 clubs participate in this event.

This year we had 47 listed merit award events. On receipt of results from your event, I presented my monthly report to the SWD committee meeting for approval. Following the meeting, the results were forwarded to the website for a monthly update.

I ask all captains to encourage their members to enter merit award events in 2010.

Please ensure that you use the 2010 result sheet and forward to the new Merit Award Officer.

Joan Davies,

Merit Award Co-ordinator.

DISTRICT HANDICAP REPORT

Since Golf Link was introduced in July 2005, the method of collating handicaps manually has changed dramatically.

As the Clubs slowly made the adjustment to this process, the duties of the Handicap Manager also changed. All Clubs were given the chance to go on to Golf Link. This was followed up with each District being given a prefix. South Western was given 3100. Anglesea has the honour of 31001 followed by Bannockburn 31002 and Barwon Heads 31004. As I remember, 31003 was allocated to Barunah Plains – a Club which did not survive.

We were fortunate that Apollo Bay, Colac, Beeac, Birregurra and Rokewood chose to affiliate with South Western. However, recently due to declining numbers, the Rokewood ladies have disbanded, and will now play on their men's competition day. The men, who belong to Ballarat District, will take responsibility for the ladies' handicapping on Golf Link. I'm sure we'll see them playing in events at Beeac, Birregurra, Colac and Winchelsea.

2010 will bring in many changes with the introduction of Slope.

My best wishes go to the new Handicap Manager, Bev Gillett and to all newly elected committee members.

I've enjoyed my time on the District Committee. It's been a big learning curve and very rewarding.

Joan Davies,

District Handicap Manager.

COUNTRY TEAM REPORT

On behalf of all the team and the extra caddies that went to Melbourne to represent our District, I would like to say a big thank you to the District Committee for the financial and moral support we received.

After numerous practices, with thanks to the generosity to our District Golf Clubs allowing us to practice on their courses, our team was selected as follows; Mandy Buckley, Katharine Bunting, Glenda Deans, Marilyn Clifford, Jo Cordner, Jenny Edmanson, Micha Evans, Adele Huggard, Rachael Korevaar and Wendy Tottenham.

A very valuable part of the team were the ladies who came as the extra caddies; Jeanette Barclay, Angela Foott, Heather Perkins and Louise Watach, who were tireless workers for our team.

On Sunday, September 6 we met at Long Island Golf Club for lunch, and then walked the course before hitting practice balls in preparation for the following morning's match. We had a bye Monday afternoon.

Monday morning our opponents were North Eastern (who went on to win the Alice Coltman). Our team was Mandy Buckley, Adele Huggard, Rachael Korevaar, Wendy Tottenham, Jenny Edmanson, Marilyn Clifford and Micha Evans; however the result was 6/1 loss. There was only a putt flipping out here and there that made the difference in a few of the matches. NE teams handicaps ranged from 1 to 5.

Tuesday, 36 holes at Cranbourne with no change to our team. Our AM match was against Ballarat and we had a terrific 6/1 win. The weather was bitterly cold and wet, but this did not deter our much appreciated bus load of supporters, who rode every putt home and hit every shot with our players. Our PM match was against Mornington Peninsula (2008 winners of the Alice Coltman Cup), we squared this match. A very good result.

Then it was time to farewell '*South Western's Chorus*', I mean *cheer squad*. What a sight it was in Cranbourne's Golf Club car park, the cypress trees were rocking when the ladies burst into song before farewelling us. To the cheer squad and all who helped in arranging for the ladies to come down to support our team, a big thank you as the support was much appreciated by all.

Back to the job at hand, Wednesday's match at Patterson River, and the selectors changed the team for this match against Goulburn Valley. Glenda Deans and Jo Cordner were included. We had a convincing win 5/2.

Although not winning the Alice Coltman this year, I felt it was a great team effort to be runner up after being promoted to Division One last year.

Special thanks to selectors Marilyn Clifford and Angela Foott for all their help and much appreciated input at our team meetings.

We are very grateful that Matthew Milne Golf, Professional Portarlington Golf Club, once again donated the golf balls for our players.

We stayed at the Frankston Motel (Golden Chain); we found it to be very comfortable and well located for this years courses. Manager Dianne was most helpful.

I would like to say thank you to the District Committee for having confidence in me to be Captain of this team. It has been a pleasure to see all the players so keen to represent this wonderful District, and to see ladies from many different clubs in the district come together and to show tremendous team spirit and great sportsmanship. It is a credit to our clubs and District.

Gael Charman Captain

PENNANT REPORT

2009 was another successful and highly competitive season. Barwon Heads were again too strong in Division 1. Portarlington had a fantastic season in winning Divisions 3, 4 & 7. Their Division 4 team winning by one individual match over Anglesea and Barwon Heads; which just goes to show you how important each individual match is. Lonsdale also had a great season winning Divisions 2 & 5. Their Division 5 team also winning by one individual match over Inverleigh and The Sands rounded it off with a win in Division 6. A comprehensive report was tabled at the August Delegates Meeting so I won't go into it all again, however I would like to congratulate all 2009 winners.

- 1 Barwon Heads (1)
 - 2 Lonsdale (1)
 - 3 Portarlington
 - 4 Portarlington
 - 5 Lonsdale
 - 6 The Sands
 - 7 Portarlington
- Sunday Queens Park
Interclub Barwon Heads (2)

If you recall at last year's AGM we discussed when having a Sunday pennant team to be sure you have the players to fill the team. I hope all clubs who have a Sunday pennant team in 2010 have made sure they have the players to field a team. We don't want any surprises next year!

Divisions for 2010 will be as follows:

Division 1

Anglesea
Barwon Heads (1)
Barwon Heads (2)
Lonsdale
Portarlington
Torquay
13th Beach

Division 2

Barwon Heads
Curlewis (1)
Curlewis (2)
Lonsdale
Portarlington
Queens Park
The Sands

Division 3

Anglesea
Barwon Valley
Clifton Springs
Colac
East Geelong
Portarlington
Torquay

Division 4

Anglesea
Barwon Heads
Colac
Curlewis
Lonsdale
Queens Park
The Sands

Division 5

Elcho Park
Inverleigh
Queenscliff
The Sands
Torquay (1)
Torquay (2)
13th Beach

Division 6

East Geelong
Ocean Grove
Portarlington
Queens Park
13th Beach
Winchelsea

Division 7

Anglesea
Barwon Valley
Clifton Springs
Colac
Elcho Park
St Leonards

Sunday

Anglesea
Barwon Heads
Barwon Valley
Clifton Springs
Curlewis
Lonsdale
Portarlington
Queens Park
13th Beach

Interclub

Barwon Heads
Curlewis
Lonsdale
Portarlington
Queens Park
13th Beach

As you can see 13th Beach have for the first time put a team in Sunday pennant which is pleasing to note being one of our newer clubs. This competition continues to grow and provide golfing opportunities for working women, students and juniors. We are the only District in Victoria that has such a competition and should be justifiably proud of that. Unfortunately Curlewis and Queenscliff have had to withdraw teams in Division pennant which has created a vacancy and a shorter season in Divisions 6 & 7. This will provide an opportunity for clubs to enter another team in the 2011 season if they do not already have 4 teams. The time to do that will be next year when the pennant/information sheets are sent out in July.

Next year pennant starting times on Friday will remain at 9.30am, except for matches at Barwon Heads who's starting time will be 10am. This will be clearly stated in the pennant book as per last year. Please ensure your teams understand that all Barwon Head's home games will start at 10.00 not 9.30. Lunch will remain the same as it has always been in pennant. Soup and sandwiches provided by host club, no charge to competitors. I suggest though, if teams who hit off last want their sandwiches half way round that you might try to accommodate that. Please try to keep costs to a minimum as a lot of players pay for their caddy's lunch.

Only one pennant condition has been altered for 2010 and that is no club will be permitted to have more than 2 teams in any Division. We felt that 3 teams or more from one club in a Division would undermine the competition and would create a very uneven playing field. Should this happen in the future because of our promotion and relegation policy, the Match committee will work it out fairly for all concerned.

As in previous years distance measuring devices will not be allowed in pennant or any other SW event next year. Penalty will be loss of match in pennant or disqualification in events.

Again we allow players to play in our District as well as another country District and WGV pennant in the same season. Handicaps do not have to be held in our District and you do not have to permanently reside here, but players must have been a member of an affiliated club in SW for 3 months before their first match.

Nominated players will still need to play at least 3 matches during the season to avoid penalty, so clubs will need to think very carefully about who they nominate. This year there were numerous instances where clubs waited until the last round to complete this requirement, which I found amazing as they were really testing their luck. If a player subsequently got injured the day before the last match and couldn't play, their club would probably be penalised as they had all season to play 3 matches.

I would highly recommend that you don't do that next year. Some players were also nominated when they had no intention of fulfilling this requirement. This caused those clubs to be penalised which is not something we love doing so please check that your players are available before nominating them.

Nomination forms for Div 1-7 pennant will need to be forwarded to the Pennant Secretary before the first match of the season as usual.

Leigh, Otway and Friday Division 1-7 players will again be eligible to play in Sunday Pennant, provided they are working women, students or juniors. This was brought in to help alleviate player shortages in Sunday pennant and proved helpful this year to some clubs. We hope this will continue to be used for player shortages only and not prevent working women or juniors who do not have the opportunity to play on a Friday from being picked to play. Sunday players will be allowed to play in Leigh, Otway and Division 1-7 as well as Sunday pennant.

Last year a suggestion was made to ask Team Captains to exchange contact details at the first match which we thought was a good idea; we hope it proved useful and you all do it again next year. Team Captains will be required to notify opposing Team Captains if they are having caddies and numbers for lunch. It will then be up to the Team Captains to let their club know. This should make for easier communication rather than going through Club Captains whose phone number you may or may not have.

Due to the earlier starting time last year, we were asked if teams who travelled the furthest distance could hit off last. I attempted to do that with a fair draw for everyone and hope it was beneficial. Obviously if one club has less early matches, then others have more, which is not necessarily fair for all concerned, but I have endeavoured to do that again next year without compromising the draw too much.

All major changes to the rules of play will be highlighted in the pennant book which will again be produced. Pennant book numbers will be ordered as per last year so if you require more or less, please speak to Faye today so she can adjust numbers.

I urge all Club and Team Captains to be aware of the rules of play in both Div 1-7 and Sunday pennant. Read them thoroughly, if you don't understand them, ring Faye and she will explain them to you.

New Pennant result sheets and team sheets will be handed out at the February Delegates Meeting. We will date those 2010, so please throw out all your old ones and use the correct sheets. Teams are still using team sheets as result sheets which makes it very difficult to read the writing and work out what has happened, so please use the result sheets. Also if anything unusual happens i.e. walkover or default, Faye would appreciate your writing the reasons in the space provided on the result sheet so she does not have to chase up what happened.

I am very pleased to tell you that we now have our own pennant badges. They are really nice, promote South Western beautifully and are in our District colours. They will be handed out next year to all divisions except Leigh and Otway pennant who will receive the old WGV badges until stocks have diminished, which should only be next year. After that our new badges will be given out to Leigh and Otway as well.

As you can see Portarlinton has put in a team in Interclub and Barwon Heads withdrew one. Hopefully everyone who plays in the competition sees it for what it is; an opportunity to practice their matchplay skills on other courses. We hope this practice will in turn lead them to participate in Div 1-7 pennant in the future.

We have kept the conditions for Interclub in 2010 the same as this year, in that no-one is able to play in Interclub if they have played more than two pennant matches in the past. By doing this we hope it truly will be a beginner's competition. **Please note:** players are expected to pay for their own lunch which is to be provided by the clubs, we suggest something simple such as sandwiches so costs are manageable. We have also kept the handicap limits to 23-38. The Interclub draw and conditions will be handed out at the February Delegates' Meeting.

Most of you would be aware that both Leigh & Otway pennant have their own Match Committee who is responsible for the running of it. We have also listed in the pennant book the contact person's phone number. Please make sure your players know who that is, so if a query comes up they can address it to the right person. As we don't run either we can't be of much help and will refer the queries on. We only get involved if the Leigh or Otway Match Committees have a problem they cannot deal with.

This year most clubs faxed a copy of the results to both Joye (for inclusion of the Website) and myself, but some sent me two copies and Joye none. This meant all results could not be put on the website in the timely manner to which we are accustomed and caused both of us more work in chasing them up with each other. So next year please remember to send a copy of the results for Division 1-7, Sunday and Interclub checked and signed to both Faye and Joye. Leigh and Otway pennant results only need be sent to Joye so they may be put on the Website. Both fax numbers will be in the pennant book and on Interclub info.

Lastly, thank you to all clubs and participants for the successful 2009 pennant season. It truly is a very strong vibrant competition that most other Districts would love to have and I am sure we are all looking forward to season 2010. To all the teams who have been promoted I hope you enjoy the year and for those who were demoted I hope you can fight your way back. I would like to make a special thank you to Joye Burton for her work in updating the results and pennant ladders on our Website.

As this is my last year as Pennant Secretary I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs and Delegates for being so co-operative over the past 4 years whilst I have been Pennant Secretary and the 7 years before that as Match Chair. I have enjoyed both jobs immensely but look forward to taking a back seat with less work next year. I wish Faye Wheatley all the best in her new job, which I am sure she will handle with ease and I urge you all to contact her with any query big or small.

Good golfing in 2010 *Mandy Buckley*
Pennant Secretary

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