

SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Précis of History up to 2011

GENERAL

- 1933: 30th May - Association founded by Miss Rene Austin, who was President from 1933 to 1957. Original Delegates attending the 1st inaugural meeting of the Association were: Miss Betheras and Mrs J Campbell (Barwon Heads), Miss Goddard and Mrs R Hope (Geelong), Mrs. J.O. Wallace and Mrs Heywood (East Geelong), Mrs. Bender and Mrs Taylor (Torquay), Mrs. Hewitson and Mrs Fraser (Queenscliff). Colac decided to join but were unable to send Delegates to this meeting.
- The aim of the Association was to introduce Shield (Pennant) Matches within this District.
- Meetings were held in April each year until 1972, then altered to allow details in Year Book to be current. In the early years the Secretary held the Treasurer's job as well.
- 1941 - Association disbanded because of War, resumed 1947 and began playing Shield Matches in 1947.
- 1947 - One Captains meeting held during the year, and an AGM.
- 1957 - No constitution could be found so proposed to draft a constitution.
- East Geelong suggested that nominations for President of the S.W.D.G.A. be called for at the Annual Meeting of Delegates and she be elected annually with a maximum of 2 years in Office. The Presidency to be held by an Associate of each club in rotation. Barwon Heads supported East Geelong and added that the President should be elected from the club which held the Championship Meeting the previous year.
- 1958 - Proposed each club shall be entitled to 2 votes at the AGM, the President to have a deliberative as well as a casting vote. Management shall be President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.
- 1959 - Moved that a draw committee be appointed and shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It was brought to the meeting by the Colac Delegate that a group of clubs (a break away from the Corangamite sub-district with Warrnambool as headquarters) had been named South Western District Association. It was a unanimous decision by the Delegates that the Association retains this name and a letter was sent to VLGU to this effect.
- 1960 - VLGU advised the use of SWDA name applied only to Country Teams matches and should not affect this District. Decision on name held in abeyance.
- 1961 - VLGU advised the Warrnambool District group had changed its name to Western District which finalised this matter.
- 1962 - Amended constitution to include the appointing of a Patron who must have outstanding knowledge of golf and its administration.
- 1963 - Miss Betty Kernot appointed Patron of the S.W.D.G.A. a position held until her death in 1984.
- 1964 - Fixed a 20 mile radius from Geelong Post Office from East to West in a southerly direction for clubs to be admitted to the Association. Proposed by Mrs. Sheringham (Geelong GC).
- 1970 - Introduced a Life Member category and Mrs. H. (Dorothy) Leonard Smith was appointed 1st. Life Member of the S.W.D.G.A. in recognition of her work. Mrs. Smith passed away in 1990.
- No more than 2 Life Members were allowed at any one time.
- 1972 - Retiring President to remain on committee for ensuing year with no voting power. Ex-Officio.
- Introduced an Affiliation fee of \$5 and stated shield entry fees shall be separate. Moved AGM to November in future.
- 1977 - President, Captain, Secretary Days be reduced from 3 per year to 2.
- Affiliated clubs now to remain at 12.
- 1978 - Clubs were asked to see that players use husband's initials in competitions as recommended by VLGU.
- 1979 - Annual meeting of SWD conducted over 2 days. First day is stroke SWD Championship and final of Rene Austin Brooch. Second day Canadian foursomes and presentation of Championship Cup, Rene Austin Brooch, Shields and pennants and Silver Salver.
- First meeting of SWDGA Affiliated clubs after merging with Corangamite District. Rescinded minute of 1977 that SWDGA be limited to 12 clubs. Rescinded minute of 1964 that only clubs within a 20 mile radius can be affiliated.

- Affiliation fee reduced to \$3.00
 - Executives of SWD and Corangamite Districts to draw up a composite Constitution. New Constitution was adopted on 10/12/79.
- 1980 - 50% of nett proceeds to be given to the Association and 50% retained by host club when holding SW days.
- Affiliation fee raised to \$5.00
- 1981 - For the first time SWD had a VLGU Delegate and District Handicap Manager. 1st. VLGU Delegate was Mrs. A. Nimon, 1st Handicap Manager was Mrs. T. Heselwood.
- 1983 - Miss. Kernot resigned from Executive and voting rights but remained Patron.
- 1984 - Match Committee to consist of 3 elected at AGM with additional 2 members of SWD executive to be available if required. Secretary of SWD to be a member of Match Committee.
- A levy of 35 cents was introduced to apply to all associates of Affiliated clubs payable to SWD. This levy to be added to Annual Subscription fees.
 - Handicap Manager now a member of the Executive.
- 1985 – SWD donated the Betty Kernot Memorial Trophy to the VLGU for the 1st. qualifier in the Country Championship in the VLGU Country Week & Champion of Champions Meeting.
- 1986 – Mrs. W. Russell was made the 2nd Life Member of the S.W.D.G.A. in recognition of her contribution to the District. Mrs. Russell passed away in 2000.
- 1988 – Portarlington Golf Club lost their clubhouse in fire – SWD and Affiliated clubs assisted with donations etc.
- 1989 – AGM was the last Executive controlled S.W.D.G.A. meeting. The Association was incorporated in August 1989 and S.W.D.L.G.A. came into being and operated under “Officers & Committee” control. Officers were – President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Delegate to VLGU, District Handicap Manger, Ex-Officio, 7 Committee and 1 co-opted member (15 in total)
- November of this year was the 1st Meeting of SWDLGA Inc. These meetings were held monthly, with 2 Delegates meetings per year (March & August), and the AGM in November.
 - President, Captain & Secretaries day – an offer of \$1.00 per head subsidy to be offered to clubs having to pay green fees to host this day.
- 1990 – A Pennant Secretary was appointed to help lighten the work load of the Secretary.
- The levy per playing member was 35c.
- 1991 - Possible threat of changed country boundaries with Apollo Bay, Birregurra, Beeac, Rokewood and Colac possibly moving to Corangamite. The 5 clubs mentioned would not agree to this. VGA wanted all Districts to be aligned with their boundaries but considered it not worth upsetting clubs to enforce this.
- Levy for playing members was raised to 50 cents per playing member.
 - Tournament Secretaries were appointed for the first time in SWD events.
- 1992 – Lorne entered a team in Otway pennant, this meant every club in SWD was involved in pennant of some form.
- Geelong Golf Club Centenary year (oldest Golf Club in Australia on its original site).
- 1993 – SWD Diamond Jubilee year – a luncheon was held at E.G.G.C. All past Presidents, current Presidents and Captains of all Affiliated clubs, SWD Committee, VLGU Country Vice President and President and Guest Speaker (Miss Burtta Cheney) were all invited. Each competitor in all SWD events in this year were given a rule book cover as a memento of our Diamond Jubilee year.
- Geelong Golf Club donated a “Rose Bowl” to SWDLGA to be used for their trophy table at their events.
- 1995 – At a Special Meeting on 30th June, the VLGU became WGV.
- Voting for District Delegate changed, now to go through WGV. This meant SW had no idea who clubs had nominated for this position. It was felt it should be looked into and rectified.
 - Suggested that in future SWD purchase a raffle prize for the Host Club to raffle on the day and proceeds to be given to them.
 - Introduction of a district Irish 4BBB, this had been an Ambrose event. (Men were eligible to play also). It was a fund raising event, one of 2 held each year for SWD.
- 1996 – President, Captain & Secretaries Day, SWD to pay host club \$5 per head to help defray catering costs.
- The Levy was raised from 50 cents to \$1.00 per playing member.
 - All reports for Delegates Meetings and AGM in book form for the first time.
 - Colac Golf Club’s centenary year.
- 1997 – Introduction of a Newsletter named “Skirting The Fairways”, this was introduced and was issued to all clubs quarterly.
- WGV delegate advised Incorporation was now considered unnecessary as any litigation would be covered by WGA. SW decided to remain as is until further advised.
- 1998 - WGV advised Districts to remain Incorporated.
- At the end of this year, it was announced that “Skirting The Fairways” would cease being printed

- due to lack of contributions of items of interest from all the clubs. A proposal was put forward by Kathy Black to write a ladies column in the local papers. This eventually petered out due to lack of information.
- 1999 – Committee lunch after AGM to be paid for by the District for both outgoing and incoming Committee members.
- Joint statement issued by WGV & GA on equal opportunity stating that men's and women's golf are 2 separate sports.
 - Golf Link commenced as well as the new CCR as from 1st. January.
 - Decided that men were no longer invited to play in the District Irish Four ball event. In 1998 there were only 4 groups of men, and a waiting list of ladies.
 - Mrs. J. Gillivour was made 3rd Life Member of S.W.D.L.G.A. June retired from SWD this year, she had been on Committee for 21 years, including the Secretary for 15 years.
- 2000 – Levy raised from \$1 to \$2 per playing member.
- Introduction of Matchplay Challenge (knockout format), suggested by Robyn Spry in 1999.
 - A Captains Meeting was held to discuss Pennant and other Captain related issues, this was successful and it was decided to hold these meetings every second year for Captains and Vice Captains of each club.
- 2001 – Joye Burton established the SWD Web site. Joye was the mastermind behind this and became the “Webmaster”.
- R & A Officials visited Geelong District – Inverleigh Golf Club had the honour of hosting them.
 - The word “Ladies” to remain as apposed to “Womens” in SWDLGA, to change would be very expensive.
 - A successful “Bettine Burgess Clinic” was held, (This is held in each district only every 15 years. Funding comes from the Bettine Burgess Foundation) SWD decided to continue with a similar clinic on a bi-annual basis, to be organised and run by SWD. Some years the SWD are able to acquire a grant for the clinic, so to be fair to all attending, it was decided a small charge to the participants each year regardless if a grant is available or not. Non-grant years this clinic will be paid for by SWD.
- 2002 – Inaugural Foursomes Championship suggested by Kathy Black was held at Barwon Heads.
- Matchplay Challenge was played for the last time this year; it was decided to cease this event due to lack of entries.
 - All new clubs wishing to be affiliated with SWD to sign an affiliation agreement.
- 2003 - SWD Meetings and Delegates meetings moved from Geelong G.C. to East Geelong G.C.
- Mrs. Margaret Smith passed away. (Bronze 2 now called “C” Grade championship named after her).
 - It was decided that if the SWD Country Team won the Alice Coltman Cup, the players be invited to the AGM and the Committee luncheon following the AGM.
 - It was agreed that the term “Mrs.” no longer be used on the Margaret Smith Trophy.
 - District events except Irish 4 Ball are restricted to players whose handicaps are held in the District.
- 2004 – The Clinic to be run bi-annually.
- 2005 – Joye Burton retired from the SWD after service of 16 years on Committee.
- 2006 - Motion to limit Committee members to 6 years in succession was defeated.
- Motorised buggies – caddies are permitted to ride in player's buggy.
 - Distance measuring devises are not permitted in SWD events – “Loss of hole, maximum 2 holes or 4 shots”.
 - Clubs were asked if they would refrain from holding a President/Captains guest day, and that there be only one of these events in the district for the year. This event would be organised by SWD and would eliminate a lot of days where the Presidents and Captains of each club are required to attend.
 - Mrs. Joye Burton was made the 4th Life Member of S.W.D.L.G.A. in recognition of her 16 years of service on the SWD committee.
- 2006/07 - All clubs suffered drastically with the drought conditions, it may continue for some time yet.
- 2007 – Barwon Heads Golf Club Centenary Year. Gladys Hay Interstate series and Australian Foursomes Championship held at Barwon Heads in recognition of their Centenary Year.
- Changes to Motorised Transport rules within the district.
 - Queenscliff's Centenary.
- 2008 - Match Secretary position was created to assist Match Chair and Pennant Secretary.
- The restrictions relating to residential and handicap status for playing in SWD events was lifted for all events except Betty Kernot Foursomes, due to original conditions set by Miss Betty Kernot.
 - Foundation for Young Australians' event. WGV decided there be no ‘District finals’ – clubs to play event and enter their winners directly in to the state final.
 - SWD 75th ANNIVERSARY 1933-2008. Celebrations included the SWD 75th Anniversary 4BBB Stableford Trophy. District ladies were invited to enter a 4BBB stableford event held at each club. The winning pair to play off for the trophy at East Geelong GC. Club winners were presented with a commemorative coffee mug and enjoyed a special luncheon paid for by the District. A Cocktail Party was held at Barwon Heads

GC (being one of the original clubs) for past and present members of SWD Committees, Life Members, SWD Champions and current Club Presidents and Captains. The cost to attendees was \$30.00. A comprehensive display of memorabilia, photos, and records from the past 75 years was appreciated by the ladies at both events.

- Standard conditions of play for all SWD events introduced. Job descriptions written for 1st time for all positions on committee.
- Feb - First approach by GDGA to SWD regarding "promotion of golf in Geelong and the like as a joint body". General consensus at Feb. Delegates meeting was not in favour of GDGA's proposals.
- July - GDGA met with committee to discuss a development plan for the sustainability of golf in our region. It was agreed to join GDGA in stage 1 only of the project called GG2010. In August a 'Project Brief' was jointly presented to VGF for funding the project. VGF provided \$30,000 toward Stage 1.
- Informed Delegates at Delegates meeting that SWD had joined stage 1 only. Sept.- Memorandum of Understanding signed by SWD and GDGA.

2009 - Portarlington's Centenary.

- Delegates were advised at July meeting that their clubs will decide whether to move into Stage 2 of GG2010. No vote called for by Delegates at this meeting.

2010 - President, Captain and Secretaries Day taken over and run by SWD rather than host club.

- Feb - Letter sent to GDGA requesting information on GG2010 and where it is heading. April- Due to lack of information on the project and concern over its direction and budget, SWD voted to cease their involvement and end the Memorandum of Understanding.
- New handicapping system came in. Clinics now offered by Mandy Buckley to all SWD clubs who do not have a resident professional, proved successful.
- WGV and VGA amalgamated to become Golf Victoria. Previously under WGV all SWD clubs had a vote (24), now SWD get 2 votes only.
- Proposed GV Constitution assumes Districts will amalgamate.
- Sept.- SWD requested that the GV proposed Constitution be amended to read "No Country District will be forced to amalgamate". After successfully lobbying other Districts this clause was amended so that there can be no forced amalgamation of Men's and Ladies Districts.
- Oct- SWD requested GDGA to remove SWD name from all documentation pertaining to GG2010 as it was still being used in connection with the project and informed all Affiliated clubs of their action.

2011 - Distance measuring devices now allowed in SWD events.

ORIGINAL CLUBS 1933 - Barwon Heads, Colac, East Geelong, Geelong, Queenscliff & Torquay.

CLUBS ADMITTED OVER THE YEARS

1939 – Birregurra to 1950 and then unable to field a shield team, but later rejoined in 1981.

1940 – Lonsdale

1951 – Portarlington

1955 – Anglesea

1961 – Queens Park to 1964 then affiliated with V.L.G. League. Advised they were no longer affiliated with VLGU and because of this could not be affiliated with SWD.

- Number of Clubs to be affiliated were limited to 10

1964 – Lorne applied for affiliation but denied admission because of travel difficulties, course condition etc.

1971 – Curlewis

1972 - Lorne refused again

1977 – Clifton Springs, Queens Park re-affiliated. Number of clubs affiliated limited to 12.

1978 - Lorne refused again as outside 20 mile radius and already have reached limit of 12 clubs.

1979 – S.W.D.G.A. & Corangamite District merged, clubs from Corangamite were:

Apollo Bay, Bannockburn, Beeac, Belmont, Birregurra, Elcho Park, Inverleigh, Lorne, Rokewood, Winchelsea. 21 Clubs now in SWDGA. Due to the merger the motion of a limit of 12 clubs was rescinded and also the motion of a 20 miles radius from Geelong P.O. was rescinded.

1980 – St. Leonards

1986 - Belmont changed its name to Barwon Valley

1987 – Ocean Grove.

1994 – Reedy Lakes (accepted at Delegates meeting 12/8/94)

1995 – Barunah Plains (accepted at Delegates meeting 18/8/95)

1998 – Reedy Lakes disbanded, but thoughts of re-commencing with a name change possibly Bellarine Lakes, only Saturday comps, no mid-week for ladies.

2002 – 13th. Beach

- 2004 – Geelong Golf Club disbanded. At the 2004 Delegates Meeting Mrs. June Gillivour said “The Geelong Golf Club was the home of SWD due to Rene Austin, who was a member at Geelong in 1933 when she started Shield Matches with 5 clubs within the Geelong District”.
- The Sands (Accepted at Extra Ordinary Meeting in August 2004)
- 2007 - Bellarine Lakes ceased affiliation with SWDLGA.
- 2008 – ‘RACV Trading as Torquay Golf Club’ applied for affiliation following their purchase of Torquay Golf Club.
- 2009 – Rokewood Ladies have disbanded and ceased affiliation due to declining numbers – they will continue playing in Rokewood men’s competition - affiliated with Ballarat District.

SHIELD MATCHES Not called Pennant Matches, as we were not affiliated with the VLGU until 1947, 1st Year Book entry 1949.

SHIELD MATCH CONDITIONS

- 1933 – Shield Matches to be Senior & Junior Divisions. Senior Division: Scratch upwards. Junior 18 - 36 handicap. Five players in a team, played on Fridays at 10 o'clock. Play until finished. Should a player in Junior Division reduce her handicap below 18 during the year, she was still eligible to play in Junior Matches until season completed. Delegate from each club form Match Committee. 2 shields ordered.
- 1934 - Junior Division changed to 19 – 36. If handicap reduced during the year, unable to play in Junior Division.
- 1937 - Decided each winning club should receive a pennant flag, the colours to be blue, green and gold.
- 1940 - All players placed in order of handicaps. Walkovers given in that position.
- 1941 - Matches suspended for duration of the war.
- 1947 - Matches resumed.
- 1948 - Deleted Senior Division and had Junior (Bronze) Division 19 – 36 and C Division 31 – 36 as most clubs found it easier to field teams with players on these handicaps.
- 1949 - Senior Division reinstated.
- 1953 - Senior limit 22 handicap. B Division 19 – 30. C Division 31 – 36.
- 1954 - Senior limit to be 21. Junior 19 – 29. C Division altered to 30 – 36.
- 1955 - Senior Scr – 18, B 19 – 29, C 30 – 36.
- 1956 - Senior Scr – 21 with 3 players 18 & under. B 19 – 29, C 30 – 36.
- 1957 – If players belong to two clubs, a year should elapse before playing for the other club, unless Captains confer and agree.
- 1960 - Pennant flags first purchased – each club paid £4.5.0 to cover the cost of the flags. The winning club to hold the flag for the ensuing 12 months.
- 1966 – Shield Matches played at 1 course each Division (Neutral where possible) instead of home and home matches. Draw Committee to be Miss. Kernot, captains of clubs holding Championship Meeting previous year, current year and following year. Previously done by executive.
- 1967 - Melbourne pennant players not eligible to play in Senior Division.
- 1971 – Matches to finish at 18th hole & halved if no winner.
- 1972 – Prior to this year, entry for a team was \$2.50 for one team and 50 cents per extra team. This year introduced an affiliation fee of \$5.00 & \$1.00 per additional team.
- B Division 19 – 27, C Division 28 – 36, if reduced unable to continue playing in that Division.
 - Draw committee to consist of Miss Kernot, 3 Captains and Secretary.
 - Shield matches to be continuous with no breaks. Handicaps of players to be held in SWD.
- 1977 - Matches played out until a result is reached. Players to hit off in reverse order.
- A, B, & C Divisions.
- 1978 - A, B & C Divisions. B & C Divisions to be in 2 sections each.
- 1979 - Players may play only 2 matches in a higher Division. Substitute players must not lower the total of the team by more than 5 strokes.
- 1980 – Promotion & Relegation introduced. Players are not interchangeable if a club has more than 1 team in any Division.
- Four Divisions and a “C” Division.
- 1982 – Match conditions amended to 6 Divisions (eliminating C Division) decided on team aggregate. 4 teams per club.
- Promotion & Relegation ceased.
- 1983 – Promotion & Relegation re-introduced.
- 1984 – Shield Matches \$2.00 per team.
- 1987 – Became commonly known and called ‘**Pennant**’.

PENNANT

- 1987 – Business Women & Junior Girls Sunday Pennant introduced, 8 teams, one was a “composite team”.
- Five Divisions.
- 1988 - SWD to provide flags for all Divisions.
- Five Divisions, Sunday pennant and introduction of ‘30 – 36’ Division.
- 1990 – Pennant Badges – SWDLGA to supply 5 only Pennant badges to winning team on final day of Pennant along with the pennant flag. Extra badges maybe purchased by the clubs for extra players.
- Introduction of Pennant Secretary.
- 1991 – Introduction of Pennant draw and conditions & all district events in book form to all Pennant players, this was compiled by Joye Burton.
- 1992 – Division 30-36 was eliminated and additional Divisions 1 – 9 were introduced. Clubs were allowed to enter 5 teams There had been a lot of discussion in 1991 re the suggestion of clubs having 7 players per team, this was out voted due to difficulty for smaller clubs and length of time of each match to play. This year also changed that all matches were to be played out, not halved at the 18th. This was to have a 3 year trial period.
- A 5 year moratorium was placed on Pennant in all 9 divisions & Sunday Business Womens Division, this included condition 15 and when vacancies occur. District players were permitted to play SWD pennant and Metro pennant.
 - Large Flags purchased for Division 6,7,8,9 & Business Women’s.
- 1993 - Sunday matches will finish at 18th hole. Handicap limit 36 for Sunday pennant. 1 team per club.
- 1995 – Div. 6,7, & 9 had only 6 teams this year, they started 2 weeks behind the other divisions.
- Playoff on final day if tied for promotion or relegation. All team members will play 3 holes of match play, if still tied, match won by player winning next hole. Voted at 1994 AGM.
 - Request the Pennant teams have 7 per side – request denied, small clubs would struggle to field larger number of players, also 9 hole courses could not cope with the additional matches.
 - Clubs voted **No** to having Male caddies for Pennant, also if a match went past the 18th hole, a caddy can be introduced at that point to continue on the remainder of holes to be played.
- 1996 – Male caddies were no longer permitted in SWDLGA District Pennant.
- 1997 - Letter from Geelong requesting 7 a side. Too late for 1998.
- 1998 - Many discussions on girls playing in GDGA boy’s pennant which caused problems. Contact made with GDGA to disallow girls to play in it.
- Conducted a District “Pennant Workshop” which was well attended & opportunity to discuss many aspects of pennant golf. From which Interclub was created in 1999.
 - Division 9 dropped from Pennant, now only 8 divisions all with 7 teams.
- 1999 – Divisions 1 – 7, with Divisions 5, 6 & 7 each having 8 teams.
- Introduction of Interclub Matchplay competition. This provided opportunity for newer players to learn matchplay & to participate in an Interclub competition. 11 clubs entered.
 - Introduced Sunday Pennant wind-up day.
 - GDGA informed SWD that no junior girl will be allowed to play in their junior boy’s pennant.
- 2000 – Sunday Pennant wind up day to be called “Joye Burton Salver”.
- 2003 – “Working Women” definition now “paid workers, students or part time students” – Clubs to decide those who meet the criteria.
- Sunday Pennant had 12 teams in 2 Divisions with a final.
- 2004 – Clubs restricted to 4 Pennant Teams in Div 1 – 7 Pennant.
- Again 7 players per team was brought up and also playing on neutral courses if a club has 2 teams in a Division. It was thought not possible.
- 2006 - Sunday Pennant back to 9 teams in 1 Division.
- At August Delegates Meeting all clubs voted and agreed on allowing Male Caddies in SWDLGA Pennant.
- 2007 – Some changes for Pennant rules. Pennant is now open to all Members of Affiliated clubs regardless of their residential address. Pennant books revamped and introduction of nominated players who had to play 2 matches.
- Sunday Pennant has 8 teams.
- 2008 - Questionnaire given to players regarding Pennant. Some changes made after recommendations.
- 2009 - Division 1-7, Leigh & Otway players now allowed to play in Sunday Pennant and vice versa. Nominated players to play 3 matches. Starting time now 9.30.
- 2010 - Sunday Pennant has 9 teams.
- No club permitted to have more than 2 teams in any Division. Pennant \$8 per team. Nominated players in Divisions 6 & 7 to play 2 matches as those Divisions only have 6 teams.
 - SWD introduced new Pennant badges replacing WGV pennant badges.

2011 - All Divisions have 7 teams in each. Nominated players to play 3 matches. Sunday Pennant has 11 teams.

- SWD pens in District colours given to undefeated players.

JEAN RUSSELL SALVER

- 1979 - A Silver Salver was purchased and played for on 2nd Day of the Two Day Meeting. Winning Club to hold the Salver for 12 months. Inaugural winners were Mrs. S. Davies and Mrs. A. Cork from Portarlington.
- 1980 - This event was named the "Jean Russell Salver" in appreciation for Jean's work for the District. Jean Russell became a Life Member of SWD in 1986 and passed away in 2000.
- 1989 - This day was now the official day of Presentation for Division 1- 6 pennant players. This day to be held as near as possible to the conclusion of pennant. It is now a separate day to the 2 Day Meeting.
- 1994 - Players must have played 3 games in pennant to be eligible. This was introduced because the field filled quickly.
- This event to stay as one event, all divisions same course, same day, as originally planned.
- 1999 - This event was divided into 2 divisions on the same day.
- 2003 - Open to any player who has played in Division 1-7 Pennant.

JOYE BURTON SALVER

- 1999 - This event was the official day of presentation for Sunday pennant players. It was originally called the Sunday pennant wind-up day and is played as a 4Ball. It is open to any player who has played Sunday Pennant.
- 2000 - It was renamed the "Joye Burton Salver" in recognition of Joye's work for the District. Joye became the 4th Life Member of S.W.D.L.G.A. in 2006. Inaugural winners were Julie Milne and Sue Walker from Clifton Springs.

COUNTRY TEAM

- 1962 - July - Corangamite Sub District Association was formed to stimulate more interest in Country Teams Matches. They agreed to conduct an Annual Open tournament (Corangamite Day) to raise funds for the team. The Committee met in May each year to select the team. Each club in the Sub District was requested to pay a 10 shilling Affiliation fee per annum. Committee consisted of the Captain or her representative of each club. Clubs present at first meeting - Anglesea, Apollo Bay, Beeac, Birregurra, Colac, East Geelong, Lismore, Lonsdale, Torquay, Winchelsea and Central Secretary of Colac. Apologies: Barwon Heads, Cobden, Inverleigh, Portarlington, Queens Park, Rokewood and Werribee.
- 1965 - July - Moved that a scratch Canadian foursomes event be played concurrently with the Canadian foursomes event held on Corangamite Day and a perpetual trophy be purchased.
- 1967 - Won Division 2.
- 1970 - First VLGU Delegate for Corangamite was Mrs. A. Nimon.
- 1971 - Corangamite Sub District no longer connected with Western.
- 1972 - Geelong Golf Club invited to join Corangamite Sub District.
- Suggested the team wear a pale blue jumper with Corangamite emblem.
- 1973 - Won Division 2.
- Geelong joined Corangamite.
- 1974 - Badges awarded to representative players on Joan Fisher's suggestion. Navy blue with outer edge of white with Corangamite written on it.
- 1975 - Reported at a VLGU Delegates meeting - Corangamite District was made up of 18 clubs affiliated with VLGU and there were 3 separate Districts for pennant. 10 of the bigger clubs form SWDGA. Bannockburn, Inverleigh, Rokewood and Winchelsea form the Leigh Association. Lorne, Beeac, Birregurra and Apollo Bay form the Otway Association.
- 1977 - Won Division 2.
- 2 League clubs were welcomed to the Association - Queens Park and Clifton Springs.
 - Moved that a selection Committee choose the Country Team and that a Constitution be drawn up for the Association.
- 1978 - Won Division 1.
- June- Constitution approved and adopted. Objects of the Association was to stimulate interest in and the management and finance of the Country Team.
- 1979 - 5th October - Voted to merge with SWDGA. This was unanimous. Current Executive of Corangamite to be co-opted by SWDGA Executive to assist with drawing up of a combined Constitution.

- Corangamite Day to be re-named SWDGA Country Teams Amenities Day.
- 1980 - A selection Committee for Country Teams set up.
 - SWDGA entered their first Country Team in the VLGU Competition under their own name. Previously the Country Team was entered by Corangamite. Over the ensuing years these teams have acquitted themselves very well and have been a credit to the District.
 - SWD were Runners Up in Division 2.
- 1981 - New jumpers worn.
- 1984 - Country Teams Amenities Day became Country Teams Sapphire Day.
- 1988 - Became Country Teams Opal Day.
- 1987 - SWD won Division 2, promoted to Div 1.
- 1989 - SWD won Division 2, promoted to Div 1.
- 1992 - Clubhouse golf logo to embroidered on jumpers after sponsorship from Clubhouse golf.
- 1993 - SWD won Division 2, promoted to Div 1.
 - Country Teams Opal Day now called Country Teams Day.
- 1994 - Prior to a practice match at Curlewis, a talk was given to the players by Burtta Cheney.
 - Pale blue jumpers bought and remained District property.
- 1999 - SWD won the Alice Coltman Country Teams Division 1 Cup (21 years after the last Division 1 win as Corangamite & only 4 wins altogether in 37 years)
- 2000 - Country Teams Day played in 2 Divisions.
 - New uniforms for team were purchased. Colours to be decided by Team Captain and players. Navy jumpers for the first time. Lemon shirts.
 - SWD won Alice Coltman Division 1 cup again.
- 2001 - The District had its "Hat Trick" 3 years in a row winning the Alice Coltman Cup in Div. 1.
 - Accommodation costs for President and WGV Delegate for Country Teams to be paid for by SWD.
- 2002 - New uniforms for caddies and players. Shirts green, same navy jumpers with navy pants.
 - This was the last year Vicky Uwland could play in this team, the following year she became a Professional, gaining her card to play on the European Tour. Vicky had come up through the ranks from Juniors in SWD.
- 2003 - SWD again won the Alice Coltman Division 1 Cup, this being the 4th time in 5 years was of great excitement to the District.
- 2005 - Disappointment for the Country Team, they were relegated to Division 2.
- 2008 - Won the Alice Coltman Division 2 Cup. Great excitement, back up to Division 1.

JUNIORS

- 1963 - Miss Kernot organised the 1st. Junior Girls Clinic with a view to fostering junior girls and the holding of a Junior Championship in the future.
- 1965 - Margaret Hayes (East Geelong) who competed in VLGU Championship and sub-junior Interstate Team showed her first promise at these clinics as did Jane Locke, (Lonsdale) in 1970. Sharyn Powell (Portarlinton) was one of the 1st winners of the VLGU Kookaburra Trophy, and also came up through the ranks of Miss Kernot's clinics. Rosemary Adcock (Anglesea) was also chosen to play in 18/U Interstate series.
- 1973 - 32 girls still participating. Continued until 1975, then lapsed through lack of girls.
- 1981 - First SWD Junior Champion was Miss H. McLean.
- 1984 - Clinics re-introduced through VLGU instigation with Mrs. B. Westbrook in charge and making progress each year. Clinics held at Geelong.
- 1986 - Kristy Zenk makes State Junior team. She made it again in 1987.
- 1988 - SWDGA entered a team in the VLGU Junior Girls Kay Mahlook Shield.
- 1994 - Age limit now 21 years.
 - Vicky Uwland makes State Junior team. She also represented Victoria and Australia in senior ranks and went on to become a professional.
 - Danielle Turner makes Junior State team.
- 1995 - 4 of our junior girls picked in the State Junior Squad - Danielle Turner, Vicki Karamatic, Melanie Holmes-Smith, Monique Moloney.
 - The WGV Junior Clinic held at Anglesea was named the Burtta Cheney Anglesea Camp.
 - Kay Mahlook teams were reduced to 3 per team, therefore SWD will field 2 teams with ease. SWD wrote objecting to VLGU with regard to districts being able to interchange their players from one section to another, when entering more than one team.
 - J.G.G.C. (Junior Girls Golf Club) was formed, Sub-committee Bev Clark, Robyn Holmes, Beryl Westbrook.

- 1996 - M. Holmes-Smith, M. Moloney and K. Robinson made Border team for Victoria.
- 1997 – SWD Junior girls won the Kay Mahlook shield – under the guidance of Beryl Westbrook. Amy Milne, Kelly Robinson, & Michelle Hardie.
- Melanie Holmes-Smith makes State Junior team. She also made the team in 1998 and 1999. She also represented Victoria and Australia in senior ranks and went on to become a professional.
- 1998 – SWD Junior girls won 2nd Div at the Kay Mahlook Shield, this was their first year under the guidance of Lesley Johns.
- 1999 - Junior Girls had been playing pennant with the GDGA junior boys, this is no longer allowed.
- 2000 – Junior Girls Bracelet, a new event introduced to be played over 4 rounds of stableford, the 3 best scores to count. Trophies also given for each round.
- Age limit brought back to 18 to bring SWD in line with WGV.
- 2001 – Junior Girls tied in first place in Division 1 Kay Mahlook Shield (tied with Metro)
- 2003 – Junior girl's bracelet now named “Vicky Umland Junior Bracelet” after Vicky Umland who had come up through the ranks as a Junior and is now known and respected as one of the District's successful players. Vicky turned Professional this year.
- Girls must play in Championship & the bracelet events to qualify for selection in Kay Mahlook team.
- 2004 – The girls to be paid an amount towards lunches when they are away at the Kay Mahlook event.
- Geelong Golf Club closed their books for their juniors & gave Lesley Johns (SWD Junior Organiser) a donation of \$80, to be put towards Kay Mahlook and some junior trophies.
 - Girls won the Kay Mahlook Shield again this year, players were: Sarah Jenkins, Laura de la Paz, April Yates and Michelle Le Maitre.
- 2005 – A SWDLGA Junior Girls Golf Club was formed by Lesley Johns, they acquired the services of Kevin O'Neil as their coach. Kevin stopped coaching in 2006 and the clinics ceased in 2007.
- Sarah Jenkins makes State Junior team.
- 2007 – 1st. Junior Open event held in conjunction with District Junior championship, held at Anglesea. 12 girls entered this event. The Junior Open Champion be given a Pewter coaster, engraved with 'SWDLGA Open Junior Championship Winner year' – 6 coasters were purchased. District Junior Championship only open to SWD junior girls.
- Open Junior Championship listed as a Futures Championship event with WGV.
 - Rachel Korevaar makes State Junior team and again in 2009.
- 2008 - Clinics restarted at Barwon Heads par 3 course under Marilyn Mooney.
- Won Kay Mahlook Shield, players were: Rachel Korevaar, Katharine Bunting and Deanne Woodman.
- 2010 - Junior Open is now on WGV junior averages list. “Minkies” were born under the guidance of Glenda Deans for girls without handicaps. Clinics continue to be held every school holidays at Barwon Heads.
- 2011 - Katharine Bunting makes State Junior team.

SILVER SALVER FOURSOMES

- 1949 – This event was first played. Year's funds were donated to V.L.G.U. International Fund to help with expenses of Australian Team invited to visit England in 1950. Entry fee was 30 cents per player. The event was played July 18th to August 12th, inclusive. Winners to be the pair who beat the standard scratch score of their course by the highest margin. 1st Winners were Mrs. J. Coulthurst & Mrs. A. Laver (East Geelong) 4 below S.S.
- 1979 – Entry fee increased to 50 cents per player (\$1.00 pair)
- 1951 – Dates of play altered to 2nd week of June to 2nd week of July inclusive.
- 1970 - Dates of play altered to June 8th – July 15th inclusive.
- 2003 - Dates of play altered to 1st May – 30th June.
- 2005 – The trophy for this event now Glass Jug with SWDLGA engraved on it – value approx \$70.00.
- 2008 - Winners are now presented at the AGM.
- 2009 - SW conditions of play regarding motorised transport to apply.

RENE AUSTIN BROOCH

- 1957 – Miss Austin passed away in 1957 and a Special Meeting of SWDGA Delegates was held to elect a Caretaker Chairwoman for the remaining months until the Annual Meeting. Mrs. J.O. Wallace (East Geelong) was elected unanimously to this position and paid fitting tributes to Miss Austin's work for this District.
- East Geelong suggested a Perpetual Trophy to commemorate the work and name of “Rene Austin” the founder of the S.W.D.G.A. It is to be an 18 Hole Handicap event and played for at the Championship Meeting. This was to be paid for by cashing “War Savings Bonds” valued at £26, plus accrued interest,

any balance to be met by clubs. Mrs. H. Leonard Smith was requested to look into design etc. The Brooch and Shield are still played for today.

- 1959 – The first Rene Austin Brooch was played for and the winner of this brooch was Mrs. A. Gill (East Geelong). The first winner of the Shield was East Geelong. Mrs. Smith was praised for her untiring efforts to obtain the Shield & Brooch, as we now know them. Previous winners are not eligible to enter this event. The first Brooch cost £7.
- 1964 – 6 Brooches were purchased at the cost of £10.17.6 (£1.16.3 each)
- 1972 – Rene Austin Brooch altered to a ‘Preliminary Stroke Round’ to be played at Home Club. Play off to be at the Annual Championship Meeting to give all Associates the opportunity to play for this coveted trophy.
- 1975 – 5 Brooches purchased for \$54.54 (\$10.93 each)
- 1979 – Introduced an entry fee of 20 cents per player (at club entry).
- 1991 – 3 Brooches purchased for the total cost of \$399.00
- 1995 – 3 Brooches purchased for the total cost of \$594.50
- 1998 – 3 Gold Rene Austin Brooches purchased \$269.00 each. (S/Silver Gold Plated quoted \$158.60 each). So the 3 **gold** were purchased.
- 2001 – 3 Gold-plated Sterling Silver Brooches ordered costing ? Cost of all gold was \$305 + GST (\$335.50) considered too expensive.
- 2003 - Entry fee \$1.00 per player. (club entry)
- 2004 – 10 Brooches purchased costing \$165.00 ea. (These brooches are Sterling Silver, Gold Plated, The all gold were very expensive now) To change the Brooch to have SWDLGA (currently has SWDGA) would involve a new die, the cost of this \$450.00 it was agreed to leave the Brooch as it is.

BETTY KERNOT SCRATCH FOURSOMES

- 1972 – This event was introduced with a lowest combination handicap of 20. This was a Scratch Foursomes Match Play Event with 2 teams permitted from each club and has proved a very prestigious event in this District. It was to be called “Betty Kernot Scratch Foursomes” in honour of SWD Patron Betty Kernot. Inaugural winners were Mrs. J. Fisher and Miss J. Cohen from Barwon Heads.
- 1974 - Entry fee \$2.00 a pair.
- 1979 – Limits amended to lowest combined handicap 20, highest combined 45.
- 1984 - Betty Kernot passed away.
- 1985 - Entry fee \$5.00 a pair.
- 1990 - On Final day of Betty Kernot, the players, their caddies and the referee were invited to have lunch with the SWD Officials at the District’s expense.
- 1993 – Final to be played over 36 holes for a trial.
- 1994 – Final back to 18 holes. A minimum combined handicap changed to 25 and a maximum of 50.
- 1996 – Handicap changed again, combined minimum now 20 and combined maximum now 45.
- 1997 – Entry fee raised to \$10 per pair.
- 2000 – Every Club now entitled to enter 2 teams and guaranteed one team. If more than 32 teams enter, the highest combined handicaps of the 2 teams will be balloted out until 32 teams remain.
- 2001 – This was the 30th Anniversary of this event, SWD invited all past winners to attend a luncheon on the final day. Miss. J. Cohen presented the salver. Miss. Cohen was part of the first winning team.
- 2003 - Entry fee raised to \$15 per pair.
- 2008 - Entry fee raised to \$20 per pair.
- 2011 - Handicap limits minimum combined 20 and a maximum of combined 50.

S.W.D.L.G.A. CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1933 – First Championship played at Geelong Golf Club for the present Cup and won by Shirley Tolhurst. Up to 1959 if there was a tie in the Championship; both names were engraved on the Cup.
 - Concurrent with Championship will be a handicap event in 2 Divisions. 1-18, 19-36 and a nine hole foursomes event.
- 1939 - Decided to hold Championship in the morning on a course of 18 holes with foursomes in the afternoon.
- 1958 - Proposed that club holding event to retain profits and be responsible for all expenditure.
- 1972 - 1958 motion rescinded. Clubs to forward 1/3 of nett profit to SWD.
- 1973 – Opened to all Champions of affiliated clubs not just Senior Division Shield players.
- 1977 - If a tie in Championship, winner to be decided by a sudden death play off.
- 1979 – Championship one day Meeting became a two day Meeting. To allow more players to participate the Championships were held on the Monday for A Division Shield players and Club Champions only and a Foursomes (Canadian) on the Friday, the presentation of Shields, Flag and all Annual Trophies on the

- Friday.
- 1980 – SWDGA Championship opened to all Silver Division Shield players & Club Champions.
 - 1981 - Bronze Shield Division Perpetual Trophy Gross event on another course added to programme of Championship meeting.
 - 1982 - Decided to hold both Silver and Bronze on the same course.
 - 1988 - SWDGA 2 Day Meeting was opened to all Silver & Bronze Pennant players, Sunday Pennant, Leigh & Otway Pennant players.
 - 1990- Mrs Macdonald suggested District Championship be 36 holes. A 19-29 day and a 30-36 day be played as well in line with the Championship. Everyone to be eligible, not just pennant players.
 - 1991 – Championship 2 day meeting changed to a 36 hole 1 day event. Open to all, not just pennant players.
 - Bronze 1, 19 – 29 18 holes played on different day and on a different course to the Championship.
 - Bronze 2, 30 – 36 18 holes played on same day and course as Bronze 1.
 - Bronze 1 was named “June Gillivour Trophy” in appreciation of her work for SWD.
 - Bronze 2 was named “Margaret Smith Trophy” in appreciation of her work for SWD.
 - Tournament Secretaries for each event were appointed for the first time.
 - 1993 – Championship Brooch was designed and approved. 3 Brooches were ordered. Made of Sterling Silver and gold plated, cost \$110.00 + 20% tax (\$132.00)
The 9ct gold priced at \$250 + tax (\$325) was the alternative, but considered too expensive. This was the inaugural year of the Championship Brooch.
 - 1994 - If winner has previously won a brooch, she will receive a \$50 voucher.
 - Tried running this event in 2's – successful.
 - 1995 – 3 Championship brooches purchased at cost of \$198.17 each (total \$594.51)
 - 1998 – As only one Championship Brooch can be won, suggested a Diamond insert be introduced, prices were to be obtained for this. Prices obtained were \$140, \$90, \$80, & \$40 !! The committee decided to leave this until it was necessary and then decide which quote to accept.
 - 1999 – 36 Nett event at Championship to be called the Audrey McKenzie Salver. This was in recognition of Audrey's many years on SWD Committee including 14 years as Treasurer.
 - 2001 – A trial of a 2 day event to gauge level of support for weekend players.
 - 2002 - Reverted back to 36 hole one day format after no improvement in entries.
 - 2003 – Event now reduced to a 27 hole event.
 - 2006 – 5 Championship Brooches purchased at cost of \$144.32 each (Total \$721.60 – incl. GST)
These brooches are Sterling Silver, gold plated. It was noted that this was cheaper than the last order, due to the drop in price of gold.
 - 2008 - The restrictions relating to residential and handicap status for playing in SWD events was lifted.

JUNE GILLIVOUR PERPETUAL TROPHY

- 1981 - This event was originally the Bronze Division 19-36 Gross event for pennant players, added to the Championship program. Inaugural winner was Mrs. R. Livermore.
- 1991 - This event was further divided into two Divisions, 19-29 and 30-36 and was open to all, not just pennant players. The 19-29 Division was named after June Gillivour in recognition of her services to the District. It was considered the “B” grade Championship. June became the 3rd Life Member of S.W.D.L.G.A. in 1999.

MARGARET SMITH PERPETUAL TROPHY

- 1991 - This event originated when the Bronze Division 19-36 was divided into two Divisions. The 30-36 Division was named after Margaret Smith in recognition of her services to the District. It was considered the “C” grade Championship. Inaugural winner was Jan Farnell from Clifton Springs.
- 2000 - Handicap range changed to 30-45.
- 2003 - Margaret Smith passed away. Margaret had served many years on Committee & Match Committee and was also greatly involved with the Country Team for many years.

DISTRICT FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

- 2002 – Inaugural Foursomes Championship suggested by Kathy Black was held at Barwon Heads. Gross and Nett events to have a perpetual trophy. 2 Silver Salvors purchased. Playing pair must belong to the same club. First winners: Margot Parton & Vida Brenner (Anglesea).
- 2008 - Pairs no longer have to belong to the same club. No longer have to have handicaps permanently held in SWD.

DOROTHY SMITH VETERANS EVENT

- 1973 – An 18 Hole Stableford event was decided upon and played for the first time in 1974, the winner being Mrs. W. K. McKewan of Geelong. The event was open to all District Associates over the age of 60 years.
- 1974 - A Silver jug was purchased and inscribed "Dorothy Smith Veterans Event" in appreciation of Mrs. Smith's services to the Association. Dorothy Smith was the 1st Life Member of SWD and passed away in 1990.
- 1987 - Senior Veterans event added for 70 and over.
- 1996 – The event will now have two Divisions in Veterans 60 years and over.

MERIT AWARD

- 1995 – Heather Campbell suggested a Merit Award system be introduced, this was put to all Clubs and accepted.
- 1996 – Introduction of the Merit Award. The format being the top 5 place getters (Nett Score) (Host Club members ineligible) be given points 5 – 1. At the end of the year a Brooch be given to the player with the most points. It was to create incentive for ladies to play at all clubs in the District to earn the Merit Points. The cost of the Brooch was \$60.00. The first winner was Rita Zenk (Queens Park).
- 1998 – Purchased 2 Brooches \$60 (total cost \$120)
– Only one brooch may be won, additional winners to receive a Trophy Order. The final round each year to be Elcho Park Open Meeting.
- 2000 - 2 Brooches purchased, total cost \$150.00
- 2005 - 5 Merit Award Brooches purchased cost \$75 ea. Total cost \$375.00 (Incl. GST).
- 2010 - To be eligible to receive points a player using Motorised Transport must provide a medical certificate to host club and state on entry form their SWD club.
- 2011 - Final round to be last event in the current year.

CONSTITUTION

- 1957 - No Constitution for the S.W.D.G.A. could be found and at a Special Meeting on 22nd Nov. it was proposed that the President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary draft a Constitution and present same for discussion at the next Annual Meeting. A new President was also elected after the death of Miss Rene Austin.
- 1958 – Constitution submitted and passed:
Management shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The position of Treasurer had been incorporated with that of Secretary prior to this time. Proposed each club shall be entitled to 2 votes at the AGM, the President to have a deliberative as well as a casting vote. President to be a member of the club who held previous years one day meeting. Vice President to be from current year's club.
- 1962 – Addition to Constitution that a Patron be appointed. Patron to be ex-officio member of Committee of Management with full voting rights. There can be only 1 Patron at a time.
- 1963 - Miss Betty Kernot was appointed Patron of S.W.D.G.A.
- 1970 - Maximum of 2 Life Members who shall have full voting rights.
- 1972 - Under new Constitution previous President becomes Ex-Officio on Committee with no power to vote.
- 1979 – New Constitution submitted after S.W.D.G.A. & Corangamite merged, still basically in force today.
- 1980 - President and Vice President from clubs where 2 day meeting held. Nominations for 1st VLGU Delegate. Selection Committee for Country Teams elected at General Meeting. Selection of Country Teams Captain elected at General Meeting. 2 Delegates from each club with 1 vote per club.
- 1989 – Constitution was revised when Association became incorporated. Officers were – President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Delegate to VLGU, District Handicap Manger, Ex-Officio and 7 Committee (14 in total).
- President and Secretary are Ex-Officio members on all sub-committees.
- The restriction on 2 Life Members was removed but they now have no voting rights at General Meetings. Only Officers of the Association and Delegates can vote. The District Delegate, District Handicap Manager, elected Committee and co-opted Committee members cannot vote. District Delegate and Handicap Manager elected after nominations by the Committee following each AGM.
- 1995 – Election of District Delegate will be conducted by the VLGU from persons nominated by affiliated Clubs located in this district. After election District Delegate appointed will then represent SWDLGA Inc. as Delegate to VLGU & also become part of the SWDLGA Committee as from date appointed for the ensuing 12 months.

- 2000 - Committee of Management changed to Officers of the Association, District Delegate, District Handicap Manager, Pennant/Match Secretary, Junior Organiser, Ex-Officio and 5 members of Committee.
- President, Secretary and District Delegate are Ex-Officio members on all sub-committees.
- 2004 – At the AGM a change to the Constitution was made removing the previous President as Ex-Officio.
- 2006 – Some items in the Constitution were passed at the AGM, namely the reference to “Member”; confusion with “Individual” Member and “Club” Member. Renaming of Pennant/Match Secretary to Pennant Secretary. Match Committee to consist of 3 elected committee members and the Pennant Secretary. Affiliation fees now due by 1st March. Committee no longer allowed to vote at a General Meeting.