



Annual General Meeting

To be held on November 21, 2023 at 7pm
at the Barwon Valley Golf Club.

Presidents Report

As 2023 comes to a close it is a good time to reflect on the state of Golf in our district and the achievements and challenges of the past year and those of the future.

There has been a significant increase in patronage to most golf clubs/course in the last few years and from what I have seen a slightly younger demographic participating in golf. This has been great for golf, but also has provided the challenge of maintaining these increased levels of participation long term.

This year has seen a significant increase in junior pennant numbers with 16 sides participating and good participation in women's district events. There has still been lower participation than wanted in men's district events however (pennant aside) and if you have suggestions on how to improve that, the board are "all ears"!

This year has also seen the board providing some financial support back to clubs hosting events for the district and we would like that to continue. We have also provided grant opportunities to clubs with financial constraints, or that have ideas for programs or events that help broaden golf participation across the district, or target groups in the community with limited participation opportunities. We would again like this to continue into the future.

The Presidents Cup event was again extremely successful with 108 participants, and we were able to make a further financial donation of \$5000 to the Geelong Community Foundation to assist them in the great work that they do.

Our Country week teams represented the district to a high standard, and it is expected that Country Week will be held in our District next year which would be a great opportunity to showcase the high quality of courses available in this district to the top players from around regional Victoria.

We also had our first Women's Pennant final that was held in conjunction with the men's Division 1 final at Barwon Heads which I think was a great step in bring men's and women's golf closer together.

Golf is a fantastic game, and we are privileged to live in an area that has so many golf courses and golfing opportunities. Let's take advantage of them and help grow the game further.

I would like to thank the clubs that participated in events this year and particularly clubs that assisted through the provision of their course for any district events.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Bernie, Georgie, Wendy, and Cam for the great work they do at District level, along with the Golf operations members that help make district golf a success.

I wish all clubs success for the upcoming year and want to highlight that we as a district board we are committed to help facilitate golf being the "Game for Life" for as many people as possible.

David Smith

President SWGA

Men's Golf Operations

SWGA held a number of our regular events this year as well as a full pennant schedule and the District was also represented by our men's team recently at Country Week.



Our District team had a few players unavailable to play but those that did put in an outstanding effort and were extremely close to the overall win but had to settle for second place. Thanks go to the players that attended and represented the district strongly and also to our team manager Greg Bishop who puts a heap of time and effort to pick the side and organise everything. Thank you Bish.

The Presidents Cup this year was played at Portarlinton Golf Club and the winning team on the day from a field of 108 players came from the Torquay Golf Club. Well done Torquay and thanks to Portarlinton for doing an outstanding job in hosting the event.



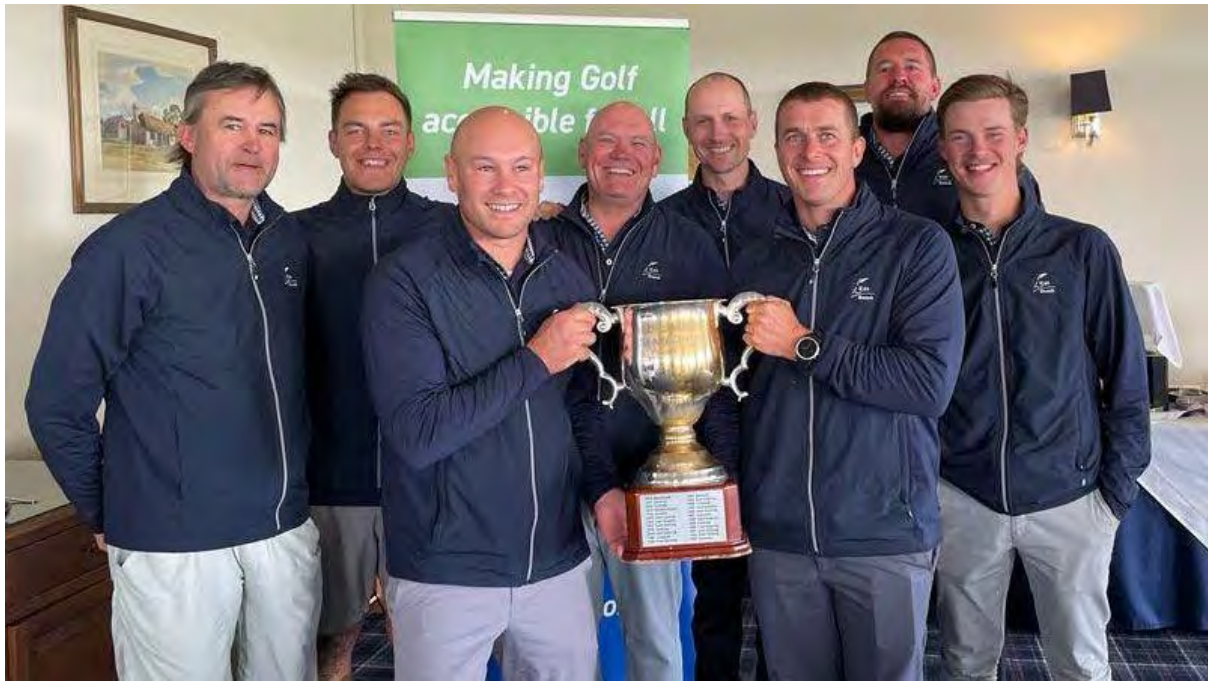
Our foursomes championships were again held at Lonsdale links (with sponsorship from Don Walker). When the 36 holes were completed it was matt Walkenhorst and David Foster who prevailed on the day, with Cameron Bowers and Noah Schammer placing second overall. Thanks to Don and Lonsdale Links for their support.



Our District Championships were played at Clifton Springs in the first round and Anglesea in the second round. Thanks to both of those clubs for their assistance. In a tight tussle David Foster came out on top with Chris Chapman the runner up.



In pennant we had the first final of the Division 1 women on the same course as the Division 1 men and in the Division 1 final 13th Beach came out on top beating East Geelong 4.5 to 2.5.



Division 2 was won by The Sands while Division 3 was won by Barwon Valley.

In the lower scratch divisions Lonsdale Links and Inverleigh GC were the winners in Division 4 and Division 5 respectively, and in the Handicap Division s Clifton Springs and Colac came out as winners in the finals.

There is excellent participation in our pennant season, but I would like to see greater participation for our male members in our other premier events. You don't need to be off scratch to play in them so please consider entering in 2024.

David Smith

SWGA Women's Golf Ops Annual Report 2023

The Women's Golf Ops team of Wendy Tottenham, Angela Foott, Fiona Scott, Vicki Hannah & Sally Ludlow were ably supported by Georgie Sanders, Stacey Thomas, Vicki Carnie & Ann Lynch.

The District Women's Forum post pennant season is an excellent platform for the Ops team to report SWGA news, provide results of survey feedback & explain changes moving forward to district club reps.

Club visits from the Ops team prior to the pennant season & SWGA events reminded & further explained conditions of play changes, to women's committees.

2023 trialled a Final in Women's Div 1 Pennant which was held on the same day (Sunday) as the Men's final at Barwon Heads GC. The day was well supported by spectators, however many women pennant players from across all divisions thought it would be more popular to hold the final on a neutral course on a Friday. This will be trialled in 2024.

The Pennant Divisions for next season have been manipulated to eliminate the host team playing as this continued to be a big advantage.

A Country Teams squad lead by Ann Lynch travelled to Gippsland to contest the Div 2 trophy at Traralgon, Yallourn & Trafalgar GC. It was hard going for the team & their caddies with the challenge to play 5 matches on the hop. Everyone competed well and SWGA finished mid table happy & exhausted. Country Teams competition continues to undergo changes in form & format in the endeavour to include smaller less financial district to participate.

A highlight of the very busy SWGA Women's schedule is the annual Barwon Heads GC Clinic for players with GA 25-54 handicap range. Sally Ludlow organised 6 Professionals & teams of assistants to ensure all participants were well instructed & catered for.

The Final event on the SWGA schedule for Women is the Championships to be held later in the month at Barwon Valley GC. Looking forward to large fields & friendly weather this year.

2022 Champs were held in horrendous weather conditions, wet very windy & cold. The B Grade Champs were restricted to one day only as the course was deemed too dangerous to play at Clifton Springs. Insufficient numbers of entries resulted in C Grade not being conducted.

The assistance the Ops team receive from Women's Captains, Committees & the administrations in Clubland has been excellent & is essential to conducting successful golf experiences for District players.

We at SWGA Board rely on & look forward to your ongoing support in 2024.

See you out there! Wendy Tottenham- Chair Women's Ops.

SWGA Events

2022

Open Champion- Fiona Watach (Queens Park GC) Played at Lonsdale Links

B Grade Champion- Leanne Jennings (Barwon Valley GC). Played at Clifton Springs

C Grade – insufficient entries received.

Renee Austin Brooch- Vicki Hannah (Apollo Bay GC)

Audrey McKenzie Plate- Annie Jefferies (Curlewis GC)

Merit Awards

Gross- Wendy Tottenham (Curlewis GC). *Nett:* Lesley Richardson (Inverleigh GC).

Stableford: Wendy Hutchison (Lorne GC)

2023

Irish 4BBB played at Portarlington - Winners- Ocean Grove GC

Betty Kernot KO final played at 13th Beach.

Winners Lonsdale Links G.C. Daelene Crigan, Jo Cordner & Tayna McGann

Otway Shield played at Beeac GC - Winner- Lorne GC

Dorothy Smiths Veterans played at Lara GC - Winner Chris Angus (Lorne Golf Club)

Super Vets played at Lara GC - Winner Judy Mather (East Geelong)

Pennant Winners

Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Sunday
Barwon Heads	13 th Beach	13 th Beach	Ocean Grove	Ocean Grove	East Geelong	Barwon Valley

Jean Russell Salver played at Barwon Valley GC - Winners- Judy Talbot & Dee Stewart (Anglesea GC)

Joye Burton Salver played Queens Park GC - Winners- Tracey Hynes & Madeleine O'Connor (Queens Park GC)

SWGA District Silver Salver - Winners – Torquay GC- Lyn Moore & Lyndsey Duncan

MB Foursomes Championship played at Colac GC - Winners- Mandy Buckley & Sarah Jenkins (Torquay GC). *Nett Winners-* Stacey Thomas & Helen Stevens (Apollo Bay GC)

2023 Championships not played at time of publication.

2023 Merit Awards not finalised at this time.

SWGA

2023 Junior Report

2023 was a year that we continued to grow junior golf in our district.

Once again, we ran numerous tournaments at clubs within the district, the SWGA junior district championship at Lonsdale Golf Club, a new short course event at 13th Beach, and a very successful Junior Pennant season with 16 teams competing for the Westerveld Shield, Trevenen Shield and Ford Cup.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS and OOM's

Junior Tournament were held at the following clubs for the 2023 season:

- Geelong
- Sands
- Curlewis
- Winchelsea
- Torquay
- Ocean Grove
- Lonsdale

Thanks to all clubs for hosting these events during the 2023 season.

Out of these events we crowned the following OOM winners.

Girls

Vicky Uwland Bracelet – Paige Moorfoot



Boys

Bill Cunningham Nett – Louise Van Ingen



Bill Cunningham Gross – Ted Sergeant

Throughout the season we had 26 boys and 8 girls from our district compete in these events.

JUNIOR COUNTRY REGIONALS

The Victorian Junior Country Regions will be held in Bendigo on the weekend of 16th and 17th December. Out of the results throughout the year a team of 10 boys and 3 girls has been selected to represent the district.

The selected Team is:

Paige Moorfoot, Tenaiya Jennings, Ele Willis, Lachlan Snart, Ted Sergeant, Ben Bowers, Louise Van Ingen, Charlie Larsen, Bailey Cooper, Hamish Craig, Christopher Filipowicz, Noah Schammer and James Harry.

JUNIOR PENNANT

The 2023 junior pennant season has been a huge success. We had a dramatic increase in team number from previous years with 16 teams competing in a round robin format for the Westerveld and Trevenen Shields. Throughout the season we had over 100 juniors compete in junior pennant.

The Westerveld Shield final playoff was between Geelong 1 and East Geelong 1. Geelong 1 took the victory and proceed to the Ford Cup final.

The Trevenen Shield final was a playoff between East Geelong 2 and Geelong 2. Geelong 2 took the victory and will meet Geelong 1 in the Ford Cup Final.

The Ford Cup final will be held at Geelong Golf Club on Sunday 19th November at 8 am. The final will be between the 2 Geelong teams. Congratulation to Geelong on an outstanding year.

Also, congratulation and thanks to all clubs who participated in junior pennant this year. 16 teams is a fantastic result for the district and shows a bright future for golf in the South West District.

JUNIOR SHORT COURSE EVENT

13th Beach along with the SWGA ran an event on the 13th Beach Short Course on the 1st October. This event was created from an idea put forward by 13th Beach and funded by the SWGA grant system.

72 juniors from within the district competed in the event which is a fantastic result. Of the 72 kids approximately 50 of them were new to golf / 1st time tournament players.



Junior District Championships.

Were held at the Lonsdale Golf Club in October. We had a field of 37 boys and girls competing.

The winners were.

Boys – Lachlan Snart (Clifton Springs), Runner up Louise Van Ingen (Geelong)

Girls – Molly O’Brian (Clifton Springs). Runner up Paige Moorfoot (Curlewis)

Stableford – Abel Foley (East Geelong).



Summary

Overall 2023 was a fantastic year for junior golf in the South West District. Numbers of participant grew, new events were created and the future of junior golf within the district is bright.

Cameron Bowers

SWGA Junior Coordinator.

**South-Western Golf Association
Annual General Meeting
21 November 2023
Senior Relationship Officer Report**

2023 has been a busy year for everyone in golf, we've avoided prolonged adverse weather and faced limited disturbances to making for a great year of golf. Where we have seen another year of growth in membership and participation numbers.

During the last 12 months the golf industry has continued to grow stronger and larger which is testaments to the clubs, volunteers, and staff for providing offerings that allow individuals to interact with our sport on their terms.

Schools

The 2023 school programs have grown again from last year, 226 secondary and primary students participated in School Sport Victoria (SSV) events in which we hosted five across the district, highlighted by 81 students attending the SSV Primary Schools event at Colac. Still to come are the regional primary schools final and state final.

Sport Australia's Sporting Schools initiative has again allowed schools to access funding to run golf programs with funding being directed to cover costs of coaching, equipment and in some cases transport. 18 schools across the region have accessed this funding and chosen to use it for a golf program which have been delivered by local PGA members or community instructors.

My Golf and Get into Golf

Participation numbers through the Golf Australia national participation programs continue to grow with growth across the board for junior and adult numbers and anecdotally seeing more participation program participants transitions to membership. Growth has been seen statewide, however across the SWGA it is higher the Victorian average. We have also seen the expansion of the inclusive opportunities to underrepresented groups where now 2 all abilities golf programs are offered as well as programs for individuals from multicultural backgrounds.

In the third year of the Australian Golf Foundation Junior Girls scholarship which is a program which funds clubs to run 24 coaching sessions to groups of girls as they ready themselves for on course play as well as offer membership to groups of 5-8 girls. Within the SWGA we saw 5 clubs involve themselves in the initiative.

Golf Australia continue to expand on the offering and support offered to clubs, with recent addition of economic impact reports which can be used as resources when engaging with councils and stakeholders accessible through the Golf Australia website. This is information that for some time has been hypothesized but can now provide clear evidence.

To David and the SWGA Board, thank you for the support you have given me and congratulations on the great work you are doing to increase club engagement, look forward to more opportunity in 2024.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me if there is anything Golf Australia can assist you or your club in achieving.

Kind Regards,

Jake Cole-Sinclair

South West Golf Association Club Membership 2023

Club	2022	Women	Men	Girls	boys	adults	Junior	total
13th Beach	1364	240	898	9	228	1138	237	1375
Angelsea	793	182	587	1	48	769	49	818
Apollo Bay	351	140	220	14	16	360	30	390
Bannockburn	183	31	140	0	4	171	4	175
Barwon Heads	1763	520	1029	10	39	1549	49	1598
Barwon Valley	877	116	734	48	7	850	55	905
Beeac	38	13	20	0	0	33	0	33
Bellarine Lakes	187	64	109	0	0	173	0	173
Birregurra	95	34	71	0	1	105	1	106
Clifton Springs	614	94	469	10	89	563	99	662
Colac	345	51	271	1	32	322	33	355
Curlewis	718	151	483	18	51	634	69	703
East Geelong	272	85	215	20	0	300	20	320
Geelong	248	1	239	18	1	240	19	259
Inverleigh	40	24	25	0	0	49	0	49
Lara	254	38	190	0	0	228	0	228
Lonsdale Links	1023	320	718	12	61	1038	73	1111
Lorne	255	64	170	0	12	234	12	246
Ocean Grove	400	100	266	0	29	366	29	395
Portarlinton	647	138	512	0	22	650	22	672
Queenscliff	476	68	321	0	43	389	43	432
Queens Park	375	117	257	0	15	375	15	390
St Leonards	84	15	94	2	0	109	2	111
Torquay	1151	242	909	2	32	1151	34	1185
Winchelsea	99	18	93	0	4	111	4	115
The Sands	675	119	638	33	0	757	33	790
	13327	2985	9678	198	734	12664	932	13596
							increase	269

Jun-23	Income	Expenses	Total Profit / Loss
Junior Events			
BSA Development Squad	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	-\$2,200.00
BSA Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tournament Entries	\$2,738.46	\$1,710.00	\$1,028.46
Junior Sandgreens	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Trophies & Prizes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vicki Uland Trophies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Junior Champs Shield	\$0.00	\$750.00	-\$750.00
Order of Merit	\$0.00	\$94.00	-\$94.00
Country Regional Championships	\$0.00	\$1,993.30	-\$1,993.30
Mixed Events			
Play 9	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SWGAs Mixed Foursomes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Presidents Cup	\$6,038.36	\$2,970.00	\$3,068.36
Jack Donaldson	\$535.19	\$223.00	\$312.19
Neville Drayton	\$0.00	\$307.00	-\$307.00
Colin Campbell	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Women's Golf Events			
Member Clinic	\$3,888.00	\$3,916.00	-\$28.00
Rene Austin	\$1,056.59	\$902.84	\$153.75
Championships	\$0.00	\$340.10	-\$340.10
June Gillivor B Grade Entries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MB Foursomes	\$560.80	\$417.00	\$143.80
Margaret Smith C Grade Entries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Irish 4 Ball Entries	\$2,609.01	\$610.00	\$1,999.01
BK Scratch 4s	\$469.50	\$209.00	\$260.50
DS Veterans	\$172.44	\$5,590.00	-\$5,417.56
JB Salver	\$610.92	\$260.00	\$350.92
JR Salver	\$3,529.76	\$5,180.00	-\$1,650.24
Leigh Wind Up	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Otway Shield	\$0.00	\$630.00	-\$630.00
Silver Salver	\$14.00	\$0.00	\$14.00
Merit Award	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Country Teams	\$240.00	\$1,568.00	-\$1,328.00
Men's Golf Events			
District Foursomes	\$2,186.64	\$2,644.40	-\$457.76
District Championships	\$2,368.40	\$1,050.00	\$1,318.40
District Foursomes	\$434.16	\$0.00	\$434.16
Country Teams	\$0.00	\$2,907.70	-\$2,907.70
Senior Order of Merit	\$0.00	\$330.00	-\$330.00
All Other Expenses			
Advertising & Promotion	\$0.00	\$1,161.90	-\$1,161.90
Affiliation fees	\$70,387.00	\$0.00	\$70,387.00
AGM	\$0.00	\$79.50	-\$79.50

Audit Fees	\$0.00	\$341.00	-\$341.00
Board & Delegates - Meetings	\$0.00	\$95.00	-\$95.00
Books & Publication	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Club Affiliation Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Engraving Trophies	\$0.00	\$804.90	-\$804.90
Golf Box	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grants	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Honorariums	\$0.00	\$4,550.00	-\$4,550.00
Interest Income	\$244.46	\$0.00	\$244.46
Mens & Womens Pennant Exp & Flags	\$0.00	\$2,894.00	-\$2,894.00
Merchant Fees	\$0.00	\$39.60	-\$39.60
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$66.25	-\$66.25
Other Golf Box Entries - Holding Only	\$0.00	\$700.00	-\$700.00
Postage & Delivery	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SWGA Website	\$0.00	\$3,626.00	-\$3,626.00
Uniform & Badges	\$0.00	\$2,707.00	-\$2,707.00
Victorian Golf Foundation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Workshops	\$0.00	\$230.80	-\$230.80
	\$101,083.69	\$57,098.29	\$43,985.40

**South Western Golf
Association
Incorporated**
Balance Sheet as at
30/6/23

ASSETS

Current Assets

Card Account	\$3,148.79
Savings Account	\$55,799.18
Statement Account	\$14,472.84
Term Deposit	\$27,121.84
Total Current Assets	\$100,542.65

TOTAL ASSETS	\$100,542.65
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LIABILITIES	\$0
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NET ASSETS	<u>\$100,542.65</u>
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EQUITY

Opening Bal Equity	\$56,557.25
Net Income	\$43,985.40
Rounding	-

TOTAL EQUITY	<u>\$100,542.65</u>
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Financial summary FY 2023

The Financial year for 2023, The SWGA record a profit of \$43,985.40 off the back of increased club membership affiliation of \$62,000 plus affiliation fees from 2022 year of \$8000. It is important to note that SWGA budget for 2024 accounts for \$30,000 for club grants, and paying green on selected events, negotiated with club will account for \$14,000. \$44,000 is allocated in the 2024 budget for both.

Country Teams continues be the biggest cost item \$14,000 and is budgeted for \$19,000 in 2024.

The 2023 Financial budget and the 2023 Financial assets are presented as preliminary, and a copy of the finalized audit report will be sent to all member clubs upon completion.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Bernie Perry", with a stylized, cursive script.

Bernie Perry

Secretary/Treasurer

SWGA

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