

2024 WOMEN'S CLUB DELEGATE'S FORUM

Held at Barrabool Cricket Club – Ceres.

Attendance : 36 (list retained by W.Ops) Clubs Represented: 20

10.00 – Meeting Opened.

Introduction by Georgie Sanders

- Update on new SWGA Constitution
- President's Cup held at Clifton Springs
- Intro of Operations Team
- Completed Men's Championships Update

Reports – Betty Kernot Scratch Foursomes – Angela Foott

- Two Divisions will remain with the same criteria for handicaps as per 2024, and an additional trophy will be purchased. The 2024 B Division winners names will be placed on the trophy.

Dorothy Smith Veterans – Angela Foott

- Good fields in 2024.
- 2025 to be held at Barwon Valley

Otway Shield – Vicki Hannah

- Birregurra GC were hosts & winners. The generous donations in lieu of a raffle from players were directed to the Leukemia Foundation.

Order of Merit

- Current standings are provided in Scratch, Gross and Stableford with good numbers of players receiving Merit points around the district.
- Clubs were reminded to provide Vicki Hannah with timely and appropriate information on winners including GL numbers.

Clinic – Sally Ludlow

- A reduced format of chipping, approach, putting and bunkers was well received and will be the format for 2025.
- Great feedback from some participants and thanks to Barwon Heads GC & the Pro's for their instruction.

Country Teams – Ann Lynch

- Practice sessions have commenced and will continue.
- Divisions to be confirmed post 27 July as Golf Aus are waiting on confirmation from some Districts committing.
- SWGA to be in Division 2 with matches at Curlewis, The Sands and Anglesea dependant on GA confirmation.

2025 Events – Wendy Tottenham (WT)

- See attachment for schedule of events for 2025.
- Notable dates and changes are: Men's & Women's Foursome Championships to be held together on Sunday 24th August 2025 at Curlewis GC allowing Juniors and working women the opportunity to compete in an SWGA major event. The Women's District Champs have been moved to 17th & 18th August to accommodate host club, Torquay(as their Club Champs are held in the usual November timeslot for this event).

Post Pennant Feedback – Wendy Tottenham.

- Some minor changes to be made to Pennant Conditions .
Once prepared, they will be provided to clubs.

- Survey of all Clubs involved Pennant 2024 were surveyed.
- Outcomes :
 - Division 1 to remain 7 a side
 - Final to be retained for Division 1
 - Clubs prefer to have only one team per club in any Division
 - Two Divisions to be retained for Betty Kernot
 - Division 5 to become Scratch Pennant
 - Division 6 to remain Handicap Pennant
 - Sunday Pennant to commence 1 week early

Questions / Comments

- Deb Nichols – Inverleigh suggested a Final for all Division be considered. – SWGA to consider.
- Lorne requested to be in Div 5 to compete in scratch pennant. This provides the opportunity for another club if they considered a handicap team a better option for their players (further discussions to be had)
- WT also advised that the proposed Divisions as per the attached, are only proposed at this time and are to be confirmed once clubs commit to 2025. *Clubs should consider what their 2025 team intentions are as soon as possible for SWGA to consider any further changes to division structures.*
- Joye Burton suggested all Division be Scratch – SWGA to consider post 2025 after Club feedback.
- WT reinforced the importance of providing accurate Golfink numbers for Pennant Players when submitting team sheets.
- Daelene Crigan (L.Links) suggested an early start to pennant times across divisions. WT advised that start times were at the Club's discretion and the syllabus was structured around provided times.
- Universal Matchplay – there is still some confusion about when this applies. If clubs do not have a Match Play index they are to use Universal Matchplay Index not Stroke Index. WT noted 70% of District clubs use the Universal Index.
- Thank you to all the clubs who host our SWGA events & a special thanks to the women's committees for supporting the access to their clubs for District use.

Meeting Closed. 11.10am