



**VETERAN WOMEN GOLFERS
ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC.**

THE COAST GOLF CLUB

Monday 30 April 2018

ELLA BACKHOUSE SALVER



The Coast ladies once again retained the Ella Backhouse Salver in 2018 winning the event five times in the past ten years. The Salver is one of our most prestigious trophies donated to the VWGA by the Manly Lady Veterans in 1971. Mrs Backhouse was a member of Manly and one of our founding members (1949) and indeed our inaugural President (from 1950) – a position she held for 17 years before stepping down to the Vice Presidency in 1967.

Once again rain was a factor for the early players with 35mm falling during the night. Most of the bunkers were out of play and the deluge certainly helped with the cover on the fairways but unfortunately the downside was - no run. There was a 15mm preferred lie on the fairways but for many players it was difficult to determine the line and perhaps in future it should be 'through the green'. The two-club wind coming for the south was a huge influence on most holes and for the later players the sun appearing warmed up the body and made the location once again stunning.

The field was reduced this year to 92 players representing a good spread of 20 clubs throughout the Metropolitan area. Once again slow play was a major influence in getting the results out quickly with the final group being 40 minutes behind. Slow play is unfortunately becoming a reality in VWGA events and we will lose players at our tournaments unless it is addressed. This seems a repetitive comment but players are still not picking up if they are unable to score. Many of the ladies apparently do not understand the computerised system and the ramifications of completing a full card in a 2BBB event or not filling in the boxes correctly. This unfortunately gives the computer and the scorers nightmares – many cards had to be redone and entered manually, resulting in only a small number of ladies left for presentation.

The Tournament Manager was Jacky Parsons who was supported by Virginia Hewitt and the delegate, Joan Dunn. Thanks to the Pro for getting the field off without too much disruption due to a gas leak at Port Botany which caused many ladies (including myself) to be late for their tee time as Foreshore Road resembled a parking lot.



Congratulations to all the winners especially The Coast girls who showed the field how to handle the extreme blustery wind on this challenging course.

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WINNERS:

Carol Fukushima (17) and Shona Choy (24) (THE COAST) 41 points

Division 1:

Margaret Hogan (18) (THE COAST) and
Christine Shean (RANDWICK) (21) 36 points
c/b

Division 2:

Bernadette Green (26) and Kerry McPherson (35) (THE COAST) 35 points

Senior Veterans 70+

Robyn Hare (21) and Sandra Lane (37) (BALGWOLAH) 33 points

Lyn Walker, VWGA President, 14/05/18

