



MINUTES OF DELEGATE MEETING

Monday, 7th November 2022, Nudgee Golf Club, 1207 Nudgee Road, Nudgee, 4014.

Time: 9:30 am

MEETING OPENED

President Sue Strong declared the meeting open at 9:35 am and welcomed everyone.

1. ATTENDANCE

(a) **Management Committee:**

Sue Strong, Laraine Sutton, Renai Ridley, Robyn Byrnes, Jan Stapleton.

Apologies: Jacque Giles, Dawn Lane.

(b) **Delegates:**

Margaret Marshall (Ashgrove), Jackie Knowlman (Indooroopilly), Gillian Di Corleto (Keperra), Marie Voorma (Laidley), Deborah Marsland (McLeod), Debra Shand (Oxley), Marg. Ross (Pacific), Margaret Bennett (Redland Bay), Tracy Heading (Royal Qld), Pat Thomas (Sandgate), Roslyn Englund (Sandy Gallop), Ann Squires (Virginia), Katrina Gibson (Wantima), Carolyn Somerville (Wynnum).

(c) **Visitors:**

Sharyn Squire (Oxley), Jenny Gorton (Redland Bay), Mary Burns (Indooroopilly), Judy Logan (Golf Aust-Qld), Michele Stanley (Golf Aust-Qld), Clare Pole (Ashgrove), Leigh Christensen (Nudgee), Margaret Male (Virginia), Dr. Judith Griffiths Sport & Exercise Psychologist, Lee-Anne Hasenkam (Wynnum).

Proxies:

None

2. APOLOGIES

Chris Low (Ashgrove), Jan Waddy (Wantima), Joan Pererwa (Meadowbrook), Karen Nash (Redcliffe), Sue-Ellen Hopkins (Indooroopilly), Kim Storie (Royal Qld), Janet Nathanson (Brisbane).

3. GUEST SPEAKER – Dr Judith Griffiths Sport & Exercise Psychologist

Judith began her Power Point presentation by introducing herself, her background and sporting achievements and advising how she works with athletes of all ages to help them improve their performance. Judith conducts a lot of work with teams and individuals via online courses, or workshops to help them and specialising in Golf.

4. GUEST SPEAKER – Michele Stanley – Golf Aust/Qld division.

Michele spoke of the function held at Brisbane Golf Club on 24th October to celebrate the occasion of the centenary of the formation of the QLGU in this State. Several guest speakers were in attendance including District Presidents, representatives from Golf Australia and the CEO James Sullivan. Michele advised that James spoke recognising this important milestone and of the Golf Australia golf strategy. Michele encouraged all to visit the Golf Australia website to learn more.

Junior Girls Scholarship program. The Program designed to create a strong bond between girls aged between 10-16 and their golf and help reduce drop-out rates of teenage girls in golf.

The Australian Golf Foundation will provide each of the participating clubs/facilities funding (\$2,000 + GST) for a minimum of five and maximum of eight girls to cover the cost of:

- 24 sessions with a club professional and/or community instructor
- A shirt and cap with AGF Scholarship identification. Clubs/facilities may wish to add their logo to these items at their own cost.



Funding requires that each centre provides a one-year junior club membership that carries playing rights, to ensure girls can participate in club competitions and obtain a handicap
Centres will also have the option of raising additional funds to increase the subsidisation of membership fees, amount of coaching and/or number of girls involved.
The outline and the objectives of the program and all details may be found on the Australian Golf Foundation website.

5. GUEST SPEAKER – Jenny Gorton (Ladies President - Redland Bay Golf Club)

Sue introduced Jenny and advised that Redland Bay Golf Club was one of the recipients of the BDLGA Club Assistance Program.

Jenny outlined their program and it was for any new to golf ladies who completed the Golf Australia's "Get into Golf Women" program would be in the running to participate in the Club's "Graduates Trophy". The grant was used to cover the cost of all the Graduates prizes for 2022.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS DELEGATE MEETING

Minutes of previous Delegates Meeting held at Wolston Park Golf Club on Monday 11th July 2022 were circulated (via email links to the BDLGA website). Noted as true and correct by Roslyn Englund (Sandy Gallop) and seconded by Gillian Di Corleto (Keperra).

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

8. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – President Sue Strong

Our year is drawing to a close with only the Order of Merit next week to be played.

It has been difficult trying to organize events around the persistent wet weather, in the end forcing us to cancel a couple of tournaments. While the teams' event at Oxley on a Sunday was relatively successful, the weekend tournaments set down for at Virginia and Brisbane River had to be cancelled because of the poor attendance. We will continue with the weekend events next year hoping for better results.

Overall, our numbers are down on previous years. Something the Committee will have to address next year as costs will no doubt increase across the board. Regardless of increasing cost the BDLGA must still present a product that is enticing for players and that will encourage them to come and play. We have to make it exciting and worthwhile.

We also must have a product that encourages businesses to sponsor us. Without sponsorship we would struggle to provide the standard of trophies we have become accustomed to. We hope that next year our current sponsors will stay with us. If any of you know a business that could provide sponsorship, please let us know.

Clubs should have received the pennant draw for next year. Hopefully the new format will be a success, and enjoyed by all who participate.

We have had a busy couple of months with a number of inter-district tournaments taking place. In early September the BDLGA team of Leigh Christensen and Sonia Swanepoel from Nudgee, Jane MacDonnell and Judith Griffiths from Indooroopilly, Cherrie Morley from Pacific and Brooke Beck from Redland Bay played in the Meg Nunn Salver in Toowoomba at Middle Ridge. We could not have had a better group of players to represent us. They played outstanding golf, playing the game with great sportsmanship and skill. Unfortunately, we missed out on the Salver by one point. The overall winners were Far North Qld. The event will be held at Atherton next year.

At the Presidents meeting there was again discussion around changing the format to try and bring down the cost. However, there was no consensus among the group for a new format. Sunshine Coast have advised along with Golf North Qld that they may not be competing next year. They felt that they could not justify paying "x" amount of money for a small number of their ladies to play in the Meg Nunn when the money could be better spent elsewhere.



With the cost of airfares and accommodation increasing each year there must come a time when the BDLGA will think twice about entering. I believe that for the Meg Nunn to continue it must be supported by a Sponsor and an injection of funds by Golf Qld.

At the end of September, the Junior Jug was held on the Sunshine Coast in conjunction with Katherine Kirk. The tournament was a stroke event over three days with the best 2 nett scores taken each day to give an overall aggregate best nett result. The winners were Wide Bay District Golf Association. They were going to be hard to beat as on the first day, one of their players had a nett 60. Pretty good start to the event.

Our girls Natascha Tennant from Wynnum, Nicole Chen from Windaroo and Michela Samuels from RQ gave it their best shot, but to no avail. They played the best they could on the day and that's all that we could ask of them.

By all accounts their stay at the Apex club was thoroughly enjoyed, especially the extra coaching they received from visiting professionals. The BDLGA would like to thank Lee Harrington for organizing the program for the girls. I believe the concept is the way of the future ensuring the Junior Jug remains relevant. The BDLGA would also like to thank Lee for offering the services of one of her co-workers, Stacey Edwards, who chaperoned the girls in the absence of a BDLGA Committee member.

Eight juniors represented us in the annual Sarah Jane Kenyon Challenge against Sunshine Coast at Keperra. The team of Mikayla Dyal, Janie Carroll and Grace Kelleher from RQ, Lily Saba from Pacific, Allegra De Guzman, Angelina Drakos and Ky-An Vu from Brisbane and Tiyara Samararatne from Mt Warren Park. The girls played lovely golf but missed out on the day, going down 5 & 3.

The decision by the Committee to run a Grants program has been very well received with 7 clubs applying for the grant. We tried to accommodate everyone that applied with most of the amount money asked for. I believe the program is worthwhile doing again, if not next year maybe 2024.

I attended the 100-year celebrations of the Qld Ladies Golf Union a couple of weeks ago at Brisbane Golf Club. One of the objectives of the Union at the time and it was also that of the BDLGA in 1983 when we became a District, was to achieve equality in Clubs both in the game itself and in the management of Golf Clubs. It's rather sad that 100 years on we are still endeavouring to achieve it. A reminder that our AGM will be in March and again the Management Committee will be up for re-election. Over the last couple of years, the numbers on Committee have been down. At present we have 7 ideally, we would like to see at least 9. One of the positions that will become vacant is that of the Secretary. Laraine is standing down, but will remain a committee member. As the position is an appointed position it will be advertised on our web page and Facebook. Nominees will be interviewed and a successful applicant chosen. Please consider being a BDLGA Committee member. If not yourselves maybe you know someone who would fit the criteria.

We have a number of Committee meetings during the year at which you are required to attend along with attending BDLGA tournaments.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry and safe Xmas and let's hope that the weather treats us well in 2023 to allow us all to enjoy and play good golf.

9. PENNANT REPORT UPDATE – Pennant Chair, Robyn Byrnes.

The draft Draws were sent out in October and if any club has any issues let Robyn know. 23 Clubs nominated with 49 teams across 5 divisions. Two new clubs have entered, Boonah and Brisbane River. Pennants have been set up as "round Robins." Six matches for each draw only occurred in Sapphire, with 7 teams playing 6 games. Yellow Diamond has 8 teams playing 7 games. The other divisions and zones have less number of games.

We will look at the structure in 2024 with the aim of having each division playing 6 games.

The Pennant Regulations are in draft at the moment. One issue relates to the number of games needed to award the pennant, which was proposed at 60%.

Hoping to integrate Pennants with Golf Genius and hopefully that will cut down on paperwork.



10. TOURNAMENT REPORT UPDATE – Tournament Chair, Renai Ridley

2022 has been an interesting year to say the least. We knew our Calendar, heading into the 2nd half of the year would be a challenge. With so many club level events rescheduled from the wet start of the year it has seen a reduction in our event participation.

There have been some very successful events in our 2022 Calendar. In August we held the inaugural Lady Holt Teams Event. This event was generously sponsored by Jane Holt & Family. The team from McLeod won the Trophy this year with a 4-shot lead over the Keperra team. For the first time the sponsor team of Jane Holt, Debbie Reeves, Di Pisani & Liza Jane Scott won the trophy. Jane was very excited to win her Grandmother's event and the team generously declined their prize voucher so that 2nd and 3rd received the prizes.

Golf Central Brisbane Airport was our generous sponsor for the Interclub event, held at Wynnum and we thank them for their continued support. This event is designed for Committee or club representatives from all of our district clubs to come together and play a fun relaxed event. Groups play a Team Ambrose and have 2 players per club in each group to really mix the field and encourage that inter club spirit. The winning 2 club combo this year was from Carbrook & Wynnum Golf Clubs.

We held our First weekend event in many years and Vanity Fairways sponsored what was a fantastic day. Held at Oxley it was a team's event Stableford, similar format to the Lady Holt. The numbers were down on the original field but as this was a rescheduled event we were very happy to be able to hold the event. We had 11 clubs represented and it was good to see many in the field not regular BDLGA players. The winning team from Wolston Park, just pipped Sandy Gallop to the title. The Order of Merit registration is in full swing, with what looks to be an awesome event and golfing day. With uncertain sponsorship for the finale and the cancellation of some events Tangalooma Island Resort are our main sponsor for the Order of Merit with extremely generous prizes on offer for winners and runners up. They also have donated the Main Raffle prize for 2022 with an incredible 3-night getaway for 2 people.

The 2023 Fixture Calendar is complete. It is becoming very hard to secure bookings at many of our district clubs. Many of our midweek events can only be fitted in on Mondays which is not ideal for us as that clashes with many veterans events. We will keep trying to diversify playing days moving into upcoming years. Rising costs are also seeing increased green fees at all district clubs and availability is at a premium. For 2023 BDLGA Entry Green fees will be increasing midweek by \$5 per game to \$30. Weekend will remain at \$35. We have divided this increase across all events. We ask that whoever the representative is for the BDLGA, that you put up the flyers of our events on your clubs notice board. These are emailed out and can also be found on our Website.

If it is easier for some clubs to gather the player's names as per a traditional entry and email them through to tournaments we can invoice directly to the players. To operate this, we would need a very early cut off for entries so that payments don't need to be chased manually, which is what the Golf Genius system helps with. This may be easier for many players who do not like technology. Some events eg: Halcyon Cup, Country Day, Order of Merit & Lady Holt this would not be able to happen as entries from clubs are limited.

We are always looking at ways to improve our district events. Please feel free to contact us regarding any suggestions in improving what we are offering and how we operate. A big thank you to all the players who have supported us this year by playing in our events.

We look forward to the rest of the 2022 season.

11. FINANCIAL REPORT – Treasurer, Jan Stapleton

The total sum of money in our bank accounts is \$142,987.49. This includes competition fees & deposit for tournaments & Noosa Springs that have not taken place yet.

In August we approved payments to the 7 clubs who applied through our Assistance program, each club that applied received all or a percentage of their claim. Not all this money has been paid out yet as we are waiting for receipts from 3 clubs.



We remain in a very stable financial position and are always looking for new ways to help clubs increase their numbers and enjoyment to our game. If you have any ideas, please don't be shy to share them.

We are heading to the end of another successful year, and it is at this time people reflect on their year and their commitments. I would like to encourage all of you to consider joining the BDLGA committee to help continue the great efforts of those who have previously joined us. I know as I look around the room, I am looking at people who are committed to their clubs, but it maybe someone else in your club that maybe looking for a new challenge, please ask them to consider the BDLGA. Without the continued support of players from our clubs we will not be able to continue, Please consider joining the committee.

Any questions?

None.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Meg Nunn: Judy Logan spoke to the comments that Sue mentioned in her report re Meg Nunn Salver. Judy mentioned that Golf Aust already contributes funds for this event and that Golf Aust gives it to the Districts' that are most needy. Brisbane District has a lot of money. The majority of Meg Nunn players this year that Judy had contact with has advised that they are willing to pay for the trip themselves. Possibly every 2 years.

BDLGA 9-Hole Comp. Sue announced that she was thinking of introducing a 9-hole comp to offer our members something different.

Several members advised that their Club does already have a 9-hole comp for their members, being for new members or the older members that don't want to play 18 holes in the hotter months.

Club Assistance Program.

Question asked of what initiatives were funded in the grant. Advised funds were used for storm damage on a golf course, golf lessons for juniors, building damage due to flooding, Pennant Shirts. Because we are a not-for-profit Association, we are able to distribute funds back to the members through this program.

13. BDLGA DISTRICT BROOCH PRESENTATIONS TO CLUBS' representatives:

Ashgrove, Keperra, Laidley, McLeod, Nudgee, Oxley, Pacific (received previously), Royal Qld, Sandy Gallop, Virginia, Wantima. Redcliffe (will be posted).

Wynnum also received the Pennant Flag for Weekend Silver Z2.

MEETING CLOSED at 10:45 am.

Next Meeting: TBA. Venue: TBA

**Attendance Sheet 2022 BDLGA
Monday 07th November 2022, Nudgee Golf Club**

DELEGATES OR PROXIES – SIGN ON

PLEASE TICK

Affiliated Club	Name	Signature	DELEGATE	PROXY
Ashgrove	MARGARET MARSHALL	<i>M Marshall</i>	✓	
Bay Islands				
Boonah				
Brisbane				
Brisbane River				
Brookwater				
Bulimba				
Carbrook				
Esk				
Gailes				
Indooroopilly	J. Knowlman	<i>J Knowlman</i>	✓	
Ipswich				
Jindalee				
Keperra	GILLIAN D. GORRETO	<i>G Gorreto</i>	✓	
Laidley	M. VOORMA	<i>M Voorma</i>		
Lowood				
McLeod	D. MARSLAND	<i>D Marsland</i>	✓	
Meadowbrook				
Mt Warren Park				
North Stradbroke				
Nudgee				
Oxley	Debra Shand	<i>D Shand</i>	✓	
Pacific	Marg Ross	<i>M Ross</i>	✓	
Pine Rivers				
Redcliffe				
Redland Bay	Margaret Bennett		✓	
Riverlakes				
Rosewood				
Royal Queensland	Tracy Heading	<i>T Heading</i>	✓	
Sandgate	PAT THOMAS	<i>P Thomas</i>	✓	
Sandy Gallop	ROS ENGLUND	<i>R Englund</i>	✓	
Toogoolawah				
Village Links				
Virginia	ANN SQUIRES	<i>A Squires</i>	✓	
Wantima	KATRINA GIBSON	<i>K Gibson</i>	✓	
Windaroo				
Wolston Park				
Wynnum	CAROLYN SOMERVILLE	<i>C Somerville</i>	✓	
Management Committee Brisbane & District Ladies Golf Assoc Inc				
Rena Ridley	<i>R Ridley</i>			
L. Sutton	<i>L Sutton</i>			
S. Strong	<i>S Strong</i>			
Jan Slagter	<i>J Slagter</i>			

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