



Western Australian Business Ladies' Golf Association (Inc)

CELEBRATING



W A B L G A

25TH ANNIVERSARY

1979 - 2004

Competing Teams:

Green Division

Bunbury Golf Club
 Cottesloe Golf Club
 Gosnells Golf Club
 Mandurah Country Club
 Mt Lawley Golf Club
 The Vines Golf Club

Gold Division

Hartfield Golf Club
 Mosman Park Golf Club
 Royal Fremantle Golf Club
 Royal Perth Golf Club
 West Australian Golf Club
 Wanneroo Golf Club

Affiliated Non-completing Teams:

Kwinana Golf club
 Seaview Golf Club
 Lake Karrinyup

Venues:

Round 1
 Round 2
 Round 3
 Round 4
 Round 5
 Final

Mandurah Country Club
 Hartfield Golf Club
 West Australian Golf Club
 Bunbury Golf Club
 Royal Fremantle Golf Club
 Cottesloe Golf Club

2004 PENNANT CHAMPIONS

'Royal Perth Golf Club'



L to R Chris Fast, Sandy McEntee, Judy Stewart, Jill Glover, Nola Eastlake, Sandra Dean, Jenny Smithson
 Absent: Norma Holmes, Grace Molloy, Penelope Radunovich, Linda Whyte
 Cassandra Hywood (Non Playing Captain)



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION (INC.)

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2004 Committee:

President: Lynette Clohessy

Secretary: Pauline Evans

Treasurer: Sandy McEntee

Committee: Jill Hibben

Committee: Maureen McPhee



L to R Jill Hibben, Sandy McEntee, Pauline Evans, Maureen McPhee, Lynette Clohessy

Life Members: Eileen Dawson MBE

Patsy Best

Maureen Thomas



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR LIFE MEMBERS



Mrs Eileen Dawson MBE
Royal Perth

Congratulations to WABLGA on reaching and celebrating your 25th Anniversary. I am fortunate to have had a long and close association with Business Associates from many clubs for many years, and for long before they became the organised group they are now in 1979.

Among many of my happy memories is the organisation of annual clinics at the South Perth foreshore. Individual helpers for every type of golf shot – driving, long irons, short irons, chipping and putting – were co-opted and instead of buckets of balls, a wheat bag containing 800 golf balls was used! Another high spot was the weekend camp held at Yanchep in 1972. The memory of Pat Edward's lethal cocktail called "White Cargo" remains fresh, as does the incident of Maureen Lissiman nobly sacrificing her double bed (the only one) to a honeymoon couple who had made an error with bookings.

Over the years, WABLGA has produced many outstanding players and administrators. Numerous State representatives, both State and Junior, have served their time with WABLGA and many of your members have continued to contribute to golf by serving on their individual Club executives and WGWA executives and committees.



Patsy Best
Lake Karrinyup

I have some wonderful memories of playing Business Associates prior to the formation of WABLGA. The first Yanchep camp comes to mind. Over eighty BA's – and one poor honeymoon couple! – descended on Yanchep for a weekend. In accommodation far more elegant than how we spent a weekend being coached by the then Who's Who of Womens Golf. Eileen Dawson, Maxine Bishop, Jane Hayter and Val Gmeiner all gave their time to help us and there was much fun and laughter. In 1979 at the first meeting of the original committee we established WABLGA's tradition of apportioning duties. Only four members could attend so we promptly gave the absentee, Maureen Thomas, the most difficult job of secretary!! We were fondly known by some as the "Gang of Five". Probably the most enjoyable part of playing Business Associates' golf was, and is, the great fun and fellowship.



Maureen Thomas
Royal Perth

The history of the Business Associate's group has been well documented, from its inauguration by a small group of women, through its formative years, to the establishment of WABLGA. I remember, with pride, the involvement there was in various Women's Gold activities, ranging from Junior camps to Australian Championships, and the contribution made by many BA's. 25 years on, WABLGA members live in a different world, with changed working conditions and needs at variance with those early times. Numbers have increased as more clubs have become involved, but the strength of the Association is still the same – the bond that exists among its members, united by common interests and their enjoyment of the game of golf. My congratulations to all who have worked for WABLGA over the last 25 years, especially to Committee members, through whose commitment members can still enjoy the benefits of the foresight of Norah Watts and her friends.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION (INC.)

INTRODUCTION

In the very beginning of golf it could be assumed there have always been weekend women golfers. Mary, Queen of Scots, may have been the first – affairs of State, husbands and lovers may have kept her busy during the week, but she did love her golf!

Although many women play weekend golf throughout Australia, Western Australia we believe is unique in having a special association, with a constitution and an elected organising committee, for weekend players. By definition Business Associates are those working women golfers who cannot play in mid-week competitions regularly. Over the past twenty five years (and previously) these women have formed groups for organised weekend play.

WABLGA provides an annual events calendar with the set fixtures - Championships, Pennants, Foursomes and Opening and Closing days – being hosted on a rotational basis by all member clubs, which in turn provides an exceptional opportunity for its members to play golf at top private golf clubs. With the increasing popularity of golf and golf club memberships, the challenge continues for WABLGA to encourage clubs to offer their courses for WABLGA fixtures.

FORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE

At an extraordinary meeting of the Business Associates held at Royal Perth Golf Club on 20 November 1978 it was moved by Maureen Thomas, seconded by Kay Briggs, that “a committee of five people be elected for a two year term to organise the Metropolitan Business Associates’ affairs.”

The members of the first committee were Patsy Best, Kay Briggs, Karen Holdsworth, Marjorie Sweetman and Maureen Thomas. This committee organised the writing of a formal constitution and laid down the expectations of the Association.

The committee of five is elected from the membership of our affiliated clubs to manage the affairs of the Association including organising venues, running the Pennant Competition, Championships, Foursomes Championships, Silver Spoon Competition, the Eileen Dawson Trophy, the Norah Watts Trophy. Meetings are held quarterly at Royal Perth Golf Club, each club providing two voting delegates. The AGM is held in conjunction with the November delegates meeting; observers are welcome at all meetings and to participate in the AGM.

OUR EMBLEM - THE SWINGING SWAN

When the Business Associates held a weekend camp at Yanchep a booklet was made and the compiler, Patsy Best, had on the cover a “swinging” B.A.

When the then President of the WALGU asked the above for an idea of a gift to give the interstate teams when they came for the Australian Championships in 1971, it was decided to find a suitable emblem to silk screen on to shoe bags.

Kay Briggs and Patsy Best consulted Tony Davis, an Art Teacher at Carine High School and submitted some rough ideas. They wanted to get away from the staid and stereotyped swan that was the State emblem. After much discussion Tony drew several swans and the two ladies made a choice of what became known as “The Swinging Swan”. This emblem was first used on shoe bags then towels and sunshades. All these were made for visiting teams, national and international. The “Swinging Swan” was also put on a small number of T-shirts. B.A.’s from all clubs helped make these items.



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OUR LIFE MEMBERS

At a dinner to celebrate Eileen Dawson becoming a Life Member of WABLGA in 1979, a silver brooch was made in the shape of the swinging swan by Jack Gardiner, manufacturing jeweller of Perth. As this had become synonymous with the Business Associates, WABLGA officially adopted it as its emblem.

In 1989, Maureen Thomas and Patsy Best were also honoured by WABLGA and became Life Members, both being presented with Swinging Swan brooches.

THE PENNANT COMPETITION

In 1956, Nora Watts of Royal Fremantle Golf Club, thought there were many women in metropolitan golf clubs restricted to weekend play that would benefit from and gain match play experience by playing in a regular pennant competition with other clubs. Delegates from Sea View, Cottesloe, Lake Karrinyup, Royal Fremantle and Mount Lawley Golf Clubs met and selected a committee to organise such a competition. Members of this original committee were Norah Watts, Elaine Holland (Mrs E Shephard) and K Simpson (Mrs K Perry). In 1957 teams from the five clubs played home and away matches -Cottesloe Golf Club were the inaugural Pennant winners. The Pennant competition has always been played off handicap providing an opportunity for players of all abilities to participate.

A committee - Weekend Pennant Committee - conducted the Pennant Competition for a few years until it was decided that each club would be responsible for organisation on a rotational basis. After the competition had been in progress for 3 years the WALGU presented a perpetual shield. Since 1960 other clubs, including Bunbury, Gosnells, Hartfield, Kwinana, Mandurah, Mosman Park, Rockingham, Royal Perth, WAGC, and Wanneroo have joined the pennant competition.

In 2004, of the 15 affiliated Clubs, 12 teams participated in the pennant competition including two country teams (Bunbury and Mandurah). Rockingham no longer participates in the WABLGA.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

In 1975, Maureen Thomas proposed a Business Ladies Championship in which all working women could compete – our Championships have been played every year since and, being played in four divisions enable golfers of all abilities to participate.

THE WAY FORWARD

In 1978, the delegates from each club in the Pennant Competition decided, since a variety of activities of the weekend golfers had increased since the inception of the pennant competition, the load of organisation should be taken from an individual club and returned to a committee and in 1979 the 'West Australian Business Ladies Golf Association' was born!

Many fine golfers have come from the ranks of the Business Ladies. Included among them are Maxine Bishop, Elaine Shephard, Patsy Best, Kay Briggs, Mardi Johnson, Shonna Bremner, Annette Gliddon, Sharon Dawson, Ros Fisher, Helen Johnson, Jessica Clyde, Diana Gurr, Pam Fairburn, Pat Higgins, Viv Stewart, Shani Waugh, Pam Blake, Penny Clohessy, Chelsea Ellis and Cassandra Hywood who were all State representatives in Senior State Teams. Shani Waugh, Clair Elvidge and Donna Crouch are ex Business Associates who have gone on to become professionals. The weekend pennant competition provides a fine training ground for the State's younger golfers who, because of their studies, cannot play in midweek pennant competition.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION (INC.)

MAJOR WABLGA FIXTURES

Opening Day

This was inaugurated as an informal get together for clubs and has developed into a 18 hole competition traditionally followed by a meal and the opportunity to introduce the incoming WABLGA Committee.

Pennants

Pennants have grown from an initial 5 clubs with home and away matches to a membership of 15 Clubs with the consequent complications of finding suitable courses over the relatively short period of time available. Pennants are now played in two divisions (Green and Gold) with the winners of each division playing for the pennant, and clubs playing for their position in the following year's fixture. The pennant flag has for a number of years been made by Sue Coombes of Gosnells Golf Club.

WABLGA Ros Fisher Trophy for the Best Pennant Performance

Ros Fisher donated this perpetual trophy of a crystal swan in 1995 to say "thank you" to the Business Associates for the support she received during ten years in the State Squad, and in recognition of the difficulty of being a Business Associate and playing top quality golf. It is awarded to the most consistent pennant player, this player being initially one who wins all matches. In the event of a tie match scores are taken into account.

Championships

In 1975, the first championship was played. Eligibility was restricted to full time working women and students over the age of 15 who did not play mid-week pennants or mid-week competition regularly.

The format consisted of two qualifying rounds played on the player's home course on days during the month of June. The best eight gross aggregate scores over the two rounds in each of the four handicap divisions qualified for match play. To allow for the differences in difficulty of courses the gross scores were compared with the standard scratch of the course on that day. The qualifying players in each division then played knockout match play at the same venue on three consecutive Sundays in July. Nowadays this is impossible and the quarter, semi and final matches are played on three different courses.

The winner of the inaugural championship was Kay Heatley (Mrs K Briggs). In 1977 the WAGLU donated a perpetual trophy for the championship.

The eligibility for the championship is now extended to all women golfers over the age of 15 deemed by their clubs to be Business Associates and who are affiliated with WABLGA, and the format remains generally the same.

The Betty Newman Trophy – Best Nett

In 1977 a perpetual trophy for the best nett aggregate over two championship qualifying rounds was provided by Royal Fremantle Golf Club Business Associates in memory of Betty Newman.

Patsy Best & Maureen Thomas Trophy – Best Gross

In 1989 a perpetual trophy was given by two life members, Patsy Best and Maureen Thomas, for the best gross aggregate over two championship qualifying rounds.

Eileen Dawson Perpetual Trophy (Teams Event)

This trophy was inaugurated to honour Mrs Eileen Dawson MBE who has given untiring support and service to the 'weekenders' over a period of many years. It is awarded to the Club with the best five nett scores from the second qualifying round of the Championships.



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WGWA Silver Spoon

The silver spoon is a most prestigious trophy awarded for the best three nett rounds of five designated stroke rounds.

Foursomes Championships

Offering best gross, nett and runners up trophies, the Foursomes Championships are open to all members.

Closing Day

All championship Trophies and the Nora Watts Foundation Trophy are presented on Closing Day. This trophy was inaugurated in memory of Nora Watts, without whose foresight WABLGA would not have existed. It is a team's event open to all handicaps and is played at a different Club each year.

Weekenders vs Midweek Players Challenge

In 1969 a team of Business Associates, led by Pat Higgins of Royal Perth, challenged the mid-week Associates team led by Eileen Dawson to a match play event. Initially only singles matches were played but later, four foursome and eight singles matches were played. Although the Business Associates never won a round of matches the fixture was taken very seriously and was supported by a following of interested spectators. Unfortunately this event is no longer on the fixtures calendar.





Pauline Evans
Mt Lawley Golf Club

Pauline is well known to most of you as the capable and serene WABLGA Secretary. Approaching her fourth year in the position, Pauline is a passionate supporter of our organisation.

Beginning her golf in the country (at Collic, during a teaching posting), Pauline initially played golf at Wembley and represented WA in the PCA (Public Course Association) State team. She continued to play Saturday golf at Wembley before joining Mt Lawley 6 years ago. Pauline won Division 2 Championships in 2002.

Work: School Librarian
 Favourite Food: Curries
 Pets: "Rupert" – an 11 year old English Sheep Dog which bites WABGLA Treasurers.
 Hobbies: Gardening and sewing (for her 8 grandchildren)
 And WABLGA? In Pauline's words – "A fantastic organisation for working women to play the game they love and, of course, the opportunity to play competitively."



Marlene Benbow
Gosnells Golf Club

Marlene has been a member at her Club for 8 years. In 2004, whilst Leader at Gosnells, Marlene also found time to win Division 4 of the WABLGA Championships, which she describes as the highlight of her golfing life. "I am not a naturally competitive person and honestly prefer the social side of the game. However, having qualified in the championships 5 years running, I really, really wanted to win this year."

Work: Maintenance Co-ordinator in the oil and gas industry
 Favourite Food: Crayfish – anytime, any place, any way!
 Pets: "Bud" – the Jack Russell dog.
 Family: Two daughters – one working on an oil rig in the North Sea
 And WABLGA? Marlene loves the social side of golf and the opportunities that WABLGA provides



Jan Downing
Gosnells Golf Club

Jan has been a member of WABLGA for as long as almost anyone can remember. She has served on our Committee at various times for a total of 6 years, and has a Division 2 & Division 3 Championship to her name, as well as other achievements. Although due to business commitments, Jan has been unable to participate in WABLGA events recently, she is anxious to get back in the action.

Work: Coffee shop proprietor
 Favourite Food: Anything that someone else cooks
 Favourite Drink: Anything that someone else pours
 Pets: A miniature Schnauzer called "Waldie" – very handsome and totally unspoiled
 Nick Names: "Mother Grump"
 And WABLGA? "The most fantastic concept – working women have the opportunity to play golf, socialise and, of course, make lasting friendships. I have some great memories of the fun after a Pennant match, when (before drink driving) it wasn't unusual for the girls from all clubs to socialise well into the afternoon."



THE CLUBS

Bunbury Golf Club

Bunbury Business Associates formed in 1985 due to the enthusiasm of Marion Johnston and Jean Richardson. Now known as Saturday Women Golfers, this enthusiastic group continues to thrive. Many golfers from the Wednesday Ladies group regularly play in our competition providing more variety of partners and a healthy rivalry.

Our first pennant involvement was restricted to South West Coastal Pennants. In 1994 Robyn Waugh and Desiree Gardiner rallied a team together to join the WABLGA Pennant Competition. We have continued to participate since and in the last two years have achieved our highest ranking of fourth position. During the six weeks pennant competition, and for other WABLGA events, we regularly leave home between 4.30 and 6.30am – a measure of our enthusiasm and commitment. The long road trips ensure the development of a supportive camaraderie amongst our players which is extended to others at WABLGA events. These friendships are a vital component of WABLGA membership.

One of our group's idiosyncrasies is the awarding of the 'Lorry Keet' trophy each Saturday. Formerly known as Ian Baker Finch 11, the chirpy toy lorikeet is awarded to the player who has made the 'most laughable and outrageous' golfing *faux pas* for the day. The winner is judged by the loudest applause after hearing all submissions.

BBA is the medium through which promising juniors get a chance to prove themselves. We are proud to have had the likes of Shani Waugh, Jessica Clyde, Chelsea Ellis, Ayesha Evans, and Penny and Andrea Clohessy playing with our group through the years.

Our current long serving WABLGA representative, pennant captain and all round enthusiastic WABLGA participant is Del MacNeill. We are all very grateful for her encouragement and unceasing enthusiasm and nurturing of us all.

Members for 2004 are Kris Annane, Tracey Hackett, Maureen Slattery, Jan Argeat, Jo Jones, Peta Van Wyk, Wendy Burns, Delys MacNeill, Kathy Clark, Anne MacPherson, Denice Dunn, Lorraine Martin, Helen Edwards, Zelda Meads

Cottesloe Golf Club

Cottesloe Business Associates was first formed in 1936, the members being Verna Glossop (Properjohn), Bernie Rynall(Reid), Glad Hawkes and Ethel Knight (Bate). The subscription fee at the time was 3 Pounds and the group was known as "The Weekenders". Verna remained a member, was Captain/Leader for many years and was still playing golf in the late 1980's.

In 1957 a team from Cottesloe, led by Elaine Shepherd (Holland), was successful in winning the first WABLGA pennant. By 1958 Cottesloe had 36 members and the name "Weekenders" was changed to Cottesloe Business Associates. Cottesloe has produced many notable players including State representatives Elaine Shepherd, Kay Briggs (Heatley), Viv Stewart, Pam Blake, Jessica Clyde, Helen Pullinger (Johnson), Sally Page and Penny Clohessy.

Members for 2004 are Lisa Browne, Helle Christiansen, Beth Coning, Lee Dick, Cheryl Gregory, Suzette Harding, Tracey Johnston, Brenda Jones, Janine Kyle, Sandy Morton, Jackie O'Sullivan, Jane Perkins, Patricia Scolaro, Marion Smith, Anne Tregonning, Gail Warrilow, Jacky Yardley

Kwinana Golf Club

Members for 2004 are Kim Bear, Kim Chin Tee, Jackie NG

Mandurah Country Club

As we celebrate 25 years of WABLGA, Mandurah Country Club Business Ladies Group reflect on 10 years of fellowship, growing friendships, wonderful days of golf on many courses, in both the Perth metropolitan area and a couple of country courses, thanks to WABLGA.

The group started in 1994, like many good things, by happy accident. Two groups of two working ladies, played at the weekend. Then they met, decided to play together, and, as they say in the classics, the rest is history. Our History! Over the next four years the group grew in very small increments, one step forward and two steps back. It went a bit like this; a working lady would join the group, play a couple of weeks, and then never return. We thought, more than once, we were scaring them off by making them too welcome! Fortunately, we did manage to hold on to a couple and in 1998 we thought we were ready to join WABLGA! We joined in 1999 with 6 members.

One of first WABLGA functions we had representation (2) was the 20 year WABLGA Celebration. We were made welcome from the beginning, and looked forward, from then, to a new and exciting, era.

We played our first pennant season in 1999 and then again in season 2000 with the help of two players from Kwinana. From season 2001 we have fielded a pennant team drawn, solely, from the Mandurah Group. Our best performance to date was season 2004 when we finished seventh and Jane Lord, one of our original members, took out the much coveted Ros Fisher perpetual trophy for most individual games won.

Since we joined WABLGA, our Group has grown to 15.

In 2002 we hosted our inaugural Invitation Day for WABLGA members, although that day was played at times in torrential rain, it was a success. In 2003 and 2004 the same event was played in kinder weather and there were more participants. We are hopeful that this annual event will continue into the foreseeable future.

Groups like ours do not survive without people who are willing to give of their time and energies. We have been extremely fortunate, from the beginning, to have members who have busy careers, homes and families to run, and still have the passion to keep our group viable.

To the original Golfing Four, all of whom are still playing members of our Group, thanks, let's go for another ten years.

To WABLGA, you are inspirational and we are proud to be members.

CONGRATULATIONS ON 25 YEARS!

Members for 2004 are Vikki Bancroft, Jenny Burton, Bett Ellery, Barbara Hall, Amanda Hurren, Joanne Kirby, Cheryl Kowald, Noreen Letch, Rhonda Lock, Jane Lord, Lee McLaughlin, Lorraine Nielsen, Kerry Sachse, Lois Tenni, Doreen Young

Mosman Park Golf Club

Mosman Park Golf Club was founded in 1960 and although several attempts were made over the years to start a weekend competition for ladies, it was not until one Saturday morning in March 2002 that two ladies "formed a competition". During the following weeks and months Donna and Chris were joined by other equally enthusiastic ladies and since then, on occasions, we have been known to field a competition of 14.

The next step seemed obvious. We approached the WA Business Ladies Golf Association and in May 2003 became members. This membership has opened up a whole new world for us and in 2004 we signed up for our first Pennants competition. We welcome the opportunity to again be part of the WABLGA Championships and this year, Mosman Park Golf Club will host the quarter-finals.

We are in awe of the dedicated and hard working WABLGA committee and the enthusiasm shown by all the members. We hope that our affiliation with WABLGA will be long standing and that we can offer the support that this organisation deserves.

Members for 2004 are Chris Andrew, Eve Broadley, Sandra Colson, Carole Hopkins, Helen Lewis, Lynette Meyer, Donna Parsons, Robyn Travers.

Lake Karrinyup Country Club

Over the last few years LKCC has experienced a decrease in the number of Business Associates. Some have moved interstate or overseas to work, others have married and are busy with young children whilst still others have retired or changed to part time work and play mid week golf. In recent months we have welcomed some new weekend golfers.

Members for 2004 are Catherine Black, Wendy Chidgey, Dyana Fripp, Janie May Halbert, Susan Hamilton, Antoinette Hinchley, Kim Holman, Lynne Hughes, Audrey Jackson, Sue King, Judy Kurowski, Amandia Lekias, Claire Macaulay, Shirley McCabe, Kirsten McGlashen, Elizabeth Nyein, Kate Scally, Joanne Sideris and Deb Tanham.

Gosnells Golf Club

Gosnells Business Associates commenced in 1965 with 4 ladies and was started by Betty Connell. Arrangements were very casual, the general feeling from the members was that the women would not get many players and would eventually tire of playing early on Saturdays. This did not happen and numbers gradually increased. Dot Elliott was the weekend organiser for 10 years and was instrumental, together with representatives from other clubs, in drawing up the constitution for WABLGA.

Jan Downing is the longest member of the Gosnells Business Associates, having been a member for 26 years. Ros Fisher is the most notable player, having represented WA in 1989, 1990 and 1994 in Interstate matches, and being part of the State squad from 1987 to 1996.

The Gosnells Business Associates have continued to grow and presently have a membership of 28 players. Junior players are fully supported and encouraged.

Members for 2004 are: Glynn Andersen, Marlene Benbow, Lyn Bennett, T Bennett, Lorraine Buirchell, Grace Cheetham, Sue Coombs, Marilyn Corbett, Ros Fisher, Cheryl Hough, Julie Jones, Kylie Jones, Rosemary Kerr, Elaine Lennox, Bev Lewis, Therese Lord, Maureen McPhee, Jenny Murphy, Judy Pearson, Michelle Phillips, Chris Sapienza, Linda Sexton, Jacky Shade, Doreen Stubbs, Vicky Taylor, Bev Thompson, Julie Tink, Veronica Winterbourn.

Hartfield Country Club

The Kalamunda Golf Club moved down to Forrestfield in 1974 to form Hartfield Country Club. The initial Hartfield Business Associates included Ronda Claessen, Margot Phillips (Parkes), Margaret Austin (Coates), Ellaine Jopling, Margaret Harper and Gay Carter. They participated in business associates events from 1976, and joined the business associates pennants in 1978. They formally joined the new official WABLGA in 1979-80. According to the still preserved 1980 Hartfield 'business girls' file, the first Hartfield Business Leader was Margot Phillips and the Pennant Captain, Ronda Claessen. Other HCC business women in that first year of 1980 were Margaret Austin, Gay Carter, Sue Negus, Ellaine Jopling, Barbara Simpson, Kaye Pengilly, Elizabeth Newsham, and Joy Kirwan.

Margaret Austin was the WABLGA Secretary in 1981-2. Ellaine Jopling was WABLGA Secretary in 1984 and President in 1985.

The "Swinging Swan" emblem was designed by BA's and used on many occasions ie: towels, shoe bags etc. Margot Phillips arranged for Jack Gardiner, a Manufacturing Jewellery in Perth, to make the solid sterling silver "Swinging Swan" Brooch presented to Eileen Dawson as first Life Member of WABLGA.

In 1990, Hartfield Business Associates ceased to exist as a club category, when they became 7 day full members, with equal rights at Hartfield Country Club as an equal opportunity club. However, as working women golfers they continue as enthusiastic members of WABLGA.

Members for 2004 are Judy Arthur, Janine Ferguson, Peggy King, Doris Manihera-Duncan, Maureen Pattinson, Barbara Simpson, Nolinee Tukaokao, June Waters

Mt Lawley Golf Club

The formation of the Business Associates at Mt Lawley goes back to 1941 when the girls were referred to as 'The Weekenders' and the playing times followed the mens' field on a Saturday afternoon. Phil Barras, who joined in 1945, is still playing for Mt Lawley associates. We have 25 Saturday Business Associates and 15 Sunday Business Associates.

Members for 2004 are Audrey Abbott, Marie Almond, Cheryl Barnett, Gail Bayly, Jenny Beake, Sharon Bell, Delys Dear, Judy D'Mello, Pauline Evans, Ros Fanowrios, Lori Grech, Kerry French, Bobby Henn, Lyn Johnson, Anne Kofoed, Alison Lynch, J McCarthy, C McLure, Julie Morley, Elizabeth Nyein, Jo O'Hern, Joan Peacock, Robyn Quinn, Jan Rayner, Wendy Robertson, Sue Stevens, Margaret Wall, Rhonda Williams, Alison Wiseman, Harriet Zimmerman.

Royal Fremantle Golf Club

Royal Fremantle has a long history of Business Associates pre dating 1956. Norah Watts, the originator the Weekend pennant Competition was a member, as was Betty Newman. Consequently, Royal Fremantle Business Associates have participated in combined club events since their inauguration and have provided a great deal of support for WABLGA events and for the Committee.

Jill Hibben is a former state player having represented WA in 1984 and 1985, was non playing Captain in 1987, (Juniors) 2000 and (Seniors) 2001.

Members for 2004 are Nicole Bertinshaw, Megan Grant, Bronwyn Rakimov, Viv Black, Joan Harwood, Alison Robinson, Hellen Brewer, Jill Hibben, Pam Thompson, Margaret Dally, Gee Lightfoot, Bev Vickers, Alanna Fandry, Jenny Montague, Marilyn Zagar, Jeanette Gilmore, Mawa Morrissey

Royal Perth Golf Club

Business Associates (or "Weekenders") pre-date 1960. Membership over the years has included a number of people who have represented their Club with distinction, both in their golfing pursuits and by their contribution to the WGWA and WABLGA executives.

Our most eminent BA – Maxine Bishop – is legendary in WA golfing history, having won the WA, Victorian, Australian and New Zealand titles, as well as playing in both the WA and Australian teams. More recently, Chelsea Ellis and Cassandra Hywood have played in the State team.

We continue to be ardent supporters of WABLGA and congratulations on 25 years!

Members for 2004 are Levene Allen, Marie Heavens, Eva Oldfield, Stacey Apostolou, Glynis Hinton, Jaynie Pearson, Judith Arrowsmith, Norma Holmes, Penelope Radunovich, Claire Brady, Chelsea Ellis, Cassandra Hywood, Pauline Singh, Sharon Cork, Judy Ilich, Jenny Smithson, Sandra Dean, Tracey Maitland, Judy Stewart, Nola Eastlake, Cheyenne Martin, Sue Taylor, Christina Fast, Sandra McEntee, Mary Watt, Annie Fowler, Grace Molloy, Anne Webster, Ingrid Gilfillan, Katie Molloy, Linda Whyte, Jill Glover, Lee Moore, Sue Goundry, Heather Norris,

Seaview Golf Club

Members for 2004 are Christine Cook, Judith Massart, Roslyn Davies, Carolyn Thompsom

The Vines

Members for 2004 are Rhonda Carter, Dottie Chaine, Ann Clublely, Barbara Donnell, Althaea (Wiggy) Harley, Jenny Leong, Muriel Oliver, Megan Oliver, Catherine Wilkinson, Anke Wolpers.

Wanneroo Golf Club

Business Associates were part of the Wanneroo Golf Club at its inception in 1973. In those early years the club enjoyed a healthy membership averaging 20 – 30 in the field each Sunday. They participated keenly in the Business Associates Pennants and events involving other metropolitan Weekend groups.

Wanneroo was more like a rural club in the early days with no club house or caterers. All presentations were conducted in “The Tin Shed” and members brought a plate when events were held requiring lunch. Because of this, Wanneroo became noted for its great food.

Each year Wanneroo hosts the Club of Origin Match where members play for the ‘Merle Crawford Foundation Shield’, representing their original clubs. The shield honours Merle who was a foundation member of Wanneroo Business Associates who has contributed an enormous amount to the Club.

Members for 2004 are Evelyn Boyd, Rita Conway, Myra Griffin, Liz Gudden, Kay Hammer, Sue Snowden, Sally Watkins, Helen Pullinger, Sue Fitzgerald, Margaret Cooper-White, Denise Vassallo, Chris Hilmi, Ronnie Johnson and Beth O’Reilly.

West Australian Golf Club

The weekend golfing group at WAGC was first established in 1961, playing on Sundays at 9.30am under the leadership of Patsy Best with Maureen Thomas also being an inaugural member. Although membership numbers were low for a number of years, the Club first entered the weekend pennant competition in 1963.

There was no official recognition of female weekend players in the constitution of the club in the early years, but progress is definitely underway. WAGC now has 28 members and has regular tee times from 8.30 on a Saturday morning, giving our members the opportunity to play both days on the weekend.

The club is a strong supporter of WABLGA, with two of our members – Majella Dowden and Lynette Clohessy – both serving terms as WABLGA President during the last 6 years. Our members are also very enthusiastic attendees at WABLGA events and have been regular participants in the WABLGA pennant competition over the years.

Members for 2004 are Veronica Barker, Pam Downie, Lesa Muir, Pina Caffarelli, Helen Edmonds, Emma Plumb, Louise Carson, Robin Edwards, Ruth Riatti, Lynette Clohessy, Helen Egan, Joan Ross, Lynette Cooper, Jenny Hill, Jan Ryan, Wendy Corbitt, C McKenna, Gill Walsh, Majella Dowden, Noeline Mudge, Chris Williams

CHAMPIONSHIPS

	1975	1976	1977	1978
Division 1	K Heatly	S Leahy	K Briggs	K Briggs
Runner up	P Best	M Johnston	S Leahy	P Best
Division 2	J Strutton	K Holdsworth	P Fuller	R Claessen
Runner up	H Priestley	G Coughlan	G Bott	J Collins
Division 3	P Fuller	G Treasure	J Downing	P Fossey
Runner up	S Scholley	M Steele	J Collins	M Webster
Division 4	S Barnes	G Brockman	T Beckett	M Almond
Runner up	E Goode	V Mowbray	L Dovey	J Bath
	1979	1980	1981	1982
Division 1	K Briggs	S Bremner	M Johnston	M Dungey
Runner up	P Best	K Briggs	P Best	S Dawson
Division 2	M Lissiman	K Mitchell	R Claessen	M Kinsella
Runner up	G Brockman	C Mercer	M Harper	A Tate
Division 3	L Fernie	B Finch	G Brockman	M Latham
Runner up	B Madelina	M Webster	S Lissiman	M Almond
Division 4	No result	No result	B Lukies	S Mann
Runner up	No result	No result	P Mitchess	S Page
	1983	1984	1985	1986
Division 1	M Dungey	H Johnson	K Gregory	S Dawson
Runner up	C Elvidge	J Clyde	H Johnson	T Gregory
Division 2	A Tregonning	C Poulton	A Tregonning	J Downing
Runner up	B Connell	J Bright	J Downing	J Hudson
Division 3	M Phillips	V Buswell	J DaRe	R Morgan
Runner up	M Almond	J Bearley	V Mowbray	E Jopling
	1987	1988	1989	1990
Division 1	J Kurowski	K Mooney	S Dawson	S Dawson
Runner up	L Patrick	S Cook	V Stewart	P Best
Division 2	J DaRe	L Petrich	C Poulton	S Harris
Runner up	V Buswell	A Turpin	W Given	S Mann
Division 3	B Spain	J Peacock	C Lange	L Baragry
Division 4	K Prance	L Gudden	S Muir	D Enright
Runner up	S Holwell	J D'Mello	T Johnston	S Leach
	1991	1992	1993	1994
Division 1	V Stewart	R Fisher	V Stewart	R Fisher
Runner up	M Ross	M Ross	H Beatty	S Dawson
Division 2	W Given	C Poulton	W Stewart	G Warrilow
Runner up	J Owens	G Warrilow	D Gardiner	S Morton
Division 3	W Stewart	M Bray	L Bailey	D Schupp
Runner up	A Niesen	N Boswell	M Bray	F Dunn
Division 4	J Harman	N Pratt	K Clarke	S O'Brien
Runner up	J Oversby	S Smith	A Shields	M Gilmore
	1995	1996	1997	1998
Division 1	R Fisher	V Stewart	P Clohessy	R Fisher
Runner up	M Evans	K Holdsworth	C Bates	C Bates
Division 2	N Mudge	C Poulton	J Paki	P Ellis
Runner up	J McCormack	E Petrich	J May	L Buirchell
Division 3	S Tuckey	C Sanderson	S Harding	E Boyd
Runner up	K Clarke	S Leach	M Jones	C Rowley
Division 4	E McColl	D Bottum	No Result	D Dear
Runner up	P Ellis	S Roe	No Result	M Corbett

CHAMPIONSHIPS 'Continued'

	1999	2000	2001	2002
Division 1	R Fisher	A Tregonning	B Lim	B Lim
Runner up	M Major	L Cooper	M Phillips	L Cooper
Division 2	P Evans	D Tanham	A Solomon	P Evans
Runner up	B Simpson	P Ellis	B Rakimov	N Mudge
Division 3	J Shade	S Pollard	S Snowdon	S McCabe
Runner up	M Bray		S Watkins	L Wilson
Division 4	S Taylor	A McPherson	D Dunn	S Fitzgerald
Runner up	C Costigan		K Clark	M Benbow
	2003	2004		
Division 1	J Jones	H Pullinger		
Runner up	E Nyein	A Hurren		
Division 2	R Henn	S Bell		
Runner up	W Burns	N Mudge		
Division 3	A Fandry	B Thompson		
Runner up	S Watkins	J Ferguson		
Division 4	J Waters	M Benbow		
Runner up	C Andrews	J Ross		

PENNANT

1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Cottesloe	Lake Karrinyup	Cottesloe	Royal Perth	Cottesloe
1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Royal Perth	Royal Perth	Royal Perth	Royal Fremantle	Royal Perth
1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Cottesloe	Royal Perth	WAGC/MLGC	Mt Lawley	Mt Lawley
1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Royal Fremantle	WA Golf Club	Cottesloe	Mt Lawley	Mt Lawley
1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Royal Fremantle	Mt Lawley	Wanneroo	Mt Lawley	Royal Perth
1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Royal Perth	Lake Karrinyup	Cottesloe	Lake Karrinyup	Cottesloe
1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Cottesloe	Royal Perth	Gosnells	Lake Karrinyup	Lake Karrinyup
1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Lake Karrinyup	Lake Karrinyup	Cottesloe	Cottesloe	Royal Perth
1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Cottesloe	Royal Fremantle	WA Club	Gosnells	Gosnells
2002	2003	2004		
Gosnells	Gosnells	Royal Perth		

ROS FISHER TROPHY FOR BEST PENNANT PERFORMANCE

1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
J McCormack	K Stevenson	G Warrilow	A Riggir	M Phillips
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
A Reeves	L Bennett	A Hurren	S McCabe	J Lord

EILEEN DAWSON PERPETUAL TROPHY

1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Royal Perth	Royal Perth	Cottesloe	WA Golf Club	Cottesloe
1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Lake Karrinyup	Lake Karrinyup	Royal Perth	Mt Lawley	Lake Karrinyup
1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Lake Karrinyup	Royal Fremantle	Mt Lawley	WA Club	Lake Karrinyup
1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Lake Karrinyup	WA Golf Club	Lake Karrinyup	Mt Lawley	WA Golf Club
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Gosnells	Gosnells	Royal Fremantle	Mt Lawley	Gosnells

BETTY NEWMAN PERPETUAL TROPHY

1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
J Clyde	S Page	M Almond	V Buswell	L Gudden
1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
R Morgan	J DaRe	J Campbell	M Lissiman	D Ambler
1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
W Stewart	M Ross	B Dennis	K Oates	S De Glanville
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
B Simpson	R Riatti	F Truscott		
2001	2002	2003	2004	
			J Ferguson	

PATSY BEST & MAUREEN THOMAS TROPHY

1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
V Stewart	R Fisher	R Fisher	M Ross	M Evans
1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
R Fisher	R Fisher	R Duncan	C Bates	R Fisher
1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
R Fisher	J Kurowski		B Lim	H Pullinger
2004				
J Hibben				

WGWA SILVER SPOON

1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
J Gawler	S Page	S Page	C Poulton	G Carter
1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
L Patrick	L Dorrington	J Kurowski	D Ambler	A Neeson
1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
M Sullivan	D McKnight	N Mudge	S De Glanville	K Holdsworth
1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
R Riatti	F Truscott	L Tovey	D Horrobin	P Van Wyk
2002	2003	2004		
K Sachse	J Morley	T Hackett		

FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIPS

GROSS

YEAR	WINNER		RUNNER UP	
1981	P Best	M Thomas	J Henderson	J Collins
1982	K Holdsworth	V Erroll	M Thomas	P Best
1983	V Erroll	K Holdsworth	T Weston	K Pengilly
1984	M Dungey	S Gobby	P Best	M Thomas
1985	L Bunny	J Home	A Ruvidini	C Poulton
1986	R Fisher	K Truran	P Best	V Stewart
1987	R Fisher	K Truran	P Best	V Stewart
1988	R Fisher	S Cook	S Bell	R Fisher
1989	A Ruvidini	J Kurowski	J Downing	K Mitchell
1990	J Peacock	S Stevens	L Cowan	S Mann
1991	R Fisher	E Petrich	P Best	K Holdsworth
1992	L Cowan	S Mann	C Partridge	R Duncan
1993	R Fisher	S Dawson	R Fisher	S Dawson
1994	D Crouch	R Rollo	M Sullivan	J Kurowski
1995	D Crouch	R Rollo	R Lamb	V Stewart
1996	R Fisher	K Holdsworth	M Sullivan	J Kurowski
1997	R Fisher	K Holdsworth	G Warrilow	J Yardley
1998	M Major	J Kurowski	M Major	J Kurowski
1999	R Fisher	K Holdsworth	G Molloy	S Molloy
2000	R Fisher	J McClung	L Cooper	M Dowden
2001	R Fisher	C Millikin	N Holmes	J Stewart
2002	R Fisher	G Cheetham	L Cooper	R Edwards
2003	R Fisher	G Cheetham	L Cooper	R Edwards
2004	R Fisher	G Cheetham	L Cooper	R Edwards

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YEAR	WINNER		RUNNER UP	
1982	A McKay	K Oates	G Parr	G Brockman
1983	D Laffin	B Roberts	N Bourne	O Bowen
1984	B Peterson	J Fielding	D Clarke	L Bright
1985	S Negus	L Anderson	B Moyle	P Dutton
1986	M Jones	P Dutton	M Haythornthwaite	R Morgan
1987	J Cramer	M Lankster	M Harper	C Carter
1988	M Smith	A Tregonning	E Tha Khin	K Mitchell
1989	J Peacock	J Walmsley	A Turpin	R Austin
1990	M Bray	C MacCaulay	S Muir	J Waller
1991	L Baragry	T Fryer	S O'Brien	J Pyke
1992	N Buller	J Kyle	J O'Hern	J Friend
1993	M Line	V Mitchell	R MacDougall	J D'Mello
1994	C Poulton	L Bennett	W Robertson	I Bleakley
1995	L Bailey	M Oakes	I Bleakley	W Roberston
1996	N Mudge	F Truscott	M Bray	C MacCaulay
1997	S Coombes	K Jones	A Tregonning	P Muller
1998	J May	C Costigan	S Stephens	J Peacock
1999	B Lim	J Minotti	A Tregonning	G Warrilow
2000	L Morton	T Hackett	C Hywood	S Taylor
2001	R Conway	C Hilmi	A Harley	K Strachan
2002	D McNeil	K Clarke	J D'Mello	R Williams
2003	J Waters	J Beake	R Barker	R Riatti
2004	S McCabe	C McCauley		

NORA WATTS FOUNDATION TROPHY

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Gosnells	Cottesloe	Wanneroo	WA Golf Club	Gosnells

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	COMMITTEE MEMBERS	
1979	P Best	M Thomas	K Briggs	K Holdsworth	M Sweetman
1980	K Briggs	M Sweetman	C Mercer	M Thomas	M Smythe
1981	M Smythe	M Austin	C Mercer	B Connell	M Johnston
1982	B Connell	M Austin	A Tate	M Dungey	L Fernie
1983	L Fernie	A Tate	L Patrick	M Almond	A Tregonning
1984	M Almond	E Jopling	A Tregonning	L Patrick	S Cook
1985	E Jopling	S Cook	L Bunney	A Neeson	R Fisher
1986	R Fisher	A Tate	L Bunney	J Downing	A Ruvidini
1987	G Friend	A Tate	A Ruvidini	S Dawson	J Downing
1988	G Friend	A Tate	C Poulton	S Dawson	K Prance
1989	M Almond	K Prance	C Poulton	N Jannings	K Holdsworth
1990	M Almond	N Jannings	C Poulton	J Downing	J Peacock
1991	S Muir	J Kurowski	C Poulton	J Peacock	J Downing
1992	S Muir	J Kurowski	C Osborne	G Salter	S O'Brien
1993	V Stewart	C Osborne	S O'Brien	G Salter	M Gilmore
1994	V Stewart	C Osborne	S O'Brien	G Salter	M Gilmore
1995	G Salter	J Glover	J Beake	V Black	M Gilmore
1996	M Gilmore	J Glover	J Beake	V Black	D Crouch
1997	J Glover	B MacDonald	D Schupp	V Black	J Downing
1998	J Glover	A Riggir	D Schupp	J Downing	B MacDonald
1999	A Riggir	R Conway	M Dowden	B MacDonald	C Bates
2000	A Riggir	R Conway	M Dowden	G Warrilow	G Kay
2001	R Conway	P Ellis	M Dowden	G Warrilow	G Kay
2002	M Dowden	P Evans	G Warrilow	B Lim	G Kay
2003	G Kay	P Evans	L Clohessy	J Hibben	M McPhee
2004	L Clohessy	P Evans	S McEntee	J Hibben	M McPhee

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**Division 1 Winner
Helen Pullinger
Wanneroo**

**Division 2 Winner
Sharon Bell
Mount Lawley**



**Division 3 Winner
Bev Thompson
Gosnells**



**Division 4 Winner
Marlene Benbow
Gosnells**





Patsy Best & Maureen Thomas
Perpetual Trophy - Best Gross 2 Rounds
Jill Hibben
RFGC

Betty Newman Trophy
Best Net Score - 2 Rounds
Janine Ferguson
Hartfield



Eileen Dawson
Champion Team Trophy - 5 Best Net Scores
R Barker, (Absent) L Carson, N Edmonds, L Muir, R Riatti
WAGC



WGWA
Silver Spoon Winner
Tracey Hackett
Bunbury



Nora Watts Team Trophy
Closing Day - Best 3 Net Scores
M McPhee, C Hough, (Absent) B Lewis
Gosnells



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**Winners Gross
Ros Fisher & Grace Cheetham
Gosnells**



**Runners Up Gross
Robin Edwards & Lyn Cooper
WAGC**

**Winners Nett
Shirley McCabe & Claire Macaulay
Lake Karrinyup**



**Runners Up Nett
Ronnie Barker & Ruth Riatti
WAGC**

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