

1961 - 2011

# History of Associates Kilaben Bay Golf Club

Although many social rounds had been played on the Old Course, it was not until 1961 that a Committee led by Mrs M. Wright went into Action. A typewritten programme, par, stableford and stroke rounds and an occasional foursome for variety. Eleven Associates handed in cards for the first competition. The tiny shed acted as Clubhouse, and it was in the small shed the presentation of trophies was made.



**Mary Hart, Alma Kauter, Melva Henry, Jane Chrystie, Mary Woodward, Viv Anderson, Roma Paskin, June Halloran, Rae Neal, Freda Kay and Norma Smith**

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**1957**

**STEERING COMMITTEE**

Mary Wright

June Halloran

Norma Smith

Melva Henry

Betty Brook

Laurel Ballantyne

**CENTRAL NORTHERN**  
**DISTRICT GOLF**  
**ASSOCIATION**

All Kilaben Bay Associates to obtain a L.G.U. Handicap will have to return three scores; the Extra- Day Score Book must be signed before commencement of play, date to tally with date on the Score Card. Page 63 in Year Book)

From these three scores you will get the Handicap.

**Silver Div.** 1 - 18 average of 3 scores 2/3 counts as 1.  
1/3 counts as 0.

**Bronze No.1 Div.** (19 – 29)  
average of 2 scores.  
½ counts as 1.

**Bronze No. 2 Div.** (30 – 36)  
No average. (Page 56 in Year Book) – 7. Handicap Divisions Dorothy McCook

District Handicap Manager

Progress was inevitable, hastened no doubt when two Kilaben Associates qualified for trophies with good scores at an Open Day of an affiliated Club of the Central Northern District. Steps were taken to affiliate Kilaben Bay with the Association and the Ladies Golf Union. Thus handicaps became official and from that time (1961) players competed in almost all of the C.N.D.G.A. fixtures, tournaments, and Open Days. Accomplished golfers such as Mesdames J. Halloran, R. Neal, M. Hart, N. Smith and J. Chrystie attained Silver standard at their home Club Kilaben.

In 1963 Associates placed a team in the Pennant Rounds, Captained by Mrs M. Henry, and since that year the Club has been represented in Grade matches. In 1968 and 1969 these teams were captained by Mrs F. Kay. It was due to a pennant match with Everglades Club on the Central Coast that friendly inter-club matches began between Kilaben and Everglades for a shield known as the “Shovax” Shield, Jokingly named the Shovax because of the axes required to chop down Kilaben’s trees, and the shovels needed for the innumerable bunkers at Everglades.

Interclub matches have also been established between Wyong and Morisset Associates, many players challenging the same opponent in friendly rivalry each year.

The Championship title is held by Mrs J. Halloran (who was the foundation Secretary and retained that position until this year when she resigned) in 1961 Mrs Halloran defeated Mrs N. Smith (who was the foundation handicapper and retained this position until 1969, when the position was taken by Mrs J. White when Mrs Smith resigned.

Mrs Halloran has held the title of Champion every year since 1961 until 1970 with the exception of 1965 when Mrs R. Neal gained the title.

It is noteworthy that almost every playing associate donates trophies annually, and for these trophies keen competition is held each Wednesday. Competition is keen also for the L.G. U. Medals, Silver and Bronze, the International Spoons, Veterans Brooch, and the Woolford Perpetual Trophy. Mrs J. White as Handicapper is in charge of 81 playing Associates Official handicaps of the L.G.U.

Currently Mrs V. Anderson presides over an active strong committee Mrs M. Hart is Vice President, Mrs M. Henry Captain, Mrs R. Neal Vice Captain, Mrs M. Stubbs Secretary, Mrs J. White Handicapper, Mrs L. Ballantyne Treasurer, and Mesdames F. Kay, L. O’Mullane, M. Woodward and D. Harkin.

The Committee for Catering and hostessing has been responsible for dining facilities, and through the consistent effort of a Roster of Associates, funds have been sufficient to provide carpeting, and soft furnishing, and a deep freeze unit, thus fulfilling a need of visitors and members.

Each Wednesday a competition is held and visiting Associates are welcome to participate. This competition commences at 9am.

With golf it is ‘all or nothing’...As well as the usual Wednesday game, members have now to make time available for singles K.O. days, six open or gala days, Veteran’s Day and Foursomes Championship, many Toronto Associates also competing in Waratah Foursomes...

It is surely a Woman’s World.

LIST OF PLAYERS WHO HELD HANDICAPS WITH KILABEN BAY GOLF CLUB...at affiliation with C.N.D.G.A. and L.G.U. 1961

Mary Wright .....	President	Pat Bristow
June Halloran.....	Secretary	Melva Griffiths
Melva Henry.....	Captain	Roma Paskin
Norma Smith.....	Handicapper	Joyce Banks
Laurel Ballantyne.....	Treasurer	Beryl Gowing
Vivian Anderson		May Cousins
Betty Brook		Iris Cleary
Joan Myers		Betty Garrier
Fay Badman		Frankie Cusick
June Stokes		Betty Cave
Alma Kauter		Shirley Barban
Marlene Terry		Nance Allpress
Myra Cusick		(lapsed Handicap)
Freda Kay		
Pat Croft		



Kilaben Bay Old Course May 1968

Vivienne Anderson, Jane Chrystie, Melva Henry, Norma Smith, Freda Kay, & Roma Paskin

PLAYED ON COURSE BEFORE L.G.U. RATING & OFFICIAL 1969

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F. KAY CAPTAIN

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FIRST COMPETITION PLAYED by Associates of Kilaben Bay on the New Course Stockyard Creek Road, Toronto

Competition held to raise funds and also to celebrate the NEAR COMPLETION of work for the first nine holes. Freda Kay Captain. 64969 1969

Nine hole competition

Mrs Jean McInerney	19	Scp. 10	Stableford points
Vivian Anderson	23	Scp. 22	4 points
Mildred Stubbs	25	5	"
Myra Cusick	23	8	"
Teddy Hilton	23	10	"
Freda Kay	22	6	"
Eae Neal	14	13	
Muriel Hart	17	7	
Jan Swarbrick	22	10	
Laurel Ballantyne	21	10	
June Halloran	11	11	
Melva Henry	24	5	
Evelyn Fuller	24	No Card	

2ND DIVISION

Sybil Daffey	29	5	
Mary Woodward	30	5	
Margaret Bull	28	10	
Eileen Shiels	32	3	
Dorothy Lagan	27	7	
Alma Kauter	30	5	
Eddie Gore	29	8	
Barbara Sykes	24	10	
Rose Patches	30	12	
Rona Paskin	33	4	
Dulcie Heiret	32	No Card	

THIRD DIVISION

Mrs Jean Blackshaw	36	0 pts.
Betty Williams	36	2
Jean Mitchell	36	6
Berta Crombie	36	2
Serb Clark (waratak)	36	9
Ivy Dellar	36	3
Betty King	36	No card
May Brown	36	3
Eileen Holliday	36	5

Fairways a bit on the rough side  
Game played by teeing up.  
Showers.  
Picnic Lunch in the Green keepers shed.

CENTRAL NORTHERN DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

STRICT HANDICAP MANAGER  
2-2951.

81 King Street.  
NEWCASTLE.  
28th November, 1961.

Mrs. N. Smith.  
160 Kilaben Bay Road.  
Kilaben Bay.

Dear Mrs. Smith,  
Congratulations upon your appointment as Handicap Manager for the Kilaben Bay Golf Club Associates - I hope you will find the work interesting

Thank you for your letter of 21st November. Your Club yesterday became affiliated with the C.N.D.G.A. and has been given a Scratch Score of 59.

I will enclose a separate sheet of Instructions for Managers, also the workings of the Handicapping system.

Please let me know how many Members (Associates) you have and I will forward you the Club Sheets, which you keep in a separate File - Scores only to be entered on these Sheets which should last for two to three years. Allot one sheet to each Member in alphabetical order in your File, as all our work is done in alphabetical order.

Never hesitate to contact me if you are ever in doubt, or have any problems - these do arise from time to time - as I am only too happy to help you in every way.

Wishing you a very happy and successful season, and very good golf.

Yours faithfully,  
Dorothy A. McCracken  
C.N.D.G.A. Dist. H/cap. Manager.





Names of golfers who were made life members for services to the club:

V. Anderson      Ass.      1982

L. Ballantyne      Ass.      1984

Our very famous golfers are:

June Halloran: 14 years club champion; won with R.Allen district foursomes. Runner up to district champion twice. Won with B. Barclay district foursomes 1986

Rhonda Allen: 9 years club champion. Hole in one to top it off. Foursome champion with N. Smith 5 times CNDA foursome cup champion with J. Halloran.

Maureen Skeet: Charlestown Bowl 1985 Fitzpatrick Bowl at Charlestown in 1986

The key to good scoring is primarily to keep safely on the fairways. It is a beautiful picturesque course and has great potential.

Viv Anderson

*Mrs Rachel Neal 1965 Champion*  
*demonstrates the swing (Photo taken Herald Photograph*  
*Nov 1968)*  
*J.B. Young. Peter Smith (son of Handicapper Norman & Fred)*

**YOUNG GOLFER HOOKED SHOT – AND A MULLET** A young player made golf history last week when he ‘landed’ a fish with a hooked tee shot. He is Pat Henry (12) son of Mr and Mrs John Henry, of Coal Point. Pat is believed to be the only golfer ever to hook a fish in a round of golf. A leading Newcastle professional said: ‘I’ve heard of them getting their birdies, their eagles and an occasional albatross, but I’ve never known a round to include a mullet’ It happened this way: Pat played off the ninth tee at Kilaben Bay course with a 5 iron. He hooked his tee shot, and the ball failed to clear a creek hazard about 50 yards away. As the ball skimmed the water, an unsuspecting mullet leaped into the air, got it in the neck. Pat took off his shoes and socks, waded in, recovered the ball...and a 1 1/2 lb. mullet. The Newcastle Sunday Mirror asked him if he would have a taxidermist stuff the fish as a memento for all time. Cracked Pat: ‘Nothing like that – I had him for breakfast’. March, 1961

Without a doubt the Toronto Country Club function of the year was held in the Clubhouse last Friday night when the Associates held their First Annual Presentation Dinner. The Ladies were dressed in all their finery and were wined and dined in the manner which they richly deserved. Their only work apart from arrangements was the hall decoration. The food was excellent the bubbly flowed and the spirits were high. The table containing the special awards and trophies for the year had to be seen to be believed. The number one trophy was a solid gold brooch, shaped like a shield, presented to the Associates Club Champion Mrs June Halloran. The Brooch was suitably inscribed as “Club Champion for the years 1961, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72’ Madam President, Mrs Viv Anderson was excellent as ‘Master’ or ‘Mistress’ of Ceremonies and she was ably assisted by her Vice President. Mrs Roma Paskin. 5/11/72

Kilaben Bay Golf Club, built in Kilaben Bay on private property in 1957 hacked from mangroves and scrub with voluntary labour into a nine hole course with an old shed for a club house, and when more financial a club house was built and then affiliated with NDGA in 1961.

In 1968 land was offered on Wangi Road, Toronto to make an 18 hole course 5 ½ acres in perpetuity and 130 acres lease crown land, and once again a 9 hole course was constructed with volunteer labour from plans from Prosper Ellis a government surveyor of Railways and single marker golfer in his seventies and then a new club house was built.

In 1969 our first game was played and was officially opened on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1970 by Merv Hunter M.L.A. who is our patron. The wild life around the fairways is a collection of parrots and magpies, rosellas and galahs and kookaburras who flutter amongst the blue gums and the wild ducks who make their home along the creeks, and each year in due time we see lots of youngsters waddling after their parents.

The wattle trees and wild flowers grow in profusion among the beautiful blue gums. The name was changed to Toronto Country Club in 1972 to cover the Toronto area on the western side of Lake Macquarie and the club has gone from strength to strength. The 18 hole course was completed on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1984 with great celebrations and a gala day with visitors from many clubs.

Our first greenkeeper was Pat Henry who was only a lad but did a terrific job and our present greenkeeper is Doug Gibson who has two groundsmen, and they are very popular. The first fairway begins at the club house and the 18<sup>th</sup> green is practically alongside it, and can be watched from the club house picture windows. Our present Pro. Terry Robinson is a great asset to the club. He came from NSW golf club where he completed his time under Colin MacGregor. The outstanding days are our visitors and open days, our Pro-Am and Toronto Cup and in our turn we host some of the NDGA and NHDLGA fixtures.

## LOCAL JUNIORS TO THE FORE



Schoolgirl Associates really put Kilaben Bay on the Junior Golf map during the past week. Of the three age divisions in the Milo competition conducted at Newcastle Racecourse, Mary Hart with a 75 took out the 14 years and over section, Christine Penfold with 73 was runner-up in the 13 years group, while Helen Halloran (74) gained victory among the 12 year olds. In the boys' events Ian Neal with a splendid 76 headed the 10 year boys. All these Kilaben juniors showed to advantage on the small course, where accuracy about and on the greens put them to advantage in a field which included young golfers from the entire Newcastle district, attracting entries from Buladelah in the north to Woy Woy in the south.  
—(Ben Bay photo)

Helen Halloran, Ian Neal,  
Christine Penfold & Mary Hart



The Toronto Country Club Halcyon Cup Team (Left to Right) - Mesdames M. Cusick, M. Hart, R. Neal (Captain), R. Allan, J. Halloran, J. Swarbrick, shown holding the 1972 Trophy. The Halcyon Cup is the coveted Team's Trophy in the C.N.D.G.A. Golf Week Championship for Teams from Newcastle, Wyong, Cessnock and Upper Hunter Districts. .CAMERA OBSCURA.

Juniors played an important role at the Old Kilaben Bay Club. Junior Associates were at this time Dianne Brook; Cheryl Halloran; Helen Halloran; Sue Ellen Smith; Vicki Smith; Mary Hart; Chris Penfold and Gabrielle Hart; all participating in Junior Schoolgirls comp C.N.D.G.A.

Later still came Rhonda White; promising Junior, Rhonda transferred from Waratah, Rhonda, Cheryl, Helen, Christine and Mary later went to Sydney to compete. All under the eagle eye of L.G.U. ably assisted by Mary Moore who was President of C.N.D.G.A. and also on the L.G.U. Committee



Congratulations to the Toronto Country Club Associates Pennant Team on winning the 1973 Second Grade Pennant Series. The team was undefeated in their five rounds and is the first Pennant win for either the Old Kilabon Bay team or the Toronto Country Club Teams. All members of the team have played well during the first half of this year and all have reduced in handicap during that period. The team consisted of Mrs Cheryl Thompson, Mrs Rhonda Allen, Mrs June White, Mrs Rae Neal, Mrs Corrinne Quist, Mrs Teddy Hilton, Mrs Myra Cusick, Mrs Jan Swarbrick, Mrs Norma Smith, Mrs Laurel Ballantyne and Mrs Doreen Harkin. Mrs Leone Oldham was the non-playing Captain. The team's win was a great reward to Mrs Oldham for the many hours of organising and arranging that was necessary to have the team picked, ready and transported. The idea of a non-playing Captain is very good as it relieves a player of the strain and worry.

The Victory Party was a WOW! With Champagne Corks popping and the "New Hit" tune "For they are jolly good fellows" reaching new popularity the Toronto Associates celebrated their 1973 Pennant win in wonderful style and most husbands prepared their own tea on Wednesday afternoon.

The official scores in the Pennant Series were Toronto 69 points, Nelson Bay 55 points, Cessnock 44 points. Team members paid tribute to their Non-playing Captain; Mrs Leone Oldham for her very important part in their win.

If weather permits the first round of Toronto associates' championships will be played tomorrow. If it does not there will be a social in the clubhouse to celebrate installation of the new carpet towards the cost of which the associates contributed \$1400.  
6'74

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Cars parked in the car park, buggies and sticks at the ready near the path to the first tee, - chatter inside the club house, such an atmosphere never fails to send the adrenalin rising. Golfers are by nature an optimistic lot and there is always the expectation that "today is the day". Last Wednesday was most certainly the day for Alma Kauter who won her Division. Alma came back to form this year and it was a popular win for this Veteran Golfer. Rachel Neal and Melva Henry won their respective Divisions. Melva Henry defeated Edie Gore on a countback for the Veteran's trophy. It was the Sixth Tee shot which was Edie's downfall, a wayward shot which struck timber and subsequent trouble. Must surely be Edie's turn to take a winning trophy next week as she was defeated at the weekend competition by Rhonda Allen.

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*75 - NOTE WELL Wednesday March 5, commences the 1975 season in earnest, one of the interesting competitions is the Point Score. Associates will receive one point for playing, four points for winning a division, three points for second place and two points for third place. Household chores not completed before Wednesdays can quite easily be left until Thursday.*

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The Chook Run is being conducted for Wednesday and Mid-week Golf. Open to all the birds; game birds, young birds; roasters and boilers. M. who won last week's Chook Run claims she is one of the Old boilers", a "black Orpington, not a white leghorn". Thirty cents competition fee and if your golf is near your handicap this is a splendid way to procure a tender chook for Sunday's dinner. H. won the Chook recently...she herself could be a spring chicken of a game bird! It all depends how you are hitting.

June Halloran and Rachel O'Neil retained the title at the annual four-ball knock-out at Toronto last week. Their superior short game and years of experience in match play proved too strong for their opponents Jean Dawson and Bessie Harding, and the match ended at the 16<sup>th</sup>. 7'74

"Possum's Pinch" is no longer to be indexed No. 1 on the Associates card; it is to be classed a Par 5 instead of a Par 4. The second hole is now index No 1, 453 metres of fairway the green closely guarded by Stockyard Creek, and a slope behind the green has long been the downfall of many an associate's card. Many stories have been told about the horrible second, it is said that at full moon a ghostly golfer is seen practising her wedge shots to this green. Nobody knows how many balls have been hit into the creek, penalties gathered here have been countless. It has been told than an aspiring newcomer to the game got as far as Stockyard Creek and despite so many tries she never discovered if the green 'held' or not – she gave up in frustration and took to bowls instead M.C.H.1976



Viv Anderson, Melva Henry, D. Mairet, Freda Kay, Fay Winter, M. Christian, June Halloran, Rae Neal, F. Gumb, Lyn Purcell, Peg Hargreaves

As the song says "The times they are a changin'". A very obvious fact when I see the Grans and Grandmother's golfing – all decked out in slim line skirts and really swinging. Goodness it seems no time at all when Grannies wore dark dresses, lace collars and even alpaca aprons', Bending over hot stoves or chopping away the vegetables for the pot of soup. Last Wednesday it was the Grandmother's Trophy Event, and gone are the good old days when Grannie sat in her rocking chair and darned the socks. Competition was strong as in conjunction the John O'Brien Trophies were contested. June Halloran pipped May Brown for the honour, June scoring 32 stableford points and May 31. MORE GOSSIP - Where was Edie? She was strong contender for the Grannie's Trophy; but just off form for the day. Other Grandmas claimed they were not playing true to form, one even confessed to performing more like a great grandma, and those woods' were they golf woods or a man's wooden leg they were using. Always next year. M.C.H. 11/11/76



June Davies; Mary Grey & Heather Jones

Thanks are given to the Associates who donated \$400 towards the construction of a new fourth green. The gift was SPOT ON TIME: the fourth hole is indexed the hardest on the Associates card and the temporary green has not made the situation easier, two Associates chipped in – last week but generally there is more fun and games in approaching the hole than deer stalking in the highlands of Scotland or landing a salmon from a mountain stream. Sammy Snead once said he feared only two things in this life – lightning and a downhill putt...we go along with this Sammy,

It was weather made for golf when the finals of the Championships were held. The winter sun benevolent and not the slightest wind to play tricks with the ball. The greens were fast and a test to the best of putters, and in championship class ready to penalise an ill played approach shot. Rhonda Allen met Cheryl Thompson and she was put to test to defend her title. Each player was well aware of her opponent's strength and weakness (if there were any weak points). Many times they have played medal or match play together; Cheryl was the leader all the day, rising to 4 holes ahead at one point of the game, at the 36<sup>th</sup> Rhonda reached a square match so it was on to the 5<sup>th</sup> time around the nine hole course. The match finished at the 38<sup>th</sup> hole with Rhonda retaining her Championship title, this for the third year in succession. It was a long, long road to hoe. The two young players add a breath of new, young generation to the Toronto mid-week games. 1976 M.C.H.

#### 1976 – A little verse for our Championship contestants.

"Where are you going Cheryl my dear?  
Down to the fairways not far from here,  
Playing Match, having fun  
Always hopes of a "Hole in One";  
What if it rains Rhonda dear?  
And you're spluttered mud from ear to ear?  
Mud and slush and winter rains  
Is a matter of nothing to golfing gains,  
Cheryl and Rhonda on the Tee  
Then Muriel next with Leone we see,  
Then Bessie and Heather a match to meet  
Followed by Joyce and Maureen Skeet,  
All the talent will be out that day  
So come all friends, up and away. M.C.H.

It is certain the pipes and drums of Perthshire still echoed around the Tay last week to celebrate the Drummond success recently. Pat Drummond and Maureen Skeet defeated one of the strongest pairs in match play when they met June White and Muriel Hart in the finals of the Four Ball Knock-Out for the Henry Salver at Toronto, and it wasn't only the pipes playing but I am sure there were dozens of little leprechauns dancing around waving green ribbons, it was difficult to see them on the green fairways but they were there alright. Maureen drove from the third tee a magnificent shot to the green, something to dance about it was. It was a tremendous match, strokes were given by June and Muriel but try as they might it was too difficult to toss Maureen and Pat. Another two Associates now join the ranks of the keen match players at Toronto. July 28<sup>th</sup> 1977.



Toronto associate Cheryl Thompson, who won the monthly medal for July and August, last week returned 45 points after a 79 off the stick – the first time she has broken 80. This equalled her mother's (June Halloran) best for Toronto. 14/9/76.....Cheryl Thompson equalled her best stroke round at Toronto last Wednesday with 79 off the stick. She reduced from 14 to 12 handicap and won her third consecutive monthly medal. Oct.1976

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1976 Final nine move at Toronto – Toronto Country Club officials are hopeful that five new greens on the second nine will be laid out and seeded by the end of March. The long deferred start on the building of a second nine has been made possible by the amalgamation with Macquarie Leagues Club and the consequent improvement in the club's financial position. The club's former greenkeeper Pat Henry (now at Steelworks) has given a great deal of help with the designing of the greens. Pat is still a member at Toronto and takes a keen interest in the club's activities and its future. Young professional David Leary has also helped in the design of the greens. The second nine fairways were cut out of the bush by a number of pioneer members over a long period of time while Ernie Neal was President. If it had not been for the voluntary work of such stalwarts as Hilton Murray, Bill Currie, Bill Cusick, Jock Deighton, Fred Anderson, Jim Kay and the late John Punton, an 18-hole layout might never have become a reality. Volunteers are still needed for various jobs. Those interested should notify club Captain John O'Brien, Russ Besley or Jack Carlson.



March 12, 1981. The first of the official competitions started last Wednesday with the Norma Smith trophies the 1<sup>st</sup> L.G.U. and the 1<sup>st</sup> Captains trophy. It was a pleasant day for golf and we had a good attendance. The star of the day was Linda Woolard who is a newcomer to golf and doing very well. Linda had a net 68 to reduce one stroke and secure a silver spoon for her reduction and also win Norma's trophy for third division. Congratulations Linda and may you do bigger and better things in the future.

July 15, 1982 What a happy day it was for Wynn Greenwood, for her division she had a 67 nett and won the Olive Lucas trophy and the monthly medal, she also won the nine hole competition with 28 points, the veterans trophy and nearest the pin on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Wynn, what a day

## Toronto teen sets new standards on the green

IT'S little wonder that 17 year old Joanna Whalley of Toronto has her sights set on becoming the next Jan Stevenson.

The ace golfer has, according to her mother Pam, been on the golf course since before she was born, and started playing when she was just five years old.

'Her father has always played, and it must have rubbed off on her somehow,' said Mrs Whalley, who manages the Toronto Golf Club with husband Ian.

Joanna, who plays off a handicap of 4, has already shown her style this year, having reached round two of the Australian Junior championships in January.

As a student of Toronto High School, Joanna also won the Shell School Students Week of Golf and became runner up overall and under 18's winner in the Wollongong Youth Classic in January.

In March, Joanna won the Waratah Ladies Silver Classic in a 72 par round and the Hunter district Junior open championships, and Belmont Junior classic in April.

In the same month, Joanna also won the Hunter region matchplay and Hunter region school championships for the 3rd consecutive year in a row.

Her more recent wins included the NSW Combined High Schools Strokeplay Championships, and the NSW Matchplay Championships, in May.

She will now head off to Melbourne on July 4 to represent The NSW Junior Ladies Golf Association in the State Championships.



Joanna Whalley on the course.

When school commitments allow, Joanna practices every afternoon, with her parents.

'We play together, but I'm usually the caddy,' said Mr Whalley. 'She's so much better than me now that it hurts.'

Joanna also attends coaching clinics at Charlestown each month

with coaches Neville Bell and Col Johnston.

She will also now attend training camps with the Ladies Golfing Association and be taught by Sydney's top professionals.

Joanna has her sites set on a career in golfing once she finishes the Higher School Certificate this year.

## Celebrations for golfers

WEEK long celebrations have been held at Toronto Country Club to mark the club's 25th anniversary.

The former Kilaben Bay Golf Club, as it was originally known, was first situated at the end of Ridge Rd.

The club house later moved to greener fairways at its current location and was officially opened by the then Member for Lake Macquarie Merv Hunter on October 17, 1970.

Today members and their guests enjoy the comfort of the present clubhouse and surrounding 18 hole manicured golf course.

To celebrate the milestone of its Silver Jubilee, organisers prepared a program of golf with many past members making a sentimental journey back to rekindle memories with present members.

Golfers participated in the week of golf competing for major sponsored trophies at an open ladies stableford, open medley



Secretary Manager Ian Whalley proposes a celebratory toast for Joan McGaw, Lorna Millward, Wynn Greenwood and Jan Davies

stableford and the open nine hole scramble which was the start of the summer ham and chook run.

The weeklong anniver-

sary carnival of golf culminated with the staging of the Toronto Bowl Open 4 BBB Stroke last Saturday.

During the festivities

secretary/manager Ian Whalley paid tribute to those who established the club making it the success it is to-day.

5/88 WIN FOR TORONTO Toronto Country Club associates took out the Central Northern District Golf Association's regional final of the Bicentennial three-person teams event at Morisset Club last week. Toronto associates' winning team comprised June Halloran, her daughter Helen Greenwood and Betty McKenzie. They finished with 40 points on a difficult rain-affected course. The competition gave Helen another opportunity to prove the value of her selection. She resumed playing golf only 12 months ago on a handicap of 25 and now plays off 13.



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Associates Congratulate Joanna Whalley for a hole in one on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 72 strokes off the stick on September 18. This is the best score ever for an associate at Toronto. She also won the annual junior classic at Gosford and was Jack Newton Age Champion at Nowra. She is currently on a handicap of six. 1993

Toronto Country Club senior associate member Norma Smith holed-in-one on the par 3, 15<sup>th</sup> last week, Smith, a close friend and babysitter on occasions for Craig Parry, was just as pleased for Parry who finished third in the US Open. 1993

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11th June, 1996. Former NSW amateur champion Gayle Gannon showed again last week that she was still a top competitor almost a quarter of a century after playing for Australia. Gannon won the inaugural Fern Bay Trophy played at Newcastle Golf Club on Thursday with a 78. The tournament drew a good response from women players throughout the Hunter with entries from Karuah, Tanilba Bay, Morisset, Hawks Nest, Toronto and Gloucester. Gannon won the NHDLGA foursomes championship last month with former district champion Julie Swanson. It was her fourth district foursomes' championships win and she has also won three individual championships. Gannon won the NSW amateur championship in 1971. At one stage she played off a plus-one handicap, although she is now off four at Toronto.



The 9 hole comp for the 70 and over was discussed, decided anyone of any age group could play at the end of the field and play only 9 holes – but would have to pay more than \$2 – mainly to pay Tim and cover cost of trophies. We are waiting on a decision from the Toronto “Board of Directors about playing off of one tee instead of two tees – the ladies are not very happy as many would not be able to enjoy the social aspect of the game as well as playing. The Board of Directors’ meeting was to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October but has been postponed till the 19<sup>th</sup> hopefully an amicable solution can be arranged. Lorna Jack (who is deputising for Hilda Spence while she is away) said the Ladies have contributed \$19,000 in seven years to the club. General Business AGM 1994



Toronto Ladies enjoy a reunion for the golfing fraternity during the clubs 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. In the old club house on the current site



Congratulations must go to all our winners in 2007. Beryl Beesley got several mentions on the day, taking out the Laurel Ballantyne Bowl, Len Woolford Trophy, along with the Roma Paskin Trophy. Pam Edwards was successful in the Singles knockout, and is anxious to return to golf. Although currently enjoying a sojourn with her daughter in Macau. Ruth Riley shed her plaster in order to battle it out in the playoffs, and was successful might I add, for the Captains Trophy. Such determination will see her go a long way in 2008.



Beryl Beesley - 2008

*It was lovely to have Pam Whalley share some early stories of Laurel Ballantyne, who passed away this year. Laurel was a great stalwart in the early establishment of the club, contributing much in time and effort towards the success of the club we now enjoy.*

*For those of you that attended the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> January it seemed like a non-event given we were voting to dissolve the Toronto Country Club. Hopefully all the hype and spin we have been spun will eventuate in securing the future of the club. We are now a subsidiary of the Toronto Workers Club. TCC members will automatically become members of the TWC. 1'08*

Peg and Rhonda to sponsor Open Day

Peg Hargreaves and Rhonda Penfold have jointly agreed to sponsor the winning team prizes. Darren Green will also support us as will Lexie Bugden of King Koil. We request that you have at least one visitor in your team. I know this isn't difficult as Toronto Girls go golfing far and wide; so get your invitations out to form your teams. 3/08



The Old Clubhouse; Prior to Renovations. 1970 - 2009



Sue Puddey, Kay Stephenson, Pam Edwards, Maureen Skeet, Linda Woolard, Coral Munro, Liv Everingham, Lee Weir, Di Johnson (Photographer - Trish Kelly)

2007 saw the inaugural Toronto Ladies Golf Club Holiday. We hired a bus which Pam Edwards Piloted, and headed to Nowra and Kangaroo Valley. The plan is to attempt to make this tradition and incorporate the perpetual trophy on an annual basis. We had carts at Kangaroo Valley thankfully, as it was very steep and an extremely hot day. One of the tees is quite precariously placed on the top of the gully, requiring a very good drive to carry it; you also have to ensure you don't throw yourself over the edge. Nowra has tees that consisted of a mat inside a cave on the cliff wall, very interesting. Liv Everingham and Trish Kelly were day winners with Linda Woolard taking out the overall perpetual Trophy.

Some early memories of TCC by

Wynne Greenwood.

After joining up with Sport & Rec Assoc. Helen Gray, a friend and I decided to try our new skills at Toronto Golf Club; hearing it was a good place for learners. No one to bother us with comments of go home, come back when you improve. We thought we were having a peaceful day in the country, even though some said it was a goat track. We would often take a cut lunch and settle under a shady tree, a picnic in perfect bliss. After lunch we would go fishing for balls in shallow creeks; minus shoes and socks. What a bounty was gathered. We watched the nine hole course grow to a full eighteen. Much of the clearing and preparation done by dedicated members. Weekend lunches were cooked by Viv Anderson & Laurel Ballantyne. I feel it has heart and soul due to the input of its pioneers, and carried on today by dedicated members and staff.



The first round of pennants commenced on Monday for our girls for 2008. We played host on the 10<sup>th</sup> with a bye and had a good opportunity to check out the opposition and try to gauge the strength of the other teams; as well as their competitiveness. We had the pleasure of playing at Horizons which always feels like a bonus getting to play there for nothing. It was a perfect day, the morning shower had passed over early and the sun shone brightly, temperature stayed at about 27° by the nor'easter. Seven of us reported to the starter and I must acknowledge Joyce who gave up her day in order to be a standby/reserve in case of emergency. We were drawn to play Muree who had had a tight match in round one going down ¾ to Charlestown. Denise, our non-playing captain, never tells us the handicap of our opposition as she thinks it would play with our head and she is probably right. Last week saw a weaker team prevail. Anyway to cut a long story short we prevailed on the day 4/3, well done all.

#### The Naked Truth 5/08

Trish Kelly has been a member of our golf club for some time and has served on the Committee for 3 years and has done a great job, but it is another passion of Trish's that we draw your attention to in this issue, namely nude paintings.

We had a lovely afternoon at Trish's for the unveiling of a nude painting, you guessed it, Trish. Mandy was the artist and did a great job of getting Trish to look demure in her birthday suit. She had flowers on the boobs and butterflies placed strategically on the body which created a very nice painting. So next time you go to Trish's home have a look on the back patio, the only thing I could see missing were the frogs.

Joyce



Liza Taylor, Cheryl Thompson, Linda Woolard, Maureen Skeet, Carol McCrohon, Denise Flannery, Susan Puddey, Louise Blomfield, and Kirrie Findley at Muree Golf Club, 2007 Pennant team.



### A True Briton

I know we have had a wrap up of open day but I feel remiss if I didn't laud Pru Dunton. As the story goes she was chasing her buggy into the water on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole. Not content to go in once she returned to retrieve some other floating equipment and landed in water up to her chest. Pru then continued to play on!! Mud pack and all, truly a Briton.

Ask Rita where she gets the motivation to keep bouncing back to golf and you learn that she has drawn positive inspiration from all of her life's adversity. She started golf with her mother at Cessnock, socially. Her brother was a very good golfer but died prematurely; she used to tease him about chasing the little white ball around, but soon got the bug herself. Her lowest handicap was 21, and her most memorable round was winning the State Foursomes with Betty Parker, but states the best golfer she has played with was June Halloran. Rita always felt privileged to be invited to play with June in the 3BBB events. Rita partnered Wilbur Wrightson in the mixed foursomes each year and had played with him the day before she had her hip broken. She recalls Wilbur putting her in the drain near the bridge on the first, and with much muttering under her breath, took a mighty swing and dug the ball out to land it six inches from the pin. 6/08

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*In 1967 a 140 acre site was obtained at Stock Yard Creek. Aerial surveys were taken and contours were sent to Mr Prosper Ellis, golf architect of Bowral. He drew the basic design for the layout then visited the site to trudge through thick bushland for an on the spot examination before he pegged out the fairways, greens and tees. The bulldozers then moved in under the leadership of Jim Kay. John Deere Machinery, and also Westlake's Earthmoving Co. lent their dozers, and an enthusiastic group of members was always on hand to do the necessary leg work. To use an old mining term, this course 'was dug out of the solid'. It took about three years of voluntary and paid man and machine labour before the project looked like a going thing. The club house was started late in 1969 by G.L.B. Smith, building contractor of Toronto. The president of N.D.G.A. Merv England's comment on the course was a fast developing course with excellent potential, providing a real test for the low marker, and most pleasant conditions for the playing of general club golf. The course started as nine holes in 1970 on the current back nine and each hole had a descriptive name.*

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- 10<sup>th</sup> – The Ditch or The Dirty Ditch
  - 11<sup>th</sup> – The Long Walk
  - 12<sup>th</sup> – The Hill of Hope
  - 13<sup>th</sup> – Possum's Pinch
  - 14<sup>th</sup> – The Plateau
  - 15<sup>th</sup> – Recovery
  - 16<sup>th</sup> – Magpie's Retreat
  - 17<sup>th</sup> – The Buster
  - 18<sup>th</sup> – Suicide Creek
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Rita Dodd - 2009

Beryl Beesley and John moved to this area about 54 years ago from Sydney. She states she used to go out to Kilaben Bay with a book on 'how-to', I remember one day a kindly man decided he would give me some advice, in typical male fashion, I hit the ball and it went into the hole for an eagle. He walked away 'bloody women'. There are a few golf tales that have stuck in my memory. Like the day I swung myself off my feet, Linda witnessed that. And the day I tried to jump over a puddle; my leg didn't stop and I sat in the puddle (yuck) not very good. Another thing I remember is the two streakers, the one on the 13<sup>th</sup> was laughed off the course, the one on the 8<sup>th</sup> was a fine specimen, Rae Neal thought he had a good thatch. These days I check out the Bird life on our course.

A Quirky tale. Margaret Quirk is coming into her 27<sup>th</sup> year of golf at TCC. Her days on the course have not been without incident; she broke her ankle on the 15<sup>th</sup> green once when she slipped on the side slope, she thought she had only sprained her ankle but it was broken, Barry Lucas had to carry her to the 11<sup>th</sup> where she was picked up by ambulance. Another time she saw a ferret on the 12<sup>th</sup> and thought 'poor little thing' so went to give it a bit of her ham sandwich but instead it 'bit the hand that fed it'. She has been attacked by ducks protecting their ducklings, and has seen her share of black snakes and goannas. Years ago she recalls when they fertilized the course there was so many chook feathers in the mix you couldn't find your ball on the fairway. Margaret has won 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. Championships a couple of times but these days says she hasn't got the strength to hit the ball very far. I stood on committee in the past but missed a couple of meetings, and never felt I was really utilized. More recently I have held a position, and have maintained records for the running competition for a number of years. Gardening is a keen interest and I have quite a lot of cuttings I have collected from different courses, particularly when I was caddying. Toronto is an interesting course, never boring like some, and not a lot of walking between holes. 10'08



#### 24 Ladies play-up on the North Coast

I can only report that the planning and organization that went into our annual holiday played out to a tee for those of us fortunate enough to make the trek to Boambee Resort. We made the most of our facilities on offer, the common room area, swimming pool & spa, and walking distance to the mouth of the Boambee Creek and Ocean. Happy hour was a special treat, at least for us, not sure about the other guests. The golf, although secondary was also excellent. Day winners included Rhonda Penfold, Robyn Reed, Narene Anniwell and myself. The overall winner and holder of the perpetual trophy for 08-09 was Maureen Skeet exhibiting very consistent play over the four days. Lee Weir must be congratulated for a job well done; she has really raised the bar for next year. Many thanks and plaudits from 23 very grateful ladies. SMP 11'08



24 Toronto Country Club Lady Members enjoy the spectacular Bonville International Golf Course.

Annual Spring Break 2008



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## Another Classic Classic

*The weather certainly had us worried for the majority of the week but as if in answer to our prayers the sun shone from Friday giving way to a return to vibrant spring weather. With a field of (96) and lots of fabulous money to be won the competition was set. Who would win the classic medal this year, the defending champion returned from Victoria to challenge once more for her title from 2007, however the competition was a little greater this year with some very good low markers. Jill Blenkey; from Newcastle, taking out the overall trophy.*

*We are extremely grateful to our major sponsors the Toronto Workers Club and the Myuna Bay Sport & Recreation Centre. Their contributions cover the fantastic amount of money on offer over the three divisions.*

*Our ladies did a fantastic job with the decorative flower arrangements, and thanks must go to Dorothy Kearney for her native contributions. Our special cooks Shirley Smith & Mena Melmeth for sponges and caramel tarts to die for and to all the girls for your generous contributions to the tombola.*

*I believe everyone enjoyed themselves, were excited about the prizes, and with the tombola nearly everyone gets to take home a prize. Well done to all.*

*From your Captain & President.  
11'08.*

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Cheryl Thompson (Capt.) Susan Puddey (President) 2008

### New Treasurer to TCC Ladies Club

You may or may not be aware by now that I joined Toronto Golf Club in 2/09. I didn't know a soul, having just relocated from Sydney. I had only played a little social golf and had never belonged to a golf club. Naturally I was a bit anxious and although I got off to a shaky start on my second day by nearly running down the club Vice President with my new electric buggy, and ripping my new umbrella to shreds in the process, I have had a wonderful year with a wonderful group of women. I really appreciate the welcome you have extended and I feel like one of the gang already!! I am looking forward to carrying out my duties as treasurer, although Elaine Brennan has left big shoes to fill.

Susan Randall

Cheryl Thompson's parents June and Cec Halloran were foundation members of Kilabon Bay Golf Club. Cheryl joined the club at 12yrs of age and in 1970 play was moved to the new course which later became Toronto Country Club. She qualified 7<sup>th</sup> in the state junior championships and with her partner came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the mixed foursomes and won the net event. She reduced her handicap to 6 and remained there for 2 years. Other records include winning the single championships (4) times, the Ladies foursomes (18) times and the mixed foursomes (13) times. Since retiring in 1998 she has been handicap manager for 2 years and Captain since 2001 – 2009. Cheryl continues to enjoy the playing and social side of golf and values the many friendships made through the game. Her knowledge of golf is invaluable and we continue to utilise her expertise in the rules and conditions of play.

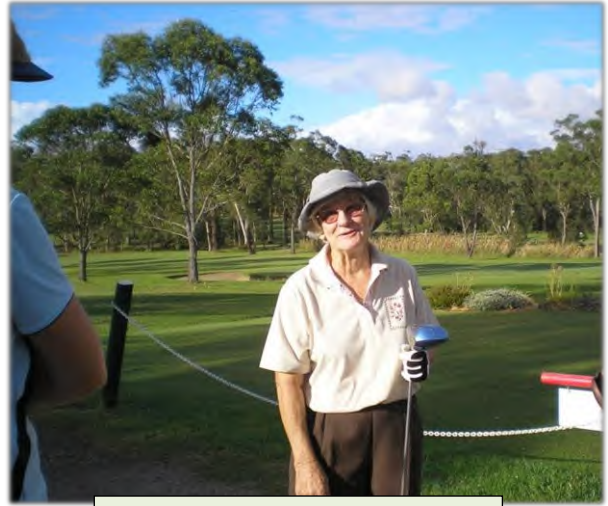
Shirley Smith has been a very active committee member of TCC Ladies for about twelve years. And I would like to pay a small tribute to our past President. Shirley has continued in her cool, calm and wise way to remain active in her duties as president despite a few very challenging years personally, and we are a very fortunate group to have this wonderful lady amongst us. Shirley on your retirement from committee, we all wish you many more happy years golfing and we would like to thank you sincerely for your commitment to the Toronto CC Ladies. 12'10







Ruth Riley & Denise Flannery - Presentation 2010



Betty Williams on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee



Deb Chorusch, Robyn Reed, Carol McCrohon and Betty Williams



Sue Puddey, Cheryl Thompson, Linda Woolard, Carol McCrohon, Maureen Skeet, Kirsty Garde, Denise Flannery, Alicia Dundas, Kirrie Findley



NHDLGA Presentation night 2010

M.Skeet, B. Royle, C. Munro, M. Warnock, N. Anniwell, R. Reed, S. Puddey, P. Kelly



Past & Present Committee Members

Linda Woolard, Melva Henry, Laurel Ballantyne (dec'd)  
Elaine Reed, Denise Flannery, Jean Heather,  
June Halloran (dec'd) Cheryl Thompson



Alicia Dundas—Club Champion '06,'08-'11  
Winner - Champion of Champions '09  
with Susie Davies NHDLGA



Denise Flannery, Elaine Reed, Lee Weir, Anne Rose, Kay Stephenson & Wendy Schoffl  
The Links, Shell Harbour, 2009



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**Melva Henry**

Melva Henry was on the steering committee (1957) at the Kilabon Bay golf course. She became President when Kilabon Bay Golf Club Ladies became affiliated with the District, (C.N.D.G.A.) and Ladies Golf Union (L.G.U.). She served as Captain for many years also as Secretary and Publicity Officer.

Melva donated a Silver Salver in 1973 to be played for in our 4BBB Knockout event. She also began donating trophies for the "Melva Henry Trophy" and "Sportsgirl Award" in 1998.

She played golf left handed and was a beautiful iron player. She competed mostly in 2<sup>nd</sup> Division and won the Championship in 1969 and then in 1970 won 3<sup>rd</sup> Division.

Melva is our club's Patroness and is very interested in what is going on with our ladies, via phone calls, letters and cards. She is truly a gracious and remarkable lady.



