



Riverina Women's' Golf Association Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2021 started on a positive note before COVID once again disrupted our golfing season.

A very successful Workshop was held in February following the postponed 2020 Annual District Meeting and I am pleased to advise that the Executive Committee has been working towards introducing some of the changes requires by you – the members.

COVID tried to wreck our Sand Green Championship which was held at The Rock Golf Course, however, despite the late withdrawal of some 10-12 entries because of the closed Victorian Border, a very successful day was held. After a playoff between Bernie McLean from Corowa and Chris Spokes of Holbrook, congratulations went to Bernie McLean. In July another successful day with the new 27 hole format for the Foursomes Championship was held at Deniliquin. Same number of players as before but a much wider range of Clubs. Regrettably, the Open had to be cancelled – 2 years in a row: what a celebration we will have in 2022 at Corowa when (if) we all get to play there – don't forget the month has changed: 22, 23 and 24 August – put it in the diary now!

In August, the Golf NSW Regional Manager, Cade Webb, invited the Presidents of the 4 districts to meet to discuss the districts; their current status and the possibility of the aligning the Women's District with the Men's. I agreed to look at the zoning of our District in line with the Men's districts and the Executive Committee met several times to formalize the zoning of the Riverina. Most will have now seen the proposal RWGA Zoning Proposal which has been discussed at meetings attended by Clubs within each zone. The decision on whether or not to go ahead, belongs to the Clubs but I strongly believe that the Zoning Proposal should be given a chance in 2022 – if it does not work and a new proposal is put forward – then 2023 can be different. I think it is clear that we need to do something to encourage our aging population to continue to actively participate in RWGA events and Club Tournaments while at the same time encouraging younger players to join and participate.

In the first instance, it is proposed that the Zoning will apply to the Pennant season and the Foursomes. It is also anticipated that Mixed events will be introduced. If approved by the ADM, the Zones: RWGA East, RWGA West and RWGA Central will be introduced on 1 January 2022.

My sincere thanks go to the Executive Team and the Match Committee for their enthusiastic commitment to ensuring that the Riverina continued to run smoothly – thank you Ladies for the many hours on ZOOM! Thank you to Marg Hogan who undertook the co-ordination of the Pennant Season – not an easy task at any time but one made more difficult by the weather!

A Very Special Thank You must go to our hard-working Secretary, Kathy Simpson, who undertook a fourth year and must now stand down. Well done Kathy – I am sure all the Ladies have appreciated your endeavor to keep us all informed.

Clearly 2022 will be different – new and exciting I hope as we move forward to keep golf alive and well in the Riverina. Good golfing Ladies.

Trish Gray,
President,
20 October 2021