



2024

Women's Handbook

**North-Eastern
District Golf
Association**



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North-Eastern District Golf Association

Communication

Our aim is to provide as much communication as possible to keep you informed of upcoming NEDGA events and up to date with the various results, by using the following applications:

Website: www.nedga.org.au



***NEDGA on Facebook!
Check out the site at***

www.facebook.com/nedga



Download Team App from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and search for NEDGA.



2024 Women's Calendar of Major Events

NEDGA Women's Events	
Men's and Women's Opening Day – Benalla G.C.	Sunday 11 th February
Women's Opening Day – YMGCR	Friday 23 rd February
Pennant Commences	Friday 8 th March
Sunday Pennant Commences	Sunday 17 th March
Judy Guilfoyle Cup (H/Cap 30+) Beechworth G.C.	Tuesday 16 th April
Pennant Finals	Friday 19 th April
Sunday Pennant Finals	Sunday 5 th May
NEDGA District Championships - Bright G.C.	Mon, Tues, Wed 3/4/5 th June
Golf Victoria Men's and Women's Country Week Teams	Mon, Tues, Weds 30 th Sept, 1 st , 2 nd Oct
Sandgreen Championship – Tarrawingee G. C.	Friday 11 th October
Sally Symonds 4BBB - Myrtleford G.C.	Friday 15 th November
4BBB Championship – Mansfield G.C. (also men's event)	Sunday 27 th October
Mixed Foursomes Championship – Bright	Sunday 19 th November
NEDGA A.G.M.	Wed 27 th November

NEDGA Club Merit and Bowl Dates					
JUBILEE	Weds	28 th February	RUTHERGLEN	Thurs	8 th August
COMM. ALBURY	Thurs	7 th March	HOWLONG	Wed	21 st August
WANGARATTA	Thurs	14 th March	YARRAWONGA	Fri	23 rd August
COROWA	Weds	10 TH April	CHILTERN	Tues	10 th September
THURGOONA	Mon	15 th April	MITTA MITTA	Wed	2 nd October
MANSFIELD	Fri	26 th April	BRIGHT	Thurs	3 rd October
BENALLA	Thurs	2 nd May	BEECHWORTH	Wed	16 th October
MYRTLEFORD	Thurs	9 th May	WODONGA	Thurs	24 th October
YACKANDANDAH	Wed	22 nd May			
TARRAWINGEE	Fri	7 th June			



Women's Club Rotating Roster

Opening Day to be played at Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort in February

Women's District Championships to be played in first week Sept (Mon/Tues/Wed)

District Championships – Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday				
		HOST CLUB	FOURSOMES CHAMPIONS	CHAMPION
2012	18-20 June	Benalla	J.Langford/K.Droop	Judy Langford
2013	17-19 June	Wodonga	J.Langford/A.Harris	Casey Wild
2014	2-4 June	Mt. Beauty	Venue Change	
2014	16-18 June	Wangaratta	C.Odgers/C.Wild	Casey Wild
2015	15-17 June	YMGCR	C.Odgers/C.Wild	Casey Wild
2016	6-8 June	Mt Beauty	M.Peters/C.Wild	Maddie Peters
2017	16-18 June	Corowa	A.Harris/B.McLean	Jenna Fitzgerald
2018	18-20 June	Jubilee	D.Murphy/K.O'Shea	Judy Langford
2019	17-19 June	Myrtleford	J.Langford/C.Wild	Casey Wild
2020	14-16 June	Bright	NOT HELD (COVID-19)	NOT HELD (COVID-19)
2021	6-8 Sept	Mansfield	NOT HELD (COVID-19)	NOT HELD (COVID-19)
2022	5-7 Sept	Mansfield	J. Garner/D. Anstee	Donna Anstee
2023	4-6 Sept	Benalla	D. Lampitt/R. Vogel	Kirri Davis
2024	3-5 June	Bright		
2025	June	Wodonga		
2026		Wangaratta		
2027		Jubilee		
2028		Myrtleford		
Sandgreen Championship				
		HOST CLUB	CHAMPION	
2012	24 September	St. James	G.Marshall	
2013	14 October	Yackandandah	L.Foots	
2014	6 th October	Bandiana	Cancelled	Security
2015	5 th October	Tarrawingee	Y.Williamson	
2016	10 th October	Walwa	Washed out	Course unplayable
2017	9 th October	Mitta Mitta	G.Marshall	
2018	12 th October	Yackandandah	J.Langford	
2019	8 th November	Beechworth	J.Langford	
2020	15 th Sept		Cancelled	COVID-19
2021	3 rd September	Chiltern	Cancelled	COVID-19
2022	29 th May	Rutherglen	J. Langford	
2023	26 th May	Yackandandah	L. M'Crystal	
2024	11 th Oct	Tarrawingee		
2025	TBA	Mitta Mitta		
2026	TBA	Beechworth		
2027	TBA	Chiltern TBC		
2028	TBA	Rutherglen		



Women's Club Rotating Roster

Judy Guilfoyle (30+ Handicap)				
			WINNER	TEAM SALVER
2019	15 th April	Benalla	G.Law	Corowa
2020		Wodonga	NOT HELD (COVID)	NOT HELD (COVID)
2021	13 th April	Wodonga	A. Phegan	Commercial Albury
2022	12 th April	Yackandandah	C. Fursdon	Beechworth
2023	18 th April	Benalla	S. Effting	Wangaratta
2024	16 th April	Beechworth		
2025	April	Mansfield		
2026	April	Rutherglen		
2027	April	Wodonga		
2028	April	Wangaratta		
Sally Symonds 4BBB				
			CHAMPIONS	
2019	1 st November	Jubilee	J. Lang / C. Ward	
2020		Cancelled	COVID-19	
2021	12 th November	Benalla	P. Smiles / S.Crow	COVID-19
2022		Wangaratta	Venue Change	Flooded
2022	11 th November	Bright	F. McLees / A. Hazeldine	
2023	17 th November	Wangaratta	M. Pane / R.Ottaway	
2024	15 th November	Myrtleford		
2025	Nov	Jubilee		
2026	Nov	Wodonga		
2027	Nov	Benalla		
2028	Nov	Bright		

The Sally Symonds 4BBB Tournament held in November is our Closing Day for the year.

When hosting a NEDGA event, please ensure that your course is free for the entire time that play is in progress.



North-Eastern District Golf Association

2024 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S EVENT CALENDAR

Legend: Blue Text = Club Entry Events

Month	Date	Event	Venue
	Mon 1 Jan – Fri 01 Nov	Silver Spoon - Club Qualifying (18)	Club
	Mon 1 Jan - Fri 04 Oct	Doris Chambers - Club Qualifying (18)	Club
	Sat 1 Jan – Fri 01 Nov	Royal Women's Hospital 4BBB - Club Qualifying (18)	Club
January			
	Mon 15 – Tue 16	Vic Four-Ball Championship Final	Spring Valley & Kingston Heath
February			
March			
April			
	Mon 15 - Tues 16	Victorian Women's Autumn Tournament (36) (ST)	Ballarat
May			
	Mon 06	Past Captains and Presidents Day	Keysborough
June			
	Sat 1 – Sun 2	Victorian Women's Par 3 (36)	Kyabram Parkland
	Mon 24	VGf Paul Rak Memorial Trophy Day (18)	Royal Melbourne
July			
	Fri 19	Victorian Women's Country Foursomes	Cobram Barooga
	Sat 20 - Sun 21	Victorian Women's Country Championship (36)	Cobram Barooga
	Sat 20 - Sun 21	Glenelg Cup (36)	Cobram Barooga
August			
	Sat 24 - Sun 25	Victorian Women's Sand Greens Championship (36) (2022)	Dimboola
September			
	Mon 30 – Weds 1 Oct	Men's & Women's Country Week (MP)	TBC
October			
	Mon 7 - Tues 8	Victorian Women's Spring Tournament (36) (ST)	Lonsdale GC
	Fri 18	Doris Chambers Cup - State Final #1 (18)	TBC
	Thurs 24	Doris Chambers Cup State Final #2 (18) (NEDGA)	TBC
November			
	Mon 18	Silver Spoon - State Final (18)	Gardiners Run
December			

2024 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S SENIOR 55+ EVENT CALENDAR

Month	Date	Event	Venue
January			
February			
	Tue 13 - Wed 14	Koorungal Senior Amateur (36)	Koorungal
	Thu 29 – Fri 01	Eureka Senior Amateur (36)	Ballarat & Buninyong
March			
	Wed 06 - Thu 07	Alpine Senior Masters (36)	Bright
April			
	Mon 08	Keysborough Senior Amateur (18)	Keysborough
	Mon 29 – Wed 01	Cobram-Barooga Senior Amateur (54)	Cobram-Barooga
May			
	Thu 09	Gardiners Run Senior Amateur (18)	Chirnside Park (Gardiners Run)
	Mon 13	Southern Senior Amateur (18)	Southern
	Mon 20	The Sands Senior Amateur (18)	The Sands
June			
	Sun 16	Heathcote Senior Amateur (18)	Heathcote
	Mon 17 – Tue 18	Shepparton Senior Amateur (36)	Shepparton
	Thu 20 - Fri 21	Tocumwal Senior Amateur (36)	Tocumwal
July			
	Mon 08 – Wed 10	Coomealla Senior Amateur (36)	Coomealla
August			
	Mon 5	Yarra Yarra "Ray Bamed" Senior Amateur (18)	Yarra Yarra
	Tues 6	Kingston Heath Senior Amateur (18)	Kingston Heath
	Wed 7	Commonwealth Senior Amateur (18)	Commonwealth
	Fri 09	Victoria GC Senior Open (18)	Victoria
	Mon 19	Royal Melbourne Seniors Classic (18)	Royal Melbourne
	Mon 26-Tue 27	Bendigo Senior Amateur (36)	Bendigo
September			
	Mon 09 – Wed 11	Victorian Senior Amateur (54)	Barwon Heads & 13 th Beach
October			
	Weds 30 – Thu 01	Hepburn Springs Senior Amateur (36)	Hepburn Springs
November			
	Thu 28	Sorrento Senior Amateur	Sorrento
December			
	Thurs 05 – Fri 06	Sanctuary Lakes Senior Amateur	Sanctuary Lakes



Standard Conditions for NEDGA Women's Competitions

Entry forms will be available on Team App and emailed out to Clubs approximately 4 weeks prior to competition

1. To be eligible for this Competition, players must be financial playing members of NEDGA with an officially recognised Golf Australia Handicap.
2. It is the player's responsibility to ascertain their correct daily handicap. Unless otherwise specified in individual event conditions, the maximum playing handicap for all events for women, is 45.
3. The competition shall be played in accordance with the R&A USGA Rules of Golf (January 2023) subject to such local rules as are in force on the course over which the competition is played and/or NEDGA Match Committee.
4. The NEDGA Match Committee makes all the arrangements, and has full power to alter the conditions, should they deem it desirable, and shall have the right to refuse entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.
5. In the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, the NEDGA Match Committee may shorten the competition, appoint another day or days for completion of, or may transfer play to another course.
6. Protests must be made to the NEDGA Match Committee not later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of each round. The decision of the NEDGA Match Committee will be final in all matters relating to the tournament.
7. Entry Fees must be paid at the time of entry via Golfbox. Any entrant may withdraw and have their entry fee refunded providing notification is received on or before the event closing date, by emailing nedgawomen@gmail.com. No entry fee will be refunded to a competitor withdrawing after the draw has been published, unless the NEDGA Match Committee approves special circumstances.
8. The NEDGA Match Committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries. In the event numbers exceed the capacity of the course the time of receipt of any entry will determine if you are placed in the field.
9. Motorised carts are now allowed. Medical certificates are no longer required. It is the responsibility of the player to comply with any club requirements regarding cart usage. When cart availability is limited, consideration should be given to those players who are unable to play without one, i.e would have to withdraw from the event, rather than those who just like to play in a cart. Any disputes regarding cart usage are to be resolved between the players and not by the Match Committee.
10. The use of a mobile phone whilst on the golf course during an event is distracting and inconsiderate. Mobile phones should be on silent or vibrate only. Players/caddies are permitted to make phone calls from the course to the clubhouse or to Rules Official for rules/emergency assistance only.
11. For all NEDGA tournaments, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 4-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.
12. A player is prohibited from having a professional golfer serve as her caddie during the tournament.
13. Players must report 15 minutes before the starting time. At the discretion of the starter any player not ready to commence play when called upon may be placed at the end of the field.
14. In the event of a tie there shall be a countback according to Golf Australia recommendations.

January 2024



NEDGA Women's Events

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Opening Day:

- Format:** 2 Person Aggregate Stableford – Winner, Runner Up, Third, Fourth.
Beryl Marshall Memorial Trophy (best individual score)- Winner, Runner Up, Third
Visitors Prize – awarded to winning team excluding teams with one or more players from the host club. If a visitor team has either won or been runner up, this prize will go to the next highest scoring visitor team
- Conditions:** Please see Standard Conditions for NEDGA Women's Competitions on Page 9
Partners do not have to be from same club with NEDGA.

2023 Trophy Winners: Nola Crothers and Jo Ryan (YMGCR) - 75pts

2023 Beryl Marshall Memorial Trophy: Jo Ryan (YMGCR) - 39 pts

Judy Guilfoyle Cup

- Format:** 18 Hole Stableford - Winner, Runner Up, Third
Club Team Salver (Teams of 3)
- Conditions:** Please see Standard Conditions for NEDGA Women's Competitions on Page 9
Must have Golf Australia Daily Handicap of 30+ at the time of entry.

2023 Trophy Winner: Sharnee Effting– Commercial Albury GC 44pts

2023 Team Salver: Wangaratta GC 109 pts - Barb Woodward, Gail Dodd, Helen Tate

Sally Symonds 4BBB Perpetual Trophy

- Format:** 18 Hole 4BBB Stableford - Winner, Runner Up, Third
- Conditions:** Please see Standard Conditions for NEDGA Women's Competitions on Page 9
All players must be a financial member of the NEDGA or be a financial member of an Associate Member Club of the NEDGA.

2023 Perpetual Trophy Winner: Marilyn Pane and Robyn Ottaway (Jubilee) 50 pts



District Sandgreen Championships

Strokeplay Format: 18 Hole Stroke Winners (Scratch & Handicap)

Grade winners and runners up - Number of entries received will determine two or three grades. A Grade will be 0-18 and other grades divided evenly

Sandgreen Teams Championship (Club Team – Best 3 of 4 nett scores)

Note: Second round of **NEDGA Seniors Perpetual Trophy** (donated by Mary Cardwell). *To qualify for this event, you must be 65+ prior to first round of District Championships. Competitor's best daily scratch score from 2 day District Championships and their scratch score from the Sandgreen Championships are added together. Lowest combined score determines the winner.*

Conditions: Please see Standard Conditions for NEDGA Women's Competitions on Page 9
All players must be a financial member of the NEDGA or be a financial member of an Associate Member Club of the NEDGA.
In the event of a tie in the Championship scratch grades, there shall be a sudden death play-off. Play-off Holes to be nominated by the NEDGA Match Committee. If time does not permit, there shall be a countback according to Golf Australia recommendations. Ties in the handicap events shall be decided by a count-back according to Golf Australia recommendations.
Trophies are awarded to the Scratch and Handicap winners and more than one trophy can be won by the same person. Monetary prizes will go to the winners and runners up of Grades in both scratch and handicap events
In the event of a tie in the NEDGA Seniors Perpetual Trophy, there will be no count-back. Multiple winners will be awarded.

2023 District Sandgreen Champion: Libby M'Crystal (Yackandandah)

2023 NEDGA Seniors Perpetual Trophy: Robyn McGrath (Bright)

2023 Sandgreens Teams Championship: Yackandandah: Libby M'Crystal, Helen Eyre, Marg Scanlon, Angela Bishop,



District Championships

Foursomes Format: 18 Hole Foursomes (Scratch & Handicap) Winner and Runner Up

Strokeplay Format: 36 Hole Champion (Best 36 hole Scratch Score)

36 Hole Stroke (Scratch & Handicap) Winner and Runner Up (A,B,C Grades)

18 Hole Stroke (Scratch & Handicap Day 1 and Day 2 Winner (A,B,C Grades)

Pam McCormick Trophy (Best Scratch Score)

Irene Southwell Memorial Trophy (Best 36 Hole Nett Score)

Nancy Swan Perpetual Trophy (Club Team - Best 3 of 4 Nett Scores for 36 Holes)

Note: First round of **NEDGA Seniors Perpetual Trophy** (donated by Mary Cardwell). *To qualify for this event, you must be 65+ prior to the Sandgreen Championship. Competitor's best daily scratch score from 2 day District Championships and scratch score from the Sandgreen Championship are added together. Lowest combined score determines the winner.*

Conditions:

Please see Standard Conditions for NEDGA Women's Competitions on Page 9

All players must be a financial member of the NEDGA or be a financial member of an Associate Member Club of the NEDGA.

Max GA at the time of entry is 40 and Max playing handicap is 40.

In the event of a tie in the Foursomes and Championship scratch grades, there shall be a sudden death play-off. Play-off Holes to be nominated by the NEDGA Match Committee.

If time does not permit, there shall be a countback according to Golf Australia

recommendations. Ties in the daily scratch and all handicap events shall be decided by a count-back according to Golf Australia recommendations.

In the event of a tie in the Pam McCormick Trophy, there will be no count-back. Multiple winners will be awarded.

Trophies are awarded to the 36 hole Scratch and Handicap winners and more than one trophy can be won by the same person. Monetary prizes will go to the winners and runners up of A, B and C Grades in both scratch and handicap events

2023 Trophy Winners:

Foursomes Champions: Dana Lampitt and Raquel Vogel (Comm Alb) 81

NEDGA Champion: Kirri Davis (YMGCR) 161

B Grade Champion: Marg Knapp (Mansfield) 186

C Grade Champion: Lyn Poulson (Mansfield) 202

Irene Southwell Memorial Trophy: Lisa Watson (Comm Alb) 141

Pam McCormick Trophy: Kirri Davis (YMGCR) 79

Nancy Swan Perpetual Trophy: Thurgoona – Jenny Fuaux, Jenny Garner, Donna Anstee



Merit Award Conditions

The Merit Award has been introduced to encourage players to attend bowls or tournaments at clubs other than their own.

We have a very diverse group of clubs in the North East. Ranging from a resort course with 45 holes, a large number of employees and amazing facilities, to a sandgreen course with husband and wife volunteers doing all the work to try and maintain their course. Some clubs are owned and run by their members while others have private owners. The non-private clubs can make money from food, raffles and bar takings which they need to do to keep their clubs going. The privately owned clubs cannot do this but also have to pay the owners a per person amount for every event. Every club needs the Districts support but especially the sandgreen and smaller clubs.

1. To be eligible and to be awarded points in this event, a player must be a financial member of the NEDGA or be a financial member of an Associate Member Club of the NEDGA.
2. Points will be awarded to the District players who return the best scores in an 18 Hole individual event as nominated by the club. Clubs may nominate only one event per year eg. Tournament or Bowl. Nett scores in stroke events, best scores in par and highest points in stableford competitions.
3. Points toward the Merit Award will be as follows:
 - 5 Points for best nett, par or stableford score.
 - 4 Points for second
 - 3 Points for third
 - 2 Points for fourth
 - 1 Point for all players attending (excl players from Home club)
4. Countbacks are not applicable. If two or more players have the same score, they receive the same number of points and are all classed as first or second or whatever position they came.
5. No points will be awarded to members of the Home club. If a player is a member of more than one club in the District, "Home club" is defined as where player's golf link no. is held.
6. In the event of a tie for the Merit Award the player who has scored points in the most events will be declared the winner. In the event of a further tie the player with the most 5 points, then 4 points etc. will be declared the winner.
7. The NEDGA Match Committee shall have full control over the result.
8. A full field results report is to be given to NEDGA Match Committee member on the day or emailed to nedgawomen@gmail.com **as soon as possible** after the club event is held.
9. The winner will be announced at the Sally Symonds 4BBB event and presented with a Bag Tag and \$100 Drummond Voucher.

2023 Winner: Gail Smith (Beechworth)



NEDGA Brooch Competition

Proceeds from this competition have previously been used to support our female juniors. Since amalgamation, all of our juniors have great financial support from the NEDGA. Proceeds were then directed to support our North East women's Country Week Team however given the strong financial position of the NEDGA at this point in time, further fundraising is deemed unnecessary and therefore the NEDGA Brooch will not be run until further notice.

Golf Victoria Country Teams

Golf Victoria Country Teams is an annual competition played between Country Districts of Golf Victoria. It can also be known as Country Week Teams' Matches. Golf Victoria divides the teams into three divisions. The competition consists of teams playing 'round robin' contests of scratch matchplay between districts in each division. Each district selects a team of ten players with seven players competing in each match.

The Women's Country Week Teams' Matches were first played in 1933. The competition began to give country players the opportunity to play on leading Melbourne golf courses. The prestigious trophy for which they compete is the Alice Coltman Cup donated by the first President of the Ballarat District Ladies Golf Association. Each year the winning teams of Division 2 and 3 are promoted into the next division and the losing teams of Division 1 and 2 are relegated to the lower division.

The North-Eastern (NE) District has a winning history to be very proud of in Country Teams competition. Not only have we kept our place in Division 1 for the majority of this competition (known exceptions, 1972 & 2006) but have won the Alice Coltman Cup 25 times. From 1981 to 1998 we won the cup in 14 of the 18 years, including eight years in row from 1991-98. Then from 2002 to 2012 we won another seven times, with four of those in a row. Our latest victory was a convincing one in 2018.

Continuing Golf Australia's strategy to move Country Teams to regional areas, this year's event was held in East Gippsland. There were a number of withdrawals of teams, particularly for the women and our event was shortened to 2 days, playing at Trafalgar and Taralgon. All 7 players for the NE acquitted themselves with determination and good sportsmanship and won their first round against Murray Darling, but went down in subsequent rounds against Goulburn Murray and Peninsula. This left us at the bottom of our Division on a countback, however we are yet to hear if that will result in us being relegated or whether the district not attending will be relegated.

Clubs are invited to nominate their low handicap players (< GA 18) for potential selection into this year's NEDGA women's team. To be eligible for selection, a player must be a member of a Victorian affiliated club in the District they represent, irrespective of residential location. Players must have played a minimum of 10 competition rounds at either the affiliated country club or in designated District events in the preceding 12 months for the player to be eligible. The preceding 12 months is the 12 months from 30th September 2023. It is anticipated that this year the event will be held in the Geelong district.

Note: Non-stroke or individual Club or District events such as Pennant, Foursomes, 4BBB or Ambrose will also count towards the minimum of 10 competition rounds. As long as they are either NEDGA events or played at the Victorian affiliated club.

It is an honour to be selected in the team and represent the North-Eastern District at Country Teams, whether as a player or caddy.