

Auckland Golf Incorporated Women's Presidents Report AGM November 2022

Women's Management Committee

As 2022 draws to a close, one finds it hard to imagine what the golfing community faced over the past 2 years, with covid restrictions and lockdowns.

It has been a breath of fresh air, to be able to complete a full golfing calendar, to see the happy smiles on our member golfers, to see representative golf back and to be able to move freely throughout the country and indeed the world.

At the start of 2022 I had family commitments overseas, it is with my sincere thanks to Dorothy Wallace who agreed to help and cover my role at AGI. The first part of this report is her summary to the start of the Women's golfing year within our District :

Women's President Report

January – May 2022

I was acting Women's President while Ann Barltrop was overseas enjoying quality family time. It was good to be back with the Women's Management team and I enjoyed our time working together.

The Women's Management committee, Pauline & Jacob, met with Emily Davidson of Golf NZ in February to discuss our involvement and support of the Women and Girls Ambition initiative. We formalised our Inclusion Statement and what we expected this would look like for 2022.

Our Management Committee was joined by Bob Harmon at the 'Auckland Ambition to Action Workshop' hosted by Emily Davidson from GolfNZ and attended by 7 club representatives. Although the club numbers were low, there was a lot of discussion and constructive ideas shared. Emily said Golf NZ's desire was for inclusion of not only women and girls but to also include disabled and mixed gender persons, the 'under-represented' population. AGI's commitment of support to the clubs was endorsed but Golf NZ's Ambitions or action plans to achieve this were not explained and this project seems to have stalled.

Our team to play NZ Women's Masters tournament on 1-3 April at Alexandra was selected in consultation with the Board, Jacob created the AGI Representative Team Travel Policy, based on requirements for safe travel and health & safety support for our players. Team players:

Linda Creedy (Titirangi)

Allison Drake-Wells (Whitford Park)

Brigit Holford (Royal Auckland & Grange)

Annelize Vosloo (Whitford Park)

Sophie Feng (Pukekohe) Non-travelling Reserve

Our players found the competition challenging and one player having to retire in the final round through injury, resulted in Waikato the winners and Auckland placed ninth.

AGI 9 Hole District tournament scheduled to be held at Wattle Downs on 21 March was postponed. This was in response to concerns from the Manager of the local Retirement Village as many of their residents are members of the club and their desire to keep social contact to a minimum. This competition was re-scheduled for September.

18 Hole Executive Day was hosted by Maungakiekie. Although the number of clubs represented was lower than expected, a successful forum on Women's Ambitions was appreciated by those attending, encouraging delegates to be involved in their club's participation.

The Women's pennant competition was completed on 29 May, strong competition was enjoyed by all participants and resulted in another successful year.

The Junior Girls Team played in the Girls' Development Quadrangular at Te Awamutu 25-27 April to compete against Waikato, Bay of Plenty & North Harbour. Our team were:

Lucia Lee (Pakuranga)	Leona Zhao (Pakuranga)
Chloe So (Pakuranga)	Jena Kim (Pakuranga)
Cherry Lee Howick	Cherie Young (Remuera)
Gaylene John – Manager	

I was delighted to be asked to accompany Gaylene and the team Sally Lee (Howick) & Mary Yim (Titirangi) played for the Waikato team to allow them to enter the competition. Their sportsmanship was greatly appreciated.

A player from North Harbour tested Covid positive on the second day. After consultation with the Managers and Waikato CEO, Terry, it was agreed that the tournament would be cancelled.

We have seen wonderful results from Auckland representative players internationally:

Fiona Zu – won Australian Amateur

Vivian Lu – won NZ Amateur

It is pleasing to see our girls reap rewards for their hard work and commitment to their golf.

Chris Carroll (Remuera) has joined the Course Rating team. Chris will be a welcomed volunteer.

Dorothy Wallace

Acting Women's President.

The AGI Women's Management Committee continues to be a great support to our member clubs and the women's membership within our district, they were on hand to assist Dorothy.

We as a District are very fortunate to have this group of volunteers, who give their time freely for the love of the game and to support the golfing community overall.

The Women's Committee are:

Kim Perry - Women's Vice President

Barbara Jepson - Pennant Convenor and Match Committee Convenor

Tracie Williams - Handicapping and Course Rating Convenor

Mary Cole - 9 Hole Convenor

Gaylene John - Team Manager & Junior Convenor

Judy Hayhow - Life Member

The committee is also assisted by our selectors, Sian Kelly who selects our senior and junior teams. Thank you to Dorothy Wallace for overseeing the selection of the masters team.

As I have already touched on, as an Association we are extremely grateful to our volunteers, for their tireless work and hours they give back to the association and golfers of our District. As many of our clubs will understand, it is not an easy process to recruit volunteers and many are shoulder tapped and enthusiastically encouraged to step forward for the club or district. Life has become seemingly busier over the years, I reflect, admire on how much time and dedication the volunteers have given back to all.

Thank you to Jacob for your encouragement and support to the committee, always at the end of the phone when needed.

We farewelled Pauline Smaill after 24 years at AGI, on behalf of the golfing community, thank you Pauline for your years of service to the sport, your dedication to detail and being across all pennant and the representative golf. Pauline will be sadly missed by all who have worked with her over the years, but I know we wish her all the best in her well deserved retirement.

Welcome to PJ Campbell who has joined the AGI team, look forward to working together.

Representative Golf

It has been another exceptional and busy year for some of our representative players :
Vivian Lu defended her NZ Women's Amateur Stroke Play Champion and selected to represent NZ in the following tournaments :

- : **Queen Sirikit Cup** held in May at Laguna National Golf Resort Club in Singapore
 - : Team placed 2nd
 - : Individual T13
- : **Espirito Santo Trophy** team for World Amateur in August at Golf de Saint-Nom-Brèteche in France
 - : Team placed T20
 - : Individual T64
- : **Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific** at Siam Country Club in Thailand
 - : Individual T13

Fiona Xu played in Australia in the Riversdale Cup and Rene Erichsen Slaver finishing runner-up in both events in the lead up week to her win at the Australian Women's Amateur at Cranbourne Golf Club in Victoria Australia. Heading to the U.S middle of this year saw Fiona finishing 5th in the U.S Girls' Junior Championship and 33rd in the U.S Women's Amateur Championship, selected to represent NZ in the following Tournaments :

- : **Queen Sirikit Cup** : Team placed 2nd : Individual T10
- : **Espirito Santos Trophy** : Team placed T20 : Individual T16
- : **Women's Asia Pacific Championship** : Individual T13

April : **AGI Women's Master's** selected to play at Alexandra GC in the NZ Women's Master's were : Linda Creedy, Allison Drake-Well, Brigid Holford, Annelize Vosloo and non travelling reserve Sophie Feng. The team finished 9th overall.

April : The **Girls Development Quadrangular** was played at Te Awamutu GC, unfortunately cancelled (as explained earlier in the report).

July : **Girls Junior Development** to Taranaki to play in the Taranaki Age Group Championship : Chloe So won U16, Emma Zheng 3rd, Mary Yim 6th.
Cherie Young 4th Nett : Amy Han 3rd Nett U19
Mixed AGI team played against Taranaki Juniors : Auckland 12.5 to Taranaki 3.5

August : **Auckland vs North Harbour** (Battle of the Bridge) unfortunately North Harbour were unable to field a Master Team this year. Our District was represented by our Seniors and Juniors players : Auckland 8 - North Harbour 4

AGI vs Wellington at Taupo - A successful tournament : Akl 13 to Wlg 2

October : **Junior Interprovincials** at Rotorua, after missing the tournament last year due to lockdowns, great to see the girls step up, dig deep and win the tournament.

- : **The Dunes Tournament** was held, although heavy rain on the final day called an early end to the tournament. Results were worked out with Auckland retaining the Dunes Trophy and winning the Rosebowl which is played for against Bay of Plenty at the same time.

November : **Champion of Champions** :

: Silver Stroke Play Champion : Fiona Xu (Titirangi GC)

: Runner-up : Caryn Khoo (Whitford Park GC)

: Nett winner : Scarlett Joen (Akarana GC)

: **Bronze Stroke Play Champion** : Wendy Shuttleworth (Akarana GC)

: Runner-up : Seini Te Huki (Windross Farm GC)

: Nett Winner : Barrie Ashton (Titirangi GC)

: **Gross Stableford Rosebowl Champions** : Titirangi GC

2nd : Akarana GC : 3rd : Whitford Park GC

: **9 Hole Stroke Play Champion** : Anna Masefield (Remuera GC)

: Runner-up : Meri Mackay (Howick GC)

: Nett Winner : Debra MacMillan (Clarks Beach GC)

December : **NZ Women's Interprovincials** at Tauranga, this will be the first time the men and women will play the Interprovincial together over two courses.

Team : Vivian Lu (Co Captain), Fiona Xu, Rebekah Blackwell-Chin, Caryn Khoo (Co Captain), Grace Zhan, Chloe So (travelling and playing reserve)

Achievements and results from our elite and up and coming players:

: **Lydia Ko Junior Open**

- U16 Emma Zheng 1st : Cherry Lee 2nd ; Lucia Lee 3rd

: **Danny Lee Springfield Open at Rotorua**

- Amy Han 4th : Rianne Li 5th : Aileen Du 11th

: **N.I Age Group Championships at Taupo**

- U 19 : Carmen Lim 1st : Mimi Guo 2nd : Amy Han 10th : Rianne Li 12th

: **Southland Stroke Play Championship** (South Island Stroke Play Championship)

- Vivian Lu 1st : Amy Han 3rd : Rianne Li T4 : Aileen Du T4

: **Hastings Open at Hastings**

- Amy Han T2 : Mimi Guo T4 : Rianne Li T4 : Aileen Du 6th

: **NZ Stroke Play Championship at Christchurch**

- Vivian Lu 1st : Mimi Guo 10th : Carmen Lim 11th : Rianne Li 11th

: **Adidas Golf Junior 6s Tour** at Royal Wellington GC

- Vivian Lu 3rd : Carmen Lim 4th : Fiona Xu T6 : Rianne Li T6 : Aileen Du 9th

: **North Shore Classic** at North Shore GC

- Mimi Guo 1st : Amy Han 2nd : Aileen Du 4th : Rianne Li 5th

: **Manawatu Whanganui Stroke Play Championship**

- Rebekah Blackwell-Chin 2nd : Amy Han 3rd : Chloe Lam 5th : Mimi Guo 6th

: **Waikato Winter Stroke Play**

- Amy Han 2nd : Chloe So 3rd : Rebekah Blackwell-Chin 5th : Chloe Lam 8th

: **Ruth Middleton Classic** at Matamata GC

- Chloe Lam T3 : Amy Han T3 : Rebekah Blackwell-Chin 8th

: **North Shore Stroke Play Championship**

- Chloe So 1st : Amy Han 5th

- : **Auckland Women's Stroke Play** at Windross Farm GC
 - Chloe Lam 2nd : Amy Han 3rd : Mimi Guo 4th : Caryn Khoo 12th

- : **NZ Age Group Championships** at Pukekohe GC
 - U16 Rianne Li 2nd : Chloe Lam 3rd
 - U19 : Amy Han 3rd : Aileen Du 13th

- : **Cambridge Classic**
 - Rianne Li 1st : Amy Han T2 : Chloe So 5th : Rebekah Blackwell-Chin 9th

- : **Auckland Provincial Match Play Championship** at Pukekohe GC
 - Amy Han 2nd : Chloe Lam 3rd : Chloe So 9th

- : **North Island Stroke Play**
 - Amy Han 1st : Rianne Li 2nd

- : **NZ Women's Amateur Championship** at Otago Golf Club
 - saw the following Auckland players qualify in the Top 16 to play : Rebekah Blackwell-Chin 2nd : Vivian Lu 3rd : Hitomi Nishio 9th : Chloe Lam 10th : Emma Zheng 12th : Grace Kim 15th : Cassie Luo 16th

 - Vivian Lu finished runner-up in the final.

In the **Golf NZ National Academy** for 2022 are Carmen Lim, Vivian Lu and Fiona Xu

We wishing Carmen Lim all the best as she headed to the U.S. and University in August. Carmen has been an outstanding junior and elite player for AGI, a little summary of her playing career to date : first played in 2016 Interprovincials aged 12yrs, she has played 30 Interprovincial matches during her representative time with AGI and with only 2 losses. In 2017 she won the Danny Lee Springfield Open at 13yrs, this then lead to the honour of teeing off, to open the NZ Women's Open at Windross Farm GC.

The following year Carmen won the Ruth Middleton by 8 shots, won the NZ Foursomes with Vivian Lu and was a member of the NZ Junior Development squad which played in the Australian Girls Amateur, the APGC Junior Championships in Hong Kong and the Toyota Junior World Cup. In 2019 saw Carmen join the National Academy programme and during this year she won the NZ Women's Stroke Play, was in the team to represent NZ at the Astor Trophy in Canada, with the NZ winning the tournament for the first time, the team being : Carmen Lim, Wenyung Keh, Juilanne Alvarez and Amelia Garvey. Represented NZ at Queen Sirikit Cup, team finished 5th. Over the years Carmen has placed 2nd and 3rd in many national tournament. AGI wishes her all the best for her studies and future golfing career.

Other noteworthy tournament for 2022 are :

Mimi Guo : Three Little Birds Memorial AJAG Open in U.S. : 2nd
 : Coca Cola Junior Championship at The Highlands in U.S. : 2nd
 : Future Legends Junior Championship in U.S : 1st

Rianne Li : Rome Junior Classic in U.S : 13th
 : Coca Cola Junior Championship at the Highlands in U.S : 9th
 : Future Legends Junior Championship in U.S : 12th
 : GreatLife Junior Challenge in U.S : 4th
 : Colorado Springs Junior in U.S : 2nd

Rebekah Blackwell-Chin qualified for all Charles Tour Events this year, highlight finishing top Women's Amateur at DVS Clearwater Open.

Thank you to all and our member clubs for your support to AGI throughout the year. It has been a busy and successful year with all major events, competitions and tournaments, able to go ahead and played. We know our players, members and clubs have benefited from them all. Wishing you all a very happy holiday season ahead, hopefully you are able to get away and enjoy time with family and friends.

Ann Bartrop

AGI Women's President