

The SWGA Women's Division 1 Pennant Final Wrap.

Friday May 17th was the big day for SWGA Div 1 Women's Pennant grand finalists Barwon Heads & 13th Beach. The Sands GC, a district 'big' course was the perfect venue for 2 of the district's 'big' clubs to battle for the 2024 flag, both teams were well primed with recent round robin wins to put on a good show. The course was very well presented & the weather not promising to be friendly, but all players, caddies & a good crowd of spectators were hopeful.

The first match out between Jen Warnock (BHGC) & Meg Wall (13th B) was a game of stages with Meg gaining an early 3 up lead. By the 12th Jen was happy to have clawed her way back to square. After hanging in the battle through the crucial holes Meg found her 2nd wind to creep ahead to win 2/1.

Annie Seccull (BH) & Jenny Willox (13thB) were next off having a good tussle with Annie taking a good lead midway. As players got to the exposed parts of the back 9 the weather turned very windy & not suiting Annie's high ball flight but Jenny was determined to continue to press. Annie, supported by the constant affirmations from her caddy was able to recover after a couple of dropped holes to win 2/1.

Jacque McDonald (BH) & Sam Breguet (13thB) were next off with Jacque settling in quicker to the game & getting an early lead. As the southerly increased it was harder to get an edge without taking big risks & Sam was unable to make ground on Jackie who kept her ball in play & putted well for a convincing 4/3 victory.

The Hilary Hodgetts (BH) & Helen Larkin (13th) match was going to be a good one, with both players having had successful pennant seasons. Things were tight, there was nerves, a bit of everything even the hitting of wrong balls. Both played consistent golf but Hilary was able to maintain the pressure for a 3/2 win.

The 2 team Captains, Anna Jamison (BH) & Sharyn Wallace (13th) went head to head. Anna was able to make some telling putts to gain a small edge in the inclement weather. At dormie 3 in the strengthening wind Sharyn hit a crowd pleaser on the 16th par 3 to kick- in distance forcing the game down the last. A very happy BH Capt won the hole & secured the flag.

Meanwhile Jenny Carden (BH) & Emily Doyle (13thB) were locked in a tight battle coming down the 18th, neither having given any advantage to the other all day. Both were cold & wet & hoping not to have to keep playing more holes. Jen made a good par to win 1 up.

The number 1 players Roz Farrell (BH) & Kerrin Biddle (13th B) headed off last with spectators following. As with the earlier games, it was very hard to apply pressure if you were down early in the game because the course gets more difficult & the weather not encouraging attacking play. Both played very steady golf but Kerrin was unable to hole putts to take advantage of some good approach shots going down to Roz 2/1.

2024 Pennant season was another great golfing experience for the 51 Womens teams (that's a lot of players) who donned the uniforms & represented their golf Club in Friday or Sunday competitions.

Enjoy your golf & for those of us who compete we know it's not just a game!

See you out there.

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