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Walcha Indian Cuisine opens today



Walcha Indian Cuisine owner Randy Grewal (right) with staff Gagandeep Singh and Pawandeep Kaur.

Indian cuisine has arrived in Walcha with the opening today of Walcha Indian Cuisine in Fenwicke House.

Owners of the business, Aman and Randy Grewal have chef Gagandeep Singh from India running the business with staff member Pawandeep Kaur. They have been living and training in Brisbane for the past three years, since arriving from India.

The restaurant will be open for lunch and dinner seven days a week to begin with. "The kitchen will be open from 11am to 8pm initially and we will work out which times are busiest," Randy said.

Their menu includes: Rogan Josh, Korma, Dhansak and Saag Gost curries in chicken, beef or lamb, and you have a choice of mild, medium or hot. There is also everyone's favourite, Butter Chicken and Chicken Tikka Masala or Mango Chicken, as well as a range of vegetable dishes.

Randy has also put together some meal packs

for one, two or a family, which include a range of curries, rice, naan bread, entrees and a salad with the family pack being only \$49.99.

If curry doesn't interest you, there are also pizzas including BBQ meat lover, pepperoni, hawaiian, supreme, cheese and veggie for \$15.99 each.

And for a change you could try the Persian Cuisine with kebabs, as well as Green rice with lamb shanks.

The children are also catered for with chips, fried chicken and chicken nuggets. Soft drinks are available at the restaurant, and you are able to BYO alcohol.

Randy and Aman are offering dine-in, takeaway or delivery with orders taken on 0468 785 920. Note: Meals won't be available for dine-in this Wednesday and Thursday. It will be takeaway and delivery only until Friday for this week.

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By BRUCE RUTHERFORD

Only a couple of weeks to go and we will wind the clocks back to join Queensland and Western Australia on standard time as they maintain their objection to this 21st century idea of daylight savings (DST). Good or bad, everyone seems to have an opinion on DST and how it affects them. Personally, I am OK with DST as it presents a few more options on how to spend daylight hours. The worst of DST for me is when we do finally wind the clocks back, it signifies the start of the colder months. Once we are back on AEST the days appear to be suddenly much shorter, and I am never prepared for that. The winding back of the clocks is a signal that time before winter is limited and the inevitability of the colder months. Every winter seems different, some longer than others, some colder than others. Last year seemed to be longer as we appeared to almost bypass autumn and launch from summer into winter. What will this year bring? We don't know, but we do know that for the second year in a row we are going into winter in great shape, which is often not the case. There is a huge body of feed and livestock are in great condition. So that is half the battle and at this point that is comforting to know.

With the body of feed as good as it is in just about every district, we are seeing unprecedented demand for all descriptions of livestock playing out in markets. Restockers are having to play hard ball when trying to replace livestock that have been sold, or rebuilding herds and flocks. Restocker demand is so strong that values continue to defy forecasts from many industry authorities. Restockers don't appear to be fazed by that and have decided they have to keep trading. So, it seems to me that many who have held off somewhat to this point, expecting markets to ease as forecasts suggest, have now decided that time is limited for them to get back into business before numbers ease and availability is further restricted. In the case of cattle markets, every year we see the last of the northern weaner sales around the end of May signal tighter supplies of trading stock and this year will be no different. Except this year there appear to be less numbers and less weaner sales than we would normally see. It appears that a lot of cattle are being held back or have already been sold. Consequently, prices are remaining very strong.

Taking a look at results on AuctionsPlus this last couple of weeks, and values for light cattle have been very solid, as have values for quality females. Clearance rates have been a little erratic but values have remained pretty solid. Many buyers have tried to keep the dollars per head value down with less regard for the c/kg cost, and they have been willing to step back into the tropical breeds and their crosses to do so. Then there have been the buyers sourcing quality young females to join, scan in calf and shift them on. Values for quality young females are fully firm. Finally there are the herd builders who have been buying the PTIC females for the longer term. Prices for each category have been very strong, particularly for the better, British bred cattle. If you study the clearance rates, the British bred cattle are regularly much higher than the rest. The interesting feature of the market is the continued strength in the EYCI, sitting well above 1100 c/kg. This is about 250 c/kg above the indicator this time last year and 350 c/kg above where it was two years ago. Amazing numbers given that it has been above the 1100 c/kg level for some months and continues to defy predictions of a correction.

I know nobody wants to think about it, but there is certainly opportunity to put some hay in a shed at the moment. Hay producers are struggling to sell their summer production because of the great season. From what I have seen you can buy pretty good lucerne hay for around \$250 to \$300 per tonne and if you are not too fussy about dry land pasture hay, it is very cheap. You do have to be mindful of weeds etc, but it is worth thinking about. One day you may be pleased you did.

There has been a lot of discussion about carbon farming recently in media and beyond. I don't profess to know anything about it but have tried to get my head around what the potential is and how it affects us. There is also a lot of discussion about being carbon neutral in our businesses and how that may play out for producers in the coming years. There is talk that we may be required to map our carbon foot print in order to access some markets with grain and livestock. With that in mind, some advisers are making the case that if you sell your soil carbon (as is being encouraged by some quarters) you may well be doing yourself a disservice when it comes to selling your livestock down the track. When you think about it, if you sell your soil carbon to someone trying to offset their emissions, you may well have to buy carbon credits back to satisfy buyers requiring beef that is carbon neutral. So my point is, that you should fully explore all possibilities before committing your carbon to someone else.

Overwhelming support for flood victims



In just one week, Paula Dyason has received so many donations for the flood victims of Woodburn, that she has filled not one, but two truck trailers with supplies!

"I am completely gob-smacked," she said. Paula and her helper Katie Finnis and Colt are pictured with Walcha IGA manager, Mark Hoy with 750 cartons of products headed to Woodburn courtesy of the IGA Distribution Centre. IGA donated 1961 cartons to the flood victims, worth \$25,400. Almost half of the products came to Walcha IGA to forward on to those affected by the floods due to our proximity to the floods, as one of IGA's most north-easterly stores in NSW. Mark Hoy contacted Paula, and these products will be loaded onto a Betts Transport truck headed north next Monday morning.

She has also received a very generous donation of 24 brand new mattresses from Forty Winks which will be very gratefully accepted by the flood-ravaged victims.

"We have been very humbled by the donations we have received in one week from the Walcha community," Paula said. Paula will be at the Betts Transport shed between 4.00 – 5.00pm every afternoon this week to accept donations, and from 3.00 – 5.00pm on Friday. "This Friday is the last day for donations as the trucks are leaving in the early hours of Monday morning," Paula said.

Paula and Katie are driving their own cars to Woodburn over the weekend to be there for the trucks' arrival on Monday. They will spend next week there distributing the food and products to needy families. "If anyone would like to donate cash to assist us with our fuel costs, it would be greatly appreciated," Paula said.

Paula can be contacted on 0427 772 660, or at the Betts Transport shed at the above times today, tomorrow and Friday.

Walcha Central School's Student Parliament were eager to support people affected by recent flooding around Lismore. Students decided to hold a mufti day donation drive to raise funds and collect much-needed goods.

Each year group brought in specific requested items such as dishwashing liquid and toilet paper to add to the Walcha community donation drive supporting the Woodburn community.

Over \$300 was also raised and students made cards of support to send with the donations.

The Parliamentarians are pictured with the donated goods which have been added to the truck for distribution to those affected in Woodburn and surrounds next week.



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letters to the editor



Floral Design workshop

A workshop will be held in the Horticulture Pavilion at the Showground on Sunday 3 April. If you are interested in learning more on Basic Floral Design please note I have organised with Robyn Lyon to be our Demonstrator. Further enquiries to me on 0439 310 844.

Phyllis Hoy

Thank you Steph

Steph Sweeney retired from Walcha Council last week. Steph has done an amazing job as Urban Supervisor. He has worked with the Arts Council and Beautification Committee maintaining and creating the lovely environment which we enjoy in our town today.

Steph contributed to our street trees, cemeteries, streetscape and all our parks and gardens. Particular credit should go to him for the War Memorial Park and the Nancy Nivison Park. The River Walk is an incredibly beautiful part of our town showing some of our sculptures and the river off to great advantage.

He was highly respected by staff and the wider community. His retirement is a loss for us all.

Thank you Steph you will be missed by so many.

Peter Blomfield



Armidale Drama and Music Society (ADMS) stage a series of short plays each year, *Favourite Shorts*, which will be performed during March at the Armidale Playhouse, and will perform a shortened one night performance at Kentucky and Ben Lomond Community Halls.

KPA will host *Favourite Shorts* on Friday 1 April at Kentucky Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets are available through www.trybooking.com/BXHIP or Kentucky General Store, and at the door.

Free tea and coffee with cakes at Intermission and a Lucky Door prize and a draw for a load of firewood, courtesy of generous locals. So get your tickets for a fun night. Ben Lomond will host Saturday 2 April.

Touch football Grand Finals this Saturday

Walcha Touch Football grand finals are scheduled for this Saturday, 26 March at John Oxley Sportsground. Game schedule as follows:

2.00pm Juniors
2.45pm D Grade
3.30pm C Grade
4.15pm B Grade
5.00pm A Grade

Rotary will be cooking a BBQ from 1.30pm. Come along and cheer on your friends and enjoy some lunch.

Walcha 'Champion of Champions' again

By A.J. Cross

A number of Walcha players performed well in the 3-day NEDGA Tournament held here last week, none better than current club champion Cheryl McDonald who scooped the pool when she not only won the Ladies Open and Closed Championships but also claimed the Heather Coogan Jug for Champion of Champions. Champions from all the clubs affiliated with the NEDGA are invited to compete. Cheryl also won the Champion of Champions in 2017 and 2020.



Cheryl finished with a 36 hole total of 170 (87, 83) to win those three events while her 87 off the stick on Day 1 was the best scratch score which entitled her to the Colleen Cross Memorial trophy as well.

As if that wasn't enough, Cheryl won the Day 1 and 2 Teams event with Vicki Heffernan and Amanda Carr (Armidale) before clinching the Foursomes Teams event on Day 3 with Debbie Richards alongside Tamworth duo Lesley Jeffries and Julie Nash who won the Open Foursomes together. Little wonder they won the teams event. Cheryl and Debbie finished runners up in the Open Foursomes.

Runner up in the Open Championship on 177 was Vicki Heffernan who

also picked up the Fenwicke/Salver trophy for best 36 hole nett score on 139 and the best Day 2 nett score with 66.

In Division 2 Polly Locke won the 36 hole nett with 150, the Day 2 nett on 76 and finished runner up in the Day 1 nett on 74 before teaming up with Carlie Broun from Sydney to win the Foursomes Division 1 nett on 73.

In Division 3 Sue Partridge won the 36 holes Open with 204 whereas Sally Rutherford took out the nett division on 141.

The Beryl White trophy Open Foursomes Division 2 winners were Jill Burnell and Vicki Heffernan on 96 while in the same Division Jenny Lisle and Ruth Fletcher finished nett runners up on 76.

The Marie Trim trophy for best player over 75 years young went to Margaret Higgins (36 hole total 147 nett) who also was a member of the quartet to win the Mary White Cup for best NEDGA team of 4 nett scores on Day 1 with Pru Morgan, Sally Rutherford and Jenny Lisle.

On Day 1 Jenny Lisle won Div 1 nett on 71; Polly Locke was runner up in Div 2 nett on 74; while in Div 3 Pru Morgan won the scratch on 100, Sally Rutherford the nett on 71 and Margaret Higgins was nett runner up on 72.

In Division 2 Margaret Davidson was runner up in the nett on 76 while in Division 3 Sally Rutherford won the nett on 70 just ahead of runner up Pauline Carter.

Last Friday Sally McCormack and Alison Cameron carded a 73^{1/2} nett to finish runners up in Division 1.

Organisers of the tournament were thrilled not only by the ideal weather conditions but by the way the course was presented over the duration of the 3 days and the polite, courteous service at the presentations on Thursday evening.



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Bowlers flying the Walcha flag at State Championships

The Walcha squad to compete at the delayed 2021 NSW No.7 Pennant Bowls Championships at Kiama this weekend.

Back row: Greg Carter, Steve Goodwin, Tony Asmus, Kyle Goodwin, Jamie Kerr and Dion Bird.

Centre: Noel Goodwin, Allan Goodwin, Fred Cameron, Ian Bird and Mick Steep.

Front: Denis Makeham (who has been replaced by Gordon Bird) Andrew McGuffog, Mick Bullen and Brian Goodwin.



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Walcha Veterinary Supplies wins 'Business of the Year'



Walcha Veterinary Supplies has been recognised for its performance and contribution to the agriculture industry at the recent Nutrien Ag Solutions and CRT Gala Dinner and Awards night.

With a theme of 'stronger together', the event was attended by 600 on the Gold Coast, with the teams from Western Australia joining the event via live-stream to celebrate the performance of the business in 2020 and 2021.

Peter King and the team at Walcha Veterinary Supplies received the Nutrien Ag Solutions North East Business of the Year Award for both 2020 and 2021.

"We are very proud and excited to receive these awards. Thank you to my team for all their effort and hard work in the last couple of years. Thank you also to our customers and the community for their support" Peter said.

Nutrien Ag Solutions Managing Director Rob Clayton said the awards were not only an opportunity to recognise the performance and success of the retail businesses, but to acknowledge the teams' commitment during a challenging two years.

"2020 and 2021 were challenging for the business as we navigated COVID and various disruptions to the supply chain. However, it's also been a record period for our customers, so thank you to all our teams across the country for all their hard work particularly during such a high demand season in many regions," said Mr Clayton.

"2022 is already shaping up to be another record year for Australian farmers, so we are determined to make the most of this opportunity to invest in the things that will set the industry up for continued success in the future."

"Congratulations to all the recipients of the 2020 and 2021 awards – the best part of our business is our people, and we have some incredible people leading the way for Australian Ag," said Mr Clayton.

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WALCHA SHOW RESULTS

Speed Shear

Novice 1st Troy Wesley 1:04, 2nd Jason Naylor, 3rd Karina Partridge, 4th Brendon.

Intermediate 1st Ed Stace 35:91, 2nd Callum Mallise, 3rd Ned Garrahy, 4th Dylan Wilson.

Senior 1st James Glover 32:88, John Schimanski, 3rd Peter Handebo, 4th Jhorden Coulter.

Open 1st Tete Petuha 1:27, 2nd Steve Mudford, 3rd Brett Maylead, 4th Jerome Taiki. There were 38 competitors, with a big thank you to all the sponsors, competitors and volunteers. A special thank you to Glen Collin for providing the sheep and Jerome Taiki for helping prepare the sheep.

Horses

Champions Friday (Ring 1): Thoroughbred led 'Hank' Gemma Johnson, Res. 'Black Muscat' Domonique Magamm, ASH Led 'Cedarvale Comet' Michelle Power, Res. 'Silver Thorn Jubilee' Peta Moore. ANSA Led 'Denim & Lace' Shae Partridge, Res. 'Secret Heart Cherry Oak' Abbey Partridge. Reg Other Breed over 15h Led 'Shannonvale Greenie' Kai Gregory, Res. 'Boomer' Milly Laurie. Walcha District Senior girl Charlotte Overton, Res. Markeisha Cross. Balmain Champ. Hack W.D. 'Denim & Lace' Shae Partridge, Res. 'Secret Heart Cherry Oak' Abbey Partridge. Champ. Ridden and Other Breed over 15h 'Cedarvale Comet' Jorja Power, Res. 'Swish' Charlotte Overton.

(Ring 2) Pure or part Quarter Led 'Mickie' Kylie Garside, Res. 'Bump' Millie Laurie. Champ. Any other breed 14-15h Led 'Shannonvale' Crystal, Res. 'Daintree' Lisa Burgess. W.D. Junior girl Annabelle Patterson-Kane, Res. Jessica Patterson-Kane. W.D. Junior boy Lachie Provost, Res. Benji Provost. Rosedale Ch. W.D. Galloway 'Winnie' Lachie Provost, Res. 'Becky' Benji Provost. Ridden or Pure Part Quarter horse 'Spider' Ashleigh Barnett, Res. 'Bump' John Byrne.

(Ring 3) Miniature Led 'Flash' Lachie Provost. Reg. Saddle Pony Led 'Burn Coose Eclipse' Carol Purdey, Res. 'Wendamar Funtimes' Carol Purdey. Champ. Reg Riding Pony Led 'Wendamar Funtimes' Carol Purdey. Stud Book Pony Led 'Burn Coose Eclipse' Carol Purdey, Res. 'Shamrock Lodge Mia' Fiona Magamm. Champ. Any Other Breed Led ne14h 'Burn Coose Eclipse' Carol Purdey. Ch W.D. Adult rider John Byrne, Res. Abbey Partridge. Nutrien Boultons Ch. W.D. Pony Hack 'Conspiracy' Jessica Patterson-Kane. Ch. Ridden Saddle Pony 'Wendamar Funtimes' Carol Purdey. Ch. Riding Pony 'Rivers Jaj' Leah Browning. Ch. Ridden Welsh or Part 'Wendamar Funtimes' Carol Purdey. Ch. Ridden and Other Breed ne14h 'Rivers Jaj' Leah Browning.

Champions Saturday (Ring 1): Joan Oatley 1st Abbey Partridge, 2nd Jorja Power, 3rd Leia Browning. Ch. Adult rider Leia Browning, Res. Abbey Partridge. Jill Martin Grand Champ.



Abbey Partridge being presented the Joan Oatley Memorial trophy

Child Rider Allie Palmer. E.W. King Champ. Hack Willowcroft Braveheart. F.W. Nivison Supreme Ch. Hack, Galloway or Pony Shonya Charlesworth 'Macarthur Park Remembrance'. Supreme Hunter Hack Victoria Royal 'Mint'.

(Ring 2) P.C. M,R&E Under 12 1st Harriet McMaster, 2nd Jessica Patterson-Kane, 3rd Mia Goodwin. Highest placed W.D. Amber Britten. Ch. Junior boy rider Benji Provost, Res. Jack Provost. Ch. Senior boy rider Riley Sinclair, Res. D. McGann. Cameron Martin Ch. Open Pony Hack Shonya Charlesworth 'Macarthur Park Remembrance', Res. Grant Chester.

(Ring 3) M,R & E 12-17yrs 1st Amber Britten, 2nd Zara Kesby, 3rd Sybella Miller. Ch. Junior girl rider Isabella Brown, Res. Sophia Nugent. Ch. Senior girl rider Allie Palmer, Res. Bridie Palmer. O'Gorman Ch. Open Galloway Hack Northern Ridge Romance, Res. Langtree Acushua.

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WALCHA SHOW RESULTS

Handicraft

Congratulations to everyone who put entries in the Open and Junior sections to help make such a wonderful display. Thank you to stewards Jenny and Denise for all your help, wonderful job.

Senior Champion Yvette Stanton, **Junior Champion** Lachie Provost, **Judy Hobbs Memorial Trophy for most successful competitor** donated by Walcha CWA Samantha Bayley.

Horticulture

Olga Lisle Trophy Diana Lisle, **Champion Open Section** Gwen Higgins, **Champion Restricted Section** Helen Wake, **Champion Rose** Gwen Higgins, **Champion Dahlia** Ros Little, **Champion Miscellaneous** Leone Mackaway.

Cooking

We have had a great year with a total of 296 entries, so thank you to everyone who entered their cooking and filled our cabinets again. After being told last year that our Cooking section is possibly one of the biggest in the area we decided to ask two Judges along this year which made it easier and quicker and they were very good at explaining how a cake should be presented for showing, and improvements to make. This is fantastic for those wishing to learn more about Show cooking.

I would personally like to thank the

Stewardesses for their hard work and assistance this year.

Open Section Champion Congratulations John Stanton for his Red Velvet cake (Feature cake). The Judge commented on the nice taste and the colouring was perfect.

Open Section Feature cake Red Velvet Cake 1st John Stanton, 2nd Samantha Lockyer.

Open Section Most Successful Exhibitor Stuart Wellings. Stuart was the first male to ever enter into the Cooking Section and has been entering ever since. **Men's Section Champion** Jeffrey Pritchard Jam Drops. **Men's Section Feature cake Coffee Caramel cake** 1st Chris Wyatt, 2nd John Stanton. Highly commended Miles Archdale and Edward Blomfield. We had 15 entries in the feature cake section this year. Congratulations gentlemen. **Over 70's section Champion** Denni Sendall Monte Carlo biscuits.

Junior section Champion Claire Williams with the Primary section Feature cake "Frozen" theme. **High School Feature cake Carrot cake** 1st Kayleigh Hobbs. **Primary School section Feature cake** Theme "Frozen" 1st Claire Williams, 2nd Harriet Laurie. Highly Commended Arizona Bayley, Eamon Barnes, and Fletcher Pendleton. We had 16 entries in this section. **Junior Section Encouragement Award** Kayleigh Hobbs for her prize winning Carrot cake. **Six to eight years Chocolate Scones** 1st Hannah Marchant, 2nd Toby

Wellings. **Highly Commended** Rebee Wark. **Under Five section Decorated Arrowroot biscuits** 1st McKenzie Wark, equal 2nd Lucy Martin, Levi Williams and Molly Makeham.

Ag Bikes

8yrs and under Bending Race 1st Rebee Wark, 2nd Indie Powell, 3rd Axel Blomfield.

8yrs and under Barrel Race 1st Axel Blomfield, 2nd Benji Provost, 3rd Rebee Wark.

12yrs and over 8yrs Bending Race 1st Max Partridge, 2nd Ben Marchant, 3rd Hunter Thornbury.

12yrs and over 8yrs Barrel Race 1st Max Partridge, 2nd Harry Marchant, 3rd Ben Marchant.

16yrs and over 12yrs Bending Race 1st Will Swain, 2nd Harry Partridge, 3rd Kane McElroy.

16yrs and over 12yrs Barrel Race 1st Will Swain, 2nd Kane McElroy, 3rd Blake Hargrave.

Open Bends Josh Howard. **Seniors Barrel Race** 1st Andrew Blomfield, 2nd Jack Thompson, 3rd Josh Howard.

Seniors Bending Race 1st Andrew Blomfield, 2nd Jack Thompson, 3rd Jeremy McElroy.

The AgBike Flag races were not held as the ground in the rodeo ring was too wet / heavy.

Knitting & Crochet

Champion Piece of Knitting Yvette Stanton. **Champion Piece of Crochet** Sonya Gibson.

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What's the Goss

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Best of luck to the Walcha Bowling Club No. 7 Pennants squad heading to Kiama on Thursday to play in the delayed finals of the 2021 NSW Championships. Walcha will be representing Zone 3 after they defeated Murrurundi, Gunnedah and Oxley Bowling Club to win the Zone 3 final last year. All up there are 16 zones from across NSW competing from this Friday on.

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Walcha open their campaign on Friday morning before playing another two preliminary matches leading into the quarter finals on Saturday afternoon. The last time Walcha qualified for the NSW Pennants finals was in 2005 when they finished runners up to Orange in the No. 6 Division final at Merimbla. Four players from that team, Ian Bird, Steve Goodwin, Jamie Kerr and Fred Cameron are once again making the trip while Denis Makeham would have been the fifth but unfortunately had to withdraw due to back problems and has been replaced by Gordon Bird.

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The 15 player squad consists of three teams of four bowlers and three reserves. David Garth Clare is in charge of managerial duties, Stephen 'Pole' Bath is the refreshments waiter, while Gordon Michie and Eric O'Keefe are flying the supporters flag. Go Walcha and hopefully the boys can finish one position better than 2005.

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Walcha Ladies Golf Champion Cheryl McDonald was up to her old tricks last week at the NEDGA Championships held in Walcha and practically needed a box trailer to transport all the trophies she won over the three days back to her house. Cheryl won both the Open and Closed Championships over 36 holes, the 'Champion of Champions', the Colleen Cross Memorial for best scratch score on Day 1, the teams event Day 1 and 2, the Foursomes teams event and was runner-up in the Open Foursomes Championship with Debbie Richards on Day 3. Not a bad three days work Cheryl!

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When the presentations were held, Cheryl's sister Donna Martin suggested that if her older sibling won the raffle on offer she would probably be pelted with golf balls as she had won enough prizes already. The funny thing about the whole thing was Cheryl wasn't very confident going into the tournament and was a bit concerned about her form.

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At the Presentation Dinner five Walcha Central Schoolgirls – the Andrews sisters Sariann, Dakota and Matilda – along with Sienna Wellings and Zara Lute handled the waitressing duties that well an email was sent to the event co-organiser Polly Locke from the Grafton ladies who played congratulating the girls on their courteous efforts. Well done also to Janette Partridge and Bec Andrews who gave the girls a hand.

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Goulburn Junior Rugby League player Tom Handsaker has been selected in the South Coast U/15's Rugby League 18 player squad to compete at the NSW Schoolboys Championships later in the year. Standing 6'3" and weighing in at 93 kilos, Tom can play either front row or centre and has been selected as a utility player. He is the son of Gary Handsaker who won a Group 19 Competition here in 1987 with the Walcha Roos U/18's. Little doubt both Tom's grandmothers Sue Handsaker and Kate Hoy, along with great uncle Alan Bull would be very proud.

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Still on Rugby League it was very sad to hear former Narwan star halfback Clarrie Moran left this world last weekend. Personally I had the pleasure of playing alongside 'Clasha' for Group 19 and Northern back in the mid 1980's, as well as against him when Narwan rolled us here at The Park in the 1983 Group 19 Grand Final when they scored with just 23 seconds remaining on the clock. May Clarrie 'Clasha' Moran Rest In Peace.



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Bowls

Results from the weekend:

A Grade singles: A.Goodwin def B.Goodwin 31-20.
Fours Championships: M.Hoy, G.Marshall, T.Parker & F.Cameron def D.Brazel, G.Clare, T.Asmus & I.Bird 24-12.
M.Steep, N.A&B. Goodwin def G.Natty, K.Creighton, S.Bath & M.Hamel 30-12. G.Michie, A.McGuffog, D.Bird & R.Kerr Def M.Hoy, G.Marshall, T.Parker & F.Cameron 25-15. G.Bird, G.Carter, S&K.Goodwin def M.Steep, N.A & B.Goodwin 20-19.

In this years final G.Bird, G.Carter, S&K.Goodwin def G.Michie, A.McGuffog, D.Bird & R.Kerr 29-19.

A reminder for all Pennant players and supporters to be at the club no later than 5:45am Thursday morning to get on the bus and start our trip in time. Good luck boys!

Dads Army: The 'Army' players wish our Walcha Pennant team the best of luck at the state championship. As they leave on Thursday and several of our players are in the team we will still be playing on Thursday afternoon. If any player would like a game just turn up to the Club for a 1pm start.

Results of last week games saw Barry Kliendienst, John Watts and John McCormack defeat Terry Parker and Mick Bullen who played twice 15 - 13 and in the second game Eric O'Keefe and Peter Hayes were 22 to 16 winners over Noel Goodwin and Warwick Hogan.

Eric and Peter won the chooks and in the raffle Max and Barry also took home a hot chicken.

Ladies Bowls

Last week the final of the Minor Singles was played between Jan Cross and Sari Andrews. What a great game it was with Sari having a handy 16-9 lead only to see Jan fight back and record a 25-18 victory. Congratulations Jan on your win.

There were two games of pairs played, the results being Phyllis and Pat def Lyn and Janice 11-9, Carol and June def Veronica and Marg Tickle 14-6.

This Thursday 24th March the draw for the Major Singles is Debbie v Veronica marker Pam, and Jan Cross v Lyn marker Pat. Also social bowls will be on.

At the 19th

Club captain Willy Brennan leads the 2022 Men's Club Championships after he carded a four over par 74 in the opening round last Sunday to put him one shot clear of reigning Club Champion Andrew Bowden with two rounds remaining.

His 62 was easily the best nett score but as he was the trophy donor on the day he was ineligible to collect his own prize which then went to Peter Berry on 66.

Sweepstakes to Don Brooks 67, Andrew Crawford 69, President Allan Green and Jock McLaren both 70 while Mal Ballard 72 picked up the last ball.

Sharpest shooters at the pins were Col Berry (3), Jock McLaren (9), Michael Steadman (16 and 18).

Leaders in respective grades are Willy Brennan 74, Andrew Bowden 75, Andrew Crawford 79 (A grade). Don Brooks 84, Jock McLaren 87, Nixon Bird 88 (B grade). Peter Berry 86, Allan Green 93, Mal Ballard 95 (C grade). Max Holstein 111, Bob Denniss 112, Neil Dark 129 (D grade).

This Sunday Club Secretary Jenny Lisle is in charge of donating the trophy for Round 2 of the Championships.

AGM The Walcha Golf Club held their Annual General Meeting last Sunday where President Allan Green was re-instated for a 14th term, Jenny Lisle her 15th as Secretary and Margaret Davidson her 13th as Treasurer. In fact,

nothing has changed with Patrons Col Berry and Margaret Davidson. Vice President Miles Archdale along with Directors Neil Dark, John McCormack, Lee Fletcher, Penny King, Caroline Street and Jack O'Hara all re-instated also. Captain Willy Brennan has commenced his 18th year in that position. Handicapper Don Brooks his 13th term and Publicity Officer A.J. Cross his 19th.

Tennis

Round 5 of the 2022 Summer Comp was played out on Tuesday 15 March.

De Minaur: D A Locke (floating for A Goodwin), K Lisle, A Barillaro and M Luchich def Kokkinaakas: Tom Gough, M Palmer, P Uren and M Dye 34 to 19. Stosur: K Wall, E Wauch, J Gibson and P Palmer def Ebdon: H Thomson, N Buckland, E Clifton and R Mathews 31 to 26. Groth: M Lockyer, T Whillock (floating for S Blake), J Hoy (floating for P O'Brien) and M Ireland def Barty: D Sweeney, C Bruce, R Gleeson (floating for M Clark) and G Wall 32 to 28. Well done to all players and thanks to our floaters for filling in.

The primary School Junior Comp is progressing well with one round left to play. This week Millman defeated Barty 79 to 61 in a tough match. Nate and Georgina had a 10 all draw with Mark and Katie in a real thriller. Alex defeated Leo 16 to 4 in a great singles match. Duckworth 62 defeated De Minaur 49 with Albert and Jack being top scorers for their team. Well done to all players. Everyone is learning new skills and having fun.

The next Club meeting will be held on Monday 9 May. All members are welcome to attend.

See you all at the net soon.

Touch Football

The Walcha Touch Football Association will finalise their 2021/22 season this Saturday when Grand Final Day is held at John Oxley Sportsground commencing at 2.00pm with the Juniors, followed by D grade 2:45pm, C grade 3:30pm, B grade 4:15pm and then the big one at 5pm. Rotary will be running a BBQ from 1:30pm and are also selling cool drinks.

Last week: A Grade Vikings defeated ABT's 2-0, Mud Dogs defeated Just the Tip 7-0. **B Grade** Coco Jumbo defeated Water Buffaloes 7-3, Amigos defeated Newie Rednecks 5-2. **C Grade** BC Cougars defeated Young Guns 5-0, Muppets defeated Dunghutti Warriors 8-2. **D Grade** Magpies defeated Charlies Angels on forfeit.

This Saturday in A grade Vikings will play the winner of ABT's and Mud Dogs to be played this Thursday, Coco Jumbo take on either Water Buffaloes or Amigos in B grade, BC Cougars will be up against Young Guns or Muppets in C grade while Dunghutti Warriors and Magpies have gone straight through in D grade. Juniors to be determined.

Sport Reports

Please have your reports to us by 4.30pm on Mondays



Funeral Notice

CROSS: Elva Jean

17th March 2022

At Riverview Hostel Walcha. Dearly loved wife of Russell (Dec). Loving mother of June Foster, Gregory Cross & Patricia Lange. Loved mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and great aunt of their families.

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A funeral service will be held at St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Walcha today Wednesday, 23rd March 2022 commencing at 2pm followed by interment at the Walcha Beam Cemetery.

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In Memoriam

Trish White

23/3/2017

It is 5 years since you left this world but memories keep you always close
Gene

Meetings

Walcha Support Group Inc. – Thursday 31st March 1 pm WCCC Rooms Middle St. All welcome.

Walcha Garden Club meeting Friday 8 April 2022 at Babs Fawcett and Richard Prior's garden, 9 Mackay Avenue Walcha Road. Commencing 10am. Cars departing McHattan Park at 9.30am. BYO chair, cup and lunch. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE. Enquiries: D Bazeley 0403 464 865, or D Lisle 0429 799 083.

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MOVIE NIGHT – 'RIDE LIKE A GIRL'

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Walcha Barber Shop – Closed from 12pm Friday 25th March. Re-open Tuesday 29th.

Bendemeer Art Show Entry nominations due by Friday 25 March 2022. Email us at: bendemeerartshow@gmail.com or Facebook for more information.

Floral Design – Basic workshop on Sunday 3 April at 10am. Contact Phyllis Hoy 0439 310 844.

Junior Tennis Coaching Clinic 12 – 13 April. 7 – 8yrs 9 to 10.30am, 9yrs+ 9am-12pm. Cost \$15 per person for the two days. Contact Trevor 0459 799 119 or Hyde 0427 780 391.

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Applications close Sunday 3rd April 2022.

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👉 To Rachel at the Walcha Veterinary Clinic for her kindness and compassion and valiant attempt to help our beautiful dog Bindi who sadly succumbed to a snake bite last Wednesday, many thanks.

👉 A huge thank you to Neil Dark, Barry Hoed & Col Berry for the fantastic job they did at the NEDGA Golf tournament delivering the carts each day and putting them away at the end of the day.

Contributions will be received in person, by phone or email and must include your name and contact details. They will be printed at the discretion of the editor.

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