## **BDLGA Christmas Message**

As 2020 fast approaches and 2021 looms with much anticipation, we can reflect on a year no-one would have ever expected. A world in chaos, uncertainty and sadness, a situation unprecedented in our life-time. Sadly, for some countries, this is still the situation.

With the uncertainty and constant changing and modifications to the various health directives, the Management Committee made the decision to cancel all tournaments except for the Sarah Jane Kenyon Challenge for Junior girls, held on 1 November at Wantima.

Even though playing golf was recognised as safe during the pandemic, the number of players allowed, the closed clubhouses and, subsequently, the reduced number of patrons allowed in clubs made gatherings of any kind prohibitive.

But, reflecting on how Queensland, specifically, and Australia, generally, have handled the COVID-19 pandemic has enabled us to now look forward to our festive celebrations with family and friends and continue our plans for 2021. At least now we are able to dance indoors. Certainly a reason for celebration!

The BDLGA Committee is looking forward to getting the tournaments underway and enjoying a challenging Pennant year. We have really missed the interaction and the camaraderie we experience at our tournaments. There's nothing like a clubhouse filled with enthusiastic women golfers after a day on the course.

Our first competition is the Halcyon Cup on 15 February at Gainsborough Greens. The Halcyon Cup is a competition that was started in 2017 and is hosted by the Gold Coast District for women over the age of 50. Generously sponsored by Halcyon, Brisbane has yet to get its name on the trophy, so the challenge is there. We will send the Nomination Forms to your delegate early next year. All other tournament dates are on the BDLGA website.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors and supports of the BDLGA and we look forward to your continued support through 2021.

I would like to thank my Committee, most sincerely, for their hard work and support throughout 2020. It was tough having meetings via email and making decisions on issues we, and the rest of the golfing community, didn't understand or could comprehend. But we achieved a great deal and we will continue to work to ensure the Charter of the BDLGA is clear and our commitment to women in golf our primary objective.

Season's greetings and best wishes for 2021.