

NSWVGA Week of Golf Reports received to date:

2017 Myall Coast Week of Golf Report.

Dates: 6 – 10 February

Venue: Hawks Nest Golf Club

Tournament Director: Bob Macklinshaw

NSWVGA Representative: Ian Vidler

Number of players: 291 from 69 clubs with approx. even numbers of men and women.

Weather: Extremely hot and humid all week. Not even a couple of thunderstorms could cool things down.

Course conditions: Excellent condition with well manicured fairways and moderately paced greens.

Registration: A very “busy” registration afternoon with local veterans distributing starting times, raffle tickets, tourist information, “sample bags” and generally welcoming visitors to the event. A sausage sizzle with salad and coleslaw was on offer for those wishing to stay on and meet up with friends.

Event Structure: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday were individual stablefords with the traditional 2Ball on Friday.

Presentation and Dinner: Held on Thursday night in the club with 350 present. Serving that number of diners is a monumental task in normal circumstances but to do so with 3 excellent courses and with speed and efficiency showed the professionalism of the kitchen staff and waiting staff. Presentations were made quickly and efficiently with the assistance of runners and only major trophy winners given the opportunity to speak.

Summary: It is no accident that this event is one of the premier events of the year. It is always well supported by veterans from all parts of the east coast and to gain entry is quite difficult if you procrastinate on planning. This success is due to the effort of Tournament Director, Bob Macklinshaw, his very active committee and the local veterans who, while unable to play, spend many hours on the course raking bunkers, spotting wayward shots and attending flagsticks in an effort to speed up play for the huge number of players.

On behalf of NSWVGA I would like to thank Bob, his tournament committee and all those who contributed to the success of this event. Your efforts are certainly keeping many veteran golfers active and in the game. CONGRATULATIONS.

Ian Vidler

NSWVGA President

SHOALHAVEN WEEK OF GOLF - 2017

The Mid South Coast Golfers Association hosted the Shoalhaven Week of Golf with 116 competitors [73 men and 44 ladies] with one couple travelling from Adelaide. There was a 20% decrease in the overall field with regular competitors were down by a third. Local numbers again made up a third of the field. One change this year was the attendance of a large group of men and lady Korean golfers which present some additional challengers for organiser due to language difficulties. Without this group there would have been a very poor field.

The three of the four courses, ST Georges Basin, Shoalhaven Heads and Worrigeer Links were in great condition. Nowra was disappointing with fairway and greens being in very ordinary condition which attracted some adverse comment from players. Notwithstanding the courses were well set up for veteran golfers. Competitors were particularly pleased with the free drink cart and lunch at Worrigeer.

The Presentation Dinner was once again held at the Nowra Golf Club again who excelled itself with its venue and probably its best dinner in years. There was good entertainment and much dancing. The prize presentation was well organised and not drawn out. Of interest is that long term former NSWVGA Councillor Col Darby won the NSW Shield.

Accommodation Facilities, Caravan Parks and Business' within the region again benefitted from the influx of many veteran golfers.

This year saw a change in the organisation of the week with the retirement of long standing tournament Coordinator John Buttle. His work was formally acknowledged in a special presentation. He was replaced with a committee made up of participating Clubs. This was a learning process for all and likely to see further changes in the future.

A Tournament such as this is only as good as the hospitality provided by the host clubs and the efforts of organizers or workers behind the scene. The Mid South Coast Veteran Golfers Association Committee, Members and Ladies gave freely of their time each day to make the tournament a success.

Stuart Dossetor
NSWVGA Representative
4 April 2017

NSW VENUE REPORT Orange Veterans Week of Golf

DATE 13th – 17th March 2017

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR David Gunner

NSW REPRESENTATIVE Kelvin Pearce

NUMBER OF PLAYERS Total players 260, men 130 ladies 130. 60 Clubs represented.

WEATHER CONDITIONS Mondays golf was cancelled owing to storm cell in the area
_____The rest of the week was perfect weather for golf.

COURSE CONDITIONS Three courses are used for this Tournament and all three were presented in excellent condition considering the area was in semi-drought, & the 43 mls of rain which fell on Monday was well appreciated.

REGISTRATION this was carried out in a very professional and friendly atmosphere.

PRESENTATION nearest the pin, longest drive and ball competition were presented daily. The main trophies were presented by a representative of the sponsors at the Presentation Dinner held at the local RSL club & attended by 300 people who enjoyed a 2 course meal accompanied by music from “ The Clayton Brothers”, a local band which was very well received & much appreciated.

SUMMARY This week of golf was the 20th Anniversary of The Veterans Week of Golf held in Orange, and is a credit to David Gunner & his committees & all past Directors & their committees for the dedication & thought in running this Tournament. The feed back from the visiting golfers was excellent, with most saying “can’t wait for next year, have already booked accommodation for 2018”. Congratulations !

The Ladies NSWVGA Shield was won by Irene Swyer of Shoalhaven Heads.

The Mens NSWVGA Shield was won by John Dalton of Wentworth Golf Club Orange

NSWVGA Week of Golf Report for Corowa-Howlong

Venues: Corowa Mon Mar 13th & Tues 14th March 2017.

Howlong Thurs 16th & Fri 17th March 2017.

NSWVGA Rep: Len Payne , NSWVGA President Ian Vidler was also in attendance.

Registration: handled at noon at Corowa prior to shotgun p.m. start due to Victorian Labour Day Holiday. Only one official at Corowa with a disappointing lack of local involvement.

Courses: Both courses were presented in very good condition, with Howlong voted a standout.

Players: Average of 124 with approx. 65 men & 59 women competitors.

Weather: Fine & very warm, so the early shotgun starts on the last three days were appreciated.

Presentation: Following a single-course lunch on Friday at Howlong, these were handled very efficiently, in contrast to Corowa where unfortunately errors occurred due to lack of assistance from locals.

Summary: Whilst this tournament is very well-supported with a maximum number of players for a shotgun start, there needs to be much better co-operation & communication from Corowa to ensure this support continues. Tournament Director (Corowa Club Captain) Rob Forrest is to be congratulated , along with the Director of Golf Tim & the enthusiastic & helpful team of Howlong assistants.

Len Payne,

NSWVGA Secretary.

2017 Tocumwal WoG Report.

Dates: March 20 – 24

Tournament Director: Mike Keen

NSWVGA Representative: Ian Vidler

Number of Players: 144 each day.

Weather Conditions: Extremely hot and humid on Monday. Some rain on Tuesday and milder conditions for the rest of the week but still high humidity.

Course Conditions: Excellent. Fairways well grassed and greens medium paced.

Registration: No registration as such but a “meet and greet” in a small room in the clubhouse on Sunday afternoon. Finger food was provided but barely sufficient for the number of people in attendance. This issue was discussed with the TD at a meeting on Monday afternoon.

Event Format: Three days of Stableford with a 54 hole event in conjunction and a 54 hole Stroke event for the Neville Reid trophy for A Grade players. A 2 BBB Stableford was held on Friday. Due to the heat at this time of the year it was decided to commence play early each day with shot gun starts. Play was also conducted on both courses, Captains and Presidents which were enjoyed by all players. NSWVGA shield was played for over 18 holes on Thursday. An additional shield is required for the women’s competition.

Presentations: These were held on Friday at the conclusion of the 2BBB event at a luncheon in the club house. Approximately 150 people were present and were served an excellent one course meal. Presentation of trophies was quick and efficient with a few short speeches.

Summary: The new format of playing this event entirely at Tocumwal Golf and Bowls club was a successful move indicated by the number of players in attendance, an increase of approximately 30 more than last year. The quality of the golf courses, the hospitality of the committee members, the efforts of Rod Booth and his Pro Shop staff and the organisation of Mike Keen all contributed to the success of this week of golf. This event is growing in popularity and with a few minor organisational “tweaks,” will grow in stature and I feel certain Mike Keen and his committee can expect a growth in numbers in 2018. I can thoroughly recommend this event, played in conjunction with those at Corowa/Howlong and Rich River, for those who enjoy country hospitality and quality golf courses.

Ian Vidler

NSWVGA President

GROUP 17 UPPER HUNTER VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION

Friday, 31 March 2017

Mr, Len Payne
Secretary
NSWVGA

Dear Len,

Detailed, below is my report for the UHVGA group 17 week of golf held during 27-31 March 2017.

Tournament Director: Bruce Robinson

NSWVGA Representative: Nil.

Number of Competitors: Men: 51 Ladies: 39

Monday: 88 Players, Tuesday: 88 Players, Thursday: 77 Players, Friday: Washed Out.

The number of competitors were similar to last year. Muswellbrook caravan Park Is **CLOSED FOR GOOD.**

With the Muswellbrook show starting on Friday the 31st March 2017, **NO** caravans were allowed in the show ground.

It's very hard to attract players to our week of golf, with no caravan park, a lot of the faithful are still traveling in from Denman & Aberdeen. We are lucky to still have around 90 players per year.

Number of Clubs Represented: 29 NSW: 2 QLD: 1 ACT: Fantastic, 51 Men & 39 Ladies

Weather Conditions: Mild temperatures for Monday [30], Tuesday [34] very humid, Thursday [30] cloudy & the storm arrived at 1pm, just as the golf finished. Friday washed out.

Shot Gun start: The shot gun start was well accepted again this year by everyone. Playing times were around the 4.5 hours per day.

Course Condition: This year the course was a little soggy on Monday due to the rain we had, had, course had dried out for Tuesday & Thursday, until about 1.00pm [when the rains commenced to fall very heavily. Friday washed out.

This year we held a presentation lunch on Thursday after golf, it was great to see the Club House full with competitors, [approximately 80] having a meal & a chat, waiting for presentations.

Presentation: This year we had no one representing the NSWVGA, sponsors & invited guests did the Presentations.

Winners of the NSWVGA Trophy & Vouchers:

Men: 1st Barry Woods, 39 points [Sawtell]: 2nd Trevor Kempton, 37 points [Tamworth]

Ladies: 1st Helen Wheatley, 38 points [Aberdeen]: 2nd Di Thorley, 35 points [Merriwa]

36 Hole Event:

Men:

1st Henry Kubacki, 77 points [Sippy Downs, QLD]

2nd Ken Pascoe, 69 points [Denman]

3rd Bruce Robinson, 68 points [Muswellbrook]