Sawtell Week of Golf Report

Dates: 10 - 14 March. Sawtell Golf Club

Tournament Director: Terry Rapley

NSWVGA Representative: Ian Vidler

Players: 140 (55:45 ratio) men to women

Format: Monday 2BBB medley

Tuesday, Thursday: 36 hole stableford

NSWVGA shield played over 18 holes on Thursday

Friday: 2 person Ambrose, mixed.

Clubs Represented: 55 from Victoria, Queensland and NSW

Weather conditions: Fine and mild with cool early mornings.

Course Condition: Extremely good considering the wet weather in the weeks leading up to the event. Greens, while hard, were generally true and difficult to read for most. Fairways were such that preferred lies through the green were in play due to muddy conditions.

Registration: On Sunday afternoon, after an efficient registration, the clubhouse was packed with players who were treated to a substantial meal rather than the traditional sausage sizzle. There was plenty of activity with raffles and 100 club tickets on sale throughout the evening.

Presentation Dinner: Held in the club on Thursday evening. Approx 130 diners were treated to a quality 2 course meal during which presentations were made to the respective winners. It was an evening with plenty of time for socialisation, taken by a few hardy patrons at the conclusion of the official part of the night.

Summary: This was the inaugural week of golf for Sawtell veterans and Terry Rapley, his wife Lynne and the small committee worked hard towards its success and they should be proud of their efforts. The event was well organised, well conducted and the majority of players seemed to enjoy the week, many expressing a commitment to return in 2018. I would suggest that if you wish to be involved in this event in 2018 you look for the nomination forms on the NSWVGA website in the near future.

Ian Vidler

NSWVGA Representative.