

MINUTES OF NSWVGA EXECUTIVE MEETING TO BE HELD BANKSTOWN GOLF CLUB WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2017, COMMENCING 9.30 A.M.

Meeting opened by President Ian Vidler at 9.30 with a welcome to new Councillor Peter Taylor & also Norm McInnes (Group Secretary Gp 31).

Attendees: Stuart Dossetor (Clr), Richard Doyle (V/Pres), Les Knox (V/Pres), Brian Graham (Gp 21 Observer) Norm McInnes (Gp31 Observer), Les Mann (Gp31 Observer), Lance Fredericks (Clr), Graham Mason (Clr), Len Payne (Secretary), John Dixon (Clr) Peter Taylor (Clr David Gunner (Treasurer), Ian Vidler (President), John Daley (T/Coordinator), Bob Coulson (Observer).

Apologies: Nil.

Obituaries: Robert Wilson (Cootamundra), Jim Oriel (Dubbo), Don Moore (Sthn. H/lands), Winston Pickering (Sthn. H/lands), John Byrne (Gp 31), Bill Carter (Jamberoo). Motion to receive obituaries moved Clr. Richard Doyle seconded Clr. Les Knox – carried.

Minutes of NSWVGA Executive Meeting of Thursday 5th October, as circulated, were confirmed as accurate on motion of Clr. David Gunner seconded Clr. Les Knox – carried.

Business Arising: Nil.

Correspondence:

IN: 1. 9.11.2017 – E-mail from David York, past Barraba Veterans Secretary, expressing an opinion on the conducting of the NSWVGA Sandgreen Strokeplay championships in conjunction with Golf NSW & suggesting an alternative.

Response: It was pointed out that the 2018 Sandgreen Strokeplay Championships are already allocated (to Hay), his suggestions will be noted, with a review after the 2018 event at Hay. Secretary to e-mail our response.

2. 9.11.2017 - E-mail from Secretary Group 26 Rand Wilson expressing Group 26 concern at the need for any proposed affiliation increase.

Response: President responded as listed in item 2 of outgoing correspondence. Motion to concur with Presidents' response moved Clr. John Dixon seconded Clr. Les Knox & for this to be included with minutes – carried.

3. 17.11.2017 – e-mail from Les Knox, V/Pres NSWVGA, detailing the outcome of discussions held with Golf NSW re status of Social Golf Clubs & other issues. Clr. Knox elaborated on his e-mail re status of clubs & members.

Response: President to write to AVGU State Secretaries to ascertain their position with respect to accepting Social Golf Clubs membership within their State memberships. The issue was also to be discussed between V/Pres. Les Knox & Match committee chair Clr. Garry Mason with a view to recommend any necessary amendments to our Constitution. This could be achieved by incorporating a Special General Meeting within our January 2018 meeting.

4. 22.11.2017 – E-mail from Ross Lever, T/D Coolangatta-Tweed W.O.G seeking revision of policies 2 & 4.

Response: This is listed as item 3 of Matters without Notice.

5.22.11.2017- E-mail from Gp3 Secretary re affiliation fee payment & handbook form & distribution.

Response: Secretary emailed a response to Gp3 Secretary (item 4 of outgoing correspondence).

6.23.11.2017- E-mail from T/Dir. Gt. Lakes/Manning concerned that Casino Trial W.O.G 2018 will impact on their tournament on at same time & with less than required distance separation.

Response: Casino trial event date moved to 14th-18th May with concurrence of Casino T/Director.

7.4.12.2017 – Letter of resignation from Clr. Kelvin Pearce, due family health issues effective immediately.

Response: President Ian agreed to provide suitable response. Motion to accept Resignation moved Clr. Stu Dossetor seconded Clr. Les Knox – carried. President suggested & it was agreed to defer seeking a replacement Councillor till next year with Clr. Garry Mason to canvass suitable persons in his area.

OUT:

1. 1.11.2017 – E-mail to Michael McKay, Sec/Treasurer Warren Veterans Golf Club, advising of the success of their request for a grant to assist the rehabilitation of their course following flooding, & information as to payment of this.
2. 15.11.2017 – E-mail from President Ian Vidler responding to email from Group 26 re affiliation fee increase, detailing reasons & proposed utilization.
3. 22.11.2017- Completion & posting of updating of ABN Registration.
4. 23.11.2017- Response to email from Gp 3 Secretary.
Motion to receive inwards correspondence & endorse outward correspondence moved Clr. David Gunner seconded Clr. Lance Fredericks – carried.

REPORTS:

Presidents & Sponsorship Report: Nil Report.

Treasurers Report:

BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from 27.11.10.17 to 29.11.17

Opening Balance as at the 1.10.17 \$6,989.20

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| <u>Income</u> | |
| Affiliation Fees | \$25,670.00 |
| Registration fees W.O.G. | \$2,398.00 |
| Interest | \$413.55 |
| Greater | \$8,000.00 |
| Sponsorship | \$2,250.00 |
| Donation | \$17.50 |

Total income \$38,749.05

| <u>Expenses</u> | <u>total expenses to date</u> | <u>total expenses for last year</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Councillors to meetings | \$4,215.80 | \$10,293.90 |
| Councillors to Tournaments | \$2,618.20 | \$8,404.75 |
| Meeting Exp | \$130.00 | \$1,068.50 |
| Postage | \$93.70 | \$1,687.76 |
| Web Site | \$250.00 | \$4,017.99 |
| Shields | \$292.84 | \$1,522.48 |
| Vouchers | \$200.00 | \$11,350.00 |
| A.V.G.U. | \$2,500.00 | \$2,400.00 |
| Audit Fees | \$350.00 | \$350.00 |

Total Expenses \$10,650.54

Closing Balance as at 29.11.17 \$35,087.71

Cash Assests as at 29.11.17

Greater Building Society \$30,000.00
matures on 6.3.2018 at 2.35%

Vouchers for W.O.G events \$230.00

Total Assets \$30,230.00

Business Arising from Treasurer's Report: A question was asked as to the status of disbanded Group 5 funds dispersion. Treasurer responded that this was now completed & funds brought to account. Motion to receive Treasurer's Report moved Clr. David Gunner seconded Clr Richard Doyle – carried.

Tournament Coordinators Report:

December Report

Week of Golf Coordinator and Match Committee

Week of Golf Coordinator

The last two months have been quite hectic. There have been correspondence and phone calls concerning guidelines and program changes that keep you on your toes.

The Website.

There needs to be changes to the website to reflect each year's program and not the continuous roll through 2017 with 2018 on the bottom of this.

We need drop down windows for each year and this will allow for each year to be displayed independently. It will also allow for ease of printing

The Program.

I have had phone calls and emails from Coolangatta Tweed Heads who have requested that their week of golf be moved to the second week of August in 2019. While this could be achieved, what does it do to the weeks around them. This move impacts from Nambucca Heads all the way to Mudgee. I am not prepared to implement any of this especially when in 3 years they will revert to the second week, the result of the seven-year cycle.

Casino Trial

A meeting was held with Casino veterans which was attended by Ian and myself. They are a well organised committee who appear to have everything in hand. They are being well supported by the mother club, are chasing sponsors and have a well organised mailing list.

When I notified other Tournament Directors of their upcoming trial week, there was an objection from Great Lakes -Manning who objected to their close proximity to them plus the fact that veterans would support the trial week and not their tournament.

Because of this objection a new date was offered to Casino which they have accepted, these dated being 14th May - 18th May 2018.

Casino now have their Nomination form out and I note it has been sent to Stuart for inclusion on the web page.

Program Revamp

I have sent an email to all Councillors about a program revamp which will be discussed either now or in general business.

Match Committee

This is my last involvement with this portfolio officially, but I will be happy to assist in anyway needed.

There have been one championships played since the last meeting and the result is as follows:

NSWVGA Match Play Championships played at Newcastle.

Winner Robert Bunn

Runner Up Wal Koritkick

Consolation Winner Len Payne

Consolation Runner Up Max Holtz

We should also now look towards the extension of the group medals played throughout NSW. This extension will be a state medal to be held at a venue yet to be decided with a sponsor already on board, Watson's Caravan and Leisure Centre, Coffs Harbour. The format for this will be a challenge for the new Match committee.

John Daley

Week of Golf Co Ordinator and Match Committee

Week of golf Report & proposed NSWVGA Program Revamp.

NSWVGA Program Revamp

Background

2017 has seen the Week of Golf program implemented, with some cancelled and others poorly supported for various reasons.

It is hoped that these reasons can be outlined here with a plan to reduce this occurrence next year.

Reasons for Failures of weeks of golf.

“If you fail to plan, you plan to fail”.

The above, in all cases of WOG failures is true:

- 1 Failure to promote your week.
- 2 Failure to update mailing lists.
- 3 Failure to pursue new sponsors or communicate with existing.
- 4 Attending other weeks of golf and see how they run their show.
- 5 Try and control a week of golf as a single individual , in other words a” one man band”

There may be more but the above were noticeable when attending several weeks of golf over a 5 year period.

How Do We Consolidate Next Year's Program

Complete a critical analysis of those weeks with poor numbers .

Here we need to name weeks that need to be closely looked at:

- a Bingara
- b Parkes.
- c Port Kembla

The above weeks, except Port Kembla have been asked to report on their total numbers, number of visitors, results of their 2017 week.

Bingara

This event started with three venue's, namely Bingara, Barraba, and Warialda. The two latter venues withdrew leaving Bingara who decided to go it alone in 2017.

Their results have not been forthcoming as I complete this.

Do we offer Bingara another date if one is available. At this stage there is nothing that will assist that is available.

Parkes

Information coming from visiting vets is that there were only 35 attendees. Of these there were 21 locals. Once again I am waiting for a report on this week.

There is an opportunity to move Parkes to either precede Mudgee in September or to follow Griffith which would make their week a month later in October.

Obviously Parkes following Dubbo isn't working and if this isn't attempted we remove them from the program as we would have to do to Bingara.

Port Kembla

Port Kembla cancelled due to lack of numbers. Is their participation in the Illawarra week enough, is there communication with Kiama-Jamberoo who run the week previous to theirs -have they canvassed local clubs? Councillors in the Wollongong area may have more information on this.

New Weeks of Golf.

At present we have 52 weeks plus 5 championship weeks.

What is the criteria that drives inclusion into the program?

Distance from existing weeks, follow on from other weeks, committee set up, support from mother club, sponsorship, mailing list etc. Everyone has a different idea on this We must consolidate a process that should be followed by all participating clubs.

Over the last few months NSWVGA have been approached to include two new weeks of golf, Casino and more recently Brisbane Water (Group 6). While there are dates available, what is the feeling of the board about further inclusions into the yearly calendar.

Adherence to Guideline No 2 and 4

There are no two Tournament Directors who interpret these guidelines the same way.

For example, some weeks have presentations on the Tuesdays after an 18-hole stableford and the first round of the 36-hole event. Others handicap daily on single events, but the handicap remains the same for the 36 holes or 54-hole event.

This is leading to one or more persons receiving upwards of three trophies for the week. An example of this is Kew where three people received 4 trophies for the week.

The idea of the guidelines is to ensure an even spread of trophies for the week.

Local numbers playing in the week is also a factor. While I realise that some weeks need this to survive there should be something in the guidelines that direct the organisers to present a “visitors only” trophy in this case. This would alleviate the grumblings that occur when locals win over 80% of the trophies but don't attend the presentations.

The guidelines have recently been reviewed and are to be ratified at this meeting. If ratified how do we ensure they will be adhered to.

Attendance of Councillors at Weeks of Golf

There is a need for a concerted effort on the part of Councillors to attend weeks of golf if only to fly the flag. It is much more than this, it is getting a feel for how the week is running, is the tournament director adhering to the guidelines, to receive feedback from the participants. It also shows the committee of the tournament that NSWVGA is supporting their efforts which we appreciate.

John Daley

WOG Co Ordinator

Motion to receive Tournament Coordinator's report moved Clr. John Daley seconded Clr. Len Payne – carried.

Business Arising:

1. Parkes Week of Golf: Figures provided indicated that only 45 golfers attended the Parkes event, including only 6 women in 2017. With nearly half local members, this is considered unsatisfactory. Following motion was moved “That Parkes be removed from the Week of Golf Program effective immediately” moved Clr. John Dixon seconded Clr. Richard Doyle – carried.

2. Bingara Week of Golf: Again figures indicated only 29 participants. Motion moved “That Bingara be removed from the Week of Golf Program effective immediately” moved Clr. Garry Mason seconded Clr. Stuart Dossetor – carried.

3. Port Kembla event: Following debate it was moved “that this matter be deferred till after the Illawarra AGM on Thursday 7th December, with Clr. Lance Fredericks to report back” moved Clr. Lance Fredericks seconded Clr. John Daley – carried.

4. Brisbane Water (Gp 6) addition to program – Following advice from Clr. Len Payne on their request for a trial event in 2018 the following was moved “That the request for a trial event in 2018 be approved on

dates of 1st October – 5th October 2018. Clr. Len Payne to liaise with Brisbane Waters Committee & report back on issues to be addressed to optimise success” moved Clr. John Daley seconded Clr. Les Knox – carried.

No information received in respect of Byron Bay or Goondiwindi.

Incoming Match Committee Chairman Clr. Garry Mason was tasked to review attendance numbers, including no’s of visitors and no’s of local participants & the conduct of Weeks of Golf currently & report back.

The current problem with Great lakes/ Manning Valley was raised but left as a “domestic issue” for now but being monitored.

Clr. John Daley was thanked for his excellent reports & reports received on motion of Clr. Len Payne seconded Clr. Peter Taylor – carried.

Reports of Weeks of Golf & Annual Reports received:

NSWVGA Mixed 4BBB Championship Tenterfield 9 – 13 October 2017

Players: 165 in total with 92 men & 73 women. Clubs: 53 with a large number from Queensland

Weather: Excellent, with any storms coming at night.

Course: Very good considering the lack of rain prior to the tournament. Fairways provided good run, the greens as ever very tricky.

Conduct: This championship is run at the highest standard, from the warm and informative welcome to the seamless starting and help provided by all the local veteran golfers and staff.

Presentations: There were two dinners, a 2-course one on Tuesday night to award the 2 day winners attended by about 60 with an excellent meal.

Friday night had over 100 enjoy another great 2-course meal, with presentations & speeches kept to a minimum.

Summary: This Championship event continues to attract a large entry & is certainly on the calendar for many Queenslanders. This is due in no small way to the smooth running provided by T/Director Bill Eastgate & his great helpers, who strive to ensure that a great week is had by all participants. I strongly recommend this tournament to all veteran golfers.

Len Payne, NSWVGA Representative

LAKE MACQUARIE CLASSIC Veterans Week of Golf – TORONTO C C

A very good 4 days of golf at Toronto Country Club during the week 9th to 13th October. Fields of about 80 were less than the organisers would have liked for the single stableford days and about 60 for the Friday 4 Ball. The players represented 28 Clubs.

The tournament ran very well with shotgun starts on each day.

The course was showing the effect of the dry weather and the greens were in very good condition. It was certainly different from the last time I was there when the course was absolutely saturated.

Presentation night was well attended with about 60 people attending.

Congratulations to Mal Ryan and his team for their organisation of the event.

Lance Fredericks

NSWVGA Councillor

NSW VGA Venue Report – Great Lakes-Manning Valley - 2017

Tournament Director: Bob Brownsmith

NSW Representatives: Richard Doyle [Vice President]

This tournament was attended by 141 players, comprised of 88 men and 53 Ladies [38%], drawn from 46 NSW Clubs and 6 Queensland Clubs. There were 10 locals from tournament Clubs. By most measures the tournament was a success with happy people and good attendances each day; there were 157 present at the Scrumptious Dinner on the Friday evening.

Some difficulties were experienced with the hit-off timetable and cart turnovers at Taree and cart supply at Tuncurry; these and other communication matters were discussed with Committee members and taken on board for the 2018 tournament.

Without doubt, the **Tuncurry** Course was the most outstanding [quite sensational], notwithstanding the recent adjoining bushfire. By contrast, the Foster Course was quite short and narrow with average fairways and greens.

Taree is a good Course with quality greens but variable fairways. However, there is a considerable dysfunction between the Pro-Shop and the totally unsighted 1st and 10th Tees on the other side of the Wingham Road. Ergo, cart transfers between morning and afternoon starts were a problem with only 3 hrs. 40 mins. allowed for completion of the morning round, and therefore, only 1 hr. 50 mins. for crossover between Nines [quite impossible for a field of veteran aged golfers].

Tallwoods had clockwork Tee starts and there has been improvement to Greens and Fairways following recent problems related to control and maintenance of the Course. Local Vets at Tallwoods [around 120 members] are hopeful the appointed Trustees will restore the Course to its former glory.

There appears to be some unrest between the Vets groups which make up the tournament with some suggestion that future events reside only at Foster/Tuncurry. I have advised that this matter needs to be discussed by the Tournament Committee with member Vets Groups, along with a possible option of a 3 year cycle across the Clubs. It would also be my suggestion that members of the Tournament Committee visit a number of other Weeks-of-Golf tournaments to gather ideas and strategies.

With loads of affordable accommodation throughout the Region and lots to see and do when not golfing, the Great Lakes/Manning Valley tournament is well worthy of attendance; I will certainly return.

Richard Doyle
Vice President
NSWVGA

2017 Leeton / Narrandera Vets Week of Golf

54 HOLE MAJOR EVENTS

Men

A grade – John Daley – 113pts

B grade – Brian Turrell – 102pts

Ladies

Div 1 –Janelle Sullivan – 107pts

Div 2 – Suzette Thornburrow –107pts

NSWVGA TROPHY DAY – THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER

Men

1. Geoff Dartnell 39 points

2. Henry Kubacki 38 points c/b

Ladies

1. Nola O'Reilly 37 points c/b

2. Yvonne Tisdale 37 points

SUMMARY –

Great week, everyone who played had a great time.

Leeton Course in good condition. All 4 days held at Leeton for first time

The Websters (Walnut Farm) tour was enjoyed.

Numbers are again a major concern with an average of 60 per day (compared to 130) in 2009

53 players played more than one day

Deniliquin Trial Week of Golf 9th - 13th October 2017.

There was an average of 84 players every day at this trial week. The golf course is an excellent test of golf for veteran golfers and the hospitality extended by Graham, his committee and all the golfing members of Deniliquin Golf Club was outstanding.

The week comprised of 18, 36 and a medley fourball event throughout the week with each day having a shotgun start.

Sunday had registration and a sausage sizzle and each day comprised of a sausage sizzle at half way and finger food supplied after each day's play in the clubhouse.

As this was the first trial week I have attended I was impressed with the enthusiasm of the committee and their willingness to try new ideas and to modify their approach to comply with the Guide lines No 2 and 4.

The committee had next year's nomination form available on the last day of the week and after talking to the committee on the last day they will be modifying it to include the NSWVGA Trophy day

There was a dinner held on the Friday evening which was only moderately supported and the committee has already decided to have their presentation after the Friday's golf with a light lunch.

My overall assessment is this event will complement the weeks of golf at Dubbo and Broken Hill and I recommend this week become a yearly fixture in the yearly program.

To Graham and his hardworking committee, many thanks for your efforts and all golfers who attended this first event have indicated they will return next year. They have already booked their accommodation.

John Daley
NSWVGA Councillor

Port Stephens Week of Golf Event 23-27 October Report

Courses used: Pacific Dunes, Horizons, Nelson Bay & Tanilba Bay. All courses were presented in very good condition having had some rain the previous week. Pacific Dunes & Horizons courses presented a challenge to many golfers as reflected in the scores.

Weather: Very good weather was provided during play, with only a hail-storm on Thursday affecting diners. Clearly, the T/Director is a good weather organizer!!!

Players: 145, 88 Men & 57 women from over 60 clubs, including visitors from Queensland, ACT & Victoria.

Tournament Conduct: This was satisfactory, although some technical problems caused some minor inconveniences at starts, & T/Director Reg McGee & his crew worked hard to smooth the running.

Presentation: The Thursday night dinner at the Soldiers Pt Bowling Club was well attended by about 100 guests, who braved a hailstorm to attend.

Prizes presentation was reasonably short, with only a couple of minor glitches. However, it is disappointing to organisers to see at this and several other tournaments that players who know they are winners fail to attend these functions.

Summary: Overall, the tournament was a success, with Committee pledged to ensure that next year's one will be even better. It benefits from high quality courses, well-presented & in a tourist-attractive area. With two tournaments , (this & the AVGU National Tournament) scheduled for this region in 2018, there are plenty of opportunities for veteran golfers to enjoy these wonderful courses and the attractions of this beautiful region.

Len Payne, NSWVGA Representative

NSWVGA Matchplay Championship 2017 Report

Dates: 6th November – 10th November 2017.

Competitors: 63 ,45 men & 18 women. Some 26 clubs were represented.

Venues: Belmont, Waratah, Muree & Charlestown Golf Clubs in Newcastle region.

Weather: Very good although it threatened a couple of days with only a light shower at Muree.

Course conditions: All except Muree were presented in top condition as quality golf courses are. Muree suffered from lack of attention by greens staff who may have not been alerted that a championship was being played there. This will be rectified next year.

Play: Tournament Director Steve Pryor worked very hard to ensure that all competitors enjoyed themselves & there were deserved praises from many of the competitors for his efforts. He was ably assisted by officials from the Newcastle District Golf Association.

Presentation: Very efficiently performed at the conclusion of a very good luncheon at Charlestown on the Friday, with many excellent prizes presented.

Summary: This tournament is an excellent one, as NO competitor loses out by being defeated as ALL continue to play all remaining days & can win very good prizes. It is played on top quality golf courses, thus giving Veteran players access to some of the best courses in NSW. In 2018 the organizing Committee are seeking to greatly expand it to true Championship status & seeking to gain some interstate players with it being run as a prelude to the 2018 AVGU National Championships in nearby Port Stephens. An expanded committee including another Veteran with Tournament conducting experience & two women members are very keen to ensure a terrific tournament.

I can highly recommend this tournament, its' format, location & conduct are first-class. A very specially deserved "thank you" to Tournament Director Steve Pryor who picked up it's running, & appreciation to the officials of NDGA District Golf Executive who assisted. Hope to see you all there in 2018!

Len Payne

NSWVGA Representative

NSW VGA Venue Report – Southern Highlands WoG 2017

Date: November 13 – 17, 2017

Tournament Director: John Bowes

NSW Representative: John Dixon - Councillor

No of Players: 220 from 78 from clubs in Qld, Vic & NSW - [70% men 30% ladies]

Weather conditions: Mild, mostly sunny spring weather throughout the week with temps in low 20's.

Course Conditions: All four courses played viz. Bowral, Moss Vale, Highlands & Mt Broughton were presented in excellent condition.

Registration Process: Efficiently carried out following NSWVGA protocols and procedures.

Presentation: Very smoothly conducted by the MC with brief speeches by the President Brian Graham, TD John Bowes and NSWVGA Councillor John Dixon who then presented the trophies to the male & female NSWVGA trophy winners. The dinner for 143 players and guests was held at the Highlands Golf Club, with a lovely two course meal being served, followed by music and dancing for those still with sufficient energy reserves!

Summary: TD John Bowes, Course Managers John Durbin & Alan Bassett and the hard-working band of helpers are to be congratulated on another very successful and popular tournament.

John Dixon
Councillor
25.11.17

YOUNG VETS CHERRY FESTIVAL WEEK OF GOLF

DATE: Nov 10-24

Venue: Young Golf Course

Entries: An incredible number of overall entries (200+) with field of 170 each day. Golfer from NSW, Victoria and Queensland. Large numbers of women. 3 divisions in both men and ladies.

Course: excellent condition and certainly catered for the big field each day.

Presentation Night: A really great night, 140+ golfers attended. Entertained by Samoan dancer and bush poet. Great meal and a range of trophies. Culminated in the traditional lucky door cherry raffle with 40 boxes of cherries won by people there. (Luckily, I won one and they were delicious).

Unfortunately, I was only able to play on the Friday and attend the dinner, but in speaking to a large number of the golfers there, they were over the top in their praise of the course, the organisation and the friendliness of the week.

A big congratulations to Bill Kearney, Phil Cartwright, Bryce Mawhinney and the great team that put this tournament on.

Garry Mason

Councillor

NSWVGA

29/11/2017

2017 Activities Report of the Broken Hill Veteran Golfers' Club (Group 33)

Our club had 44 male members and 6 female members which is the same as 2016. We did lose one of our past members, Mr. Bill Mcleod, a well respected member and secretary of the Broken Hill Golf and Country Club. The Monday competitions were held on 49 occasions with an average of just over 20 players per comp. Other events competed for over the year were the Gala Day, Memorial Day and our Vets. Championships (conducted over two consecutive Mondays) also the Week of Golf in September. The Vets champion for 2017 was Joe DeBono who received the NSWVGA medal and voucher. This was very much appreciated and our thanks to the NSWVGA for awarding this trophy. The Week of Golf was a big success and I am sure Denis Martin will forward a full report on this. Our thanks once again to NSWVGA for your support of this event.

The AGM was held on 27th Nov. 2017 with the following office bearers being elected for 2017/2018.

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| President: | Denis Martin |
| Vice President: | Colin Degoumois |
| Secretary/Treasurer: | Dudley Hannigan |
| Ass. Secretary/Treasurer: | Barry Jackaman |
| Captain: | Don Crittenden |
| Vice Captain: | Ray Millman |
| Publicity Officer: | Stan Goodman |
| WOG Co-ordinator: | Denis Martin |

Have a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year with lots of enjoyable golf.

Yours sincerely

Dudley Hannigan – Secretary/Treasurer Broken Hill Veteran Golfers' Club.

2017 GROUP 15 NEW ENGLAND REPORT

New England Group has had another great year with rain improving the courses. The Annual general meeting was held in July and Jim Shadlow from Inverell was re-elected for his 10th year as Group Secretary for 2018. All clubs in the group, Armidale, Walcha, Dorrigo, Uralla, Tenterfield, Guyra, Glen Innes, Deepwater and Inverell conducted successful open days during the year with each having good fields of visitors from the other clubs in the group and clubs out of this group.

The NSWVGA Medal was played for over all nine open days with the top 15 players receiving points from 15 down to one. In addition all visiting New England players to each open received 3 points. The winner was Neil Zsoldos from Deepwater.

Inverell hosted the New England Veterans Golf Week in May and with a total of 140 starters it was a very successful week. Armidale hosted its first Spring WOG in Oct and were disappointed with the number of participants, having only 35 visitors. Uralla held its third WOG and with fields of 80 each day were extremely happy, especially with the number of Queensland visitors returning from 2016. Tenterfield again ran two successful WOG with the second in October being the NSW mixed Four ball won by Bob Gallagher from Glen Innes and Val Davidson from Tenterfield. The NEVGA 2018 week of golf will be hosted by Armidale for the four days in April while Inverell will host the Sapphire City week in October.

The number of veteran golfers across the group has grown in the past year. We now have a total of 435 members, some of these being ladies, and it is hoped each club and its band of workers will continue to provide competition and fellowship for those golfers who find weekend golf to competitive.

Thank you to NSWVGA for its support during the year. All the best.

Jim Shadlow – Secretary Group 15

Business arising from Week of Golf Reports:

Following the decisions taken in respect of Bingara & Parkes weeks of golf, it was agreed that a further review was required of all weeks of golf in respect to attendances, conduct of them & management also. Clr. Garry Mason as Match Committee Chairman was tasked to contact all Tournament Directors to advise of this. Treasurer David Gunner will provide statistics of attendances & Clr. Mason will report back to the January 2018 meeting.

Motion to accept all Week of golf & Annual reports submitted moved Clr. Len Payne, seconded Clr. Lance Fredericks – carried.

Web Report December 2017 NSWVGA Council Meeting

The past few weeks have been busy for the website with the uploading of results, tutoring and mentoring Group Secretaries and TDs.

The major focus has been the updating of membership lists. Only 3 or 4 Group Secretaries have had problems. Some of their own making and experience and others due to incorrect allocation of Clubs to groups. Most have been solvable.

The other area that caused some frustration has been access permissions for Exec and some TDs who are also Group Secretaries. Barry now has a good understanding and where identified are quickly corrected.

There have also been a couple of changes to the databases to reflect need. Barry has been very responsive once the problem is identified and clear.

At the last meeting there was discussion on Group 1 and their approach to putting members on the Website and paying affiliation fees. The problem still remains and I am concerned that Far South Coast Vets who have paid their affiliation fees are not going to be listed on the website and thus not eligible. The Group Sec has stated they are reorganising but provided no details. He has also stated that he wants no Handbooks. At least one Club has indicated to me they are looking at sending fees direct to NSWVGA.

Stu Dossetor

Website Coordinator

5 December 2017

Business Arising: Website Coordinator undertook to separate the 2017/2018 Week of golf program on the website.

As Zone Councillor for Far South Coast Group 1, Clr. Dossetor advised that he has had no response to his efforts to contact them to ascertain their current position re affiliation fees/updating officials details etc. Secretary Clr. Len Payne undertook to phone clubs within Gp1 re this & their views & membership details. President Ian Vidler offered to meet with their officials at a suitable venue when he visits the Shoalhaven in February 2018. Clr. Stuart Dossetor offered to accompany him. Secretary said that he would follow-up his p/c's with a letter to club officials with this offer. Motion to endorse this moved Clr. Len Payne seconded Clr. Stuart Dossetor – carried.

Motion to receive Website Coordinators Report moved Clr Stuart Dossetor seconded Clr. Peter Taylor- carried.

Matters on notice:

1. Review of NSWVGA Medal & voucher, including current extent & consideration/determination of proposed 4BBB additional medal & voucher & conduct of same.

Re the current NSWVGA Medal & voucher, we provide a medal plus voucher (\$50) for 1st; plus where sufficient ladies play regularly & compete for this (minimum 10 a separate medal & voucher for women. Groups competing are to advise us format of competitions, minimum 2 courses, with the exception of Group 10 (Myall Coast) & Group 33 (Broken Hill) & method of winner determination. Matchplay Committee were asked to review it, look at options for expanding it & report back. Secretary will forward out photo of medal, current requirements & benefits as a separate addendum, especially to those currently not participating. We currently have about 20 groups competing.

It was decided to defer consideration of introducing the 4BBB medal & state championship till later in 2018, with an anticipated commencement in 2019.

2. Allocation of Councillors to 2018 Weeks of Golf for first half of year. Councillors advised of their ability to attend Weeks of Golf for the first half of 2018. President Ian will e-mail the respective Tournament Directors to advise of the Councillor attending.
3. Review & adoption of amended Policy Guidelines 2 & 4.

In addition to the concerns expressed by T/Director of Coolangatta-Tweed & comments in his report by Tournament Co-Ordinator Clr. John Daley, the outcome of Kew C.C. Week of Golf allocation of Trophies which did not follow the guidelines was also raised.

Following extensive debate & various views expressed, the current words "with some exceptions" was considered. Due to the number of variations currently employed, including concerns about the unfair distribution of prizes, it was decided to refer both Guidelines 2 & 4 to the Matchplay Committee for further consideration & report back.

Matters without notice:

1. Due to the issues raised in discussions between NSWVGA & Golf NSW, Clr. Les Knox suggested that our Constitution required an amendment, with item 1.17 becoming 1.16 with alterations, which will be forwarded to the Secretary. This requires a Special General Meeting, however it was determined that we would have a Special General Meeting within the January Executive meeting & delegates be notified of this.
2. The issue of removing the 2017 Week of Golf program from the website was raised & it was agreed that if feasible Website manager be asked to do this.
3. Clr. Garry Mason spoke of his attendance at the "Murray Greys" Tournament at Thurgoona & issues raised there.

4. Annual Donations: motion that “ \$300 be donated to Bankstown G.C. for the use of the club’s meeting facilities” moved Clr. Richard Doyle seconded Clr. John Dixon – carried.
Donation to charitable Veterans’ organisation: It was moved “that \$500 be donated to “Carry-onan organization assisting serving & ex-serving defence force members) , motion moved Clr. Stuart Dossetor seconded Clr. John Daley -carried.

General Business : Nil.

With no further business President declared the meeting closed at 1.30 p.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday 31st January, 2018 will be an Executive Meeting with a Special General Meeting segment embedded within it. Note: It will be an extended meeting due to special guests attending & with a workshop at the end.