

Report NSWVGA to Northern Rivers Golf Association.

Overview.

This year I have attended three Board meetings in Sydney along with Northern Rivers other representative Peter Taylor. It is an interesting experience given the diverse backgrounds of the other councillors on the board.

Grass Level Veterans.

It is the aim of this board to put something back to the club veteran golfer . The aim is to get more veterans attending open days and to compete in the gold medal events at Group level. Early in 2019 it is planned to expand the group medals to a state medal to be played at a venue to be decided. There is already a sponsor on board, Watson's Caravan and Leisure Centre with the only stipulation that the inaugural State Medal be played on the mid North or North Coast. Expenses such as fuel will be subsidised by NSWVGA .

NSWVGA Stroke Championships.

This event is currently being conducted in Sydney until 2020. After this time it is hoped to bring the event back to the country areas. We are looking for expressions of interest from groups willing to take this on.

Weeks of Golf.

The program is in full swing. This year we trialled an events at Casino in May and it was an outstanding success. John Weaver and his committee are to be congratulated. There were nothing but positive feed back on the week and we look forward to the event next year.

Events at Maclean, Ballina , Murwillumbah, Coolangatta Tweed Heads and Yamba will be conducted over the next eight weeks and we wish the various committees all the best after all the hard work that has been put into these events.

Veteran Golf Club Hardships.

The NSWVGA are looking to support Veteran Golf Clubs that have experienced hardships because of flood, drought or bushfire.

Warren in the Central West of the state is one such club and an open day was recently held to get them back on their feet. The trophies for the day were covered by the NSWVGA. The event was well attended .

Two other venues that come to mind in this category are Tathra, which had horrendous bush fire early this year and Nyngan whose course was flood bound for four months.

If you know of any other clubs that have fallen on hard times let the Group know who will then pass it on.

Website.

The site is still a work in progress but is now completely accessible by all veteran golfers.

The 2019 program is now on the net with the 2020 "roughs" just about complete.

Guideline No 2 and 4.

The guide lines have finally been revamped and distributed to Tournament Directors. While the revamp does not please all it is a guideline after all and it gives direction if the basics cannot be adhered to.

The main stumbling block is the distribution of trophies and this will vary if TD's have a presentation each day as opposed to one presentation at the end of the week. The aim is to have a greater spread of trophies across the board for the week.

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