

President's Report

N.R.V.G.A. Half Yearly Meeting 22.6.2018

Thanks to all of you as delegates of N.R.V.G.A. clubs for the opportunity and privilege to be President of the Association for 2018.

We have reached the halfway mark of the season, and most open days have gone according to plan – sorry Yamba but weather is one of the contingencies we cannot handle. Congratulations to each of the organising committees for your dedication to your respective clubs. This was very apparent at our newest member of N.R.V.G.A., Grafton where we were able to welcome them into the group, and they in turn welcomed 76 visiting golfers. Well done Grafton! This was one of 2 highlights so far this year. The second, of course, was the Week of Golf at Casino. Although, the date was changed from that advertised in the N.S.W. Vet's Handbook, a reasonable field was obtained, and judging by the comments from out of Group 14 visitors, they will be back next year and will be bringing their playing friends. Well done and congratulations, Casino.

Ocean Shores held a very successful N.R.V.G.A. Championship tournament, won by Fred Williams of Ocean Shores club. Winner of the N.S.W.V.G.A. Trophy was Lismore's Paul Giles.

Monday 19th November at Byron Bay is the time and place for 2018 Championships and run in conjunction will be the W.B.B.B. Championship final.

Secretary/Treasurer Ray and his knowledge and computing skills has kept us as the most efficient group in N.S.W. We are blessed to have someone with his abilities at the helm. My job as president is made so much easier. Thank you Ray!

We are well served also by our N.S.W. representatives, John Daley, Peter Taylor and long-serving Kel Pearce, and we look forward to hearing their report.

One of the items to be discussed in General Business is our Constitution. I am hoping a sub-committee may be formed to bring together any discussion that occurs today and present them to the A.G.M. at Byron Bay on 12/10/2018. We need to look at the situation that occurred at Yamba when the course became unplayable half-way through the round. We should also look at the 4B.B.B. qualifying rounds where clubs are limited to a minimum of 12 players. As at 19/6/18, Lismore Vets have in excess of 25 nominations, which is not unusual for the club, 18 of whom have nominated for the 4B.B.B. event, an event many of them have participated in since the competition was first played.

I conclude with thanks to all clubs and their executives for making N.R.V.G.A. the place to play and enjoy relaxing golf.

John Watt



President N.R.V.G.A.