

Week of Golf Reports received to date

TAMWORTH VETERANS WEEK OF GOLF

Monday April 9th to Friday April 13th 2018

Another successful week of golf using both Tamworth and The Longyard courses. The weather was fine and hot every day with the courses showing effects of the very dry summer. Preferred lies were in place at Tamworth – something I had not come across before at Tamworth.

Numbers were very good with a total of 207 registrations of which 123 were males and 84 females. A total of 55 clubs were represented. Daily numbers were Monday 182, Tuesday 168, Thursday 166 and Friday 142. On Friday two 4BBB competitions were held – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. There were 3 grades for men and 2 for ladies.

Much credit is due to the TD Paul McDougall who together with his committee ran a very well organised event. His committee is comprised of about eight members from both Tamworth and Longyard. The committee works very well and operates almost twelve months of the year.

The NSWVGA Trophy for men and ladies was played for over 36 holes on the Monday and Tuesday on both courses. This is used as the major trophy for the week and the prizes given by NSWVGA are augmented by the organisers.

The presentation dinner was held on the Thursday night and was very well attended with good support from sponsors. Their major sponsor has indicated continuing support for this event.

Another successful week of golf.

Lance Fredericks

Councillor, NSWVGA

Uralla Week of Golf

2nd - 6th April

Tournament Director - Rowan Chandler

309 players attended the 2018 Uralla Week of Golf, 219 men and 90 ladies. Captain Coach, Rowan Chandler and his very efficient team provided a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. This region is in drought but still the course was presented to a very good standard, I cannot speak highly enough of Rowan and his team.

Sponsors, Bryan & Christine McNamara from Bridges Financial Services provided \$4000 in prize money & trophies, a wonderful effort. The tournament has grown again this year albeit the ladies were down in numbers. Rowan was more than happy with the response, visitors 225, 284 club members.

Prize winners were shared among the golfers as per guidelines and the NSWVGA winners were:

Mens - Les Vidler

Ladies - Vivienne Jones

Yours truly picked up an award on Tuesday, a mars bar, worst score in A grade.

The presentations were held after play on Friday in a very relaxed atmosphere which all seemed to appreciate and all in attendance agreed to return next year and hopefully bring some friends.

Regards

Peter Taylor

16th – 20th APRIL 2018

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR Robyn Spence

Narrabri hosted yet another well organised and friendly week of golf. I go just for the morning teas, Unbelievable. The first 2 days were played in beautiful conditions, Thursday afternoon down it came, the locals were dancing in the streets, the golfers were getting drenched. The rain continued overnight Enough to abandon play on the Friday. The course has paid the penalty from the drought, fairways were evenly grassed from watering, preferred lies were in play but sadly the rough was rough. Greens and tees were of a good standard, the working team with Robyn are to be congratulated.

The tournament attracted 176 players, 106 staying for the Friday night presentation which was Enjoyed by all, until Robyn Spence dropped a bombshell announcing her retirement from her Position of T.D. An end of an era. Thank you Robyn.

After Robyn announced her resignation our esteemed leader thanked Robyn for her support Of weeks of golf and NSW VGA and wished Robyn health and happiness in her future.

Peter Taylor.

NSWVGA WEEK OF GOLF REPORT

DATES 23rd-27th April

VENUE Forbes Golf Club

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR Beryl/Lyn Roberts

GOLF CLUB REPRESENTATION 37 Clubs represented, approx. 70 men and 35 women.

WEATHER Fine weather each day

REPORT

This is a tournament that I have attended for the first time.

Organisation of golf including draws, carts and scorecards was very efficient all week.

The size of the field varied from 98 to 110 and play was very comfortable during the week, each round taking just on 4 hours. Significant number of visitors were at Forbes for the first time, a very encouraging trend.

The condition of the Forbes Golf Course was excellent, especially with the very dry seasons we have had. Fairways were great and greens immaculate. Some of the pins placements were challenging and that generated plenty of hard luck stories. As with most country courses, the green staff are few but the volunteers are numerous, this was very evident with the course presentation.

Social aspect was good with many people catching up with friends and making new friends.

There were presentations on Monday for the Fourball and Friday for the 36 Hole Stableford, single 18 Hole stableford and the NSWVGA Shields.

Morning teas were served Tues-Thursday and great debate as to whether the scones, homemade sausage rolls or caramel tarts were the best, (Tried them all).

BBQ each day and a small luncheon on the Friday.

Suggestions were made at a committee de-brief regarding registration processes, communication about week's activities, presentation procedures including scanning of card and scoreboards., and options to raise more funds and these were taken on board by the committee

Congratulations on a very good week

Garry Mason NSWVGA Councillor

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NSWVGA MIXED SANDGREEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATES 28th-29th April

VENUE Grenfell Golf Club

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR Peter and Shirley Mawhinney

GOLF CLUB REPRESENTATION 18 Clubs represented, 22 pairs (44 players) an increase of 2 teams from 2017

WEATHER Fine weather each day

REPORT

This is a tournament that I have attended for the first time.

Organisation of golf including draws, carts and scorecards was very efficient all weekend.

The condition of the Grenfell Golf Club course was dry due to exceptionally dry conditions experienced this year (only 20 mls since January) and so preferred lies were in place. The sand greens were a challenge, especially to newcomers to these greens. Some great and hilarious stories were evident throughout the weekend, as to how we all coped. Course preparation was done entirely by volunteers and was a credit to their hard work.

Lunch was provided on Saturday, breakfast Sunday and a light luncheon after golf on Sunday. The dinner on Saturday night was attended by approx..30 people and we all had a great time

Again, as with other events the social aspects was good with many people catching up with friends and making new friends and learning more about different courses and weeks of golf.

Presentation were conducted by Captain Barry and all winners certainly enjoyed their prizes.

Congratulations on a great weekend, thoroughly enjoyed it

Garry Mason
NSWVGA Councillor

Armidale (New England) Veteran's Week of Golf -30th April to 4th May 2018

Results

NSWVGA MEDAL WINNER-Men.

Winner	Greg Doolan	Yamba GC	74 pts
R/U	Alan Chambers	Armidale GC.	70 pts

NSWVGA MEDAL WINNER-LADIES.

Winner	Cheryl Cook	Pine Rivers GC	68pts c/b
R/U	Elaine Stivey	Coolangatta Th GC	68pts

TUESDAY Round 1 (36hole comp)-Men.

Div 1	David Potts	Hawks Nest GC	39pts
	Alan Chambers	Armidale GC	36pts
	Barry Tooth	Catalina GC	34pts
Div2	Brent Weiley	Everglades GC	33pts
	David Foulkes	Avondale GC	33pts
	Greg Robbs	Waratah GC	33pts
Div 3	Russell Evans	Armidale GC	37pts
	Stephen Gates	Avondale GC	36pts
	Malcolm Ross	Armidale GC	34pts

THURSDAY Round 2 (36hole comp)

Div 1	Greg Doolan	Yamba GC	38pts
	Barry Groves	Charlestown GC	36pts
	Ian Vidler	Nambucca Heads GC	35pts
Div 2	Brad Gibson	Armidale GC	36pts
	Rob Coward	Armidale GC	35pts

	Peter Dixon	Uralla GC	34pts
Div 3	Brian O'Connell	Armidale GC	41pts
	Geoff Kempster	Armidale GC	36pts
	Bob Campbell	Armidale GC	34pts

TUESDAY ROUND 1 (36hole comp)-Ladies

Div 1	Elaine Stivey	Coolangatta GC	38pts
	Judith McCosker	Mereweather GC	32pts
	Jan Kearsley	Shelly Beach GC	32pts
Div 2	Trudie Lawes	Bargara GC	34 pts
	Kathy Jobson	Coolangatta GC	32pts
	Janice Weiley	Everglades GC	31pts

THURSDAY ROUND 2 (36hole comp)-Ladies

Div 1	Cheryl Cooper	Armidale GC	37pts
	Gaye Johnson	Armidale GC	35pts
	Cheryl Cook	Pine Rivers GC	35pts
Div 2	Dale Robbs	Howlong GC	34pts
	Helen Brodie	Armidale GC	33pts
	Chris McNall	Ballina GC	33 pts

MONDAY 4BBB MEDLEY.

1st	Cheryl Cooper	Armidale GC	49pts
	Gary Cooper	Armidale GC	
2 nd	Lynne Gadsby	Catalina GC	47pts
	Barry Tooth	Catalina GC	
3 rd	Jan Kearsley	Shelly Beach GC	47pts
	Bruce Kearsley		

FRIDAY 2 PERSON AMBROSE.

1 st	Vicki Atkins	Wyong GC	64.75pts
	Paul Atkins	Wyong GC	
2 nd	Trudie Laws	Bargara GC	65.5pts
	David Williamson	Bargara GC	
3 rd	Steve Creagan	Armidale GC	66.75pts
	Ian Neil	Mount Coolum GC	

The Armidale Golf Club had much pleasure in hosting the NSWVGA “Week of Golf” for group 15. The weather was great, a few chilly mornings but the days perfect with a little wind. The course was in excellent condition, fairways well grassed and greens manicured to perfection. With 148 registered players, 93 visitors (52 men & 41 ladies) and 55 locals the course looked well covered. 468 rounds of golf played in the week, rest day some players inspected the Oak Tree retirement village as they were our main sponsors and we thank them very much for their ongoing support. Oak Tree has 2 villages in Armidale and they are expanding all the time.

We commenced our Week of Golf with a sausage sizzle Sunday evening, well attended by over 80 players enjoying the hospitality of the Vet’s committee. Monday was a 4BBB with 110 players hitting off. Tuesday was the first round of the NSWVG 36- hole comp with 125 players, Wednesday was a rest day to enjoy the city sights of Armidale. Thursday was the second round of the 36hole comp with 126 players participating. Friday was a 2person Ambrose with 108 players hitting off followed by our presentation.

The committee appreciated the good roll up of players from Bargara to Sydney & beyond and thank the NSWVGA for their support and attendance at our “Week of Golf”.

NSWVGA Representative Len Payne’s further comments on this tournament:

As noted, the weather was excellent although the region suffers like most of NSW from lack of worthwhile rainfall.

Players provided worthwhile feedback on issues requiring attention, including the late finish on Friday. The tournament Director was apprised of these & undertook to consider & attend to them. It is important that Tournament Directors' are assisted by their committees to ensure the smooth running of these tournaments which also means that travelling players will return & enjoy them.

The course was in excellent condition considering the lack of rainfall, whilst the greens were very fast & difficult to read as reflected in the scores. Certainly a good test of golf.

Summary: with attention to the issues raised by players, this tournament should continue to attract a wide field of players both from NSW & Interstate.

Len Payne, NSWVGA Representative

7th - 11th May 2018

Tournament Director Bill Eastgate

167 players representing 50 clubs throughout NSW and QLD attended the Tenterfield WOG in May, set in the

Beautiful Northern Tablelands of NSW. The autumn colours were beautiful as was the course and the greens were inch perfect. Monday and Tuesday were the single stableford and the NSW VGA event was held Tuesday, Barry Tooth from Catalina club compiled 43 pts to win the men's event and Margaret Teh from Redland Bay won the Ladies on 40 points. Both were presented with their shields at Tuesday night's presentation dinner with 60 people attending. The weather up to now was pleasant with Wednesday being the pick of the days. Thursday and Friday were the 4BBB Championships, with 60 couples competing in this prestigious event, good scores on Thursday, 46 points being the club house leader, then the wind started to blow. By Friday morning it was blowing 40 knots with a wind chill factor of just 5 degrees. A number of couples pulled out before hit-off and a few more during the course of the day. Scoring was very difficult, most scores in the mid 30's to late 20's. Three couples broke the 40 barrier and the Bullocks survived to win the event on 86 points. Friday night's presentation was attended by 100 cold but happy golfers. All the dignitaries sang the praises of Bill Eastgate and his highly efficient working team and thanked them for a wonderful and well organised week of golf. We all enjoyed our meal and companionship and then we all went home. The trophies were awarded as per NSW VGA specifications and a photo is on our website of the NSW VGA winners.

PETER TAYLOR NSW VGA COUNCILLOR.

NSWVGA WEEK OF GOLF REPORT

DATES 14th May- 18th May 2018

VENUE Casino Golf Club -Trial Event – Casino Veterans Golf Club

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR John Weaver

GOLF CLUB REPRESENTATION

Ballina, Maroochy River, Yamba, Sawtell, Nambucca Heads, Nelson Bay, Beerwah, Redlands Bay, Callula Bay, Bribie Island, Wyong, Catalina, Toukley, Howlong, Ocean Shores, Charlestown, Port Kembla, Grafton, Foster, Kyogle, Mullumbimby, Maclean, Pelecan Waters, The Links, Merewether.

WEATHER Sunny for the week.

REPORT

On average 49 visiting players and 15 local players played this trial event. The Tournament Director John Weaver and his committee are to be commended on the presentation for the week.

The hospitality of the Casino Veterans and the facilities made available from the Casino Golf Club ensured all attending enjoyed the fellowship and comradery of veterans golf.

Casino golf course is a challenging lay out. The greens staff presented a course that rewarded the good shot and punished the poor shot.

Speaking to those who attended the week, their comments were all favorable, with many intending to return next year.

There was a Presentation Dinner on the Thursday evening where over 70 people attended. The meal was excellent. The dinner and presentations were completed within two hours. Well done

On completion of the event, Tournament Director John Weaver and NSWVGA representatives sat down and critiqued the week.

The main points arising as suggestions were as follows:

1 Registration on the Sunday to be reduced to 1 hour, 1 1/2 hours maximum

During this time welcome all players, outline the week's events, introduce Club President and Veterans President for a FEW words.

2 Trophy Presentation.

To ensure a greater spread of trophies follow the format outlined in guidelines No 2 and 4.

In all a very successful trial, with President of the NSWVGA Ian Vidler, endorsing the event become part of the Week of Golf program.

John Daley Councillor

Moree Week of Golf Report 2018

Dates: April 23 – 27

Tournament Director: Paul Wilde

Number of Players: 823 total. Average 206 per day

Ratio Men : Women 52 : 48

Clubs Represented: 64 from Gladstone Queensland to Victoria.

Format: Monday, Tuesday: 36 hole Stableford. Thursday: 18 hole stableford for NSWVGA Shield and Vouchers. Friday: 2 Ball better Ball

Weather: Fine and warm

Course: Excellent condition given the recent drought conditions which have lingered for about 5 months following a very hot summer. This course is one of the most challenging layouts in country NSW and it never fails to create discussion in the heated pools after golf each day, especially the short, par 3, 17th hole and the par 5 18th hole with its double river crossing.

Registration: A busy afternoon with a gift pack handed to each player. There was no official welcome but the veteran members assisting in checking names and distributing the gift packs made all players welcome.

Presentation Dinner: The number at the dinner this year was smaller than usual making for more comfort for those present. The meal was of good quality accompanied by complementary wines, enjoyed by all. The generous sponsors of the wines announced later in the evening that they would continue their sponsorship into 2019.

The presentation itself was confusing to the major recipients at times as they were unaware of what they were receiving trophies for. However, the process became more organised and ran smoothly for the remainder of the prize winners with runners assisting in the distribution.

Summary: This was another high quality week of golf presented by Moree veterans. It was, as usual, well organised with plenty of support from veteran members and plenty of old fashioned country hospitality. Morning tea was available every day with an ample supply of home- made slices, scones and cakes. The barbeque was cooking most of the day and seemingly well supported.

This event is a popular one on the calendar, evidenced by the large number of visitors attending this week. The number of locals playing was the smallest in my memory, indicating that the grapevine is working well in promoting the week.

Should you wish to be considered for this event in 2019 I strongly suggest you contact the Tournament Director, Paul Wilde, before Xmas or be prepared for disappointment.

Congratulations to Paul and his Committee for another successful week.

Ian Vidler

President NSWVGA.
