

Group 14 Report NSWVGA Representative

Overview

This has been a very trying year for Veterans golf at club, group and state level. Covid has decimated both local and state programs but golf numbers have increased at the club level with the full impact of this is yet to be determined.

There were some Open days held and also some Weeks Of Golf were completed, especially over the October and November months

Both Peter and I represented at events over the last six weeks for NSWVGA, and while numbers were down at these events there was optimism looking to future events in the next twelve months.

NSWVGA News.

There was only one meeting held in Sydney at Bankstown Golf Club this year due to Covid but Zoom meetings took their place and as a result of this, the need to visit Sydney for meetings will be scaled back to two next year, namely a half yearly meeting in June and the AGM in December.

Data Base

The data base for the NSWVGA has undergone a complete revamp. There was useless information that has accumulated over the years with the data base not reflecting the true numbers of Veteran members and their information was misleading.

This has been a huge undertaking by the Webmaster, Peter Guy and his team, the results will be evident to those with access such as Group Secretaries and Tournament Directors who either have access codes or will be issued with same on request.

The general public access is through nswvga.com.au. This will allow all Veteran members access the website to visit News, Weeks of Golf programs for 2022 and 2023, and other areas of interest to veteran golfers.

Amalgamation

NSWVGA are entering into discussions with NSWVGA. For as long as I have been a member of the Board there have been overtures to have Veteran men and ladies under the same banner.

Over the last month the new executive of the Lady Veterans expressed a desire to explore amalgamation. With this in mind, at the last Board Meeting a Steering Committee was set up to explore this possibility. Vice president Les Knox will head the committee. The Ladies' President has been invited to attend our next Zoom meeting on December 8th. Anything that come out of this meeting will be in the minutes of that meeting that all Group Secretaries will receive.

Veterans Membership At Open Days and Weeks of Golf.

There was a motion put forward at the last meeting that stated all Veterans playing in Veteran events such as open days or weeks of golf must be a member of the NSWVGA.

This has taken the membership requirements a step further from the requirement for open days and competing for the NSWVGA Shield and vouchers at weeks of golf. Not all Groups are in agreement especially those areas that have a majority of interstate entries.

This motion has been deferred until the data base is up and running. We at Group 14 have a particular interest in this as it does affect Coolangatta Tweed Heads.

The mover of the motion pointed out that NSWVGA spend an estimated \$25000 on trophies a year and to ask all entrants to our events including interstate players, be members at a cost of \$5 is not unreasonable. It should also be pointed out that many of our interstate visitors are already members of NSWVGA. There have been no problems with the Southern States on this issue.

NSWVGA Supported Schemes

The grass roots scheme will once again take place. This scheme is to support the Club Veteran and as such the gift cards are to be spent on Veteran Golfers at Club level and not Open Days and alike. There was a motion put forward at the last meeting to reimburse Tournament Directors for out of pocket expenses incurred for cancelled events. Three hundred dollars (\$300) is the amount to be paid in each case.

Membership and Financial Year

The membership year will run from January 1st to December 31st. Those who paid after October 1st this year will be paid up until 31st December 2022. Before that will have to renew by 1st January 2022.

The Financial year will remain October to September.

Upcoming Events

2023 Program has been sent to all Tournament Directors. They were sent the first draft in July and have been sent the final draft which will be ratified at the December meeting and placed on the website in January.

NSWVGA AGM

The NSWVGA AGM will be held on December 8th. It will be a Zoom meeting and Group Secretaries will be invited to tune into the meeting along with any other interested parties. Peter Taylor and myself will be nominating once again to represent the group at Board level and will seek the Groups approval to continue.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Group for allowing me to represent them at the board level. I would also like to thank Secretary, Ray Kent, for his support over the year.

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