

Secretary Report for NRVGA AGM – Friday 12 November 2021

Another year has been 'Covid' impacted on our Northern Rivers Golf Program. We managed to complete 11 of the planned 18 Veteran Open Days. The weather in the early part of the year severely disrupted Iluka and Ballina Vet Open Days. Thank you to the Clubs who persevered and were able to give our 2021 Veteran Open Day Program some respectability.

The winners of the Accumulated Point Score for 2021 are ...

Stuart McDonald (Lismore) Winner ... Medal and \$50.00 Gift Voucher

Peter Evans (Ballina) Runner-Up ... Medal and \$30.00 Gift Voucher

Your Executive held a Zoom Meeting on 1 September 2021 and reduced the Qualifying Criteria for playing in the Championships be reduced to 2 games, rather than the 3 games required by our Constitution. This worked out well and "Congratulations" go to ...

Ken Murfett and **Mike Gard** (Pottsville) for their 4BBB win @ Mullumbimby

Brad Imeson and **Robert Goodacre** (Ocean Shores) Runners-Up 4BBB

John Rixon (Lismore) Gross Champion NRVGA 2021 @ Byron Bay

Fred Williams (Ocean Shores) Runner-Up Gross

Owen Cornwall (Murwillumbah) Nett Champion NRVGA 2021 @ Byron Bay

Bruce Melville (Pottsville) Runner-Up Nett

Eric Dollery (Maclean) Stableford Winner @ Byron Bay

Col Fisher (Lismore) Runner-Up, Stableford

Next year we will have a third Championship introduced. This will be the NRVGA Master Veterans Championship and will be held at Coraki in June.

On a sad note, we lost a number of Veterans this year. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and loved ones and to their Club and Golfing Buddies. I would like to single out one in particular, and that is Ted Browning, past Secretary of Coraki Veterans. Ted was a hard-working stalwart of Coraki, always doing his secretarial duties with diligence and precision. He always had a smile on his face, and never said "NO" to anything. Ted was one Secretary who I could always rely upon to respond immediately, on behalf of Coraki, to any of the demands of the Role I asked of Clubs. He was honoured with Life membership of Coraki for his services and remained active assisting the Committee wherever he could. Sadly, Ted passed away suddenly only a couple of weeks ago ... Vale Ted Browning.

On a happier note, Congratulations to John Watt, Coraki Veteran for his Life membership bestowed on him at their AGM. John is a long-standing supporter of Veterans' Golf, both at the Club level and the Northern Rivers Golf Association. John served as our President of NRVGA for a number of years before stepping down and devoting his experience and knowledge to his beloved Coraki Veterans. He still represents Coraki at our general meetings. Congratulations on a well-deserved accolade.

Our Website, nrvga.com is an important source of information for our Organisation. It is kept up to date with NRVGA Committee, Meeting Minutes and Constitution, Club Information, our playing Program, Results of Veteran Open Days, Championship Results and also Minutes of NSWVGA Meetings which are posted so that all Secretaries can access the Business discussed at their meetings. Please read these, as it is my duty to keep you

informed of NSWVGA happenings. Click on “About” in the Menu Bar and the “Drop Down” Menu Window – “Agenda and Meetings”. This is where all Minutes of NRVGA and NSWVGA are posted.

One important decision made at NSWVGA Level has been the change to their Calendar Year. Affiliation with NSWVGA is now 01 January – 31 December of the Current Year. This change actually helps me as Treasurer as our Financial Year runs from 01 October – 30 September with our Final Statement for the year dated 27 September. This allows me to report our Financials to the AGM comparing them with previous years. The one positive is that all monies paid into NRVGA after 28 September are accounted for in the following financial year. This is why I asked that all Membership Lists be updated as at 01 October and Affiliation Fees be forwarded after 28 September. All Registrations with NSW after 1 October are deemed Financial till 31 December, the following year.

I want to “Congratulate” all Secretaries and Treasurers for forwarding on to me the details of New Members as they joined their respective Clubs throughout the year. These Veterans are immediately registered with NSWVGA as soon as I receive these details, keeping our Northern Rivers Group 14 up-to-date with NSWVGA. We finished the year with 2214 Vets. This year all Affiliation Fees are to be paid to NRVGA by 30 November so that I can Register Names and send NRVGA Affiliation Money Due to NSWVGA by 31 December 2021. After payment of initial Membership List, as new members join or returning members rejoin your Veterans Club, please send the details to me for immediate registration. With this protocol set in place and the new streamlined Registering Process being put in place by NSWVGA in the new year, my job as Group Secretary with Registrations will be that much more streamlined.

To my fellow Executive, and in particular John Lowe, President, I thank you for your efforts in promoting Veterans Golf in the Northern Rivers and the support you have afforded me in executing my role.

I also ‘Thank’ John Swan for organising Ballina Golf Club for allowing us to hold our AGM here today.

In closing I would especially like to “Thank” all Secretaries and Contacts for the work they do in ensuring that Veterans enjoy a healthy lifestyle by playing golf and partaking in the camaraderie that Golf offers. To those Secretaries and Executive who are standing down this year from their Volunteer positions, I thank you for your effort and work you have done. To the new Veterans who have put their hand up to take a role on your Club’s Executive, I congratulate you and look forward to working closely with you. Please don’t hesitate to contact me for assistance when required.

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