

## **2022 Presidents Report to NRVGA Annual General Meeting.**

As I put together my report this year it feels like it is normal to deal with disruptions from all angles imaginable.

As we began to live with Covid, mother nature dealt us a blow that has never been seen in a lifetime.

I offer my deepest sympathy to all Veteran Golfers, families and their Clubs, displaced by horrific floods experienced in February – March this year, a lot those that had flood insurance are still frustratingly dealing with Insurance Companies and those that didn't are left picking up the pieces.

### **The NRVGA 2022 Program**

#### **Open Days**

Our Program has been disrupted this year with many Open Days having to be cancelled due to wet weather and waterlogged courses rendering them unplayable.

The Executive did their very best to reschedule all washed out days but unfortunately some rescheduled events had to be cancelled. To this end some Clubs have not held an Open Day for 3 years due firstly Covid then the wet weather.

Open Days were held this year by Iluka, Byron Bay, Maclean, Casino, Kyogle, Club Banora, Coraki, Coolangatta Tweed, Yamba and Woodburn Evans Head. That is just 11 out of 18.

A special thanks go to the Secretary and Treasurers of those Club that had to postpone or cancel Open Days for seamlessly completing entries and refunding fees to Clubs and your own members.

#### **Championships**

**The inaugural NRVGA Masters Championships** were introduced to our Program in 2022.

The concept is very exciting with an overall Champion coming from 3 age categories and played on 9-hole courses on the Northern Rivers, Coraki, Kyogle and Woodburn Evans Head on a rotation basic. This was scheduled for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at Coraki but unfortunately had to be changed to Kyogle on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**4BBB Championship:** again, a change in venue and date from Maclean on 31<sup>st</sup> October to Mullumbimby on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**Individual Championships:** Stroke and Stableford held at Ocean Shores on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Congratulations to the 2022 winners and runners-up in all the NRVGA Championship events.

Vice President North Michael Cook is stepping down this year, thanks for your input in what has been a difficult year.

Vice President South Greg Starr has been laid up most of the year with a crook shoulder, trust you are fit enough to start swing a club next year.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to our Secretary Treasurer Ray Kent whose diligence, professionalism and commitment is second to none making my job a breeze.

In closing I wish all a healthy, safe and happy festive season and look forward to the comradeship on the golf course next year.

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