

Northern Rivers Half Yearly Report 2023

Overview

The NSWVGA is undergoing many changes this year none the least is the revamp of the NSWVGA Constitution. There has been endless correspondence concerning the new draft constitution which has caused vigorous debate both at the Board level and Group.

Along with the constitution there is also the introduction of the new members register which Group Secretary Ray has had a lot of input especially as it does not cover the total needs of our group.

The Constitution.

Earlier this year a draft copy of the NSWVGA Constitution was formulated by a steering committee headed by past president of NSWVGA, Richard Farrant. This was circulated amongst Councillors but was not sent to the Groups until the last minute. This did not sit well with our Group as the consultative period was minimal with only three submissions reaching a Special General Meeting at which they were not to be discussed until after a vote was held to accept the Draft Constitution.

The vote to accept the Draft Constitution was lost and the consultative process will now include all group Secretaries in consultation with their members as to the make-up of the new constitution. This is extremely important because it will be the only chance, we as veteran members can have our say on this important matter.

The main areas of concern is voting at meetings, the introduction of each Ungrouped Club getting a vote, the complex situation of who is a delegate and what is their role in NSWVGA especially at AGM's, Special General Meetings and general meetings.

There are 12 Ungrouped Clubs at present. If they are given an individual vote this will lead to stacking meetings to have policy changed. Eleven of the Ungrouped Clubs are in the Sydney Metropolitan area and this would lead to a total imbalance between country and city.

New Members Register

If there is any expertise in this field, we have it in our Secretary Ray. The old register is a time-consuming method of keeping tabs on our numbers, who is financial, what club they are from etc.

There are Group Secretaries who have no problems with this while others struggle.

With the new Members Register the inputting of data is very easy but the information you can enter is limited and does not meet the needs of the users. Once again, the consultative process left a lot to be desired as the level of expertise in the Group area was never ascertained and therefore the learning level of those using this new register is very disjointed.

There is now a program in place that sees each area taken through the new process and ensuring they can handle the inputting of the required information.

NSWVGA Group Medal Championships.

The State finals were cancelled, firstly due to Covid and secondly because of the lack of numbers.

The venues of Forbes and Nambucca Heads could have been a contributing factor, but I think the major factor is the timing of these events especially as the completion of the group championships vary during the year. Some are completed by September while others not until late November.

If the group wish both Peter and I will bring this up at the next board meeting which will be in August.

This meeting will have to decide which way they want to proceed. Do we want them on a State basis or keep at Group level.

Northern Rivers Weeks of Golf

We are coming into the weeks of golf schedule for the Northern Rivers area. Once again, the numbers for the events are above average and the Tournament Directors and their committees are to be congratulated on their hard work and presentation of these events.

The schedule is Maclean, Ballina, Murwillumbah, Coolangatta Tweed Heads and Yamba.

Conclusion

As you can see, there is plenty going on in NSWVGA and both Peter and myself will keep the Northern Rivers Executive informed of all matters effecting the Group.

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Group Representatives.

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