



Northern Rivers
Vets Golf
Promoting Veteran Golf
In Northern New South Wales

NRVGA Executive

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Welcome to the start of our 2024 Program which begins on Tuesday 13 February 2024 at Iluka. We hope that everyone had a relaxing time over the hot and wet summer break, and is now itching to get back into our Vet Open Day Program.

PROGRAM CARDS ... These have been printed and will be handed out at Iluka Vets Open Day along with the small business size cards for those Club Members whose Parent Club does not provide a plastic Card with their Veteran Number and affiliated Club Name on it. I only had 1500 of these printed. Secretaries are asked only to give these Cards out to those who need it to prove Financial Membership when travelling away. I will leave it to your discretion.

The Program Card gives relevant information of Vet Open Day Calendar; dates of all Championships in 2024; Half Yearly and AGM Meeting Dates; and Contact Details of all Secretaries and your NRVGA Executive. It also shows the dates of the Weeks Of Golf held within our NRVGA Area.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **NO Vet Open Day at Yamba (6 May) and Pottsville (22 October) this year.** There will also be **NO Week Of Golf held at Yamba in August**

REGISTRATION OF ALL NRVGA MEMBERS ... I have registered ALL NRVGA Members from every Club. To date ... I have paid \$9,895.00 to NSWVGA representing 1979 Veterans at the start of our 2024 season.

KEEPING CLUB LISTS UP TO DATE ... My role as Group Secretary is to keep an up-to-date register of all Vets from the 18 Clubs. This is only possible when all Secretaries and /or Club Contacts continually send me the names and Golf Link Numbers and Date of Birth of New Members and then payment of \$7.50 for each to rken4251@bigpond.net.au
Thank You for sending me the Lists of your Members for 2023/2024.
NSWVGA Financial Year is from 1 January to 31 December of the current year.

END of FINANCIAL YEAR for each CLUB ... Of our 18 Veteran Clubs, there is a varying 12 months financial period. Some Clubs use the Calendar Year (ie 1 Jan – 31 Dec), some use the Financial Year (1 Jul – 30 Jun). Some Clubs use 1 Oct – 30 Sept, some use 1 Nov – 31 Oct, some use 1 June to 31 May, one Club has a 'Rolling 12 Month Membership.

Most Clubs give a one month "Grace Period" for finalising payment. Whichever period that is used, once the renew period has elapsed, that Member is unfinancial with that Club and his/her Golf Link Number is revoked. This means that the member can not play in any NRVGA Event, (Vet Open Day, Championships etc), as they are no longer Veteran Members nor have a Golf Link Number. Could each Secretary please confirm, to me, the Dates of your Club's Financial Year so that I can manage your List throughout 2024. (rken4251@bigpond.net.au)

NSWVGA NEWSLETTER ... This was sent out by Jim Shadlow, Liaison Councillor NSWVGA. This is attached as a file in .pdf format. The NSWVGA Constitution has been updated and passed at the AGM last year. A copy resides on the NSWVGA Public Website (nswvga.com.au) under "ABOUT US...", Drop Down Menu "CONSTITUTION and POLICIES" Policy 2: "*Requirements for the conduct NSWVGA WOG and Responsibilities of TD's*" has been updated and will be placed on the website for 2024. TD's, should read carefully, noting the changes in sections on eligibility, nomination forms, handicapping and awarding of trophies.

NSWVGA SPONSORSHIP of '[SPONSORSHIP of CLUB EVENTS 2024](#) for AFFILIATED CLUBS ... In 2024 NSWVGA would like the opportunity to recognize clubs by giving back to them in the form of sponsorship of a daily event in the yearly calendar of each member club in NSW. The sponsorship money would be based on the number of veteran golfers each club has registered on the NSWVGA membership data base. Sponsorship would be \$25 for each 50 (or part thereof) members registered on the NSWVGA Member Data Base.

This Sponsorship is being offered to the Veteran Club and each Voucher can only be won by a Veteran Member of that Club (no Visitors on the Day).

On behalf of all our Clubs in NRVGA, I accepted the NSWVGA offer and said that the 18 Clubs would accept the Offer of Sponsorship. Jim Shadlow is the Councillor who has this as part of his role. He has accepted my reply in the affirmative.

When I received the Deposit into the NRVGA Account, I will withdraw it and purchase \$25.00 Gift Cards for each Club and get them delivered to each Club.

Secretaries are asked to provide a short precis of how the Vouchers were distributed to their local Vets and who received them.

WEBSITE and CLUB PAGE ... All Minutes of Meetings, both NRVGA and NSWVGA are posted on the NRVGA Website (nrvga.com) as soon as they are received. Secretaries are asked to regularly visit the Website and make sure that data shown is up to date. If not please email me with corrections and/or additions and I will update the Webpage.

Also, if you wish to advertise or highlight something from your Vets Club please send this through and I will attend to it. You may wish to list past and current Club Champions, coming events, Life Members, etc

VETERAN OPEN DAYS ... some PROTOCOLS ... We are a very strong Veteran Association with an excellent Veteran Open Day Program in place, Your Executive met on Thursday 8

February via a Zoom Meeting to discuss the protocols that each Veteran Club must adhere to when organising, advertising, conducting, and presenting winners at their respective Veteran Open Day. Having protocols in place, helps to promote camaraderie between Clubs and Veteran Members, and provide a "template" for all Clubs to ensure consistency.

- **NOMINATION FORMS** ... All Nom Forms are to be sent as a Word.doc or in Excel.xls format. The reason being is that not all secretaries have Adobe Acrobat Pro available to them and cannot write directly to an Acrobat Pro file.
 - **The Day's Competition is a Medley Stableford in NO GRADES**
 - If there is to be a Field Number restriction, the form must state this.
 - Visitors from other NRVGA Clubs take precedence over Local Members from Host Club
 - Displaying of Bank Account Details on Form ... Please do not put this on Form, rather, put it into the Body of the email to Secretaries with Form attached. This will ensure that Vet Members pay through their own Secretary who then sends payment to the Host Club in one lump sum.
 - Nomination Forms are to stipulate if there will be Lunch Included in \$35.00 Entry Fee. If not state if Lunch can be purchased from your Club Kitchen and include a Menu / Costing and how this can be ordered.
 - If No Lunch, COST of Day will be reduced to a figure to allow you to break, at least, even on the day.
 - How to Book Carts ... provide Phone Number to Call
 - Allow 6 Weeks between sending out Nomination Form and Hosting your day
 - 3 to 4 weeks Closing Date of Entries. This allows Clubs to advertise
 - 1 Week to organise a Draw and send to Ray for posting on Web
 - 1 full week for Secretaries to check if all their Entries are in Draw and communicate to their Playing Members
 - We are mindful that this Draw will be the first Draft of possible, a number of others, but it is important for both advertising on Web and communication at the Club Level
 - THIS MEANS THAT EACH CLUB **MUST** put out an initial Draw on **TIME**
- **SHOTGUN START/S** ... Please have a Shotgun Start for each Field (AM and/or PM). This ensures that everyone finishes within a close time to the rest of the Field enabling a quicker Presentation of Winners.
- **PRESENTATION** ... As soon as the Field's Winners are identified, please have Presentation.
 - Usually there will be John Lowe (President) available to assist in the AM Field and Ray Kent (Secretary) available in PM Field to do the Draw and Present the recipient of the Non-Winning-Non-Local Veteran NRVGA \$25.00 Voucher. This Voucher must be in the form of a \$25.00 Gift Card Voucher from One of the TWO Major Food and Drink Retailers – Coles or Woolworths. Do Not use in-house Bar/Drink Vouchers or smaller IGA or Drakes Vouchers as prizes.
 - **Ball Run Down** – try to present as close as possible to 30% of the Field
 - **Prizes can be collected on behalf of recipients** not at Presentation EXCEPT for the \$25.00 NRVGA Voucher, They **MUST be in attendance at Draw** to receive the Voucher. A re-Draw is done until a Winner is found.
- **RESULTS** ... With Ray in attendance for the PM Presentation, a copy of both Field Winners, Ball Run Down to whatever Points, the recipients of NRVGA Vouchers in

both Fields and a list of all Veterans who played in each Field, are to be provided for Ray as Data Sheets for posting on the Web, and, also for the Awarding of Points towards the End-Of-Year Medals.

- **ALL SECRETARIES** are asked to collect and collate all the Veteran Names, Golf Link Numbers, Walk or Ride/Share and Partner and send to the Host Club Contact Person, their Veteran Club's Nominees for the respective Veteran Open Day by the Closing Date and make sure that the appropriate money is Directly Deposited to the host Club.

This Newsletter has been distributed in Word.doc format so that Secretaries can copy and paste as much as they want, to distribute information to their Veteran Club Members. Not all information contained in this Newsletter is pertinent to all Veteran Members. Please feel free to extract that which you feel will better inform your members of the Executives' Meeting last night.

Please encourage your Vet Members to look at the NRVGA Website regularly.

You are all doing a great job. Please continue performing in your role as you support your Members enjoy the opportunity of a healthy, outdoor, active lifestyle.

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