

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NSWVGA WEDNESDAY 19TH June, 2024

AT KOGARAH GOLF CLUB

Meeting Opened at: 9.15am

Attendees: Pres John Daley, Vice Pres Robert Trembath, Clr Gary King, Clr Catherine Pautsch, Clr Jim Shadlow, Clr Peter Taylor, Clr Penny Hudson, Clr Steve Mitchell, Clr Aileen Williams

Apologies: Clr Peter Guy, Richard Doyle, Richard Farrant, Vice Pres John Dixon, Clr Charlie Swyer

Obituaries: Spence Minney Life member, Dubbo Vets Former Longtime Vets Captain -1931-2024

Previous Minutes: as previously circulated

Business Arising: When updating the email address behind the scene

Although there is free space available on the server to update the email addresses there may be an administration fee involved to complete this if we go ahead.

Clr Penny Hudson moved on motion to accept previous minutes Seconded Clr Catherine Pautsch- carried

Correspondence In:

10.4.24 Email received from TD Martin Salt requesting access to the members data base to be able to delete old or deceased members

15.4.24 Email received from group 27 secretary (Maree Ciavarella)

1.5.24 Email received from John Mason Golf along the Murray

30.5.24 Request from AVGU Championships regarding NSW members financial status

2.6.24 Email received from Bruce Walker regarding events played at WOG and higher handicappers not
Been able to compete

3.6.24 Reply email received from Tura Beach regarding the 4BBB Championships being played as a Net event

7.6.24 Email received from Group22 Secretary Manuel Pro via Gary King – The Ultimate Golf Challenge request

13.6.24 Reply email received from Lyn Shearer Narrabri Week of Golf- non acceptance of change in dates for 2025

14.6.24 Reply email received from Group 28 secretary Beryl Roberts confirming dates for 2025

16.6.24 Email received from Lorraine Lambert confirming dates for 2025

17.6.24 Email received from Susan Miller (Membership Payment for 2025)

Correspondence Out:

5.6.24 Letters sent to the tournament directors regarding reprogramming their dates for 2025 Muree, Far South Coast, Forbes, Narrabri and Moree.

Clr Peter Taylor moved on motion to adopt the Correspondence as read Seconded Clr Jim Shallow - carried

President Report:

[NSWVGA Presidents Report June 2024](#)

Introduction

Since the last ZOOM meeting, there has been two group ZOOM meetings to consider items affecting the members register and the second to consider changes to the week of golf program for 2025. They will be discussed as agenda items.

Weeks of Golf are progressing well with at least one councillor attending each week. In some cases, numbers are down but others have the "house full" sign out.

Members Register

It is evident from the report presented by Councillor Rob Trembath, Group Secretaries are not happy with the present format. There needs to be additional field added to the register that will enhance the Group secretaries to better do their jobs. Rob will elaborate on this at the June meeting.

2025 Program.

Normally if either Easter or Anzac Day fall in your week of golf then you would normally wear this but to have both Easter and Anzac Day fall in the same week is asking a bit much for Tournament Directors to conduct their week. Councillor Charlie Swyer will outline steps taken to address this and other problems affecting next year's program.

Grass Roots

The amount of time and effort put in by Councillor Gary King on the Grass Roots scheme has been enormous. The fact that the Members Register is far from perfect has not helped Gary's efforts. Gary will elaborate on the Grass Roots scheme at the June meeting.

Group 99

As a Board it may be prudent to look at Group 99 and look at what benefits it brings to NSWVGA. It is a convenient place to lodge unaffiliated players but is this the way it should be used.

This is the Group that has eleven different vets club plus interstate visitors, ladies who can't join Sydney vets and some NSWVGA vets who can't or won't join the association through their local vets group.

This group has caused enormous angst for our Treasurer when trying to determine payments and some vets will miss out because they are attached to 99.

There are two changes that should be considered with Group 99:

1 Any player from a group that has a NSWVGA group access should join this group. If they do not but decide to join at a week of golf, then they join the group associated with this week of golf.

An example of this is if a player from the Central Coast does not join the vets group at Brisbane Waters but decides to join at the Ballina week of golf then he/she pays the same as a vets member at Ballina (Group 14) which is \$10. He /she is then a member of Ballina Vets for the year with his home club shown as that of the Central Coast.

This way the group receives the benefit of the membership. If an additional field, VETS CLUB is added to the different search engines such as "SEARCH FOR A MEMBER" this can be captured by the Group Secretaries when compiling actual numbers.

2 Those veterans who belong to a vets club that are associated with 99 form their own group. They could become "Sydney Metropolitan". This group could then pick up those who can't join Group 4. They would pay an amount determined by this group.

This would then leave Interstate visitors. It may be too much to ask them to join a group but for the existing \$5 they be shown as a member of the vets group they played their first week of golf.

This will be an agenda item at the June meeting.

Weeks of Golf Costs

The cost of some weeks of golf has risen dramatically. Some are closing in on \$500 per couple for the week and this doesn't include the costs incurred staying for the week. It is very noticeable that where there is no Veterans input to the week and the week is controlled by the Club itself then virtual corporate rates apply.

In this present economic climate veterans who travel will enter those weeks that are reasonably priced. They don't want presentation dinners rather luncheons after the Thursday 's or Friday 's play.

Do we need to talk to TD's of the more expensive weeks and suggest some changes that will reduce the cost.

My growing concern is the dwindling numbers of some weeks because of the costs.

Conclusion

Coming up on 19th June is our half yearly face to face meeting. It starts at 9.00am. We will have councillors who have to catch early planes home on that day so we will keep to the agenda, anyone who has an agenda item make sure all councillors have the appropriate background information prior to the meeting so when discussions proceed all are aware of what the agenda item is about.

Remember, all agenda items to Aileen no later than Wednesday 12th June.

John Daley

NSWVGA President

President John Daley moved on motion to adopt his report Seconded Clr Steve Mitchell - carried

Treasurer's Report To Executive Council – Meeting 19 June 2024

Update on matters for follow up April EC Zoom – Update ABN Details. I have confirmed no updates to ABN since 2018 which suggests Office Bearer information may be out of date. I have now obtained the appropriate Paper Based form via the ATO to ensure Authorised Officer details are correct. I will ask Aileen and John Daley to completed and lodge form as I believe they are the most appropriate contact people for ABR (Australian Business Register).

Grass Roots Program

As outlined in Presidents report the Grass Roots program has proven to be a time-consuming exercise, not only for me but the members of the Finance Committee, the President and of course the Group Secretaries.

Given modest funds involved and the feedback received to date, I continue to question the current program. I will deal with the feedback separately in detail but in summary there has been a range from thanks to comments that the amount is underwhelming and unlikely to make a difference. Refer separate correspondence from Group 22 tabled for further discussion.

I remain committed to doing our utmost to deliver value to all members of the NSWVGA. I believe we need a full rethink of the program and will be interested to hear other thoughts on how best to demonstrate the value already provided and what we can do to improve on value delivery.

I am not a fan of a one size fits all approach which I believe the current program is based on.

As at 13/6/2024 a total of \$3,550 in Grass Roots payments has been paid across, 12 Groups. Note these payments, having occurred in June are not reflected in attached financial summary to end May. The total Grass Roots payout is expected to be \$7,750 across the 30 Groups and 12 Affiliated clubs with paid up members.

Several interesting facts have resulted to date from the Grass Roots program work, some is covered under finance committee meeting report below. However other matters which have been identified have been the lack of Group Level Accounts in several Groups for receipt of Grass Roots. The lack of end-to-end systems for input of members and payment of affiliation fees in several groups. The lack of detail on many club-based payments.

Tracking individual club level payments and Members register details is a huge challenge which would need to be addressed if future Grass Roots payments are to be similarly structured.

Week of Golf Payments

Emails sent to Tournament Directors up to Coolangatta Tweed Heads Week of Golf in early August seeking account details and player numbers. Emails for balance of August will be sent prior to end of June.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee meeting held on 27 May. The purpose of the meeting was to review proposed Grass Roots payments and to agree process. This was dealt with quickly with payments and process being confirmed. However, the discussions around the payments covered a broad range of topics including Future Grass Roots Program, Week of Golf Membership and Affiliation Group 99. These items being on the agenda for wider discussion at the 19 June face to face EC meeting.

The meeting also confirmed that no affiliation fees had been paid by two Groups. Follow up has now resulted in receipt of those funds.

Members Register Committee

There was no committee meeting in either April or May. Committee meetings to recommence in July.

Financials to end May

Financials in the customary format follow, happy to address any questions arising.

Current YTD compared to Previous YTD reveals affiliation fees are down approximately \$3,800 YOY. WOG Travel subsidies up approximately \$2,700 YOY. Increased interest Income largely covering effect of discontinued WOG player levies.

Overall position to end May broadly in line with last year. This will however quickly change with payment of Grass Roots.



Cheque A/c 062-234 2800 2400

Available	\$16,086.04
Pending	\$0.00
Balance	\$16,086.04

[Pay or transfer](#)

Showing 20 results

Pending transactions not included in the search

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
Fri 31 May 2024	Fast Transfer From MOREEVETERGOG Moree Vets Week of Golf Levy May 2024		+\$306.00	\$15,780.83
Thu 30 May 2024	Direct Credit 048149 B.H.G. & C.C. VE Membership		+\$235.00	\$15,474.83
Wed 29 May 2024	Direct Credit 048702 CMCU 15 AFFILIATIONS		+\$75.00	\$15,239.83
Tue 28 May 2024	DEPOSIT CASH \$925.00 CHEQUE \$0.00 Branch ORANGE 1 CW		+\$925.00	\$15,164.83

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June 1, 2024	Interest	\$0.69	\$77,831.76
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May 27, 2024	PD & RA Taylor Gloucester WOG Rep	\$300.00	\$77,831.07
May 26, 2024	EW & PD Hudson Forbes rep	\$300.00	\$78,131.07
	C and C Pautsch Inverell Rep	\$300.00	\$78,431.07

New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association

YTD FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1-Oct-23 to 31-May-24

PAYMENTS	53,081.66	OPENING BALANCE as at 1.10.2023	91,248.52
BANK BALANCE	115,246.89	As per Audit Certificate	
as detailed below		INCOME	77,080.03
TOTALS	<u>168,328.55</u>		<u>168,328.55</u>
BALANCE AS PER BANK STATEMENT ATTACHED AS AT:-			
LESS O/S (CHEQUES) / DEPOSITS		31/03/2024 CBA	15,780.83
		31/03/2024 Bendigo	77,831.07
		Bendigo Bank Term Deposit matures 12/2/2025 Rate 4.75%	21,634.99
ACTUAL BANK BALANCE			<u>115,246.89</u>

ASSET REGISTER

Purchased March 2023	Microsoft Office Home & Student 2021POSA	S/N100009	128.24
Purchased Nov 23	HP Laptop S/N 5CD312QFBW		1,574.00

EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	YTD 2024	2023 year
Administration Fees	969.36	4,145.12
Affiliation fees	2,500.00	2,500.00
Audit Fees	352.00	330.00
Donations	-	
Insurances	12,869.84	12,163.87
Postage Print & Stat	476.34	641.42
Sponsorship	3,900.00	8,440.00
Vouchers	12,150.00	18,640.00
Trav Exes Meetings	4,697.79	6,937.17
Miscellaneous Travel Exes	-	579.78
Trophies, Shields & Pres Folders	2,579.25	3,254.07
Website	3,030.20	6,875.00
Grassroots	-	
Grants	-	
WOG Travel Subsidy	7,250.00	6,300.00
Honorariums	-	2,700.00
Meetings Lunch & Cabs	367.88	557.06
HP Laptop	1,574.00	
Journal	365.00	396.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	53,081.66	74,459.49

INCOME

DESCRIPTION	YTD 2024	2023 year
Affiliation Fees	72,410.00	83,269.00
WOG Player Rego Fees	1,375.00	2,058.00
Interest	1,739.03	238.82
Sponsorship	800.00	1,000.00
Administration Income	-	
Unidentified Deposits	391.00	26.00
Book Sales	-	
Sale of Vouchers	-	370.00
Journal	365.00	396.00
Insurance Contribution	-	207.90
TOTAL INCOME	77,080.03	87,565.72

Bank Statements Attached

CBA	15,780.83
Bendigo	77,831.07
	93,611.90

New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association					
Details of year to date Income & expenses					
		1/10/2023	to	31/05/2024	
PAYMENTS			INCOME		
DESCRIPTION		YTD	Prev YTD	DESCRIPTION	YTD Prev YTD
Administration fees		969.36	1,715.07	Affiliation Fees Group 1	285.00 250.00
Affiliation Fees		2,500.00	2,500.00	Affiliation Fees Group 2	7,190.00 6,580.00
Audit Fees		352.00	330.00	Affiliation Fees Group 3	8,290.00 7,405.00
Donations		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 4	4,175.00 4,750.00
Insurances		12,869.84	11,955.97	Affiliation Fees Group 5	- -
Postage Printing & Stationery		476.34	573.62	Affiliation Fees Group 6	2,080.00 2,115.00
Sponsorship		3,900.00	5,140.00	Affiliation Fees Group 7	3,195.00 3,365.00
Vouchers		12,150.00	12,570.00	Affiliation Fees Group 8	925.00 1,095.00
		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 9	2,200.00 2,890.00
Misc Travel		-	519.78	Affiliation Fees Group 10	1,040.00 1,115.00
		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 11	1,775.00 3,030.00
Council Meeting Tx Swyer		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 12	3,555.00 5,314.00
Council Meeting Tx Daley		388.73	823.46	Affiliation Fees Group 13	1,145.00 1,530.00
Council Meeting Tx Knox		85.48	85.36	Affiliation Fees Group 14	10,375.00 10,740.00
Council Meeting Tx Williams		393.50	896.95	Affiliation Fees Group 15	3,250.00 2,560.00
Council Meeting Tx van Buuren		695.56	1,444.71	Affiliation Fees Group 16	2,340.00 4,430.00
Council Meeting Tx Trembath		486.00	552.77	Affiliation Fees Group 17	480.00 325.00
Council Meeting Tx Mitchell		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 18	265.00 410.00
Council Meeting Tx Taylor		308.10	58.80	Affiliation Fees Group 19	275.00 -
Council Meeting Tx Guy		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 20	2,365.00 2,435.00
Council Meeting Tx Hudson		580.79	-	Affiliation Fees Group 21	785.00 805.00
Council Meeting Tx Shadlow		809.25	750.00	Affiliation Fees Group 22	925.00 865.00
Council Meeting Tx Dixon		950.38	768.88	Affiliation Fees Group 23	2,665.00 2,370.00
Council Meeting Tx Former Councillors		-	-	NO Group 24	- -
Council Meeting Tx TOTAL		4,697.79	5,380.93	Affiliation Fees Group 25	130.00 415.00
		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 26	815.00 965.00
Trophies Shields & Presentation Folders		2,579.25	3,254.07	Affiliation Fees Group 27	2,620.00 2,890.00
Website		3,030.20	6,875.00	Affiliation Fees Group 28	1,085.00 1,080.00
		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 29	2,215.00 2,135.00
Grassroots		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 30	1,135.00 1,075.00
		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 31	1,010.00 900.00
Grants for Cancelled WOG		-	-	No Group 32	- -
Honorariums		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 33	245.00 -
		-	-		-
		-	-	Directly Affiliated Clubs	3,575.00 3,370.00
		-	-	Affiliation Fees TOTAL	72,410.00 77,209.00
		-	-		
WOG Travel Subsidy Swyer		-	-	WOG Player Registration Fees	
WOG Travel Subsidy Daley		-	1,000.00	Deniliquin	- 196.00
WOG Travel Subsidy Knox		300.00	-	Dubbo	- 272.00
WOG Travel Subsidy Williams		2,600.00	1,400.00	Great lakes	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy van Buuren		-	-	Kew	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy Trembath		-	200.00	Leeton	- 136.00
WOG Travel Subsidy Mitchell		300.00	-	Manning Valley	- 82.00
WOG Travel Subsidy Taylor		1,650.00	1,100.00	Port Stephens	- 270.00
WOG Travel Subsidy Guy		-	-	Seaside Valley Kiama	- 228.00
WOG Travel Subsidy Hudson		1,100.00	600.00	Silver City	- 156.00
WOG Travel Subsidy Shadlow		1,300.00	200.00	Southern highlands	- 238.00
WOG Travel Subsidy Dixon		-	-	Tenterfield	- 246.00
WOG Travel Subsidy Former Councillors		-	-	Griffith	- -
WOG Travel Subsidy TOTAL		7,250.00	4,500.00	Young WOG	- 234.00
		-	-	WoG Sign ups	1,375.00 1,960.00
Meetings Lunch & Cabs		367.88	473.32		
HP Laptop		1,574.00		WOG Player Registration Fees TOTAL	1,375.00 4,018.00
Journal		365.00	396.00		
TOTAL PAYMENTS		53,081.66	56,183.76	Interest	1,739.03 167.17
		-	-	Sponsorship	800.00 -
		-	-	Administration Income	- -
		-	-	Unidentified Deposits	391.00 26.00
		-	-	Book Sales	- -
		-	-	Journal	365.00 396.00
		-	-	Sale of Vouchers	- 370.00
		-	-	Insurance Contribution	- -
		-	-	TOTAL INCOME	77,080.03 82,186.17

Policy 7 refers to a new or previously non-financial members after 31st July will be deemed to cover affiliation for the period up to 31st December of the following year. It does not cover all members when they rejoin.

Grass roots Program

This is can be a very time-consuming exercise in the present format and not wanted by some clubs that are not struggling. One suggestion was that in the future, that it be awarded on a need's basis after submission from the club to the group secretary who will then apply to NSWVGA. After reviewing NSWVGA will assess the application and respond accordingly.

Members Register Committee meetings will recommence in July.

Members register and the monies received will need to be a wait and see for 12 months to see if these numbers actually can come together.

Clr Gary King suggested that we will may need to reassess the travel subsidy paid to reps while attending WOG. Clr Peter Taylor suggested that the travel subsidy be assed at the beginning of each year as the subsidy needs to be sustainable.

At the last meeting the finance committee was given permission to relodge \$20,000 dollars back into the bank. Clr GaryKing asked that we do not relodge any funds until the finance committee meets again in July /August and reassess the operating cost.

Clr Gary King suggested that we need aged based data of our membership as the different ages will have different expectations and requirements.

Clr Gary King moved on motion to adopt his report Seconded Clr John Daley- carried

Webmaster Report:

NSWVGA TECHNICAL REPORT – JUN 24

Membership Register take up

New users seem generally to be able to start using the system without any support. There were 2 new active users since the last report and 3 users did a financial transaction for the first time – none required any support. 2 users did a Bulk transaction for the first time and didn't require any help.

Of the 30 groups, only Group 17 - Upper Hunter hasn't done any updates.

Of the 12 Directly Affiliated Clubs, all have had memberships updated except Cumberland. Of the 18 members registered for 2024, 14 are by Group 4, and 3 at WOGs - none have been registered through the DAC. Earlier year registrations show a similar pattern - it seems that it has not been active as a DAC at least since 2020.

I suggest that someone should try and contact them to see if it should still be a DAC. If it is not active as a DAC, we should change its status and update our website.

The most common data problem being experienced is incorrect GolfLink numbers brought over from the old register – these are progressively being resolved as they are identified.

When a user finds a GL number that needs to be changed for any reason or deleted, they should send all the relevant details to webmaster@nswvga.com.au

The Q&A document is still in preparation. It will cover the areas that are giving rise to questions (membership validity, affiliation groups, changing GL numbers). When I've finished it, we can distribute it to all users and subsequently make it available for download from the Register website.

Membership Register development

There has been no progress in developing the new functions since my last report – I am still in discussions on what is the best way to proceed, taking account both costs and providing a good basis for future changes.

As an interim measure, I have almost finished developing a spreadsheet which will allow us to extract lists by Affiliation Group when requested by Group Secretaries.

Membership Register administration

The administration of the Membership Register will be shared amongst Rob Trembath, Gary King, Steve Mitchell and myself. I am working on getting things set up to allow this to operate efficiently – this requires a file sharing process – see below.

Public website

Gerry Cox is continuing to handle News and Results items.

Catherine Pautsch has loaded Dick Farrant's Group Secretaries and Tournament Directors records onto two new pages under 'Office Bearers'.

Catherine has taken over much of the other updating of the public website. To make this work seamlessly, we need to set up a file sharing process. This has proved to be more difficult than we first thought – Catherine is investigating options.

The sponsors' logos have all been removed from the Home page.

No progress on putting up a larger NSWVGA logo on the Home page. The version we are currently using is not a good quality

Does anyone have a higher resolution version of it? Or does anyone know a friendly graphic artist who could enhance it?

We should perhaps change the structure of the Home page to make it (somewhat) easier for us to do what we want without having to ask MiClub each time.

Email addresses

Action on myself to update the paper on email addresses and domain names sent out before the last meeting to make specific proposals for approval.

Peter Guy
18 Jun 24

As Clr Peter Guy was not present President John Daley read the webmaster report.

Clr John Daley Moved on motion to adopt the Webmaster Report Seconded Clr Catherine Pautsch-carried

Discussion points from Group Secretary forum. Held 7pm April 23rd 2024

NSWVGA representatives

Rob Trembath- Vice President, Gary King- Treasurer, Penny Hudson- Executive Councillor

Group Secretaries or nominated representative.

Group 2- Ian Brown, Group 3- Steve Wicks, Group 12 - Ross Bird,

Group 13 – Don Kaiser, Group 14 – Ray Kent, Group 20 – Judy Jordan.

The purpose of the forum was to discuss the needs and wants of our Group Secretaries being able to interact with the NSWVGA Members Register in as smooth and efficient a manner as possible.

The purpose of the register is to provide a list of members of NSWVGA that TD can check and verify attendees at Weeks of Golf and Championship events. The register currently contains the Names, Golf link number, Club and Affiliated Group for each member.

After some discussion it was agreed that the register needs to be kept simple and easy to use.

The register has not been designed to be the source of data for each group to maintain their Club Membership records. It is suggested that Groups maintain their own data base of true and correct

records of each Club and their members. The NSWVGA register can then be updated, when required, based on the Group data. GS's would like to be able to download Group data from the register.

It is not possible for the GS to download an accurate list of members for each club as the register searches on the GL number prefix by club. If a club member has retained their GL number from a previous Club, they will not show on the downloaded list of their home club.

There are many Golf Clubs that don't have Vet's competitions. Members at these clubs join other Vet's clubs/groups to play their Vet's golf but still retain their home Golf Club memberships. Sydney ladies need to do this as they cannot join Group 4. When the Vet club searches for their members, these people will not come up on the list.

Recently our Treasurer has attempted to determine how many members are at each club so we could allocate grass roots funding. It was not possible to get accurate information from the members register.

Should we add a field into the members register that records affiliated Vet's club/group? We could then search members based on their "Vet" Club.

Editing Data

GS's are frustrated by their inability to edit member data on the register. Changing GL numbers and being able to delete members who have stopped playing golf are seen as basic needs to maintain the accuracy of the register. Why do we keep all previous year's memberships in the data base? Even the ones who have passed away.

Our GS's would like to see the members register accurately reflect their membership data. They are volunteers and put a lot of time into maintaining accurate group data. They don't like seeing incorrect data on the NSWVGA site.

Multiple Club/Group Memberships

Members joining multiple Clubs and groups results in numerous GS's processing memberships unnecessarily. Monies paid may need to be refunded and records updated to reflect the true situation with each multiple club/group member.

My only suggestion for this situation is for the "home" Vet club or group be recorded in the register. The second, third or fourth club or group should be recorded at Group level as "secondary", and the GS retain the data on their own data base only. In these cases, the group would only collect club and group fees and not a second NSWVGA fee.

Group 99

The feeling of most GS's in the meeting is that group 99 (members with no affiliation) should not exist. It was generally felt that anyone who is a member of NSWVGA should be affiliated with a Club or Group to enter NSWVGA events.

Clr Robert Trembath moved on motion to adopt his report Seconded Clr Gary King - carried

NOTES ON AFFILIATION GROUPS – JUN 24

There is no group 99 – it is just a code for members who are not affiliated through either one of the NSWVGA geographical groups or through a Directly Affiliated Club. There is no common connection between these members. They do not know each other and there is no way that they could “organise their own group”.

We have to recognise that there are a variety of reasons why someone does not join through their home group. We cannot simply say that we want them to go away. We should not bring in ‘special case’ rules for one situation when there are many other comparable situations.

We do not need a new field in the register – the Affiliation Group is designed to record where a membership has been registered. An analysis of the ‘Veteran Club’ field in the old register showed that it was not being used other than as the equivalent of Affiliation Group:

of the 15033 NSW members, 13298 had the identical Veteran Club to their Home Club (over 88%).

of the 1735 NSW members where there was a difference between the Veteran Club and the Home Club, 1193 had a single Veteran Club for everyone in the group and 213 were in a group where there were just two standard Veteran Clubs for everyone in the group.

there remained 329 NSW members (about 2%) where there was a difference between a standard group id and the recorded Veteran Club. From observation, it appears that the majority of these were simply ‘migrants’ – joining a vets group away from their Home Club.

The main obstacle is that I have not yet managed to get a List by Affiliation Group function implemented in the Register. In view of the delays, I am developing a separate extract spreadsheet which I will pass to Rob for him to generate lists as and when requested by GSs.

Currently there are a lot of members who may have been registered with an incorrect code, either because they were brought over from the old register or because the user registering them was not clear on what to do. These will progressively fall off the radar once simple guidelines have been well publicised and implemented by all users.

Whatever guidelines we put in place must be clear, simple and must be fair for all. The current \$5 payment at a WoG has been shown to be just that.

If we want to increase the ‘unaffiliated’ fee in order to give funds for the entity that registers them, that is fine. However, we should apply this to everyone who is unaffiliated (for whatever reason) and it should be at the same rate for everyone. Unaffiliated NSW members should not pay a different rate from interstate members. There should be no difference in cost depending on where an unaffiliated member signs up.

Any change to the rules must be well thought out and justified and there must be plenty of publicity and plenty of notice. For example, if we want to increase the unaffiliated fee there should be a full 12 month notice so that word can get out to organisers and participants of all events. Preferably any change should be applied at the start of a calendar year.

Ultimately, we should reflect our stated objective: “Promoting and supporting fun and fellowship for veteran golfers and their Clubs in NSW”. We should be supporting our weeks of golf by encouraging participation and not putting any complications in anyone’s way.

Peter Guy 17Jun 24

General Business:

Clr Catherine Pautsch has received the details for Mi Club

Paper on email addresses and increasing the size of our logo are both a work in progress (Clr Peter Guy)

Several suggestions were put forward on how to merge both Male and Female Sandgreen championships together. Further thought needs to go into this prior to completion of the current Championships term of tenure at the various courses

Clr Penny Hudson has updated Policy 9 – Amended to state the amounts awarded at Championships will be at the discretion of the finance committee

Register Development

As Clr Peter Guy is experiencing issues in accessing the website (while he is in England) Clr Catherine Pautsch is updating the NSWVGA website on his behalf.

Clr Peter Guy is still working on a question-and-answer document on how to change delete/remove non-members, golf link numbers.

Register Administration will be shared between Clr Peter Guy, Vice Pres Robert Trembath, Clr Gary King, Clr Stev Mitchell. Clr Peter Guy is working on the setup to ensure that everything operates efficiently.

Clr Peter Guy is not able to enlarge the NSWVGA logo at this time due to the resolution of the current Logo. It is not of the quality required to enhance or enlarge.

File Sharing:

Clr Gary King and Clr Catherine will investigate several different file sharing options such as Microsoft 365 the cloud as well as drop box and report back to the committee.

Stroke Championships:

Clr John Dixon via John Daley suggested that the Stroke play Championships be played as a Stableford event due to lack of entries. This was met with disagreement. Some suggestions were made to solve the issues with playing stroke

A case study to be done on the numbers attending

Better promotion of the event as a net event.

Include it in a Week of Golf

Consideration of the location of the course when awarding the event to the club

Programing events leading up to the event

Clr Jim Shadlow suggested that a mailing list be sent to the Far South Coast to help with promoting the event.

Clr Gary King moved on motion to come in effect as of

To be a member of NSWVGA you must be a member of a NSWVGA affiliated vets club of NSW. Seconded Clr Peter Taylor. - carried

As tournament directors need time to implement this requirement it will take effect as of 1st January 2026

President John Daley suggested that Tournament Directors be mindful when setting entry fees for Weeks of Golf.

Clr Catherine Pautsch suggested to promote WOG that we send Week of Golf flyers go out to Lady Secretaries at local clubs.

Walcha are very happy to have a week of golf and will be included in the 2025 program

Mixed Sandgreen Championships –

Walcha Clr Peter Taylor's recommendation will be

Mixed 4BBB Stableford on Monday and Tuesday / Stroke play for both Men and Ladies on the Thursday Friday. Presentation for the 4BBB after the competition on Tuesday. With presentation of the stroke play on the Friday afternoon.

Changed dates for Weeks of Golf at Narrabri, Forbes, Muree have been accepted and the changes have been made to 2025 program. We are still waiting to hear back from Moree.

The Mixed 4BBB Championships has been moved to the week prior to the Far South Coast Week of Golf to try to help improve the numbers attending the event.

Shoalhaven Heads have asked if they could change the date for the NSWVGA Match play Championships to the first week in December following the Seaside Week of Golf.

Due to Clr Charlie Swyer stepping down from the role of Program Co Ordinator Clr Steve Mitchell will take on the role with the assistance from both Clr Catherine Pautsch and Pres John Daley if required.

Social Golf Membership:

Clr Jim Shadlow to include in his newsletter to the group secretaries

No Social golf club members are able to participate in any NSWVGA events.

Clr Jim Shadlow moved on motion to order 10 new shields Week of Golf Seconded Clr Aileen Williams – carried

Travel allowance:

Clr John Daley moved on motion travel expenses for Councillors to be covered at a rate of 30 cents per kilometer when travelling to NSWVGA meetings Seconded Clr Gary King- carried

Meeting closed at 1.06pm

Next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 7th August 9.00am

Action Points:

1. Membership Committee to consult with Clr Peter Guy on how to access to make changes, be able to do other searches and look at group 99 to appease the group secretaries, report back at next meeting.
2. Vice Pres Robert Trembath to contact Maree Ciavarella regarding her resignation
3. Clr Aileen Williams to send Vice Pres Robert Trembath copy of letter received regarding golf along the Murray
4. President John Daley to contact DAC- Ross Selleck
5. Clr Peter Guy to update the paper on email addresses and domain names sent out before the last meeting to make specific proposals for approval.
6. Clr Gary King to reply to the letter received from Group Secretary of group 22
7. Clr Gary King and Clr Catherine Pautsch to make recommendations to the committee for the next meeting on file sharing and which program to use.
8. Clr Jim Shadlow to do an information sheet for Tournament directors on how the affiliation fee can be collected at Weeks of Golf
9. Clr Jim Shadlow to advise Tournament Directors to be mindful when setting entry fees for Weeks of Golf
10. Clr Steve Mitchell to send all Councillors a copy of a flyer he received to promote veteran golf
11. Clr Aileen Williams to send Far South Coast a mailing list for them to promote the 4BBB event in 2025
12. Clr Jim Shadlow to inform group secretaries that NSWVGA does not permit social golf club members to play in any NSWVGA event
13. Clr Jim Shadlow to remind Tournament directors to be mindful of the number of novelty events programed when doing a week of golf.