



Secretary's Report ... Half Yearly Meeting 2024 ... 21 June @ Ballina Golf Club

First of all, I must give a huge "Thank You" to all the volunteer Executive of each of the 18 Affiliated Clubs in the NRVGA.

Without you working tirelessly throughout the year organising your own Veteran Competitions, creating inter-club visits and competitions, and overseeing each of your Veteran Open Days, I "Thank You" on behalf of all the Veteran Golfers in NRVGA, albeit 2082 of them.

And to those Veteran Golfers who travel to each of the Veteran Open Days, I "Thank You" for the camaraderie and friendship that you create during our NRVGA Veteran Open Day Program. This year's program has been impacted upon by Mother Nature over the last three months, causing Postponements and cancellations to our program. To the organisers of Byron Bay (Twice), Maclean and Murwillumbah, you did a great job organising the Day, only to be interrupted by Mother Nature and having to make the difficult call to 'postpone' or 'cancel'. Let's hope that the second half of the year is "weather affecting free". Byron Bay had to CANCEL their Veteran Open Day, at the second attempt, so too has, Murwillumbah for 2024, which was pencilled in for 14 October but due to Green Maintenance, early October meant that this was not practical. Maclean's Vet Open Day has been rescheduled for Monday, 21 October 2024.

The NRVGA Masters was held at Woodburn Evans Head last Tuesday 18 June. A great day with 60 Veterans (over 70 years young) contesting the Course and fellow players, to see who would be crowned Masters Champion 2024. **Bruce Korn from Lismore** prevailed on the day with a massive 44pts to take the trophy. Clint Young from Woodburn Evans Head was Runner-Up with 41pts. Congratulations to Bruce and Clint. Both being in the Age Category 70- 74 years, the 3rd place getter in that Age Group went to Royce Kilroy and Col McClymont (Casino) was 4th.

Winners of 75-79 Age Group were Rick Wagner (40Pts) from Gary Ablett (38pts), both from Lismore

The winners in the 80 years and Over were Boydie Collyier, with 38pts and Runner-Up was Robert Farmer from Lismore. Congratulations to Boydie as he has achieved this feat at the ripe old age of 90 (91 on 5December2024) and also winning the same 80years and over Category trophy at Coraki in 2023.

In 2025, the Masters will be conducted once again at Coraki GC The date will be determined at the AGM. Thank you to Sacred Earth Funerals for Sponsoring this Event.

This year, we welcome NRDGA as a major Sponsor to the sum of \$2,500.00. The sum of \$1500.00 will be Sponsoring the NRVGA Championships – Masters (just completed), 4BBB Championship at Murwillumbah on 30 September, and the Individual Championships at

Casino on 12 November 2024. The other \$1000.00 is being used to create a Club Competition based on our 2024 Veteran Open Day Program. The best 5 Scores returned by a Club at each Veteran Open Day will be collated by the Secretary and the 5 Clubs with the best accumulated scores over the year's program will share the \$1000:00 Prize money on offer plus a Trophy. There will be "**NO home ground advantage**" as scores from the Host Club will not be counted.

This is to encourage Clubs to garner support of Members to travel.

NSWVGA has resurrected the "Grass Roots Level" program of 'Support to all the Affiliated Clubs of the Organisation. \$25.00 Gift Vouchers are to be shared between the Affiliated Clubs of each Group. I, as Treasurer, received \$1050.00 to be distributed between our Clubs. I distributed the Gift Vouchers based on the sizes of the Clubs ... each Voucher worth \$25;00

Clubs with over 300 Veteran Members receive 5 Vouchers; Clubs over 200 veteran Members receive 4 Vouchers; Clubs with membership between 150 – 199 members, receive 3 Vouchers, Clubs with membership between 50 – 149 members, receive 2 Vouchers; and Clubs under 50 Membership receive 1 Gift Card Voucher.

Please note ... ONLY Veterans of YOUR CLUB can receive one of these Vouchers.

In General Business, I would like to talk about Generic Emails for each Club. The necessity for this has come about due to some correspondence being sent to personal emails and not being passed on to the Executive for action. I would like to talk about gMail Accounts being set up so that all Executive Members have access to the information being sent.

During General Business I will speak to the Motion raised at our AGM about changing Financial Institutions to gain a better Interest Rate and avoiding Monthly Fees. I thank Vice President Rod for his input into this endeavour.

Current Balance of our Bank account is #19,504.59 This includes our matured \$6000.00 Term Deposit plus \$9.03 Interest

A crucial component of my role is to make sure that I have up-to-date information regarding any changes to Executive (especially after Club) AGMs or changes to Committees due to resignations of Committee Members for whatever reason. Please, if this is the case in your Club, please alert me so that I can update the Website and get a Newsletter out to everyone stating these changes. This particularly has repercussions for Nomination Sheets being sent out for Open Days.

I would like all Secretaries and Contacts to stress on their Members that we have "a three away game" policy for eligibility to play in any of the Championships this year.

Please also stress to Members of the need to enter Veteran Open Days through the Club Secretary (or nominated person in this role)

CHANGES TO YEAR'S PROGRAM ... Maclean's postponed Veteran Open Day will be held on Monday 21 October 2024.

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**Ray Kent
Secretary**