

# Webmaster Update

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## News a bit Later Than Newspapers

### Extensive Flooding at Moree GC



The normally picturesque Moree Golf Course is set in a billabong of the Mehi River near the centre of the town of Moree in north western NSW . The site is essential to the course as it provides beautiful topography for a very interesting golf course in an otherwise flat area of the state. Last weekend the downside of this setting was realized when the Mehi River experienced a very high flood event which saw the river peak at 10.206 metres at 9.45 pm last Sunday. This was high enough to completely cover the course and flood the Club house downstairs - Pro-shop, Locker room, etc.

The first hole is normally 174 m par 3. The photo reveals a very formidable start to the round with a significant water hazard that covers the green and all its surrounds !!!! The flood receded fairly quickly and a very large task was revealed - silt everywhere. The green staff and volunteers quickly removed silt from all the 18 greens and they are looking very perky. Low lying parts of the course have silt to quite a depth and this is presenting some problems. In the long term this silt will be a great source of fertilizer and will help greatly.

The course was in very good condition before the flood having benefitted from the good recent season. A feature of the course's aesthetic appeal are several extensive flower gardens scattered about the course . Unfortunately these have suffered extensive damage but will recover in time.

It is expected that the course will be closed for a couple of weeks, until near Christmas. All Moree golfers will be itching for a " fix " by then !!!



### Webmaster's December Award for Great Support ...



Every Christmas I would have a bit of a gripe about *those secretaries* that have not responded to my request for Member data so I can get the database up to date before the New Year! Well this year we are *much better by far* than we ever have been with only 20% remaining outstanding and we still have a couple of weeks to go - Well done ladies & gents - Thank You

### Membership Drive - Helping Hand



The CM&S Committee is off on a membership drive across the state of NSW for veteran golfers 55 and over. We believe NSWVGA has something positive to offer golfers nearing retirement via the organised Weeks of Golf that you and your members organise - this can only help all veteran groups. Maybe your group can lend a hand and talk about the cheaper golf in the vets.

### Tournament Directors Conference

A proposal was made by pro-active Councillor Ian Vidler at the December executive meeting at Bankstown to conduct an educational conference for interested Tournament Directors sometime during 2012 in Sydney - the earlier the better. Attendance would be at the expense of the relevant groups that would benefit from attending such a conference. Ideas and suggestions very welcome.

### Want Updates/News Delivered?

Would you like to have all news updates, executive minutes, WOG program updates and relevant information delivered direct to your preferred email address as opposed to waiting for your local secretary to deliver! This will be possible early in the New Year. I will keep you advised.

# More Interesting Stuff

## In case you missed Xmas card



Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year to all our members & visitors and especially to the ladies that keep us all in working order. Enjoy the festive season and may all your hopes and dreams for 2012 be fulfilled.

The Communication & Sponsorship Committee



Webmaster Dog



Ambush Dog



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The photos in the Xmas Card are from Lightning Ridge Sandgreen Championships in 2002.

## Update your Details or Golf Link No

Would you like to be able to update your personal details, GolfLink number or telephone number. I understand this is mainly for the *travelling vets* or *local executive members*, and, it is only accessible to the Webmaster, but your name and Golf Link number is available to anyone for validation.

There have been a number of embarrassing incidents where members have been subjected to awkward questions because their name was not in the NSWVGA members list so this is another way to ensure your details are correct.

## Put Local Executive details on Web

Some groups are recognising the benefit in placing their local executive details on the website for direct contact and local advertising between groups. Although they don't have access to add them they forward those details to the Secretary who sends the information to the Webmaster.

*So why not email the data to both at the same time.*

## Sponsor Facts

- The NSWVGA places active advertisements for 202 individual sponsors across the website;
- Sponsor advertisements are displayed on 780 pages;
- The Webmaster contacts ALL major sponsors to demonstrate to them what they get for their dollar;
- Every time their logo is used;

## Emails & Logos on the Website

You will notice additional Sponsors Logos in various places within the website, logos such as Fox Sports, The Australian Senior Golfer and lots of other instances. By clicking on the majority of logos you will be taken *immediately* to that sponsors website or a specific section of their website. You don't have to get out of our website to access another, in 99% of instances the new website will open in a new Browser Tab.

When you open our 2012 WOG Program PDF file you will notice the tournament names are larger than usual - in the open PDF file Click on the WOG name and you will be taken immediately to the website page for that event.

## Trevor Bell is Happy

The executive are further ahead with our admin duties than we have ever been at this time of year, so Secretary Trevor Bell say's thank you for your prompt attention to the supply of information and requests.

The larger majority of groups will have the 2012 handbooks by now and the rest won't be far away - if you have paid.

## The Last Word for December

*2012 Handbooks are in the process line for those groups that have paid their annual subscriptions and Trevor Bell is working very hard to pack them all safely.*

### Presidents Christmas Message

On behalf of the Executive Council of the NSW Veteran Golfers Association may I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and trust that 2011 is a healthy, enjoyable year for you and your extended families.

I would like to add my personal thanks to all affiliated veteran golfers for their continued commitment to veteran golf, be it at regular club days, or interclub visits, or group open days, or at one of the many official tournaments around the state.

Whatever your level of participation, may that interest continue for years to come.

Dick Farrant  
President **NSWVGA**