

Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting of NSWVGA Inc.

Held at Bankstown Golf Club on Wednesday 11th November 2015, meeting commenced at 9.35 a.m.

Chairman: Dick Farrant.

Attendees: Les Mann (V/Pres), Ian Vidler (V/Pres), Brian Graham (Gp21 Delegate), John Fogarty (Gp 31 Delegate), John Dixon (Clr), Paul Horton (Webmaster), Les Knox (Gp20 Delegate), Col Darley (Clr), Stuart Dossetor (Gp2 Delegate), Kel Pearce (Clr), Ron Simmons (Clr), David Gunner (Treasurer), Richard Doyle (Clr), Bob Coulson (Observer Gp5), Chris Evans (Clr), Len Payne (Secretary).

Apologies: John Douglas (Gp7 Delegate), John Buttle (Gp2 Delegate), Jeff Sullivan (Hurstville), Michael Sykes (Gp16 Delegate), Reg Cunneen (Gp6 Delegate).

Motion to accept apologies moved Col Darley seconded Kel Pearce – carried.

Tributes: Gp3 members Harold Stapleton, Rex McKay, Frank Adams, Eddie Donohue, Barry Walker, Barry Gates, Kevin Dorahy, Ian Jolley, Chris Kolderie Gp13 Margaret Hawkins, Gp 14 Brian Wilson, Gp 22 Elaine Coleman, Gp 29 Dr. John Logan, Brian Anderson (Dubbo/Warren), Col Boyd (Gulgambone/Gilgandra), Bryce Crawford (Narromine/Dubbo).

A minute's silence was initiated by President Dick Farrant in memory of those deceased since our last AGM.

Minutes of the 39th AGM of 2014 as previously circularized were adopted on motion of Ian Vidler seconded John Dixon – carried.

Matters arising: 1. Awarding of Life Membership to Webmaster Paul Horton was acknowledged by acclamation.

2. Outstanding Service Award to Councillor Ron Simmons was also acknowledged by acclamation.

Correspondence: In

1. **23.10.2015** – Letter of glowing appreciation & tribute from David Halpin Mudgee Vets, for the work of retiring V/President of NSWVGA, Les Mann, with a request that it be officially recorded in these AGM Minutes.

This was read out by Secretary & endorsed unanimously by attendees with applause.

President's Report to the 40th Annual General Meeting of the NSW Veteran Golfers Association Inc.

Veteran Members,

It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to present my seventh annual report on the activities of the NSW Veteran Golfers Association Inc. The past twelve months have resulted in yet another successful year of veteran golfing activity at all levels within the length and breadth of the state. Participation of affiliated veteran golfers remains sound and reflects the administrative efforts of all office bearers within the 34 Groups around the state. The weeks of golf reflected solid attendances, averaging around the 150 to 160 mark, with club and group activities continuing their popularity. Included in these activities are just over 1000 women members of the NSWVGA who opted to join as a result of Constitutional changes affected the previous year. The introduction of the NSWVGA medal at Group level has also increased interest and activity because of those many groups who decided to take advantage of the offer for 2015.

Regular Council meetings were held at approximately 2 month intervals. I must thank Bankstown Golf Club once again for allowing us to use their facilities, and also Dubbo Golf Club for the September special general meeting this year. The shifting of a meeting to the country once a year has not really met expectations regarding attendances of officials from neighbouring groups. For the last three years meetings have been held in Orange, Tamworth and Dubbo in the hope that delegates could attend who otherwise find it difficult to travel to Sydney.

2015 Executive Council Members:

(Years of continual service in parentheses)

President:	Richard Farrant	Group 3	Illawarra	(19)
Vice Presidents:	Les Mann	Group 21	Southern Highlands	(15)
	Ian Vidler	Group 13	Mid North Coast	(6)
Secretary:	Len Payne	Group 6	Brisbane Water	(3)
Treasurer	David Gunner	Group 22	Central West	(4)
Webmaster:	Paul Horton	Group 22	Central West	(14)
Councillors:	Col Darley	Group 2	Mid South Coast	(8)
	John Dixon	Group 29	Western Districts	(3)
	Richard Doyle	Group 4	Sydney	(9)
	Chris Evans	Group 20	Western Sydney	(5)
	Kel Pearce	Group 14	Northern Rivers	(3)
	Ron Simmons	Group 22	Central West	(12)

For the third year in a row there were no changes in the personnel making up the Executive Council with all members also retaining their positions on the respective Communication, Match and Finance committees. The same seven Councillors Col Darley, Richard Doyle, Len Payne, Kel Pearce, Ian Vidler, John Dixon and Les Mann, allocated to the seven zones, continued and developed their roles as the initial point of communication between zone and Council. I must thank committee chairmen and zone representatives for their reports during the year keeping everyone in touch with proceedings.

I have the opportunity here to thank retiring Vice President Les Mann for his 15 years on Council. Not once has Les shirked away from his responsibilities in the various roles he has taken on over this time. Les spent his first two years on Council as a Councillor, then was elected Vice President replacing John Powell, a position he has held for the past thirteen years. During this time he has been involved with setting the annual tournament program, running the NSWVGA teams event and carrying out the role of a Zone representative as well as Vice-Presidential duties. At all times Les has

conducted himself with dignity and served the membership of the Association in an exemplary manner. His input has proved invaluable and he has travelled widely around the state and nation representing the NSWVGA and promoting veteran golf. I am sure everyone linked to veteran golf during the last fifteen years would join with me in wishing Les a happy retirement from veteran golf administration.

Membership:

The continued growth of numbers is noted. The figures for 2015 show an all-time high membership of 15,285 members including the women mentioned above.

There are still pockets of prospective members who find it difficult to become affiliated where their home club is not active within the geographical Group structure, or whose home club does not have a veteran's structure. Councillor Richard Doyle is to be commended in his efforts to bridge some of these gaps particularly in the greater Sydney region.

Communication:

The Association continues its policy of producing full minutes of all meetings for display on the NSWVGA website. I believe it is important to allow all members the opportunity to read about the extensive activities of the Association. In this regard I again must pay tribute to Secretary Len Payne for carrying out his duties most efficiently and also of course to Paul Horton, our Webmaster, who continues to spend considerable time in the development and practical use of the website. Paul is always trying new means of communication via the website and is attracting great interest as evidenced by viewing statistics.

Len also spends many hours putting together the information book for distribution to members. Both these Councillors are to be congratulated in continuing to maintain open and informative lines of communication within the Association.

Finance:

Treasurer David Gunner has been diligent in terms of the reporting of finances at all levels of meetings and the Association is indebted to him for his work in this area. David also distributes vouchers and invoices for all the weeks of golf and has been actively involved with the distribution of NSWVGA medals and their associated vouchers this year. The finances show an excess of income over expenditure for the past twelve months but it must be remembered that there were no costs involved in my travel to WA and Darwin as the NSWVGA delegate to the AVGU AGM and tournament. The saving here was close to \$4000 as I used the honorarium paid to me as AVGU President to help offset expenses. This next twelve months will also see no expenses incurred in this area as far as NSW is concerned as the 2016 championships are in Adelaide in November which is after the completion of the current 2016 financial year at September 30th.

Sponsorship:

This aspect of promotion of veteran golf reflects an ever changing input. The Association still does not have a naming sponsor for the annual information book but costs are being met by the sponsorships of clubs and Groups who choose to advertise in the book as well as specialist advertisers such as golf equipment and tour group companies. To this end NSWVGA has entered into commercial arrangements with Teed-Up Golf Tours, Go Golfing and the Australian Veteran Golfers Association, all three of whom provide extensive tours within Australia and overseas. All budgets are

catered for by these numerous tours and further details can be found on the NSWVGA website and/or in the information book.

Niagara Health Care, EVO distributors of Fourstar electric vehicles, Watson's Caravans at Coffs Harbour, The Greater Building Society, Warren Saunders Insurance Brokers and GolfNSW continue to support NSWVGA financially. For the third year in a row GolfNSW has made a \$1000 donation and this money was used to support the three sandgreens championships (\$200 each) with the remaining \$400 going towards the costs associated with the introduction of the NSWVGA medal at Group level. A new sponsor within the book is Distinctive Golf Products. Monies received from Teed Up tours and Go Golfing will also be directed towards the promotion of veteran golf at all levels throughout the state.

Championships:

Six NSWVGA Championship events were again programmed for the year, including three sandgreens championships. I am pleased to report that all events went ahead as scheduled. For the second time Western Sydney hosted the 54 holes Strokeplay Championships under the expert direction of Les Knox. The event was conducted at Richmond, Glenmore Heritage Valley and Stonecutters Ridge and was won emphatically by Col Kenning of Kiama. Col and Greg Kent from Charlestown have now won this championship between them for the past six years. An excellent field of 130 players took part and fully appreciated the efforts of the tournament committee. For the first time this event was included in the GolfNSW Seniors Order of Merit schedule. The Matchplay Championship attracted 92 players over 4 days play in Newcastle, the biggest field in the last 7 years. Newcomer Wayne Gill from Charlestown defeated Steve Pryor in the final. John Mason is to be congratulated in the way that he is developing this championship. Bob Gallagher (Glen Innes) and Val Davidson (Tenterfield) won the 36 holes mixed 4BBB Championships at Tenterfield again with a very good field competing. This is the 12th time that Val has won this championship. The three sandgreens events, each over 36 holes, attracted smaller fields but I must thank the committees at Grenfell, Narromine and Walcha for their efforts in staging these events. The respective winners for the mixed 4BBB at Grenfell were Brian Rowe and Veronica Forsyth from the host club, the men's 4BBB at Narromine Richard McLean and Peter Hutchinson from Cobar, and Greg Kent won the single championship at Walcha.

Australian Veterans Golf Union:

The 2014 championships were held in the Bunbury/Busselton region of WA last November and proved to be a very enjoyable event. There were 385 players who thoroughly enjoyed the courses at Bunbury, Busselton, Sanctuary Resort and Capel with 450 attending the presentation dinner at the Sanctuary Resort in Bunbury. One of the outstanding features of this event was the great practical use of computers and associated programs in setting up the event, producing starting sheets and particularly the great display of daily and final results.

Because of climatic considerations the 2015 Championships were held in Darwin in August. The attendance at this event was below expectations for a couple of reasons, but those present enjoyed a really mild weather pattern, compared to previous tournaments there. The event was very well conducted with the courses at Darwin (a Thomson Wolveridge design) and Palmerston in very good condition, with 200 players and 250 at the dinner under the stars on the practice fairway at Darwin GC.

The 2016 AVGU championships will be held in SA in November in the Adelaide Hills using Flagstaff Hill, Blackwood and Vines of Reynella courses.

Future championships are scheduled for Queensland (Gold Coast) in 2017, NSW (Port Stephens) in 2018 and Tasmania (Ulverston/Devonport region) in 2019.

It was my honour to act as President of the national body over the past two years, a duty that I thoroughly enjoyed. I handed over to the incoming President, John Dodd from SA, at the Darwin event.

Weeks of Golf:

2015 has featured another full program of events with 53 programmed weeks of golf as well as three sandgreens championships. Grafton however decided to abandon their Jacaranda festival week in October and instead concentrate their efforts on the Wintergolf tournament in May. It was pleasing to see both Port Stephens and Toronto return to the fold and Uralla had a good inaugural event. The Association continues to be indebted to all the tournament directors and their supporting committees. Parkes and Sawtell are due to run trial events in 2016. Ian Vidler has completed his second term as the tournament co-ordinator and his efforts are greatly appreciated by Council and, I trust, all the tournament directors. This is an unenviable task with guidelines to follow with which some directors have difficulty comprehending. There are hurdles to overcome as some tournaments wrestle with decreasing numbers. On the other hand it was pleasing to see the number of events with increased numbers resulting in an overall average attendance in line with last year.

One of the marked features of this year's calendar has been the number of new players who are joining in to play the weeks of golf. This certainly augers well for future attendances as some of the regular players reduce their commitment to large scale touring.

Every effort was made to have a NSWVGA representative at all tournaments for which I must thank all Councillors for their attendances. However life member Bob Coulson, past Councillor Mike Fenton, Group 12 Secretary Greg Christie and Group 16 President Michael Sykes were able to act as Association agents at events during the year which Councillors were unable to attend. The Association is indebted to these members.

Again this year some notable identities within the structure of veteran golf have passed away. The ravages of time result in the need for younger veteran golfers to consider an administrative role because these people are absolutely necessary for the continuing promotion of veteran golf.

Finally I would like to take the opportunity to once again thank every member of the Council, as well as all Group and Club administrators, for their work and support, and also wish all veteran golfers a happy and safe festive season. May you all be able to play as much veteran golf in 2016 as your health, finances and family commitments allow.

Richard Farrant
President NSWVGA
10-11-2015

Motion: Adoption of President's Report moved Paul Horton seconded Richard Doyle – carried.

Webmaster's Annual Report:

Webmaster's Annual Report AGM 2015

Weeks of Golf & 2015 Program PDF

In 2015 fifteen (15) Tournament Directors failed to supply any program or entry form data for their WOG event and a couple still had very successful events, however, they were events that are well supported regardless. There is a lot of maintenance keeping two versions of the Week of Golf (WOG) Program in sync and reliably accurate, so there must be a review of this position over the next three months.

The major issue with maintaining two (2) versions of WOG program is this; the WOG page on the website is where *sponsors* ads are placed and linked to their website. The promotional as link remains effective until the following year which provides plenty of exposure for the sponsor. As each WOG ends the entry may no longer displayed, but, the *sponsor's data* remains *live* in the background, is fully available to search engines and remains *live*. In view of the above and the effort involved in maintaining both versions, one has to go – *feedback required!*

The WOG page has been prepared for 2016 but will most probably be the one to be discontinued in 2017 as there is too much duplication, which provides room for error. Obviously, the question of where does the *sponsor* information go arises, and this creates a major dilemma to be resolved.

As it exists the Annual Week of Golf (WOG) Program PDF changes many times before January 1st 2016, sometimes several times in a single day, so **check the date** on the top right hand side of the document *every time you use the file* live on-line, you can download the file but do not totally rely on the content without comparing with the *latest* website update. It seems the WOG Program PDF file is used the most frequently which makes sense because the file can be downloaded, shared and printed on demand.

Usually I have observers checking the WOG Information page regularly, but not this year unfortunately, on the positive side some new vets see value in the page. I'll have to find a *new way!*

Website Promotion of Local Events and Weeks of Golf

Of the Tournament Directors that did supply their Week of Golf information for 2015 many did not provide any sponsor detail even though they had sponsors, others provided sponsor *names only* and *no program detail or entry forms*. A few event organisers have become complacent but running these events requires much more than posting out a few forms and hoping players will turn up!

On the positive side of promotion and advertising via the internet there is a vast amount of information regarding *Veterans Weeks of Golf* and associated events in each area out there – Google searches reveal all and **you can locate hundreds of articles** involving local charities, local fairs, fruit festivals and regular community events where the presence of visiting veteran golfers have been noted. We often get a mention in their advertising, *the flow-on effect*, because of the contribution *veteran* golfers make by supporting local events. Promotion of NSWVGA weeks of golf by advertising *is making a difference*, so to all those vets involved; “*Thank you*” and keep up the good work!

Searching *images* via Google using the same criteria will yield a wealth of photographic history and prominent among these are *the Scottish Piper at Maclean*, well known events and regular veteran golf identities really stand out.

Motion : To adopt Webmaster's report moved Chris Evans seconded Ron Simmons – carried.

Treasurer's Annual Report:

Detailed Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended
30/09/2015

Income.	2015	2014
Affiliation Fees Received	\$46,176.00	\$44,647.00
Week of Golf Player Registration Fees	\$14,256.00	\$15,440.00
Interest Received	\$1,418.49	\$1,564.42
Sponsorship Income	\$7,950.00	\$9,000.00
Administration Income	\$189.00	\$551.80
Shield	\$63.80	
From No 2 account	\$147.42	
Total Income	\$70,200.71	\$71,203.22
Expenses		
Administration fees	\$4,870.00	\$3,413.00
Affiliation fees	\$2,400.00	\$2,250.00
Audit fees	\$350.00	\$350.00
Delegate Expenses to AVGU Meeting		\$733.00
Depreciation	\$300.00	\$600.00
Donations	\$570.00	\$570.00
Insurances	\$6,863.68	\$6,311.60
Printing of Program Books	\$5,170.00	\$4,675.00
Postages, Printing & Stationery	\$2,174.32	\$2,787.22
S/Ship	\$1,000.00	\$900.00
Telephones	\$600.00	\$907.83
Tournament Expenses	\$10,084.50	\$7,776.50
Travel Expenses to attend NSWVGA	\$11,574.80	\$14,800.49
Trophies, Shields & Presentation folders	\$18,522.40	\$16,745.95
Website	\$1,060.73	\$689.50
Website Maintenance	\$718.27	\$4,771.86
Total Expenses	\$66,258.70	\$68,281.96
Net gain for year ending 30th September 2014		<u>\$2,921.26</u>
Net gain for year ending 30th September 2015	<u>\$3,942.01</u>	

Balance Sheet for NSWVGA ending 30th September 2015

Current Assets.

Bank	\$19,375.87
Term Deposit at The Greater \$3.50%	\$38,000.00
Stock of Vouchers	\$1,095.00
Total Current Assets	\$58,470.87
Non-Current Assets @written down value	\$300.00
Total Assets	\$58,770.87

Members Funds

Accumulated Members Funds	\$54,149.56
Retained gain for this year	\$3,942.01
Total Equity	\$58,091.57

Motion: Receipt & Adoption of Treasurer's Report & Balance Sheet moved David Gunner seconded Len Payne – carried.

Tournament Co-ordinator's Annual Report:

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Match and Programme Coordinator's Report.

NSWVGA Medal: From all reports and observations this new event, introduced this year, has been widely accepted and successful. I feel many more Groups will participate in 2016 and, as it was designed to involve as many golfers in the state as possible, that will be a bonus. The Groups that did participate conducted the event to suit their members with the winner receiving a specially struck medal. In some cases the groups added to the event by contributing additional voucher prizes. For the inaugural year this was an unqualified success.

Sand Green Championships: These events continue to frustrate the organisers with a marked drop off in numbers evident in the three main events. In an attempt to boost the profile of the Stroke Play championship there have been recent discussions with Golf NSW to combine both events at the same venue. In 2016 the Championship is programmed for Walcha Golf Club and that club is enthusiastically supporting the proposed change, should it eventuate. I have had discussions with the organisers of the other sand green championships who have also suffered a considerable drop in numbers. Unfortunately there is no short cut to success and it will take a massive campaign to improve the situation from both the Executive Committee and the event Organisers.

Weeks of Golf: Many of these events throughout the state are being conducted successfully, thanks to the hard work of the dedicated Tournament Directors and their committees who provide the opportunity for veteran golfers to travel the state and play a wide variety of courses. No other state presents this opportunity for its veterans, although Queensland is moving in the right direction. Those golfers who play these weeks of golf appreciate the efforts of those who work tirelessly to ensure these events continue.

In an attempt to assist those weeks of golf which are struggling a forum of Directors who hold successful events was conducted in Maclean last week. Eighteen TDs were involved and all their great ideas will be compiled in a document, soon to be released and made available for the benefit of all Tournament Directors and their committees.

2016 Programme: Despite this programme being released in July I am still receiving requests for changes from TDs for next year. I ask all Tournament Directors to look carefully at the 2017 Draft Programme which will be sent out in December, discuss it with the parent club and all relevant committees and inform me at that point of any of any issues. In the years I have been responsible for the programme I have observed a close correlation between underperforming Weeks of Golf and Tournament Directors who rarely respond to emails. At the same time I thank all those TDs who are "on the ball" and respond immediately, making my tasks easier and less time consuming.

Stroke and Match Play Championships: Both these events are increasing in popularity, due to the efforts of Les Knox and John Mason and their Committees. Congratulations to both these organisers and let's hope the numbers continue to increase and lift the status of the events. Results of the recent Match Play Championships are available on the website thanks to the efforts of John Mason and Paul Horton.

Motion :Adoption of Tournament Co-Ordinators Annual Match & Tournament Report moved Ian Vidler seconded John Dixon – carried.

Group Annual Reports received:

Annual report of Group 2 by President:

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2015

Since taking the position of President in 2009, I believe that our region has strengthened with the addition of new clubs joining our ranks, and increasing membership. Innovation to make the job of running competitions has been introduced by Rick Wilkins from St Georges Basin which has not only seen Club Captains more relaxed but brings uniformity to the Mid South Coast. We have also been proactive in returning to the clubs some of our funds by way of prizemoney and Golf Balls for our various competitions.

Our year began as usual with the Week of Golf and again through the years we have seen great improvements. We now have the support of the Council who see the event as a tourist drawcard, this in turn has brought players from far and wide. Our tournament director John Buttle has worked hard to cement these changes and make the event the success it has become. All the clubs involved should be proud in making our visitors welcome.

The Interclub competitions were again hard fought with all clubs wanting the silverware, but it always seems funny that one club comes to the fore each year. This year it was Callala.

The nine holes **Challenge Shield** competition therefore after 9 rounds was won by **Callala** with a score of 60 points to finish ahead of **Nowra** on 56 points and **Sussex Inlet** being third with 55.5 points.

The **Interclub Shield** over 18 holes was also won by **Callala** with a score of 66.5 points with **Sussex Inlet** second on 55 Points and **Nowra** on 51 points.

The **Albatross Trophy** was also held in conjunction with above competitions but restricted to the 18 hole courses only completed the trifecta for **Callala** with a score of 211.82 who won this coveted trophy from the Runner Up **Nowra** (206.07) and **Sussex Inlet** in third place (204.82).

The NSWVGA Instituted a Gold Medal for the most outstanding golfer in each Zone, and I am pleased to announce that:

Rod Elliott from **The Heads Golf Club** succeeded in winning the inaugural Gold Medal for 2015.

2015 ... Secretary's Report for Group 14

Group 14 has experienced a great year with a Veteran's membership exceeding 1800. With the weather being kind for most of the year, we had 908 Veterans travel and play in the 15 Open Days that were held. Unfortunately Yamba had to cancel theirs due to inclement weather in September. The Open Days provided the platform by which decided our winner for the New South Wales Veteran Golfer Medal. Veterans were rewarded for travelling and playing in the Open Days with three points being awarded. In addition, the first five place getters in the field(s) that day received points on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis. This data was kept and at the end of the Open Day program John Lowe, from Lismore, was determined the inaugural NSWVGA Veteran Medal Winner for Group 14. We struck our own Runner Up Medal that was presented to Brett Kerrison from Lismore. Both John and Brett, along with Steve Lowndes from Murwillumbah, played in every Open Day that was held.

Our NRVGA Championships were hosted, this year by Ballina Veterans. Qualifying criteria of playing in at least three Open Days was applied and Frank Knudson from Ballina won the prestigious trophy for 2015. Robert Farmer and Ian Leake from Lismore were declared our 4BBB Champions for 2015. Next year our Championships will be played at Casino Golf Course.

At our AGM in October, Bruce Walsh (Maclean) was re-elected President. John Watt (Coraki) was re-elected Vice President (South) and Michael Cook (Ocean Shores) was elected as Vice President (North). Ray Kent (Murwillumbah) was re-elected Secretary Treasurer.

There were five Weeks Of Golf held in July and August. These began with Maclean, followed by Ballina, Murwillumbah, then Coolangatta Tweed and finishing off with Yamba. All experienced large fields with visitors travelling from all over NSW and Interstate to participate. Friendly atmosphere, good camaraderie and challenging courses make these weeks a must in the travelling Veterans' calendar.

Thank you to NSWVGA for its support this year. We look forward to another successful year in 2016 building upon the achievements of 2015.

Ray Kent – Secretary, NRVGA, Group 14

NSW VGA Group 30 Report for 2015 .

1) Membership :-

a) Moree -----	109 members . (108)
b) Bingara -----	14 “ (17)
c) Goondiwindi --	50 “ (50)
d) Warialda -----	39 “ (36)
Total	212 “ (211)

2) Moree Week of Golf :- The eleventh edition of this tournament was a great success . 198 players (214) from about 50 Clubs played 764 (797) rounds of golf over the 4 days . We again had very good support for the A Grade Mens competition with 45 players . Results have already been posted on the website .

3) Moree Open Day was held on 4th September and saw 98 players from ours and neighboring clubs enjoy a very pleasant day . This year we again ran the day as a Memorial Day for John Vickers , and his family provided a Wall Clock for the best score of the day . This was won by Brian Cheetham from Moree with 45 pts . Harborne Financial Services / Colonial First State , Campbell's Fuel and Suncorp Bank provided very attractive trophies .

4) Regular Thursday fields average of 34.4 (15 to 48) [32] . The Fourth Group Championship was conducted in November over 2 rounds . Rex Mitchell won A grade and Paul Wilde won B grade . The nett winners were Peter McFadyen and Les Boland in A & B grades respectively .

5) Warialda reported another good year . They had 47 players from 12 clubs at their Open Day in May . Open Day will be on Friday 13th May , 2016 . Warialda Veterans travelled to Goondiwindi , Inverell and Moree to play in Open Days . They have 36 financial members and averaged 20 players on their weekly 12 hole Friday competition . The Club does now have a Greenkeeper but the Veterans still provide a lot of help .

6) Goondiwindi reported another successful year . Their membership has remained at 50 . The Open Day on 5th August attracted a very good field of 109 . The winner was Peter Cook (Goondi) Ladies Winner Tina Girard (Goondi) . The Club had players from Tenterfield , Glen Innes , Inverell , Narrabri , Moree and one from Launceston , Tasmania .

7) Bingara reported an enjoyable “ Fossickers Way “ Week of Golf from 21st to 25th September , 2015 . There were 45 players from 16 Clubs about NSW & Qld played a total of 186 rounds . Play was at Bingara on 3 days and Warialda on Thursday . Winners were :-Men -- Bob Harrison (Port Kembla) and Ladies --- Lorraine Holder (Muree) Members played in regular Bingara events and did not play a special Veterans Comp . Champions were Merv Hall and Robert Northcott .

P.A.Gough (Secretary Group 30)

Motion: Acceptance of Group Annual Reports as received moved Brian Graham seconded Les Knox – carried.

All present then stood & observed a minute's silence to commemorate Armistice Day.

Bob Coulson (Observer Gp5) was then appointed Scrutineer & Chairman declared all positions on the Executive Council vacant.

Election of the 2015/2016 Executive:

As incumbent Dick Farrant was only nominee for President, he was declared elected & resumed chair for remainder of elections.

Vice-Presidents': With 3 nominees, a ballot was held: the result was Ian Vidler elected & a tie between remaining 2 candidates.

Candidate Paul Horton then requested that he be allowed to withdraw his nomination.

Motion: "That Paul Horton be allowed to withdraw his nomination", moved Chris Evans seconded Richard Doyle – carried .

Ian Vidler & John Dixon were then declared elected as Vice-Presidents.

Secretary: with only 1 nomination, Len Payne was declared elected.

Treasurer: also with only 1 nomination, David Gunner was declared elected.

Webmaster: again with only 1 nominee, Paul Horton was declared elected.

Councillors: 6 to be elected; with only 5 nominations, the following were declared elected:

Ron Simmons.

Richard Doyle.

Kel Pearce.

Col Darley.

Chris Evans.

President Dick Farrant then called for nominations from the floor for the remaining Councillor vacancy. Stuart Dossetor (Gp2 Delegate) was nominated by Col Darley, seconded Paul Horton, & after agreeing to accept nomination, was declared elected unanimously.

Motion: To destroy all ballot papers moved Richard Doyle, seconded Ian Vidler – carried.

NSWVGA Delegate to AVGU: President Dick Farrant agreed to accept nomination & was nominated by Len Payne, seconded David Gunner declared elected unanimously.

NSWVGA Auditor: Hans Juerken was nominated David Gunner, seconded Ron Simmons & was declared elected unopposed.

Matters on Notice:

No matters on Notice were received for determination.

Matters without Notice:

1. The issue of role descriptions for Vice-president's to be considered at a future meeting.
2. President undertook to further investigate the situation where tied voting resulted, so as to enshrine any proposed amendment in the Constitution.
3. How to cater for eligible players wishing to join NSWVGA but cannot under the present structure (this is listed as an agenda item for the December meeting). Also, do the Constitutions of current closed books on some Groups provide for "non-active memberships", so as to allow participation in Weeks of Golf competitions?

With no further business, President declared the 40th AGM of NSWVGA closed at 12.20p.m.

Next meeting is a Special general Meeting to consider the Notice of Motion re Webmaster, to be held on Thursday 3rd December, 2015 at Bankstown Golf Club commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Dick Farrant –President

Len Payne - Secretary