

**Minutes of NSWVGA Executive Meeting held Bankstown G.C. commencing at 9.30 a.m. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.**

Meeting opened by: President Ian Vidler at 9.30 a.m. who then moved an immediate suspension of Standing Orders to enable discussion between Councillors and CEO from Golf NSW.

CEO Stuart Fraser said he would welcome closer ties between NSWVGA & Golf NSW, and assistance with website. He then invited Councillors to put their ideas forward & he would respond noting I.T. specialist would attend our January meeting. Stuart said he would make any of his staff available to assist us, noting that Bernard Bratusa has already offered & would continue to offer assistance. Greater exposure of NSWVGA in information provided by Golf NSW for combined events was agreed.

Clr. Stuart Dossetor asked about putting NSWVGA logo on Golf NSW website with a link back to our website, noting that we have a link from our website to Golf NSW, but not a reverse one. Stuart responded that “He would be happy to accommodate that” & would speak to I.T person to achieve this, that daily type important events advertising & results are derived from AAP not Golf NSW, but if NSWVGA provided information it could be accommodated.

In response to enquiry for application form for “Seniors” & if a standard pro forma could be developed, he advised that Golf NSW “doesn’t sign up Seniors,” but provides information. He said that they were striving for greater collaboration with all units, including Greenkeepers, Seniors, PGA, Masters, Junior Golf etc. & would be happy to include us in a “one-stop shop” type of arrangement, but for NSWVGA to retain its identity & operations.

Clr. Richard Doyle raised the issue of need to speak with Education people about encouraging students into golf as a school sport event, with Veteran male & female golfers being utilized in this. Stuart responded many younger golfers are not registered on club memberships, that Jack Newton golf foundation will come back, that a “community instructor golf program” was online & available. An “Active kid’s rebate (\$100) scheme of the NSW Government” was available which can enable families to provide this for children at no expense. Golf course availability on school sports days was also a problem.

Clr. Len Payne then advised of “hardship” assistance offered to vets. clubs who largely maintain their clubs & golf course but we only have small resources, is anything available through Golf NSW? Stuart responded that “Golf Foundation” has been set up on Golf NSW website which has money to assist struggling clubs, with grants up to \$5,000 maximum, but if there is a critical issue then Golf NSW can involve Bernard Bratusa who has been very successful in negotiations with NSW Government (last year gained over \$10 Million) to gain larger amounts for upgrading/improving clubs’ situations. He also advised that their “Roadshows” held throughout the state dealt also with issues of concern for clubs & what assistance is available. They advise clubs prior to visiting through managers, club presidents etc. so that it can be publicized. When asked, he agreed to extend publicizing of it through NSWVGA. The “Roadshow “will continue in 2019 & he would like to know about any club experiencing hardship & they would discuss assistance with them, but clubs must contact Golf NSW. Stuart handles the program of assistance to struggling clubs, his email address is [stuart.fraser@golfnsw.org](mailto:stuart.fraser@golfnsw.org) .

The issue of “gender neutral & equal prize values” was raised, NSWVGA advising that we are already achieving this, but in regular club events there is some concern of an imbalance where for example 220 men play & 10 women in a competition, should the prizes be of equal value? Human Rights Commission are providing some information to Golf Australia & Golf NSW on this by way of guidelines. Information on updating club constitutions to reflect the new “gender neutral “guidelines & other information is available from Golf NSW.

The issue of the proposed 2020 “world handicapping system” was raised, Stuart responded there would be only minimal change to the current system. The main change would be that the “cap” will go to 5 & you will be able to move 3 places fairly quickly but the other 2 will require some golf to achieve.

Clr. Gerry Cox raised the issue of whether there would be any amalgamation between Seniors events & Veterans events, thus meaning we may have to run both. It was pointed out that Senior events typically comprised SOOM of merit events with “serious “(i.e. Low-marker golfers) competing which would discriminate against our events & that we have enough to do conducting our own

events currently. Stuart responded that generally seniors events are “elite “ type of events which the host club conducts.

The “get into golf for seniors” program conducted by Golf NSW was raised, Stuart advised that it was very successful & would continue, with the social aspects being listed as being as important as golf. When asked if we could be a part of it, he said that with the linkage offered above & listing us in this program would offer participants an opportunity to join NSWVGA clubs from the program.

Stuart also suggested that for golf results & information dissemination swiftly we might consider using “golf box”, which they use for all their tournaments, this is also made available to all districts & they train the users, this allows results to be posted live. He advised he would be happy to extend the use of that software to NSWVGA, it is available free, just discuss with their I.T. specialist.

Stuart also advised that the law has recently been changed so that their “privacy policy “is available to every member & needs to reflect that any member is assured that his personal information is not shared inappropriately. Golf NSW has a statement on their privacy policy at the bottom of their website & it may be possible for us to “cut & paste “their one as necessary.

He then reinforced the changes beginning on 1 January 2019 with the new more relaxed rules to speed up the game & the need for all golf organizations to try to ensure they are widely promulgated .Their series of small videos on the website assist this.

President Ian then thanked Stuart for his presentation & time & he was thanked by appreciative applause by Councillors.

Motion to revert to Standing Orders moved Clr. Len Payne seconded Clr. David Gunner – carried.

**Attendees:** Richard Doyle (V/Pres), Les Mann (Gp 31 Delegate), Lance Fredericks (Clr), Les Knox (V/Pres), Stuart Dossetor (Clr), Gerry Cox (Clr), John Dixon (Clr), David Gunner ( Treasurer), Len Payne (Secretary), Peter Guy (SVGA Delegate), Peter Taylor (Clr), Ian Vidler (President).

**Apologies:** Garry Mason (Clr), John Daley (Clr), Brian Graham (Gp21 delegate), Norm McInnes (Gp31 secretary), Col Darley (Gp2 Delegate). Motion to accept apologies moved Clr. Stu Dossetor, seconded Clr. Les Knox – carried.

**Obituaries:** Nil. However, later advice that George Smith (Past President Group 17) passed away Wednesday 5/12/2018.

**Minutes** of NSWVGA Executive meeting of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, as previously circulated, were accepted as accurate on motion of Clr. Gerry Cox, seconded Clr. John Dixon – carried.

Business arising: Nil.

**Correspondence:**

In-1.. 4-11-2018 -Response from Collin Hiss, Qod/Misr to my email letter of 13<sup>th</sup> November advising of NSWVGA response to his previous offer.

2.. 14-11-2018 - Email from Greg Christie Group 12 Secretary, enquiring re possible assistance to clubs facing financial difficulty.

3.. 29-11-2018 – Email of revised & increased offer from Collin Hiss (Qod/Misr). (This was circulated to all Councillors).

Out- 1.. 13-11.2018 – Email to Collin Hiss Qod/Misr, detailing the response of NSWVGA to his offer contained in his email of 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 21018 & considered at the AGM.

Late item from Geoff Grayson, T/Director Maclean, concerned about early listing of Weeks of Golf entry forms. It was agreed that we delete the “entries open” from bottom of listings.

Further late item from Clr. Knox regarding a letter he received from a lady about insurance cover for WVGA only members wishing to play in NSWVGA W.O.Gs. Following debate motion moved Clr. Richard Doyle seconded Clr. Peter Taylor “that Clr. Lance Fredericks (our Insurance rep.) be asked to research & put a plain language report on our website regarding insurance cover.” Motion - carried. Clr. Les Knox was asked to respond to the letter he received.

Business Arising: Re item 2 inward, following debate motion moved by Clr. John Dixon seconded Clr. Stu Dossetor “That we offer assistance of \$250 to each of the

two clubs listed in the request” Motion -carried. Subsequently advice received from Secretary Group 12 that only one club required this assistance.

Motion to receive all correspondence moved Clr. Len Payne seconded Clr. Gerry Cox – carried.

Reports:

### **Presidents & Sponsorship:**

President’s Report December 2018

#### **AVGU Championships. Port Stevens. Monday 12 November to Friday 17 November**

My CONGRATULATIONS go to David Flatt, the Tournament Committee and the many volunteers who contributed to the success of this amazing week. The 550 players at 4 courses were warmly welcomed and directed to parking, registration areas and practice areas. The volunteers were also on course to assist in the search for golf balls in water or bush. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by players all week. The organization by David and his many committee members and supporters was such that the whole week ran smoothly with few issues. David acknowledged the huge role Go Golfing played in the organization of the event and the support it gave to his committee in the fields of the website, on line entries, management of the data base, communication with players, centralised bookings for accommodation, tours and merchandise, construction of draws and the compilation and dissemination of results. He indicated he could not have managed without them.

The Presentation Dinner was held at West Diggers Club with 650 patrons celebrating the week. With so many trophies to be distributed the presentation took some time but all players received due recognition. In summary, a night appropriate for a National championship.

I would recommend that a NSWVGA Certificate of Appreciation be forwarded to David Flatt for his efforts. He certainly did NSWVGA proud.

#### **AVGU Annual Meeting. Sunday 11 November.**

The meeting this year was a much shorter version of meetings which I have attended in the past. The suggestion that the levy paid by the tournament committee be increased was defeated. Additionally, a suggestion put forward by the President to introduce a national card for every veteran was also defeated.

Tournament Directors of the AVGU Championships for the next two years, Tasmania (Launceston) and Victoria (Yarrawonga and Black Bull) presented a preview of the organization of their events. Launceston’s event is planned for November 2019 and organization is well in hand while the dates for Victoria were announced as 24 August 2020. Given that AVGU Guidelines suggest that the event be held in November, this decision was surprising. I believe the Victorian delegate/TD are now seeking alternate dates at a time of year more suitable for veteran golfers.

#### **Hinterland Caravans Sponsorship.**

Hinterland Caravans Morrissett has confirmed a sponsorship of \$500 per month over 3 months, the situation to be reviewed at the end of that period. Their plan is to support 2 Weeks of Golf each month, selected by them, to which they will take a caravan for display. The events chosen are Myall Lakes, Blue Mountains, Orange and Muswellbrook. I have contacted the Tournament Directors of those events and they have accepted the offer. When I meet with the Principal of the company on Tuesday the next two events will be selected. I would like to take this opportunity to express, on behalf of our members, our gratitude for the interest and generous support of Veterans golf in NSW shown by Hinterland Caravans.

### **State Finals of NSWVGA Medal and NSWVGA Fourball.**

I spoke to Greg Christie, Group Secretary Group 12, recently on the possibility of conducting the finals of these events, over 36 holes, in the Port Macquarie area in 2019. This Group made an approach to us in 2017 suggesting such an event so I thought it pertinent that we offer them the first event. Obviously, it has to be discussed at NSWVGA level before a decision is made. Greg is also doing some research in the Group seeking interest from local clubs. To assist your memories Group 12 conducted a very successful AVGU Championships in 2011 and have the infrastructure to support such an event.

This being my final report for 2018, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the members of the Executive Council during the year. They have been extremely active in supporting and promoting veterans golf and I congratulate them for their work. To all the members in the respective Groups who have accepted responsibility for the management of NSWVGA business, we of the Executive Council and your local membership recognize and thank you for your dedication to the task. To sponsors who have supported events at all levels throughout the state I can assure you that our members are grateful for your generosity. Your support assists local communities financially and is responsible for an estimated \$15 million financial benefit to communities in NSW.

Finally, to all members of NSWVGA, I wish you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable Xmas season with family and friends. May 2019 bring you good golf, great friendships and enjoyable experiences on the golf courses of Australia.

Ian Vidler

President NSWVGA

Business Arising from President's Report:

President Ian Vidler moved, seconded Clr. Stuart Dossetor "that Certificates of Appreciation be given to David Flatt, AVGU National Championships Tournament Director & Group 9 Port Stephens Vets & Volunteers for the magnificent job they did in conducting the 2018 AVGU Championships" Motion – carried.

President then reported on his meeting with manager, Hinterland Caravans on 4.12.2018 where they offered \$500 per month for 3 months with a review after that. President moved, seconded Clr. Peter Taylor "that NSWVGA accept the sponsorship offer of Hinterland Caravans for \$1,500 at \$500 per month for 3 months commencing in February 2019 with a review , that we place their logo

with link back to their website for 12 months, & that Myall Coast & Blue Mountains W.O.G receive \$250 each for February & Orange & Muswellbrook W.O.G \$250 each for March for hosting Hinterland material.” Motion -carried.

In respect of proposed state finals for NSWVGA Medal & 2BBB, president reported that he has spoken with Group 12 secretary regarding their previous offer to host the initial event. It was moved Clr. Lance Fredericks seconded Clr. Les Knox “that we accept the offer of Port Macquarie to host the inaugural NSWVGA Medal state final & NSWVGA 2BBB final in October/November 2019” Motion – carried.

Motion to accept President’s Report moved Clr. Ian Vidler seconded Clr. Richard Doyle – carried.

Clr. Len Payne then referred to correspondence between QOD/Mini-Miser (Collin Hiss) & himself & their revised offer. The revised offer is for prizes to the value of \$9,446, spread over about a number of WOG tournaments, including some out west. These prizes cover both men’s & women’s events plus a lucky draw prize. They require being allowed to have a static display at these events showing their trolley golf buggy in upright & folded down mode + show their Mini-miser lithium battery & charger with cable & be able to give a short talk on their products when presenting their prizes. They will also gain by having their logo on our NSWVGA website with a link back to their own website. Additionally, Secretary has offered to attend their premises & do a promotional “photo-shoot” with our NSWVGA banner for early display on our website in the ‘news” segment.

They offer a 10% discount to affiliated Veteran golfers for purchases & a 10% referral fee to NSWVGA for any sales. However, I believe that this should be offered to the hosting WOG Tournament Director for allowing this display.

Secretary Len Payne then moved “that we accept the revised offer from QOD/Mini-Miser of equivalent to \$9,446 in prizes for certain WOG tournaments, provided that he agrees to attend some western venues. That NSWVGA agrees to display their logo on our website with a link back to their own website & that any 10% referral fees gained for sales be remitted back to the hosting WOG venue.” Motion seconded by Clr. Richard Doyle, motion -carried.

Motion to accept Sponsorship Reports moved Clr. Ian Vidler seconded Clr. Richard Doyle – carried.

Treasurer's:



**BALANCE SHEET for NSWVGA from**

**27.9.18 to 27.11.18**

Opening Balance as at 27.9.18 #13203.55

<u>Income</u>	
Affiliation Fees	\$46,736.00
Registration fees W.O.G.	\$2,556.00
Interest	\$12.10
Sponsorship	\$2,350.00
Adm income.	\$47.00

Total income \$51,701.10

<u>Expenses</u>	
Councillors to meetings	\$5,127.79
Councillors to Tournaments	\$1,180.00
Meeting Exp	\$243.00
Postage	\$36.00
Web Site computer security	\$750.00
Vouchers	\$320.00
Sponsorship	\$500.00
Printing/Stationary	\$26.00
Audit	\$350.00
Shields	\$1,450.00

Total Expenses \$9,982.79

Closing Balance as at 27.11.18 \$54,921.86

Cash Assests as at 27.11.18

Greater Building Society \$30,000.00  
matures on 6.1.19 at 2.45%

Clr. Len Payne then advised the meeting that although President Ian Vidler attended about 15 weeks of golf each year & was on the road for more than that time, he did not have access to a small portable printer to take in his caravan to record information received properly. Also, unlike the other states' Presidents he did not have a suitable jacket with NSWVGA logo to wear at all the functions he attends as our representative.

Finally, whilst he has not gained any remuneration for travel & accommodation to these Weeks of Golf as he is our official representative at the National Championships in Launceston in 2019, it is known that he will incur entry fees for himself & his wife, plus travel airfare for both + accommodation in Launceston that NSWVGA therefore should meet the total cost of his accommodation & travel there.

Clr. Payne then moved that '(A) President acquire a suitable small portable printer;

(B) he purchase a suitable jacket with NSWVGA logo &

(C) that NSWVGA meet the total cost of President's travel & accommodation in Launceston in 2019."

Motion seconded by Clr. Richard Doyle – carried.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Balance Sheet submitted moved Clr. David Gunner, seconded Clr. John Dixon – carried.

Tournament Co-Ordinator's: In absence of T/Co-ordinator, he submitted an emailed report thus:

## Program Co ordinator Report December 2018

This year is at an end with 52 weeks of golf completed or about to complete as well as 6 championships.

Next year is ready to go with nomination forms available for the early Tournaments. Next year also sees the changing of the guard with tournament directors stepping down and new ones ready to take their place. It is noticeable that Veteran ladies are starting to make their mark by stepping up as tournament directors. We welcome Narene Anniwell, Lake Macquarie Classic and Loretta Bell at Narrabri. Other new tournament directors are Richard Ledden Cooper at Blue Mountains, Colin Voss at Kew and Mike Hotchkiss and Peter Stephenson at Manning Valley. Tenterfield have lost Bill Eastgate and am awaiting notification of the who will take over. Tenterfield Golf Club filled in at the last tournament I believe.

The 2020 program has been sent to Tournament Directors for comment. There are minor changes from version 1 and 2. I will be interested in any further comments. My apologies for my absence at this month's meeting. Health comes first but I will see every one in the new year. Have a safe and happy Christmas and new year to you and yours.

John Daley  
Program Co ordinator,  
NSWVGA

As Bill Eastgate has stood down after quite a number of years running both Tenterfield tournaments, it was moved Clr. Ian Vidler seconded Clr. Lance Fredericks "that an appreciation certificate be given to Bill Eastgate & that T/Co-Ordinators report be received" motion – carried.

Match Committee Chairman: As he was an apology for the meeting, he submitted by email the suggested conditions of play as listed below:

1. Conditions of play for NSWVGA Matchplay championships. (This will be forwarded separately to NSWVGA Matchplay Championship T/Director.)
2. Conditions of play for NSWVGA 2BBB championships being introduced & prizes & support to contestants. These conditions for 2BBB are listed below:

## NSWVGA/ Watsons Leisure Centre 2BBB

### Conditions of Play.

1. Each Group to determine winners under its conditions.
2. The competition must be separate from a Week of Golf.
3. The competition may be played as a Medley 2BBB
4. Competitors must be members of NSWVGA.
5. It is suggested that qualifying be played over several rounds to eliminate home course advantage.
6. Group 2BBB Medal winners will be invited to State Final. If winners are not able to attend alternate pairs may compete, selected by the Group, on condition that they played in the qualifying rounds.
7. State Finals will be held in conjunction with NSWVGA Medal Finals, played over 36 holes, at a venue to be decided by NSWVGA.
8. Medal winners must be decided prior to the end of September to allow finals to be conducted in October/November.
9. Finals will be conducted at various venues around the state taking account of previous venues and course availability.
10. Players in the 2BBB Finals and the NSWVGA Medal Finals will be entitled to a subsidy for travel on a sliding scale dependent on distance travelled.

As it was 12 noon President adjourned the meeting for lunch, meeting resumed at 12.30p.m. In respect of the 2BBB event Councillors stipulated that players **MUST** be affiliated members of NSWVGA.

Motion to accept Conditions of play as shown moved Clr. Ian Vidler seconded Clr. Stuart Dossetor – carried.

Week of Golf Reports as received summary: An addendum to this report lists the following Week of Golf Reports in detail; Coolangatta-Tweed, Yamba, Coffs Harbour, South-west Rocks, Port Macquarie, Dubbo, Mudgee, NSWVGA Sandgreen 4BBB Narromine, Broken Hill, Inverell, Central Coast trial, Port Stephens, Southern Highlands. It was advised that we are awaiting only Kiama Seaside report for year.

## WEB COORDINATORS REPORT FOR 5 DECEMBER NSWVGA COUNCIL MEETING

The website has now been running in this format for the past 2 years. Over this time there has been minor changes to improve user functionality. The site provides two prime functions one a database of members and two, information for veteran golfers wanting to, and attending NSWVGA events ie Weeks of golf and championships.

Users have access based on specific responsibilities eg, NSWVGA Council, Group Secretaries, Tournament Directors and other nominated individuals on a case by case basis can update information. Others only have read access. This generally works but is limited by some responsible members having difficulty uploading and amending data. These cases are normally referred to the Website coordinator or Web Master for action. They are in the minority.

The look and feel will undergo a review over the next few months and hopefully provide more information of interest to Veteran golfers. Barry will be developing a new version which Council members will have a chance to comment on when it is ready to be placed on the test site.

Remember that unlike many golf sites ours is a repository of membership data. This will not change. However, that other side covering events, results, pictures, historical information and general information could be open to changes to encourage wider use.

Two changes have been implemented since our last meeting. First there is now a gender field which will enable us, in time, to know a glance how many females are members. Secondly a year field has replaced the tick to indicate a member's current affiliation. This was implemented with a global change and in the knowledge that some members would be indicated as being financial when fees may not have yet been paid. This should rectify itself over the next year.

Another change under consideration is a picture gallery. Presently most pictures are 'buried'. Also the NEWS area needs to be better utilized to help us get information out to our members.

Current course photos are getting tired and new ones would be more than welcomed. If you have any please pass them to me.

The website continues to be a work in progress.

Stuart Dossetor

Web Coordinator

3 Dec 2018

It was suggested that photos of Shield winners be shown with event results, Co-Ordinator agreed to seek both these & new course pictures for display. Councillors advised of a number of concerns held by Group Secretaries in updating the membership database at start of each new NSWVGA financial year. Co-Ordinator undertook to discuss these with Website manager to facilitate it in future. It was agreed to review the updating at next meeting. Motion to receive report moved Clr. Stuart Dossetor seconded Clr. Gerry Cox – carried.

**Matters of which due notice given:** Nil.

**Matters without notice:** Nil.

**General Business:** Secretary was asked if there was much response to the “grassroots voucher” proposal, response was not much as yet but he would again remind Group Secretaries of the urgency when emailing minutes.

Clr. Peter Taylor was asked to update Councillors attendance roster to Weeks of golf & send to Tournament Directors & Councillors. Clr. Richard Doyle agreed to do Grenfell in addition to Forbes.

Clr. John Dixon asked about NSWVGA Strokeplay championships moving to country areas after expiring of time with Western Sydney & agreed to consult with his club & Tournament Co-Ordinator to consider in framing yearly program.

Suggestion of presentation of Appreciation Certificate to long-serving Group Secretary. Clr. Len Payne advised of the pending retirement of Group 11 Secretary Keith Gibbs after nearly 20 years. It was agreed.

As President is attending Narrabri WOG in April, 2019 he is unable to fly back for planned meeting on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019. After discussion, it was agreed to move that meeting back to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019 for aeroplane timetable & consider other changes at next meeting.

**Meeting** closure & date of next meeting: With no further business, President thanked all Councillors for their work during 2018 & wished all festive greetings & then closed meeting at 1.30 p.m.

**Next Meeting** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.



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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

It was unfortunate that the 2017 Championships at the Gold Coast (Queensland) were disrupted by exceedingly heavy rain.

Players however continued and enjoyed themselves.

The year to date has passed quickly and our new Secretary Ray Gibson has settled into his role carrying on from Graham Manning's retirement.

Ray and myself have had a number of discussions by phone regarding some subjects which we hope will be of interest and betterment to all veterans.

I look forward to the Championships at Port Stephens and wish all participants good golfing.

Barry Rymer

President

# **2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

## **SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **Membership**

Membership remains steady at 32,796  
WAVGA were pleased to advise that Mid West Vets with 150 members have joined the Association.

### **Finance**

The financial status of the Union remains sound with a bank balance of \$11,770 and \$12,000 on term deposit.

### **Championship Liaison Group**

The updated Guidelines for National Championships were forwarded after last AGM.  
A teleconference was held on 16 October with reps from 2017,2018 and 2019 championship hosts taking part (unfortunately the rep from Victoria 2020 had to withdraw on the day but he has been forwarded a summary of discussions)  
The main suggestion from the discussion was that a "levy" of possibly \$1 per member be invested in a fund to cover any possible losses by future organising committees.

### **Bogus emails**

I have been receiving many bogus emails from our National President Barry Rymer.  
He has advised me that he does not use emails so please be warned.

### **Vale**

Unfortunately during the year we were advised of the passing of Joe Smith, Past President of NTVGA.  
Our deepest sympathies go to the family of Joe.

Ray Gibson  
Secretary/Treasurer



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## **AVGU ROLL OF HONOUR 1986-2018**

1986	J Barkell	NSW
1986	J Hart	NSW
1986	E Lusk	NSW
1986	H Macklin-Shaw	SA
1991	H King	NSW
1991	O W Sidwell	NSW
1993	J Seward	WA
1994	M D Ellis	Vic
1994	M E Dale	SA
1995	N Custance	ACT
2008	J D Coady	NSW
2008	R Coulson	NSW
2008	M P Macpherson	Vic
2010	J R Lindwall	ACT
2011	D D Anderson	WA
2012	K Spry	Qld
2016	M Greep	ACT
2017	M Powell	NT
2017	R Farrant	NSW

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## AVGU OFFICE BEARERS AND TROPHY WINNERS 1981-2017

Year	President	Secretary	Champion	Match Play
1981	K King (NSWVGA)	W Sidwell		
1982	K King (NSWVGA)	W Sidwell		
1983	K King (NSWVGA)	W Sidwell		
1984	K King (NSWVGA)	W Sidwell		
1985	I Murtagh (QVGU)	W Sidwell		
1986	I Murtagh (QVGU)	W Sidwell		
1987	V Ellis (VVGA)	W Sidwell		
1988	V Ellis (VVGA)	W Sidwell		
1989	M Dale (SAVGA)	W Sidwell		
1990	M Dale (SAVGA)	W Sidwell	B Cook (Vic)	
1991	M Dale (SAVGA)	W Sidwell	J Jenkins (Vic)	
1992	N Custance (ACTVGA)	V Ellis	J Davis (Vic)	
1993	N Custance (ACTVGA)	V Ellis	J O'Donnell (Qld)	
1994	N Custance (ACTVGA)	V Ellis	E Golding (NSW)	
1995	D Coady (NSWVGA)	R Gardiner	D Grant (Tas)	
1996	D Coady (NSWVGA)	R Coulson	D Grant (Tas)	J Hocken
1997	W Mead (VVGA)	M Macpherson	G Everett (NSW)	I Hickey
1998	C Jones (QVGU)	M Macpherson	R Howe (WA)	G Everett
1999	C Jones (QVGU)	M Macpherson	K Madden (NSW)	G Everett
2000	J Lindwall (ACTVGA)	M Macpherson	D Youens (NSW) K Koop (NSW)	G Everett
2001	J Lindwall (ACTVGA)	M Macpherson	G Everett (NSW)	J McAlister
2002	J Cheney (VVGA)	M Macpherson	C Angel (SA)	R Froebel
2003	J Cheney (VVGA)	M Macpherson	D Grant (Tas)	W Simpson
2004	D Anderson (WAVGA)	M Macpherson	B Miles (Qld)	K McNamara
2005	D Anderson (WAVGA)	M Macpherson	C Angel (NSW)	R Percy
2006	R Jennison (SAVGA)	M Macpherson	P Richardson (NSW)	R Froebel
2007	R Jennison (SAVGA)	M Macpherson	R Froebel (Vic)	G Everett
2008	K Spry (QVGU)	G Manning	R Froebel (Vic)	
2009	K Spry (QVGU)	G Manning	C Angel (NSW)	
2010	M Powell (NTVGA)	G Manning	B Sams (NSW)	
2011	M Powell (NTVGA)	G Manning	S Dodge (Tas)	
2012	M Greep (ACTRVGA)	G Manning	J Ciezki (Vic)	
2013	M Greep (ACTRVGA)	G Manning	J Ciezki (Vic)	
2014	R Farrant (NSWVGA)	G Manning	J Ciezki (Vic)	
2015	R Farrant (NSWVGA)	G Manning	T Harold (NT)	
2016	J Dodd (SAVGA)	G Manning	R Sternberg (SA)	
2017	J Dodd (SAVGA)	G Manning	T Harold (NT)	
2018	B Rymer (QVGU)	R Gibson		

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## PLAYER PARTICIPATION 2013-2018

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ACTRVGA	280	238	M 290 F 24	M 203 F 17	M203 F 17	215 M+F
NSWVGA	14280	14827	M 14284# F 1000#	M 14,014# F 1,400#	15,387 (M + F)	15,665 M+F
NTVGA	258	249	244	199	202	100
QVGU	7062	M 7078 F 1800	M 7567 F 1862	M 7036 F 1723	M 7216 F 1728	M7219 F1823
SAVGA	1591	1591	1536	M 1500 F 62	M 1506 F56	M1256 F119
TVGU	1591	1591	1654	1667	1502	1503
VVGA	4015	3977	3952	3883	3755	3882
WAVGA	992	1002	1059	1059	1027	1014
TOTAL	30138	32441	33472	32,763	32,599	32796

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# **2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

## **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/7/2018**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cash at bank	11,770
Term Deposit	12,000
Cash on hand	44
Total	\$23,814

**LIABILITIES** 0

**TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS** \$23,814

### **AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE AUSTRALIAN VETERAN GOLFERS UNION Inc**

I have audited the financial affairs of the above named association in accordance with Australian auditing standards.

It is my finding that the financial statements comprising the Income and expenditure Statement and the Assets and Liabilities present correctly the financial position of the Australian Veteran Golfers Union Inc as at 31 July 2018, and the results of its operation for the period 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018.

29/8/2018

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Arthur Robert Wilkie

(The original copy signed by Auditor is held on file)

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 JULY 2018

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>31/07/17</u>	<u>Budget to</u> <u>31/07/18</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>31/07/18</u>
	<u>(per Audit)</u>		<u>per Audit</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Capitation Fees	5,570	5640	5640
Interest – Term Deposit	353	300	314
Interest – Bank Account			
Championship Levy (QLD)		1000	1000
Championship Levy (SA)	1,000		
<b>Total</b>	6,923	6940	6954
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Postage	52	30	24
Stationery	0	50	8
Phone/ISP Allowance	150	150	150
Audit Fee	200	200	200
ACT - Registration	41	42	0
ACT – Change to Rules	41		
Perpetual Trophies	76	120	**0
Commemorative Trophies	667	1040	**0
Perpetual Trophies - Postage	32	50	46
President Allowance (QLD)		1500	1500
Secretary Allowance (QLD)	1,500	1500	1500
Secretary Elect Allowance (QLD)		500	500
Secretarial	2,000	2,000	2000
Annual General Meeting	224	236	236
CLG Teleconferencing	220		
<b>Total</b>	5,203	7418	6164
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	1,720	<b>478</b>	790
<b>* National trophies have been ordered but not delivered or paid for at end of year.</b>			

## **Week of Golf Tournaments received to date:**

Coolangatta/Tweed Heads Week of Golf Report 2018

Dates: 6 – 10 August

Tournament Director: Ross Lever

Players: 208 players in the main draw with 52 players in the complementary draw.

Registration: A busy registration afternoon with plenty of activity to keep visitors involved supplemented with plates of “ nibbles” placed throughout the lounge. The warm welcome and conviviality meant many were content to stay around and enjoy the social atmosphere.

Course Condition: The West course, having undergone a complete change of putting surfaces in the past 2 years, provided challenges to all. The River Course was in great condition but the challenging greens and pin positions drew comment from many players.

Weather: Fine, warm with gentle variable winds.

Presentation Nights: These were conducted on Tuesday night’s Barbeque evening for Monday and Tuesday events and Friday night for the remainder of events. The Major raffles were drawn on Tuesday night and was a major point of interest for the evening. The meal was typical barbeque meat and salads and, judging by the number present, the evening is appreciated by the players.

Friday night’s presentation was a more formal affair and approximately 195 guests enjoyed a high quality buffet of Chinese, traditional roasts and seafood. Presentation was once again conducted efficiently under the guidance of Vets Captain, Bob Murdoch.

Summary: This event enjoys on going support from travelling golfers, many of whom have recorded multiple years attendance. It also has the support of the veteran members of the club. A large contingent of over 60 of these members spend many hours on the course raking bunkers, spotting balls, starting the fields and generally making everyone welcome. The friendly atmosphere, hospitality, clockwork like organisation, quality of the courses and mild winter weather make this event one of the most popular of the year. It really is a great experience for Veteran golfers looking for relief from the southern winter.

Ian Vidler

NSWVGA representative.



Yamba Report 2018

Venue: Yamba Golf Club.

Tournament Director: John Daley

Dates: Aug 13 – Aug 17

Number of players: 216 116 men 100 women

Report: This event was played in mild, sunny weather with moderate winds, ideal for golf, on a golf course in wonderful condition given the dry winter months.

Visitors, and the field was mostly such, were welcomed at Sunday's registration where they had many opportunities to purchase tickets for the raffles which ran throughout the week culminating in the MAJOR raffle conducted at the packed Presentation evening held in the club auditorium on Friday.

A feature of this week was the effort to raise funds for drought affected farmers of western NSW. John Daley and his Tournament Committee of three decided to place a collection bucket in the club lounge where tournament action was taking place. It was also on display for further donations at the completion of Friday night's activities where a large sum was collected making a total of almost \$800 for the week. These funds were distributed through the local Quota club, which had no administration fee, who in turn passed the proceeds on to a sister organisation in an area of need. I would like to personally thank all those who contributed to this worthy cause. Congratulations on your efforts and thank you to John and his committee for introducing this initiative.

The Presentation night was a relaxed evening with a "full house" attended by special guests from local Council, some of the many sponsors, Yamba Golf Club and Yamba Veterans Club. Trophies were distributed efficiently given the number of recipients, most of whom were present. The dinner was a two course meal and the staff's effort in serving it to so many diners was outstanding.

Summary. This event has grown, phoenix like, during the stewardship of John Daley and his supportive, active wife, Lee and the remaining committee person. It is one of the most popular events on the NSWVGA calendar and this year had a large waiting list. It is strongly supported by the business community of Yamba who contribute greatly to the Major raffle and major trophies with goods or services from their businesses.

Should you be interested in participating in this event in 2019 I strongly suggest you look for the Nomination Form to appear on a website in December, complete the details and send it in immediately or you may be disappointed and only make the waiting list.

My Congratulations to John and his committee for a wonderful week of golf.

Ian Vidler

President NSWVGA

## **Coffs Harbour Week of Golf report 2018**

Venue: Coffs Harbour Golf Club

Tournament Director: John Plummer

Number of Players: 237 players, 161 men 76 women, from 76 clubs

Report: John Plummer and his active committee should be proud of their efforts in coordinating an event such as this while fitting all players on the 27 hole layout. Playing time for most rounds was a little over 4 ¼ hours and, given the difficulties of some of the putting greens, this was satisfactory to most.

Weather conditions for the week were pleasant with cool mornings, mild days and gentle variable winds. The golf course was in picture perfect condition following a dry winter with a good covering of grass on the fairways and the flatter of the greens, user friendly.

Registration on Sunday was low key giving everyone the opportunity to renew acquaintances and meet new friends. An hospitable atmosphere was evident in the clubhouse with veteran members of Coffs Harbour there to greet players and assist John with the many tasks associated with the event. They also assisted during the week with the checking and processing of cards. Raffle tickets were sold throughout the week in readiness for the raffle draw at Friday night's presentation dinner.

Presentation Dinner on Friday night was attended by approximately 140 diners who enjoyed a high quality two course meal of Main Course and dessert. The evening was MC'd by Andy Grecian, a past President of MNCVGA, who kept the evening moving between courses. A feature of the evening was the special presentation of "visiting golfers' trophies." These were greatly appreciated by the recipients and acknowledged as a "great idea" by visiting golfers. Trophies were allocated within NSWVGA Guidelines. A two piece band provided the opportunity to dance or sing a long to songs of "our times." The evening finished with diners rushing to cars through a welcome, but inopportune, deluge during the first thunderstorm in months.

Summary: This week is a well organised one played on one of the premier golf courses on the North Coast. John, his committee and supporters, including many lady golfers and his wife Noeline, should be proud of their efforts. The event has been going for 35 years and this level of support should guarantee that it continues. The members of NSWVGA and veterans from other states are extremely lucky that Tournament Directors like John Plummer provide the opportunity to play a week such as this. Congratulations.

Ian Vidler

President NSWVGA

## **NSWVGA WEEK OF GOLF REPORT**

**DATES** 27<sup>th</sup> August - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018

**VENUES** South West Rocks , Kempsey, Frederickton.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** Frank Ryan

**WEATHER** Fine first four days turning to very strong winds on Friday.

### **REPORT.**

This report is based on information gained from players, committee and volunteers who participated in the week.

Some comments passed include:

“ the volunteers at all courses were tremendous”.

“ the organisation at each course was tremendous, friendly , helpful .”

“the port supplied on the 11<sup>th</sup> at South West Rocks by the RSL was great.”

I personally found the presentation dinner a very enjoyable experience. Friendly atmosphere, warmly enjoyed by all with the presentation very efficiently handled by TD Frank with speeches kept to a minimum.

It was obvious that the Country Club value the efforts of the week of golf committee and the veterans support of the club throughout the year.

The veterans raised \$400 for the farmers. A winery heard about this and donated a bottle of wine for every \$10 raised. This resulted in 40 bottles donated and then raffled to provide extra money for the farmers. This is ongoing and appears to be snowballing.

In summary, Frank Ryan and his committee are to be congratulated on a well organised and run tournament. They provided Visitor trophies that was well received and all indications are numbers for next year will at least be maintained if not increased.

John Daley  
Councillor  
NSWVGA.

## **PORT MACQUARIE 2 Day Veterans Tournament – REPORT**

Mon 3 Sept – Tues 4 Sept 2018.

**Tournament Director:** John Tracey

**Weather:** Partly cloudy, mild, some rain on Day 1.

**Course:** The course was in good condition, greens quite firm and quick. Club Championships had commenced on the prior Saturday and their annual 2 day Pro-Am due the following week.

The format for both days was both am and pm shotgun starts. Morning fields were about two thirds the afternoon fields with consequent 5+ hours afternoon playing time. Starting groups and tees were unchanged each day.

This was TD John Tracey's first tournament which, I think was successful. He had a band of helpers which kept everything running. Congratulations to the team.

The Presentation was held on Tuesday evening which meant quite a delay after the end of play till results became available.

Fields on both days were about 210 players with a total of 220 registrations. There were 130 visitors and 90 locals. 80 had not played the Port Macquarie tournament in the past two years. Of the total entries there were 158 men and 72 ladies. There were 62 Clubs represented. The Welcome evening on Sunday attracted 110 people.

About half the visitors came from Central Coast Clubs and Hawks Nest.

Winners of the NSWVGA Trophies were Bob Millington and Lorraine Hillier, both from Port Macquarie.

I found the two days very enjoyable and intend to return next year.

Lance Fredericks  
Councillor, NSWVGA

## **NSWVGA WEEK OF GOLF REPORT**

**DATES** 17<sup>th</sup> September - 21<sup>st</sup> September

**VENUE** Dubbo

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** John Dixon

**GOLF CLUB REPRESENTATION** 56 Clubs Represented

**WEATHER** Cool mornings and fine days

### **REPORT**

Dubbo , once again presented a memorable week of golf .

One hundred men and sixty ladies played the week on a course that can only be described as remarkable. Although preferred lies were in place the course has defied the drought thanks largely to the Course Superintendent and his staff and the work they put in.

John Dixon and his committee are to be congratulated for the week, along with the volunteers who spotted , prepared morning teas and acted as starters for the week.

This year the format changed with the Thursday night dinner dispensed with and a presentation luncheon provided on the Friday. The idea behind this was to have more trophy winners present to receive their trophies from the sponsors who also attended the luncheon.

Also at the presentations were trophies for the best placed visitors both mens and ladies for a substantial amount thanks to the generous sponsors of the Dubbo Week of Golf.

A great week, great venue and great people. We should all make the trip over the mountains and taste the western hospitality of country NSW.

John Daley  
Councillor,  
NSWVGA

## **MUDGEES VETERANS ANNUAL TOURNAMENT 2018 REPORT**

Mudgee Veterans Week of Golf was held from the 10th to the 14th September 2018 and once again proved to be Mudgee Golf Club's biggest week of golf for the year. Perfect weather conditions prevailed for the entire week adding to a very enjoyable week on a course in excellent condition despite the drought.

Entries were received from 178 visiting players from over 65 clubs who were joined by 8 locals in the field. This was down a little from past years but still a very healthy field.

Councillor John Daley was again a welcome visitor and presented the NSW Veterans Trophy for Men to Brian Tinker (Gold Coast) who took the honours from Peter Inskip (Hawks Nest) on a count back from Mick Spain (Camden). John also presented the NSW Veterans Trophy for Ladies to Carolyn Isaacs (Castle Cove) with the runner up being Shirley Smith (Kogarah) on a countback from Narelle Selig (also from Kogarah).

In the 54 Hole Event for Men the A Grade winner was Barry Hadaway (Mudgee), the B Grade winner was Alan Melnik (Everglades) and the C Grade winner was Mick Spain (Camden) who also won the major award - the Col Matthews Trophy. The Ladies A Grade winner was Trish Jones (Mudgee), the B Grade winner was Laurel Mitchell-Funnell (Belmont) and C Grade was won by Narelle Selig from Kogarah.

A very enjoyable dinner was attended by over 200 players and guests on the Thursday night at which former NSW Vets Councillor Col Darley presented Trish Jones of Mudgee with a Certificate of Appreciation from the NSW Veterans Golfers Association for outstanding service to golf and the week of golf in Mudgee over many years; Col also presented Trish with a great caricature that he very artfully prepared for the occasion.

The 4BBB medley on Friday was the culmination of a very enjoyable week for all concerned and was won by Eric and Penny Hudson (Leeton) from Bruce Bell and Trish Jones (Mudgee) and Peter and Diann Nummy (Hawks Nest).

Highlights of the week included two shots that will be always remembered by Warren Fraser from The Grange and by Maureen Butler from Wollongong with both players hitting the perfect shot on our Par 3 4th. We have had only one ace in the past 10 years so two in one week was very exciting.

Mudgee Vets thanks all those who supported our tournament this year and would love to see everyone back in Mudgee next year on 9th to 13th September 2019 to help celebrate a special milestone for Mudgee - Our 20th year of Week of Golf Tournaments.

David Halpin and Marcia Box - Mudgee Veterans Committee

**John Daley**

**Councillor**

## **NSWVGA WEEK OF GOLF REPORT**

**DATES** 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### **VENUE**

Narromine Golf Club, Narromine

### **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

Norm Lewis and Bruce Mitchell as a stand in.

### **GOLF CLUB REPRESENTATION**

14 Clubs

### **WEATHER**

Sunny, biting 35-45kpm SW winds on Saturday and 20-30 km NE winds on the Sunday.

### **REPORT**

There were 58 hardy golfers who hit off in the NSWVGA 4ball sand green championships at Narromine on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The weather, while not bitterly cold was enough to see most golfers don their winter clothes for the weekend. The organisation of the event was first class with a welcome breakfast each morning and a great lunch on completion each day's round.

Norm Lewis and his small band of helpers provided a great atmosphere for the weekend and are to be congratulated. While Norm couldn't be there for the actual weekend his stand in, Bruce, did a great job.

The hospitality shown to the visitors was typical of the towns west of the ranges, as was shown at Mudgee the previous week and at Dubbo this week.

The scores returned were outstanding considering the weather.

The 4ball nett winners were Allan Bransdon from Russelvale and Michael Sykes from Manilla with 94 points.

The scratch winners were John Bernasconi and Jim MacDonald from Dubbo with 73 scratch points.

This event is one all should strive to play in because of the great value for money, the camaraderie and the friendships made.

John Daley  
Councillor  
NSWVGA

## **NSWVGA WEEK OF GOLF REPORT**

**DATES** 24<sup>th</sup> September - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**VENUE** Broken Hill Country Club (Emu Gully Golf Club)

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** Denis Martin

**GOLF CLUB REPRESENTATION** 23 Clubs Represented

**WEATHER** Fine with gusty winds

### **REPORT**

There were 56 starters at this week of golf . Tournament Director Denis Martin indicated his disappointment at these numbers but as he indicated it wasn't through lack of promotion . The usual numbers from Redcliffs and Tathra weren't there this year but indicated their intention to return next year.

The organising of the event was first class with plenty of sponsorship to back the week. The Democratic Club and it's management support this event in many ways including the set up at the Dinner on Thursday night.

The veterans of Broken Hill donated a light meal after each days play which was appreciated by all.

This week was enjoyed by all those attending, the hospitality was first class with the hosts ensuring that those who attended were made to feel welcome.

It is hoped that next year the numbers will increase and the “TAGALONG TOUR” which brought 12 people to this event will once again bring more veteran golfers to this and other events in Western NSW.

John Daley  
Councillor  
NSWVGA



## **SAPPHIRE CITY VETERANS WEEK OF GOLF INVERELL 2018**

Two rounds of golf were played in sunny spring weather and two with threatening skies from October 1<sup>st</sup> until October 5<sup>th</sup>. A field of 100 visiting and local golfers representing 30 clubs enjoyed a very friendly week. Scores on each day were relatively high due to the course being drought affected. The greens were in great condition but slower than normal but preferred lies evened out play.

Jim Shadlow, Tournament Director.

### **Central Coast (Brisbane Water) Trial Week of Golf 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018**

Venues: Kooindah Waters, Wyong, Toukley & Everglades.

Tournament Director: Steve Marsh.

Players: 66 (48 men, 18 women) with total of 31 visitors:

Presentation: 2- course Luncheon after play at Everglades .

Weather: First two days (Kooindah & Wyong) great, sunny. Thursday late showers at Toukley & Friday, fair amount of rain at Everglades.

Presentation of Trophies: Good sponsorship enabled good run-down of prizes.

Comment: This being the first 4- day tournament held here for about 25 years, the T/Dir. & Group 6 members worked very hard to ensure its success.

Congratulations to them for their first effort.

Courses were in excellent condition & players greatly enjoyed the golf & camaraderie.

The presentation of prizes was slightly overlong & one glitch was noted, but we are assured that next year's tournament will seek to remedy this.

A great week of golf at excellent venues, this tournament should be on everyone's must-play list.

Len Payne, Councillor NSWVGA

## **Port Stephens Week of golf Report**

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct to Fri 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Venues : Pacific Dunes (Mon),Horizons(Tues) Nelson Bay (Thurs) Tanilba Bay ( Fri).

All courses were presented in very good condition , with the AVGU Championships here in November.

Weather : Fine & warm each day.

Players: 152 comprising 82 men & 70 ladies with 66 clubs represented.

The presentation dinner on the Thursday night (25<sup>th</sup>) was well attended , with speeches & presentations conducted swiftly, a highlight was the attendance of the Mayor of Pt. Stephens & his commitment to continued sponsorship. The meal was an excellent two course one , with dance music also provided.

Summary: This tournament continues to grow & with quality venues & excellent weather is a must for travelling veteran golfers. Congratulations to Tournament Director Reg McGee & his team who do an excellent job to ensure the tournament was smoothly run.

Len Payne, NSWVGA Representative.

## **Southern Highlands 2018 Veterans Week of Golf Tournament**

Dates: November 12<sup>th</sup> to November 16<sup>th</sup>, with registration Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> with BBQ.

Venues: Highlands, Bowral , Gibraltar & Moss Vale golf courses. All courses were presented in very good condition, considering the drought-like conditions previously experienced .

Players : 196 , 124 men & 72 women with a number of interstate players as well as NSW veteran golfers. Whilst the number was very slightly down , this was to be expected as this tournament clashed with the AVGU Championships in Pt. Stephens.

Presentations : As all minor prizes were present next day for winners, only the NSWVGA Shields were presented on the night at the excellent 2-course dinner & dance at the Highlands golf club with 135 in attendance. M.C Mike Bolton, the tournament manager did an excellent job.

Summary: This is an excellent & very popular tournament, which is well-conducted as evidenced by the number of repeat players (one stating this was his 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive attendance).For this, Tournament Director John Bowes, ably supported by the eager team of men & women who assisted each day are to be thanked & congratulated . This tournament should be on every veteran golfers' "bucket list'.

Len Payne, NSWVGA Representative

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## **NSW VGA Venue Report – Young - 2018**

**Tournament Director: Bill Kearney**

**NSW Representatives: Richard Doyle [Vice President]**

This was my first visit to the Young Week-of-Golf [shamefaced to say] and it is now on my permanent calendar. This is a very well run tournament and the hospitality is second to none. And the Golf Course, has beautifully grassed Fairways from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> with excellent Greens all the way. This Course has real character with no two holes the same, and we veterans got to play every club in the bag, up and down the hills, with their magnificent views over the town and countryside.

165 veterans [94 men and 71 ladies] from over 50 Clubs enjoyed the challenges of Young Golf Course which varied from great weather on Monday and Tuesday, heavy rain Wednesday night, light rain Thursday morning, clearing to strong winds and to reveal the great western dust storm. Friday was overcast with some light showers towards evening.

Young Golf Club offered hospitality all the way from Sunday afternoon drinks, nibbles and cherries, instructions for the week [preferred lies everywhere to avoid confusion] and a Boutique Fashion Parade; a couple or so old blokes had to be restrained. Cherries, cheese and crackers awaited players as they came off the Course each day and the Dinner on Friday night was just scrumptious. A couple of short items of entertainment, short speeches and a wide spread of prizes across the field of players, made for an excellent Presentation evening. The Dinner draw for 2 kg boxes of cherries seem to go on forever with many luck participants taking home a share.

The team behind Bill Kearney did an excellent job of making people feel welcome and ensuring play proceeded smoothly. Thank you ladies and gentlemen for a wonderful Week-of-Golf

One final note: Young is a town of considerable architecture and history with excellent shopping facilities; it is well worth the visit, including the Cherry farms and the Wombat pub.

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