

Veterans Week of Golf Report

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Veterans Week of Golf Deniliquin Golf Club

2020 has proven to be a very difficult year, however we were committed to the VWOG & continued our planning throughout the year with the knowledge that the situation may have changed at any given time. With COVID restrictions in place the week went ahead successfully.

We had visitors from Aberdeen, Bellina, Bermagui, Beverly Park, Breakers, Callala, Callaway, Casino, Catalina, Cootamundra, Gosford, Deep Creek, Grenfell, Howlong, Kew, Kooindah Waters, Leeton, Mollymook Hilltop, Murwillumbah, Muswellbrook, Nambucca Heads, Nelson Bay, Nowra, Pakenham, Port Macquarie, Rich River, St George's Basin, Shellybeach, Sawtell, Sussex Inlet, Tathra, The Grange, The Ridge, Wyong & Yamba, 36 clubs!

We kicked off the week with registration on Sunday afternoon followed by the book launch which was well attended. Many who attended the week purchased a book which was written by Noel Hayes & dedicated to Ian Snedden, the proceeds of the book sales go to a very worthy cause, MND research. We would also like to thank Noel for his generous donation of a set of golf clubs that we used as first prize in the raffle, Peter Seely and the club donated second and third prizes.

Our VWOG continues to grow. We had large fields, which was changed from a shotgun start to tee times, with COVID restrictions we felt it was necessary to avoid the mass gatherings that shotgun starts create. Over the week we saw a total of 545 rounds played. Monday's 4B event attracted 156 players, Tuesday and Thursday were well supported with 139 & 143 players. Friday was our smallest field with a total of 107 players. Friday's play was followed by a presentation of the days event and the important NSWVGA trophy, we were pleased to see a lot of the players remained in the clubhouse or returned to be a part of this important

presentation. The week saw more ladies playing rounds than men, Friday being the exception with 58 men and 49 ladies. Thank you to Terry Howe, his staff and numerous volunteers who always present our course in such great condition.

We had a great night at the presentation dinner on the Thursday night with 102 people attending & Peter Seely providing a delicious baked dinner,. Thanks to Peter, Kathy Simpson and their helpers for the meal and organisation of the seating, once again we had a number of COVID restrictions which had to be adhered to.

As numbers continue to grow for the VWOG we will need to look at other formats to accomodate the players. In 2021 we will be having a one tee start commencing at 7.30, this will allow for the larger fields with no hold ups at the turn. We will send out a new updated entry form shortly stating this and giving players a choice of preferred tee times. The committee will endeavour to accommodate preferred tee times & preferences. As we move forward and begin preparing for 2021 we will consider all options and keep all informed of our decisions.

Such events are not run successfully without a lot of help a huge thank you to the VWOG Committee Ann Bull, John Radeski, Norm Purtill , Dick and Esther Bolton for all the work they did. To all the volunteers who helped with spotting, cart management and field calling. All our volunteers are always at the ready to assist in anyway they can.

We look forward to 2021,

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