

Minutes Of NSWVGA Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday 14th August 2024 via Zoom

Commencing at 9.00 am

Meeting Opened at 9.12am

Attendees: Pres John Daley, Vice Pres John Dixon, Vice Pres Robert Trembath, Clr Gary King, Clr Aileen Williams, Clr Peter Guy, Clr Peter Taylor, Clr Jim Shadlow, Clr Penny Hudson, Clr Charlie Swyer, Clr Catherine Pautsch, Clr Steve Mitchell,

Apologies: Nil

Obituaries: Brian Turrell Dubbo Vets, Ken Ashworth Rich River Vets

Minutes of previous NSWVGA Executive meeting Wednesday 19th June, as previously circulated.

Clr Steve Mitchell moved to adopt the previous minutes as previously circulated

Seconded Clr Gary King- carried

Business Arising: This will be covered in general business

Correspondence In:

19.06.24 Email received from Howlong golf club notifying cancellation of Corowa for WOG

22.06.24 Invoice received from Kogarah golf club

24.06.24 Email received from SA Vets checking NSWVGA entrants' financial status

28.06.24 Email received from Richard Doyle-Grass roots program

03.07.24 Email received from Betty Ritchie confirmation of dated for 2025

17.07.24 Email received from Emerald Downs golf club notification of payment for members

19.07.24 Email received from Colin Thorniley copy of Contract for Championships 2027

19.07.24 Request received from Colin Thorniley delegate details attending the AVGU -AGM and following year

21.07.24 Request received from Colin Thorniley of members numbers of NSWVGA

21.07.24 Reply email received from Colin Thorniley advising that the AVGU Inc registered in Western Australia

Correspondence Out:

30.6.24 Email sent to group secretaries advising Steve Mitchell Program Coordinator

03.06.24 Sympathy card sent to Jim Shadlow

19.07.24 Copy of AVGU Contract Championships 2027 sent to Steve Wicks Group 3 as well as Richard Farrant

19.7.24 Reply email sent to Colin Thorniley advising of delegate for NSWVGA and advising as the delegate will not be attending the AGM the secretary of NSWVGA will attend.

21.07.24 Email sent to Colin Thorniley request progress report on the name and registration in Western Australia of the AVGU

21.07.24 Reply email received from Stev Wicks advising that he will complete the contract for the AVGU Championships and get back to us

21.07.24 Membership numbers of NSWVGA sent to Colin Thorniley

21.07.24 Email sent to Colin Thorniley requesting update on the registration of the AVGU in Western Australia

27.07.24 Email sent to Colin Thorniley informing him again of delegate correct email and phone number

30.07.24 Notification of member payment for Emerald Downs

Clr John Dixon moved on motion to adopt the correspondence Seconded Clr Gary King

REPORTS:

Presidents Report August NSWVGA

Firstly, to Jim and Di Shadlow on the loss of their grandson, may I pass on from NSWVGA our deepest sympathy. Thank you to Aileen who sent flowers on behalf of NSWVGA.

Since our last Board meetings things have been a bit quiet.

I have had the chance to visit and play weeks of golf and catch up with veterans over the last two months and it is good to see many familiar faces and meet new members playing vets golf for the first time.

Both Moree and Narrabri had disappointing numbers and I don't think it has anything to do with a change in the schedule. When you see how successful events such as Inverell and Glen Innis were and the numbers that attended there, but they have to be enticed to the events by advertising, attending other weeks and in general promoting the event. It won't just happen. Our role in this is communicating with the Tournament Director and assisting him/her in any way possible but it is not our job to run the event.

Maclean and Ballina ran very successful weeks with both having new Tournament Directors who are to be congratulated on their outstanding achievements.

On another front , Registrations at weeks of golf need to be streamlined. No two councillors operate the same way, and this has led to embarrassing moments when checking memberships.

I have spoken to councillors who have attended registrations this year to ascertain the roadblocks in the system. They are many and varied . With the help of these councillors a new process has been developed that will be discussed as an agenda item at the Zoom meeting on 14th August.

Since the last Board meeting Councillor Jim Shadlow has been working on a new Affiliation Structure for our weeks of golf. This has been sent to all along with some changes and modifications submitted from Councillor Rob Trembath. This is also an agenda item at the next Zoom meeting.

Policy No7 has caused some angst. Council Peter Guy has submitted a detailed summary of how he interprets the policy but the policy in no way reflects what we are trying to achieve here or what Peter has outlined.

It is a given that no two groups operate the same way when paying affiliation fees because of their financial year. It is my view we should not try to change this but work in with the Groups with this proviso:

All groups know the financial year of the clubs within their Group. Whether it be February, June, July September or October. The group Secretary sends an invoice to that club at the appropriate time with his list of current members asking the secretary to update this list and send him the affiliation fees for his club. He gives the secretary a month to comply after which time his club members will be deemed to be unfinancial. Some may feel this is a bit harsh, but it works.

The Group Secretary then updates the members register and forwards the affiliation fees to the NSWVGA Treasurer. This means that the Group Secretary updates as he gets the Clubs affiliation fee. This is a continuous process

This is what Policy No 7 should reflect and not extended affiliations after certain dates.

The information being gathered for councillor Charlie Swyer is going well. All representing NSWVGA at Weeks of Golf are collecting the relevant information and forwarding it on.

On a more disturbing note, I have noticed that some Tournament Directors are not following Policy No2 and in particular the distribution of trophies. This specific area has been outlined in bold letters for a reason in the policy and that is to ensure a greater

distribution of trophies amongst the attending players.

The Councillor attending the week should ensure the Tournament Director is aware of the policy and that he intends to follow it. The Sunday registration would be a good time or even earlier when obtaining a list of players.

Councillor Peter Taylor is still looking for councillors to attend some weeks of golf. They are in the mid North Coast area. Will you please contact Peter to help out.

On the AVGU front , the AVGU has sent an Agreement Document for signing. When you read the Agreement, point 10 outlines who can play in the AVGU Championship which includes partners under 55.

South Australia have indicated to AVGU that they are not happy with this and have moved to have this changed to show that all players must be a member of a veterans group. It has been pointed out that this was included in the early days of the event to bolster numbers.

This point must be removed from the Agreement to reflect current times. With this in mind , with the agreement of the NSWVGA our representative at the AVGU AGM will move such a motion .

John Daley

President

NSWVGA

Clr John Daley moved on motion to adopt the President report Seconded Clr Peter Taylor - carried

Treasurer's Report to Executive Council – Meeting 14 August 2024

Update on matters for follow up June EC Zoom – File sharing. In conjunction with Peter Guy and Catherine Pautsch offerings for the sharing and archiving of files have been investigated. Zoom meeting held 10 August with Peter Guy and Catherine Pautsch. Peter spoke of the need to differentiate between file sharing and file archiving as well as the need to establish protocols for each of these functions. Peter also spoke to the need to ensure that there were sufficient people offering backup for active documents and the access rights to be appropriate to ensure uninterrupted operations of the NSWVGA. Peter also stated that naming conventions should be established to ensure a consistent approach to the file hierarchy to help future users identify appropriate file path and locations. Catherine provided overview of her observations of Microsoft 365 on the Family package as used by a friend in the small business operation. Catherine spoke to Storage Capacity and File Sharing capabilities. As a Microsoft 365 user I shared a link to a file during the Zoom meeting to confirm file sharing capabilities of Microsoft 365. During the meeting it was agreed that, after confirming with President we would acquire up to two Family Packages at a cost of \$139 p.a. each which offered sufficient storage and functionality to meet NSWVGA needs. Earlier in the meeting Peter Guy had suggested we also investigate not for profit offerings by Microsoft. Following the meeting I contacted Microsoft sales team and was referred to appropriate web page outlining offers to not for profits. In testing eligibility for what may be a free package, I have since undertaken a Self-Assessment on behalf of the NSWVGA as to the Tax-Exempt Status for ATO purposes as this is one of several criteria for the Microsoft offering. I will table the self-assessment separately in the upcoming EC meeting of 10 August. Note that this also requires lodgements with the ATO which I will try to confirm in coming days, prior to the EC meeting. From 1 July 2023, non-charitable NFPs with an active Australian business number (ABN) self-assessing as income tax exempt need to lodge an annual NFP self-review return. There has been difficulty in updating NSWVGA ABN details, despite efforts by Aileen to date. John Daley, Aileen, and I are working

through requirements to ensure our obligations with the ATO in this regard are met. I have also initiated application for Grants Program (free access to Microsoft 365 Basic package which is sufficient for NSWVGA needs). I expect to hear back on this in the next 10 business days.

Grass Roots Program

As at 11/8/2024 a total of \$5,175 has been paid with the last claim being paid on 30 June. This is just \$1,650 up from last reported figure of \$3,550 at the last EC.

Councillors will recall the total Grass Roots payout was expected to be \$7,750 across the 30 Groups and 12 Affiliated clubs with paid up members. I do not propose to follow up with respective Group Secretaries but would recommend a final reminder be included in next Group Secretaries Newsletter to the effect that closing date for applications be made by 30 September in line with NSWVGA Financial Year.

As previously advised the tracking individual club level payments and Members register details is a huge challenge which would need to be addressed if future Grass Roots payments are to be similarly structured.

In several cases the Grass Roots funding have been applied at a nominated Veterans competition with recognition of sponsorship by NSWVGA, this has been by no means a consistent approach with follow up several groups required as to application of funds.

Week of Golf Payments

Emails sent to Tournament Directors up to Broken Hill Week of Golf in late September to early October. One exception has been the Dubbo event with John Dixon, as he and I have been involved in several discussions and agreement of funding subject to final numbers.

Finance Committee

There was no finance committee meeting held since last EC meeting due to limited activity in terms of Weeks of Golf or other finance matters other than business as usual in collecting affiliation fees, reimbursing councillor expenses and payment of Week of Golf sponsorships.

Members Register Committee

Members Register committee meetings to re-commence in September with the benefit of a full rolling twelve months of financial and MR activity data. It is hoped this will provide a better view of any discrepancies across groups.

Financials to end July

Financials in the customary format follow, happy to address any questions arising.

Current YTD compared to Previous YTD reveals total Affiliation Fee income is down approximately \$4K on previous ytd. Total expenses are up by \$7.3K with Grass Roots payments and increased

WOG Travel Subsidies offset by timing differences in Championship Sponsorship Payments and Week of Golf Sponsorships.

Of course, the combination of decreased income and increase expenditure results in a Year-on-Year reduction in Total Cash at Bank. Nonetheless the Association remains in a sound financial position with ample liquidity to meet all foreseeable financial obligations as and when due.

New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association

YTD FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1-Oct-23 to 31-Jul-24

PAYMENTS	69,401.97	OPENING BALANCE as at 1.10.2023	91,248.52
		As per Audit Certificate	
BANK BALANCE	101,459.30		
as detailed below		INCOME	79,612.75
TOTALS	170,861.27		170,861.27
BALANCE AS PER BANK STATEMENT ATTACHED AS AT:-			
		31/07/2024 CBA	18,312.28
LESS O/S (CHEQUES) / DEPOSITS		31/07/2024 Bendigo	61,512.03
		Bendigo Bank Term Deposit matures 12/2/2025 Rate 4.75%	21,634.99
ACTUAL BANK BALANCE			101,459.30

ASSET REGISTER

Purchased March 2023	Microsoft Office Home & Student 2021POSA	S/N100009	128.24
Purchased Nov 23	HP Laptop S/N 5CD312QFBW		1,574.00

EXPENSES			INCOME		
DESCRIPTION	YTD 2024	2023 year	DESCRIPTION	YTD 2024	2023 year
Administration Fees	1,135.00	4,145.12	Affiliation Fees	74,675.00	83,269.00
Affiliation fees	2,500.00	2,500.00	WOG Player Rego Fees	1,630.00	2,058.00
Audit Fees	352.00	330.00	Interest	1,751.75	238.82
Donations	-		Sponsorship	800.00	1,000.00
Insurances	12,869.84	12,163.87	Administration Income	-	
Postage Print & Stat	529.87	641.42	Unidentified Deposits	85.00	26.00
Sponsorship	3,900.00	8,440.00	Book Sales	-	
Vouchers	15,180.00	18,640.00	Sale of Vouchers	-	370.00
Trav Exes Meetings	7,156.36	6,937.17	Journal	671.00	396.00
Miscellaneous Travel Exes	-	579.78	Insurance Contribution	-	207.90
Trophies, Shields & Pres Folders	3,751.75	3,254.07			
Website	3,782.60	6,875.00			
Grassroots 2024 Acct code 10	5,175.00				
Grants	-				
WOG Travel Subsidy	10,045.75	6,300.00	TOTAL INCOME	79,612.75	87,565.72
Honorariums	-	2,700.00			
Meetings Lunch & Cabs	778.80	557.06			
HP Laptop	1,574.00				
Journal	671.00	396.00			
TOTAL PAYMENTS	69,401.97	74,459.49			

Bank Statements Attached		
	CBA	18,312.28
	Bendigo	61,512.03
		79,824.31

New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association							
Details of year to date Income & expenses							
		1/10/2023	to	31/07/2024			
PAYMENTS				INCOME			
DESCRIPTION		YTD	Prev YTD	DESCRIPTION	YTD	Prev YTD	
Administration fees		1,135.00	2,480.33	Affiliation Fees Group 1	305.00	250.00	
Affiliation Fees		2,500.00	2,500.00	Affiliation Fees Group 2	7,265.00	6,765.00	
Audit Fees		352.00	330.00	Affiliation Fees Group 3	8,290.00	7,405.00	
Donations		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 4	4,175.00	4,750.00	
Insurances		12,869.84	12,163.87	Affiliation Fees Group 5	-	-	
Postage Printing & Stationery		529.87	573.62	Affiliation Fees Group 6	2,080.00	2,115.00	
Sponsorship		3,900.00	5,140.00	Affiliation Fees Group 7	3,315.00	3,450.00	
Vouchers		15,180.00	15,710.00	Affiliation Fees Group 8	925.00	1,135.00	
		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 9	2,470.00	2,950.00	
Misc Travel		-	579.78	Affiliation Fees Group 10	1,040.00	1,115.00	
		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 11	2,750.00	3,120.00	
Council Meeting Tx Swyer	Swyer	-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 12	4,005.00	5,314.00	
Council Meeting Tx Daley	Daley	928.95	823.46	Affiliation Fees Group 13	1,145.00	1,675.00	
Council Meeting Tx Knox	Knox	85.48	170.84	Affiliation Fees Group 14	10,505.00	11,075.00	
Council Meeting Tx Williams	Williams	879.27	896.95	Affiliation Fees Group 15	3,250.00	2,560.00	
Council Meeting Tx King	King	875.30	1,444.71	Affiliation Fees Group 16	2,380.00	4,485.00	
Council Meeting Tx Trembath	Trembath	1,176.50	552.77	Affiliation Fees Group 17	480.00	325.00	
Council Meeting Tx Mitchell	Mitchell	-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 18	265.00	415.00	
Council Meeting Tx Taylor	Taylor	308.10	324.02	Affiliation Fees Group 19	275.00	-	
Council Meeting Tx Guy	Guy	-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 20	2,365.00	2,605.00	
Council Meeting Tx Hudson	Hudson	1,143.13	573.54	Affiliation Fees Group 21	785.00	805.00	
Council Meeting Tx Shadlow	Shadlow	809.25	1,382.00	Affiliation Fees Group 22	925.00	865.00	
Council Meeting Tx Dixon	Dixon	950.38	768.88	Affiliation Fees Group 23	2,670.00	2,370.00	
Council Meeting Tx Former Councillors		-	-	NO Group 24	-	-	
Council Meeting Tx TOTAL	TOTAL	7,156.36	6,937.17	Affiliation Fees Group 25	130.00	415.00	
		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 26	815.00	965.00	
Trophies Shields & Presentation Folders		3,751.75	3,254.07	Affiliation Fees Group 27	2,705.00	2,890.00	
Website		3,782.60	6,875.00	Affiliation Fees Group 28	1,085.00	1,080.00	
		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 29	2,280.00	2,155.00	
Grassroots 2024		5,175.00	-	Affiliation Fees Group 30	1,135.00	1,075.00	
		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 31	1,020.00	900.00	
Grants for Cancelled WOG		-	-	No Group 32	-	-	
Honorariums		-	-	Affiliation Fees Group 33	245.00	235.00	
		-	-		-	-	
		-	-	Directly Affiliated Clubs	3,595.00	3,380.00	
		-	-	Affiliation Fees TOTAL	74,675.00	78,644.00	
		-	-				
WOG Travel Subsidy Swyer	Swyer	-	-	WOG Player Registration Fees			
WOG Travel Subsidy Daley	Daley	600.00	1,000.00	Deniliquin	-	196.00	
WOG Travel Subsidy Knox	Knox	300.00	-	Dubbo	-	272.00	
WOG Travel Subsidy Williams	Williams	3,200.00	1,400.00	Great lakes	-	-	
WOG Travel Subsidy King	King	-	-	Kew	-	-	
WOG Travel Subsidy Trembath	Trembath	-	200.00	Leeton	-	136.00	
WOG Travel Subsidy Mitchell	Mitchell	300.00	-	Manning Valley	-	82.00	
WOG Travel Subsidy Taylor	Taylor	1,877.15	1,100.00	Port Stephens	-	270.00	
WOG Travel Subsidy Guy	Guy	-	-	Seaside Valley Kiama	-	228.00	
WOG Travel Subsidy Hudson	Hudson	1,400.00	200.00	Silver City	-	156.00	
WOG Travel Subsidy Shadlow	Shadlow	2,368.60	600.00	Southern highlands	-	238.00	
WOG Travel Subsidy Dixon	Dixon	-	200.00	Tenterfield	-	246.00	
WOG Travel Subsidy Former Councillors		-	-	Griffith	-	-	
WOG Travel Subsidy TOTAL	TOTAL	10,045.75	4,700.00	Young WOG	-	234.00	
		-	-	WoG Sign ups	1,630.00	2,345.00	
Meetings Lunch & Cabs		778.80	557.06				
HP Laptop		1,574.00		WOG Player Registration Fees TOTAL	1,630.00	4,403.00	
Journal		671.00	396.00				
TOTAL PAYMENTS		69,401.97	62,196.90	Interest	1,751.75	204.81	
		-	-	Sponsorship	800.00	-	
		-	-	Administration Income	-	-	
		-	-	Unidentified Deposits	85.00	26.00	
		-	-	Book Sales	-	-	
		-	-	Journal	671.00	396.00	
		-	-	Sale of Vouchers	-	370.00	
		-	-	Insurance Contribution	-	207.90	
		-	-	TOTAL INCOME	79,612.75	84,251.71	

THE NSW VETERAN GOLFERS' ASSOC INC
UNIT 461 7 HALCYON DR
PIMPAMA QLD Australia 4209

11 August 2024

Dear THE NSW VETERAN GOLFERS' ASSOC INC,
Here's your account information and a list of transactions from 30/07/24-31/07/24.

Account name

THE NSW VETERAN GOLFERS' ASSOC INC

3SB

062234

Account number

28002400

Account type

Cheque A/c

Date opened

28/07/1995

Date	Transaction details	Amount	Balance
31 Jul 2024	<div></div>	\$5.00	\$18,292.28
31 Jul 2024	<div></div>	\$20.00	\$18,312.28



GARY ROGER KING



NSWVGA

Account title THE NEW SOUTH WALES
VETERAN GOLFERS'
BSB 633 000
Account number 187503008
Account opening date October 29, 2021

Proof of Account

Bendigo Bank is pleased to confirm your account details and the following transactions:



Transactions from 30/07/2024 - 31/07/2024

This Proof of Account was generated by Bendigo e-banking on August 11, 2024 at 04:08pm

Date	Transaction	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
July 30, 2024	CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE	-\$300.00		\$61,512.03
July 30, 2024	CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE	-\$300.00		\$61,812.03

To comply with our tax requirements for 2024 Clr Gary King would like to complete the following forms. Which will allow him to determining our Tax-Exempt Status

Working your club's income status ("Nat73773-02.2017")

Also updating our ABN contact details for the tax office

Clr John Dixon moved on motion, the treasurer is to complete the above form and update our ABN contacts for the tax office. Seconded Clr Charlie Swyer- carried

Clr Gary King when he has completed the income status form, he will then send a scanned copy to the secretary for her records. The Updating the contact details for our ABN details form will be sent to Clr John Daley for signing so that the treasurer can them communicate with the tax office on our behalf.

Clr Gary King moved on motion to adopt the treasurer report Seconded Clr Catherine Pautsch-carried

WEB MASTER REPORT: NSWVGA TECHNICAL REPORT – AUG 24

Membership Register take up

New users seem generally to be able to start using the system without any support, and there have been several new users who have done Bulk transactions.

There have still not been any transactions from Cumberland, which is currently shown as a Directly Affiliated Club.

I suggest that someone should try and contact them to see if it should still be a DAC. If it is not active as a DAC, we should change its status and update our website.

The most common data problem being experienced is incorrect GolfLink numbers brought over from the old register – these are progressively being resolved as they are identified.

When a user finds a GL number that needs to be changed for any reason or deleted, they should send all the relevant details to webmaster@nswvga.com.au

The Q&A document is still in preparation. It will cover the areas that are giving rise to questions (membership validity, affiliation groups, changing GL numbers). When I've finished it, we can distribute it to all users and subsequently make it available for download from the Register website.

Membership Register development

There has been no progress in developing the new functions since my last report – I am still in discussions on what is the best way to proceed, taking account both costs and providing a good basis for future changes.

As an interim measure, I have developed a spreadsheet which will allow us to extract lists by Affiliation Group when requested by Group Secretaries.

Membership Register administration

The administration of the Membership Register will be shared amongst Rob Trembath, Gary King, Steve Mitchell and myself. I am working on getting things set up to allow this to operate efficiently.

Public website

Gerry Cox is continuing to handle News and Results items.

Catherine is handling most of the updating of the public website.

No progress on putting up a larger NSWVGA logo on the Home page. The version we are currently using is not good enough quality for enlarging.

Does anyone have a higher resolution version of it? Or does anyone know a friendly graphic artist who could enhance it?

We should perhaps change the structure of the Home page to make it (somewhat) easier for us to do what we want without having to ask MiClub each time.

File sharing

File sharing has two objectives:

to allow multiple people to work on a single central copy of certain files;

to ensure that all NSWVGA files are securely archived and available for whoever needs them without dependence on individuals and specific devices.

Following discussions, it is proposed to use Microsoft OneDrive for file sharing and for maintaining central copies of all NSWVGA documents.

There will be one sharing group for files associated with the public website, including:

- Program spreadsheets
- Event documents
- Program tracking spreadsheet
- Group and Club contact details
- Minutes
- Constitution
- Policies
- Text for all pages
- Change tracking spreadsheet
- Maintenance instructions

There will be a second sharing group for files associated with the Membership Register, accounts and other technical matters.

Catherine and Gary are respectively setting up these two groups on a trial basis. The expected cost is approximately \$280 p.a.

We will develop procedures for using these sharing groups.

Email addresses

See separate note.

NSWVGA EMAIL ADDRESSES

INCOMING ADDRESSES

'Incoming' email addresses are used to allow anyone to send an email to the NSWVGA administration without needing to know any specific individual's email address.

If someone sends an email to one of these addresses, it will automatically be forwarded to the correct persons.

These allow us to share duties and to change who is dealing with a subject without having to notify everyone of changes.

Every incoming address should be forwarded to at least 3 people, to ensure that there is backup

The following are proposed – some of them already exist, others need to be set up.

webmaster@nswvga.com.au

This will be used for all matters concerning the public website. The recipients will be Catherine, Steve, Jim, Gerry, Peter G.

membreg@nswvga.com.au

This will be used for all matters concerning the Membership Register. The recipients will be Gary, Rob, Steve, Peter G.

president@nswvga.com.au

This will be forwarded to JAD - two others should be nominated.

secretary@nswvga.com.au

This will be forwarded to Aileen - two others should be nominated.

treasurer@nswvga.com.au

This will be forwarded to Gary - two others should be nominated.

MAILING LISTS

These allow anyone to send an email to a group of persons, with the lists being managed centrally. The following are proposed:

councillors@nswvga.com.au

group.secs@nswvga.com.au

directly.affiliated.secs@nswvga.com.au

club.secs@nswvga.com.au

tournament.directors@nswvga.com.au

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NOTES ON AFFILIATION GROUPS AND PAYMENTS

AUG 24

There is no group 99 – it is just a code for members who are not affiliated through either one of the NSWVGA geographical groups or through a Directly Affiliated Club. There is no common connection between these members. They do not know each other and there is no way that they could “organise their own group”.

We have to recognise that there are a variety of reasons why someone does not join through their home group. We cannot simply say that we want them to go away. We should not bring in ‘special case’ rules for one situation when there are many other comparable situations.

We do not need a new field in the register – the Affiliation Group is designed to record where a membership has been registered. An analysis of the ‘Veteran Club’ field in the old register showed that it was not being used other than as the equivalent of Affiliation Group:

- of the 15033 NSW members, 13298 had the identical Veteran Club to their Home Club (over 88%).
- of the 1735 NSW members where there was a difference between the Veteran Club and the Home Club, 1193 had a single Veteran Club for everyone in the group and 213 were in a group where there were just two standard Veteran Clubs for everyone in the group.
- there remained 329 NSW members (about 2%) where there was a difference between a standard group id and the recorded Veteran Club. From observation, it appears that the majority of these were simply ‘migrants’ – joining a vets group away from their Home Club.

The main obstacle is that I have not yet managed to get a List by Affiliation Group function implemented in the Register. I have developed a separate extract spreadsheet which I have shared with the Membership register committee to generate lists as and when requested by GSs.

Currently there are a lot of members who may have been registered with an incorrect code, either because they were brought over from the old register or because the user registering them was not clear on what to do. These will progressively fall off the radar once simple guidelines have been well publicised and implemented by all users.

Whatever guidelines we put in place must be clear, simple and must be fair for all. The current \$5 payment at a WoG has been shown to be just that. Any increase should be also be at a flat rate.

If we want to increase the ‘unaffiliated’ fee in order to give funds for the entity that registers them, that is fine. However, we should apply this to everyone who is unaffiliated (for whatever reason) and it should be at the same rate for everyone. Unaffiliated NSW members should not pay a different rate from interstate members.

There should be no difference in cost depending on where an unaffiliated member signs up. It would be very confusing for everyone if players had to pay a different rate from week to week.

Any change to the rules must be well thought out and justified and there must be plenty of publicity and plenty of notice. For example, if we want to increase the unaffiliated fee there should be a full 12 month notice so that word can get out to organisers and participants of all events. Preferably any change should be applied at the start of a calendar year.

Ultimately, we should reflect our stated objective: "Promoting and supporting fun and fellowship for veteran golfers and their Clubs in NSW". We should be supporting our weeks of golf by encouraging participation and not putting any complications in anyone's way.

The due date for membership payments is dependent on each club – NSWVGA cannot direct clubs (or individuals) on any particular calendar date. In this regard, NSWVGA can only direct the timing of transferring funds to the NSWVGA Treasurer.

NSWVGA does not control the allocation of GolfLink numbers. NSWVGA cannot decree that a GolfLink number will be forfeited. The only thing that NSWVGA can control is the validity of membership of NSWVGA, and the only thing that this affects is the rights to play in NSWVGA events.

It is not clear to me why Group Secretaries would send an invoice to clubs based on historic data. Surely, the first step is that clubs ask their members for fees and then inform the GS of who has paid their fees.

Peter Guy
13 Aug 24

File Sharing: Clr Gary King is in the process of investigating the grant package that may be available to us if we meet the not-for-profit requirements.

Back up address for committee positions

President- the two vice presidents

Treasurer- Clr Robert Trembath and Peter Taylor

Secretary- Clr Penny Hudson and Catherine Pautsch

Mailing address: A mailing list will be set up so that a group of persons can be all grouped together under one email address. This process is expected to be completed within 6 weeks.

All of these topics are covered in more detail in the Webmaster/Technical report

Clr Peter Guy moved on motion to adopt the Webmaster Technical Report

Seconded - carried

Program Coordinator Report:

A verbal report was given on the progress of the 2026 program and a copy of the 2026 was submitted.

Some Weeks of Golf Flyers are been placed on the website are incorrect.

Clr Peter Taylor stated that there is not always a postal address given for the postage of the shields and folders

Clr Steve stated that he received an email that the flyer for the Orange classic name change was not on the web but Clr Peter Guy assured him that it had been changed two years ago when Bathurst was brought into the Central Week of Golf.

Clr John Daley informed Clr Steve Mitchell that the Southern Highlands 24- Flyer on the website is also in correct. The tournament director will need to be contacted and informed to make the necessary changes to the flyer.

A major trophy can be won each day and this is incorrect, therefore the tournament director needs to be contacted and the flyer changed.

Clr Steve has been in consultation with the three Tournament Directors (Warwick Butler, Daryl Gehrig and Jarrod Harding) who have been liaising with each other with the gradience of the changed dates for 2025 program.

As more and more clubs are moving towards having their entry on their flyer done electronically, they will be requiring a link on the flyer to the club's website, for members to be able to entry the event.

Clr Steve Mitchell moved on motion to adopt his report Seconded Clr John Daley – carried Action points from previous meeting

1.Membership Committee to consult with Clr Peter Guy on how to access make changes, be able to do other searches and look at group 99 to appease the group secretaries and report back at next meeting. Membership committee is still awaiting on Clr Peter Guy and it is furthered covered later in general business.

2.Clr Robert Trembath to contact Maree Ciavarella- group secretary

Maree is staying on as group 27 secretary

3.President to make contact with Ross Selleck- Directly affiliated.

Cumberland Vets no longer exists and is to be removed from DAC (Directly affiliated clubs)

4.Clr Aileen Williams to send copy of letter golf along the Murray to Clr Robert Trembath

This was completed and Clr Jim Shadlow is travelling to Tocumwal and Rich River and will speak to the relevant parties and discuss the possibility of changes in the schedule and report back to the committee.

5. Clr Peter Guy to update paper on email address and domain names- (This is covered further in General Business)

6.Clr Gary King to reply to group 22 secretary. Clr Gary has replied to Manuel Pro letter

7.Clr Gary King and Catherine Pautsch to make recommendations for file sharing between committee members as well as which program would suit best. (this is covered further in General Business)

8. Clr Jim Shadlow to do an information sheet for Tournament Directors on how the affiliations can be collected at weeks of golf.

Jim has covered this item in Clr Jim Shadlow newsletter that is sent out to group secretaries and tournament directors.

10. Clr Jim Shadlow to advise Tournament Directors to be mindful when setting entry fees for weeks of golf

11. Clr Steve Mitchell to send out to all Councillors a copy of the flyer he received promoting veteran golf

Clr Jim Shadlow will make up a final flyer and send out to all Councillors for approval After the final version has been approved. A list of councilors and areas below to send it out to all lady club captains in their area.

Clr Peter Taylor- Northern Rivers

Clr Stev Mitchell- Brisbane Waters and Lower North Coast

Clr Aileen Williams Murray Area

Clr Robert Trembath as well as Clr Penny Hudson the Western Riverina

Clr Peter Guy and Catherine Pautsch the Metro Area

Clr John Dixon Western

Clr Jim Shadlow North/ West

Clr Charlie Swyer Mid-South Coast

12. Clr Aileen Williams to send Far South Coast a mailing list for them to be able to promote the 4BBB in 2025

13. Clr Jim Shadlow to inform group secretaries that NSWVGA does not permit social players to play in any NSWVGA event

This was covered in Clr Jim Shadlow newsletter

14. Clr Jim Shadlow to remind Tournament Directors to be mindful of the number of novelty events programed when doing a week of golf.

This was also covered in Clr Jim Newsletter General Business:

We need to investigate on how to enlarge the nswvga logo. Clr Jim Shadlow will make some inquires among his contacts at Inverell. Pres John Daley will also make some inquires at Grafton.

AVGU Championship Agreement – Clarification on point 10

South Australia is not going to comply with point 10 in full

NSWVGA are in agreement with South Australia and would like to move a motion for consideration at the AGM of the AVGU. NSWVGA would like to move a motion to amended point 10 in the AVGU Championship agreement and South Australia will second the motion at the AGM for the AVGU

1. **Player Eligibility**

To be eligible a player must be:

- a financial member of a state or territory association affiliated with the Owner,
- an amateur golfer having attained the age of 55 years and hold a current Golf Australia Handicap.

The Licensee must verify with the relevant state or territory associations that entrants are current financial members of that association.

Clr John Daley moved on motion that we send in the above motion for consideration from the AVGU at their AGM in October 2024. Seconded Clr Catherine Pautsch – carried

2. **Future of 99**

Clr John Daley has approached the DAC group to see if they would like to form a group with a group secretary'. Clr Peter Guy stated the following

99 is not a group – where the players do not have an affiliation with a group. That they have joined at a week of golf.

Any individual club that does not want to be affiliated with Sydney Vets and doesn't have vets' competitions here and have no interest in Sydney Vets, but want to be directly affiliated with NSWVGA. The club does not have to be in the Sydney area.

Directly Affiliated Clubs 51- They are not a group- It is where we place them so that we have somewhere to account for them.

members are a group of vets that can't be or don't want to be associated with their geographically group. They are clubs that are not affiliated with in a nswvga group.

NSWVGA does not allow social club members to join NSWVGA.

Clr Gary King would like to clarify

Someone that signs up at a week of golf should have the affiliation group recorded as 99 but they should also have the home group recorded as 51.

EOI NSWVGA Championships:

These need to be prepared and sent out as soon as possible. As the location of the next championship could be held at any point in their calendar.

Secretary will send Clr John Daley a copy of the previous expression of interest that was sent out to the group secretaries to apply for the Championships

Affiliation fees:

As further discussion needs to be done with group secretaries. Clr Peter Guy and Robert Trembath to draft a letter for the group secretaries on what they want in regards to members affiliation.

Clr Robert Trembath and Clr Gary King and Clr Penny Hudson to meet and compile a draft letter for the 6 group secretaries regarding the affiliations.

3. WOG registration – process –

John Daley moved on motion that we adopt this process at a week of golf. Seconded Clr Catherine Pautsch – carried

A policy was discussed that NSWVGA reps are to adhere to when preparing and attending Weeks of Golf

Clr John Daley moved on motion for NSWVGA Representatives attending weeks of golf to adopt these procedures. Seconded Clr Catherine Pautsch - carried

Clarification of Policy 7:

Membership renewal-

All affiliation payments made after 1st July will be deemed to cover affiliation for the period up to 31st December of the following year.

Delete the sentence- All affiliation fees for the ensuing year are due and payable in advance by 31 December.

Clr Gary King moved on motion Seconded Clr Steve Mitchell- carried

Training for Member register:

No further progress has been made in the last 2 months (due to Peter being away) except to say both Clr Steve Mitchell and Robert Trembath have been given login details and it is a work in progress.

4BBB- Championships 2025 – Tura Beach

Clr Steve Mitchell moved on motion all NSWVGA Championships events be changed from a stroke event to a Stableford event. Seconded Clr John Dixon-

A discussion took place on pros and cons for the motion and the Clr Steve Mitchell withdrew the motion.

Clr felt that if stable ford was played then it would not be a championship

It was then decided that if the event numbers were low and did not reach the required number of players (the 40 players rule) for a Championship then the Championship would not go ahead. The finance subcommittee will determine the amount of the sponsorship of the event they will receive.

This will also apply to the stroke championships that are to be played at Dubbo later this year.

Clr John Dixon requires a nswvga banner for when he attends the Sandgreen Championships at Nyngan

Tournament directors are to have a refund policy for weeks of golf.

NSWVGA require an update for each meeting in regards to the progress of the 2027 AVGU Championships which are to be held in NSW.

Clr Gary King inquired about a future agenda item to further discuss to potential of the grass roots program for 2025. There will be a council meeting to follow the AGM in December

Clr Peter Taylor inquired if there was a Councillor available to attend the Port Stephens Week of Golf and the Manning Valley Week of Golf.

There was an issue with awarding of trophies at the week of golf at Murwillumbah. Clr Jim Shadlow consulted with the tournament director and Policy 2 will be followed next year.

Meeting closed at 1.15

Next Meeting is Wednesday 2nd October via Zoom Action Points:

1. Program Co Ordinator get in contact with Tournament Directors 6 months prior to the Weeks of Golf flyer been sent for publication on our website. To ensure that it is correct and that the guideline is been followed in policy 2.
2. Clr Peter Guy to send Clr Steve Mitchell a copy of the spread sheet for when the WOG flyers are sent in
3. Clr Steve Mitchell to contact Southern Highlands tournament director and make the changes to his conditions of play regarding Policy 2.
4. Clr Jim Shadlow and Steve Mitchell need to review and check the rest of the flyers for the weeks of golf for the remaining of the year
5. Clr Aileen Williams to draft a copy of the motion to be sent to the AVGU for consideration at their AGM
6. Clr Steve Mitchell to send an email to webmaster requesting a link for the Seaside Valley Week of Golf flyer.
7. Secretary to send Pres a copy of the expression of interest for the Championships
8. Clr Gary King, Robert Trembath and Penny Hudson to compile a letter for committee in regards to affiliation issues that were raised at the meeting with the 6 group secretaries
9. Clr Penny Hudson to update Policy 7 to reflect the changes.
10. Clr Aileen Williams to reply to Tura Beach and inform them that they need to attract at least 40 players or the Championship will not go ahead.
11. Clr Charlie Swyer to send the seconded nswvga banner that he has to Clr John Dixon