

MINUTES OF THE 49TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NSWVGA INC
WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2024 KOGARAH GOLF CLUB COMMENCING AT 9.00am

Meeting opened: 9.00am

Attendees: John Daley President NSWVGA, Brenda Powell (Illawarra Vets) Clr Gary King NSWVGA John Dixon Vice President NSWVGA, Charlie Swyer Clr NSWVGA, Robert Trembath Vice President NSWVGA, Peter Taylor Clr NSWVGA, Jim Shadlow Clr NSWVGA, Peter Guy Clr NSWVGA, Richard Doyle Life Member NSWVGA, Steve Mitchell Clr NSWVGA, Richard Farrant Life Member NSWVGA, Penny Hudson Clr NSWVGA, Catherine Pautsch Clr NSWVGA, Bob Coulson Life Member NSWVGA, Aileen Williams Clr NSWVGA.

Apologies: Len Payne Life Member NSWVGA, Paul Horton Life Member NSWVGA, Les Mann Life Member NSWVGA, Norm McInnes Group 31, Peter Stephenson Group 11, Les Knox Group 20, Rand Wilson Group 26, Maree Ciavarella Group 27,

Moved on motion Penny Hudson Seconded Catherine Pautsch – carried

Obituaries: Bob Spencer, Catalina Vets, Spence Minney, Dubbo Vets, Brian Turrell, Dubbo Vets, Ken Ashworth Rich River Vets, Dennis Smith Grenfell Vets, Ian Shoulder SVGA
President John Daley asked the meeting attendees to please stand for a minute silence for those members and for all members that had passed throughout the year.

Minutes of previous NSWVGA Annual General Meeting WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2023, as previously circulated were adopted on motion Moved Steve Mitchell Seconded Peter Taylor

Nil Matters arising.- Nil

Correspondence :In

Northern Rivers report to NSWVGA 2024 Group 14 Ray Kent

Report for Group 20 Western Sydney Judy Jordan

Report received from group 3

21.10.24 Email received from Peter Guy AGM Procedures

10.11.24 Email received from Richard Farrant notice of attending NSWVGA Annual General Meeting along with Brenda Powell. As well as a copy of the President report for IVGA Annual General Meeting

24.11.24 Email received from Norm McInnes unable to attend the NSWVGA Annual General Meeting

24.11.24 Email received from Peter Stephenson Group 11 unable to Attend the NSWVGA Annual General Meeting

24.11.24 E mail received from Group 26 Rand Wilson unable to attend NSWVGA Annual General Meeting

25.11.24 Email received from Richard Doyle attending AGM

25.11.24 Email received from Maree Ciavarella Group 27 unable to attend the NSWVGA Annual General Meeting

27.11.24 Treasurer report and NSWVGA Audit certificate

27.11.24 Email received from Kogarah regarding room availability for future meetings

0.2.12.24 Apology received from (life member) Len Payne

Nomination received

11.11.24 Nomination for NSWVGA Board- Councillor received from group 6 - Steve Mitchell

16.11.24 Nomination for NSWVGA Board -Secretary received from group -Aileen Williams

20.11.24 Nomination for NSWVGA Board- Councillor received from group 25 - Catherine Pautsch

22.11.24 Nomination for NSWVGA Board Vice President received from group 27- Robert Trembath

23.11.24 Nomination for NSWVGA Board President received from group 14- John Daley

23.11.24 Nomination for NSWVGA Board Councillor received from group14- Peter Taylor
24.11.24 Nomination for NSWVGA Board Councillor received group 4 - Peter Guy
24.11.24 Nomination for NSWVGA Board Councillor received group 2 -Charlie Swyer
25.11.24 Nomination for NSWVGA Board Councillor received group 27- Penny Hudson
26.11.24 Nomination for NSWVGA Board Treasurer received group15- for Gary King
26.11.24 Nomination for NSWVGA Board Councillor received group15- Jim Shadlow
27.11.24 Nomination for NSWVGA Vice President received from group 29- for John Dixon

Election of Executive Council:

President John Daley declared all positions vacant and called for nominations received. He addressed the committee saying that this year we were able to put a name to the faces of the Councillors currently on the board of NSWVGA. This was achieved by the number of weeks of golf that had a councilor attending the week. It was also mentioned that the week of golf does not only aid the club hosting the week of golf but also the town in which the week is held. Along with the morning teas and friendship displayed to the players at country weeks of golf.

President John Daley

Vice Presidents (2)

John Dixon

Robert Trembath

Treasurer Gary King

Secretary Aileen Williams

7 Nominations were received for the 7 Councillors positions.

Peter Taylor Group 14- Northern Rivers

James Shadlow Group 15- New England

Peter Guy Sydney Vets Group 4 Sydney Vets

Steve Mitchell Group 6 BWDVGA

Penny Hudson Group 27 Western Riverina

Charlie Swyer Group 2 Mid-South Coast

Catherine Pautsch Directly affiliated

Clr Peter Guy explained that a directly affiliated club can nominate for a councilor to participate for the board of NSWVGA.

Annual Reports: The President addressed the meeting highlighting some of the issues in his report things that will be addressed in the next 12 months.

Feedback from the Grass roots Scheme- While this was good it was not reaching the correct clubs. There are a lot of clubs out there that do not require this program but there are clubs that could use some assistance from NSWVGA.

The President advised that the group secretary was in the best position to know which clubs are struggling and would like to receive some support from NSWVGA. The group secretary would be required to apply on behalf of the individual club or clubs.

Life member Richard Doyle spoke to the meeting regarding the impression that a lot of members have regarding what does NSWVGA do for their members. Richard explained to them that the \$5.00 paid to NSWVGA was used to support Veteran Golf across the whole state of NSW. The whole purpose of NSWVGA was that it is a viable organization and that members may be able to plug into

it somewhere along the line which may not be weeks of golf but be able to have the opportunity to participate somewhere.

Councillor Jim Shadlow explained that when he gave his address at the Young Week of Golf.

NSWVGA Sponsored weeks of golf shields and prize money.

NSWVGA yearly Medal and prize money for both the Ladies and the Men

NSWVGA 4 Ball for the groups that wanted to participate.

President also explained the format is changing at club level; therefore, we need to change and communicate with them.

Presidents Report: President's Report to the 49 Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Veteran Golfer's Association Inc.

I am pleased to present this report to members of NSWVGA on the Association's activities in 2024.

Membership of NSWVGA remains strong with 15362 members.

Whilst membership is strong, numbers are down at weeks of golf for various reasons. Cost of living is a major cause when talking to veterans at weeks of golf. An example of this is where a couple would attend 3 - 4 weeks in a row, they are now attending 1-2 weeks.

There is also pressure being applied by Golf Clubs to limit the time available to Veterans for weeks of golf because of the influx of social golfers and the revenue being generated by these players for the clubs. We can work with the clubs to reach an agreement that satisfies the club and allows weeks of golf to proceed. An example of this is shotgun starts in the AM to allow club events and social golf to proceed in the afternoons.

I have nothing but praise for the dedicated men and women who are involved with management, organizing and running the Association and Weeks of Golf. I would like to express my gratitude and thanks the Group Secretaries, Tournament Directors and Members of NSWVGA for their efforts during the past 12 months. We are all volunteers and give up a lot of time to ensure NSWVGA remains a strong Organisation.

As pointed out by the previous President of NSWVGA, Mr Les Knox, there is always room for improvement. We of the Executive Council have been placed there by the Groups we represent, and we have a duty to them and all NSWVGA members to do our best in their interests.

The Executive Council

Firstly, to my Vice presidents, John Dixon and Rob Trembath, a big thank you for your support and the work you did with the sub committees this year. As we only have two faces to face meetings a year, we have ZOOM meetings on four other occasions at two monthly intervals throughout the year. To this end three subcommittees were formed to assist decision making by

making recommendations to the Executive Council at the next Executive meeting or seeking decisions via emails to the Executive Council on important matters requiring immediate attention. This process in the main worked well.

It was my aim for this Executive to become known by NSWVGA members not as a name but a face the members could relate to. It was quite evident from previous years the Executive was seen as a collection of names only.

With this in mind the aim was that there be at least one councillor attend every week of golf or championship event for 2024 This was achieved, and, in some cases, there were three or four councillors in attendance.

This allowed Tournament Directors to call on the councillor for advice or assistance when running their event.

A big thank you to all councillors who were able to attend weeks of golf.

NSWVGA Website

This year we were fortunate to have Cathreen Pautsch join the Executive Council. Catherine's background is in the IT field, and she has been able to lend invaluable assistance to Peter Guy by taking control of the Public Website thus allowing Peter to concentrate on the Members Register where he has been ably assisted by Rob Trembath.

The Member's Register is still a work in progress. By early in the new year Peter will have produced a guide for Group Secretaries to be able to access the Register and update all information for the running of their groups. This is not an easy job, thank you to Peter for your perseverance and hard work.

We have also been fortunate that former Councillor Gerry Cox has continued on behind the scenes to update the "NEWS" section of the public website. This is an invaluable service for our members. Many thanks Gerry.

Finances.

This year we were fortunate to have Gary King join the executive to take over the reins of treasurer from Dick Van Buren.

Gary has a background in banking and settled into the position very quickly and has continued the good work set up by Dick and added his own personal touch.

As Gary will indicate in his report, we, as an association are in a very stable financial position.

Programming

Unfortunately, our Program Co Ordinator, Charlie Swyer was beset by illness early in the year and had to step down from the program role. Steve Mitchell put up his hand to take on the role and although it was a steep learning curve, Steve is now coming to grips with the role. A big thank you to Steve.

Charlie has continued to collect statistics from weeks of golf to aid in future direction we will take with programming.

Other Executive Roles

Firstly, to Aileen Williams for her monumental efforts this year. Not only as Secretary but the role she played attending weeks of golf, representing NSWVGA at the AVGU AGM at Berri in South Australia. I could not guess the number of kms Aileen has travelled this year to represent NSWVGA.

To Penny Hudson for her work with our policies, making sure the Ts were crossed and the I's dotted and also invaluable feedback from weeks of golf she has attended.

Peter Taylor for his assistance with firstly setting up Trial Weeks of golf at both Glen Innis and Guyra and with the revised sand greens event at Walcha along with his role of ensuring the mini week of golf shields and trophy envelopes were delivered to the respective weeks of golf on time. Lastly but not least to Jim Shadlow firstly for his knowledge and being used as a sounding board, especially with the clubs along the Murray and for his efforts with the newsletters to the NSWVGA members as well as assisting the program coordinator.

Grass Roots Scheme

Once again, this scheme was delivered to our members at the veteran's club level through the Group Secretaries. This scheme will be looked at in the future with the aim of identifying the more needy clubs and concentrating on their needs.

2027 AVGU National Championship.

In 2027 the AVGU National Championships will be held in NSW.

After seeking expressions of interest from all Groups the NSWVGA awarded the hosting rights to Illawarra Veteran Golfers Association who have indicated that courses to be used will be Port Kembla, Wollongong and The Links Shell Cove Golf Courses.

They report regularly to the executive Council as to their progress.

A big thank you to Dick Farrant and his team, who have taken on an enormous task but one I feel they will excel at and produce a week that NSW is renowned for.

CONCLUSION.

This has been a testing year for veteran's golf in NSW. We have 52 weeks of golf a year plus championships that need to be included in the ongoing programs of golf clubs. We need to work closely with these clubs because they own the facility that we want to use for our members.

In the future it may be that a majority of our events change their format so as we can continue to supply a product to our members that meet their needs as well as that of the venue we wish to use.

We need to be flexible to ensure we achieve this.

We need to continue to look to our members to fill a role on the executive council. Our age profile is on the wrong side of 75 and new and younger veterans are needed to fill the gaps that will appear as councillors retire from the Executive.

Finally, to all NSWVGA members and their families have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

John Daley
President
NSWVGA

Motion to adopt the President Annual Report John Daley Seconded Clr Charlie Swyer- carried

Treasurer's Report NSWVGA Annual General Meeting 4 December 2024

I present the Financial Audited Report for NSWVGA's Financial Year October 2023 to September 2024.

The Association remains in a sound Financial Position.

This year's results show a financial surplus of \$2,691, compared to \$13,106 for 2022/23, \$19,125 for 2021/22 and \$11,242 in 2020/21.

2024 Year recorded an overall reduction of Income YOY of approximately \$4,500. Items of note are:

- Affiliation fees Year on Year (YOY) are down \$3,800, The reduced affiliation fees are reflected in Groups 12 and 16, based on MR Reconciliation findings for the period October 23 to July 24 inclusive this reflects a genuine reduction in member numbers rather than non-remittance of fees.
- Week of Golf Signups are down \$650 YOY.
- Additionally, although not collected in Calendar Year 2023, some \$2,058 in Week of Golf Nomination Fees were collected in the last 3 months of Calendar year 2022 and are reflected in fiscal year 2023.
- An offsetting increase in Interest income of \$1,500 mitigated the reduction in other income.

FY Expenditure has increased by approximately \$6,000 Year on Year (YOY). This is due to:

- increased payments to REPs at Weeks of Golf by \$7000
- the Return of "Grass Roots" sponsorship incurring \$5,500.
- Other smaller increases relate to Travel subsidies to Face-to-Face Meetings and the one-off purchase of Laptop for Association Secretary.
- Offsetting reductions in expenditure were the result of some Administration savings, non-payment of Honorariums and the fact that last year's expenditure included \$4,950 expenditure in establishment on new MR, and a \$1950 payment for Club search function which were one off expenses.

Despite the combination of reduced income and increased Expenditure the NSWVGA remains in a sound financial position with closing at Bank funds totalling \$94,940 including Term Deposit funds

held. This is a slight increase from closing Bank Balances as of 30 September 2023 of \$91,248 (Note apparent discrepancy between surplus plus last year's closing at Bank and end of 2024 at Bank is due to rounding to whole dollars. For detailed reconciliation see Financials with Audit Report).

I would like to thank past Treasurer, Dick Van Buuren as well as current Executive Councillors in assisting me in the transition to the Treasurer's role.

As previously stated in several of the Executive Council meetings, I believe that as Treasurer I act as the custodian of members Affiliation fees and any reserve funds. In keeping with this I have erred on the side of potentially too much information in notes attached to the 2024 Financial reports.

Also, in keeping with my role as custodian, my focus has been and will continue to be trying to deliver value to all members of the NSWVGA as well as to try to explore ways to ensure continual renewal of the member base in seeking to attract potential Veteran Golf members in the 55 to 65 age brackets. It has been my observation that this age group is proportionally underrepresented at Weeks of Golf I have attended over the past few years.

I have had one enquiry from an Office Bearer regarding the payment of Honorariums for the 2023/24 year. The Associations Constitution at section 4. 4 states:

The Executive Council shall review annually such honorariums payable to Councillors as deemed appropriate, reflecting additional time spent and responsibility taken occurring as a result of the position(s) held within the Council. Such positions may include, but not be limited to, President, Secretary, Treasurer and Program Co-ordinator. All honorariums shall be ratified by an Annual General Meeting.

Therefore, if Councillors or Office Bearers require the payment of Honorariums in the current Financial Year a motion would need to be brought forward at this AGM.

Motion to adopt the Treasurer Annual report Clr Gary King Seconded Vice President John Dixon- carried

Clr Gary King moved on motion to adopt Henderson McColl & Co as auditor for NSWVGA in 2025 Seconded Councillor Peter Guy - carried

Clr Gary King stated that NSWVGA was in a sound financial position but due to the short term that he has been in office as treasurer he did not have an opinion on the payment of honorariums.

A discussion took place regarding the payment of honorariums paid to the executive of the council, but he all so stated that he was very mindful of the \$5.00 that the members paid to NSWVGA

President John Daley stated that the amount of \$1500 for the President was too high.

The amount that a Councillor may be paid to attend the AVGU Annual General Meeting be assssedeach time.

Clr Jim Shadlow moved to adopt the honorariums be

President \$1000.

Secretary \$600.

Treasurer \$500.

Program manager \$500.

Seconded Clr Peter Taylor – carried

Meeting Closed at 10.00am

The date for 2025 AGM will be set at the executive meeting following this meeting.

President's Report to the IVGA Annual General Meeting Friday Nov 8th 2024

It will be impossible to review veteran golfing activities in the Illawarra this past year without reference to the extreme weather conditions, and subsequent rainfall, experienced in the first half of 2024. While individual clubs experienced varying degrees of interruption to course usage it must be noted that **all** levels of golf were certainly affected during the Autumn months.

At a Group level the original timetable for the seven rounds of the Trevor Bell Memorial Shield had to be re organised three or four times to get conditions suitable for completion of the Shield. Fortunately, because of planned gaps and great co-operation from the district clubs, all was completed at Wollongong last Monday. I must thank the club TBMS organisers Jim Cooper (K), John Dawson (PK), Graham Atkins (Links), Col Booth (Jamberoo), Steve Watson (Vale), Matt Carter (Grange) and David Gatenby (Wollongong) for the time taken in organising their club rounds.

The competition itself was closely contested all year with The Links, Jamberoo and Port Kembla strongly competing to produce a nail-biting finish. Only a handful of points separated the leaders during the last three or four rounds. Congratulations to all teams for continuing the strong tradition of this team event which commenced in 2010 and has proven to be a popular event in Illawarra veteran golf. This year the completion of the final round has seen Jamberoo win the shield by fifteen points from the Links with Port Kembla a further 24 points behind in third place, just three points ahead of Kiama. This was a great win by Jamberoo considering they were beaten by just 3 points last year by Port Kembla.

The Illawarra VGA was able to financially assist all clubs in the running of the TBMS with \$275 each to the clubs hosting the preliminary rounds and \$900 to Wollongong for the final round resulting in a total financial outlay of \$2550.

I understand that all clubs are continuing with their respective open days and catering for the needs of their veteran players. Providing your women members are affiliated with the NSWVGA don't forget to include them in your activities.

Our two weeks of golf included in the state program continue to attract visitors. This Association recognises the sterling efforts of Steve Wicks (Illawarra WOG) and Jeff Lynch (Seaside Valley) in keeping these tournaments attractive for all players, whilst adhering to the ever-changing Policy 2 document, thus maintaining their positions in the state calendar. The Seaside Valley tournament commences on 24th November and has attracted close to 110 starters resulting in the NSWVGA financially supporting the

tournament to the value of \$450. This money is to be used solely in the purchase of vouchers associated with the 36 holes NSWVGA trophies. While on financial matters the NSWVGA Grass Roots program has seen \$840 sent to Group 3 and Steve has forwarded \$120 to all seven clubs to be used exclusively to support veteran golf at their club.

While mentioning these weeks of golf one must thank Bob Smith, the retired tournament director of the Seaside Valley event, for his eleven years of dedication to the running of this week of golf at Kiama and Jamberoo.

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Membership of our Group remains strong with more women deciding to become affiliated with the NSWVGA. Present numbers are around the 1650 mark which represents approximately 11% of the state membership.

Members are reminded that in 2026 the Links SC commences a three-year commitment to host the NSWVGA Strokeplay Championships. The following dates Sept. 28, 29 & Oct. 1 have been set for the 54 holes championships that year, and details included in the NSWVGA 2026 program

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Richard Farrant OAM

President IVGA

November 7th 2024.

Group 20 Western Sydney Region Veteran Golfers Association

2024 Annual Report to NSWVGA Les Knox (President) Judy Jordan (Sec/Treasurer)

WSRVGA comprises eight clubs, being Dunheved, Glenmore Heritage Valley, Leonay, Penrith, Richmond, Springwood, Stonecutters Ridge, and Wallacia.

At the November 2024 AGM, the following members were elected unopposed as the Executive for 2025.

President: Les Knox (Leonay) **Secretary/Treasurer:** Judy Jordan (Richmond)

Vice Presidents: Noel Byles (Richmond), Kim Stockbridge (Stonecutters Ridge) Noel Hoppe (Wallacia) and Paul Fairbrother (Dunheved).

Vice President Noel Byles was elected as the first Life Member of WSRVGA at the AGM in recognition of his service to veteran golf in Western Sydney. Noel was a foundation member of WSRVGA in 2009 when he was elected to the position of Vice President, a position he continues to hold. Noel was also a foundation member of Veteran Golf at Richmond and wrote the history of WSRVGA.

It is the aim of WSRVGA to encourage golf to be played in a spirit of keen competition and good fellowship with a strong emphasis on social interchange. To achieve those aims inter-club events are conducted with 'shotgun starts' to enable players to mix both prior to and after games.

With the view of raising the profile of WSRVGA and encouraging more interest and participation in Interclub events WSRVGA is sponsoring an open veteran event to be held at Springwood Country Golf Club on Friday, 17th January, 2025. An invitation has also been extended to neighboring veteran clubs, Lynwood, Fox Hills and Windsor Golf Clubs.

WSRVGA conduct 8 interclub events during the year with each member club hosting an event. Scores recorded in these events decide the Players (male and female) and Club of the Year.

Players of the Year

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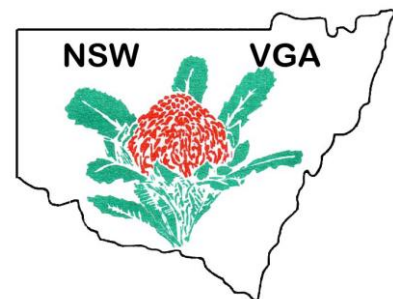
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President IVGA
November 7th 2024.



25 November 2024

NRVGA REPORT for NSWVGA AGM

Good Evening Aileen

I have pleasure in writing a Report of the happenings in Group 14 NRVGA in 2024.

First of all, I would like to make special mention of our two Delegates from NRVGA representing Group 14 at the NSWVGA. These Delegates are President John Daley and Councillor Peter Taylor. Both do a marvellous job in communicating with me as Secretary, NRVGA, keeping me informed as to what has been happening at the State Level. This is either by Phone, Text or eMail after each of your Meetings. I am then able to disseminate this information to the 18 Clubs via a NRVGA Newsletter.

Peter Taylor supports his Group by attending as many of our Veteran Open Days as he can. So too does John. They are invited to speak at the daily Presentation, further ensuring that the NSWVGA Information is passed onto Members present.

At the two General Meetings which are held in June and AGM in November, a written Report is tabled.

We take pleasure in endorsing their Nominations for their respective positions in 2025, unanimously, at our recently held AGM (22 November 2024)

2024 has not been a kind year to our Veteran Golfers with 5 of our Invitation Days were either cancelled, after repeated postponements. We did, in fact, manage to hold the other 13 Veteran Open Days, albeit on rescheduled dates.

Our full program of NRVGA Championships have just concluded. Our Winners and Runners-Up are to be congratulated.

11 June 2024 ... NRVGA Masters Championships held at Woodburn Evans Head

Winner Overall – Bruce Korn (Lismore)

Also Age Category – 70 – 74 yrs

Runner-Up Overall – Clint Young (Woodburn Evans Head)

Also Age Category – 70 – 74 yrs

Age Category 80 yrs & Over ... Winner – Boydie Collyer (Coraki)

Runner-Up - Bob Farmer (Lismore)

Age Category 75 - 79 yrs ... Winner – Rick Wagner (Lismore)

Runner-Up -Gary Ablett (Lismore)

Gross Champion 2024 ... Winner – Greg Harvison (Grafton) 75 Gross

Runner-Up – Geoff Grayson (Maclean) 78 Gross

Nett Champion ... Winner – Col McClymont (Casino) 70 Nett C/b

Runner-Up – Thomas DeBolt (Mullumbimby) 70 Nett

All Winners and Runners-Up receive Prize Vouchers and an embroidered Shirt



The NSWVGA Revised Grass Roots Program gave NRVGA \$1050.00. This was disseminated to the 18 Clubs as per direction from NSWVGA. This was appreciated by all Clubs. At our AGM last week it was discussed with the feeling from the Delegates, that this Money Grant might have better value and benefit, to Grass Roots Veterans, if a bigger share of Grant was directed to the Clubs in our Group who are struggling – viz Woodenbong Veterans and Kyogle Veterans. Both these Clubs support our Veteran Open Days, but they do need assistance to help with the daily running of their Club and Veteran Member Competitions, This, is an issue which needs to be addressed and one of which neighbouring Clubs are mindful.

We finished the year with 2109 Veterans Registered with NSWVGA with 229 Lady Veterans. There were 2511 Veteran Open Day Rounds of Golf played on these days.

NRVGA has two Awards for these Open Days. The first is an Individual Award based on Participation, Ability and Consistency. At each Veteran Open Day 3 points are awarded for **Participation**. An extra Point Allocation is awarded for **Ability**. The top 15 Place-Getters in each Field (if there is an AM and PM Competition) are awarded an additional 15 points down to 1 point. These points are accumulated over the NRVGA Veteran Open Day Program. The Veteran with the most accumulated Points receives a Medal and a \$50.00 Voucher, while the Runner-Up receives a Medal and \$30.00 Voucher.

This year NRVGA introduced a Club Event - **Travelling Veterans Interclub Shield** Competition. This is aimed at encouraging more Veterans to travel supporting their Club. Each Veteran Open Day, the Secretary collates the two fields played on the day and extracts the Top 5 Stableford Scores. Only Travelling Clubs' Scores are recorded. The Home Club Scores do not count, to ensure there is no "Home Course" advantage.

At the end of the year's Veteran Day Program, the top FIVE Clubs share \$1000.00 on a sliding scale. NRDGA provided the funds through Sponsorship to NRVGA.

The winning Club was Lismore Veterans (\$500.00)

Runner-Up Club was Murwillumbah Veterans (\$250.00)

Third Place Club was Coraki Veterans (\$125.00)

Forth Place Club was Ballina Veterans ((\$75.00)

Fifth Place was Woodburn Evans Head (\$50.00)

At the recent NRVGA AGM, the following Office Bearers were elected for Group 14, NRVGA, for 2025 are ...

President ... John Lowe (Life Member Lismore Vets)

Vice-President North ... Joe Bula (Coolangatta Vets)

Vice President South ... Rod Ellis (Coraki Vets)

Secretary / Treasurer ... Ray Kent (Life Member NRVGA)

(Life Member Murwillumbah Vets)

As Secretary, I am going to revamp our nrvga.com Website over the Christmas break and have a new website available for 2025.

As Treasurer, I see no reason why NRVGA cannot continue to provide opportunities to promote Veteran Golf in northern NSW.

In closing, I would like to wish all Executive and Councillors of NSWVGA a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, congratulating you on the voluntary work you do in promoting and supporting fun and fellowship for Veteran Golfers and their Clubs in NSW.

Ray Kent

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