

# **NORTHERN TASMANIAN VETERANS GOLFERS ASSOCIATION**

## **PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

I would like to thank the Deloraine Golf Club for the use of their club house and their friendship to allow us to hold our Annual Meeting here

I would like to thank Gary Hearps our secretary/treasurer who is retiring for his outstanding work over the years he has been in this job.

Would like also to thank Scott Westlake who has resigned for his service as past President committee member and delegate to the National Vets

Also to Dale Middap who organises our web site and Brian Whelan for looking after our facebook page

These sites are ways we get information out to you members  
Also to my committee for their support throughout the year

### **Membership**

We have maintained our membership for the year but have gained a lot of lady veterans which is great

Some clubs are still reluctant to have lady vets, but our aim is to encourage more ladies to join the vets

There are about 40 ladies across 13 clubs that are playing in our weekly competitions

### **Change of Maximum Handicap**

The change of our maximum handicap to 54 GA has seen some of our members continue to play in our tournaments who would have probably given it away without the change which is great

The highest handicap so far is 48 but a lot of players above 36 are still playing

## **Tournaments**

Our tournaments have been well supported with some clubs have to close their entries early.

It is a problem I have no answers for those that miss out.

The Thirlestane Golf Club held our third annual vets championship and Robbie Berne from Prospect Vale defended his title.

The course was presented in first class condition and we thank the the club for a well run tournament

Deloraine held the annual 4 ball championship on a well presented course and well run tournament the winners were Doug Ryan & Greg Powell from Prospect Vale

I have had at least attended one day at all tournaments this 12 months except St Helens which I hope to rectify this year.

I would like to congratulate all groups for presenting their course in great condition ,and running a great tournaments

In the first half of our tournament season we have had 25 lady enter our tournaments which is a great improvement from other years

The weather has caused the cancellation of two of our tournaments this year

Port Sorell tried to have a different version of tournament a 2 person ambrose but the weather intervened

Both tournaments have been included later in the year Devonport March 25 and Port Sorell April the 8

## **Veterans over 80**

We need to keep providing a division for this age group so they have the incentive to keep playing in our tournaments and to keep active

## **General**

I encourage all clubs to promote and support all tournaments as much as they can as we have lost some tournament days over the years.

There are some tournaments need more support

Sorry see Prospect Golf Club having to move out of the Casino course but I hope they have a successfull move to Quamby

Also hope Prospect Veterans can get back into running a tournament

In closing we have lost some of our members over the year I would like to offer our sincere condolences to their families and fellow golfers

I wish all veterans good health and good golfing for 2025 and beyond

Joe Viney  
President