

Northern Tasmanian Veteran Golfers Association - Newsletter, August 2022.

The Vets Tournament Schedule for 2022/23 has been drawn up and is on the NTVGA web-site.

Your Committee met recently to discuss ways of strengthening and growing the NTVGA and would like to offer the following ideas and suggestions:

1. Veterans Fees paid directly to NTVGA

Riverside Golf Club pay the Veterans fees to the NTVGA for all Veteran Golfers (male and female). We estimate that this is usually well under 1% of annual fees. We would like to see this idea adopted by other Clubs as a part of the Veterans annual subscription as it would help stabilise/increase numbers, save a lot of work and overcome any question about eligibility for tournaments;

2. Lady Golfers

Lady golfers are fully eligible to play in our tournaments, however, only a few participate. One answer appears to be that many have not realized that they are eligible. They need to be members of the NTVGA (\$2 p.a.) and put their name on the entry sheet and pay \$25 to enter the tournament which includes morning tea, lunch, a round of golf and prizes for the various winners (usually about 10 to 15 prizes). Please place a copy of this newsletter and the 2022/23 Tournament Schedule on your noticeboard and on any ladies noticeboard, then follow up by placing a copy of the tournament entry forms on the noticeboard;

3. Veteran Golfers over 80 y.o.

A number of our members are either over 80 or approaching this milestone. We would like to see them continue playing for as long as possible and recommend that clubs have an over 80s prize (as with other prizes, other than NTPs, the rule is only one prize per golfer and this would apply). We recommend that clubs have a column on their tournament entry form to show the age so that over 80s can be identified and awarded appropriate prizes.

4. General

Please encourage your vets to enter tournaments .

We all benefit and remember that Northern Tasmania has more than three times as many veteran golfers than any other region in Australia (per head of population). We produce these numbers largely because of our club based tournaments - let's keep it that way and pass it onto the next generation.

All 9 hole clubs/courses are invited to express an interest in running the NTVGA Championships which will be held on Thursday 2nd March 2023. The Championships are run much the same as a normal tournament with a \$25 entry fee with the host club to provide lunch and prizes for the net events and NTPs. The NTVGA will provide prizes for the overall winner and all gross events. The Championship shield will be held at the winners Club for the ensuing 12 months.

Dale Middap is now managing the web-site so all details of tournaments, results and changes to the directory should be e-mailed to him (dmiddap94@gmail.com).

Reminder that any NTVGA Vets who are in the south of the State are welcome to play in the STVGA weekly Vets comp.

The STVGA play on Monday on three different Courses in the Southern region.

To book in, access the STVGA web-site.

Just a reminder that if any Group requires notices etc to be sent to all Vets Groups and they do not have all emails in one Group, just forward the information to the Sec/Treasurer who can forward it to all Groups.

Good golfing to all and let's look forward to a good Vets Tournament season.

George Hambly, President

Garry Hearps, Sec/Treasurer