

Northern Tasmanian Veteran Golfers Association - Newsletter, September 2023.

The Vets Tournaments for 2023/24 are underway with the first Tournament held at CampbellTown (East Coast) on 7th September.

The Tournament Schedule is on the NTVGA web-site. The only alteration is that the Greens Beach Tournament is now just one day – Thursday 19th October.

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

1. Lady Golfers

As mentioned last year, lady golfers are fully eligible to play in our Vets Comps including the Vets Tournaments, however, to date, participation has been very low. All Vets Groups are encouraged to invite lady golfers to play and to publicise that the only requirement is to be a member of a Vets Group.

3. Veteran Golfers over 80 y.o.

Again , as mentioned in last year's Newsletter, all Groups are encouraged to include a prize category in their Tournaments for 80+ year olds. A number of our members are either over 80 or approaching this milestone and we would like to see them continue playing for as long as possible. (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.

The NTVGA Championships will be held on Thursday 29th February 2024 at Thirlstane.. The Championships are run much the same as a normal tournament with a \$25 entry fee with the host club providing lunch and prizes for the net events and NTPs. The NTVGA provides prizes for the overall winner and all gross events. The Championship shield will be held at the winners Club for the ensuing 12 months.

The Goodwill Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at Mowbray.

Dale Middap is managing the web-site so all details of tournaments, results and changes to the directory should be e-mailed to him (dmiddap94@gmail.com). All Groups are encouraged to regularly check the NTVGA web page to ensure they have details of up-coming Tournaments, etc.

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 (gjhearps@gmail.com). who can forward it to all Groups.

Good golfing to all and let's look forward to an enjoyable Vets Tournament season.

George Hambly, President

Garry Hearps, Sec/Treasurer