

Northern Tasmanian Veterans Golf Association 2024-25 Season Review

I would like to extend my gratitude to all participating clubs for their involvement in the 2024-25 season. Without the unwavering support of all clubs, office bearers and volunteers, we would not have enjoyed the impeccably maintained golf courses and exceptional meals provided for our veteran golfers each week.

I would like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our past president, Joe Viney, in promoting Veterans Golf throughout Northern Tasmania. His dedication to increase female participation in our weekly competitions has yielded a significant increase this season. Unfortunately, Joe has resigned from his position due to health reasons, and we wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him on the golf course soon.

Two long-standing NTVGA committee members and office bearers, Garry Hearps and Scott Westlake, concluded their terms at the last AGM in Deloraine. Their contributions to the NTVGA are worthy of commendation, and we extend our sincere appreciation to them.

Our Goodwill tournament at Ulverstone was once again a calendar highlight, with a big thankyou to the STVGA members who made the trip North for the event. Also, the NTVGA Championships at Thirlstane Golf Club was fully subscribed and congratulations to Robbie Berne for winning the event again.

This year, we introduced two new events, courtesy of Poatina Golf Club and Port Sorell Golf Club, which hosted 2-ball Ambrose Events, providing a refreshing variation to our roster.

Although a couple of events at Port Sorell and Devonport Golf Clubs were affected by inclement weather this season, we were able to reschedule them later in our calendar.

Recently, we co-sanctioned an event with the STVGA at the Ratho Course in Bothwell, which attracted 68 players from across the state. We encountered a few teething problems on the day, but we are already preparing for next year to improve everybody's experience, and we are optimistic this event will continue to grow in the future. Our appreciation goes to Peter Sorensen for his instrumental role in championing the creation of this event and Rick Mitchell Collins for collating all the entries and administration duties on the day.

Our next AGM is scheduled to take place at Deloraine Golf Course in January 2026. We will be seeking nominations for new committee members and office bearers, with a preference for one member maximum per club on the NTVGA committee.

I eagerly anticipate the commencement of the 2025-26 season, which will begin with our first event at Campbell Town, organised by the East Coast Veterans.

Let us look forward to the new season and enjoyable golfing experiences for all in the coming year!

Brian Whelan - Acting President - NTVGA