

## **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 2025-26 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 increasing female participation in our weekly competitions yielded a significant increase in numbers last 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.

Our Goodwill tournament at Ulverstone was once again a calendar highlight, with a big thank you 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.

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 this 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.

This year's Goodwill Tournament was scheduled to be held at Riverside Golf Course, but now has been moved to the Mowbray Golf Course on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026. It would be great to see large numbers attend this event.

An AVGA team event is being held in Victoria on the Mornington Peninsula from the 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026, which will feature a TVGU team. We have four participants from the South, 1 from the East Coast and 7 from the Northern Veterans. This is the inaugural event, will feature games against South & Western Australia.

Discussions have been held with the STVGA executive regarding the AVGA national Championships, which will be held in the Hobart area at the end of 2028. Preparations have begun to prepare for this huge event.

Best wishes to all for the rest of the 2025/26 season.

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