

Northern Tasmanian Veteran Golfers Association - Newsletter, August 2021.

The NTVGA Vets Tournament Schedule for 2021/22 has been drawn up and has been posted on the NTVGA web-site.

The Directory has also been updated. Any changes should be e-mailed to Rick Sindorff (sindorff@internode.on.net).

A NTVGA Committee meeting was held at Thirlstane on 25th June 2021. Matters discussed which we wish to advise to all Vets Groups include:

- **80+ yr old Vets Golfers** – to ensure that these players can remain competitive, it is recommended that they be allowed to play off their GA Handicap if it is more than the current prescribed maximum handicap of 36.4 (45.4 for females);

- **Slow Play** – a number of Tournaments experienced extended playing times last season (in excess of 5 hours).. Some suggestions to “speed up” play include:

- practice “ready golf”;

- observe the 3 minute rule for looking for a lost ball;

- mark cards at the next tee;

- request the lowest handicap golfer in each group be responsible for the speed of play.

- **Over subscribing of entries to Vets Tournaments.** As discussed previously, the Committee does not favour accepting entries on a “first in – best dressed basis”. Some suggestions to deal with this problem include;

- give priority to outside entries rather than players from the Home Group. (Players from the Home Group could be scheduled to tee off early – say 8 am;

- extend the lunch break;

- apportion the entries on the basis of the ratio of entrants to the Groups total membership of NTVGA (schedule forwarded previously), and

- extend Tournament to two days if at all possible.

- **Forwarding of Tournament Results** – if possible, use the template issued previously, to maintain consistency.

-Tournament entry forms should include all players GA Handicaps.

The Goodwill Tournament will be held at Devonport on 12th April 2022.

As discussed at the last AGM, if sufficient interest is shown, it is proposed to hold an NTVGA Championship – to be known as the Frank Matthews Championships. To be a stroke event with two Divisions with a conjunctional net event. The tentative date scheduled is 3rd March 2022. All 9 hole course Groups are asked to consider hosting this event. The organising, prizes etc will be the responsibility of the NTVGA. The Host Group will be responsible for organising lunch etc. A normal entry fee will apply which will be payable to the Host Group.

Remember the TVGU sponsored Vets Tournament to be held at Royal Hobart on 27th September – details forwarded previously.

4. Reminder – 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 or ring Don Scott (0429 980 950) or e-mail Don - descott99@internode.on.net.

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

Good golfing to all and lets look forward to a good Vets Tournament season.

Garry Hearps, Sec/Treasurer

Scott Westlake, President