

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE 17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN SYDNEY REGION VETERAN GOLFER'S ASSOCIATION.

I am pleased to present my 14th annual report on the activities of WSRVGA during 2025 for your consideration and adoption.

WSRVGA continues to achieve one of our core objectives to encourage golf to be played in a spirit of keen competition and good fellowship with a strong emphasis on social interchange.

This was achieved through each of the 8 member clubs hosting an interclub event. Throughout these events approximately 250 members, which included 41 lady members, played in at least one event.

The interclub event at Springwood brought down the curtain on another very successful year for WSRVGA.

Congratulations to the winners of Players of the Year and Club of the Year events.

Players of the Year

Winners of WSRVGA Player of the Year and also winners of the NSWVGA Medal and voucher are:

Ladies.

Winner	Elaine Williams (Dunheved G.C.)	109
Runner up	Julie Berg (Penrith G.C.)	100

Men.

Winner	Steven Loader (Stonecutter Ridge)	109
Joint Runners up	John Searle (Glenmore H.V.)	108
	James Bullock (Richmond G.C.)	108

Club of the Year

Richmond Golf Club	1115
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Richmond were clear winners from Wallacia on:	1093
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Congratulations to all members who played in some or all of the 8 Interclub Events conducted throughout the year. Well done to all winners at those events whether it was in Singles, 2BBB or Interclub Team Events.

Many thanks again to Vice President Kim Stockbridge for collating these scores throughout the year.

Most events fielded capacity or close to capacity fields. Some clubs have not been able to nominate their full 18 players at interclub events, but fortunately other clubs have been able to fill most vacancies.

The Association must continue to support those clubs within the Association who have struggled to nominate their full compliment of players. We should also look at ways to encourage more lady members to participate.

Membership of WSRVGA in 2025 remained strong with 494 members, although our membership continues to decline when compared to previous years:-

2024	521 members
2023	580 members
2022	577 members
2021	776 members

This decline in membership is concerning and how to address it should be a priority for the incoming Executive and Association Delegates.

Whilst it has not been established the reasons behind this fall, it would be reasonable to assume the current cost of living is a major factor.

Once again, I would like to acknowledge and thank the management of Member Clubs for making their courses available to host interclub events. Thanks also must go to course and club staff for presenting their courses in the best possible condition and making all welcome. It would be appreciated if Club Delegates could convey my thanks to their respective General Managers.

SPONSORSHIP

The Association is indebted to the generous **sponsorship** provided by The Richmond Club, who have been long term major sponsors of the Association.

It is only through sponsorship that the Association can continuing to support the 8 interclub events by providing \$500 by way of sponsorship. Thanks, must also go to the many sponsors who support Member Clubs when hosting interclub events.

WEBSITE.

What an amazing job Peter Aroney has done and continues to do with the website.

Results are there for everyone to see, usually on the same day they become available.

If you have not already done so, check out the website on **wsvetsgolf.com**.

I urge you to provide details of the website and the benefits of checking out the website to your members.

PUBLICITY.

Vice President Noel Hoppe has continued to obtain extensive publicity throughout the year in his role of Publicity Officer.

We have seen Noel's stories, results and photographs appearing on the Australian Senior Golfer and NSWVGA websites as well as in local newspapers. Fantastic effort Noel.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - NOEL BYLES

Can I take this opportunity to congratulate Noel Byles on being elected at the 2024 AGM, as the first Life Member of WSRVGA, recognising the outstanding contribution he has made to veteran golf in Western Sydney.

CONCLUSION.

Several of our members or family members have not enjoyed the best of health during the year. Our best wishes go to all for a full and speedy recovery.

In conclusion, on behalf of my wife and myself, I wish you and your respective families a very happy and safe festive season. Hopefully 2026 brings some enjoyable rounds of golf, but above all good health and friendship with fellow veteran golfers.

Les Knox
President WSRVGA.