

Group 20 Western Sydney Region VGA - Annual Report 2019

Chris Evans Hon.Secretary

2019 was our tenth full year of operation as the Western Sydney Region Veterans Group.

WSRVGA comprises eight Clubs, being Dunheved, Glenmore Heritage Valley, Leonay, Penrith, Richmond, Springwood, Stonecutters Ridge and Wallacia.

At the October 2018 AGM, the following members were elected as the Executive:

President - Les Knox (Leonay)

Secretary/Treasurer - Chris Evans (Richmond)

Vice Presidents - Noel Byles (Richmond), John Lovatt (Glenmore), Kim Stockbridge (Stonecutters) and Noel Rowsell (Leonay) as new Publicity Officer.

Membership growth continued strongly during the year with total player numbers at 740.

Eight InterClub events were held in 2019 and we were delighted to achieve full playing fields of 140+ (all shotgun starts). It was disappointing that Guardian Funerals ceased their sponsorship but the Richmond Club, Frasers Property Australia and NSWVGA continued as major sponsors. We wish to thank Warren Saunders Insurance Brokers who also ceased as NSWVGA Strokeplay sponsors after generous support of this Event over many years.

The highlight of the year was again Western Sydney hosting the NSWVGA State Strokeplay Championships for the sixth year in a row. The Tournament, in its 27th year, was played in wet conditions at Richmond,

Glenmore Heritage Valley and Stonecutters Ridge. The Tournament was reduced to 36 holes after Day 1 as Richmond was washed out. There were 150 entries, with 140 players finally completing the Event. John Osborn (Mudgee) was the 1-stroke winner from Geoff Cranfield (Long Reef) and last year's champion, Ricky Allison (Camden Lakeside) in third place. John's rounds were 73 and 75 (148). Nett winner was Matt Kumjew (Hurstville) with a nett score of 138. Tournament Director Les Knox and his Committee were delighted with the high standard of golf and sportsmanship on display. Congratulations to all participants.

With two InterClub events to go, the leaders in the Player of the Year are Judy Loader (Stonecutters) from Elaine Williams (Dunheved) and Sue Evers (Springwood). The Men's Player of the Year leaders are Greg Williams (Dunheved) from Peter Green (Dunheved), Steve Cromer (Leonay) and Peter Cromer (Wallacia).

Our representatives in the inaugural NSWVGA Medal at Port Macquarie in October are Carol Carter (Richmond), Sue Evers (Springwood), Steve Cromer (Leonay) and Peter Cromer (Wallacia)

Chris Evans, Hon. Sec. 22 September 2019