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October 2023 WAVGA Newsletter

Dear WAVGA Member

A very warm welcome to the third newsletter of the 2023 season which is now two thirds of the way through.

The season appears to be flying by but there is logic behind the principle of time going faster with age i.e., when a person is, for example, 7 years of age one year is a seventh of their life but with a person of 60 years of age one year is a sixtieth of their life. The conclusion is a sixtieth is a lot shorter than a seventh which is an indicator why time seems to go faster as we age.

The committee hopes you are having a very enjoyable year with the Vets with the good variety of venues and competitions.

“They say golf is like life but do not believe them. Golf is more complicated than that.”

Gardner Dickenson, American Golfer

The following subjects will be covered in this newsletter

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Club Championships

Congratulations to the winners and appreciation to our platinum sponsors of the Club Championships, Drummond Golf

- Gross winner and club champion Scott Brown in his first year as a member of the Vets
- A Division nett winner Tony Giorgio
- B Division nett winner Peter Humphrey
- C Division nett winner Fred Feucs

A big 'Thank You' to Rob Bennett for donating considerable time in preparing input and player information into multiple spread sheets to provide the club championship results.

Club Sponsors

Platinum	Drummond Golf
Silver	Meadow Springs Hartfield Golf Club Nutri Mate dog food rolls Western Flooring
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A big 'Thank You' to all our sponsors, your support is very much appreciated.

We welcome a new Bronze sponsor this year, Paul Deans of Golf Corner Travel. I have just played for the first time in one of his golf tournaments in Hua Hin Thailand. I highly recommend his superb organisation and arrangements playing at top quality venue courses in Hua Hin, Asia.

Could I request that, wherever possible, we support our commercial sponsors. Please mention you are a member of the Vets when using any of their services as, importantly, we are always seeking continued support from our sponsors.

Remember when spending your well-earned vouchers at Drummond Golf, that you present your Drummond Golf membership card to obtain your member discount.

New members

We would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since the last Newsletter in June 2023.

Rob	ANDERSON	Meadow Springs	Evan	JONES	Mt Lawley
Mary	ANDERSON	Meadow Springs	Geoff	LAKE	Royal Fremantle
Cath	BELLEMORE	Nedlands	Bobby	LOCKE	WAGC
Jenny	BRYCE	Bunbury	Garry	MAHER	Secret Harbour
Greg	CZUBEK	Melville Glades	Phil	MANNIN	Mandurah
Peter	EBELL	Joondalup	Max	McLEAN	Royal Fremantle
Jane	ELLIS	WAGC	Peter	MILLS	Mt Lawley
Charlie	ELVERD	Mt Lawley	Brian	MORESCO	Melville Glades
Gavin	FURNESS	Nedlands	Jon	NICOL	Nedlands
Ken	GORRINGE	Hartfield	Mark	PETERSON	Sea View
Christine	HYMA	Royal Perth	Phillip	SHELLEY	Royal Fremantle
Barry	JOHNSON	Melville Glades	Mandy	SUDLOW-BROWN	Nedlands
			Kevin	WARD	Sun City

Fixtures and Results

Please note to check:

- 1 The members tab on the website for the following:
 - A. Fixtures
 - B. Captains Corner this contains all information relating to fixture changes, results, and any changes in playing conditions, etc. as well as Drummond voucher credits. If you see you have \$25 or more credit in Drummond vouchers, please ask the captain for a voucher.
- 2 The Home/game results tab for all weekly results and the order of merit progressive scores

Also, for those interested in the weekly fixture results, they will appear in The West Australian, usually on a Wednesday.

We hope those who could stay, enjoyed the WAVGA complimentary post-game hospitality at the Vines.

Important: the next **City V Country** challenge will take place at Pinjarra GC on 20th November. There will be the same arrangements as last year with post-game catering provided.

Hopefully the City Vets will be able to retain the Bruce Rowley Shield. Currently the score stands at 7 to 6 in favour of the City Vets.

A note for your 2024 diary: the City V Country challenge will be back at Bunbury Golf Club on Monday 18th March 2024.

Other fixtures will be arranged for that week and will be announced in the near future as part of the 2024 South West tour.

Reminder to all members

- Please arrive and check in at the desk at least 30 minutes before your start tee time
- In future the desk will close 30 minutes before the last tee off time. Late arrivals may play but will not be able to enter the super pin.
- Remember the delegates will also be playing in the fixture
- Report to the tee 10 minutes before your tee off time
- If you are delayed for any reason, please contact the Captain, Vice-Captain, or delegate
- Please note to strive to always keep up with the group in front of you.

Midwest Tour

The 2023 Midwest tour was a great success. The Midwest Vets hosted four great venues and appreciated our visit to their part of Western Australia.

They are keen for the event to continue in the future so make a note in your diary to check for information included in the 2024 fixtures program to be announced later this year.

The Midwest Ron Cole Challenge Shield played at Geraldton golf course was again won by the Midwest with a 25-point margin, Midwest 650 points V City Veterans 625 points. Let's make a big effort to return the shield to Perth in 2024.

Notable performances during the event

- Kalbarri – Neil Munro won the event with 39 points
- Spalding – Doug Hudson was second with 35 points
- Geraldton – Peter Sweetlove 35 points
- Dongarra – Doug Hudson 35 points
- Overall, Tour Champion was Doug Hudson with a total of 141 combined Stableford points, closely followed by Mick Brazier with 133. Congratulations to these two members.

Vets Promotion

Please note a generous offer from the committee: if you introduce a new member between now and the end of this calendar year, your membership for 2024 will be free. Do not forget to mention to prospective members that they automatically receive life membership of Drummond Golf, worth \$35, when they join the WA Vets, which includes many cost saving initiatives. Please make sure you advise our Secretary/Treasurer, Tom Grimston, (email: secretary@wavetgolf.org) of anyone you have introduced. New members signing up now are automatically paid up to 31 December 2024.

Did you notice that we got a good profile in the Drummond Golf eNews this month, plus information regarding many of their current equipment offers.

The committee is keen to promote the organization and increase its membership, especially as we are all over 55 and, at times, face health challenges which can reduce our attendance numbers.

We think with our great fixture list that 400 members would be sustainable. Therefore, if you have any ideas regarding promoting the organization, please communicate to a member of the committee.

We have signed up with Curtin Radio and you may have heard WA Vets promoted as a community announcement.

Website

A few members have reported that they are not receiving confirmation emails when they are upgraded from the wait list. Please ensure you always check your spam emails and if any Vets emails are found there, please forward them to Tom Grimston at: secretary@wavetgolf.org for follow up.

General

Reminder the WAVGA AGM will be held at the West Australian Golf Club on Monday 11th December 2023 at 10:30am.

Please note the game will follow the AGM with a 12.15 pm shotgun start. Following the game, dinner will be available at 6pm. Members are welcome to bring along their wives/partners to the post-game dinner. The dinner is included in the \$61 green fee for all members and is \$35 to bring a guest. Anyone with the intention of inviting wives/partners please communicate with the secretary at least two weeks prior to the event.

Several committee positions will be available at the AGM this year, including the Captain position as Ron Ross, our current Captain, is stepping down. Therefore, we will be looking for a new Captain and anyone interested please communicate with a member of the committee. Ron has stated he is prepared to serve on the committee and provide support to the new Captain. Nominations for the vacant committee positions are required by the 22nd November.

The 2024 annual subscription notice will be sent out early December with fees being held at \$40. Payment via credit card will again be made available. Please sign the authority form that will be available at the AGM. If you do not intend to renew your fees in 2024 please notify the Treasurer as soon as possible.

Booking sheet closes at 6pm each Sunday. If you are not 100% sure of making the fixture, please cancel your booking before the fixture closes. Worse still are no shows on the day. It is appreciated that urgent matters and illness arise from time to time but losing several players after numbers have been confirmed causes angst with our host clubs and inconvenience to our fellow members.

Cancellations after 6pm on Sunday evening must be communicated to the Captain and should also be communicated to your playing partners.

If an emergency or any urgent circumstances arise after 6pm Sunday before any fixture, text the Captain and inform the fixture club especially if you have booked a cart. Always remember we are guests at our host clubs and it is important that we strive to maintain a positive relationship to ensure the Vets are always welcomed at any golf club.

Conclusion

“They say your relationship with a putter is like a marriage. If I had to choose between my wife and my putter, well I would miss her” – The great Gary Player.

As we near the end of the season it is hoped you have enjoyed your golf this year with the Vets and with the quality program of varied course venues. Remember to invite your friends to join. Our lady membership is growing which has added a positive dimension to the organisation.

Happy Golfing.

Stan Sexton
Vice President