



New Zealand Veteran Golfers Association

Request for a club to affiliate a Tournament/Event to NZVGA

The purpose for this letter is to put the association's case in regards to forming an ongoing partnership with your Club in hosting an event.

The NZVGA (previously known as the NZ Senior Golf Association) was formed in 1957 and each year in December since then a series of tournaments are being held around the North Island. There is currently very little organised Veteran/ Seniors Golf played in the South Island. The NZVGA is a duly elected body set up to administer veteran golf on behalf of the districts who form the association. The Districts have a combined membership of 5157 players (as 30 September 2020).

The districts hold events for affiliated veteran golfers. The Association co-ordinates a calendar which comprises 44+ club tournaments that are played annually. These tournaments have their own sponsorship arrangements.

We also hold The National Championships; this annual event determines who is the Association's best Veteran/senior golfer (men and women 50+). Currently like all other sports the numbers playing in our events have fallen, however with the baby boomers beginning to retire we are hopeful of gradually increasing numbers over time.

These golfers, from all over the North Island (we do have the occasional players from the South Island or overseas playing at times) represent a group of people who play for the enjoyment of the game.

Obviously, were you to get involved in the event, we would be happy to sit down with your representative to ensure that your needs were being met in terms of exposure, publicity of services and speaking opportunities etc.

We see the benefits to you including:

- 1 Advertising /Flyers sent to The District Delegates, my database, along with being on our Website
- 2 Advertising in all publications/programmes/entry forms relating to the tournament.
- 3 We can make the On-line entry form for you to use.
- 4 Results and sometimes photos will be uploaded to the New Zealand Veteran Golfers Web Site. ***www: nzvga.co.nz***
- 5 Groups have to fund raise/seek sponsorship to cover this cost of a tournament, we encourage making any profit from entry fees/raffles etc.

– Points of Interest

- 40+ Men or Men and Women or Mixed tournaments held annually around the North Island.
- The format of the event is varied, 4BBB, pairs, stroke play etc...
- The duration is equally varied from 1 day to 5 days.
- Annually 2500-3000 play in these tournaments.
- 1st National NZVGA National Tournament held in 1955, fields now normally around 48 - 96
- National Tournaments held annually. (December).
- NZVGA Objectives are:
 - to foster and encourage the game of golf amongst veteran golfers
 - give information, advice and assistance to organising committees running tournaments
 - collate and produce an annual calendar of tournaments.
- Philosophy of Seniors/Vets is playing/participating is more important than winning, thus in 75% of the tournaments everyone gets a prize regardless of where they place in the field.
- NZVGA WEB Site: **www: nzvga.co.nz**. Which keeps current and perspective players up to date with tournament and other information.
- Who can play in the tournaments? Men and Women who are 50+ who belong to a Seniors/Veterans Association affiliated to the Association.

As a member of the Association you to have responsibilities also, these being:

- Provide up to date contact details of the contact person(s) for your tournament
- Pay as soon as possible after your tournament has been conducted pay to the Association a capitation fee, this is currently fixed at \$1.25 per player who has entered/played in your tournament. These fees are used by the Association to fund their running costs.
- Make no change to your annual tournament date without consulting the Association.

Please have a look at our website for more in-depth information.

Should you be interested in affiliating with us, or, if you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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