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Hello Veteran Golfers

Time once again to correspond with you regarding the status and happenings of our terrific association.

Already three state events have been completed and I thank those members who have participated. However, I have been disappointed in some of the attending numbers and suspect that the economy and fuel prices may be having a detrimental effect. The 4BBB Championship held at Buninyong G.C was highly successful, and the weather was warm and slightly pleasant except for the gusts of wind that at times were difficult to deal with. Riverside in Mildura was worth the drive with the weather being excellent. However, due to past flooding the course played with some difficulty and the scores portrayed the same. Unfortunately, the Sand Greens Championships at Parklands in Hamilton was very poorly supported with only Thirty (30) participants despite the hard work done by the organizers. As with most courses of this ilk the difficulty was high, and the scores once again reflected the same.

The next two VVGA events will be the Teams Championships at Bendigo Golf Club and the State Championship at Corowa Golf Club.

All district Secretaries have been forwarded the application forms for the Teams Championship and the alteration to this event for the future is that each District can nominate three teams of three participants.

As an important side note to this event is that we have been able to attract generous sponsorship from the Golden Square Hotel where the official dinner is to be held on the Monday evening of the 16th of September including a free drink upon arrival. I would urge all the districts to request their participants to attend, and fund the attendance, to support the sponsor and Council.

The next Council meeting is to held Wednesday 4th of September and the event calendar should be finalized for the upcoming year at this time so to advise the districts of date for their program.

The VVGA Zoning Committee has completed their work, and we have introduced a seventh zone, being Bayside Zone, and renamed Central Zone to that of Loddon Zone to alleviate the confusion between and with the Central District. The details of the changes are on the VVGA website vva.org.au and I urge members to make themselves familiar with the information contained within all the sub-classifications.

The Governance Committee has completed the work on the Model Rules Template and the adjustments necessary and applicable to the running of a District and some of the districts who are up to date with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and are therefore compliant with this Act. However, it is important for the Insurance purposes that all districts are aware and compliant. Please contact Vice President Geoff Cook, Secretary John Robertson, or me with any query.

In closing I wish you all the best of health and look forward to catching up with many of you at future events.

Kind Regards
Ern Kraulis
VVGA President
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