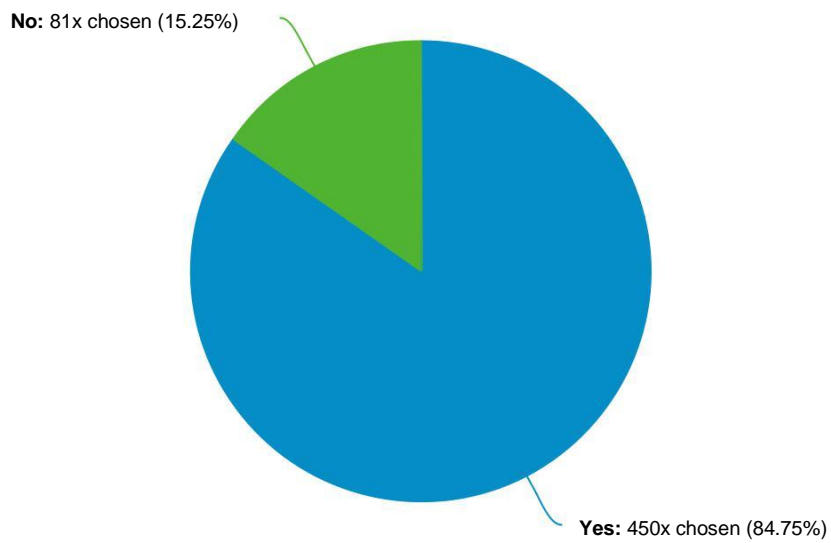


## Association Feed back

Could we start by asking why you joined the WDVGA.

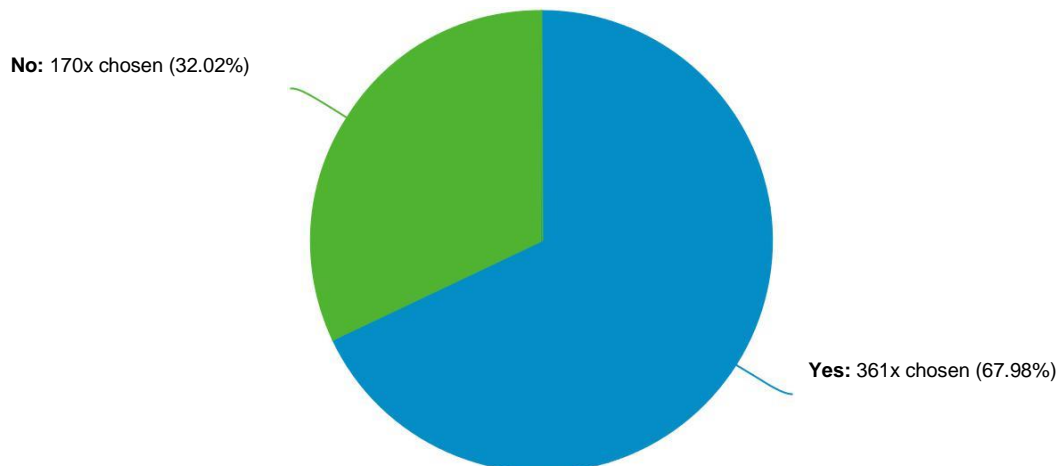
**To travel to member clubs to compete in association tournaments**

Number of responses: 531



**To be able to play for my club in association representative pennant events?**

Number of responses: 531



## Other reasons indicate below

Number of responses: 137

Text answers:

- fellowship with other golfers
- Enjoy experiencing the different challenges of the varied layouts
- To meet some new golf friends
- I have a few mates in the Vets. So I can play with them. I haven't played in any yet. I have only just joined.
- I know some of the vets at Ng, so play with them
- To play courses in our area .
- Veterans golf run a genuine scramble so you get to meet a wide range of people.
- Opportunity to share ideas about growing and improving our own club resources and membershipMy primary reason for joining was to play Vets at my own club and enjoy the fellowship. I select two or three tournaments at other clubs to participate in. Afraid I only want to play golf a couple of days each week and have other activities I am involved in.
- and enjoy the company of all golfers
- Midweek golf suits me better
- n/a
- good Club culture
- To pay a once only fee, rather than yearly. To be part of a well organised Vets group, one that recognises "Golfers" not just Men.
- To enjoy the company of other vets at different courses around NZ
- away too much therefore unavailable
- wanted to play with people round my own age
- sharing the experience with other vets.
- Meet other people
- Other vet tourney
- To enable me to play in NZVGA Tournaments.
- Health
- We reached the age to join
- To play more golf at my own club.
- to play in Australian events.
- Good to play other courses
- Also to meet other members of clubs and enjoy there company

- To meet others from other clubs
- Companionship, currently I'm still working but when I retire I will take an active part
- Purely for the enjoyment with fellow veteran golfers
- so i could play in annual five day tournament at Cambridge.
- Friendship of fellow golfers
- To play for Vet trophies within our club and talked into by Convenor
- Cheaper than Auckland!
- and / or to support my club members playing pennants if I'm not and keep in touch with members of other clubs
- Enjoy getting to know and play with different people and making new acquaintances
- To play throughout NZ.
- to enjoy a relaxed day of golf with others. No ressure or having to perform
- play against others outside our local club.
- Because Don Campbell told me to!
- the pleasure of playing golf and meeting other players
- Im getting older
- To meet other members
- so i could be more involved with people my age that play golf
- social side of playing with other members
- To play other courses at a reasonable price to meet others of a similar age, plus
- At my age and ability Vets Golf is my main form of participation
- No Comment
- Old enough to join, so I did. Don't play tournaments as it costs too much to hire carts.
- Good fellowship.
- To test my skills on different courses
- I joined Waikato vet 26 years ago ,never thought about q1 and q2 just wanted to play golf at Morrinsville as I had retired. The occasional trip to another club was the icing on the cake .
- In case in latter years that is what I wanted to do
- To be able to play at different clubs and with different players.
- To Q2 both , To play rep pennants and play at other clubs
- To enjoy the opportunity to play on a variety of courses at affordable green fees
- I enjoy playing other clubs and meeting new members in the Waikato area.
- To join like-minded, like-aged people to golf and socialise with.
- Meet new people
- Fellowship with other vets at my club

- To meet veteran golfers with common aims and outlook
- For the enjoyment of playing with like minded players,
- To enjoy playing with other golf members from different Clubs.
- Low cost golf at other courses
- Being able to play on many courses new to me
- play on vets day at my club (Hamilton).
- To meet and play with fellow vets throughout the Waikato
- To meet other people
- Socialise with lots of nice people
- Came down from Auckland 4 yrs ago and was advised to join
- Travel the country playing golf at a reasonable price in tournaments with like minded people
- To experience different golf courses, meet new people
- To meet and play with other members at different courses at a very reasonable cost
- Nil
- Pennants are men only. However I sometimes play midweek womens pennants
- Just to support the Vets.
- cheap membership
- to play golf with fallow golfers
- Cheap Golf
- Very good value
- To have the opportunity to play at other clubs if I so wished.
- To have the opportunity to play at other clubs if I so wished.
- The comaradrie of the vets events
- To play mid-week games with other vets at my local club.
- Just to play a round of golf with friendly people.
- Social
- To play Hukanui vets events
- It was suggested that I join when I started playing golf
- Age
- To play golf with like-minded others
- by supporting other clubs I hoped that they would recipricate and come to cambridge
- To participate in events which are beyond the capability of my local club
- Play on other courses
- To play more courses and meet more people

- To be part of our local vets
- To experience varying golfing conditions in the Waikato regions
- Access to many clubs without paying exorbitant fees
- wished to play vets golf in town where I live
- to enjoy golf
- As a vet i joined to support this organization
- For Fitness and companionship
- Catch up with other vets thru out Waikato
- The social side & meeting other people.
- Meeting people @ a small amount of money. playing other courses.

- None
- Just enjoy golf with Vets.
- No other reasons at the moment
- I am now to old to travel and/or play in pennant events, but enjoyed them in earlier days.
- Meeting other members
- Enjoy the company of like minded people
- To get to meet other vets members, for friendship
- Meet other players
- Give me a wider selection of Courses and Tournaments to play
- to play more golf at a reasonable cost
- to play in vets ts in other parts of nz
- To meet like minded people
- Good comraderie from playing in a team event.
- Wonderful sporting companionship is provided to whatever degree you wish to develop this aspect.
- Camaraderie
- no
- \*Social reasons. \*Interested in becoming involved in organization admin. \* Good group of members who used to travel regularly.
- I get too old
- Returning from overseas and need to practice as I've not played for more than 10 years..

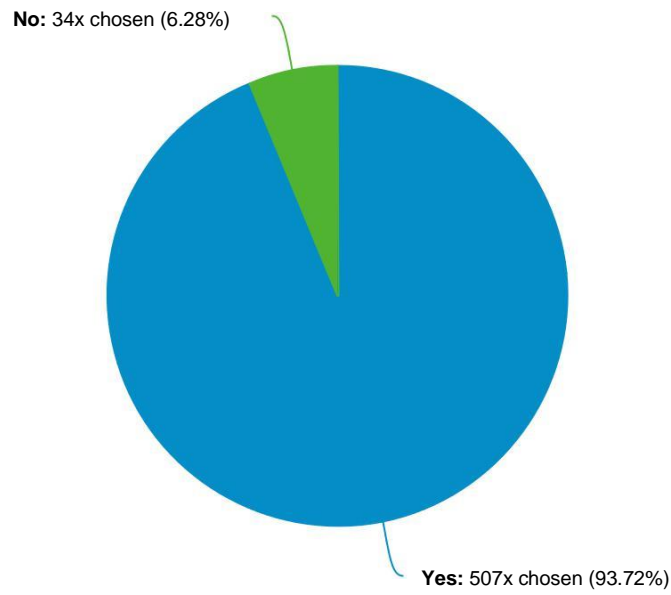
- to play social golf
- To enjoy social activity off farm
- to meet friends
- To meet and enjoy the company of other people.

- None
- Play other courses in the area
- To add to my overall Golf experience
- To keep in touch with passed playing vet's
- To join other vet friends at our club's weekly get together
- Enjoyment golf with vets who need a good time
- See different courses I would not normally go to
- Regular (own) club days
- To become a more active golfer and play different courses

# 1. Your club has a veteran's convenor

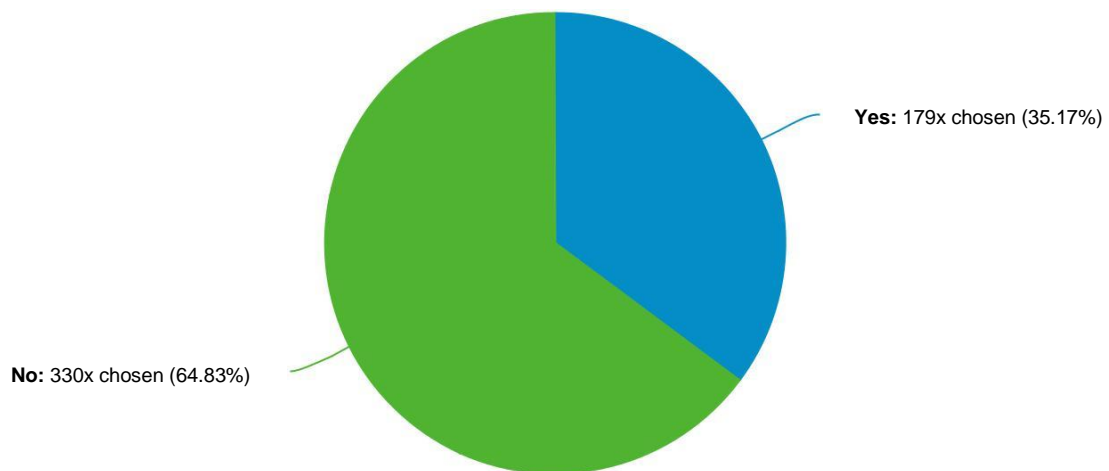
## Does he keep you informed?

Number of responses: 541



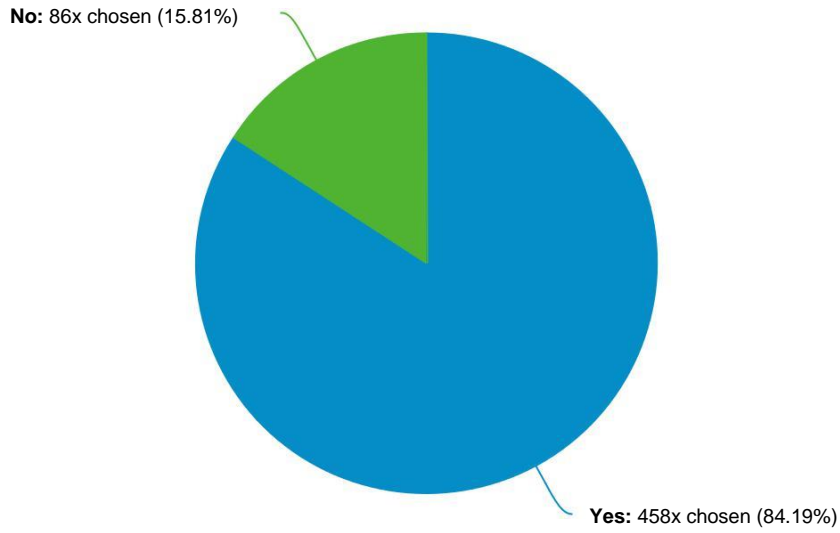
## Would you like more information?

Number of responses: 509



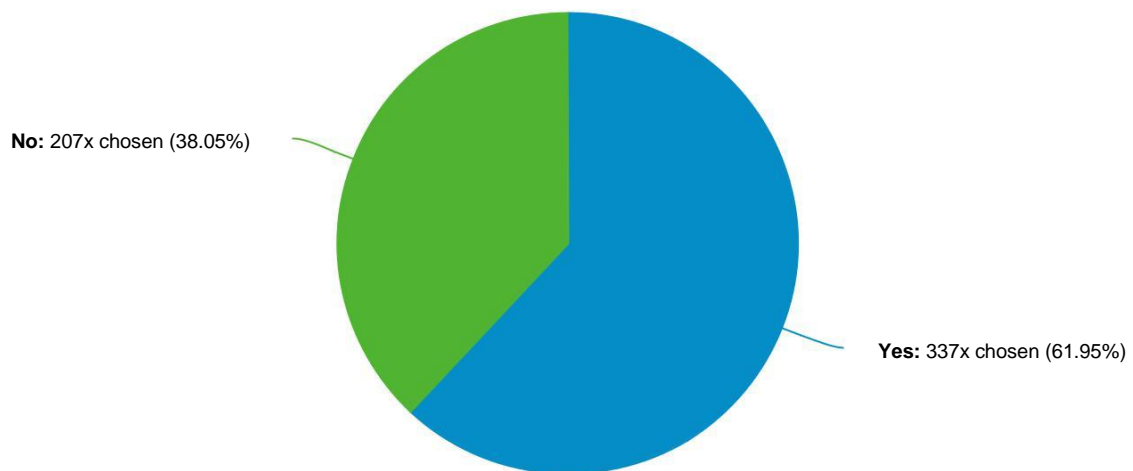
**2. The association has 70% of our membership on direct E Mail**  
**Do you want information to be E Mailed directly to you?**

Number of responses: 544



**3. Are you aware the association has a web site?**

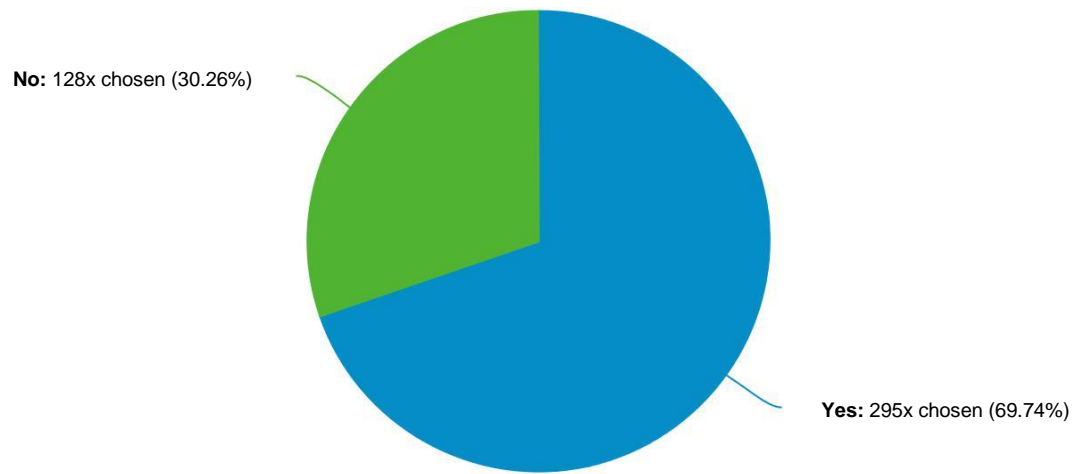
Number of responses: 544





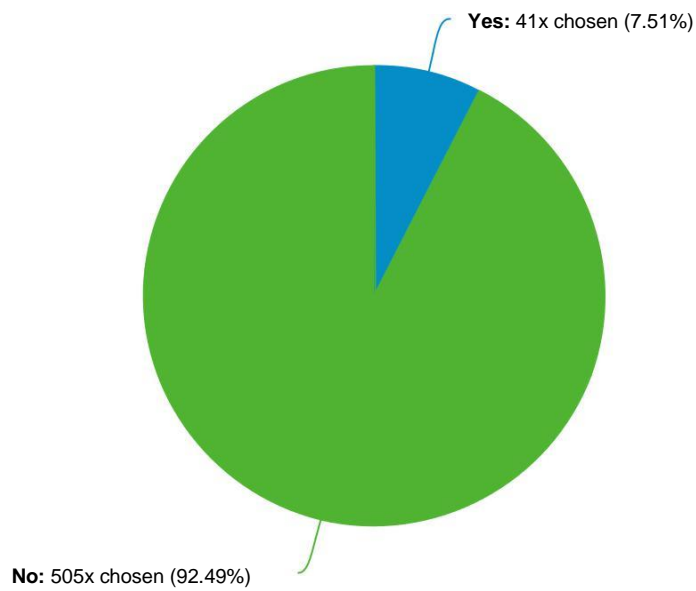
## Do you find the web site useful?

Number of responses: 423



## 4. Are you a club Convenor?

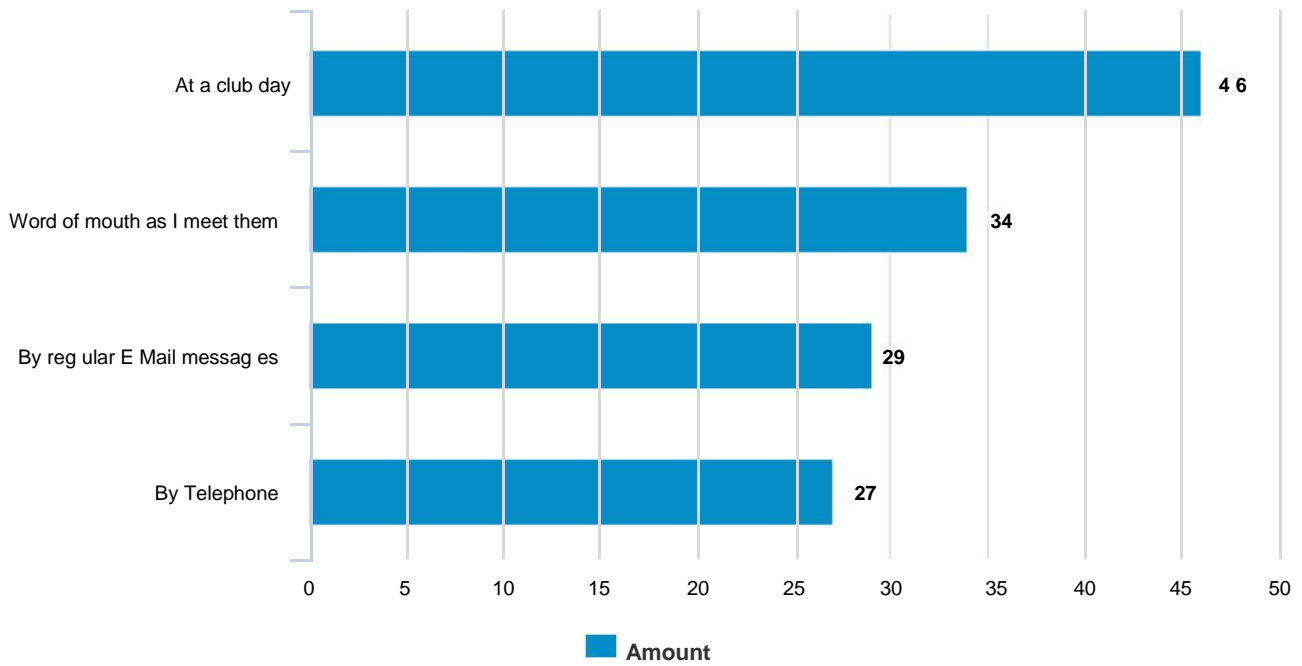
Number of responses: 546



If yes please answer below - if "yes" please answer the options in question question 5, otherwise move to the next question.

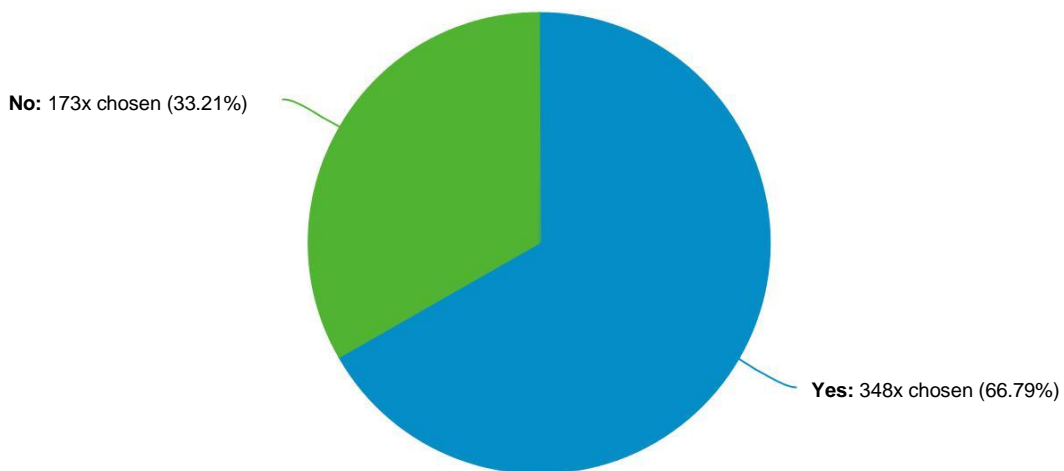
**As a club convenor how do you communicate with members?**

Number of responses: 59



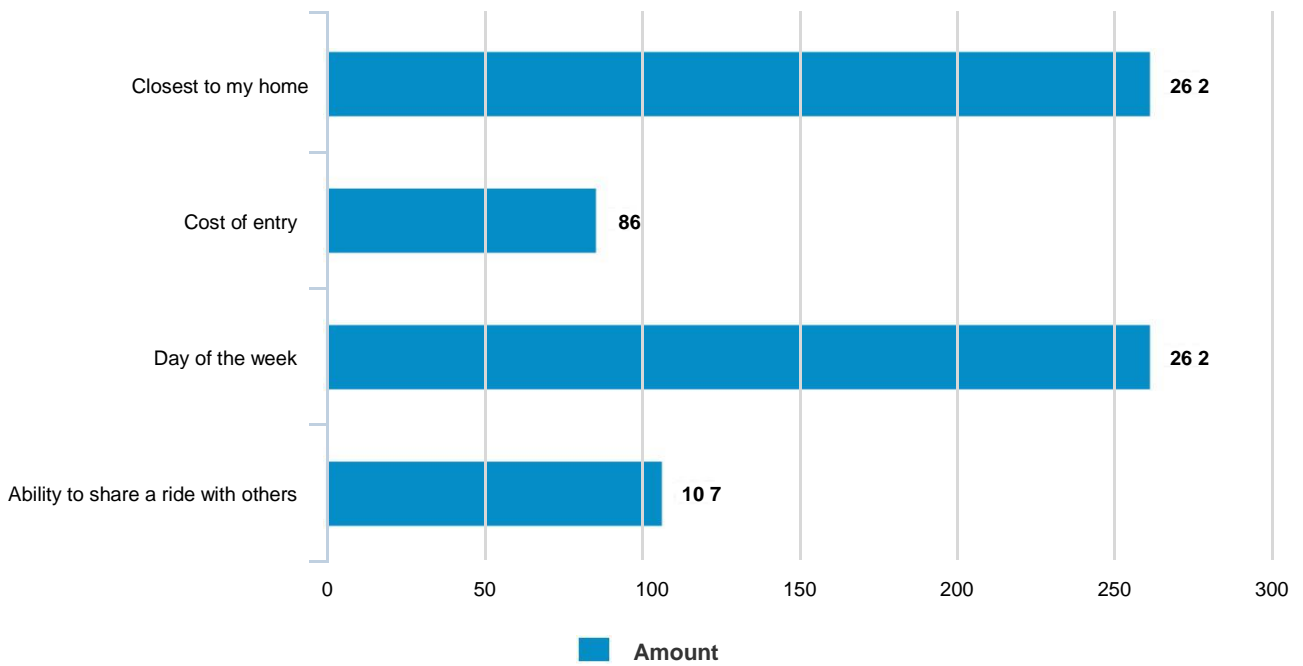
**5. Do you compete in WDVGA one day tournaments?**

Number of responses: 521



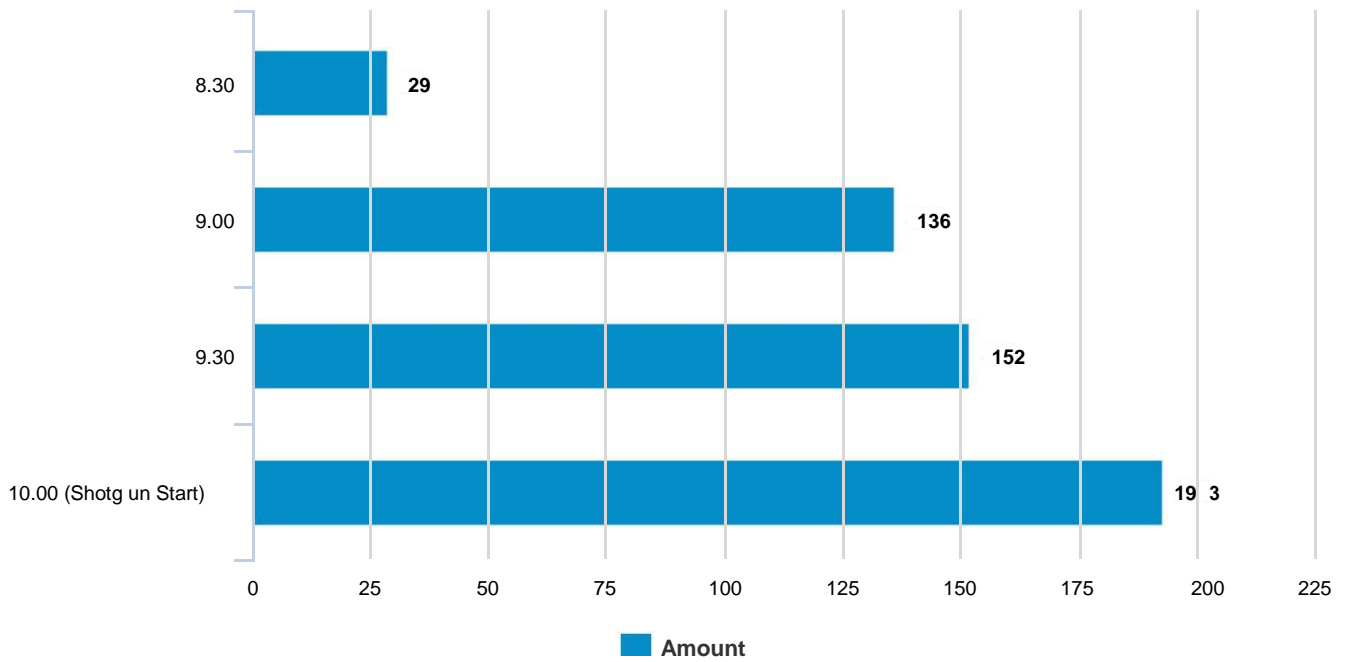
## If you answered "yes" to question 5 by which criteria do you select events?

Number of responses: 365



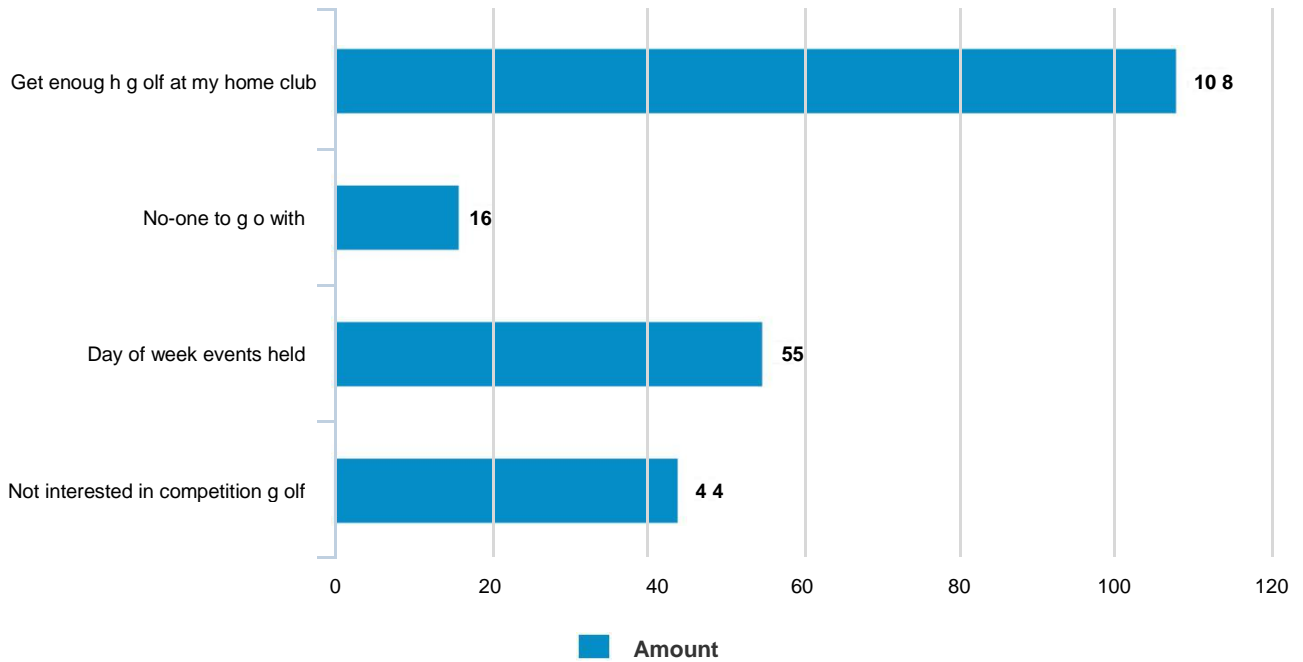
## Do you prefer start time of?

Number of responses: 458



**If you answered "NO" to question 5 please indicate which of the following reasons applies most**

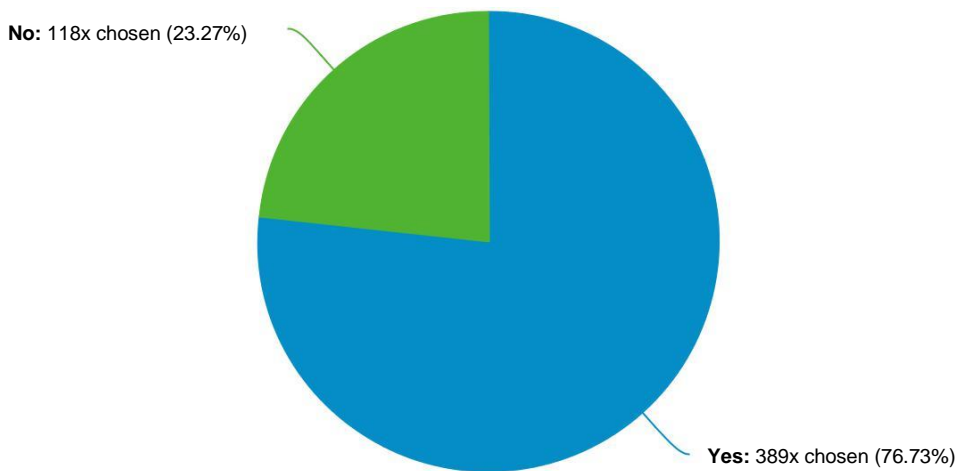
Number of responses: 185



**6. The recommended entry fee for WDVGA one day tournaments is \$10.00**

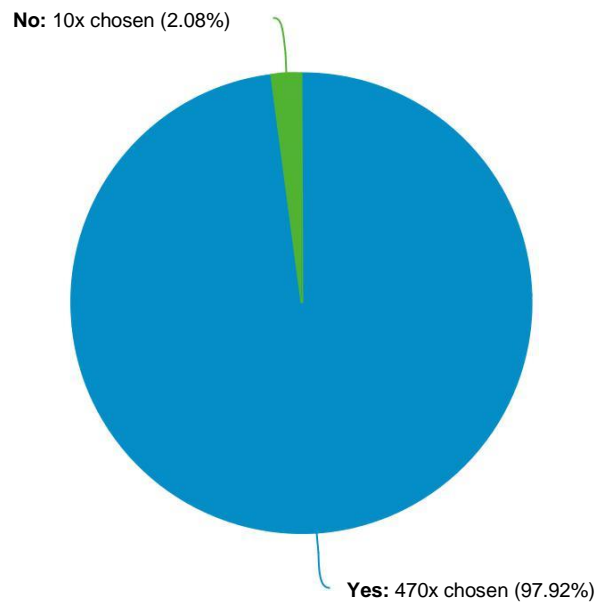
**Would you play if it was increased to \$15.00?**

Number of responses: 507



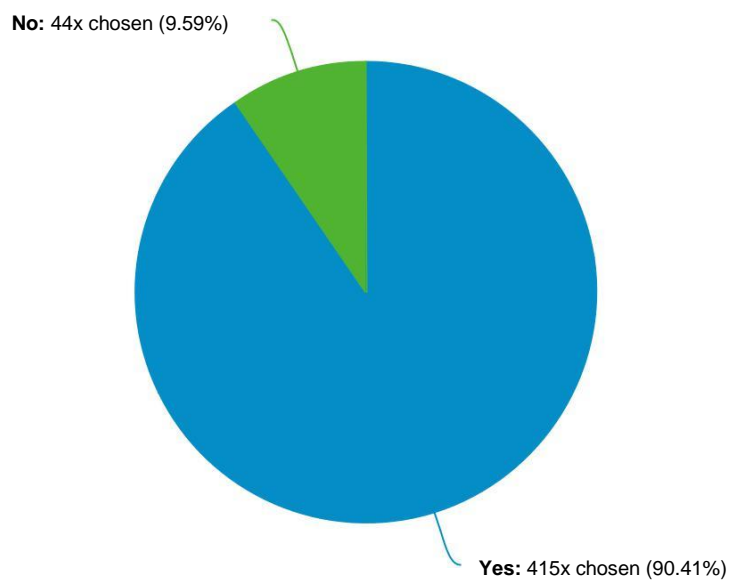
## 7. Do you feel you get receive fair value for money in association one day events have attended

Number of responses: 480



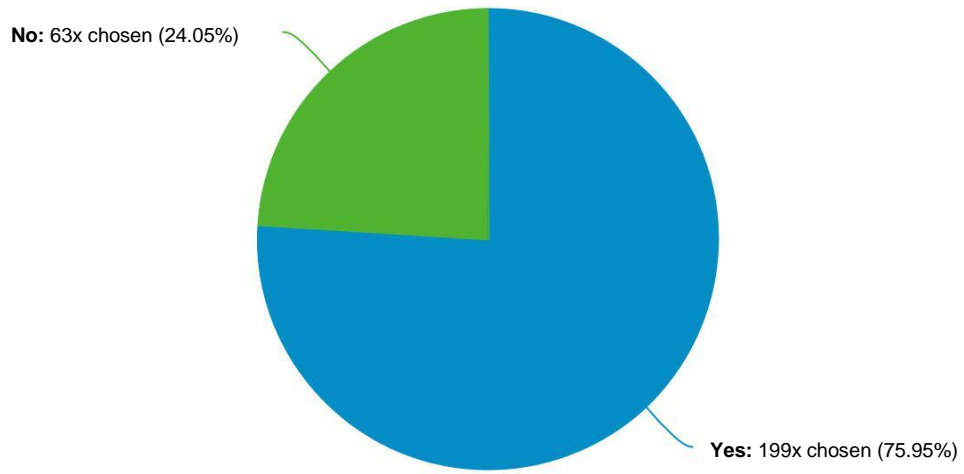
## Are the number and value of prizes awarded acceptable at most events?

Number of responses: 459



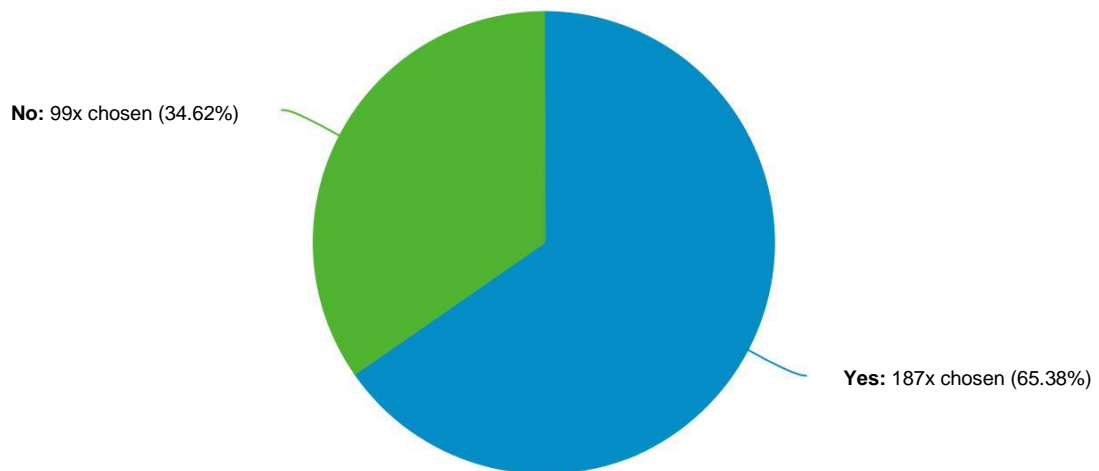
## At some events

Number of responses: 262



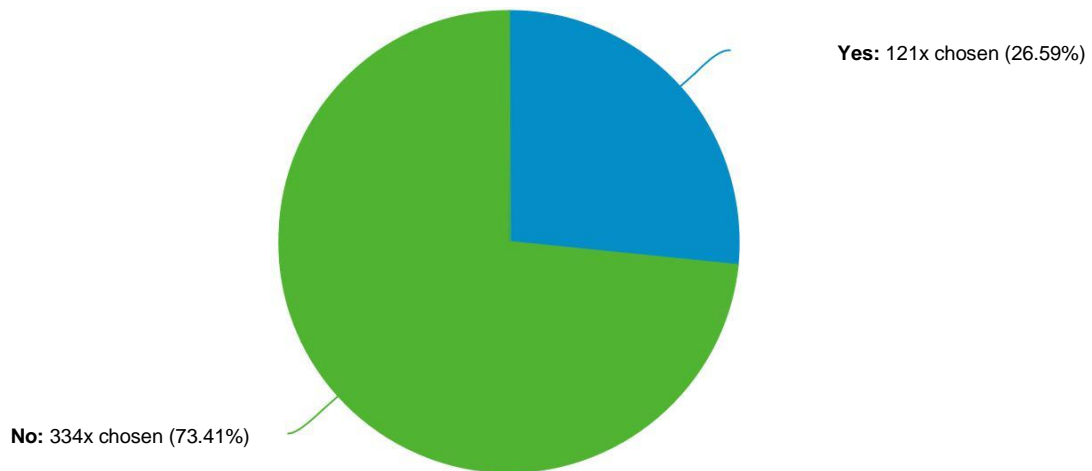
## Many could do better

Number of responses: 286



## Would you prefer prizes other than meat packs?

Number of responses: 455



## Other please indicate below

Number of responses: 88

Text answers:

- Food is good that doesn't need chilly bin storage to take home
- vouchers for golf equipment
- participation and not prize value is the attraction for me
- It really depends on the financial situation of the Club
- I still work so do not attend as often as i would like, great to be a member
- I do not mind meat or other other prizes .
- New World vouchers
- prizes for ladies as well
- vouchers
- Prizes are the least importance!
- Voucher..... or meat pack that is NOT chicken
- Grocery Vouchers
- varying vouchers pns,mitre 10 etc
- A mix including vouchers

- grocery vouchers and meat packs
- Grocery or petrol vouchers
- For the past three years injury has kept me out of Waikato Vets Golf, and I am presently recovering from surgery which hopefully will see me out playing Waikato Vets Golf in the new year. Ving
- Prizes must be better or at least equal what you pay to play after all you've paid your Membership to Play Golf all year round at your club

- a mixture

- Fuel vouchers O.K.

- Meat packs are great but a change is always good. eg Golf attire, products etc

- Supermarket or other voucher I would prefer. The meat are always nonhalal so unacceptable to a Muslim like myself so I never collect it.I go out and play Just for the love of golf.

- I attend some avents i am happy

- Alcohol

- Depends on numbers at event Meat packs seem to be O K.

- dont matter to much

- Vouchers

- Prizes could be vouchers to spend at the Golf pro shop or Grocery voucher maybe.

- Mixed meat with other things

- If meat is donated - great. Mitre 10 ,grocery or fuel vouchers are always well received

- wine, petrol vouchers, supermarket vouchers

- Not worried about prizes , not a pot hunter, just enjoy playing and the company of other members

- Rarely win prizes even though I regularly play to my handicap. I think regular prize winners handicaps need more careful monitoring!

- Vouchers or cash

- Golf equipment,

- some do department store or countdown grocery vouchers but that puts pressure on organisers trying to get sponsorship

- Vouchers

- I play in vets events for the enjoyment of the day . The prizes are irrelevant.

- petrol vouchers - supermarket vouchers

- Meat packs are convenient and universal tender,not sure if theres anything else that would appeal to a wide audience

- Maybe supermarket vouchers or similar

- Meat packs are awesome,



- The prize is not that important but they depth of prizes ie number of them is . A small meat pack for say 60% of the field is quite acceptable for me. Cash would be ok too.
- Golf equipment,its more that my wife will not eat meatpacks!
- Golf gear IE Balls tees etc
- Petrol or Countdown vouchers
- There are only a few mean Clubs re prizes- If you convey it to them they usually improve
- If you are playing 2 hours away from home meat packs are a bit of a pain
- Not everyone is a big meat eater.
- if there a lot of out of towners then meats pack are inappropriate as they are not going straight home
- Voucher supermarket
- Glad I'm not a vegetarian!
- vouches petrol supermarket. Golf balls tees gloves
- Question doesn't make sense, and I don't attend one day events.
- A little variation in prizes would be appreciated. Maybe some smaller prizes - chocolates, wine, (take home to mum bits) would be good.
- The concept of almost everyone gets a prize is not great with most prizes less than entry would be better less prizes 30 to 40 % of field maybe vouchers
- Wine
- VOUCHER>S
- golf products
- Money
- Not played enough events to make comment
- vouchers
- Golf balls etc
- They, the clubs also run raffles , so it can be costly . Therefore , the day can be costly eg. lunch & something to drink
- As I only eat free range pork or chicken I often have to decline to accept the prize I win.
- Haven't been to any tournaments
- No other reasons at the moment
- not really interested in either - just enjoy the company while travelling around in motorhome
- i don't drink alcohol, so options like golf balls. etc are a good idea.
- Prizes do not interest me.
- Golf equipment, balls, caps etc. sponsors donated prizes
- Difficult to offer alternative prizes other than meat packs, bottles of wine or spirits. Last thing players want is "rubbishy" stuff that they don't need.

- golf equipment
- I do not play 18 holes or competitions due to an ongoing rheumatic health problem, so I am not able to answer the questions above. Also I have asked our vets to form an 18 hole sub- committee to run 18 hole vets events.

- Anything

- n/a

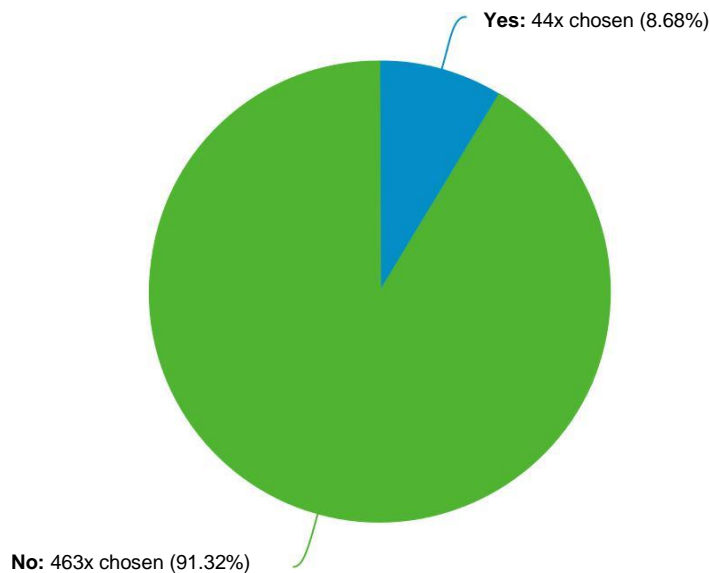
- Golf prizes...balls etc
- choice maybe with vouchers so you can choose what you need to get.
- I think all prizes should be cash. Easier to manage/control. No butcher's markup to deal with. Meat can be dubious at times
- Voucher
- I work during the week so have not participated in a tournament as yet
- Don't care what the prizes are
- Would prefer that there are fewer prizes of a larger value. You can't expect to win a prize if you can't play to your handicap

- golf related ie balls, gloves etc.
- Don't matter
- golf related prizes, better top prizes at the expense of fewer low value prizes
- gift vouchers
- Golf balls, vouchers etc

**8. The associations premier event is the Waikato Veteran's Championship. It is played in November each year over 3 days (54 holes) at the Hamilton Golf Club's St Andrews course.**

**Do you play in this event?**

Number of responses: 507



**If you replied Yes please advise what could we do to improve this event?**

Number of responses: 42

Text answers:

- open it to women golfers because if there women are not allowed to play they will play in other tournament tbecause the players who are keeping these tournaments around the country going are travelling between events in campervans and caravans. I have tried to tell the people who run this tournament for years that they are missing out because they don't allow women [wives and partners ] to play I have played in this tournament for years and years and its a shame such a wonderful golf course is not fully utilise signed Robin McGhie
- I haven't played golf for 7or 8 yrs. Certainly not since you received my letter of resignation as convenor at Pio Pio/Aria golf club.
- St Andrews isn't the greatest club around!! There are other clubs just as good if not better in course presentation you could probably look at!!
- But I will this year
- haven't done as yet but I am interested
- maybe don't start too early - for out of towners, too much traffic
- I think the event is very well run.
- This is a comment on a general disincetive to playing in Vets events including Hamilton. Clubs need to be more consistent in using the T designation for tournaments. When I was twice put on an R in my late 60s I found alternatives to golf like fishing more rewarding than travelling to golf and starting 3-4 shots disadvantage to fellow competitors. My general dissatisfaction with golf was increased when I saw some

players getting away with good scores in tournaments that were not being entered as T.I still find it hard to pass up a good fishing day for golf. I was not trying to cheat just getting older and not able to hit so far.

- Perhaps arrange a cheaper cart hire rate for those hiring a cart for the full 3 days.
- clashes with omokoroa
- I have'nt played this event but would if I could as I like the St Andrews course. No problems with the format.
- I did not know about this event and if I did I would play in this 54 hole tournament as long as it did not involve Sunday play.
- Satisfactory as it is.
- Have played once, but missed last year due to other commitments. Will hopefully play this year.
- The year I played it was well run and enjoyable. The comment I hear most often from other golfers is that 54 holes is to much. Maybe could reduce to 2 days, 36 holes.
- Considering many travel to Hamilton and stay in motel keep in mind that 3 days means 3 nights accommodation

- approx \$450 ( \$225 if shared) plus meals, say \$50/day, so for many vets the total cost including everything is too high.
- need to get people in clubhouse after daily event. Also need more support from home members Maybe shotgun start daily raffles & prizes

- Maybe prepaid lunch card with drink
- Re handicap people daily IE with outrageous low scores But I do look forward to this event

- So far I have found these events very well run. With both a good mix of social functions and golf.
- I would but because I work , 3days is to hard for me.
- Go to courses where the vets are supported. It seems that most central and west Waikato vets are not supportive.
- I have no problems with this tourney - perhaps fill in half the bunkers? Last two years I have been overseas and missed it but hope to go again this year. Playing St. Andrews for \$10 or \$15 (if it comes) is still a great bonus.

- Sponsorship - encourage more players - run a club teams event as part of the champs

- More sponsorship , promotion , & support from Hamilton Golf Club . Having been involved with WDVGA for many years ,it was difficult to persuade the management of the club as to the value of the tournament to the club .

- Better marketing, Free give always to promote the event each year ie cleaning towles, balls, tees, etc.
- A shotgun start would ensure that all golfers get into the clubhouse around the same time. I enjoy playing at the St Andrews course.
- Include ladies

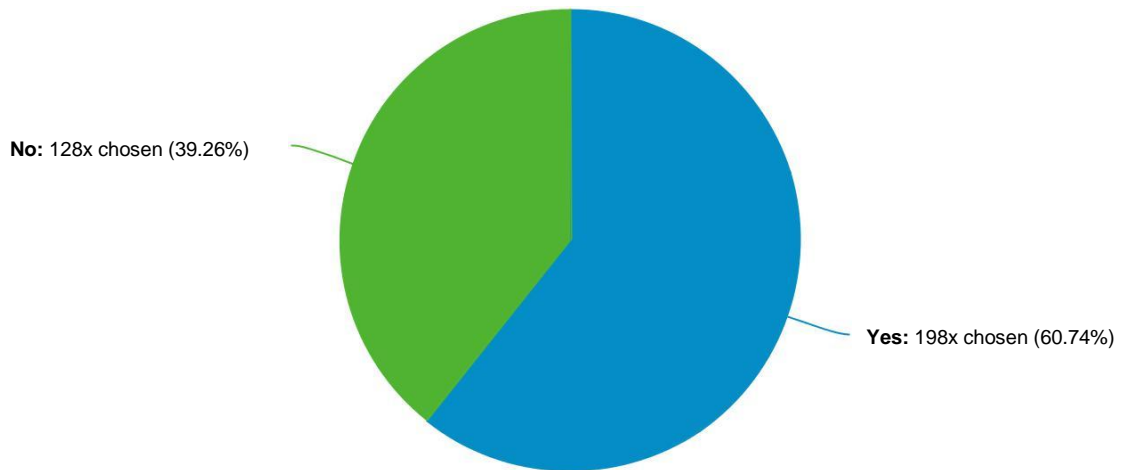
- play at different time there is an a event on at omakaroa so my not play this year
- I think it is well run and have no complaints with the event. Would be better with more players
- Too far away and too long for me.
- At least 1 extra division i.e. covering h/caps indexes 10 plus 3 days back to back doesn't suit all
- Possibly played over 3or4 courses over a month or 1 course per zone over a longer period
- It's really up to the players. The organizers do a great job.
- seems ok

- i won so all good :)
- Have not played in this event yet but will in the future
- I have just joined the vets so n/a at this stage
- Make it available to men and women, after all it is the Waikato Veterans not Waikato mens Championship. If the current hosting club does not agree with that, find another club that does. Also be a bit more viginalant with the handicaps of some players. It is a well known fact that there is at least one player who has a handicap that allows him to do very well. In fact I will not enter a tournament he is in anymore. I think you all know who this is.
- Have played in the past but it now clashes with one day of the week I work.
- Never heard of it
- New member probably will play the event
- This year will be my first
- It was my first time there and thoroughly enjoyed meeting new faces.
- I don't take it too seriously and the venue and food were great.
- Just make it fun and welcoming - the rest will take care of itself.
- good tournament
- Not much. Its always well run and there isn't a lot else on. A good bunch of like minded people.
- I ticked yes as I am a new member and yet to play in a tournament but am keen to play

If you do not play this event please indicate by answering the questions below which may entice you to play in future events

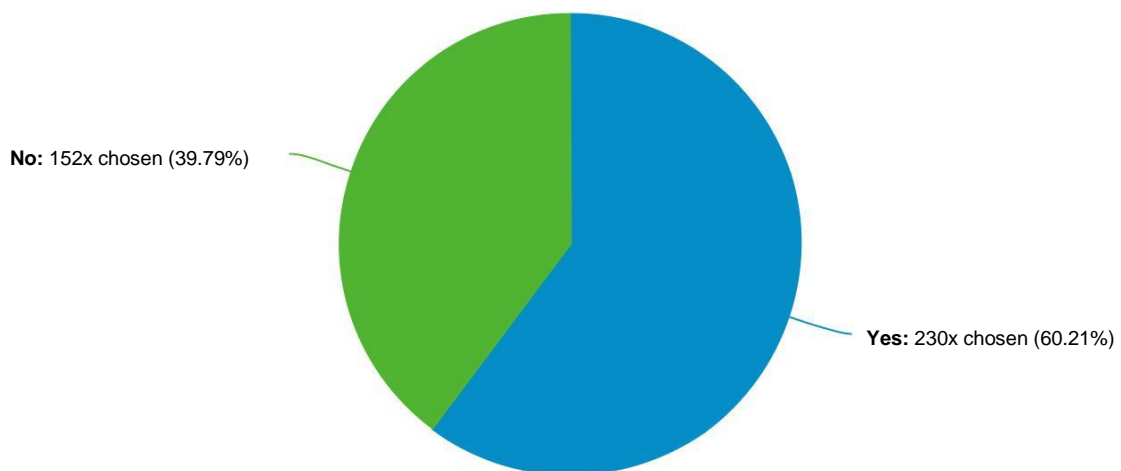
**I like the Course but not the current three day 54 hole format**

Number of responses: 326



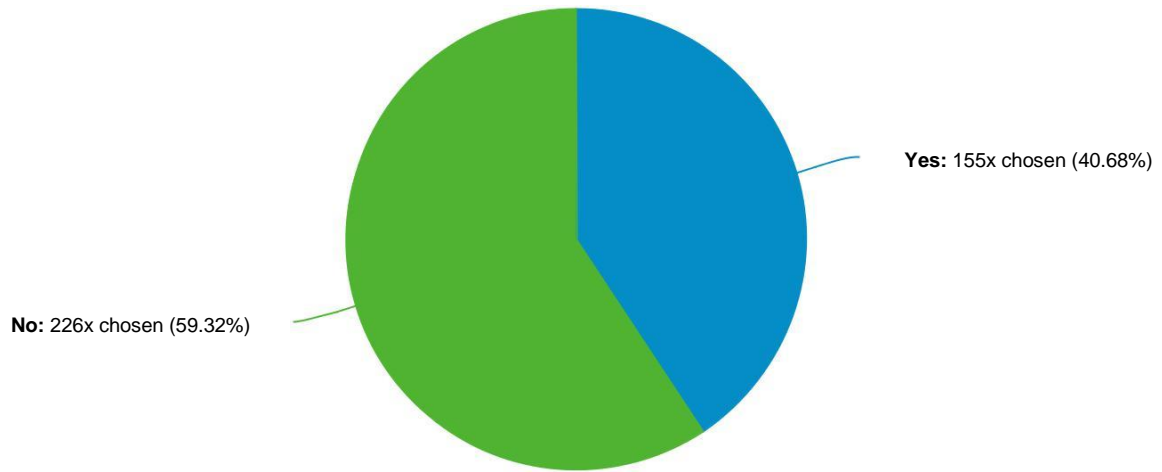
**Would you be more likely to play the event over (36 holes)?**

Number of responses: 382



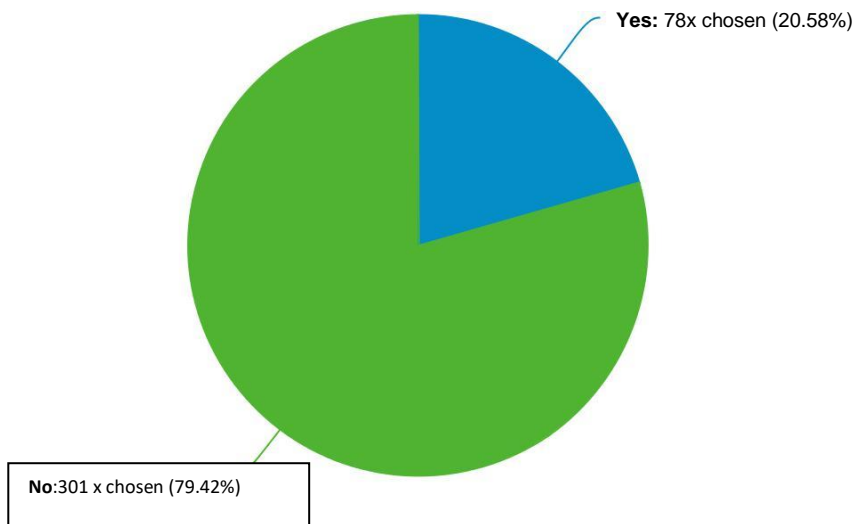
## Would you be more likely to play the event on a different course?

Number of responses: 381



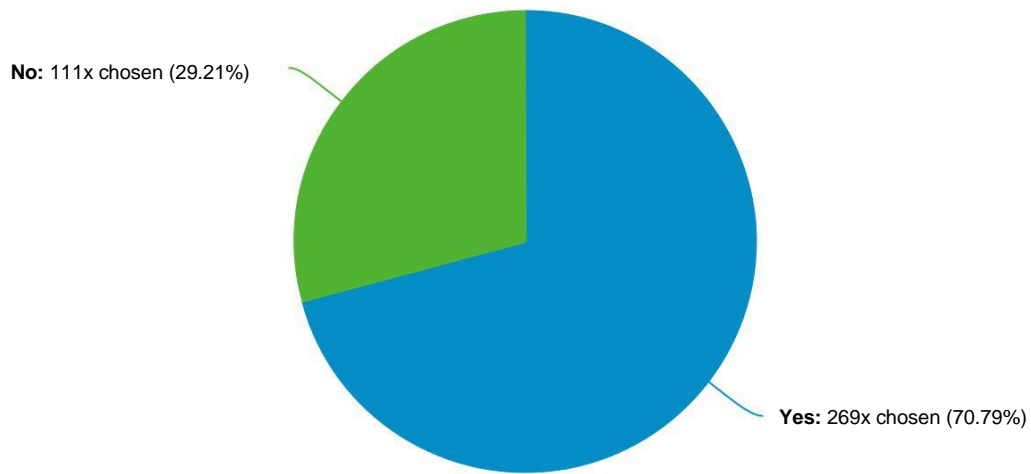
## Would you be more likely to play the event at another time of the year?

Number of responses: 379



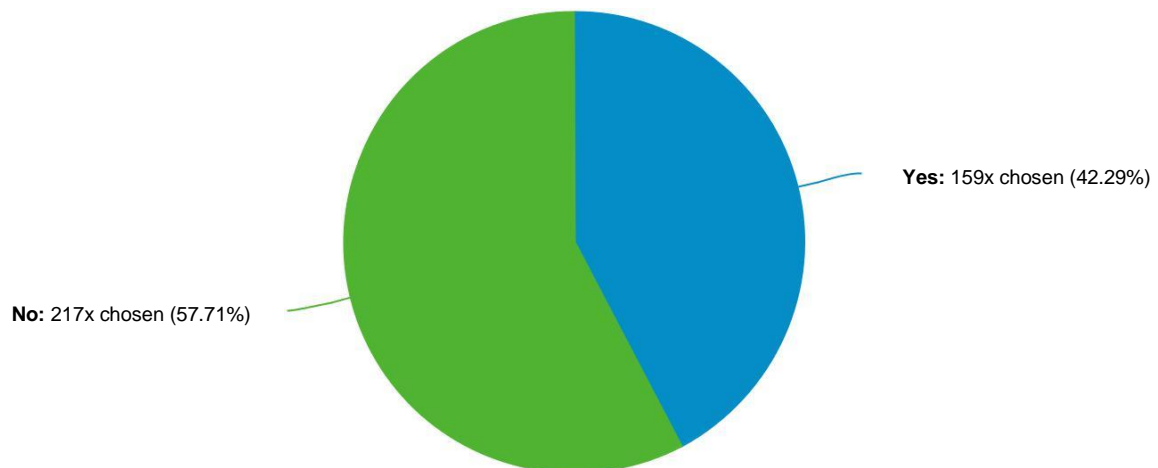
## Should the championships be played at other Waikato courses?

Number of responses: 380



## I am not interested in a championship event

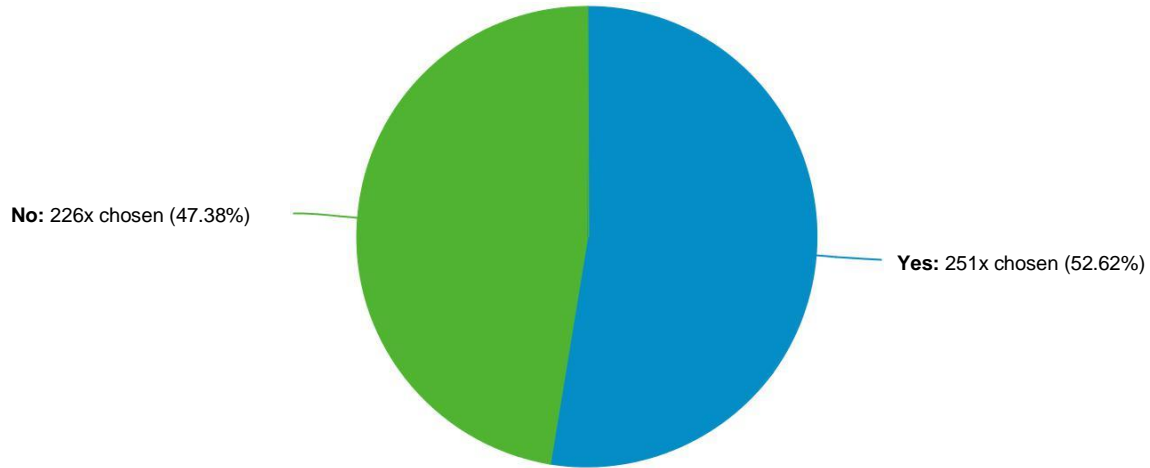
Number of responses: 376





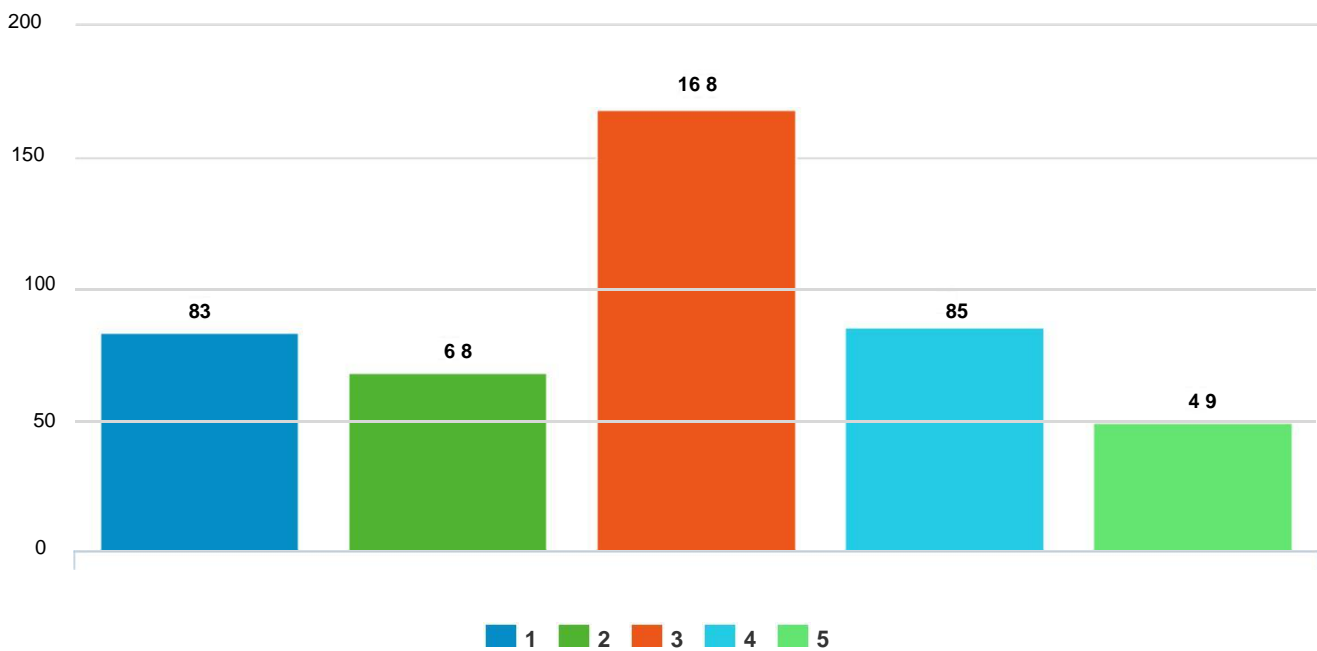
## 9. Do you consider Veteran Golfers are spoilt for choice when deciding which events to play

Number of responses: 477



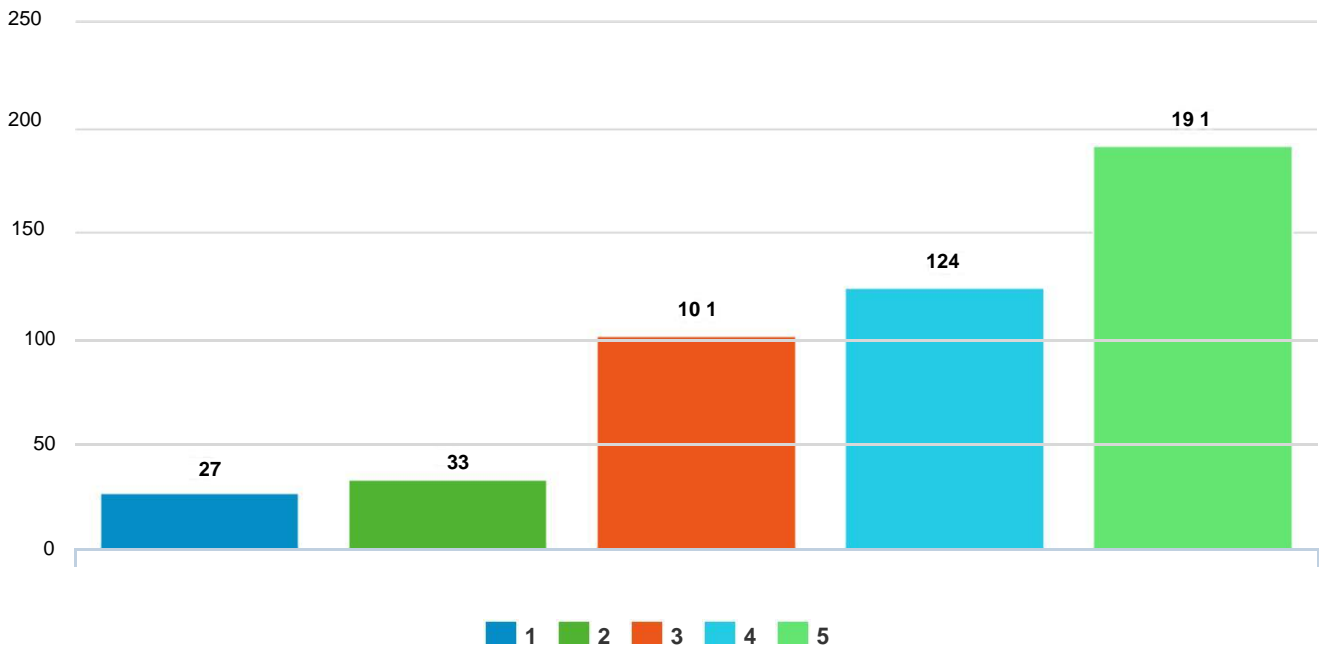
## When deciding what and where to play please indicate by marking the rating stars, please rate 1-5 (1 star being least likely) - simply click the appropriate star

Number of responses: 453



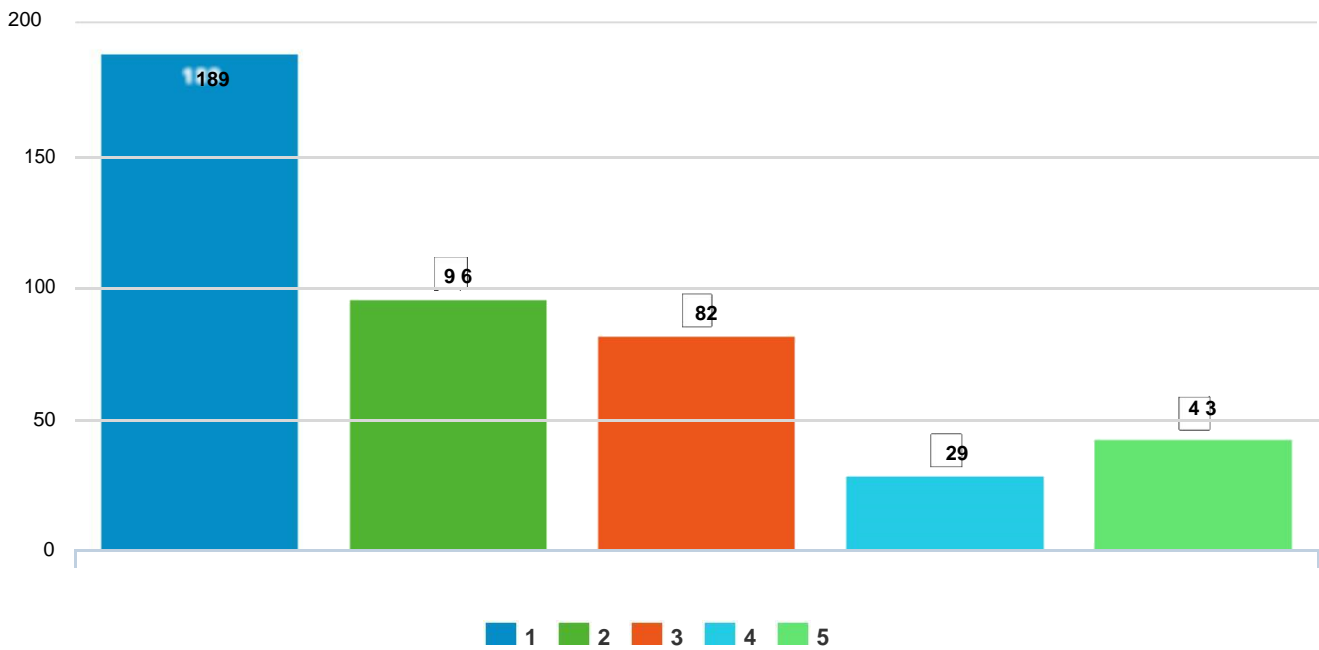
## Is a Club event the highest priority?

Number of responses: 476



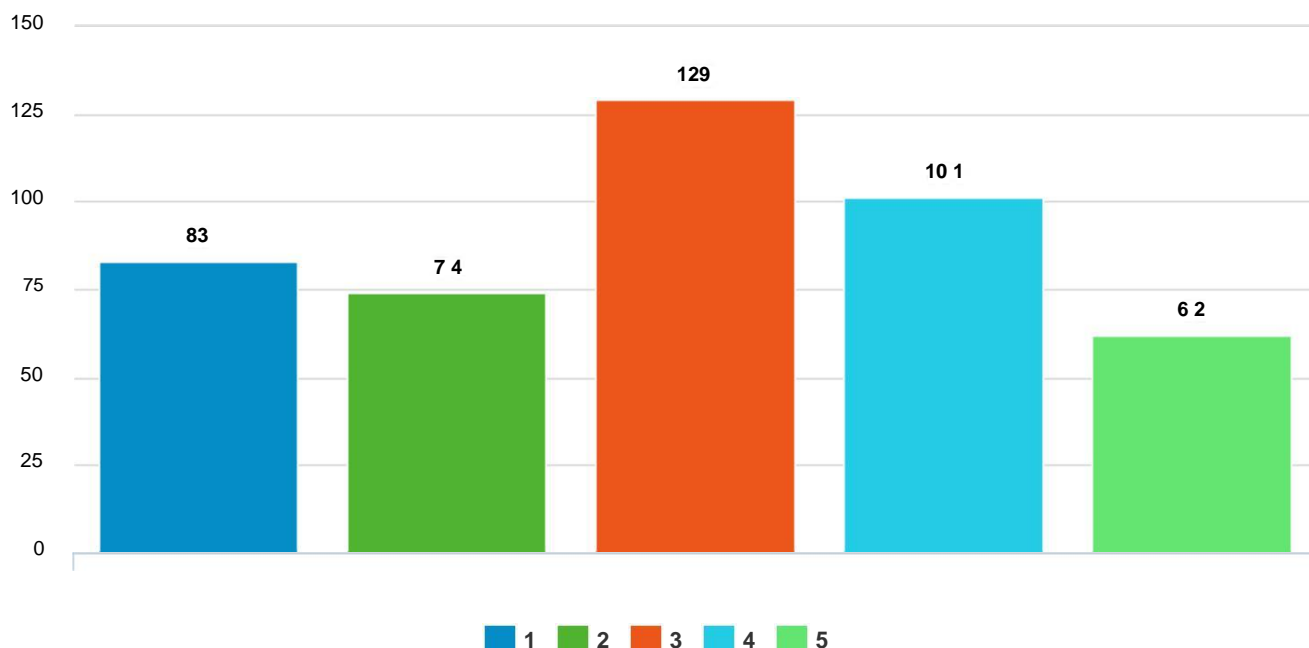
## Is a New Zealand event the highest priority?

Number of responses: 439



## Is another event like Interclub events the highest priority?

Number of responses: 449



## We would value your input on how we could improve our Waikato Program of Tournaments

Number of responses: 117

Text answers:

- I think you are doing a pretty good job I have been playing the nz circuit for over twenty six years but as I am getting a bit older I find driving long distances is getting abit harder so I am looking more at events closer to home but there are many events around the country which I enjoy more then others and I know many other golfers feel the same because of the number that attend so we catch up with friends we have made over the years from all over nz
- Have not played any of the WDVGA tournament to date but it sounds exciting to take part in will look foward to the next one
- When I retire I will become a more active member. About 5 yrs away
- Not spending all the prize money on the top few, but spreading the prizes to at least half the field, which would encourage more players to attend
- Just depends on whether I am able to play on the day of the Tournaments
- I have not been playing vets golf long enough to give an opinion on this matter
- As I haven't played many events to date I can't comment but am keen, weather and day permitting, to participate in future events
- Have never played event

- I'm a new vet still feeling my way
- Long term member but Limited activity - primarily through a combination of poor communication within club and frequent absence overseas
- For team's events (below) too much priority given to in-club cliques!
- You do a great job, well organised with great communication.
- I attend events with a large group of motor homers. Is this going to be a problem in the future? Our feeling is that this group is going to get larger as baby boomers retire and join in the fun. What is going to be planned in the future for this group as we are great supporters of these events and add to the local economy in many ways and plus drink at the bar and eat at the cafe.
- It is disappointing that quite a few of the vet days are held on a Thursday which is our men's club day. Having all vet days on. Set day like Monday would suit myself and a lot of Waitomo members. A lot of our members will not go to a vet day if it is held on a Thursday.
- There are too many and clash with our own Club day
- Prefer not to comment as I am really a visitor.
- There seems to be sufficient events, depends if golf is only retirement thing or shared with other interests
- Not dissatisfied so no comments.
- Maybe include women in all events as we both like to play golf
- Perhaps we have too many events.
- Fewer events might increase the demand and lead to more entrants.
- I think the golfing calendar should be worked out to avoid playing on courses that have just been cored. Playing golf and representing your club at a course that has just been cored is absolutely soul destroying.
- Improve slow play
- Can we standardize the day and avoid clashing with Vets club days
- I would love to be part of it but I can't play on Sunday due to my Responsibilities as a Pastor being Vets most are Retired why not make the Competitions Thursday to Saturday or Wednesday to Friday I believe it will draw in a New Breed of Golfers to represent their Clubs
- Can't say
- Limit clubs to only one "One Dayer" per year. Rising petrol costs will probably lead to reduction in the size of the fields. If entry fees are kept to \$10, and fewer prizes given, perhaps the numbers may not reduce as much. After all, prizes should be a reward for good golf on the day, and not for mediocre scores.
- The WVGA is a well-oiled organisation with a good team of conveners.
- At the moment I am very involved with my own Club on the Management side and don't get time to play golf as much as I would like I think they are pretty good as they are. One can only play so much golf as one gets older
- Don't let events clash.
- Am quite happy with the current. Not being in it before I'd rather not comment
- If the tournaments are held one or two days of the week ie say only on Mondays and Wednesdays, then those of us who are still working part time can organise our days off such that we can take part in more games and travel more.
- Having good events but not over empowered by them

- No suggestions - happy with the options already available.
- I really enjoy the one day events within one hours drive of my club. We car pool.  
What I like most is that the majority of clubs sort out the prize list quickly. One beer is about the limit these days so I hate sitting about waiting for prize giving for toooooo long.
- pass
- TRY TO NOT CLASH WITH COVIC EVENTS IN SAME WEEK NEED A SYSTEM THATS FAIR BETWEEN BOTH GROUPS .SOME OF US LIKE TO PLAY BOTH EVENTS FOR OUR CLUB BUT NOT ON SAME WEEK.
- Re-Vamp of one day events, look at better liaison with clubs and NZ vets as to programming, club's to look at when they schedule events. Is no good holding it on their Vets day if all their neighboring clubs have the same club day.
- Perhaps a standardization of a day to hold these events for all the majority of clubs, say a Monday or Friday?
- I don't know what the entry fee for the Waikato Championships are, but at \$40 per round for a cart (which i have to use) at St Andrews it becomes a very expensive event, This also applies to many other Vets events.
- Have on same day of the week or only 2 days of the week so club events can be organised around that and any other commitments can be organised around these 2 days
- I have not played in these events long enough or seriously enough to comment constructively here
- Set a minimum payout for prizes, so that some clubs aren't seen as ripoffs. Encourage more mixed tournaments so that women feel comfortable about entering.
- At 81 do not attend any away fixtures now ,prefer to keep playing once a week that's enough.
- It is hard for me to say as I only usually play in a Xmas tournament and one other during the year
- Not sure at this time maybe to many day just not sure
- An additional vets handicapping system that monitors frequent winners and imposes more challenging handicaps. Some winners seem regularly able to play exceptionally better than their handicaps when prizes are on offer.
- not in a position to comment as i've been off the scene for a while and am only now returning to play
- I don't play them often enough to give my opinion
- Thank you for all your time and effort put in to giving local vets such a wonderful choice of clubs to visit and play on (for only \$10 a time, phenomenal!) I played in the Nth Harbour one recently and Auckland vets have nothing like the benefits we experience here. One of the organisers Owen Young, a fellow leftie, played tourney as a stable ford only comp. which must have been pretty hard for low handicap players to compete in 9-18 group. I think your current programme and methodology is excellent, thanks.
- I still work. Once this ceases I will be more inclined to play more events
- I have not played events as yet as I still work 5 days a week
- Encourage more clubs to take part
- The start time is important, but they are inconsistent. Those with early starts around 9am are not encouraging visitors who on average must travel about an hour to get there. Those clubs should ask themselves why they have it in the programme! A 10 am start is better for travellers. Just a comment on Q10. We already have vets pennants so there is no need for a team's event at one day tournaments. Team events are a commitment while one dayers are casual events to attend if they are relatively close and preferably start at 10. (1.25 hrs)
- Sorry lots of No's but cannot play 18 holes much, certainly not two days running, medical problem nothing to do with the Vets

- One day events clashing with pennants programme is not ideal. Tighten the one day programmes by having some East and West programmes on the same week but not the same day. It would not affect each Club much as the majority of their numbers come from local area Clubs, but it would give the keen ones some more choice. It is difficult to programme when many NZ events for Vets are scheduled in our area, but I do realise a number of players like and support them
- I would like to play more Waikato one day events and other two day events but simply run out of time, have other commitments but I try to support the best I can, I appreciate the efforts clubs go to.
- Keep doing what yo are doing it is very good
- The selection of courses is a bit suspect, eg the Morrinsville course was not up to scratch the fairways had not been mowed and the greens were not good.
- Happy as it is
- I only play these days for exercise
- We have only been members for 10 days so don't know
- Having been involved in arranging the WDVGA programme for several years I feel that our assn does a good job overall but some clubs are very insular & could do more to support tournaments . However support is very dependent on the caliber & enthusiasm of each clubs Convener & Vets club committee .
- Convenors on a four monthly bases report on what members would like for their club day or days each year
- I would like a uniform starting time
- There are a lot of events in the Programme season that I cannot attend due to Home and Club commitments but I do enjoy the events that I can get to. Some tournaments are very close together (ie. Riverside Pairs and Waipa Classic) and playing 4 rounds a week + a club day is too much for me. I wish!!  
The basic structure is great and I commend all those who put a lot of effort into creating a GREAT golfing environment for the senior members of golf clubs.
- Dont know
- I haven't been very involved in vets outside our own course..have only played in the festival of golf and our vets club day. I'm fairly new to vets so probably not the best person to be doing this survey. However I planning on getting more involved in the next few years.
- I have only played in a couple of events and enjoyed them very much. I intend to play more WDVGA events in the future.
- Consider having the finals of the waikato events at a more central course as the waikato area is vast. It is a disincentive when the venue requires an overnight stay because the event starts at 8am in most cases of 36 hole events
- I'm not interested in these events.
- The current calendar has plenty to choose from for all players. I have made the effort to travel to clubs not that close to home, one to two hours driving, to play different courses and meet new people. I have enjoyed all of the events I have played in.  
When scheduling the vets' dates, it is important that they don't clash with other events that can impact the attendance numbers. Matamata GC's vets' day in April had just 33 attends as it clashed with a two-day tournament at Te Aroha and it was also the final round of The Masters. Makes it difficult for the organisers to predict the number of prizes required especially when the butcher is preparing meat packs for the much larger number that is expected to turn up.  
I would also like to see the ongoing results from each zone of pennants posted on the web site. I did look several times while the competition was in progress but couldn't find anything.

- if all club tournaments were played on the same day of the week ie Monday or Tuesday would make it easier for members to know when tournaments were being played. this would also avoid clashing with clubs who have regular club days later in the week
- I have not answered many sections of this survey as several aspects are "not applicable" for me. The responses available are "Yes or "No" . There is no provision for "Not Applicable". The survey also assumes that a veteran responding to this survey has had some experience in Waikato events etc etc. I do not have these experiences. This is another reason I have not completed all sections.
- In addition, there is no provision to make comments outside of the survey, hence the reason I have added comment to this space.
- More one day events 18 holes. 36 holes is too hard for old fellas and 2-3 day events are too expensive with meals and accommodation added on.
- I like the programme as it is.
- All Clubs get choice of one date be it 1 or 2 day then look at extra events some clubs have 3 events often in the better weather periods
- Program too cluttered round pennants
- I enjoy the Waikato vets tournaments but please no increase in entry fees as I am sure you would lose entrants as most players are pensioners on limited income Cheers
- \$15 entry should include twos. If there is a big field, there should be two divisions to give the lower handicappers a fairer chance of a prize. Unless there is a large woman's field, they should be absorbed into the main field. What makes this game so enjoyable, is each club runs its day slightly differently which adds variety and, at times, great entertainment. Keep up the good work.
- I think the Waikato programme as is at present offers a good variety of golf to most members and can see no real reason to make too many changes. Ngahinapouri members are especially adamant that the Waikato day entry fee remains at \$10.00. Clubs should not see these days as a means to make a profit . A good prize table can be achieved with a \$10.00 entry fee with raffles as an extra. Now that Waikato Golf have a more comprehensive email list , a reminder to members when an event is to take place could see an increase in participants.
- I think you do well considering the low cost of entry
- I am not entering Waikato events, because of my age and ability and costs
- Too many events. Try one per club per year.
- Do not play enough to comment
- As i am reliant on golf cart this survey is not really relevant to me
- I really just enjoy the company...having a relaxed round with similar aged people...
- Have not participated in many events as have only been active in vets golf for two years. Also play golf with chartered clubs. Do not believe I can make comment without greater participation
- Consideration should be made for older and higher h/cap players and allowing them to play off the shorter tees !
- Passed competitive golf
- A new member so not applicable
- As we get older competitions are not a priority, Just fellowship with a round of golf. Early starts on cold mornings in the winter are out .
- Prefer team events around various locations

- As a low handicap golfer, it is very difficult to compete with golfers on 24 to 36 handicaps when the competition is based on net scores or stableford. Each event needs to be organised so that the field is split into at least two divisions (eg. up to 18 and 19 and over). Alternatively, there should at least be some recognition of the best gross scores on the day.
- I would play more events if carts were available. My health means I need a cart.
- Play more around Hawkes Bay & Taupo
- Support our Waikato/NZ events and make sure that NZ Vets Assoc support our events and do not move competing events onto our dates. As they did in March this year.
- Unfortunately, I am one who does not like morning golf so a lot of the answers above are irrelevant however I do like to support my club in Intermatch competitions when able.
- It is adequate in it's present form.
- I think it is fine as it is
- I have only played in a few since joining Vets, but have been more than happy with the programmes presently on offer
- If Clubs are prepared to host events be it pennants or one day events every effort needs to be made to provide a Course that is a fair test of golf not a lucky dip of newly cored greens or unmown greens. There is an urgent need for clubs to collaborate with each other to allow them both their annual maintenance programme and a chance to provide a Course up to standard
- I am quite satisfied with how they are run now.
- Maybe find sponsors for more tournaments. Sell naming rights for prizes. Monday's are good days to play vets.
- I think the programme as such is fine. I feel the biggest improvement which could be brought about (somehow?) would be getting players in the 'bigger membership' clubs within our Ass. to even occasionally play in W.V.G.A. "one dayers" -even if it's on courses close to home-rather than just playing at their own club week after week. Everyone would get more fun out of W.Vets golf if this could be somehow achieved. But can we change old habits ????. The other aspect of the 'one dayers' which some clubs need to address is the fact that players not go back to a club where they have been given a raw deal in some way. If clubs (convenors) follow the recommended formula closely they will get return business. Ignore the formula or refuse to correct errors- nobody will come back. Visit other clubs, learn from their successful system (or errors) and go for it.
- In regard to the 54 hole one as far as I am concerned it is the three days of travel that is the reason for my non attendance  
If it was just 18 holes I would probably play but I certainly cannot afford to stay in a motel or pay for petrol for the three days.  
Perhaps a suggestion of playing it in the summer over 36 holes completed in one day
- you guys are doing well
- No doubt you can fine tune your programme and organization but I am no longer participating. I used to be heavily involved in the organization. (Waikato President. Waikato Rep on NZ Vets, Vice President NZ Vets.) but age has caught up with me and I now need a cart. Unfortunately the cost of cart hireage at away clubs is prohibitive and I no longer travel.
- You do well as it is !
- Prices for two divisions, 0 to 18 and >18, fixed division, prices to 50% of players in each division on stable ford.
- I THINK YOU DO VERY WELL. I HAVENT PLAYED MUCH GOLF BECAUSE OF INJURY.



- Have only just started but I am aware of a lot of 70 yr olds who need prompting to get out and join and will make an effort to get them along.
- As our club is also in the covic group better communication on dates would help.
- Club variation to me is attractive. I like different courses rather than same as same as.
- Just keep on keeping on.
- I have moved to Whanganui recently. The programme in this area is far less than offered to the Waikato area and the costs somewhat higher. While there are not so many players or those interested in this area the costs of golf, including annual club membership fee, annual vets membership fee, cost of each event when it does happen may well be a financial disincentive for many to play golf. I have been a member for life of Waikato Vets with a fee at the time of \$20.00 Here it is \$10.00 annually.  
Take care not to rock the boat and make it financially difficult for players to join as many clubs are struggling financially now and this flows through numbers attending events.
- I would like to play more events, but I work and this has precluded my involvement in 36-54 hole events. I will have more time from now on, so may get to more events.
- I prefer earlier starts in hot weather, but acknowledge the people have to have time to travel.
- Being in Whitianga just takes so long to get to other Waikato club's, only good if your going as a team
- Event timing  
Too much on later in the year  
Change courses
- Try to ensure members from the same club do not make up a 4 some. ie spread the members around

## 10. Would you support a teams event involving your club at Waikato one day tournament days on a regional basis?

Number of responses: 497

