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VALE R Howard Elson

Perth, Western Australia - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **R Howard Elson** – a long time member of Deaf Golf Australia (DGA) and a founding member of the World Deaf Golf Federation which saw the inaugural 1st World Deaf Golf Championships hosted in England back in 1995.

Howard was one of the driving forces behind getting the first World Deaf Golf Championships up and running. He was born in England and emigrated to Perth, Western Australia in 1966, a few months before England won the Football World Cup. He moved because of his asthma and the attractiveness of the sunny weather in Perth. He has been living in Perth for nearly 50 years working as a truck driver and later collecting donations for the Western Australia Deaf Society. He never married and in his retirement enjoyed doing the paper rounds, golfing and traveling.

Howard started playing golf in 1968 with his two Deaf friends Lyall Newport and Rolly McGrath at Perth's public golf courses. Over the years he has entered many Australian Deaf Golf tournaments and attended many World Deaf Golf Championships. He has a high handicap but nevertheless enjoys the game and socialising with fellow Deaf golfers.

Howard has been a close colleague with DGA Life Member Tony Klimek and together with Tony a fellow member of WA Golf Club at Yokine. Howard also travelled with Tony to the 1990 World Deaf Chess Championships in Hungary.

Deaf Golf Australia wishes to extend deepest sympathy to Howard's family and friends.