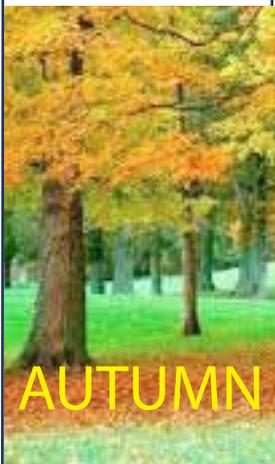




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Message from the President



MPVGA President

Peter Unkles

The 2015 MPVGA season has started on a generally positive note although play had to be abandoned due to a severe thunderstorm at Portsea and the Flinders round was marred by wet and cold weather. The pleasing aspect is the improved average attendance at these opening rounds of the year. Obviously the Rosebud round was well attended as usual given it includes the AGM. The rounds at Portsea, Dunes and Flinders were to be rounds 1 to 3 of the Championship which one assumes has attracted more players. The irony is that the plan to play the Championship rounds early in the year was to avoid cold and wet winter weather so what did we get? Based on these improved attendances we would plan to continue to hold the Championship rounds early in the year in future years.

Given round 1 of the MPVGA Championship was abandoned at Portsea, The Dunes became Round 1, Flinders Round 2 and Rosebud on 20 May Round 3.

The AGM was once again a well attended event at Rosebud Country Club and we record our thanks to Rosebud for hosting this event and providing the lunch. Feedback has acknowledged the thanks from recipients of the last- ing memento presented to those players or their family who have won past Len Barrow trophies as the most consistent players over

the various rounds across the year.

Playing times continue to be reasonable around the 4.5 hours but we must all strive to play ready golf and make sure playing times do not drift out. We need to continue to improve on "no show" advice. If you cannot attend a round you have booked in for please advise your delegate or Ian Purchase as soon as possible. If cancellation is a last minute requirement please ring the Pro Shop on the number provided on the Start Time List which can be found on the Upcoming Events section of the MPVGA website www.mpvetsgolf.com.au. No shows without advice make it a huge challenge for the delegate and therefore can ruin an event.

We thank our major sponsor Bendigo Bank for their support in sponsoring the Les Prideaux Championship. Half a Sec Web Design for maintaining the website for our members, and our newest sponsor Curry Printing for producing our newsletter in wonderful full colour for members who do not have web access.

The Victorian Veterans Golf Association State Country Championships will be held at Devilbend from 3rd to 5th May 2015. Whilst entries from local Veterans has had to be restricted any volunteer help would be greatly appreciated by Trevor Bishop at Devilbend. Please contact him if you can be of assistance.

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



Abnormal Ground Conditions

Definition is "any casual water, ground under repair (GUR), or hole, cast or runway on the course, made by a burrowing animal, reptile or bird".

I hope that everyone has an R&A Rules Book in their bag and that it is opened from time to time. But how many of you know what is written on the back cover?

"Play the ball as it lies, play the course as you find it and, if you can't do either, do what is fair. But to do what is fair, you need to know the Rules of Golf".

Entitlement to Relief Casual Water

Casual water is any temporary accumulation of water on the course that is not in a water hazard and, is visible before or after the player takes his stance. Snow or hail stones are either casual water or loose impediments at the option of the player.

A manufactured ice block is an obstruction. dew or frost are not casual water.

A ball is in casual water when it lies in, or any part of it touches the casual water.

Soft earth is not casual water unless water is visible on the surface before or after you take your stance. However, if the water is only visible if you press down hard with your feet, then you are not entitled to relief.

If your ball is on the green you are entitled to relief from casual water which intervenes on the line you want to putt on, but water must be visible on this line. If water is not visible on the green, you would only be entitled to relief from casual water if water is visible around your feet when you take your stance.



Ground Under Repair

This is any part of the course so marked by order of the committee, and all ground and any grass, bush, tree or other growing thing within the GUR are part of it.

If a tree is rooted in ground that is under repair, the entire tree is GUR, even if parts overhang outside. This does not apply at or below ground level, and therefore roots are not part of GUR if they extend past the marked area.

GUR includes material piled for removal and a hole made by a greenkeeper, even if not marked.

Abandoned material or grass cuttings not intended to be removed are not GUR, but please note that grass cuttings are loose impediments and may be removed.

A fallen tree cut up for removal is GUR, but a fallen tree attached to a stump, or the stump itself, are not. A hole made by a greenkeeper relates to a hole dug for course maintenance and does not include aeration or coring holes unless a local rule is in force. The same applies to a rut made by a tractor which is also not normally GUR.

When GUR is defined by stakes the stakes are inside, and the margin of the GUR is defined by the nearest outside points of the stakes at ground level.

When both stakes and lines are used, the stakes identify the GUR and the lines define the margin.

When the margin is defined by a line on the ground, the line itself is in the GUR. The margin extends vertically downwards but not upwards.

A ball is in GUR when it lies in or any part of it touches the GUR.

Please note that a footprint made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird is not a hole, cast or runway but is an irregularity of surface and there is no relief without penalty.

However, a hole made by a bird is an abnormal ground condition and relief can be taken provided it is not in a water hazard.



MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE

A promising start has been made to the 2015 Program with some very good attendances – hopefully this trend will continue. It is unfortunate that Portsea was a washout – over 100 players had attended. As a small form of compensation, Portsea Golf Operations has reduced the 29 June green fee from \$40 to \$35 – an offer I quickly accepted!

The VVGA Four Ball event found the Maryborough course very dry – no rain in this area for some months. The only green spots were the greens and tees – the fairways were very dry with good tee shots finishing in some very awkward areas. Overall, the event was well organized and the social side of things enjoyed by all.

The Len Barrow medallions have all been presented. It was great to meet John Dunstan (a former Cape Schanck member) who travelled from Yarrowonga to receive his medallion. Rob Wickes (formerly from Devilbend, now Shepparton) was most grateful to receive his medallion.

The annual trip to Moe resulted in 22 players from Devilbend, Cerberus, Mornington, Rosebud Country Club and Mt Martha. It was great to see players from clubs other than Devilbend and Cerberus attending. Eddie Saunders was our best performed player with 43 points. East Gippsland won the shield whilst the MPVGA finished in third position. The VVGA Country Championships will be held at the Devilbend Golf Club 4th - 5th May. Entries from MPVGA members are invited for the Championship, Four Ball and Individual Stableford

events. The course is in superb condition with the recently constructed 4th green ready to challenge all levels of golfer. Trevor Bishop would like to hear from any member who may be able to provide sponsorship or know of an organization that would be prepared to assist. Please contact Trevor ASAP. Finally, a small request regarding score cards. Please ensure that figures are clear – some pencils could do with a good sharpening!

Future Thai Golf Trip

Thailand Golf - Come and play golf on some of Thailand's great courses, as played by the Asia Tour and the LPGA Tour. The trip includes 14 days (3rd October to the 17th October 2015) with 8 rounds of golf, all transfers and all caddies, green fees and carts from \$2,800 per golfer including airfares with Jetstar, non-golfers only \$1,700 including airfares. For further information email directly Max Whelan on maxwhelan61@gmail.com. Courses include the Siam Old Course (LPGA), Laem Shabang, Burapha (One Asian Tour) Saint Andrews which has a Par 6 hole, one of only a few courses in the world with one.



2015 EVENTS CALENDAR 2nd QUARTER

- * Monday April 20 - Rosebud Country Club Stableford Round 3 Championships
- * Monday April 27 - Safety Beach Stableford
- * Thursday May 14 - Sorrento Stableford
- * Monday May 25 - Flinders Bendons
- * Monday June 15 - Cape Schanck Stableford
- * Monday June 29 - Portsea 4BBB Par





MPVGA Events Results

Devilbend - January 19

Such beautiful temperate weather and the course was in perfect condition. We had 78 players participating and those who did turn up had an enjoyable day. Some very good scores (plenty of 39's and 38's) were achieved with the ball run cutting off at a relatively high 34 points. Pace of play has improved over recent times.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE:
John Hunter (MM) HC 18 42 pts

B GRADE
Klaus Beenck (MM) HC 28 39 pts (CB)

RUNNERS UP
A GRADE
John McGrane (ML) HC 16 39 pts (CB)
Tim Webb (DB) HC 8 39 pts (CB)

B GRADE
Charlie Milligan (DB) HC 23 39 pts (CB)

NEAREST THE PINS:
3rd Hole: Ed Kennedy (C)
8th Hole: Rod Wilson (DB)
11th Hole: Evan Carter (C)
13th Hole: Brian Robertson (DB)

Rosebud Country Club - February 16

This was our opening day and AGM and we had a very full field of 138 players and great weather to celebrate the start of our new golfing year. We played a 2-man Ambrose stroke event to allow us to get everyone through quickly with a shotgun start and 2 groups on most tees. Quite a challenge however we all got to have our lunch on time and had a very enjoyable day out. Some really great scores were recorded with those at the top in a very tight competition with less than two strokes separating the top 8 teams. The winning net score was 64.25 (Par-7.75) The ball rundown cut off at a net score of 68.25 (-3.75 to Par) with 19 teams (38 players) achieving this level or better - a very commendable result gentlemen.

AMBROSE 2'S STROKE WINNERS

John Hunter & Brian Jeanes (MM) HC 11.75 net 64.25

RUNNERS UP
Larry Jones & Tony Dick (CS) HC 5.5 net 65.5
Russell Wilson & John Staddin (RCC) HC 6.5 net 65.5

NEAREST THE PINS
4th Hole: Mike Heidel (SB)
7th Hole: Pat Wech (MGC)
11th Hole: Ian Patterson (CS)
13th Hole: Alan Seward



4th Quarter 2014

The Dunes - March 10

As a result of the 'washout' at Portsea on February 23, today's competition became Round 1 of our Club Championships. A beautiful warm, Autumn day greeted the strong contingent of 111 players at today's outing at The Dunes. The course was really nicely presented and the greens were fast and true with plenty of good scores recorded for the 1st Round of this year's club championships.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE: Max Whelan (DB) HC 8 39 pts

B GRADE: Roger Hutton (MM) HC 29 44 pts

RUNNERS UP
A GRADE: Rodger Bouette (DB) HC 18 39 pts

B GRADE: Tony Fenton (MM) HC 28 42 pts
Roger Anderson (DB) HC 28 42 pts

NEAREST THE PINS:
3rd Hole: John Eaton (RCC)
6th Hole: Tony Fenton (MM)
13th Hole: Tim Webb (DB)
17th Hole: Bill Peachey (RCC)



Flinders - March 23

This game started off with a full list of around 120 for the shotgun start and a forecast of pending storms, wind and rain. Due to the poor forecast and the weather which did eventually come in from Bass Strait we lost some 20+ players but those who were able to persevere managed to finish with some very good scores despite the challenging conditions.

A Grade was won by Mark Van Rijn with 38 points and, Alan Heathcote took out B Grade with 41 points against two others on a countback. There were some difficulties with wet greens but in all the course was nicely set up and in very good condition.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE: Mark Van Rijn (RCC) HC 16 38 pts

B GRADE: Alan Heathcote (MM) HC 25 41 pts

RUNNERS UP
A GRADE: Laurie Leyden (DB) HC 14 37 pts
Ed Kennedy (C) HC 13 37 pts

B GRADE: Geoff Neems (MM) HC 25 41 pts
David Shirley (MM) HC 25 41 pts

NEAREST THE PINS:
9th Hole: Ed Saunders (DB)
12th Hole: Bill King (RP)
14th Hole: Ron Milligan (DB)
17th Hole: Allan Findlay (DB)



NSWVGA 15th Annual Veterans Tournament

The NSW VGA will be holding the Fifteenth Annual Veterans Golf tournament on the NSW Far South Coast from 20th-24th July 2015. The Tournament will comprise four rounds of golf at Bega, Eden and Pambula-Merimbula Golf Courses with the final round a "Shotgun" start at Tura Beach followed by a presentation Lunch.

Those familiar with the courses will be aware of the quality and variation of the individual venues.



The cost of the Tournament this year will be \$125, and full details of the Tournament can be found on the website of the NSWVGA and the website of the Tura Beach Country Club or entry forms are also available from the MPVGA Secretary Kevin White or the Newsletter editor Chris Lee-Brown.

In NSW, Veteran golfers include lady golfers as well as men, and therefore they welcome all female entrants. Separate ladies' and men's competitions are to be held on all days excluding the first day when there will be a mixed Four Ball Better Ball competition.



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THE LAST LAUGH

Feherty is a CBS and Golf Channel announcer, who finds very unique, colorful and uninhibited ways of explaining or describing whatever is on his mind. Here are a few of his best:

"Fortunately, Rory is 22 years old so his right wrist should be the strongest muscle in his body."

"That ball is so far left, Lassie couldn't find it if it was wrapped in bacon."

"I am sorry Nick Faldo couldn't be here this week. He is attending the birth of his next wife."

Jim Furyk's swing "looks like an octopus falling out of a tree."

Describing VJ Singh's prodigious practice regime - "VJ hits more balls than Elton John's chin."

"That's a great shot with that swing."

"It's OK - the bunker stopped it."

At Augusta 2011 - "It's just a glorious day. The only way to ruin a day like this would be to play golf on it."

"That was a great shot - if they'd have put the pin there today."

"Watching Phil Mickelson play golf is like watching a drunk chasing a balloon near the edge of a cliff."

"That green appears smaller than a Pygmy's nipple".