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## Message from the President



### MPVGA President Peter Unkles

After another successful year in 2012, especially with the well attended and appreciated **Regis 2012 AVGU National Championships** in November, we have begun the new 2013 season strongly.

At the MPVGA AGM held at Rosebud CC on 18 February I had the honour of being elected as the new President of MPVGA. The AGM and luncheon were well attended with 112 attendees enjoying the golf followed by lunch, AGM and a Special General Meeting at which, in relation to the Model Rules for the Association, the amended by-laws and Statement of Purposes were approved unanimously.

We were pleased to welcome George Thorne from the VVGA and Gary Sanford from our sponsor Bendigo Bank.

Firstly I would like to again thank our past President Bill Peachey on behalf of all members for his four successful years as President culminating in the National Championship. He leaves the Association in a well organised and financially secure position.

Further to the above I must also again congratulate Ken McNamara for his organisation of the National Championship over the past five plus years along with

Bill Peachey and those who assisted in its successful running. The surplus to budget has strengthened the financial position of the Association quite considerably.

Further congratulations must go to our 2012 Len Barrow Trophy winner, David King of Mount Martha GC, for the most consistent player over the course of the year's events.

I had the opportunity to attend the AGM of the Peninsula District Golf Association at Flinders Golf Club on 14 March which gave me greater insight into the organisation of golf in our District and as to how the MPVGA fits in to the overall scheme of things.

The 2013 season has started strongly with an average of 100 players at each of the first five events. With some relief after the previous two attempts we were able to play the full round at St Andrews Beach on 18 March.

As always we encourage all players to play "ready golf" and minimise slow play.

I would welcome your feedback on the program and management of the Association and any and all ideas as to how to enhance our enjoyment in the future.

Have a pleasant Easter and we look forward to hosting you at RACV Cape Schanck on 15 April.

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## MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



### THROUGH THE GREEN

The various parts of a course are defined in the rules because they are treated differently by those rules. It is important to understand the distinction between the different areas when it is impossible or too difficult to play the ball as it lies.

Identifying the putting greens and hazards on a course is simple. However, you should be aware that the teeing ground is only the 2 club-length deep area behind the front and sides of the tee markers in which you are entitled to tee up when starting the hole being played; it is not the entire tee box area nor is it the area behind the tee markers of any hole not being played.

What does 'Through the Green' mean?

It does not mean:

- when a ball goes over the back of the green
- the fairway
- the rough.

Fairway and rough are not listed in the definition pages of the rule book. They are, in fact only mentioned twice :  
 •embedded ball rule 25-2 where it states that "closely mown area" means any area of the course including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less,  
 •"preferred lies" in appendix 1, part B, section 4c (page 128) in areas as above.

"Through the Green" however, is defined as, the whole area of the course except:

- (A) the teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played and,
- (B) all hazards on the course.

So, how relief can be taken from various conditions is affected. For example, if your ball lies in the rough just off the fairway, and you are taking relief from an immovable obstruction or abnormal ground condition such as casual water, the relief procedure (through the green) advises that you must drop the ball within 1 club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green. So, if the 1 club-length area takes you from the rough to the fairway, you are entitled to drop the ball onto the fairway. Similarly, if your ball lies in the fairway and preferred lies are in effect, you can place the ball onto the longer grass in the rough if that spot is within the distance you can prefer a lie.

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## MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE



Firstly, it is great to see so many new faces attending the Association's events. Hopefully this trend will continue.

The season is moving along with an average attendance of 83 at the first five events. It was a case of third time lucky at St Andrews Beach as far as the weather was concerned. The course was in excellent condition but slow rounds of 5 hours+ were quite common. Over the next four rounds Tony and I will be monitoring the time taken to complete a round. Hopefully, this situation will improve. There is absolutely no excuse for 5 hour rounds – if all observed the basic principles of "Ready Golf" the time taken to complete a round would be considerably reduced.

I therefore appeal to all players to do your best to improve this situation, and low markers to exercise leadership within their groups.

The Moe Challenge resulted in 19 players from Devilbend and Cerberus making up our team. A rather disappointing outcome considering the number of players available. The State-wide Four Ball event was played at the Maffra golf course on 25-26 March. Rob Grant and Brad Johnston (Devilbend) finished third in A Grade, whilst Eddie Saunders and your truly finished third in B Grade. A great time was had by all who competed.

### COMING EVENTS 2nd Quarter 2013

- Monday April 15 - Cape Schanck Aggregate Stableford
- Monday April 29 - Safety Beach Stableford
- Monday May 13 - Flinders PAR
- Monday May 27 - Portsea Stableford  
Round 1 Club Championships
- Thursday June 13 - Sorrento Stableford
- Monday June 24 - Rosebud CC Stableford  
Round 2 Club Championships

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PICS FROM ROSEBUD C.C.

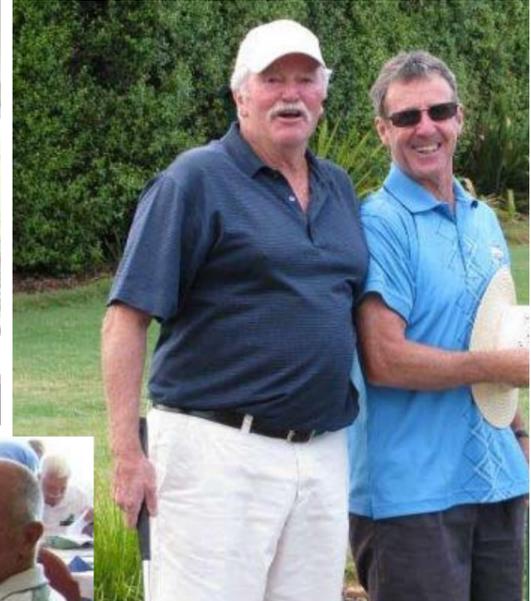
At the AGM held in February at Rosebud Country Club our long serving President Bill Peachey and Vice-President Ken McNamara retired and we elected Peter Unkles as President, and Paul Swinnerton - Vice President.

Following are some pictures of our members enjoying a magnificent lunch, following our morning golf game.





# Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



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# MPVGA Events Results

## Devilbend - January 21

The course was in a great condition. The day was ideal for a game of golf but only 55 veteran's put their name down to play.

However some good scores were made and the winner in "A" Grade was Rob Searl ( DB ) off 14 with 35 points. The winner in " B " Grade was Eddie Saunders ( DB ) off 29 with 43 points. A SUPERB GAME, Eddie.

### INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD EVENT.

#### WINNERS:

##### A: GRADE

Robert Searl (DB) 14 35pts

##### B: GRADE

Eddie Saunders (DB) 29 43pts

#### RUNNERS-UP:

##### A: GRADE

John Whitlock (CP) 17 34pts

##### B: GRADE

Robert Sims (DB) 36 40pts

#### NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Brian Birchmore (DB)

8th Hole : Trevor Bishop (DB)

13th Hole : B Dixon (Guest)

#### ENTRY PRIZE:

John Brooks (DB)

## Mornington - February 4

51 golfers played on an ideal golf day. The course was in good condition and surprising, only one golfer bettered his handicap. The winners on the day were in " A " Grade, Trevor Bishop from Devilbend, off 15 with 37points and in " B " Grade, Ross Schweitzer from Mornington, off 20 with 35 points.

### INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD EVENT.

#### WINNERS:

##### A: GRADE

Trevor Bishop (DB) 15 37pts

##### B: GRADE

Ross Schweitzer (M) 20 35pts

#### RUNNERS-UP:

##### A: GRADE

John Whitlock ( CP ) 16 36pts

Laurie Leyden (DB) 13 36pts

##### B: GRADE

Peter Blyth (DB) 24 32pts

Ian MacKenzie (DB) 27 32pts

#### NEAREST THE PINS:

5th Hole: Ian Patterson (CS)

7th Hole: Derrick Farr ( SB )

10th Hole : Bras Johnson (DB)

16th Hole : Derrick Farr (SB)

#### ENTRY PRIZE:

Noel Frame ( CS )

# 1st Quarter 2013

## Rosebud Country Club - February 18

The north course at Rosebud was in a great condition and 112 members enjoyed this Canadian foursomes event. This was the game before our Annual General Meeting. The winners on the day were T Clarke (RCC) and I Purchase (DB) off a hcp of 13 1/2 with a net 69 1/2. The runners-up were D King and R Hutton , with a hcp of 17 5/8 and a net of 71 3/8. They were from the Mt Martha club.

### CANADIAN FOURSOMES.

#### WINNERS:

Tony Clarke ( RCC ) 13 1/2 69 1/2

Ian Purchase ( DB )

#### RUNNERS-UP:

David King ( MM ) 17 5/8 71 3/8

Roger Hutton ( MM )

#### NEAREST THE PINS:

4th Hole: Colin Smith ( DB )

7th Hole: John Morgan ( M )

11th Hole : Ted Galloway ( SB )

13th Hole : Andrew Wilkins ( M )

#### ENTRY PRIZE:

Graham Smith ( MM )

## Carrington Park - March 4

The course was in great condition and 68 players enjoyed the sunshine and light breeze. The view from high on the course, especially the 13th, was magnificent across the bay and out over towards Sorrento and Portsea. As usual we had trouble reading the greens as putts turned towards the water but which part of the water!

G McQuillan had a strong win in A Grade with 41 points whilst W Lawson won B Grade on a countback from R Sims with 39 points. A great performance. Due to someteeing ground mix-up, the day was declared a social day and results were not entered in to Golfink.

### Stableford

#### WINNERS:

##### A Grade

Gerry McQuillan (CP) 14 41 pts

##### B Grade

Bill Lawson (DB) 18 39 pts

#### RUNNERS-UP:

##### A Grade

John Eaton (RCC) 13 38 pts

##### B Grade

Robert Sims (DB) 35 39 pots

#### NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole Tony Clarke (RCC)

6th Hole Tim Collins (CP)

11th Hole Gary Hanson (DB)

17th Hole Bill Lawson (DB)

#### ENTRY PRIZE:

Harvey Morton (MM)



## St. Andrews Beach - March 18

The course was beautifully presented and 107 players enjoyed the game. This was the third time we have tried to play the St. Andrews course and we finally succeeded in getting the entire field to both start and complete their rounds.

Noel Baker was a worthy winner on count back from G Hanson with 38 Points in A Grade and Mornington's Graeme Littlejohn won B Grade with 36 points, a stirring effort from both players on this long and difficult track.

### INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD EVENT.

#### WINNERS:

##### A Grade

Noel Baker (C) 17                      38pts cb

##### B Grade

Graeme Littlejohn (M) 18        36pts

#### RUNNERS-UP:

##### A Grade

Gary Hanson (DB) 6                38pts

##### B Grade

Bob Richards (C) 27                35pts

John Hunter (MM) 19               35pts

#### NEAREST THE PINS:

4th Hole: Jun Park (M)

11th Hole: Laurie Leyden (DB)

6th Hole: Bill Mansell (CP)

16th Hole: Alan Dewar (D)

#### ENTRY PRIZE:

Nick Sayle (RCC)

