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Message from the President



MPVGA President

Bill Peachey

2011 has been another successful year and this year has also started off very well.

At the AGM we had in excess of 110 members and they all enjoyed another flavoursome meal put on by the staff at the Rosebud Country Club.

Furthermore I announced the winner of the Len Barrow Trophy (the most consistent golfer for the year) – John Hunter from Mt Martha on a count back from Alan Finlay from Devilbend. At the AGM, I also welcomed George Thorne, the Eastern District Councilor for the VVGA, Gary Sanford, the Senior Manager for the Bendigo Bank, the Association's major Sponsor and Gregg Briggs, Commercial Manager for REGIS, the major Sponsor of the upcoming REGIS 2012 AVGU National Championship.

Also, I was sorry to accept the resignation of Peter Molloy, the past delegate for the Cerberus Golf Club, who was instrumental in establishing this Association's joining the Golflink organization. Many thanks, Peter.

Further, I would like to thank all of the Office Bearers, Club Delegates and the Newsletter Editor for their support throughout 2011.

A special mention of appreciation goes to the Vice President, Ken McNamara who has put in an incredible amount of time and effort in getting the 2012 REGIS AVGU National Championship up and organized. We have over 500 golfers and partners attending this event and nearly 80 golfers wanting to attend this once in a life time opportunity. The Championships are being held at The National, Moonah and The Dunes Golf Clubs, all rated in the top 40 golf courses in Australia. As you are aware, they are being held between the 11th – 16th November and to make this the best Championship, we will need your support at the end of this year.

Finally, I would like to wish all members good golfing in 2012 and to ask you to assist those who give their time to setting up each day, to please remember to write your full Golflink number and club details on your scorecard.

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



Tony has gone off to Augusta so I'll have a go for this issue. Ed.

Have you ever wanted to putt from the apron, perhaps a couple of metres off the green, but some silly ground staffer has put a sprinkler between you and the green?



So the **Question** is:
"What can I do about it - can I take relief?"

...and the **Answer** is:
Yes you may take relief but only under certain conditions.

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2. In addition, if a ball lies through the green and an immovable obstruction on or within 2 club-lengths of the putting green, and within 2 club-lengths of the ball, intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

Question:

Are we allowed to reconfigure the weight screws of a TaylorMade R7 driver or similar adjustable club head during the course of a round?

Answer:

It is perfectly okay to rearrange the weights before or between rounds, but the rules prohibit players from purposely changing the playing characteristics of a club during a stipulated round (Rule 4-2a).

Question:

Am I eligible for relief if a plug mark on the green is on my putting line? (The plug was not leveled off and had created a big bump in the green.)

Answer:

Rule 16-1c gives a player permission to raise or lower an old hole plug to make it level with the putting green surface. If this is impossible, the player can discontinue play and ask that a club official raise or lower the plug. If this can't be done without undue delay of play, the Committee should declare the plug to be ground under repair, in which case the player would be entitled to relief under Rule 25-1b(iii) They may lift and replace the ball without penalty at the nearest point of relief. (See also Decision 16-1c/3.)



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MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT



IAN PURCHASE

In order to minimize the golflink number problem, delegates have been requested to send a list of their players plus their golflink numbers to Trevor Bishop. Delegates – please advise Trevor when a new member joins the Association.

No club together with no golflink number on the card adds up to a fair measure of unnecessary work for those voluntarily doing the handicapping duties. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Whilst we all enjoy playing Cape Schanck, the 19 March event, in my opinion, proved rather demanding with tee locations and pin placements in rather tough positions – an opinion shared by quite a few members. Hopefully our 2 July return game will find tees and pin placements in a far more accessible position as the Cape Schanck course is far from an 'easy walk in the park' at the best of times!

The Moe Challenge proved be a very disappointing result with only 18 players registering – well below our entitlement of 32 players. This day is a most enjoyable one and it rather surprising that more players do not take the opportunity of meeting with other players from other districts.

The VVGA Fourball (Stroke) Championships were recently held at the 27 hole Corowa golf club. The course was in very good condition but proved to be rather demanding for a few players. Geoff Menlove and Harry Rouette (Devilbend) were winners in the net event whilst Luke Papettas, Trevor Bishop, John Cockfield, John Rosenbrock, Laurie Leyden, Rob Grant, Allan Langford, Rod Wilson, Jim Alexander (Devilbend) and Peter Molloy (Cerberus) featured in the ball run down. As is the case at these events, a good time was had by all!



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which Tiger Woods would likely define as an endless series of tragedies, obscured by the odd miracle, followed by a good beer, or something else we can't mention here.

You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins. And on top of that, the winner buys the drinks!

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ... neither of whom can putt very well. And an interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play, it's always possible to get worse.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green The next day you go out and for no reason at all you really stink.

If your best shots are practice swings and 'gimme putts', you might want to reconsider playing the game. You know, it's like a marriage, if you take it too seriously it won't work - and on top of that, they're both too damned expensive!

2ND QUARTER EVENTS

- Monday April 16 - Eagle Ridge - PAR
- Tuesday April 24 - St. Andrews - STABLEFORD
- Monday May 14 - Rosebud CC - STABLEFORD
- Monday May 28 - Portsea - STABLEFORD
- Thursday June 7 - Sorrento - STABLEFORD
- Monday June 18 - The National - STABLEFORD
- Monday July 2 - Cape Schanck - STABLEFORD



Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



PICS FROM FLINDERS & AGM ANNUAL LUNCH AT ROSEBUD CC



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MPVGA Events Results

Devilbend - January 16

Devilbend course was in excellent condition, the weather was great, but numbers were down with only 64 players. As can be seen from the results below, scoring was very low with only 5 playing to handicap. Devilbend players dominated the field making it hard work for the others - one visitor, Bill Mansell of Carrington Park copped a prize for NTP.

STABLEFORD WINNERS:

"A" Grade:
Robert Searl (DB) 13 36pts
" B " Grade:
Ian MacKenzie (DB) 28 38pts

RUNNERS UP:

" A " Grade:
Trevor Bishop (DB) 14 34 pts
" B " Grade:
Rodney Wilson (DB) 25 37pts
Brian Birchmore (DB) 19 37pts
Bill McGennisken (DB) 26 37pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Peter Blyth (DB)
8th Hole : Len Ludlam (DB)
11th Hole: Bill Mansell (CP)
13th Hole: Luke Papettas (DB)

ENTRY PRIZE:

Brian Robertson (DB)



Flinders - February 13

There was a great turnout totaling 120 players for this annual 'friendly' 4-ball stableford event. The course was well presented and the weather was kind for a change with light winds and generally clear skies. Mount Martha teams dominated the results taking the top 3 places.

4BBB STABLEFORD WINNERS:

David King (MM) 27 49PTS
Ian Ereat (MM) 26

RUNNERS UP:

John Pendlebury (MM) 24 48PTS CB
Lance Smith (MM) 20

NEAREST THE PINS:

9th Hole: Ian McGrane (ML)
12th Hole : Graeme Hill (P)
14th: Alan Bellamy (DB)
17th Hole: Leon Magree (D)

ENTRY PRIZE:

Des Jolley (DB)



1st Quarter 2012

Rosebud Country Club - February 20

Being the AGM and annual club lunch day numbers were very strong and the field commenced with an 8AM shotgun start off both tees. 114 players participated in the Canadian Foursomes event which was played in reasonable but changeable conditions while the course was in great shape.

CANADIAN FOURSOMES WINNERS:

Alex Shaw (DB) 26 65 PTS
Alan Blight (DB) 28

RUNNERS UP:

Alan Findlay (DB) 12 66PTS
Gerry Hanson (DB)

NEAREST THE PINS:

4th Hole: David Collett (ML)
7th Hole : Adrian Holton-Picard (RCC)
11th Hole : Juris Klakalietis (ML)
13th Hole: Bill Robbins (DB)

ENTRY PRIZE:

Terry Ryan (DB)



Carrington Park - March 5

Always a pleasure to play, Carrington Park was in very good condition with well grassed and watered fairways, challenging greens (Are they ever!) and well placed bunkers. It is rather surprising that more members do not play this course with its relatively flat front nine holes and a more demanding back nine holes. To cap off an enjoyable round, the staff really know how to look after you.

STROKE: WINNERS:

"A" Grade:
Bill King (CP) 7 65
"B" Grade:
Peter Blyth (DB) 25 62

RUNNERS UP:

"A" Grade:
Mick Anderson (CS) 15 67
Phillip Graham (SB) 16 67
"B" Grade:
Brian Robertson (DB) 23 66
Len Ludlam (DB) 26 66

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Bob Jordan (CP)
6th Hole : Bill Mansell (CP)
11th Hole : Kevin White (RCC)
17th Hole: Mick Anderson (CS)

ENTRY PRIZE:

Peter Brake (MM)



Cape Schanck - March 19

While the course was in perfect condition the Cape locals had set up quite a challenge for us, placing the tees off the back markers and the holes in some of the most difficult parts of each green's terrain.

Apparently this was at the request of some Devilbend players who last time complained that the track was much too easy.

Whew ... tough game for us old timers. Very low scores were achieved with only 3 players earning more than 33 points. It was widely expressed after the game, that more consideration should be given, in future, for the aged and infirmed of us who thought that the previous set-up was just about right!

STABLEFORD:

WINNERS:

"A" Grade:

Denis Eisenbise (CS) 17 37pts

"B" Grade:

Charles Milligan (DB) 19 37pts

RUNNERS UP:

"A" Grade:

John Rosenbrock (DB) 11 35pts

"B" Grade:

Vic Rodwell (DB) 20 32pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: John Raymond (RCC)

7th Hole : Larry Jones (DB)

14th Hole : Noel Baker (C)

16th Hole: Alan Bennett (M)

ENTRY PRIZE:

David Lawrance (CS)



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AVGU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well, time is marching on and November, whilst eight months away, seems to be ominously closer. When our event was launched at the 2011 Championships in Hobart it was hoped that entries would come in quickly to allow a greater lead time for the many tasks involved in managing them. Would you believe our target of 500 participants was reached by the first week of February, beyond what we could have believed possible. Entrants come from every State and Territory of Australia, with over 100 from Western Australia and Queensland the leading contributor with 145, amazing the distances people will travel to support AVGU events, particularly when great golf courses are on offer. People have been amazed at the speed which our event filled, many having booked flights and accommodation prior to securing their place in the event and now finding they are on a waiting list. Enquiries continue to arrive daily and we now have an extensive list of hopefuls from all parts of the country. Discussions are being held with course managers in the hope that we can increase the playing numbers and help to satisfy some of the latecomers. Our management structure for the championships is taking shape with course managers being appointed, as well as tournament secretary/treasurer, rules officials, etc., so if you would like to be involved in any volunteer capacity please let us know. We continue to do our best to satisfy our main sponsors for the event, Regis as naming rights sponsor, and Bendigo Bank, and if you attended the AGM at Rosebud Country Club in February you would have heard Greg Briggs of Regis and Gary Sanford of the Rye and District Community Bank give an address. We have also been successful in getting some editorial space with articles appearing in Inside Golf, The Golfer magazine and The Senior newspaper all detailing our event and Regis involvement.

We will endeavour to keep our MPVGA members informed of our progress leading up to 11th November and trust that with your assistance we will produce a memorable event for, not only our district, but for all those that take part. If you need any information or wish to be involved in any capacity feel free to contact me.

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