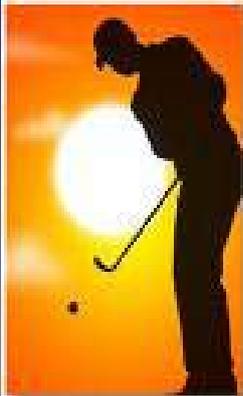




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Message from the President



2010 has certainly started with a bang. We have had record attendances at the first three games, namely Devil Bend, Flinders and Rosebud Country Club.

Before the MPVGA AGM, the Canadian Foursomes event at Rosebud consisted of nearly 170 members and most of them attended the AGM. We all enjoyed a delicious meal put on by the Rosebud Country Club. At the AGM, I welcomed the VVGA President George Thorne and Bendigo Bank Manager Gary Sanford, a new sponsor. Again, I would like to thank very much the assistance of all the Office Bearers and Club Delegates for their contribution throughout the year. It is never easy and often a thankless but necessary task.

I was sorry to accept the resignation of Ken Walker, Treasurer and Alan McKenzie our Newsletter and Website Co-ordinator. Ken had attended most games over the past 6 or so years and gave comprehensive financial reports at each Committee Meeting and did all of the banking and other financial matters for this Association. Alan worked tirelessly on the Newsletter and we all looked forward to the next Newsletter. It not only gave results of the past games, but contained many photo's relating to those events and many stories relating to the members who belonged in the MPVGA. Also Alan was instrumental in getting the MPVGA website up and running and maintaining the website.

I would like to welcome our new Treasurer Tich Carter from Cerebus and Chris Lee-Brown from Mornington, our new Newsletter Editor.

I look forward to a long association with them.

I asked Ken Walker to advise the members of our new Life Member, John Morgan. John was President for the 5 years, 2003 to 2007. He had a real challenge on his hands in the early stages and was instrumental in getting this Association back up on its feet. He did a fantastic job. John, well done, and many thanks for all your efforts.

Further, I would like to thank Don Dempster from Mornington for being the Honorary Auditor, again. This is often overlooked but appreciated by all.

Finally, I would like to wish all members good golfing in 2010 and remember, to play READY GOLF, as this will help everybody.

MPVGA President

Bill Peachey

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MPVGA Vice Captain
TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



Palm Beach Gardens Florida March 6, 2010

Source: The Sunday Times. March 7 2010

“Graeme McDowell, the Northern Irishman who was only three shots off the lead at halfway, could do no better than a 71 and seemed to have slipped out of contention, seven shots back. McDowell (pictured) must still be ruing his error of judgment on the final hole of the second round, when he put his tee shot in water and decided he could still play a shot. He grazed the surface of the water on his backswing and told officials.....”



A recent situation occurred in the USPGA HONDA CLASSIC. (see Sunday Times article).

Graeme McDowell's ball was in a water hazard with part of the ball submerged.

He chose to play the ball, took a stance being careful not to touch the water, and played the ball out. During the course of his backswing, his club brushed the surface of the water.

QUESTION:

Did he:

- (a) incur no penalty as he accidentally touched the water in the course of playing a shot?
- (b) Penalty of 1 stroke?
- (c) Penalty of 2 strokes?

ANSWER:

- (c) He incurred a penalty of 2 strokes.

in terms of Rule 13-4 ball in hazard - Prohibited actions.

“Before making a stroke at a ball that is in a water hazard, the player must not touch the water with his hand or a club.”

The backswing precedes making a stroke. Please note that water in a bunker can be touched as it is casual water.

While grass in a water hazard can be touched at address or during a backswing, loose impediments in the hazard in which your ball lies cannot be touched or moved.

MPVGA Captain **IAN PURCHASE**



MPVGA VETS OFF TO A GREAT START

Members of the MPVGA are indeed very fortunate to play on such quality golf courses. I can assure you that veteran golfers from other districts are quite envious of our golfing program.

Attendances so far this year are as follows – Devilbend (91), Flinders (154), Rosebud Country Club (167), Settlers Run (95) and Cape Schanck (119). All courses were a pleasure to play due to their excellent conditioning.

When I receive lists of players from the Delegates it's great to see so many new players joining our ranks. As I mentioned at the AGM, 'two shifts' are likely to continue due to retirees finding that a day at one of the Peninsula's golf courses is a much better proposition than gardening or painting!

The MPVGA Championships will commence on 10 May at Rosebud Country Club. Subsequent rounds will be played at Portsea, Cape Schanck and Flinders.

The VVGA Country Championships will be held at Traralgon on 3-4 May. I have a supply of entry forms which close on 8 April.

In order to **reduce** your Association's costs and maintain such low membership rates, the committee has ruled to rationalise our Newsletter to four quarterly publications annually.

The Newsletter will provide members with a quarterly summary of previous events and results as well as information about future events. The Newsletter will not be mailed but be available on our website as a printable PDF in early, April, July, October and January. For those who do not have Internet access, we will provide a number of black and white copies for distribution via the MPVGA Delegates. We trust that you will support this initiative which will save the Association about \$1000p.a in printing and mailing costs.

VVGA FOUR BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Warrnambool golf course was the venue for the 2010 Four Ball Championships held on 22-23 March. The Mornington Peninsula was well represented with 23 players from Devilbend and Cerberus clubs.

For those who have not played Warrnambool, the course is a combination of exposed holes and those carved through rugged natural bushland. Fairways meander through thick ti-tree and sand dunes, offering a selection of holes that require players to really think about each shot. This applies particularly on the par 3's and the 10th – a monster par 5 of 532 metres! Recycled water from the local milk factory ensures lush fairways all year round.

Results-wise, Alan Findlay and Kevin Etherton were runners up in the Division 1 Net Handicap Division. Ball run down winners were Alan and Kevin, John Rosenbrock and Laurie Leyden, and Eddie Saunders and Ian Purchase. Kevin Etherton also won the NTP on the 2nd hole.

Socially, the event was a great success due to the fact that John Bonney – ex-St Kilda player – and Licencee of the “Royal Hotel” provided a bus thereby ensuring that players were able to enjoy themselves. And they did, thereby continuing a well-established tradition!



Mornington Peninsula Veteran Golfers Association Annual General Meeting at Rosebud Country Club February 2010





MPVGA Events Results

1st Quarter 2010

Devilbend - January 18 Results

The opening game for 2010 was a individual Stableford event and drew a good field of 91 players. It was a pleasant day with a slight breeze.

The course was again in terrific condition and Devilbend members took advantage of 'local knowledge' and won most of the prizes. Roger Bouette, a course member won the 'A' Grade competition again, having won this event in 2009, and another Devilbend member, Bill Lawson won the 'B' Grade prize.

Stableford Results.

Members' Prizes:

'A' Grade: Roger Bouette - Devilbend (17) 36 Points

'B' Grade: Bill Lawson - Devilbend (20) 34 Points

Competition Prizes:

'A' Grade: Kevin Wilson - Devilbend (9) 36 Points

'B' Grade: Ian Purchase - Devilbend (19) 34 Points

John Alexander - Devilbend (25) 34 Points

Nearest the Pin Competition:

3rd Hole: T. Calloway - Safety Beach

8th Hole: Bill King - Carrington Park

11th Hole: Nick Sayle - Rosebud CC

13th Hole: Kevin Wilson - Devilbend

Entry Prize Winner:

Bottle of Scotch

John Munn - Moonah Links

Flinders - February 8 Results

The magnificent panorama and challenge that Flinders course always provides ensured that we had a full field on the day. Fortunately, the notorious gusty winds held off and for most of us, Flinders provided a benign event although things heated up in the afternoon as the cloud cover evaporated.

The day was a 4-ball teams Stableford event (4BBB) with 154 players hitting off the 1st tee throughout the day. The 1st prize winners teamed up from Cape Schanck and Devilbend to produce a credible 50 point combination.

Stableford Results.

First Prize Winners:

Don Brown - Cape Schanck (16), and
Len Ludlam - Devilbend (25) 50 Points

Runners Up Prizes:

Barry Strachan - Rosebud CC (22), and
Denis Eisenbise - Cape Schanck (14) 48 Points

Wayne Mills - Cape Schanck (22), and
Doug Peney - Rosebud CC (29) 48 Points

Peter Ward - Mornington (16), and
Les Bruce - Mornington (31) 48 Points

Nearest the Pin Competition:

3rd Hole: Eddie Saunders - Devilbend

9th Hole: Barry Strachan - Rosebud CC

12th Hole: John Tullberg - Rosebud CC

17th Hole: Colin Marshall - Rosebud CC

Rosebud Country Club - February 22 Results

The beautiful and immaculately prepared Rosebud North course was a popular choice for this event which was followed by lunch and our AGM. The day was a Canadian Foursomes teams Stroke event with 166 players and an 8.15AM shotgun start. In order to give everybody a game, the Captain decided to play in sixes.

Later 160 members, a record turnout, attended the MPVGA 2009 AGM. The weather was ideal for golf and the course was in perfect condition. A terrific team consisting of Chris Lee-Brown (Mornington) and Murray Sells (Cerberus) won with 81 off the stick, nett 64. There were 2 teams who were Runners Up with a nett score of 66. Chris Lee-Brown, our new newsletter man, also had 2 Nearest the Pins on the day, so it was a great start for him for the year.

Stroke Results.

First Prize Winners:

Chris Lee-Brown - Mornington (19), and
Murray Sells - Cerberus (15) Nett 64

Runners Up Prizes:

Trevor Bishop - Devilbend, and
Max Whelan - Devilbend Nett 66

Jeff Welch - Rosebud CC, and
Doug Peney - Rosebud CC Nett 66

Nearest the Pin Competition:

4th Hole: Geoff Smith - Cerberus

7th Hole: Chris Lee-Brown - Mornington

11th Hole: Chris Lee-Brown - Mornington

13th Hole: Gary Adkin - Devilbend

Settlers Run - March 15 Results

It was a pleasure to enjoy the well-prepared greens and fairways of Settlers Run, however the long roughs and many bunkers presented quite a challenge to the 95 MPVGA golfers who tee'd off on the increasingly warm Monday morning. The event was individual Stableford and while some members struggled to score in the 20's, Devilbend members figured strongly in the leading results.

Stableford Results.

Members' Prizes:

'A' Grade: Allan Findlay - Devilbend (11) 40 Points

'B' Grade: Gerald Bourke - Safety Beach (22) 38 Points

Competition Prizes:

'A' Grade:

Ken McNamara - The National (5) 37 Points

Keith Etherton - Devilbend (8) 37 Points

T. Webb - Devilbend (9) 37 Points

'B' Grade:

Homer Koster - Cape Schanck (22) 35 Points

Nearest the Pin Competition:

2nd Hole: C. Lambert - Devilbend

8th Hole: Frank Lindemen - Carrington Park

11th Hole: Derick West - Devilbend

Entry Prize Winner:

Bottle of Scotch

G. Victor - Cerberus

1st Quarter 2010 Results (continued)

Coming Events 2nd Quarter

The Cape - March 29 Results

The rain cleared just prior to lunch and it was a glorious day at beautiful Cape Schank Shearwater however for a lot of us the golfing spoilt what could have been a nice walk . So to the winners go the spoils.....

Stableford Results.

Members' Prizes:

'A' Grade: Geoff Wilkins - Devilbend (12)42 Points

'B' Grade: Stan Eddy - The National (21) 38 Points

Competition Prizes:

'A' Grade:

Ian Patterson - Cape Schanck (14) 41 Points

'B' Grade:

John Munn - Moonah Links (21) 36 Points

Don Dempster - Mornington (20) 36 Points

Nearest the Pin Competition:

4thd Hole: Paul Swinnerton - The Dunes

7th Hole: Ray Barton - Carrington Park

14th Hole: Bill Peachey - Rosebud CC

16th Hole: Mike Wensley - Mornington

Entry Prize Winner:

Bottle of Scotch

Les Lindley - Mt. Martha

MPVGA EVENTS

• The Dunes - Tuesday April 13 - Stableford

• Mornington- Monday April 26 - 4BBB Par

• Rosebud Country Club - Monday May 10
- 1st Round Championships - Stableford

• Portsea - Monday May 24
- 2nd Round Championships - Stableford

• The National (Ocean) - Monday June 7
- Stableford

• The Cape - Monday June 28
- 3rd Round Championships - Stableford

SPECIAL EVENTS

Entry forms available from Ian Purchase

• Rosebud Country Club - Thursday May 6 The
37th Annual Cancer Research Charity Golf Day in
aid of the Cancer Council of Victoria.

• Mirboo North Golf Club Monday May 24 &
Tuesday May 25 hosts the West Gippsland Veteran
Golfers Association 2 Day Tournament.

THE FINAL WORD.....Moses and Jesus were in a threesome playing golf one day. Moses pulled up to the tee and drove a long one. The ball landed in the fairway, but rolled directly toward a water hazard. Quickly Moses raised his club, the water parted and it rolled to the other side, safe and sound.

Next, Jesus strolled up to the tee and hit a nice long one directly toward the same water hazard. It landed right in the center of the pond and kind of hovered over the water. Jesus casually walked out on the pond and chipped the ball onto the green.

The third guy got up and randomly whacked the ball. It headed out over the fence and into oncoming traffic on a nearby street. It bounced off a truck and hit a nearby tree. From there, it bounced onto the roof of a shack close by and rolled down into the gutter, down the drain spout, out onto the fairway and straight toward the aforementioned pond. On the way to the pond, the ball hit a stone and bounced out over the water onto a lily pad, where it rested quietly.

Suddenly a very large bullfrog jumped up on a lily pad and snatched the ball into his mouth. Just then, an eagle swooped down and grabbed the frog and flew away. As they passed over the green, the frog squealed with fright and dropped the ball, which bounced right into the cup for a hole in one.

Moses turned to Jesus and said, "I hate playing with your Dad."