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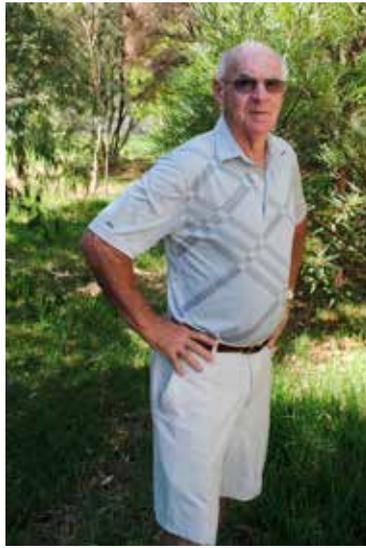
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Message from the President



MPVGA President

Peter Unkles

We have reached the end of the first quarter of 2014 with the completion of five events. After several years of weather created frustration we were able to play at St Andrews Beach on 31 March on a warm sunny day with an excellent turn out of just over 100 players. This coming quarter we have six events including the first two rounds of the Reg Prideaux Memorial Championships at Portsea and Rosebud CC. I encourage all members to strive to play in these Championship rounds.

As I am sure you are all aware, Carrington Park Golf Club has relocated to Eagle Ridge and continues as a MPVGA affiliate based there. Rosebud Park has applied to become an affiliate and we look forward to welcoming them subject to approval at the upcoming Committee Meeting. We also now have three members of the MPVGA from Flinders Golf Club and we welcome them.

In February our AGM was held at Rosebud CC after a shotgun start Ambrose event followed by an enjoyable lunch. All members of the Committee agreed to stand in their roles and there has been no change to the Committee. We were pleased to announce the winner of the 2013 Reg Prideaux Memorial Championship Laurie Leyden from Devilbend and the winner of the Bendigo Bank Len Barrow trophy for the most consistent player over 2013 Ian Purchase also from Devilbend.

It was a pleasure to award a permanent memento to past winners of the

Reg Prideaux Championship to those able to attend the AGM and other mementos to past winners have been forwarded to players or their families. All past winners of both The Reg Prideaux and Len Barrow trophies are now listed on our website.

Our website continues to expand in detail and you will find the results of each event posted to the website within a day or so of each event.

For each upcoming event the Start Time List is posted to the website in the week prior including the Pro Shop phone number to be used if a very late cancellation is required. It is imperative that you advise if you need to cancel either to your Club Delegate or to our Captain Ian Purchase or as the last resort the Pro Shop. It is very frustrating for the Delegate running the event to have unadvised no shows.

We are pleased to confirm that Devilbend Golf Club has been awarded the honour of hosting the 2015 VVGA State Country Championships on 4th and 5th May 2015. Trevor Bishop and Devilbend Golf Club will make further information available through this year and we will post appropriate information on our website.

We trust you all continue to enjoy our Newsletter with its informative comments, results and photos from our recent events. We would welcome any input from members for inclusion in the Newsletter.

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TESTING THE CONDITION OF A HAZARD.

If your ball is in a bunker or water hazard you must not test the condition of that or any similar hazard.

What does that mean?

The term covers all actions by which you could gain more information about the hazard than could be gained from taking your stance for the stroke to be made, bearing in mind that a certain amount of digging in with the feet in the sand or soil is permitted when taking that stance.



Actions that are permitted include the following:

- Digging in with the feet for a stance, including for a practice swing, anywhere in the hazard or in a similar hazard
- Placing an object such as one of your clubs or a rake in the hazard
- Leaning on an object (other than a club) such as a rake while it is touching the ground in the hazard or water in a water hazard.
- Touching the hazard with an object (other than a club) such as a towel.
- Marking the position of the ball with a tee or otherwise when proceeding under a rule.

Actions that would constitute testing of the condition of the hazard in breach of Rule 13-4a include:

- Digging in with the feet in excess in what would be done

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- for a stance for a stroke or a practice swing
- Filling in footprints from a previous stance
- Intentionally sticking an object, such as a rake, into sand or soil in the hazard or water in a water hazard (but probing whilst searching for a ball believed to be covered by sand or loose impediments is permitted)
- Kicking the ground in the hazard or water in a water hazard
- Touching the ground or sand with a club in the hazard or when making a practice swing in either the hazard or a similar hazard
- Touch or move a loose impediment lying in or touching the hazard.

You should note that there are 3 exceptions listed to be read in conjunction with the above :

1. Provided nothing is done that constitutes testing the condition of the hazard or improves the lie of the ball, you will not be penalised for touching the ground in a hazard:
 - As a result of or to prevent falling
 - In removing an obstruction
 - In measuring
 - In marking the position of retrieving, lifting, placing or replacing a ball under any rule,
 - Placing your clubs in a hazard.
2. At any time you may smooth sand or soil provided this is for the sole purpose of caring for the course and nothing is done to breach Rule 13-2 with respect to your next stroke (this relates to improving the lie of the ball).
If the ball played from the hazard is outside the hazard after the stroke, you may smooth sand or soil without restriction.
3. If you make a stroke from a hazard and the ball comes to rest in another hazard, there are no restrictions on any subsequent actions you take in the hazard from which you have played.
The penalty for any breach of Rule 13-4; is 2 strokes.



MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE

St Andrews Beach proved to be a big winner at the end of last month. The weather was great and the course in superb condition. This course presented a variety of golfing challenges on the fairways and on the greens. It can be quite an experience for new players, particularly the walk back after playing the 18th! We are indeed fortunate in having access to such quality courses.

The Moe Challenge was slightly disappointing in terms of results. Des Kennedy (37 points) and Gordon Warren (34 points) were our best performers. Jim Alexander won a ball in the run-down. Overall, West Gippsland won the day by 3% - 31% to MPVGA 28%.

The VVGA State trip to Cohuna has been reported elsewhere. Overall, a most enjoyable trip.

A few special requests:

Please do not mark the greens with the NTP spike. There is no need to deface a green as it takes time for re-growth to take place.



Also, please leave your cart or buggy on the exit side of the green, and never in front of the green.

If you are having trouble with your game, the following might cheer you up!

A golfer was standing on the 18th tee at Pine Valley course in New Jersey. He thought to himself that if he parred the 18th - 340 yards - he would break 80. His current score was 74. And so off he went. He one putted the green and finished up with a 91! It's a cruel game. Pine Valley is arguably one of the world's most punishing courses. It is currently ranked Number One and has been called a 184-acre bunker!

Yet another reminder that "Ready Golf" is the way to go - the seconds convert to minutes, and you know the rest! There are so many simple ways to reduce the overall time taken to complete a round. What are you doing to minimise the time? Please advise and I will publish them in the next edition or mention them at presentations.

2014 EVENTS CALENDAR 2nd QUARTER

- * Monday April 14 - Cape Schanck Aggregate Stableford
- * Monday April 28 - Safety Beach - Stableford
- * Monday May 12 - Flinders Par
- * Monday May 26 - Portsea Stableford (1st Rnd Club Championships)
- * Monday June 19 - Sorrento Par
- * Monday June 30 - Rosebud Country Club Stableford (2nd Rnd Club Championships)

VVGA COHUNA TRIP - 4-BALL EVENT

The VVGA Four Ball event at Cohuna was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large number of MPVGA members. The course fairways were narrow with huge red gums on either side. Apart from the first few greens which rather scrappy, the others were quite acceptable. Gordon Warren and Alan Bellamy from Devilbend won the Division 2 event. Ball run down winners were Messrs Wagstaff, Dale, Menlove, Bouette, Rosenbrock, Leyden, Molloy, Alexander, Cockfield and Bishop. Nearest the pin winners were John Rosenbrock and Alan Langford. (Team photo below)

Mornington Peninsula Veteran Golfers Association Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



Pics from Devilbend and Rosebud Park



This page St. Andrews Beach

Photography by Trevor Bishop



MPVGA Events Results

1st Quarter 2014

Devilbend - January 20

The course was in fine shape with plenty of run on the fairways, but we were very disappointed with the small field of only 67 players who participated in this, of first game of the year. However it should be said that January is always a difficult month to find a full field.

The greens were somewhat slow but this is to be expected considering the amount of heat the course has had to withstand.

Devilbend members once again dominated this event. An enjoyable day with weather conditions most favourable.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A Grade
Laurie Leyden (DB) 13 38

B Grade
Evan Carter (Cerberus) 19 41

RUNNERS UP

A Grade: Trevor Bishop (DB) 15 37
B Grade: Eddie Saunders (DB) 25 39

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Terry Tregillis (CP)
8th Hole: Ian Purchase (DB)
11th Hole: Dave Cole (CS)
13th Hole: Ron Milligan (DB)

Rosebud Park - February 3

The course was in first class condition but we still find those greens, still very difficult to read. The weather threatened the small field of 58 players who soldiered on and we all finished with a dry back-side and a nice feed of free sausage sandwiches. There were some very strong results with scores in the high 30's and 40's, and the ball run-down concluding at a very respectable 36.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A Grade
Rauno Suominen (RCC) 10 39

B Grade
Jonathan Vaudrey (MM) 36 44

RUNNERS UP

A Grade: Bill Mansell (CP) 15 37
Terry Tregillis (CP) 14 37
Roger Bouette (DB) 16 37
Michael Anderson (CS) 16 37

B Grade: Brian Jeanes (MM) 27 43
Bruce Moffatt (MM) 33 43

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Bruce Moffatt (MM)
6th Hole: Rauno Suominen (RCC)
11th Hole: Ron Milligan (DB)
12th Hole: Geoff Oates (DB)

Rosebud Country Club - February 17

This is always a very popular day and the large numbers (139 players) requires us to be experimental with the event choice - today it was 2-man Ambrose. The North course was the venue which was a lot of fun, the event proved to be very slow. Very frustrating for those unfortunates who were caught up behind some very slow groups and expended 5+ hours on the course. Some very good scores were achieved with the ball run-down cutting off at a very commendable net 68.

But, the weather was kind to us, the course was in A1 condition and when everyone got together, the social activities afterwards at the AGM and lunch, made it a very enjoyable, albeit full day.

2-MAN AMBROSE - STROKE WINNERS

Roger Hutton & David King (MM) HC 13.75
Score: net 63.25

RUNNERS UP

Terry Williamson & John Sladdin (RCC) HC 5.5
Score: net 64.5

NEAREST THE PINS:

4th Hole: Bruce Parish (MM)
7th Hole: Jim Rose (Dunes)
11th Hole: Jonathan Vaudrey (MM)
13th Hole: Jun Park (M)

Carrington Park @ Eagle Ridge - March 3

Officials were extremely disappointed with the high number of defaulters, 6 being from one club in particular, who did not think to advise the organisers that they would be pulling out - this is simply not acceptable and put a lot of pressure on the tee marshal to efficiently re-allocate the remaining players across the course. We certainly trust that this is the last time that this type of behaviour will be witnessed at a MPVGA event.

Having said that, the course was very well prepared for the 71 players who did participate in today's event. This was our first outing at the new home of the Carrington Park crew, Eagle Ridge, and some very good scores were recorded, despite the challenge of the narrow fairways. Furthermore the results were well-shared amongst a number of clubs. Congratulations to Tim Webb (DB) Eagle on the 7th

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A Grade
Rodger Bouette (DB) 16 40

B Grade
Roger Hutton (MM) 27 41 (c/b)

RUNNERS UP

A Grade: Terry Tregillis (CP) 17 40
B Grade: Brian Thomas (M) 26 41

NEAREST THE PINS:

6th Hole: Vic Rodwell (DB)
8th Hole: B. Ellett (DB)
11th Hole: Andrew Wilkins (M)
17th Hole: Hedley Peace (DB)



St.Andrews Beach - March 31

100 MPVGA members and guests played St Andrews Beach on 31 March. Unlike previous years, the weather was sunny and quite warm. The course was presented in excellent condition - fairways in lush condition, greens large and true, and bunkers with real sand therein. For those playing this course for the first time certain holes would have presented varying degrees of difficulty, in particular those where a blind shot was involved. To stray off the fairways was to risk disaster as there were many bunkers that attracted the stray shot. Overall, a great day with many compliments about the course.

**INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD
WINNERS**

A Grade

John Wilson (DB) 14 37 c/b

B Grade

Vic Rodwell (DB) 22 40

RUNNERS UP

A Grade: Peter Cheshire (Portsea) 17 37 c/b

Noel Frame (Dunes) 13 37 c/b

B Grade: John Hunter (MM) 19 37

NEAREST THE PINS:

4th Hole: Neville Swinnerton (Dunes)

6th Hole: Geoff Menlove (DB)

11th Hole: Ian Wiley (CS)

