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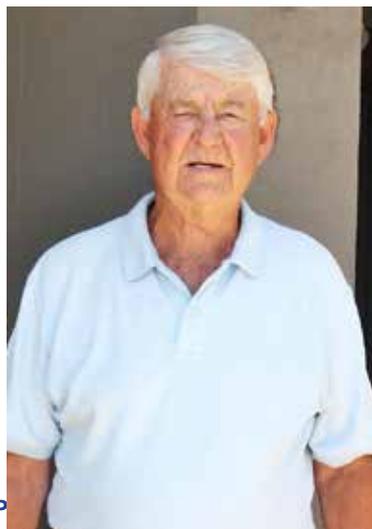
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Message from the President



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Barry Sneddon

Thank you all for electing me as your president for 2016. It is indeed a pleasure, and I look forward to the challenges that may lie ahead in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our previous President Peter Unkles for his time and effort he has contributed to our Association over the last 3 years, and of our 2 retiring delegates Alan Bennett (Mornington) and Mike Henry (Safety Beach), who have decided not to seek re-election. Both have served on the Committee for a number of years and we wish them well in the years ahead. We welcome their replacements Allan Callaway (Mornington) and Neil Fredrickson (Safety Beach) and hope they enjoy their time on the Committee.

The AGM was well attended with 133 playing golf and 150 all up attending the luncheon. We welcomed John Moulton and George Thorn our District Councillors and also Julie Nolo who represented Bendigo Bank. We also acknowledge our thanks to the Rosebud Country Club for the excellent lunch that was provided, and to the ground staff for the excellent condition of the course.

At the AGM I had the pleasure of presenting the winners of our Annual Awards, the Reg Prideaux Award for 2015 (Club Champion) Roger Anderson (Devilbend) and the Len Barrow Award for 2015 (Most Consistent) Dennis Bradley (Mount Martha) Congratulations to you both.

The season has commenced with great weather and not surprising good fields for all events, with a total of 462 players over the first 5 events. Once again I would like to remind you if you cannot attend an event that you have entered contact Ian Purchase up to the night before, or on the morning of the event contact the Pro Shop on the number provided on the start sheet. Please continue to play ready golf at all times as we strive to complete our rounds in 4 ½ hours.

We would also like to thank our major Sponsors, Bendigo Bank, Half a Sec Web Design, and Curry Printing for their contributions to the MPVGA. We encourage all members to support our Sponsors wherever possible.

A reminder to all Members wishing to play in the VVGA Country Championships at Castlemaine on May 2nd - 3rd, that entries close on 15th April.

I trust you continue to enjoy our April edition of the Newsletter, and wish you all good golfing for the rest of the season.

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



NEAREST POINT OF RELIEF

Dropping from the nearest point of relief when:

Interference to your stance, or area of swing by an immovable obstruction. e.g. artificial path, fence, bench, ball washer, 150m posts

Interference from an abnormal ground condition e.g. casual water, ground under repair, hole made by a burrowing animal, reptile or bird.

When your ball lies on a wrong putting green, which is any putting green apart from the hole you are playing.

When there is a local rule protecting staked trees, flower beds, environmentally sensitive areas

In the first three of the above situations, the player may take relief, without penalty, by dropping a ball within 1 club length of the nearest point of relief.

In the fourth case, Local Rules generally state that you must take relief from staked trees and often from ground under repair.

But where is the nearest point of relief?

It is always the nearest point of relief from whatever circumstance is permitted by the Rules. e.g. pathway, casual water, bench etc. and nowhere else.

You may not choose the nicest point of relief - you may only drop within a club length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.

So, you should always determine the nearest point of relief before you lift your ball, in case it happens to be in a position that is even more unfavourable than your current lie. e.g. thick rough, the middle of a bush or a tree trunk in which case you may choose to play it as it lies. If relief is mandatory, then this does not apply.

The Rules Definition of the nearest point is that It is the point on the course nearest to where the ball lies:

(i) that is not nearer the hole, and

(ii) where, if the ball was so positioned, there would be no interference by the condition from which relief is sought would exist for the stroke the player would have made from the original position if the condition was not there.

In order to determine the nearest point of relief accurately, the player should use the club with which he would have made his next stroke if the condition were not there to simulate the address position, direction of play and swing for such a stroke.



MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE

The opening six rounds has seen an average attendance of 88 players – 92 if you exclude Portsea! Portsea will be remembered for some relatively low scores as well as a large number of changes (16) to the original tee time sheet. Whilst I accept the fact that injury, funerals and illness are very acceptable excuses, to have nine phone calls on the Sunday (with no replacements) is, I believe just a dash too much to handle! Could I suggest that clubs refrain from putting up 3 or 4 event notices, instead limit it to one – we just might see a reduction in the number of cancellations. Our memories are not what they used to be!

In the Moe Challenge at the Yallourn Golf Club, despite not making our full complement of players, the MPVGA were successful in retaining the perpetual shield. I would like to thank all members of the team for their hard work on what proved to be a rather testing course. I will long remember playing the uphill 16th, downhill 17th, and uphill 18th! (see following report by Allan Callaway).

From all reports the trip to Heywood for the VVGA Four-ball event went well. Castlemaine is the next venue for the Country Championships on 2-3 May.

A few members have recently spoken to me about the cost of golf on the Mornington Peninsula. In a few cases I would agree that the price is creeping up, and that the actual day can result in a few dollars being expended on green fees, carts and after-match refreshments. However, we are indeed fortunate that we do not play in the Queenstown area of New Zealand. At The Hills course you would pay \$599.00, Jacks Point \$319.00, and Queenstown \$219.00. per round. A cart is extra! Makes our little 'neck of the woods' rather attractive!

Moe Challenge Report

For the second year in a row Pat Wech and myself along with some 23 or so Peninsula Veteran Golfers ventured down to Gippsland for the "Moe Challenge" which consists of the local Gippsland districts coming together for a yearly Golfing Challenge this year they were able to use the Yallourn Golf Course. Our District being Peninsula happened to win the shield this year with the best average score of 33.2 stableford points helped mainly by the best score of the day by our MPVGA Captain Ian Purchase.

The hospitality shown to us was just out of this world country people just know how to put it all together. We were on the road by 6:45am arriving around 8:30am for a 9:30am shot gun start. Lunch was served at the conclusion of play consisting of plate of sandwiches finishing with sweets of icecream and peaches.

For the price of \$20.00 Coffee, Golf, Lunch, and the chance to meet golfers from all over Gippsland it makes a great day.

Something to keep in mind for next year.

Allan Callaway
Mornington Delegate

CURRENT EVENTS

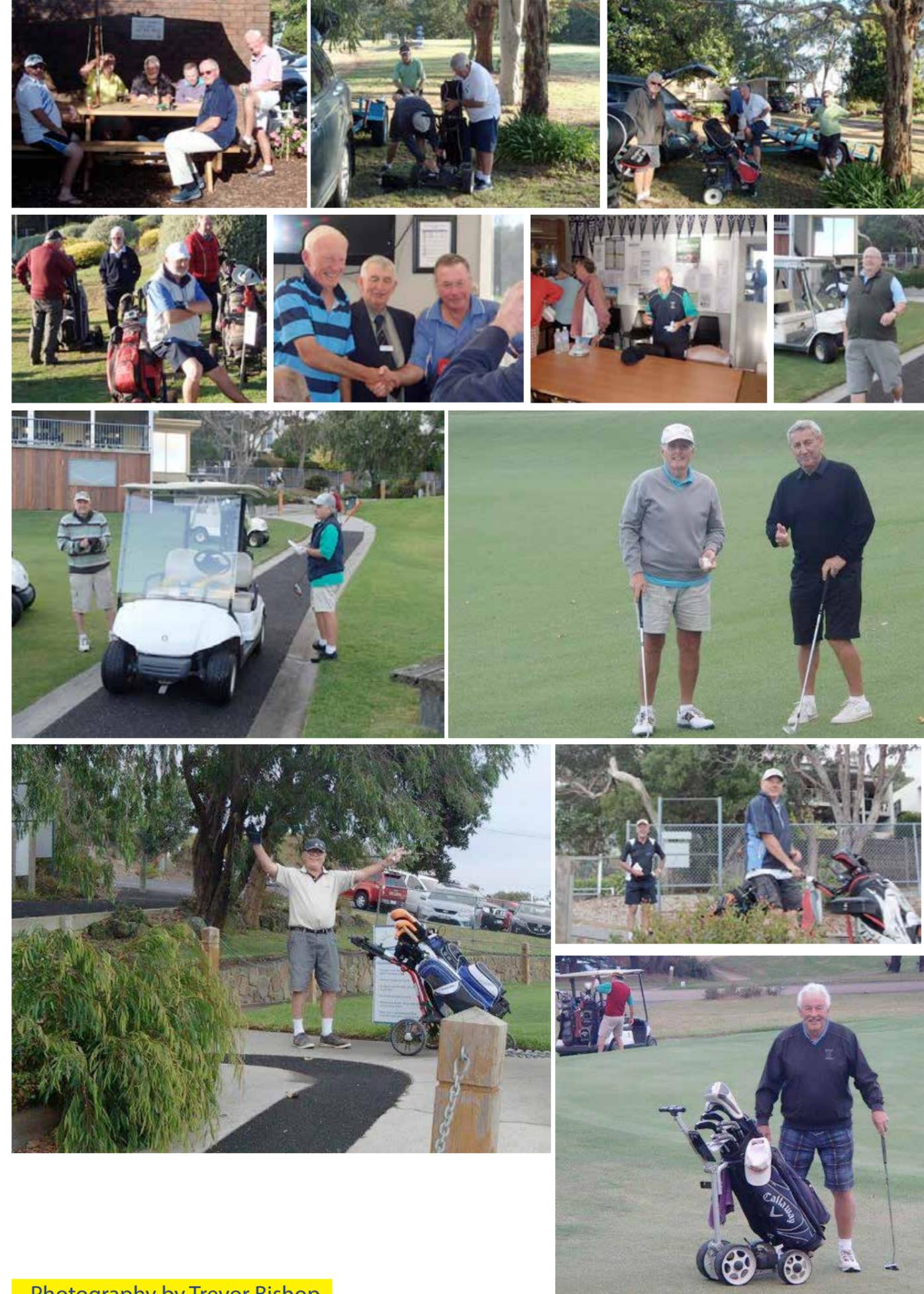
2016 EVENTS CALENDAR 2nd QUARTER

- * Monday April 4 - Portsea Stableford (Round 3 Championships).
- * Monday April 5 - Moe Challenge @ Yallourn GC
- * Monday April 18 - Rosebud Country Club Stableford (Round 4 Championships)
- * Thursday May 5 - Sorrento Stableford
- * Monday May 23 - Flinders Stroke
- * Monday June 6 - Cape Schanck Multiple Stableford
- * Monday June 20 - CP @ Eagle Ridge Par

Please Note : WET WEATHER BREAK TO JULY 17



Pics from Devilbend GC, AGM @ Rosebud Country Club, Heywood GC & Rosebud Park - Bay Views GC.



Photography by Trevor Bishop



MPVGA Events Results

1st Quarter 2016

Devilbend January 18

This was Devilbend course at its best after a long period of good weather and course management. A strong field of 82 players enjoyed the warm weather and good playing conditions although a few did wilt with the growing heat towards the end of the game, including our President.

STABLEFORD WINNERS A GRADE

Tony Clarke (RCC) HC 16 41 pts.

B GRADE

Anthony Benstead (DB) HC 22 40 pts.

RUNNERS UP A GRADE

John Raven (MM) HC 17 38 pts.

B GRADE

Brian Robertson (DB) HC 27 40 pts. (CB)

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: Robert Ellett (Mt. Martha)
8th Hole: Ron Milligan (Devilbend)
13th Hole: Tony Clarke (Rosebud CC)

Flinders - February 8

This game also included the first round of this year's MPVGA Championships. There was a strong field of 106 players, all of whom enjoyed the beautiful sunny weather and the fantastic views of the magnificent panorama of the Bass coast. The course was in very good condition despite water supplies being very low. The greens in particular were slick whilst fairways provided a good measure of run. Hopefully a good fall of rain will soon provide relief for a course that is always a pleasure to play. The views haven't changed - always spectacular, particularly from the coastal holes.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS A GRADE

Noel Baker (C) HC 17 38 pts

B GRADE

Tom Killeen (SB) HC 22 38 pts

RUNNERS UP A GRADE

Alan Findlay (DB) HC 16 37 pts
Neil Kay (CS) HC 13 37 pts

B GRADE

Dennis Bradley (MM) HC 22 36 pts
Bob Ellett (MM) HC 22 36 pts
Ed Saunders (DB) HC 25 36 pts

NEAREST THE PINS

9th Hole: Derrick Farr (SB)
12th Hole: Alan Callaway (MGC)
14th Hole: Dennis Oliver (Dunes)
17th Hole: Paul Swinnerton (Dunes)

Rosebud Country Club - February 22

Rosebud Country Club was in great shape for this, our annual Ambrose and AGM event. The greens were fast and the fairways were in beautiful condition.

We had to manage a huge shotgun start for this always popular event, with 133 members off all tees playing stroke in Ambrose pairs which unfortunately resulted in a 5 hour round. On the positive side some very high scores were recorded with a very presentable net 61 by Mount Martha players, John Hunter and Geoff Briggs, who took out the day. The ball rundown went down to a very formidable 67.25 with 32 players winning balls. The lunch was also well attended and the AGM produced a new President fBarry Sneddon, who replaced our retiring leader Peter Unkles.

AMBROSE 2s WINNERS

John Hunter & Geoff Briggs (MM) HC 12 Net 61.0

RUNNERS UP

Rob Reeves & Geoff Wilkinson (DB) HC 8 Net 62.0

NEAREST THE PINS

4th Hole: Kevin Nicols (DB)
7th Hole: Glyn Parry-Jones (MM)
11th Hole: Rob Reeves (DB)
13th Hole: Angus Harris (DB)



LAST LAUGH

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers.

The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!"

The doctor chimed in, "I don't know I've never seen such inept golf!" The priest said, "Here comes the greens-keeper. Let's have a word with him."

He said, "Hello George, What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" The greens-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen."

The Dunes - March 8

We enjoyed a beautiful cool morning with light winds and a particularly well prepared golf course. 87 players attended this individual Stableford game on one of Mornington Peninsula's most popular courses. Showers threatened and some of us got a slight soaking but generally the field completed the round none the worse for wear.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS A GRADE

Tim Webb (DB) HC 8 43 pts.

B GRADE

Carl Garley (MM) HC 36 45 pts.

RUNNERS UP A GRADE

Laurie Leyden (DB) HC 15 42 pts.
Colin Smith (DB) HC 16 42 pts.

B GRADE

Barry Steggall (MM) HC 30 43 pts.

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: Russell Seadon (RCC)
6th Hole: Trevor Bishop (DB)
13th Hole: Michael Alexander (Dunes)
17th Hole: Ray Evans (DB)



They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime!"

The group fell silent for a moment. The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if here's anything she can do for them."

The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"



1st Quarter Results (continued)

Rosebud Park - Bay Views GC - March 15

The course lived up to its new name with great weather and a magnificent panorama of the southern peninsula. The format was 4BBB and 54 players attended on the day. The old favourites Mount Martha and Devilbend dominated the event with Mount Martha teams taking out the major places and a big percentage of the ball rundown with Devilbend most of the remainder.

4BBB PAR WINNERS

Bradley Dennis & Harvey Morton (MM) +9 (CB)

RUNNERS UP

Klaus Beenk & Bob Ellet (MM) +9

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: Allan Findlay (DB)

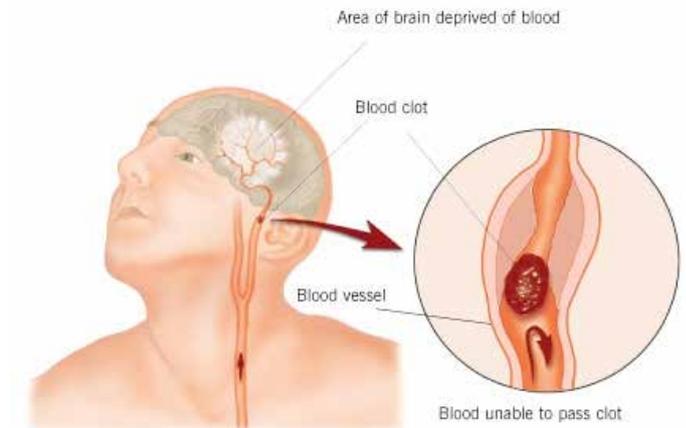
6th Hole: Kevin Smith (C)

13th Hole: Bob Ellett (MM)

17th Hole: Martin Sever (DB)



You could save a life.



STROKE: Remember The 1st Three Letters... **S.T.R.**

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine and just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. (they offered to call ambulance)

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food - while she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00pm, Ingrid passed away.)

She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today.

Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead. It only takes a minute to read this...

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Remember the "3" steps, **S.T.R.** Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster.

The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S * Ask the individual to SMILE .

T * = TALK. Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (eg "It is sunny out today").

R * Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS .

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 000 immediately !! and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke:

1. Ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue.
2. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.