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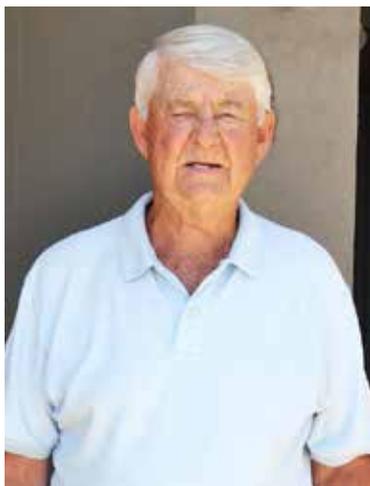
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Message from the President



MPVGA President

Barry Sneddon

The 2017 season has kicked off on a very good note as the weather has been fabulous for the first four rounds of golf at Devilbend, Flinders, Rosebud Country Club and at St. Andrews Beach.

The fields were excellent for all venues but numbers were down a little at Rosebud. Not sure why as it was our AGM and included a free lunch for the members.

At our AGM in February we had in excess of 100 Members attend the lunch and the golf which was played in excellent conditions. We thank the Rosebud Country Club and its staff for allowing us to use their facilities and look forward to working with them in the years ahead. We also welcomed John Moulton, our District Councillor from the VVGA, who gave us an overview on what is happening and about to happen in the Victorian Veterans Association.

Congratulations to last year's winners of our 2 Major Events:

The Reg Prideaux Award went to Roger Anderson of Devilbend Golf Club

The Lyn Barrow Award was won by Brian Jeanes of the Mt Martha Golf Club

Just another reminder that you have up until 6PM on the day before an event if you want to cancel your online booking. After this time you have to cancel directly with the relevant pro-shop early on the morning of the event.

Please ensure that you continue to play ready golf at all times, as we strive to play our rounds in 4 1/4 hours

We would like to thank our Major Sponsors "Bendigo Bank" and "Curry Printing" for their contributions to the MPVGA. We encourage all of our members to support our sponsors whenever the opportunity arises to use their services.

Just a reminder that the VVGA Country Championships will be held at Stawell from 1st- 2nd May 2017.

For those of you wondering why I haven't been seen on the golf course this year, I had an operation on my shoulder early in January, which was successful and I should be back playing golf, hopefully in another 4 weeks.

I would welcome any feedback on our programmes and management and any thoughts that you may have on ways to improve our events.

Finally I trust you enjoy the Autumn Edition of the newsletter, and I trust that you and your families had a safe and happy Easter, and that you have enjoyable golfing for the rest of the year.

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



Local Rule waiving penalty for ball moved on the putting green. Effective from 1 January 2017

This decision was only announced in early December and the R&A and USGA considered it important to make a needed change quickly. This is why it was introduced as a local rule instead of waiting for the next revisions due in 2019. It is in effect for all significant events around the world from now on.

The Rule is as follows:
Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:
When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note:
If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is to be replaced. The following are examples of where the Local Rule would apply:

- (1) When preparing to make a stroke on the green, a player accidentally causes the ball to move.
- (2) On the green, a player accidentally drops their club, which hits and moves the ball.
- (3) A player accidentally kicks and moves his/her ball on the green.

In all of the above situations there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced.

- (4) On the green, a player accidentally drops the ball on the ball-marker or drops a ball-marker on the ball. No penalty and if the item was moved it must be replaced.

CURRENT EVENTS 2017 EVENTS CALENDAR 2nd QUARTER

- * Monday April 3 - Portsea Stableford (Rnd 2 Championship).
- * Tuesday April 4 - Yallourn (Moe Challenge) Stableford.
- * Tuesday April 18 - Legends (Rnd 3 Championships) Stableford.
- * Thursday May 11 - Sorrento 4BBB Par
- * Monday May 22 - Flinders Stroke.
- * Monday June 5 - Cape Schanck Multiple Stableford.
- * Tuesday June 20 - Dunes (Rnd 4 Championships) Stableford.

Note:

Then we have the wet weather break until next game, a Par match to be held at Eagle Ridge on July 24.

ENVIRONMENTAL GOLFING STATISTICS

According to Golf World magazine, the average golfer loses two golfballs per round for a worldwide total of approximately 2,465,752 every day.

Are you worried about running out of balls?
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So stand proud you noble swingers of clubs and losers of balls. A recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found that, on average, a golfer drinks 90 litres of alcohol every year. That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon or around 5 litres per 100 kilometres.

Kind of makes you proud. You're good for the environment. Just like ... a hybrid Toyota!



MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE

The season was off to a great start with an average of 81 players attending. Portsea was a disappointment, however this was probably due to having two events on consecutive weeks – something that was impossible to overcome. The barbecue at Bay Views was once greatly appreciated. This course just keeps getting better each time we play at this very popular venue.

The VVGA Euroa Four Ball event was a great success with Devilbend well to the fore in winning events. Steve Travena and Len Williams (Devilbend) had the best net score in Division one, whilst Rob Reeves and Terry Ryan (Devilbend) were runners up in Division two. The course was in great condition and with no inclement weather competitors enjoyed a great two days of golf. Organisers were very good in getting field away – a dash slow on the last day in tabulating results. Overall, a great time was had by all.

It is not too late to register for the Country Championships to be played at Stawell on 1-2 May. Contact Trevor Bishop if you are interested – 5979 1780.

The R & A are in the process of modernizing a number of rules. The final draft will appear on 1 January 2019. As one would expect, such rules will be thoroughly vetted worldwide in order to gain maximum feedback. Among more than 30 substantial changes are that:

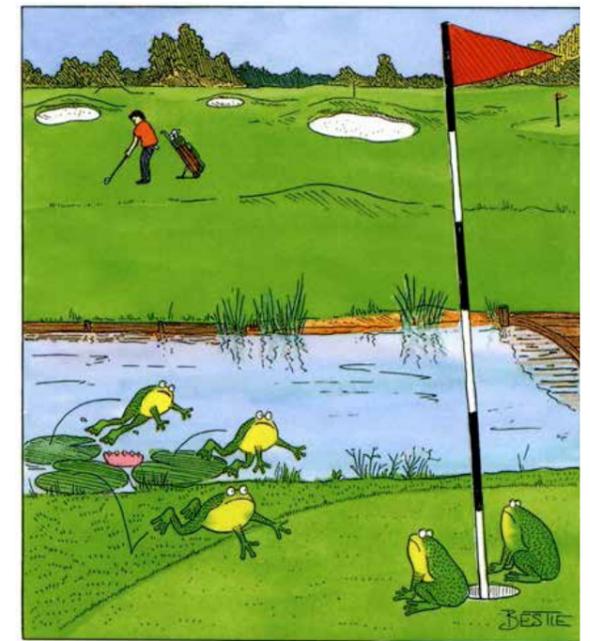
1. Penalties for accidentally moving your ball while searching for it or accidentally moving your ball or ball marker on the green will be scrapped.
2. Time allowed for ball searches will be reduced from five to three minutes.
3. A ball being dropped will soon be able to be released at any height above the ground without touching anything.
4. There will no longer be a penalty for hitting an unattended flagstick with a putt on the green.

Slow play continues to be a concern during MPVGA events. It would seem that it is the small things that add up to additional time being out on the course e.g. completing cards on the next tee, keeping an eye out for group members shots, don't kid yourself that you can make the green 250 m out with or without wind assistance (we have a few players who can make this distance but many who simply cannot), taking 25-30 seconds to putt out after grounding your club. This is a ridiculous practice and the less we see of it the better.

Over the past five years or so I have been collecting material with a view to producing a history of our Association.

For the record, I have written a 20 Year History of 787 Tennis, a 50 year history of the Frankston Baseball Club and Frankston YCW Football Club, and a 25 year history of a Primary School. In addition, I have been a regular writer for "Hacker Golf" in that I have written course reviews and other articles.

I have prepared an A4+ side for each of clubs in the Association – such an article will include historical data as well as course changes over the years. I am probably eighteen months away from a finished product as photographs have to be taken and editing is required of current material. It is an interesting project and I would appreciate any data you consider would be of assistance.



THEY INSTINCTIVELY KNEW THE SAFEST PLACE WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO PLAY HIS SHOT.

Mornington Peninsula Veteran Golfers Association

Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events





MPVGA Events Results

1st Quarter 2017

Devilbend - October 24

A really hot day for the kickoff in 2017 with quite a few late cancellations due to the promise of 38 degrees (it only got to 36).

However we had a reasonable field of 70 players and some very good scores in the 40s in high 30s were handed in.

The course was in fine shape but the increasing heat as the day progressed wore many of us out, but not so the locals. Devilbend players, obviously with fantastic inside knowledge, virtually blitzed the field, picking up all the prizes except for one NTP. A hardy lot those Devilbenders, that's for sure.

The ball run-down closed off at a very respectable 35 points.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

WINNERS

A GRADE

John Rosenbrock (DB) HC 16 40 pts.

B GRADE

Warwick Sellars (DB) HC 29 42 pts.

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

Max Whelan (DB) HC 8 38 pts.

Neil Rist (DB) HC 19 38 pts.

B GRADE

Geoffrey Oates (DB) HC 26 41 pts.

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: Ed Saunders (DB)

8th Hole: Evan Carter (C)

11th Hole: Michael Burton (DB)

13th Hole: Tony Lock (DB)

Flinders - February 13

The wind was really howling over the beautifully scenic Flinders course today. It was really difficult, particularly on the weather holes like the Coffin and Siberia, just to get the ball off the tee and then to keep it on the green with the approach shots. We had a really good field of 81 players which is a big number playing off just one tee which is necessary due to the logistics of the course and everybody enjoyed the challenge the day provided. The scores were quite respectable considering the conditions and the ball run-down cut off at 31 points.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

WINNERS

A GRADE

Alan Wagstaff (DB) HC 14 39 pts.

B GRADE

Pat Wech (MGC) HC 28 35 pts.

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

Alan Callaway (MGC) HC 16 37 pts.

Neil Rist (DB) HC 17 37 pts.

B GRADE

Alan Bennett (MGC) HC 28 35 pts.

William McGennissen (DB) HC 29 35 pts.

Rob Reid (MM) HC 29 35 pts.

NEAREST THE PINS

9th Hole: Steve Norrey (CP)

12th Hole: Graham Crook (MM)

14th Hole: Denis Eisenbise (CS)

17th Hole: John Raven (MM)

Rosebud Country Club - February 27

The traditional venue of our AGM hosted an individual Par competition today. Unfortunately the fairways were suffering from some growing issues although the greens were fast and challenging. Generally very good scoring on the day with the ball rundown cutting off at par.

The weather was really good and the game progressed relatively quickly with everyone sitting down for their lunch and the AGM earlier than expected.

As usual we had a big turnout for the event and the free lunch which followed hosting the 101 players plus our official guests.

INDIVIDUAL PAR

WINNERS

A GRADE

Lindsay Hasty (RCC) HC 15 +6

B GRADE

Jonathan Vaudrey (MM) HC 33 +5

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

Tim Webb (DB) HC 9 +5

B GRADE

John Raven (MM) HC 20 +5

NEAREST THE PINS

4th Hole: Klaus Beenck (MM)

8th Hole: Michael Dale (DB)

12th Hole: Tom Killeen (SB)

14th Hole: Clive Meaby (RCC)

St. Andrews Beach - March 14

Warm conditions greeted 83 Vets to a course that has dramatic views and a number of natural hazards. Despite a decent stroll (or drive) to the first, and after the 18th an even longer return to the clubhouse, we were presented with a variety of challenges - sloping greens, fairways that provided some run, bunkers that popped up when you least expected them; in short, a course that was hard work for many of our lads. No rain was a bonus as was very little wind, however, with few exceptions the course asserted itself in more ways than one.

Will we return? Fair chance we will.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

WINNERS

A GRADE

John Hunter (MM) HC 18 40 pts.

B GRADE

John Massey (MGC) HC 30 42 pts.

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

Clive Meaby (RCC) HC 15 38 pts.

B GRADE

Ray Evans (RCC) HC 20 39 pts.

Bill Pickering (Guest) HC 24 39 pts.

NEAREST THE PINS

11th Hole: Bruce Morley (MGC)

16th Hole: Noel Frame (Dunes)



Bay Views at Rosebud Park - March 27

73 Vets attended a superbly conditioned Bay Views course on Monday, 27 March. This course just keeps getting better with its usual tricky greens, fairways with plenty of roll and well placed bunkers. The views from various parts of the course haven't changed - they are still magnificent! Such a hillside location can of course be distracting, but when you have a quality golf courses at a reasonable price, a few distractions are well worth a peek or two! The pro shop lads once again prepared a no cost bbq which was greatly appreciated. A persistent westerly wind made for some interesting shot-making.

BENDSOMES

WINNERS

David Shirley (MM) HC 23
 John Neal (MM) HC 24
 Peter Twiddle (MM) HC 27
 Alan Bennett (MGC) HC 27
 SCORE: 148

RUNNERS UP

Jonathan Vaudrey (MM) HC 32
 Martin Thraves (MM) HC 28
 John Raven (MM) HC 17
 Robert Carlton (MM) HC 30
 SCORE: 147

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: Allan Callaway (MGC)
 6th Hole: Tom Killeen (SB)
 11th Hole: Paul Swinnerton (Dunes)
 17th Hole: Ian Watts (Guest)



IT ALWAYS PAYS TO KNOW WITH WHOM YOU ARE PLAYING



Moses, Jesus, and an old man were enjoying a friendly round of golf together.

Moses stepped up to the tee and hit the ball. It went sailing over the fairway and landed in the river.

Moses then parted the waters with a wave of his hand, walked onto the river bed and chipped the ball onto the green.

Jesus stepped up to the tee and hit the ball which went sailing over the fairway and landed in the same river.

Jesus just walked onto the water and chipped the ball onto the green.

The old man stepped up to the tee and hit the ball. It went sailing over the fairway and headed for the river too but, just before it fell into the water, a fish jumped up and grabbed the



As the fish was falling back down into the water, an eagle swooped down and grabbed the fish in its claws. The eagle flew over the green where a lightning bolt shot from the sky and barely missed it.

Startled, the eagle dropped the fish.

When the fish hit the ground, the ball popped out of its mouth and rolled into the hole for an ace.

Jesus then turned to the old man and said:

"Dad, if you don't stop fooling around, we won't bring you next time."

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