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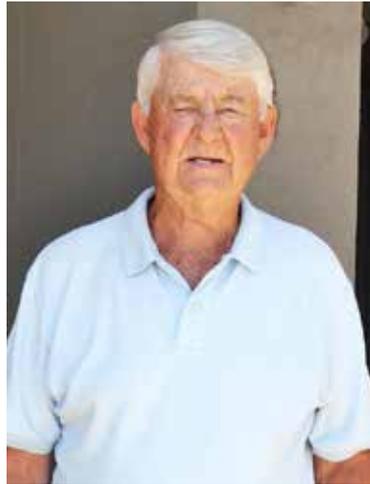
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Message from the President



MPVGA President
Barry Sneddon

The winter season is now upon us, and so far the weather has been OK. Apart from a few showery days we have had no wash outs at this point in time. The fields have held up reasonably well, but we were down in numbers at Portsea, Sorrento and The Dunes, which was our Round 4 of our Club Championships. I think shifting The Dunes Event from March to June may have had some effect, but we will discuss this further at our July Meeting.

Some people may be wondering why I haven't been around the golf courses lately. I had a shoulder reconstruction in January and since then I have had further health issues. I hope to be back playing at our next event in July.

Our Association is considering a number of options for our next AGM in February 18. We have a number of proposals on the table and will make a decision at our next Meeting.

We have had a complaint from one of our Members regarding slow play, and this will be discussed at our next meeting. I would again draw your attention to continue to play ready golf at all times, and strive to play our rounds in 4 ½ hours

A reminder that entries for The Eighth Annual Golf Classic to be played at Moonah Links, The Dunes, Rosebud CC, and Eagle Ridge will

close soon with Pamela McDermott (Mobile 0439396617)

Another reminder that you have up to 6pm on the day before an event if you want to cancel your on line booking. After that time you have to cancel directly with the relevant pro-shop early on the morning of the event.

To all members particularly our new ones, that the objectives of the MPVGA is to foster and to enjoy socially our golf and to mix in with other pairings from the various member clubs. We do have an informal rule that players wishing to play with a particular player at various events is perfectly acceptable, but it should be limited to two players. From time to time more than two players from the same club may be nominated in the same group, but at the discretion of our Captain.

Do not forget to use our website, as it is a wonderful tool to gather information from our events.

Finally I look forward to seeing you in our remaining events for 2017.

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



BALL PLAYED AS IT LIES : RULE 13



On the inside cover of the Rulebook is printed the phrase : **"Play the ball as it lies, play the course as you find it".**

These are basic principles of the game of golf.

Rule 13-1 emphasises the first part by stating : "The ball must be played as it lies, except as otherwise provided in the Rules."

Rule 13-2 "Improving lie, area of intended stance or swing, or line of play."

This covers the above mentioned second part by clarifying that in order to play the ball as it lies you must also accept the surrounding conditions on the course including the area of your intended swing or stance, your intended line of play or the area in which you are to drop or place a ball.

Listed are a number of prohibited actions:

- * Pressing a club on the ground.
- * Moving, bending or breaking anything growing or fixed.
- * Creating or eliminating irregularities of surface (except on the tee).
- * Removing or placing down sand, loose soil or replaced divots.
- * Removing dew, frost or water (except on the tee).

However, you incur no penalty for the following actions:

- * Grounding the club lightly when addressing the ball.
- * Fairly taking a stance.
- * Taking the club back for and making a stroke.
- * Removing sand or loose soil or repairing damage on the putting green.

Rule13-3: "A player is entitled to place his feet firmly in taking his stance but he must not build a stance".

So, you cannot stand on a mat or kneel on a towel to play a stroke.

Rule13-4: Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions.

Before making a stroke at a ball in a hazard (either water or a bunker) you cannot:

- * Test the condition of the hazard or a similar hazard.
- * Touch the ground in the hazard or water in a water hazard, with your hand or a club.
- * Touch or move a loose impediment lying in or touching the hazard.



Exceptions:

- * No penalty if you touch the ground, water or loose impediments 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 or in placing your clubs in a hazard.
- * You are allowed to smooth the sand or soil in a hazard before making a stroke if this is done for the sole purpose of caring for the course and that nothing is done to breach Rule13-2 with respect of the next stroke.
- * If the ball lies in another hazard after the stroke, you can test the condition of the hazard from where the stroke was made.

Note:

At any time, at address or during course of a stroke, you may touch with a club or otherwise (even your hands) any obstruction, construction declared an integral part of the course or any grass, bush, tree or other growing thing. So, you can touch grass in a water hazard at address or in the backswing.



MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE

Either some clubs seem to have lost interest in our program or are over-supplied with their local golfing activities. Regardless, we are concerned at the drop-off in numbers from certain clubs. It certainly cannot be the weather. Our average for the past five games had dropped to 57! Hopefully, things will pick up after the wet-weather break.

It is not too early to consider playing in the Teams Event at Nhill, September 18-19. Accommodation and entry fees are paid by the Association for this event. Entry forms will be circulated as soon as they become available. It is to be hoped that some new chums will take part in this event. You will not have to drive home after the event as I have booked an extra night's accommodation. Two teams of three are required. Come on lads - go for it! Nhill greens are reputed to be amongst Victoria's best.

Two venues for the 2018 VVGA state-wide events have been announced - Yarram and Shepparton. I understand that both courses are well worth playing. The dates for these events will be provided to you in the near future.

Historically, many courses throughout Victoria had their beginnings in very rural conditions, some less than ideal conditions. For example, the Euroa Golf Club had three previous settings before settling in its present location. Even the famous Sandbelt courses had their beginnings elsewhere, for example Victoria Golf Club was located at Fisherman's Bend from 1903 moved to Cheltenham in 1927. On the local front, Mornington had three previous locations before arriving at its current location whereas Devilbend and Flinders have had just one!

As far as I can ascertain, Mornington and Flinders are the only clubs on the Mornington Peninsula to have celebrated their Centenary. These clubs are the "Senior Citizens" of our group. You may have known that a racecourse operated at Flinders Golf Club up to 1926. May I suggest that you dial up their

website for the full story.

Tony Clarke and I will be meeting between August 8th and 24th to prepare the 2018 program. This promises to be a most interesting exercise. Any ideas that you may have for this program will be most welcome.

For those travelling north over the next few weeks, may I suggest that Caloundra, Mollymook and Byron Bay (and further north) Bribie Island courses are well worth a visit.

CURRENT EVENTS 2017 EVENTS CALENDAR 3rd QUARTER

- * Monday July 24 - Eagle Ridge Par
- * Monday July 31 - The Legends Stableford
- * Monday August 14 - Rosebud Country Club Stableford
- * Monday August 28 - Portsea Stableford.
- * Monday September 18 Cerberus 4BBB Stableford

Life's Like That.

Ed and Linda met on a singles cruise and Ed fell head over heels for her. When they discovered they lived in the same city, only a few miles apart, Ed was ecstatic. He immediately started asking her out when they got home.

Within a couple of weeks, Ed had taken Linda to dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, movies, and museums. Ed became convinced that Linda was indeed his soul mate and true love.

Every date seemed better than the last. On the one-month anniversary of their first dinner on the cruise ship, Ed took Linda to a fine restaurant. While having cocktails and waiting for their salad, Ed said, "I guess you can tell I'm very much in love with you. I'd like a little serious talk before our relationship continues. So, before I get a box out of my jacket and ask you a life changing question, it's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut. I play golf, I read about golf, I watch golf on TV. In short, I eat, sleep, and breathe golf. If that's going to be a problem for us, you'd better say so now!"

Linda paused, then responded, "Ed, that certainly won't be a problem. I love you as you are and I love golf too; but, since we're being totally honest with each other, you need to know that for the last five years I've been a hooker."

Ed said, "It's probably because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you hit the ball."

Nope did not see it coming either!!

Mornington Peninsula Veteran Golfers Association

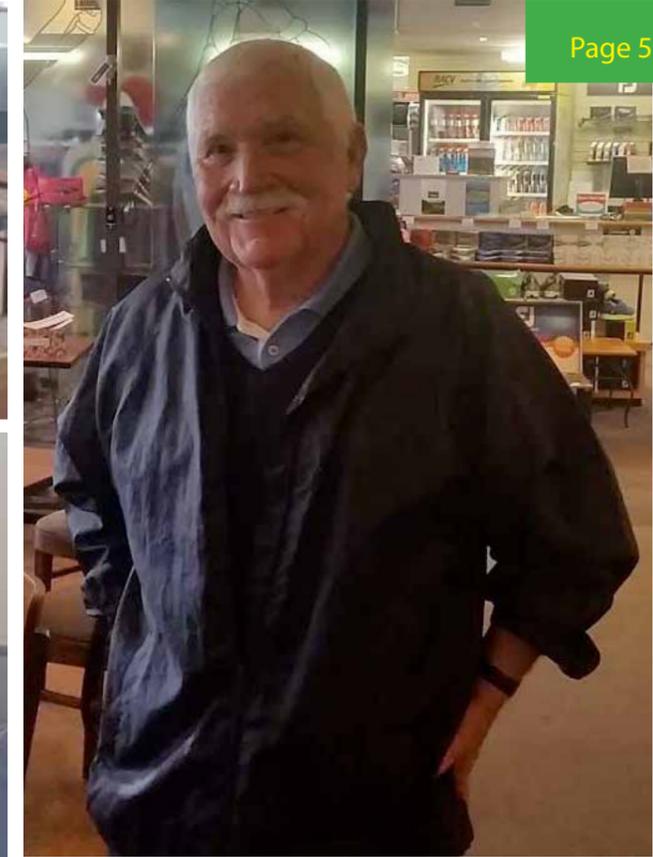
Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



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Pics from Flinders and Cape Schanck



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Photography by Trevor Bishop



MPVGA Events Results

2nd Quarter 2017

Portsea - April 3

Forty two players participated in the 2nd round of the club championships at the newly developed Portsea Golf Club. Always a challenging course the conditions ensured that today was no different with very low scores recorded generally. The greens were very fast and the fairways were in great condition but the wind kept good scores to a minimum.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE		
Neil Rist (DB)	HC 17	33 pts.
B GRADE		
Harvey Morton (MM)	HC 26	35 pts.

RUNNERS UP A GRADE

John Cockfield (DB)	HC 11	32 pts.
B GRADE		
Anthony Benstead (DB)	HC 22	33 pts.
Geoffrey Ellis (DB)	HC 23	33 pts.

NEAREST THE PINS

2nd Hole:	Doug McDonald (Flinders)
7th Hole:	Marko Zovic (DB)
13th Hole:	David Richards (DB)
16th Hole:	Geoff Menlove (DB) (4 inches)

Moonah Links The Legends - April 18

Sixty three golfers participated on a pleasant sunny day on a course which was turned out in excellent condition, despite the pressures of the Easter Weekend that preceded this Tuesday event. Two Mornington members, David Trend in A grade off 19 with a score of 39 and Les Bruce off 27 in B grade with a countback successful score of 36, were the two grade winners. The course, whilst not long off the tees allocated, presented a real challenge with many elevated greens and roll backs testing the higher handicaps. Members playing for the first time were particularly complimentary of the course configuration and the enjoyment to play.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE		
David Trend (MGC)	HC 16	39 pts.
B GRADE		
Les Bruce (MGC)	HC 27	36 pts. CB

RUNNERS UP A GRADE

Noel Frame (Dunes)	HC 13	38 pts.
John Raven (MM)	HC 18	38 pts.
Stephen Travena (DB)	HC 12	38 pts.
Gordon Warren (DB)	HC 16	38 pts.

B GRADE

Robert Carlton (MM)	HC 34	36 pts.
Austin Johns (Dunes)	HC 21	36 pts.

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole:	Noel Frame (Dunes)
5th Hole:	John Wylie (CS)

Sorrento - May 11

Fifty three players tackled Sorrento on a fine but hazy day with the added complication of playing off the Blue Markers with GA handicaps trialed for this four ball better ball par event. Notwithstanding the length and handicap challenges the scores were most respectable with the Mornington pair Graham Crook and David Trend (off 11 and 12) successful on plus 8. The course was impressively presented. On one hole, no less than 8 ground staff were inspecting the green for the presence and eradication of any of Poa or Kikuyu grasses. A pleasure to play on one of the best Peninsula courses.

4BBB PAR WINNERS

Graham Crook (MGC) and David Trend (MGC)
Net HC 5.75 +8

RUNNERS UP

Graham Crook (MGC) and Rodger Bouette (DB)
Net HC 6.75 +7

NEAREST THE PINS

2nd Hole:	Paul Swinnerton (Dunes)
15th Hole:	Andrew Wilkins (MGC)
17th Hole:	Ray Evans (RCC)

Flinders - May 22

Blue skies and warm moderate northerly winds made it a comfortable day for a stroke round, especially at Flinders, for the 50 players. The greens and fairways were in excellent condition but the grass was a little long in the light rough which made it hard to find the ball at times. The field seemed to move along reasonably well and there were some great scores recorded with the ball run-down cutting off at 74. Tony Clarke and Dennis Bradley had a day out - well done. The highlight of the day happened on the par 3, 14 th hole with a 5 wood in the hands of Paddy Byrne (picture below), hitting his shot straight at the flag and thinking it had gone over the back, what a pleasant surprise to find it in the cup, Congratulations!

INDIVIDUAL STROKE WINNERS

A GRADE		
Tony Clarke (RCC)	HC 15	67 net
B GRADE		
Dennis Bradley (MM)	HC 22	65 net

RUNNERS UP A GRADE

John Eaton (RCC)	HC 10	69 net
Charlie Jones (DB)	HC 16	69 net
B GRADE		
Brian Jeanes (MM)	HC 22	71 net

NEAREST THE PINS

9 th Hole	John Raven (MM))
12 th Hole	Trevor Bishop (DB)



Paddy Byrne



Cape Schanck - June 5

Brrrrrrr - it was a bitterly cold and rainy morning at The Cape which welcomed the 70 hardy golfers who participated in today's Multiple Stableford event.

The fairways were beautifully maintained and the greens were in perfect condition considering the harshness of the winter season in southern Victoria's Bass coast regional area. The major RACV resort construction caused some course changes but these did not negatively affect the playability and the magnificent overall course outlook.

Some good scores as well as some pretty ordinary ones were recorded and the ball run-down cut off at 63 pts.

MULTIPLE STABLEFORD PAIRS

WINNERS

William McGennisken (26) & Geoff Oates (22)
from Devilbend 79 pts.

RUNNERS UP

John Massey (23) (MGC) and Barry Strachan(24) (RCC)
71 pts.

NEAREST THE PINS

4th Hole: Denis Eisenbise (CS)
7th Hole: Barry Strachan (RCC)
14th Hole: Neil Fredrickson (SB)
16th Hole: John Cockfield (DB)

The Dunes - June 20

Fifty two players enjoyed a fine Winter's day at this superbly presented course with a gentle breeze at the start which progressed into a mild challenge for the later holes. Scores for the fourth round of our annual championship were quite good with a pair of 42 points in B grade and 40 in A grade, being the standouts.

Our short hitting secretary Kevin White, won the nearest the pin on the longest Par 3, sixth hole, resulting in a call for compulsory drug testing in future events.

We now enter our one month winter break with many members heading north to swell the numbers that have already left the peninsula.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE

Laurie Leyden (DB) HC 17 40 pts.

B GRADE

Brian Wallace (MM) HC 27 42 pts.

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

Paul Swinnerton (Dunes) HC 8 39 pts.

Len Williams (DB) HC18 39 pts.

B GRADE

Bob Ellet (MM) HC 26 42 pts.

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: John Raven (MM)

6th Hole: Kevin White (RCC)

13th Hole: Nick Sayle (RCC)

17th Hole: Brian Wallace (MM)

