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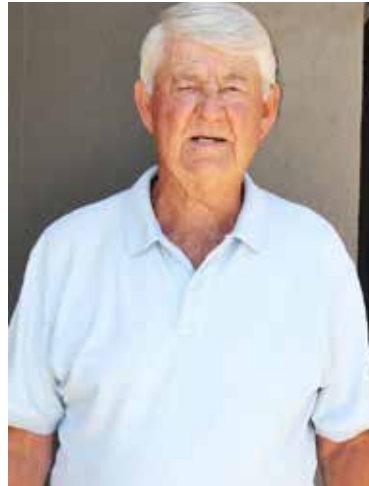
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Message from the President



MPVGA President
Barry Sneddon

It was a very cold and wet winter this year, but over the last few months the weather has improved and hopefully our numbers will start and pick up. We have just completed our final event at the Dunes and was pleasing to see that we had 104 members play which was our largest event for the year. Well done to Paul Swinnerton, Gordon Crockett and others who organised this most successful event.

The 2018 programme has been finalised and you will see that there are a number of changes. Every event with the exception of 2 will be Stableford, we are playing twice at Bay Views and only once at Flinders and Rosebud. Our wet weather break has now been extended from 1st June to 31st July which we hope will get us over the worst of the weather.

Just a reminder that our AGM will now be held at Mornington on Monday 19th February 2018.

To date the response to our survey has been very disappointing and it is not too late to get them to your club delegate. Remember this is for your benefit.

Our first event for 2018 will be held at Devilbend on Monday 22nd January, followed by Cerberus on Monday 5th February and at Mornington on Monday February 19 (shotgun start prior to the AGM).

The four rounds of our Club Championships will be held at Bay Views on Monday 26th March, Flinders on Monday 9th April, at Moonah Links Legends on Monday 23rd April and Cape Schanck on Tuesday 15th May.

Your committee has decided to send out renewal notices to all members, with an option to pay subscriptions on line direct into our account, or as in the past via your club delegate. But if you pay your subscription on line it will save a lot of time for your delegate and for our Treasurer.

I would like to welcome John Hall as our new Delegate from Flinders. It has been some time since we had a member representative from Flinders. I would also like to thank Lewis Tiedgen from Rosebud Park who has resigned due to some health issues.

I would once again thank our major sponsors Bendigo Bank and Curry Printing for their ongoing support to our Association. It is very much appreciated.

I would like to thank all members of the Committee and Delegates for the support that they have given me, and for the time and effort they have contributed to our Association.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year and good golfing in 2018.

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



LOCAL RULES

Local rules are established for certain local conditions by the committee at each golf course. As we in the MPVGA play on a number of different courses other than our own home course, it is sensible for us to familiarise ourselves with the local rules applying from both the Local Rules Board and from the back of the score card.

The following are some examples of situations in which relief without penalty is only available if a local rule has been adopted by the committee thus giving free relief, although some players mistakenly believe that such relief is available automatically under the Rules of Golf:

GARDEN BEDS

Relief is restricted to gardens that meet certain criteria and is often compulsory. Some examples where relief would be allowed are:

- gardens provided with ground cover of wood chips.
- cultivated or ornamental garden beds.
- all formally edged gardens.
- gardens defined by white stakes with green tops.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH GREEN

Rule 25-2 provides relief for a ball embedded in its own pitch mark in any closely mown area i.e. at fairway height. Relief is available from all other areas only if and when a local rule is in effect.



TREES OR SHRUBS REQUIRING PROTECTION

Years ago many clubs adopted a local rule allowing relief from trees and shrubs under two club lengths in height.

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However nowadays most clubs now have adopted the recommended local rule providing protection from young trees which are staked. So height is no longer a factor.

WHEEL RUTS

The local rule will describe the condition from which relief is available. For example, relief under Rule 25 from "clearly defined wheel ruts made by a mower, tractor or motor vehicle".

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

Including sprinkler heads close to putting greens. The specimen local rule on Page 130 of the Rule Book provides relief from intervention on the line of play by immovable obstructions within two club-lengths of the putting green.

ALL PATHS

Paths that have an introduced or artificial surface e.g. wood chips, gravel, cement, aggregate etc. A free drop is to be taken at the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole.

These rules above are common at most golf courses, but please be aware that free relief is not available without a local rule from the following:

- solidly embedded stones through the green,
- cracks in the ground,
- bare earth,
- aeration holes,
- damage to the course made by non-burrowing animals other than birds or reptiles.

Furthermore, there are occasions when a local rule will deny relief where the rules normally provide free relief. For example a local rule declaring that all artificially surfaced roads and pathways to be an integral part of the course. So you must then play the ball as it lies or declare it unplayable and take a penalty drop.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP FEES are now due and may be paid on-line by DIRECT PAYMENT to the MPVGA Bank Account. Please make sure when making the \$20 payment to attach your NAME & CLUB to be sure that it will be recorded as PAID. Please MAKE DIRECT PAYMENT of \$20 to MPVGA Bank Account by 31st January 2018

Attach: Name & Club.

BSB number: 633-000

Account Number: 138865365

NB: However, if you prefer they may still be paid directly to your club delegate.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & LUNCH FEB 19

This will take place on Monday February 19, directly following our shotgun start, Ambrose event at **Mornington Golf Club**. **Please take note of the change of venue for the 2018 AGM.**



MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE

It was very satisfying to finish the 2017 program on such a high note. I would like to once again thank Paul Swinnerton for providing such a wonderful variety of prizes. Prizes from other clubs were also greatly appreciated.

Hopefully, 2018 will see a resurgence of numbers attending our events – unfortunately we cannot have the numbers that attended The Dunes but we could get back to where we were a few years ago. All it requires is your participation, particularly at courses you have never played.

Thank you one and all for your response to the Survey – Tony and I will provide a detailed analysis early in the new year. Your suggestions for improving the Association will be tabled at the January Committee meeting – they were highly creative and appreciated.

As you will see from the Program Card for 2018, we have now reduced the number of events – a suggestion that was in fact submitted by quite a few members in the survey.

We realise that green fee rates have increased and are likely to do so in the foreseeable future. The big question is – "What amount will be acceptable to most members?"

In conclusion, I would like to thank all members for their involvement, and the Committee for their high quality support; in particular to Tony Clarke, Trevor Bishop, Evan Carter, Chris Lee- Brown and Peter Unkles.

To all members, I would like to extend to you best wishes for a very safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you at Devilbend on 22 January 2018.

CURRENT EVENTS

2018 EVENTS CALENDAR 1st QUARTER

- * Monday January 22 - Devilbend Stableford
- * Monday February 5 - Cerberus Stableford
- * Monday February 19 - Mornington AGM & Ambrose 4's
- * Monday March 5 - Portsea Stableford. Rnd #1 Ch'nships
- * Monday March 26 - Bayviews Stableford

COMING SOON - NEW GOLF MANUAL RELEASE

Chapter 1- How to properly line up for your fourth putt.

Chapter 2- How to hit a Maxfli ball from the rough, when you just hit a Titleist from the Tee.

Chapter 3- How to get more distance from a shank – a word quite often NOT used by some of my Golfing Mates

Chapter 4- When to give the Curator the finger.

Chapter 5- Proper excuses for drinking Beer before 9:00 a.m.

Chapter 6- How to find that ball that everyone else saw go into the water.

Chapter 7- How to relax when you are hitting three off the Tee.

Chapter 8- How to relax when you are hitting five off the Tee.

Chapter 9- When to suggest major swing corrections to your opponent.

The book also includes some GOLF TERMINOLOGY that I have learned over the years -

- Ø A Diego Maradona - a nasty 5 footer.
- Ø A Salman Rushdie - an impossible read.
- Ø A Rock Hudson - thought it was straight, but it wasn't.
- Ø A Cuban - needs one more revolution.
- Ø An Adolf Hitler - two shots in the bunker.
- Ø A Yasser Arafat - ugly and in the sand.
- Ø A Kate Moss – a bit thin.
- Ø An O. J. Simpson – just got away with it.
- Ø An Elephant's arse - high and shitty.
- Ø A Condom - safe but didn't feel real good.

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Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



Pics from Devilbend & Mount Martha

Photography by Trevor Bishop



MPVGA Events Results

4th Quarter 2017

Mornington Golf Club - October 9

A good weather day for us today with the numbers on the improve as summer draws nearer. Today we had 59 players and the course was in great condition considering the recent storms. The new ground works seem to be nearing completion with the fine looking new Par 3 15th hole perched on the headland overlooking the bay. This has surely one of the finest views from any of our golf courses and a pleasure to play.

4MAN AMBROSE STROKE WINNERS

MOUNT MARTHA TEAM NET 59

Martin Thraves (32), Jonathan Vaudrey (29), Neil Cullen (36) and Dennis Bradley (23). Playing handicap 15.

RUNNERS UP

COMBINED ROSEBUD & MORNINGTON TEAM NET 60.25

Kevin White (RCC 26), Barry Strachan (RCC 26), John Massey (MGC 27) and Phil Jones (MGC 23). Playing handicap 12.75

NEAREST THE PINS

5th Hole: Ken McNamara (National) and Barry Strachan (RCC) equi-distant.
 7th Hole: Pat Giles (National)
 16th Hole: John Cockfield (DB)
 19th Hole: Geoff Leach (C)

Devilbend Golf Club - October 23

Numbers continue to improve as the weather clears with 59 players participating in today's event which was individual Stableford.

The weather was reasonably good and the course was in fine condition.

Again, we had locals filling most of the winning positions and dominating the ball run-down.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE

Michael Burton (DB) HC 14 37 pts. cb

B GRADE

Martin Thraves (MM) HC 32 37 pts. cb

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

Max Whelan (DB) HC 8 37 pts. cb

B GRADE

Brian Jeanes (MM) HC 23 37 pts. cb

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: Charlie Milligan (DB)
 8th Hole: Evan Carter (C)
 11th Hole: Dean Kellett (DB)
 13th Hole: Derick West (DB)

Mount Martha - November 13

The game today was 2-ball Aggregate Stableford

A real taste of summer for the 67 golfers who played in the tropical sun on this nicely prepared course.

The trap for the visitors was the slow pace and the vagary of the greens which trapped all but the most competent of us. This was well documented by the lack of visitors' names in the winners list and the ball run.

2-BALL AGGREGATE STABLEFORD WINNERS

David Shirley (24) and John Neal (24) Mt. Martha 78 pts.

RUNNERS UP

Ian Taylor (24) and David King (30) Mt. Martha 77 pts.

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: Steve Bristow (MM)
 5th Hole: Stan Eddy (DB)
 13th Hole: John Hunter (MM)
 16th Hole: Graham Crook (ML)

Safety Beach - November 27

Another beautiful (almost) Summer's day on the Peninsula at Safety Beach Golf Club.

The course was in reasonable condition being slightly wet underfoot and having preferred lies on fairways and able to drop away from casual water and bare patches .

While the greens were a bit hard to read at times, the field went through fairly quickly .

Good job done by Neil and the pro shop staff .

We had a small but enthusiastic contingent of 37 players for this individual Stableford round.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE

Pat Giles (National) HC 7 38 pts.

B GRADE

Brian Jeanes (MM) HC 20 39 pts.

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

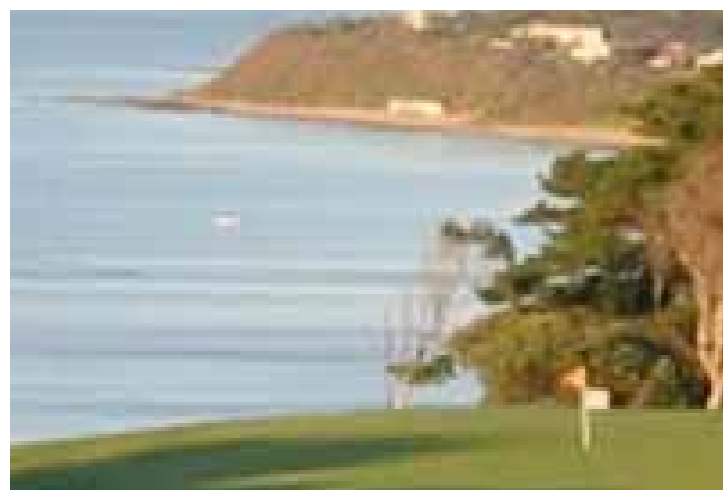
Graham Crook (ML) HC 12 35 pts.

IB GRADE

Robert Carlton (MM) HC 29 38 pts.

NEAREST THE PINS

4th Hole Robert Carlton (MM)
 6th Hole Peter Eaton (DB)
 12th Hole Tom Killeen (SB)
 13th Hole Tim Webb (DB)



The Dunes - December 12

We had a delightfully fine and mild day at the last event of our calendar year on the wonderful Dunes links-style course which was in beautiful condition. Some great promotional activity was provided by the committee to the very full field of 104 players. Everyone who participated enjoyed a great day out.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE

Gary MacKiniven (Dunes) HC 15 41 pts.

B GRADE

Roger Hutton (MM) HC 26 43 pts.

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

Max Whelan (DB) HC 8 40 pts. cb
 Tim Webb (DB) HC 11 40 pts. cb
 Len Williams (DB) HC 18 40 pts. cb

B GRADE

Les Bruce (MGC) HC 27 40 pts. cb
 Alan Tindale (MGC) HC 36 40 pts. cb

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: Glyn Parry-Jones (MM)
 6th Hole: Bill Arnel (MM)
 13th Hole: Peter Sadler (Bayviews)
 17th Hole: Bill Lawson (DB) Hole in One



More Mt. Martha pictures....

