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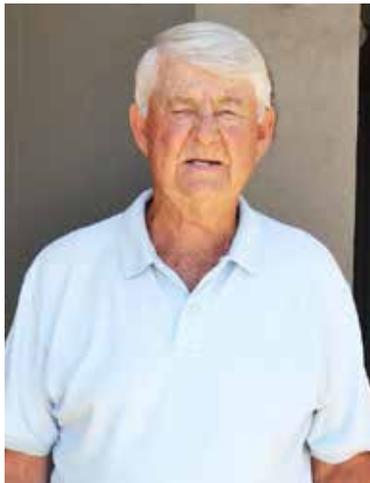
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Message from the President



MPVGA President

Barry Sneddon

Gentlemen, please note that we have combined the Winter and Spring issues of the newsletter. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our editor, Chris Lee-Brown had to travel to Europe for about two months, and so we decided to produce a bumper Winter/ Spring edition to be distributed in early October.

Most of us have been complaining about the very wet, cold winter that we experienced this year, and can't wait for Spring and Summer to roll on. The cold & wet weather had some obvious effect on attendance levels, as at some recent events we have been well down on numbers.

We welcome Dennis Bradley, who has taken over the role of delegate for Mount Martha and I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Peter Unkles on a job well done in organising the "Online Booking System". It has been a great success for us all, as I think it has been for our Captain. It is very simple and easy to negotiate and makes life a lot easier for us all. Well done Peter.

Our Website manager has recently closed down, and we have had some difficulty in obtaining a new host, but thanks to Peter Unkles, we are up and running again.

Just a reminder to all Members, particularly our new ones, that the objective of the MPVGA is to foster and 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.

Please keep in mind that, if for some unknown reason you cannot play, it is your responsibility to cancel your booking by either cancelling online or by notifying the relevant club's Pro Shop on the morning of the event

The programme for the 2017 Season has been drafted, and will be printed towards the end of the year with quarterly updates published in the newsletters as usually there will be a number of small changes as the year progresses.

A reminder to you all not to forget to use our Website as it is a wonderful tool to gather information from all our events as well as to keep you up to date with all other information.

We look forward to seeing you all in our remaining events for 2016 at Cerberus, Mornington, Devilbend, Mt Martha, Safety Beach and The Dunes.

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



Q & A

You should know the answers to the following series of 'True or False' statements relating to R & A Rules :

1. It counts as a stroke if your club gets tangled in a branch as you make your back-swing. True or False?



2. Your iron shot embeds in the fairway short of the green. You can remove the ball and take a free drop within one club-length of that spot, no nearer the hole. True or False?



3. There must be water present in a pond for it to be treated as a water hazard. True or False?
4. A flag stick lying on the ground can be lifted to prevent a player's ball from hitting it. True or False?



5. You hit your ball into a thick bush and although you can see it, you can't identify the make and number before your 5 minutes is up. The ball is considered lost. True or False?
6. You can lean on your club in a hazard whilst waiting to play your shot without a penalty?. True or False?
7. As your drive appeared to be out of bounds, you hit another ball of the same brand and number. You only find one ball in play but can't identify whether it was the original. You must assume that it is the original ball that is out of bounds. True or False?



8. If your ball is close to a cart path, it is permissible to take a wider stance than normal in order to claim relief as the path interferes with that stance. True or False?
9. You have addressed the ball once you sole your club directly behind or in front of the ball. True or False?
10. Your ball lies on top of an aeration hole on the fairway. You are allowed to move the ball without penalty because it is GUR. True or False?

Go to the bottom of page 12 to see if you got them all right.



MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE

Some very ordinary weather has affected attendances over the past ten rounds. The average attendance has dropped to 51 players. It would seem that many members do not enjoy playing in cold, wet and windy conditions. Then again, there are some who would play in an A1 typhoon! No names mentioned! Hopefully our courses will soon dry out with the assistance of some sun and wind and a reduction in the wet stuff! The National recorded our lowest attendance numbers in years, presumably due to the rather hefty hike in green fees.

The 2017 program is now complete and will be presented to the Committee on 18 October.

VPGA Events: The Country Championships held at Castlemaine in May saw Ken McNamara runner-up in the net stroke division. The Teams Event held in September at Belvoir Park saw 108 players competing in fine conditions on the opening day. Unfortunately, the second day was washed out with the winners (Veteran Golf Club of Victoria) decided from Monday's scores. One of our teams – Taffy Davies, Ian Watts and Steve Travena finished in a creditable fourth position. The accommodation was good whilst meals at the local hotel were even better! Venues for next year's events are Euroa, Stawell, Beechworth, Nhill and Bairnsdale. If you are interested in competing in one of these events, please contact Trevor Bishop well before the due dates. (See your notice board for details). On-line bookings are now well established. To date, I have had to make only a few changes e.g. where there is a two, I have transferred a member from another group. Members have done the right thing and cancelled once it becomes known that they cannot compete.

CURRENT EVENTS

2016 EVENTS CALENDAR 4th QUARTER

- * Monday October 10 - Mornington Stableford
- * Monday October 24 - Devilbend Stableford
- * Monday November 7 - Mt. Martha Agg. Stableford
- * Monday November 21 - Safety Beach Stableford
- * Tuesday December 13 - The Dunes Stableford sg start

WALKING ON THE GRASS

The room was full of pregnant women and their husbands. The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier. Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface like grass or a path."

"Now Gentlemen, remember -- you and your lovely wives are in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information. After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" said the Instructor.

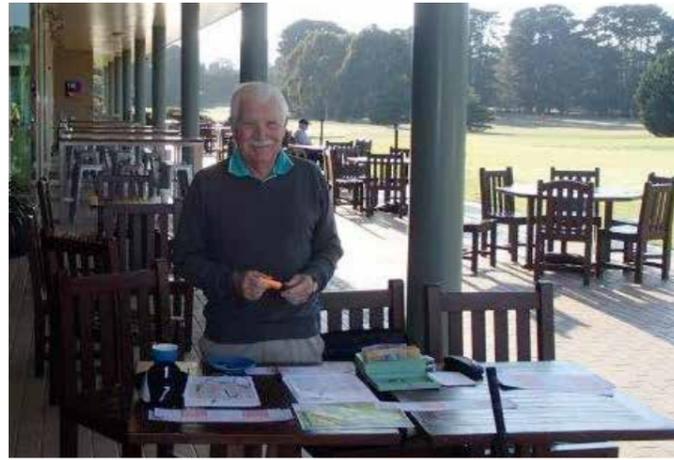
"I was just wondering if it would be all right, if she carries a golf bag?"

Brings a tear to your eye, doesn't it?
This level of sensitivity can't be taught.



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Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



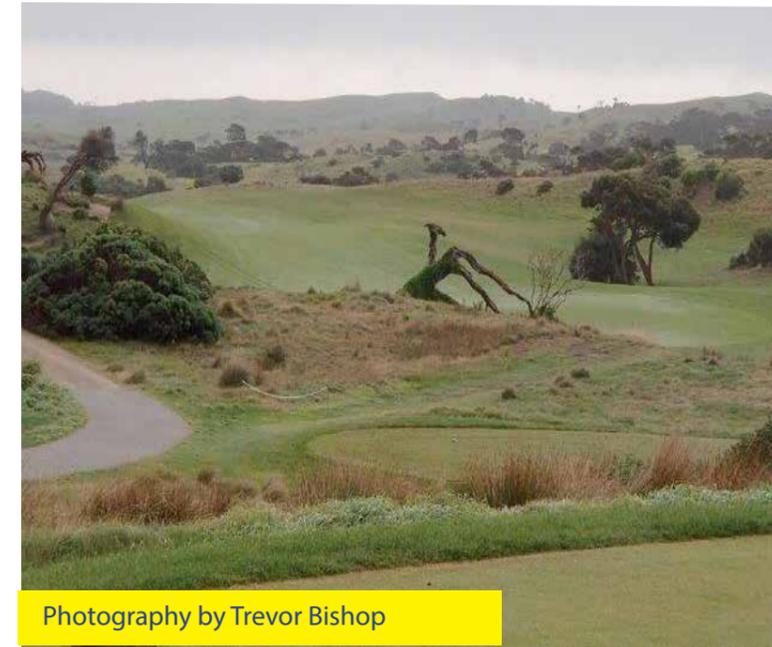
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Pics from Rosebud Country Club & The National



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Photography by Trevor Bishop

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Pics from VVGA Country Championships Castlemaine

Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



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Pics from Portsea & Cerberus



MPVGA Events Results

2nd Quarter 2016

Portsea - April 4

Portsea turned on a great weather day for our third round of club championships and was enthusiastically tackled by 68 players

The course continues to improve and the new layout, particularly the first 9 holes, is very challenging.

We had some threatening weather but most of us finished unscathed.

The results in A grade would indicate that the greens proved most tricky with 34 points being the eventual A grade winner with more success for B graders enjoying the benefit of slope rating extra assistance to the majority of home courses. The course condition and club house ambience makes this a must event for our playing calendar.

INDIVIDUAL 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)

Rosebud Country Club - April 18

What a magnificent Autumn day at Rosebud Country Club with the course in pristine condition and many smiling faces on the course.

We managed to finish our rounds in record pace with most games averaging a little over 4 hours. Numbers today were just a little disappointing with only 64 players taking up the challenge. The greens were perhaps a little slower than normal due to recent coring and scouring but still a lot of fun.

There were some good scores recorded and the ball run-down cut off at 32 points.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

WINNERS

A GRADE

Geoff Wilkins (DB) HC 13 38 pts

B GRADE

Roger Anderson (DB) HC 22 42 pts

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

David Richards (DB) HC 18 36 pts

B GRADE

Harvey Morton (MM) HC 28 41 pts

NEAREST THE PINS

4th Hole: Harvey Morton (MM)

7th Hole: Jeff Clough (MM)

11th Hole: Michael Palmer (DB)

13th Hole: Martin Sever (DB)

Sorrento - May 5

Great playing conditions today with clear blue skies and light winds.

The reasonably good field of 67 players enjoyed the pleasant conditions and the challenging fairways on this magnificent layout.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

WINNERS

A GRADE

Tim Webb (DB) HC 7 35 pts (CB)

B GRADE

Dennis Bradley (MM) HC 25 40 pts

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

Tony Martin (DB) HC 16 35 pts

B GRADE

Harvey Morton (MM) HC 27 39 pts

NEAREST THE PINS

2nd Hole: Neil Rist (DB)

5th Hole: Terry Ryan (DB)

15th Hole: Stephen Smith (DB)

17th Hole: Barry Aitken (ML)

Flinders - May 23

The usual strong winds kept away and a calm clear day prevailed over Flinders although some late showers picked up a few of the later players. Some very good scores were recorded however unfortunately we only hosted a small field of 43 players on the day.

INDIVIDUAL STROKE

WINNERS

A GRADE

Roger Bouette (DB) HC 16 69

B GRADE

Carl Garley (MM) HC 33 68

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

John Raven (MM) HC 17 70

B GRADE

Des Jolley (DB) HC 24 72

NEAREST THE PINS

9th Hole: Derrick Farr (SB)

12th Hole: Geoffrey Oates (DB)

14th Hole: John Raven (MM)

17th Hole: John Raven (MM)



Cape Schanck - June 6

We fielded quite a strong group of 69 golfers at today's usually very popular event. The back 9 was quite an effort for a lot of us with some otherwise very good results falling foul of the tricky new layout.

The 'Multiple Stableford' format caused a little confusion amongst the field and the scorers however the final results are featured below.

The two winners put in a great performance with both scoring particularly well to provide a plus 40 point average, otherwise scores were generally relatively low, highlighting the challenge the course provided for most.

MULTIPLE STABLEFORD WINNERS

William McGennisken (DB) HC 29
& Geoffrey Oates (DB) HC 29
Combined score : 81 pts

RUNNERS UP

Ian Patterson (CS) HC 12
& Ian Purchase (DB) HC 25
Combined score : 71 pts

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: James Hewitt (CP)
4th Hole: Bill Mansell (CP)
14th Hole: Paul Swinnerton (Dunes)
16th Hole: Garry Harwood (RCC)

Carrington Park @ Eagle Ridge - June 20

A breezy Monday morning at Eagle Ridge and although showers threatened, they did not eventuate. Due to the gloomy forecast a small field of 45 played a par competition over this testing layout.

Overall the course condition was quite reasonable with preferred lies on fairways in play and good greens. A local had no trouble in 'B' Grade carding an excellent score of +6. All other scoring was a run-down from -1 with members with scores of -5 or better, winning a ball.

INDIVIDUAL PAR WINNERS

A GRADE
Michael Dale (DB) HC 17 -1 CB
B GRADE
Terry McGrath (CP) HC 29 +6

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE
Martin Sever (DB) HC 15 -1
B GRADE
Des Jolley (DB) HC 27 -2

NEAREST THE PINS

6th Hole: Martin Sever (DB)
8th Hole: Tony Clarke (RCC)
11th Hole: Tim Sanders (CP)
17th Hole: Taffy Davis (C)



Moonah Links 'The Legends' July 18

Despite having preferred lies, fairways were in good shape considering the wintry conditions. We fielded a good number of players with 70 participating on the day. Greens were good but slow due to recent rain whilst bunkers had dry sand which helped release. A large number of pitch marks on the greens were the result of Sunday players lack of respect for the course. Overall, a pleasant day despite variable winds for most of the round.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE
Noel Frame (Dunes) HC 12 34 pts.

B GRADE

Brian Jeanes (MM) HC 28 41 pts.

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE
David Richards (DB) HC 19 34 pts.

B GRADE

Anthony Benstead (DB) HC 25 36 pts.

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: Ian Patterson (Cape Schanck)
5th Hole: Ross Mitchell (Devilbend)
10th Hole: Mike Henry (Safety Beach)
16th Hole: Ian McGrane (Moonah Links)



The National 'Moonah Course' August 8

The weather threatened and kept its promise with gale force winds and freezing cold conditions making it quite an unpleasant experience. Competition numbers were down with a lot of members in northern climes at the moment and others understandably concerned about the high cost of participating at this venue. Results reflected the difficulty of the course under such conditions with particularly hard pin positions with the winning scores at only 33 and 28 and the ball run down to 27 points.

One group of players were confused over the layout with a lot of work being undertaken on the cart paths, so that even with a GPS unit, they played the 7th hole twice and were eventually disqualified.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE
Martin Sever (DB) HC 16 33 pts.

B GRADE

Roger Hutton (MM) HC 20 28 pts.

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE
Ken McNamara (National) HC 5 32 pts.
Ian Patterson (CS) HC 13 32 pts.

B GRADE

Bob Ellett (MM) HC 23 26 pts.

NEAREST THE PINS

5th Hole: Geoff Menlove (Devilbend)
8th Hole: Noel Frame (Dunes)
13th Hole: Ian Patterson (Cape Schanck)
17th Hole: Ian McGrane (Moonah Links)



3rd Quarter Results (continued)

Portsea - August 29

Despite a reasonably nice day numbers were again a little disappointing with only 37 players in this individual Par event.

Devilbend players again made up the majority of the field and featured heavily in the winners and ball run-down list. The sandbelt course was in fine condition for this time of the year and the ball run down finishing at a remarkable -2.

INDIVIDUAL PAR

WINNERS

A GRADE

Colin Wenham (CP) HC 18 +9

B GRADE

Roger Hutton (MM) HC 22 +6

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

Steve Smith (DB) HC 13 +6

B GRADE

Randall Robinson (DB) HC 20 +4

NEAREST THE PINS

2nd Hole: Colin Wenham (CP)

7th Hole: Martin Sever (DB)

13th Hole: Stephen Norrey (CP)

16th Hole: Ray Evans (DB)



St. Andrews Beach -September 12

Another cold day with a strong southerly wind off Bass Strait meant that numbers were lower than anticipated for this game of Bendsomes.

Many late cancellations due to a foul weather forecast gave us a total field of only 41 players.

BENDSOMES

WINNERS

Devilbend Team #1 with a score of 132 Stableford points

Geoff Menlove, Charlie Milligan, Peter Eaton & Tony Benstead

RUNNERS UP

Mount Martha Team with a score of 124 Stableford points

Bob Ellett, Roger Hutton, Klaus Beenck & Tony Collins.

Devilbend Team #2 with a score of 124 Stableford points

Alan Wagstaff, Peter LeesMile Dale & Len Williams.

NEAREST THE PINS

6th Hole: Ian Patterson (CS)

11th Hole: Peter Eaton (DB)

St.Andrews Beach



Cerberus - September 26

The weather held up for us and we experienced a balmy Spring day with sunny skies and light winds.

Nice change!!

A good number of players participated in the day with 21 teams taking up the challenge.

The course was well presented with firm, dry fairways and lots of run.

We had some good team results with the ball run-down cutting off at 41 points.

4BBB STABLEFORD

WINNERS

Mount Martha Team:

Brian Jeannes (23) & David King (31) 44 Points

RUNNERS UP

Mornington Team:

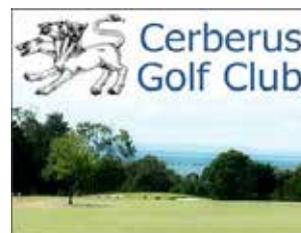
Graham Crook (10) & Allan Callaway (14) 42 Points

NEAREST THE PINS

4th Hole: John Cockfield (DB)

6th Hole: Allan Callaway (MGC)

13th Hole: Geoff Leach (C)



Answers for Tony Clarke's RULES CORNER True or False:

1. TRUE: Definition: But if held up before the downswing commenced, no stroke.
2. FALSE: Rule 25/2 Drop as close as possible to the embedded spot.
3. FALSE: All ponds are water hazards whether dry or unmarked.
4. TRUE: Rule 24/1
5. TRUE: Decision 27/15
6. FALSE: Decision 13-4/2

7. TRUE: Decision 27/11
8. FALSE: Rule 24/2 If the stance, the swing or direction of play is unreasonable, no relief should be granted.
9. TRUE: Definitions - Whether or not you have taken your stance.
10. FALSE: Decision 25/15 In the absence of a Local Rule, play the ball as it lies.