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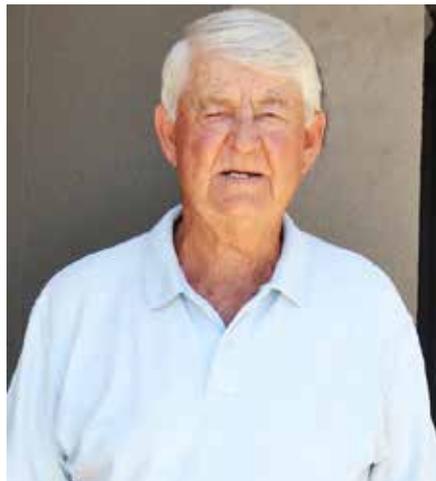
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Message from the President



MPVGA President
Barry Sneddon

The 2018 season has commenced with some good weather, and although the overall numbers for the first 5 events are down on last year, we changed our AGM from Rosebud to Mornington, and this has accounted for some of the reduced numbers. Not sure why this has happened, but we will discuss this at our next meeting on the 24th April. We will also be discussing the results of our Members Survey, and am sure that some of the results will be reflected in the 2019 programme. As has been discussed before we were disappointed with the response to the survey, after all it is for the benefit of all Members.

Congratulations to last years winners of our 2 Major Events:

Reg Prideaux Award - Paul Swinnerton (The Dunes)

Lyn Barrow Award - John Raven (Moonah Links)

It was rather fitting that in his final year with the Vets, Paul was able to win the Association Championship

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Chris Lee-Brown** for organising our Newsletter over the last 9 years. Chris is leaving us in the middle of the year to travel around Europe, and we look forward to catching up with him on his return.

We are indeed fortunate that we have **Steve Travena** to step up into this position, and with his past experience I am sure we will be in good hands.

At the same time, I would like to thank **Paul Swinnerton** for his role as Vice President and Delegate for The Dunes, who after many years on the Committee is leaving us to relocate to Adelaide. We wish him well in his new abode.

I would also like to thank **Bill Mansell** from Carrington Park and **Ian McGrane** from Moonah Links for their time as Delegates. They have both resigned, Bill relocating to Queensland and Ian due to ill health. I understand that **Graham Crook** is taking up the role as Delegate for Moonah Links, and will be ratified at our next Meeting. We still do not have a Delegate for Carrington Park, Rosebud Park, St Andrews and Sorrento. Any members of these Clubs who may be interested please contact **Kevin White** (Home 59884016, Mobile 0419889859)

Just another reminder that you have up until 6pm on the day before an event if you need to cancel your on-line booking. After this time you have to cancel directly with the relevant Pro Shop early on the morning of the Event.

Please ensure you play ready golf at all times, as we strive to play our rounds in 4 ¼ hours. The lowest handicap player is responsible to ensure that all players keep up with group ahead

We would like to thank our Major Sponsors Bendigo Bank and Curry Printing for their contribution to the MPVGA. We encourage all our Members to support our Sponsors whenever the opportunity arises.

I hope you and your families enjoyed the Easter break, and good golfing for the rest of the Year

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



Water Hazards (Not Including Lateral)

Rule 26-1 states:

Where a ball is in a Water Hazard, the player may, under penalty of 1 stroke:

(a) Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from where the original ball was last played

(b) Drop a ball behind the Water Hazard, keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the Water Hazard directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit on how far behind the Water Hazard the ball may be dropped.

Incorrect Ruling

Seeing it has just been Master's time again, I thought it may be relevant to revisit the **Tiger Woods** incident of 2013 at the 15th hole. Incidentally, this is the same hole that **Sergio Garcia** ran up 13 strokes on this year.

Woods played his 3rd shot to the green and it deflected back into the Water Hazard. He elected to proceed under Rule 26-1(a), replayed his approach to the green, 1 putt and with the penalty of 1 stroke recorded a 6.

Whilst completing the round, the Master's Tournament Committee had reviewed a video of the scenario. Without talking to the player, they ruled he had complied with the Rule, i.e. the ball was played as nearly as possible from the spot where the original ball was last played.

After a later TV interview that **Woods** gave, the Committee then reviewed the matter with **Woods** the next morning, and reversed their decision. He had in fact dropped and played from a wrong place.

He admitted he has dropped "about 2 yards behind a divot hole that his original ball was on the edge of." He was then penalised a further 2 shots for breach of the Rule.

Rule 6-6 (d) states that the competitor is responsible for the correctness of his score on each hole. If he returns a score lower than actually taken, he is disqualified. He was not aware that he was to incur a later 2 stroke penalty when he returned his card

but he had breached the Rule by dropping in the wrong place. However, this was not the basis for waiving disqualification.

The Committee recognised that, had it talked to **Woods** before he returned his card, it was most likely that playing from the wrong place would have been determined and a correct score of 8 strokes would have been recorded. The issue of disqualification would not have arisen.



These actions were documented as "an incorrect initial ruling, not seeking information from the player and not informing him of the ruling."

Rule 33-7 gives the Committee the discretion of waiving, in exceptional individual cases, the penalty of disqualification. The Master's Tournament Committee concluded that it's actions created such a scenario.

GENERAL NEWS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Firstly I would personally like to thank **Chris Lee-Brown** for his contribution over the last 9 years & for the assistance given to me for my start.

The current format for the newsletter has been around for a while now and I have the opportunity to start a new format. To help me in any future changes I ask all members if they have any suggestions as to what content could be added or even removed, we are limited to the volume of content due to the very kind and welcome support of Curry Printing, but that doesn't apply to a magazine like format that could be placed on the website to read online or download to your personal computer in addition to the printed version. I look forward to any feedback that may be given and hope that my contribution will enhance further the work done by the editors of the past. Any queries can be sent to myself: steve.travena@gmail.com

VVGA COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

The VVGA Country Championship is taking place at Shepparton on the 7th & 8th of May.

These events run by the VVGA are always very popular and are a good way to meet vets from all over the state, it is also an opportunity to enjoy a few days of golf relaxation (a couple of drinks and a meal with the boys).

If you have never been to any of these events and would like to find out more just give me a call. The event entry form can be downloaded from the VVGA Parmaker website and I'm sure that Trevor Bishop would point anyone in the right direction for accommodation and costs.

There are normally two options for these events:

The main 36 hole competition is for players with a GA hcp of 14.8 or less

You can instead play in a 4BBB Stableford on the Monday & individual Stableford on the Tuesday.

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Quarterly Report

At this time of the year it is appropriate that we re-think our attitude to that commonly used term "Ready Golf".

Ready Golf simply means thinking ahead so that you're ready to play when it is your turn. It therefore applies everywhere on a golf course – on the tees, on the fairways and on the greens. Over the years we seem to have forsaken the honour system – if a player is ready to hit off, so be it.

Listed below are a few suggestions for reducing the time taken to play a round. There is every chance that you are putting these suggestions into practice – if so, great, if not, you could consider the following:

1. Place your clubs between the green and the next tee.
2. Study your putt whilst others are putting.
3. Discuss your shots later. Complete your scorecard after you are off the green.
4. Carry an extra ball in your pocket on holes with a more than usual chance for a lost ball.
5. When a ball is lost, hit your shot first, then help look for the lost ball.
6. Have your group watch where each shot goes.

The Victorian Veteran Four Ball event held recently at the Yarram Golf Club was a great success. My congratulations to **Steve Travena** (formerly Devilbend, now Rosebud CC) and **Len Williams** (Devilbend) for winning the overall nett event and the A grade nett division. For those who have not played the Yarram course, it is an absolute gem, maintained wholly by volunteers, has a membership fee of \$450.00, and has four of the best par 3's.

The 2017 Members' Survey will receive additional attention at the 24 April meeting of the MPVGA Committee. Forty one suggestions put forward by members will be considered.

The average attendance for the first five rounds was 61. Let's see if we can increase this number for the four rounds prior to the wet weather break.

Overseas golf trips are becoming popular. Max Whelan will lead a group of Devilbend lads to Thailand (includes yours truly) at the end of the month, whilst Vietnam is to be visited shortly by Rosebud Country Club members. One of the Thai courses has par 6's 637 and 828m. Should be fun!

Finally, a reminder to ring in if you are unable to play. It doesn't take much effort but can simplify the Delegate's job in sending out the field.

UP COMING EVENTS

2018 EVENTS CALENDAR - 2nd QUARTER

Monday	April	09	Flinders Stblfd - (Rnd 2 Championship)
Monday	April	23	Legends Stblfd - (Rnd 3)
Tuesday	May	15	Cape Schank Stblfd - (Rnd 4)
Thursday	May	31	Sorrento 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.
- Ø A Fish - f*** it's still here, (usually uttered after a complete miss of the ball).

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Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events





2018 MPVGA 1st Quarter

Devilbend Golf Club - January 22 Stableford

The day started off with confusion as to which tees were being used, but once on the course it was obvious that Devilbend was not going to give away many big scores. The course was in very good condition and the greens running true, even the weather played its part in making it a good start to the new season. With Devilbend being a quite difficult course to play for visitors it was not surprising to see the 'locals' take home most of the goodies.

Stableford (69 Players)

WINNERS A GRADE

Brad Johnston (Devilbend) (14) 37 pts

B GRADE

Malcolm White (Mornington) (24) 40 pts

RUNNERS UP A GRADE

Hedley Peace (Devilbend) (15) 37 pts

B GRADE

Eddie Saunders (Devilbend) (30) 37 pts

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole Tim Webb (Devilbend)
8th Hole Derrick West (Devilbend)
11th Hole Tony Clarke (Rosebud CC)
13th Hole Robert Carlton (Mt Martha)

Cerberus Golf Club - February 5 Stableford

Cerberus was in great condition with some of the greens a bit slow and hard to hold, but not all and generally very good. Weather was comfortable, with some good scores achieved. The field could have been bigger, (a lot of Devilbend players were absent due to an annual trip), but rounds of 4 hours was excellent. Field got off on time and only a couple of groups jammed up. Fairways were in good condition and bare patches were at a minimum.

Stableford (34 Players)

WINNERS A GRADE

Ian Watts (Rosebud CC) (14) 43 pts

B GRADE

Robert Carlton (Mt Martha) (28) 41 pts

RUNNERS UP A GRADE

John Raven (Moonah Links) (14) 37 pts
Geoff Smith (Cerberus) (14) 37 pts

B GRADE

Dennis Bradley (Mt Martha) (25) 39 pts

NEAREST THE PINS

2nd Hole Ross Mitchell (Devilbend)
4th Hole Dennis Bradley (Mt Martha)
6th Hole Martin Thraves (Mt Martha)
13th Hole Geoff Leach (Cerberus)

Competition Results & Summary



Mornington Golf Club - February 19 Par (AGM Meeting)

Today's competition saw us play on what started out as a cold & windy morning. Fortunately the weather at least warmed into a pleasant day (although the wind stayed with us). The course itself was in excellent condition with the greens being quite tricky as they normally are for 'visitors.' Scoring was not overly brilliant, but I'm sure a very nice meal and the pleasantries of an AGM meeting made up for that.

Par (87 Players)

WINNERS A GRADE

Marko Zovic (Devilbend) (14) +3

B GRADE

Dennis Bradley (Mt Martha) (25) +2 c/b

RUNNERS UP A GRADE

Martin Sever (Devilbend) (13) Square

B GRADE

Bob Ellett (Mt Martha) (24) +2

NEAREST THE PINS

5th Hole Tony Benstead (Devilbend)
7th Hole Geoff Smith (Cerberus)
16th Hole Marko Zovic (Devilbend)
19th Hole John Hawes (Safety Beach)

Portsea Golf Club - March 5 Stableford (Round 1 Championship)

A Portsea course that was very dry with greens which were faster than any other that we are likely to encounter this year was awaiting everyone that played in the competition. The weather was very pleasant, but other than Terry Ryan of Devilbend (41 pts) and Homer Koster of Cape Schanck (37 pts), no one else bettered their handicap. Most players that stayed back for a drink appeared to blame the greens for their performance

Stableford (66 Players)

WINNERS A GRADE

David Riddell (Devilbend) (14) 35 pts c/b

B GRADE

Terry Ryan (Devilbend) (28) 41 pts

RUNNERS UP A GRADE

Graham Crook (Moonah Links) (10) 35 pts

B GRADE

Homer Koster (Cape Schanck) (26) 37 pts

NEAREST THE PINS

2nd Hole Ken McNamara (The National)
7th Hole Stan Eddy (Devilbend)
13th Hole Pat Wech (Mornington)
16th Hole David Riddell (Devilbend)



Bay Views Golf Club - March 26 Stableford

50 players braved a very windy and frequently wet Monday at Bay Views. Having said that the scoring was incredible with many 40+ point rounds. Bay Views golf course was again in excellent condition with the views being as spectacular as usual despite the weather. The club provided it's free bar-beque which was enjoyed by all that stayed behind.

Stableford (50 Players)

WINNERS

A GRADE

Peter Eaton (Devilbend) (15) 43 pts

B GRADE

Norman Smith (Mornington) (23) 46 pts

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

Alan Wagstaff (Devilbend) (18) 42 pts

B GRADE

Pat Wech (Mornington) (33) 45 pts

Rod Lloyd (Mt Martha) (30) 45 pts

Brian Wallace (Mt Martha) (26) 45 pts

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole Mike Dale (Devilbend)

6th Hole Pat Wech (Mornington)

11th Hole Dean Kellett (Devilbend)

17th Hole Rodger Bouette (Devilbend)

Shayne Romari (The Dunes) - Eagle on 14th hole

