

Message From The President



MPVGA President
Barry Sneddon

We are now over the halfway mark of our 2018 Season, and for those who are heading Overseas or Interstate to catch some warmer weather, safe travelling. At this stage the weather has been very cold and foggy, particularly at *Mt Martha*, and I think your Committee has made a great choice in having a longer than normal Winter break.

the day before an event if you need to cancel your online booking. After this time you need to cancel directly with the relevant Pro Shop early on the morning of the Event.



Winter 2018

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 the group ahead.

Our next Events after we return from the Winter break will be at *Eagle Ridge* on *Monday 13th August*, *Safety Beach* on *Monday 3rd September* and *St Andrews Beach* on *Monday 24th September*. I hope all Members will support these Events.

We would like to thank our major Sponsors *Bendigo Bank* and *Curry Printing* for their continued support to the MPVGA, and encourage all members to support our Sponsors whenever the opportunity arises.

Our Captain *Ian Purchase*, along with our Vice Captain *Tony Clarke*, are in the middle of putting the finishing touches to our 2019 Syllabus, and we look forward to discussing this further at our next Committee Meeting in September.

A reminder to all Members, particularly our new ones, that the objectives 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 2 players. From time to time more than 2 players from the same club may be nominated in the same group, but at the discretion of the Captain.

Guys don't forget to keep promoting the MPVGA at your clubs, as we could always do with some fresh faces.

Do not forget to use our Website as it is a wonderful tool to gather information from or for our Events.

The last 4 Events were reasonably attended, but we were down on numbers at *Flinders (55)*. It was surprising that we had *(66)* members at *Cape Schanck*, given the weather we had in the morning. Both *Moonah Links (72)* and *Sorrento (52)* were well attended.

Finally I look forward to seeing you all in our remaining Events of the Year.

Just a further reminder that you have up until 6pm on

Proposed Members Page

I am attempting to start a members page or section in the newsletter (which may go monthly online if we can get enough content). News or upcoming events that any member wishes to share can be published in the newsletter member section. Material can include humorous stories from the course or club, and even any classifieds (wanting to sell or buy), club delegates may wish to promote an event at their club. The newsletter should be not only for the MPVGA happenings but also that of its member clubs to promote golf at all times, this in turn may encourage

other members of the respective clubs to join the Vets Golf. Currently in the quarterly newsletter we have 8 pages of which 4 or 5 pages are taken up with results & photos, and apart from reports by the Captain & President it can be hard to come up with enough content to fill the remaining space consistently. We can all participate in helping to promote not only the MPVGA but seniors and veterans golf generally. Please send any submissions, suggestions or feedback to me by email or even call me. My details are on page 2 in the office bearers area.

GPV District Veterans & Seniors Championship

19th November at Devilbend Golf Club
Although not a MPVGA event it still give the peninsula vets a chance to play in the same competition.

It is an 18 hole competition with the Seniors event being for ages 55 to 64 and the veterans being 65 to 99 (sorry if you're a little older). Handicap eligibility is between +8 and -36 so all should be ok.

Bookings open online with the GPV on 19th September at 9am and close on the 12th November at 5pm.
to book go to www.gpv.net.au

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2019 Rule Changes

New Golf Rules To Be Introduced On 1st January 2019

As of the 1st January 2019 both The R&A & USGA will see many changes to the current Rules. New Rules and Local Rules will also be introduced.

Below is a brief summary of **some of the major Rule changes**, for a more complete detailed overview of the current Rule along with the changed Rule and the reasons why the Rule is to be changed, a couple of pdf's will be attached to the emailed newsletter, if you do not get a copy of the email I have put the downloadable pdf's on the website. Alternatively the pdf's along with other pdf's and videos can be found on the R&A or USGA websites....A reminder that you can also download an electronic version of the Rule Book.

- Ball accidentally struck multiple times during stroke.
- Ball in motion accidentally deflected.
There will be no penalty and the ball will be played as it lies.
- Ball moved during search.
- Ball accidentally moved on putting green.
No penalty, and the ball must be replaced exactly as it was.
- Ball hitting flagstick when putting from on the green.
No Penalty.
- The standard for determining whether a player caused the ball to move.
Only when it is known or virtually certain (meaning at least 95%).
- Ball replaced off the putting green after it moves when exact original position not known.
Replace the ball on its estimated spot (on, under or against any attached natural objects that the ball had been at rest on).
- Dropping procedure - where a ball must be dropped.
Drop in a defined relief area.
- Dropping procedure - where a dropped ball must come to rest.
The ball must come to rest in the relief area where it was dropped.
- Dropping procedure - measuring the size of the relief area where a ball must be dropped & played.
1 or 2 club lengths (defined as the longest club other than a putter).
- Dropping procedure - how to drop a ball.
Dropped straight down from knee height in a standing position
- Lost ball - time allowed for a ball search.
A ball is lost if not found in three minutes.
- Substituting a ball when taking relief.
A player may always substitute a ball when taking relief.
- Taking relief for a ball embedded in its own pitch-mark.
No penalty anywhere in the "general area" (new term for "through the green").
- Replacing a ball on the putting green when it moves from its spot after it already had been lifted & replaced.

improve the conditions.

- Areas The Committee May Mark As A Penalty Area (Where Relief With 1- Stroke Penalty Is Allowed).
Red- and yellow-marked "penalty areas" may now cover areas of desert, jungle, lava rock, etc, in addition to areas of water.
- Expanded use of red-marked penalty areas.
Committees are given the discretion to mark all penalty areas as red so that lateral relief is always allowed.
- Eliminate opposite side relief option for red penalty areas.
Opposite side relief from point of entry no longer permitted.
- Moving or touching a loose impediment in a bunker.
No penalty.
- Touching or grounding club in a bunker
No penalty unless the player uses a hand or club to test the surface, improve the lie or hit the sand with a practice swing.
- Unplayable ball relief options in bunker.
The player will have an extra option allowing relief outside the bunker using the back-on-the-line procedure, but for a total of two penalty strokes.
- Use of clubs damaged during round.
A player may use or repair any damaged club, even if the player damaged it in anger.
- Adding clubs to replace a club damaged during round.
A player may not replace a damaged club, unless the player was not responsible for the damage.
- Use of distance-measuring devices (DMDs)
A DMD is allowed unless a local rule prohibits it's use.
- Eliminating announcement requirements before lifting a ball under certain Rules.
When a player has good reason to mark and lift a ball to identify it, check for damage or see if it lies in a condition where relief is allowed the player is no longer required first to announce to another player or his or her marker.
- Player's reasonable judgment in estimating and measuring under a Rule.
When determining a spot, point, line, area or other location under a Rule, a player's reasonable judgment will not be second-guessed based on later evidence (such as video review) if the player did all that could be reasonably expected under the circumstances to make an accurate estimation or measurement.
- Recommendations on how to play promptly.
Recommends that players make each stroke in no more than 40 seconds, and usually in less time.
- Playing out of turn in stroke play.
No penalty, and "ready golf" is encouraged when it can be done in a safe and responsible way.
- New alternative form of stroke play.
A player's score for each hole is capped at a maximum set by the Committee, which may be fixed (such as 6, 8, 10, etc.), related to par (such as two times par or triple bogey), or related to the player's handicap (such as net double bogey).
A player who does not complete a hole (often referred to informally as "picking up") will not be disqualified, but simply gets the maximum score for the hole.

*The ball **must always** be replaced on its original spot
The ball must be played from its new spot **only if the ball had not been lifted and replaced** before it moved.*

- Repair damage on the putting green.
A player may repair almost any damage (Including spike marks).
- Touching the line of putt or putting green to point out a target.
No penalty, so long as player does not

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Captains News & Coming Events



MPVGA Captain Ian Purchase



Quarterly Report

The 2019 Program is just about finalized with quite a few suggestions by members included for the first time.

At the conclusion of the first round of matches the average attendance at the nine rounds was 61.2. Hopefully, after the wet weather break we will see members return fresh and looking forward to some fine golfing weather.

The **Victorian Veterans Country Championship** was held at the **Shepparton Golf Club** on 7-8 May. Weather-wise conditions were very good as was the state of the course. **Alan Findlay** and **Joe Szonyi** (**Devilbend**) won the Four Ball with 45 points, whilst **Alan** was runner up in the Division 1 stableford event. **John Rosenbrock** was runner up in the stroke event with 146 points. The only complaint coming my way was the rather mediocre standard of trophies.

Further details when bookings are confirmed.

At this stage venues for the 2019 VVGA Program are Midlands (Country Championships), Beaufort (Teams Championships), and Neangar Park (Four Ball).

A group of Devilbend members (including yours truly) travelled to Thailand for a ten day golfing holiday. Led by Max Whelan, we played five courses, dined at a variety of restaurants, enjoyed walking the streets of Pattaya with its many sights and sounds, and enjoyed our stay at the Sabai Lodge. The courses – Laem Chabang, Burapha, Siam Old and Plantation, and St Andrews 2000 – proved to be more than a handful for some of us veterans. One course had two par 6's – 637m and 828m – which bordered on the ridiculous along with the number of bunkers and holes affected by water – one course you were confronted with twelve water hazards. Nine holes were played at night using iridescent golf balls – great fun! Our caddies – ladies – looked after us and impressed with their knowledge of the courses. A special thank you to Max Whelan for 'covering all bases' on what proved to be a reasonably priced and enjoyable experience.

For anyone wishing to go to the VVGA State Championship In October at the Belvoir Park Golf Club (just outside Bendigo), Below is the list of competitions for the 3 days (including the Sunday practice round).

Anyone wishing to go can download the entry form from the website. If accomodation is required i'm sure Trevor Bishop will point you in the right direction.



VICTORIAN VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION

2018 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th October 2018

Championship Hosted by



Sunday 7th October 2018 (Practice Day)

Men & Women 18 hole Stableford Competition

Hit off 12 noon – 2pm.

BBQ tea to follow. Advise name/s tee time & Golf Link number

Monday 8th October 2018 - Registration from 9-30 to 10.30am for 11.00am shotgun start.

Event 1 - 36 Holes Stroke Championship (cont. on Tues)

Handicap limit GA 15.0 – daily Handicap 0 -16

Event 3 - 4BBB Stableford.

(Take away lunch & afternoon tea included)

Dinner at Kangaroo Flat Sports Club

Dower Street, Kangaroo Flat –

6.30 - 7pm ... 2 courses

Tuesday 9th October 2018 - Registration from 8am for 9am shotgun start

Event 2 - 36 hole Stroke Championship

Event 4 - Div 1 Stableford Handicap (H/cap limit 36)

Event 5 - Div 2 Stableford Handicap (H/cap limit 36)

(Light lunch after game included)

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES MON 17th SEPT 2018

No refund for entries cancelled after that date.

UP COMING EVENTS

2018 EVENTS CALENDAR - 3rd QUARTER

Monday	August	13	Eagle Ridge - Stableford
Monday	September	03	Safety Beach - Stableford
Monday	September	24	St Andrews Beach - Stableford

There has been a request by the Melbourne District Golfers Association that they come down to play one of the Mornington Peninsula golf courses and play a competition against the MPVGA



Communication has been underway to determine the possibility of finding dates that suit both districts.

The MDVGA already play a match against another district but find travelling a problem, this year was at Kilmore. They are looking at a competition (maybe annually) against the MPVGA as we are a lot closer. The Melbourne Vets do play at The Dunes each year and

this year had 74 players using carts with a shotgun start.

The format that would most likely be used for any competition between the two districts would be a 4BBB card v card match, which would or could feature at least 36 players from each district.

At the time of publishing this newsletter there has been no official result as to whether it will go ahead, but I for one will certainly be putting my hand up for a spot. It is hoped that we can arrange more of team type competition in the future. Those that go to the Eastern Zone Challenge each year always enjoy the day despite the drive to Gippsland.



2018 MPVGA 2nd Quarter

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Flinders Golf Club - April 9 Stableford (Round 2 Championship)

A cold and windy morning greeted the 55 players who ventured to Flinders. Although the views were as spectacular as always, the course was suffering what seemed to be a lack of water. Cracks were appearing in some places and quite a lot of greens had fungus type damage. Having said that it didn't deter many players from having very good scores and most enjoyed the course, being a little shorter and flatter than many on the peninsula.

Stableford (55 Players)

WINNERS A GRADE

Laurie Leyden (Devilbend) (14) 40 pts

B GRADE

David King (Mt Martha) (31) 43 pts

RUNNERS UP A GRADE

Arthur Muller (Mornington) (10) 39 pts

B GRADE

Dennis Bradley (Mt Martha) (23) 42 pts

NEAREST THE PINS

9th Hole	Johnathan Vaudrey	(Mt Martha)
12th Hole	Noel Frame	(The Dunes)
14th Hole	Brian Jeanes	(Mt Martha)
17th Hole	Ross Mitchell	(Devilbend)



Is that Malcolm Turnbull at the top of the table?
- Without his "specs"



On reflection, Trevor thought the view looked better



Competition Results & Photos

TREVOR BISHOP

Player	Grade	Score	Points
Laurie Leyden	A	14	40
David King	B	31	43
Arthur Muller	A	10	39
Dennis Bradley	B	23	42

Moonah Links (Legends) - April 23 Stableford (Round 3 Championship)

An excellent, sunny and slightly windy morning, with a course in perfect condition was the setting for our venture to the Moonah Links Legends track.

With that in mind it was only fitting to have a very good turn out of 72 players. It was also great to see 5 scores in the 40 points range with 14 players in all at 36 points or better, which was a credit because Moonah Links is not an easy course. It was just as good to see many players using the outdoor setting at the club house enjoying a drink or two.

Stableford (72 Players)

WINNERS A GRADE

Joe Szonyi (Devilbend) (19) 42 pts c/b

B GRADE

Barry Strachan (Rosebud CC) (27) 43 pts c/b

RUNNERS UP A GRADE

Allan Findlay (Devilbend) (15) 42 pts

B GRADE

Martin Thraves (Mt Martha) (33) 43 pts

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole	Greg Proctor	(Devilbend)
5th Hole	Arthur Muller	(Mornington)
10th Hole	Kevin Anderson	(Cerberus)
16th Hole	Eric Sigmont (Guest)	(Riversdale)





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Cape Schanck - May 15 Stableford (Round 4 Championship)

Underground parking at the enormous and brand new Cape Schanck complex, along with very new golf carts greeted the very good turn out of 66 players. On the golf course those players braved an extremely cold, sometimes very wet and very windy morning at the ("Devilbend benefit day"). Considering the conditions, the course itself was in excellent condition and scores were very good at the winners end of the list. However good or bad the score was it was certainly good to sit in a warm clubhouse.



Stableford (66 Players)

WINNERS A GRADE

Trevor Bishop (Devilbend) (19) 37 pts c/b

B GRADE

Greg Proctor (Devilbend) (20) 42 pts

RUNNERS UP A GRADE

Tim Webb (Devilbend) (11) 37 pts

B GRADE

Bill McGenniken (Devilbend) (31) 38 pts

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole	Shayne Romari	(The Dunes)
5th Hole	John Mack	(Rosebud CC)
14th Hole	Allan Findlay	(Devilbend)
16th Hole	Michael Anderson	(Cape Schanck)

Competition Results & Photos



TREVOR BISHOP

Sorrento Golf Club - May 31 Stableford

Sorrento was once again in magnificent condition. Immaculate fairways and greens that were running quite quick but very true. On what was a sunny, but quite gusty and very cold morning, 52 players took advantage of a round partly subsidised by the MPVGA funds. Scoring proved what a tough course Sorrento can be with 39 points being the best score for the day. Listening to comments coming from many players after the round, Sorrento is very highly rated and should be kept on the fixture for coming years.



Stableford (52 Players)

WINNERS A GRADE

John Cockfield (Devilbend) (14) 39 pts

B GRADE

Klaus Beenck (Mt Martha) (22) 36 pts

RUNNERS UP A GRADE

David Richards (Devilbend) (19) 38 pts

B GRADE

Brian Wallace (Mt Martha) (25) 35 pts

NEAREST THE PINS

2nd Hole	John Muller	(Mornington)
13th Hole	Tim Webb	(Devilbend)
15th Hole	Andrew Wilkins	(Mornington)
17th Hole	Ian Watts	(Rosebud CC)



After a general discussion they decided to advertise the number of vacant seats at their table

Looks like it was Unanimous

Associations Incorporation Act 1981 Section 5 (b)

Statement Of Purposes

1. **The name of the incorporated association is Mornington Peninsula Veteran Golfers Association Incorporated.**
2. **The purposes for which the incorporated association is established are:**
 - a. To promote the game of golf, and other games, sports & pastimes.
 - b. To promote and hold, either alone or jointly with any other association, club or persons, golf and other sports meetings, competitions and matches. Also to offer, give or contribute towards prizes, medals and awards, and to promote, give or support, dinners, balls, concerts and other entertainments.
 - c. To establish, support or assist in establishing or promoting, and to subscribe or become a member of or co-operate with any other association or club whose objectives are similar or in part similar to the objectives of the association, the establishment or promotion of which may be beneficial to this association.
 - d. To raise money by entrance fees and subscriptions as established by the committee from time to time, and to grant any rights and privileges to subscribers.
 - e. To invest and deal with the monies of the Association not immediately required upon such securities and in such manner as may from time to time to be determined.
 - f. To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the above objectives.

*The following two pieces of literature
Courtesy of Chris Lee-Brown*

Skipping Church

Father Norton woke up Sunday morning and realising it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf.

So... He told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and persuaded him to say Mass for him that day.

As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not."

Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole.

IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE !!!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

In 1923, Who Was

1. President of the largest steel company?
2. President of the largest gas company?
3. President of the New York Stock Exchange?
4. Greatest wheat speculator?
5. President of the Bank of International Settlement?
6. Great Bear of Wall Street?

These men were considered some of the world's most successful of their days.

Now, 80 years later do you know what ultimately became of them?

Answers:

1. *The President of the largest steel company, Charles Schwab, died a pauper.*
2. *The president of the largest gas company, Edward Hopson, went insane.*
3. *The president of the NYSE, Richard Whitney, was released from prison to die at home.*
4. *The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cooger, died abroad, penniless.*
5. *The president of the Bank of International Settlement, shot himself.*
6. *The Great Bear of Wall Street, Jessie Livermore, committed suicide*

However in that same year, 1923, the PGA Champion and the winner of the most important golf tournament, the US Open, was Gene Sarazen.

What became of him?

He played golf until he was 92, died in 1999 at the age of 95. He was financially secure at the time of his death.

The Moral: Screw work - Play golf