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Message from the President



**MPVGA President
Peter Unkles**

The third quarter of our MPVGA program from July through September has once more been well supported and the weather has generally been kind. Each of the courses – National Moonah, Cape Schanck, Dunes, Moonah Links Open, Flinders and Portsea presented well and offered up their individual challenges. The new format of Bendsons at Flinders proved a most enjoyable day, helped by the perfect weather.

Pace of play has been generally reasonable although for some reason The Dunes was an exception. We must continue to emphasize "ready golf" and if in doubt play a provisional ball immediately.

If you are a cancellation please advise your Delegate as early as possible or direct to Ian Purchase. If cancelling at the last moment ring the Pro Shop. The Pro Shop number will be on the website below the Start Times List.

The Championships concluded with the 4th Round at The Dunes with the result a close contest. The winner will be announced at the 2014 AGM.

As we move into Spring we look forward to warmer weather with another five challenging courses to play.

Directly following I have included an article on Golf Museums which is worth a read and websites

to visit. Ross Baker at Barnbougle has a wonderful collection if you get to visit there. The museum in Regensburg is a remarkable collection put together by Peter Insam as a hobby.

Golf Museums

Around the world there are collections of golfing memorabilia in private hands and in museums. Obviously the collection at St Andrews is well known. In Australia there is a significant collection assembled by Ross Baker who now works out of Barnbougle / Lost Farm in Tasmania. If you get to visit there it is well worth a look and have a chat to Ross Baker. I can assure you Ross loves a chat! The website article below is well worth a read.

<http://www.think-tasmania.com/ross-baker/>



Another little known but wonderful collection is in Regensburg, Germany assembled by Peter Insam. Peter plans to write a book detailing his collection to be printed in English as well as German. He had planned to complete it around September this year but it looks like being well into next. The website below is worth a visit and the photos show some aspects

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



LINE OF PUTT

From time to time we may see players take actions without knowing that they are breaking the rules. More often than not this occurs on the putting green.

There are special rules that apply on the putting green and many involve the line of putt. This is the line that the player wishes the ball to take after a stroke on the putting green. It extends a reasonable distance on either side of the intended line but not beyond the hole. It must not be touched except under the following seven circumstances:

1. In removing loose impediments without pressing anything down. These are natural objects such as stones, leaves, worms, pine needles and dung. Sand and soil are (but only on the putting green) but dew and frost are not.
2. In addressing the ball. Some players place their putter in front of the ball when addressing it and this is ok provided nothing is pressed down.
3. In measuring. If line of putt is touched during a measuring process there is no breach of the rules.
4. In lifting or replacing the ball. Marking, lifting and cleaning on the green is permitted but elsewhere cleaning is only allowed under a specific rule that permits it. Please note that, off the green, cleaning is not permitted:
 - (a) when identifying the ball. It can only be cleaned to the extent necessary to identify it.
 - (b) when lifted, if interfering with play
 - (c) to check if the ball is unfit for play.
5. In pressing down a ball marker
6. In repairing old hole plugs and ball marks
7. In removing movable obstructions. These are man-made objects such as a cigarette butt, wrappers or tees.

The following actions would breach Rule 16-1a and incur a penalty of 2 strokes or loss of hole in match play:

- (a) brushing aside or mopping up casual water
- (b) removing dew or frost
- (c) intentionally walking on the line of putt
- (d) repairing spike marks.

A similar penalty applies under Rule 8-2b "Indicating line of play on the putting green."

In this case, the player, his partner or their caddies may before,

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but not during the stroke, point out a line for putting, but in so doing the putting green must not be touched. A mark must not be placed anywhere to indicate a line for putting."

MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE



Attendances have dropped over the past six rounds with the average now 75 players. I was disappointed at the attendance at Portsea – 59 – 12 cancellations beforehand and 5 'no shows'. For the record, the new club house is a most impressive structure perched up on high with superb views of the course. Apart from a brief shower, the weather was fine. (see photos next page)

The 2014 program is just about complete – one club is yet to register. The MPVGA is very fortunate in having affiliated clubs who either maintain their current rates or increase green/cart rates by \$1.00 to \$5.00. This is a very satisfactory outcome considering the competition that exists between the 16 clubs.

The Teams Event was recently conducted at the Shepparton course. This event was played under varying conditions – we had pouring rain the first day and overcast but dry conditions on the final day. The winning team of locals scored 204 points whilst our teams scored in the 160's and 150's. As is the tradition, all members enjoyed the experience and the social activities.

The final VVGA event for the year will be the State Championships which will be held at Neangar Park (Bendigo) on 7-8 October.

With five rounds to go, I do trust members will support these activities and finish the year off on a healthy note.

EVENTS CALENDAR 4th QUARTER

- * Monday October 14 - Mornington - Shotgun start
Ambrose 4's
- * Monday October 28 - Cerberus - 4BBB Stableford
- * Monday November 11 Devilbend - Stroke
- * Monday November 25 - Mt. Martha - Stableford
- * Tues day December 10 - The Dunes - Par

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of the collection housed in the basement of an old manor house now a shop, hidden in the narrow lanes of Regensburg.

<http://www.golf-museum.com/en/index.html>



Purely unrelated to golf except re museums and collections, if you ever visit that area of Europe the new Globe Museum in Vienna is another hidden gem."



THE NEW PORTSEA GOLF CLUB PREMISES



Mornington Peninsula Veteran Golfers Association Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



Pics from The National, Cape Schanck and Flinders



Photography by Trevor Bishop



MPVGA Events Results

The National Moonah Course - July 8

The Greg Norman designed Moonah course proved to be quite a handful for us Vets. No complaints about the weather - it was great. Apart from a rather dangerous rough, blind shots, and greens that varied in their pace, it was a great experience to play this course (many of us for the first time). We shall return next year and trust there will be an improvement in the overall scores.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

WINNERS:

A Grade:

Michael Whelan (DB) 5 36 points

B Grade:

Eric Hobson (MGC) 23 35 points

RUNNERS UP:

A Grade:

Alan Findlay (DB) 12 33 points

John Williams (Dunes) 10 33 points

B Grade:

J. Rose (Dunes) 18 31 points

Bill Lawson (DB) 19 31 points

NEAREST THE PINS:

5th Hole: Gordon Warren (DB)

8th Hole: Peter Sherman (Dunes)

13th Hole: Norman Gilderson (P)

17th Hole : John Cockfield (DB)

Cape Schanck - July 29

Despite a pessimistic weather forecast The Cape was blessed with one of the nicest days this winter and some very good scores were recorded. The presentation of this course just keeps getting better and many of the members commented on just how the RACV has improved things in such a short time.

85 players participated in an enjoyable day out.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

WINNERS:

A Grade:

Laurie Leyden (DB) 13 40 points

B Grade:

Eric Hobson (MGC) 23 42 points

RUNNERS UP:

A Grade:

Dennis Harvey (P) 10 39 points

B Grade:

Ian Purchase (DB) 23 38 points

Roger Hutton (MM) 23 38 points

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Tony Clarke (RCC)

7th Hole: Derrick Farr (SB)

14th Hole: Tony DuPreez (MGC)

16th Hole: Derrick Farr (SB)

The Dunes - August 13

Despite bucket loads of rain falling for almost a week, the weather was kind to us, the course was in good shape and the greens fast and true. Attendance was down a little to 71 players.

However we were in the depths of a particularly wet winter and the forecast was not looking very good for the day, so the low numbers were unfortunate but somewhat understandable.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

WINNERS:

A Grade:

Shane Romari (Dunes) 14 34 points

B Grade:

Ian Purchase (DB) 23 37 points

RUNNERS UP:

A Grade:

John Cockfield (DB) 12 33 points

Graig Cunningham (Dunes) 17 33 points

B Grade:

Vic Rodwell (DB) 22 34 points

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Trevor Bishop (DB)

6th Hole: Ian Purchase (DB)

13th Hole: Chris Lee-Brown (RCC)

17th Hole: Mike Szeitz (SB)

3rd Quarter 2013

Moonah Links - August 26

76 players completed this event at beautiful Moonah Links Open course. The course was in good condition for an interesting challenge of 4BBB Par .

From the 38 pairs the winning pairs' score of +4 reflected the challenge of the course. The oft' heard remark was:

"who put these b.....big bunkers in the middle of the b..... fairway?"

Added to that, the upturned saucer-style greens made holding your approach shot a real challenge. But apart from all that, we had an really enjoyable day.

4BBB Par

WINNERS:

Jack Reckdale (RCC) 8 and

Tony Clarke (RCC) 17 +4

RUNNERS UP:

Randall Robinson (DB) 20 and

Ed Sleightholm (DB) 24 +4 (CB)

NEAREST THE PINS:

5th Hole: Tim Webb (DB)

7th Hole: Roger Bouette (DB)

13th Hole: Don Dempster (MGC)

17th Hole: Geoff Oates (DB)



Flinders - September 2

The weather gods granted us one of the nicest MPVGA event days this year for our Flinders outing. The course was still recovering from perhaps our wettest Winter on record, but what a magnificent panorama when the sun is shining and the wind and rain are absent. A nice change from some of our previous outings there.

62 players competed in the novelty Bendsons, 4 - ball event and some very good scores were recorded with the winners, the team from Devilbend & Mount Martha, accumulating 143 Stableford points for the 3 player result or approx. 46 points per player. The ball run-down finished at a respectable 130 points or 44 points per player.

BENDSONS

WINNERS:

Des Jolley & Rob Sims (Devilbend) with David King & Roger Hutton (Mount Martha) 143 points

RUNNERS UP:

Tim Webb, Martin Sever, Trevor Bishop, Roger Bouette (Devilbend) 137 Points

NEAREST THE PINS:

9th Hole: Harry Rouette (DB)
12th Hole: John Williams (Dunes)
14th Hole: Brian Thomas (MGC)
17th Hole: Roger Hutton (MM)



Portsea - September 16

Portsea attracted 59 players and the ball run down was quite reasonable cutting off at 34 points.

Portsea turned on a fine morning for the players attending. The winning stableford scores of 41 in A grade and a huge 45 in B Grade reflected the good conditions. A major attraction of the day was to inspect the magnificent new Portsea clubhouse plus working one's way around the new layout of the 18 holes. There is a selection of photos of the new clubhouse on Page 3.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

WINNERS:

A Grade:

Peter Tate (DB) 19 41 points

B Grade:

Ed Sleightholm (DB) 24 45 points

RUNNERS UP:

A Grade:

Ed Kennedy (C) 16 40 points

B Grade:

John Massey (MGC) 25 38 points

NEAREST THE PINS:

2nd Hole: Vic Rodwell (DB)
7th Hole: Tony Clarke (RCC)
13th Hole: Michael Alexander (Dunes)
16th Hole: Tony Benstead (DB)

