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Message from the President



MPVGA President

Bill Peachey

This has been a long and wet winter, thanks to the La Niña effect and members have had to be stoic in facing the elements at a number of our Peninsula courses – so in a lot of cases numbers have been down. However it is nice to see all the dams full for a change, and spring is just around the corner. So those of us who have been sitting on our 'ANCHORS' will soon look forward to firmer fairways and much longer drives – so here's to summer.

A number of our members recently participated in the **VVGA Teams Event held in Mildura**. We had on day 1, overall best individual score made by Brian Robertson (DB) with 43 points. On Day 2, Trevor Bishop (DB) had the overall best individual score of 42 points. Nearest the pin winner was Tony Clarke (RCC). In the overall two day event Devilbend's team of John Cockfield, Brian Robertson & Trevor Bishop were second with 219 points. The other team was from Rosebud CC comprising Tony Clarke, Bob Evans and Kevin White, who had a creditable individual 70

points Trevor Bishop won the overall best individual 2 day score with 78 points. **(pics of the event Page 2)**

Excitement is growing as we quickly approach the 2012 AVGU REGIS NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS. Ken McNamara, Peter Cheshire and Trevor Bishop & others have been very busy organising the 'draws', finalising welcome bags, preparing labels for the golf cards and many other matters pertaining to this prestigious event.

Our total entrant numbers are now set at 550 overall (players plus partners) with 470 players and a long waiting list of keen entrants. The golf operations managers of our participating clubs have cooperated fully in preparing their courses and their staff for what will be the biggest golf event ever hosted on the Peninsula.

We do continue to seek media coverage to promote our event and Mornington Peninsula so if you have any media contacts or meet with an opportunity to gain additional promotion please contact : **Ken McNamara on 0400799852, or by e-mail: kenneth.mcnamara@bigpond.com.au**

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



RELIEF IN A HAZARD

Recently, Graeme McDowell called a penalty on himself when he hit a leaf in a bunker during his backswing.

To fully explain this, a leaf is a loose impediment and 'loose impediments' are defined as natural objects. (Rule 23-1 allows relief by removing the loose impediment except in a hazard where it must not be touched or moved).

You should be aware that stones in bunkers can only be moved if covered by a local rule of the course.

Rule 13-2 relates to improving a lie or the area of an intended swing and a player incurs no penalty in improving his lie or intended swing in making a stroke or the backward movement of his club for a stroke and the stroke is made except for the case of a ball in a hazard; rule 13-4.

Thus, hitting a leaf in the backswing in a bunker is a prohibited action incurring a penalty of 2 strokes.



MILDURA VVGA TEAMS EVENT

September 2012



MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT



IAN PURCHASE

It is hard to believe that by the time this edition is finalized, yet another AFL Grand Final will have been played and that we have but five events to complete this year's program. I am sure that we are all looking forward to a change in the weather – this winter has been one of the coldest and wettest for many years.

Whilst the Teams event results for 2012 have been reported elsewhere in this edition, I would like to make one brief comment – it was good to see so many new players competing this year. Brian Robertson and John Cockfield (Devilbend), Kevin White and Bob Evans (Rosebud Country Club) enjoyed themselves (so I've been told!) and proved worthy representatives of the MPVGA.

The 2013 Program is just about finalised despite having to make a large number of changes to our original plan. Whilst many clubs have either maintained their current rate or made minimum changes, some have made increases that are currently being negotiated.

The 2012 Regis Australian Veteran Championships are but a few weeks away and the 1001 things left to do are slowly being ticked off. If you are able to assist on any day of this event – even for a few hours – please contact either of the Course Managers – Peter Unkles, Ian McGrane and Paul Swinnerton.

Finally, a reminder that the St Andrews Beach event will be held on 4 December. Once again I suggest that you share a cart for this particular course. With five events to go, those clubs concerned would appreciate your support.

4th QUARTER PLANNED EVENTS

- Monday October 1 - Safety Beach - STABLEFORD
- Monday October 15 - Cerberus - Stroke
- Monday November 5 - Devilbend - STABLEFORD
- November 11 - 16 - AVGU Championships
- Monday November 26 - Mt. Martha - STABLEFORD
- Tuesday - December 4 - St. Andrews - STABLEFORD
- Tuesday December 11 - The Dunes - PAR

TRICK SHOT OF THE YEAR

Geoff Smith caught this shot of Gordon Groves of Devil Bend playing at the third hole at The Dunes. His tee shot ended up in the tree next to the green. He whacked it with his putter to within 4 meters of the hole but unfortunately missed the putt.





Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



PICS FROM CAPE SCHANCK, MOONAH LINKS. PORTSEA & FLINDERS

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MPVGA Events Results

Cape Schanck - July 2

It was disappointing that only 58 players took part in the 3rd Round of the Association's Championships. Considering the weather the Mornington Peninsula has been having the course was in a very good state with reasonable pin and tee positions. The winners on the the day were in "A" Grade, Allan Findlay playing off 11 and with 40 points and, in "B" Grade the winner was Rob Reeves, off 19, with 37 points. Both winners were from Devilbend. Well done guys.

STABLEFORD WINNERS:

"A" Grade:

Alan Findlay (DB) 11 40pts

"B" Grade:

Robert Reeves (DB) 19 37pts

RUNNERS UP:

"A" Grade:

Ken McNamara (N) 6 36pts

"B" Grade:

Ian Wylie (CS) 21 33pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Ian Patterson (CS)

7th Hole : Ken Walker (C)

14th Hole : Derrik Farr (SB)

16th Hole: Barry Strachan (RCC)

ENTRY PRIZE: Rauno Suominen (RCC)

Moonah Links (Open Course) - July 16

This course provided one hell of an experience for those not familiar with a links-like course. With the exception of a few greens and fairways, the course was well presented. Sloping greens, tight bouncy fairways and semi-blind shots combined to test the skills of all who attended. Thank goodness we were not off the back tees! Donations are currently being accepted by the Secretary to fill in some of those evil pot bunkers! A better turn up of 91 players for this challenging 4BBB PAR event. The winners on the day were both from Rosebud CC and were Tony Clarke (15) and Jack Rekdale (9) on a count back from Ian McGrane (15) and David Collett (20). Both finished with Plus 7.

4BBB PAR

WINNERS:

Tony Clarke (RCC) 15 +7cb

Jack Rekdale (RCC) 9

RUNNERS UP:

Ian McGrane (ML) 15 +7

David Collett (ML) 20

NEAREST THE PINS:

5th Hole: Dean Kellett (Guest)

7th Hole : Jack Rekdale (RCC)

13th Hole : David Walters (RCC)

17th Hole: Homer Koster (CS)

ENTRY PRIZE: Bill Weyne (RCC)

The Dunes - August 14

Great course but really cold conditions made even the most hardy of us shake and the 60km wind off the Bass Strait dropped the temperature to close to freezing. However despite this a strong field of 97 players enjoyed the wonderful course. A number of good scores were recorded and 9 players received bonus prizes with individual 4 pointer holes and one 5 pointer.

STABLEFORD

WINNERS:

A: GRADE

Shayne Romani (D) 14 39pts

B: GRADE

Robin Keeble (D) 18 35pts

RUNNERS-UP:

A: GRADE

Paul Swinnerton (D) 8 34pts

B: GRADE

Leslie Benton (D) 21 33pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Andy Beane (RCC)

6th Hole : Ted Galloway (SB)

13th Hole : Geoff Wilkins (DB)

17th Hole: David King (MM)

ENTRY PRIZE: Tim Sanders (CP)

3rd Quarter 2012

Portsea Golf Club - August 20

The course was in terrific condition and the weather was around 17c. An ideal golf day. A disappointing number of 57 guys played and many did not advise that they were not going to play ! However some good scores were made and the winner in "A" Grade was Tony du Prez (M) off 16 with 42 points. The winner in " B " Grade was Bob Evans (RCC) off 25 with 39 points.

STABLEFORD

WINNERS:

A: GRADE

Tony du Prez (M) 16 42 pts

B: GRADE

Bob Evans (RCC) 25 39pts

RUNNERS-UP:

A: GRADE

Roger Bouette (DB) 15 36pts

B: GRADE

Alan Bellamy (DB) 24 38pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Bill Mansell (CP)

7th Hole : Alan Bennett (M)

12th Hole : Neville Swinnerton (D)

16th Hole: Peter Unkles (CS)

ENTRY PRIZE: Bob Richards (C)



Flinders Golf Club - September 5

Only 54 members participated in this normally very popular event, possibly due to both very bad weather and conflict with players' mid-week club comps.

The course was in a great condition, however the wind was gale force and thus it was difficult to maintain one's balance. Scores were generally quite poor reflecting the effect of the powerful wind. Only one player in the entire field was able to play to his handicap which is quite unusual. The winner in "A" Grade was Bob Leatham (M) off 17 with 36 points. The winner in "B" Grade was David King (MM) off 27 with 32 points on a count back.

STABLEFORD

WINNERS:

A: GRADE

Bob Leatham (M) 17 36pts

B: GRADE

David King (MM) 27 32pts

RUNNERS-UP:

A: GRADE

John Whitlock (CP) 17 30pts

B: GRADE

Alan Bellamy (DB) 23 32pts

John Morgan (M) 25 32pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

9th Hole: Noel Frame (CS)

12th Hole : Bob Dunball (P)

17th Hole : Greg Proctor (DB)

ENTRY PRIZE:

Michael Palmer (DB)



Mornington Golf Club - September 17

The field was made up of 64 players in 18 teams. The course was in a great condition, considering all the recent rain which made it a little heavy underfoot and difficult to reach many of the Par 4 holes in regulation. This placed increased pressure on our chipping and putting. Despite a threat of morning rain, except for a brief early shower, the weather was kind and when combined with the wonderful views and no wind, an enjoyable day was had by most of us. As well as the winners, 7 teams were in the ball run-down which closed off at a very commendable, net 64.5

AMBROSE TEAMS EVENT

WINNERS:

Peter Brake 21 (MM)

David King 27 (MM)

Roger Hutton 26 (MM)

Geoff Briggs 24 (MM)

HCP 12 1/4 SCORE 59 3/4

RUNNERS-UP:

John Raymond 13 (RCC)

Mike Henry 14 (SB)

Bob Brady 18 (SB)

Joe Alker 27 (M)

HCP 9 SCORE 63

NEAREST THE PINS:

5th Hole: Jun Park (M)

7th Hole : Bill Mansell (CP)

10th Hole : Graeme Airs (M)

16th Hole: John Whitlock (CP)

ENTRY PRIZE:

Lance Smith (MM)

