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Message from the President



MPVGA President

Bill Peachey

Membership is down a little as compared with last year, but we are still very strong and have more than 350 members. Obviously, we can still recruit a few more.

We have had 16 competitions so far this year and given away many golf balls, bottles of wine and whisky, and vouchers to the winners. Hope you have been a Winner.

2011 has been very busy, as Ken McNamara, the Vice President has spent most of his spare time organizing the 2012 Australian Veteran Golfers Championship to be held on the Mornington Peninsula on the 11th – 16th November 2012.

If you go onto our website, you will see the program for the event. Ken has done a fantastic job arranging sponsorship and there will be in excess of 500 golfers and their partners participating. The Committee will be looking for volunteers to help out with the day to day operations, later in 2012, so please help us, to make this a very successful and memorable occasion.

In order to obtain Sponsorship, and make this a viable event, Ken and I have agreed with the Mornington Peninsula Tourism Association, that we will limit the numbers of players from our own Mornington Peninsula membership. The Tourism organization depends on visitors to this area in order to promote and develop local businesses.

Gaining sponsorship in the current environment is very difficult but fortunately we have secured a major Sponsor. This is the REGIS GROUP who run Retirement Villages all over Australia. So, if you are considering moving into one of these Villages, have a look at the one in Rosebud or at least enquire with them as to what they can provide. This event will be known as the REGIS 2012 AVGU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Finally, don't forget our other Sponsors, **The Bendigo Bank** and **Half a Sec** (website developers).

Good golfing.

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



Abnormal Ground Conditions

Definition is "any casual water, ground under repair or hole, cast or runway on the course made by a burrowing animal, reptile or a bird."

I hope everyone has a R&A Rules of Golf handbook in their bag and it is opened from time to time. But, how many of you know what is written on the back cover?

"Play the ball as it lies play the course as you find it and if you can't do either, do what is fair. But to do what is fair, you need to know the rules of golf."

So, you need to know when you are entitled to take relief from a situation without playing the ball as it lies and also how to take relief.

Entitlement to relief.

Casual water.

Casual water is any temporary accumulation of water on the course that is not in a water hazard and is visible before or after the player takes his stance. Snow or hail stones are either casual water or loose impediments at the option of the player. A manufactured ice block is an obstruction. Dew or frost are not casual water.

A ball is in casual water when it lies in or any part of it touches the casual water.

Soft earth is not casual water unless water is visible on the surface before or after you take your stance. However if the water is only visible if you press down hard with your feet you are not entitled to relief.

If your ball is on the green you are entitled to relief from casual water which intervenes on

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the line you want to putt on but water must be visible on this line. If water is not visible on the green you would only be entitled to relief from casual water if water is visible around your feet when you take your stance.

Ground under repair.

This is any part of the course so marked by order of the committee and all ground and any grass, bush, tree or other growing thing within the GUR are part of it.

If a tree is rooted in ground under repair, the entire tree is GUR even if parts overhang outside. This does not apply at or below ground level and therefore roots are not part of GUR if they extend beyond the marked area.

GUR includes material piled for removal and a hole made by a greenkeeper even if not marked. Abandoned material or grass cuttings not intended to be removed are not GUR but please note that grass cuttings are loose impediments and may be removed.

A fallen tree cut up for removal is GUR but a fallen tree attached to a stump or the stump itself are not.

A hole made by a greenkeeper relates to a hole dug for course maintenance and does not include aeration or coring holes unless a local rule is in force. The same applies to a rut made by a tractor which is also not normally GUR.

When GUR is defined by stakes, the stakes are inside and the margin of the GUR is defined by the nearest outside points of the stakes at ground level.

When both stakes and lines are used, the stakes identify the GUR and the lines define the margin.

When the margin is defined by a line on the ground, the line itself is in the GUR. The margin extends vertically downwards but not upwards. A ball is in GUR when it lies in or any part of it touches the GUR.

Please note that a footprint made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird is not a hole, cast or runway but is an irregularity of surface and there is no relief without penalty.

However, a hole made by a bird is an abnormal ground condition and relief can be taken provided it is not in a water hazard.

Next time, we will look at how to take relief from abnormal ground conditions."

MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT



IAN PURCHASE

The 2012 Program is just about complete and, subject to Committee approval, will feature two new courses – St Andrews Beach and the Open course at Moonah Links. Settlers Run has been deleted. The Open course will definitely not be played as a stroke event! Green fee increases are minimal thanks to the outstanding generosity of the various clubs – a fact often overlooked by some members.

Attendances have decreased somewhat – weather conditions have not always been favourable on the day. With six events to go hopefully our numbers will increase.

The Teams event at Castlemaine was enjoyed by all, but sadly we were not successful. The course was interesting but domed greens made life rather difficult – holding balls on the greens was a tough task! The final VVGA event for the year will be the State Championships played at the highly regarded Port Fairy course from 3-4 October.

Please continue to write the name of your club and your golf link number on your score card. A considerable amount of time is often spent by committee members in locating such details. You would think that such a task would be automatic by now – unfortunately, it isn't! So please, do the right thing by our Handicappers.

We will continue to send out the Group Leader notes even though there has been a noticeable improvement in movement through the various courses. By applying these six points the enjoyment level should increase considerably for all players. Slow play is selfish play and the sooner we see the end of it the better.

2012 National Championships

As mentioned in the June newsletter, the Mornington Peninsula will be the host district for the **Regis 2012 Australian Veteran Golfers National Championships**, which will be held from the 11th to 16th November. Our event will be officially launched at the presentation dinner in Hobart on October 28th at the completion of the 2011 Championships when the handover of "The Symbol of Fellowship" by Hobart Tournament Director, Don Graham, to Mornington Peninsula Tournament Director, Ken McNamara takes place.

All participants in Hobart will be given Tournament details and Mornington Peninsula tourism and accommodation details when they register and they will be encouraged to enter as early as possible as there will be a strict limit on the number of players we can cater to. Our Tournament is now on Veteran Golfer Association websites in every State and Territory of Australia and enquiries have already been received from locations as diverse as Perth and Far North Queensland. We have been working very closely for about three years now with the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and Mornington Peninsula Tourism who recognize this event as a major tourism opportunity for the area with potential benefits for many local businesses.

As also mentioned previously we will require a number of volunteers to assist in the efficient running of this very large and very prestigious event so if you have a day or more to spare next November please speak to your delegate, any of our Committee members or contact Ken McNamara 0400799852 or farmrite@bigpond.com



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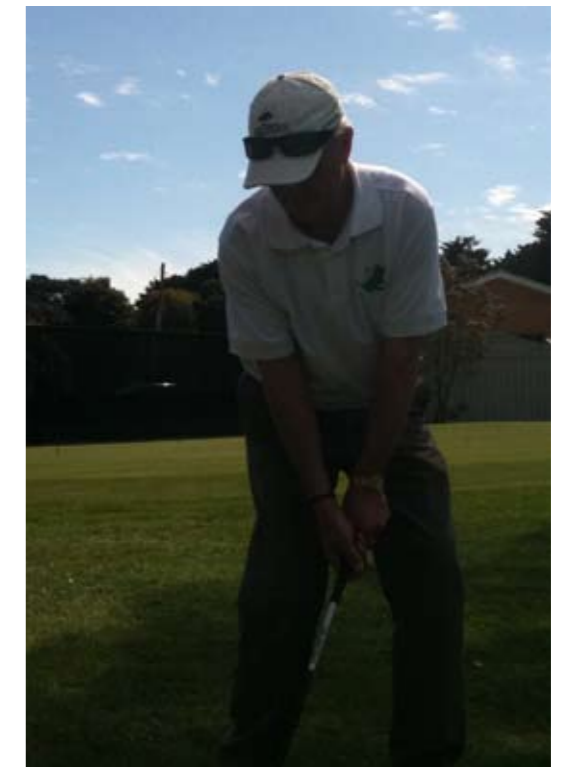




Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



RANDOM PICS FROM THE DUNES, MOONAH, PORTSEA & CERBERUS



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MPVGA Events Results

Moonah Links (The Legends) - July 11 Results

We all love Moonah Links Legends course as it is forgiving enough to provide plenty of 'get out of jail' cards for the errant golfer. Again, we experienced a beautifully maintained and presented course and all enjoyed the experience of a fun game of 4-ball with our mates.

4BBB STABLEFORD

WINNERS:

Trevor Bishop (DB) 20 45pts
John Cockfield (DB) 13

RUNNERS UP:

Graeme Hill (P) 23 44pts
Graham Gough (P) 19
Paul Swinnerton (Dunes) 9 44pts
Neville Swinnerton (Dunes) 15

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Don Dempster (M)
5th Hole: Greg Proctor (DB)
10th Hole: Des Jolley (DB)
16th Hole: Noel Baker (C)

ENTRY PRIZE WINNER:

Bottle of Whisky:

Kevin White (RCC)



Sorrento - July 28 Results

Sorrento provided us with good firm fairways and true greens and so plenty of good scores were recorded on the day.

There was a good roll-out of 79 players with plenty of fine scores recorded, resulting in the ball cut-off finishing at 'square'.

PAR EVENT

WINNERS:

"A" Grade:
Juris Klaikalietis (ML) 15 +5
"B" Grade:
Barry Strachan (RCC) 26 +4

RUNNERS UP:

"A" Grade:
Neville Swinnerton (D) 15 +1
"B" Grade:
Mike Howell (M) 31 +3

NEAREST THE PINS:

2nd Hole: Arthur Holmes (RCC)
5th Hole: Robin Keeble (Dunes)
15th Hole: Bob Kent (C)
17th Hole: Nick Sayle (RCC)

ENTRY PRIZE WINNER:

Bottle of Whisky:

Ted Galloway (SB)



The Dunes - August 9 Results

The course was beautifully presented and gave us all plenty of challenges as well as a lot of fun.

This is surely one of the nicest courses on the Peninsula and is really appreciated by our members. They supported the event with a strong representation of 87 players, and some very good scores recorded as evidenced by a high ball cut-off at 34 points.

STABLEFORD EVENT:

WINNERS:

"A" Grade:
John Raymond (RCC) 17 43pts
"B" Grade:
Bill Lawson (DB) 23 41pts cb

RUNNERS UP:

"A" Grade:
Garry Ridout (C) 14 38pts
John Whitlock (CP) 18 38pts
Max Whelan (DB) 7 38pts
"B" Grade:
Michael Johns (D) 26 41pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Bob Brown (CP)
6th Hole: Shayne Romari (Dunes)
13th Hole: Mike Whelan (DB)
17th Hole: Ron Gatliff (M)

ENTRY PRIZE WINNER:

Bottle of Whisky: Ross Broun (Dunes)



3rd Quarter 2011

Portsea - August 29 Results

Portsea was presented at its 'Winter' best having been preened for a major 4-day tournament the previous weekend. It was a pleasure to play on a dry sand-belt course after our long and wet Winter and the balls were getting plenty of bounce.

We again faced the traditional 'four seasons in one day' and alas, most of us received a wet backside. At least it wasn't hail this time. Perhaps we could play Portsea in Summer for the 2012 calendar?

STABLEFORD EVENT:

WINNERS:

"A" Grade:
Tony Clarke (RCC) 16 34pts
"B" Grade:
Terry Ryan (DB) 28 37pts

RUNNERS UP:

"A" Grade:
Neville Swinnerton (D) 15 34pts
"B" Grade:
Noel Freeman (P) 26 37pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Arthur Holmes (RCC)
7th Hole: Andrew Graham (M)
12th Hole: Greg Proctor (DB)
16th Hole: Ian McGrane (ML)

ENTRY PRIZE WINNER:

Bottle of Whisky: Don Dempster (M)



3rd Quarter 2011 Results (continued)

Carrington Park - September 12 Results

69 players took part in this event on a terrific day for golf. The course was in a great condition and the scenery was just as good as ever. The golf playing time was a bit over 4 hours as it should be, so 'well done' fellas.

The winners for today were :

" A " Grade, Terry Tregillis from Carrington Park with 40pts and in " B " Grade Noel Freeman from Portsea with 42 pts.

Great result guys.

WINNERS:

" A " Grade:

Terry Tregillis (CP) 15 40pts

" B " Grade:

Noel Freeman (P) 26 42pts

RUNNERS UP:

" A " Grade:

Len Woolhouse (N) 17 37pts

" B " Grade:

Evan Carter (C) 20 41pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Michael Alexander (D)

6th Hole: Gerald Glover (RCC)

11th Hole: Nick Sayle (RCC)

17th Hole: Bill Mansell (CP)

ENTRY PRIZE WINNER:

Bottle of Whisky: Frank Lindeman (CP)

Cerberus - September 26 Results

Disappointingly only a small field of some 43 players participated on this beautiful Spring day at HMAS Cerberus.

The course was in fine condition and everyone had a very enjoyable golf game of Russian Roulette Stableford.

The winners certainly put together their local knowledge by combining to turn in a fantastic score of 116 Points with each returning remarkable single stableford scores of 43 and 44 points respectively.

WINNERS:

Les Witton (C) 35 & Max McEvoy (C) 21 with an impressive 116 Points.

RUNNERS UP:

Bruce Moffat (DB) 25 & Peter Blyth (DB) 25 with a commendable result of 93 Points.

NEAREST THE PINS:

2nd: John Verall (SB)

6th: Nick Sayle (RCC)

13th: Roger Bouette (DB)

ENTRY PRIZE WINNER:

Bottle of Whisky: Roger Hutton (MM)



COMING EVENTS 4th QUARTER 2011

- Mornington - Monday October 10 - Ambrose 4's
- Devil Bend - Monday October 24 - Stableford
- Safety Beach - Monday Nov. 7 - 'Super' Stableford
- Mount Martha - Monday November 21 - Stableford
- The Dunes - Monday December 13 - Stableford

SENIORS WEEK TOURNAMENT - OCTOBER 2011

Seniors Week two day tournament to be held at Rosebud Park (Carrington Park) October 17 & 18. Contact Nick Sayle on 59861813.

