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Message from the President



MPVGA President

Peter Unkles

The MPVGA 2014 season continues to proceed well with reasonable attendance at each venue over Winter. The weather has been ok although Flinders turned out to be particularly wet and cold as the day unfolded.

Our program for 2015 has been drafted with feedback from members included in its planning. Subscriptions will be held at \$15 for 2015. A cap of \$40 per entry will apply in 2015 in order to make events such as Portsea, Sorrento and St Andrews Beach attractive to most members. Our Captain Ian Purchase is negotiating with the various venue Clubs on a cost per round as well as a cost per cart. We have found cart costs at some venues to be expensive so we hope to be able to offer a better deal on entry and cart combinations. Given the variable weather experienced during winter this year and last it is proposed to have a Winter recess from 7 July to 9 August plus the fact that many Vets travel north in that period as well. There was strong feedback that the Championship not be held during winter so it is proposed to hold the four Championship rounds in February, March and April with hope for sunny weather and not wet underfoot.

At the 2014 AGM we were pleased to present all past winners of the Reg Prideaux Trophy with permanent mementos. At the AGM in February 2015 we will present mementos to past winners of the Len Barrow trophy. As a reminder you can find all past winners of these Trophies listed on our MPVGA website.

It is pleasing to see a strong representation by MPVGA members at the VVGA State Championship to be held at Stawell on 6 and 7 October with a

full complement of 23 Devilbend players participating in the field of 111 entries.

Once again a note that Start Times are advised to your Delegate by the Captain 10 or more days prior to each event and your Delegate will in turn advise you. As a back up the provisional Start Time List can be found on the MPVGA website. If you have to cancel please advise your Delegate or if unable to do so advise Ian Purchase. For late cancellations please ring the Pro Shop at the course and leave a message for the Delegate running the Registration Desk.

A reminder that the results of each event including winners, ball run down and NTPs are posted on the website generally on the morning after the event for your reference.

Playing times have been generally reasonable at recent events but we must continue to strive for fast, smooth play. Play "ready golf" and if in doubt re a shot play a provisional ball.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events at Portsea, Mornington, Devilbend, Mt Martha and the Dunes. Mornington is a shotgun start Ambrose teams event and the last round of the season on Tuesday 9th December at the Dunes is also a shotgun start so we can all get together for an end of year chat afterwards.

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



"Clarification of "Rules Corner" article in last edition (Winter July 2014)"

I have had contact from a couple of interested readers from different clubs on the Peninsula in regards to the 'BOUNDARY MARKERS' article.

In particular, my advice that "you can remove a water hazard stake that is next to your ball to play your next shot". as it seems that this statement has caused some confusion.

To clarify my comment, you should note that stakes defining a lateral water hazard are **obstructions**, they are not **immovable obstructions**. See Rules definitions-page 28.

Therefore, the obstruction may be removed. Rule 24-1 'movable obstructions'.

However, most of our courses have a Local Rule in place regarding "all stakes, ropes, hoses and sprinklers" under the heading of '**immovable obstructions**'.

As such, relief can only be obtained under Rule 24-2, as local rules must be complied with at that particular course.

It is clear that I should have mentioned the local rule factor in the original article.

INFORMATION OR ADVICE?

Rule 8-1 "Advice ; during a round, you cannot

(a): give advice to anyone in the competition playing on the course other than your partner

(b): ask for advice from anyone other than your partner or either of your caddies.

While some questions are fine to ask during a round, such as those concerning rules procedures, distance information and locations of hazards and the flag, the following questions are examples of what would either constitute

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advice or not:

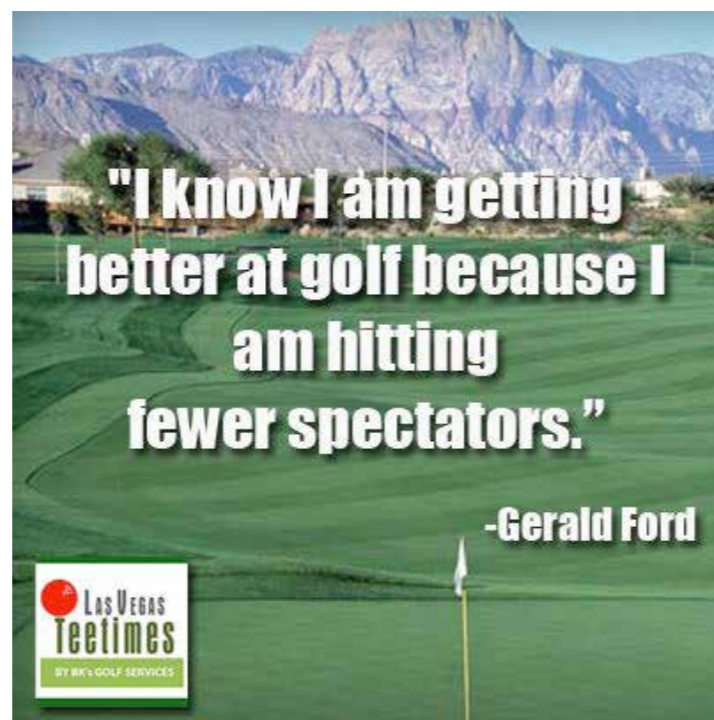
'ADVICE' includes:

- Should I declare my ball unplayable?
- Do you think a 6 iron is the right club here?
- Am I lined up properly?
- Do I need a driver to carry that bunker on the corner?
- Did your putt break at all?

The following does not constitute advice and is allowable '**INFORMATION**':

- What's the distance to the centre of the green?
- Does this green have a false front?
- What are my options under the unplayable rule?
- Is your ball out of bounds or in play?
- How far is it to carry that bunker on the corner?
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Penalty: Stroke play : 2 shots
Match play : loss of hole.



2014 EVENTS CALENDAR 4th QUARTER

- * Monday October 13 - Portsea Stableford
- * Monday October 27 - Mornington (SG) - Ambrose 4's
- * Tuesday November 10 - Devilbend - Stroke
- * Monday November 24 - Mount Martha Stableford
- * Monday December 9 - The Dunes (SG) Par



MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE

2014 has really been a good year in terms of numbers attending each event. For those who have not experienced a day at Cerberus, could I suggest that you join us next year. You will not be disappointed as it really is a fun day. For the first time in weeks we were able to get some 'run' on the Cerberus fairways. Col Dowd, the Manager who was only staying for five years, but stayed fifteen, retired in September. The new Manager is Danny Shine from Drouin Golf Club.

It would seem that the greens at Chalambar for the Teams Event were tricked up somewhat, the result being low scores and putting and short irons to the green impossible to stop. Overall, the tournament was well run and enjoyed by those who attended.

Data extracted from the final results of the Association Championship reveal that of the 146 players who competed 27 played four rounds, 21 played three rounds, 30 played two rounds, whilst 68 played one round.

The 2015 Program is just about complete. It was very pleasing to see a large number of clubs that did not increase the green fee or cost of a cart. We are indeed very fortunate to have clubs who look after our members.

The final state-wide VVGA event will be held in Stawell from 6-7 October. A report on this event will appear in the next Newsletter. Devilbend will host the 2015 Country Championships – the first time a Mornington Peninsula club has hosted such an event since the 1980's. I have no doubt that the Devilbend Team will 'do us proud'.

CONTRIBUTION FROM ANON

THE CASTERWAY

One day a bloke decides to retire.....

He booked himself on a Pacific cruise and proceeded to have the time of his life, that is, until the ship sank.

He soon found himself on an island with no other people, no supplies, nothing, only bananas and coconuts.

After about four months,

he is lying on the beach one day when the most gorgeous woman he has ever seen rows up to the shore.

In disbelief he asks, "Where did you come from? How did you get here?" She replies, "I rowed over from the other side of the island where I landed when my cruise ship sank."

"Amazing - you were really lucky to have a rowing boat wash up with you."

"Oh, this thing?" explains the woman.

"I knocked up the boat out of some raw material I found on the island. The oars were whittled from gum tree branches. I wove the bottom from palm tree branches, and the sides and stern came from a Eucalyptus tree."

"But, where did you get the tools?"

"Oh, that was no problem," replied the woman. "On the south side of the island, a very unusual stratum of alluvial rock is exposed. I found that if I fired it to a certain temperature in my kiln, it melted into ductile iron and I used that to make tools and used the tools to make the hardware."

The bloke is stunned.

"Let's row over to my place," she says "and I'll give you a tour."

So, after a short time of rowing, she soon docks the boat at a small wharf. As the man looks to shore, he nearly falls off the boat.

Before him is a long stone walk leading to a cabin and tree house.

While the woman ties up the boat with an expertly woven hemp rope, the man can only stare ahead, dumb struck. As they walk into the house, she says casually, "It's not much, but I call it home. Please sit down."

"Would you like a drink?"

"No! No thank you," the man blurts out, still dazed.

"I can't take another drop of coconut juice."

"Oh it's not coconut juice," winks the woman.

"I have a still. How would you like a

Tropical Spritz?"

Trying to hide his continued amazement, the man accepts, and they sit down on her couch to talk.

After they exchange their individual survival stories, the woman announces, "I'm going to slip into something more comfortable.

Would you like to take a shower and shave? There's a razor in the bathroom cabinet upstairs."

No longer questioning anything, the man goes upstairs into the bathroom.

There, in the cabinet is a razor made from a piece of tortoise bone., two shells honed to a hollow ground edge are fastened on to its end inside a swivel mechanism.

"This woman is amazing," he muses. "What's next?"

When he returns, she greets him wearing nothing but some small flowers on tiny vines, each strategically positioned, she smelled faintly of gardenias. She then beckons for him to sit down next to her.

"Tell me,"

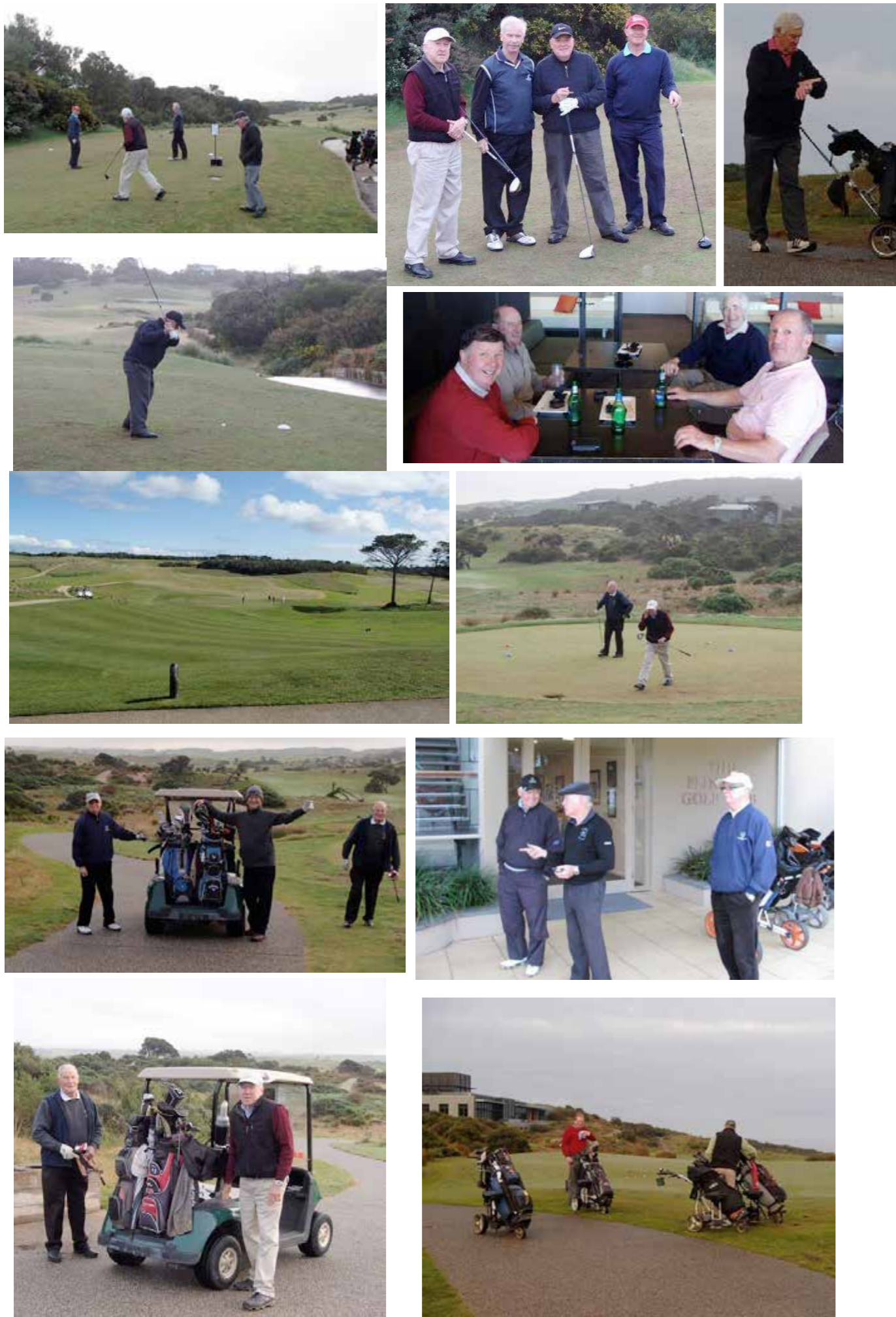
she begins suggestively, slithering closer to him, "We've both been out here for many months. You must have been lonely. When was the last time you played around? She stares into his eyes.

He can't believe what he's hearing.

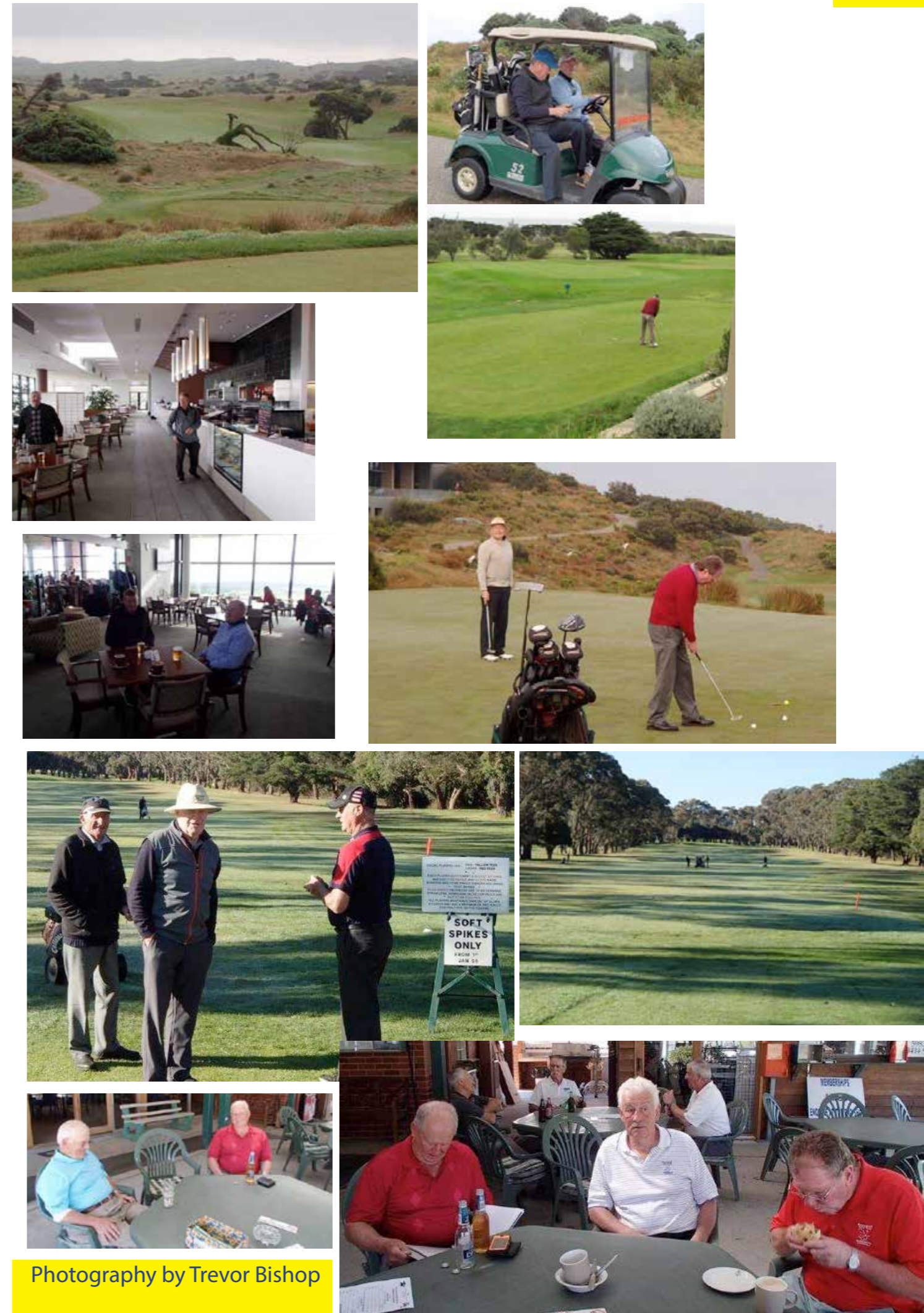
"You mean..." he swallows excitedly as tears start to form in his eyes,

"You've built a Golf Course?"





Pics from The National, Cape Schanck, Moonah Links, Cerberus, Flinders and The Dunes



Photography by Trevor Bishop



MPVGA Events Results

3rd Quarter 2014

The National - Moonah Course

The course was long and tough as usual but some very good scoring was recorded by the strong field featuring 83 players.

Our host Ken McNamara really lead the way winning 'A' Grade with a great score of 39 points as well as a NTP on the challenging 5th hole.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE			
Ken McNamara (Nat)	HC 6	39 pts	
B GRADE			
Peter Brake (MM)	HC 27	38 pts	

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE			
Nick Sayle (RCC)	HC 8	35 pts	
B GRADE			
John Hunter (MM)	HC 20	35 pts	

NEAREST THE PINS:

- 5th Hole: Ken McNamara (Nat)
- 8th Hole: Roger Hutton (MM)
- 13th Hole: Eric Hobson (MGC)
- 17th Hole: Les Benton (Dunes)



Cape Schanck - July 28

The weather God smiled on us today despite dour forecasts and we all enjoyed the respite from what has been a cold and wet winter. This was Round 3 of the championships and we had a field of 84 players. The course was certainly very interesting with a huge amount of improvement works being undertaken. Unfortunately, it meant that the 1st hole was out of play and a number of others were reduced to short Par 4's or Par 3's. The overall par was in total reduced to a very short 66, and we got a little tired of playing multiple Par 3's.

But, the fairways were dry and mostly mud-free which was a nice change for most of us. Congratulations to Peter Brake from Mount Martha who again took out 'B' Grade with a fantastic 41 Points as well as an NTP.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE			
John Hunter (MM)	HC 18	39 pts	
B GRADE			
Peter Brake (MM)	HC 27	41 pts	

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE			
Gary Ridout (Cerberus)	HC 14	38 pts	
B GRADE			
Kevin White (RCC)	HC 32	39 pts	

NEAREST THE PINS:

- 3rd Hole: Max Whelan (DB)
- 7th Hole: Tim Webb (DB)
- 14th Hole: Peter Brake (MM)
- 16th Hole: Larry Jones (CS)



The Dunes - August 12 Round 4 Championships

The course was in good condition considering the amount of rainfall over the past few weeks. The greens presented some difficulty with their variable pace and line. On the day, of the 84 players registered, 57 competed, which means 21 cancelled and 6 did not 'ring in'. This was really an ordinary effort guys! Of the 57 who lasted the distance - well done fellas, as we know at times it was really trying.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE			
Martin Sever (DB)	HC 11	36 pts	
B GRADE			
Les Benton (Dunes)	HC 19	40 pts	

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE			
Geoff Wilkins (DB)	HC 13	35 pts	
Larry Jones (CS)	HC 13	35 pts	
Paul Swinnerton (Dunes)	HC 7	35 pts	
B GRADE			
John Holeness (M)	HC 23	37 pts	

NEAREST THE PINS:

- 3rd Hole: Laurie Leyden (DB)
- 6th Hole: Les Benton (Dunes)
- 13th Hole: Adrian Holton-Picard (RCC)
- 17th Hole: Gordon Warren (DB)



Moonah Links - August 25

After a gloomy start, the weather improved considerably and jumpers were removed. The Legends is always popular due to its condition, hole design, and location. The huge greens presented a challenge, whilst the fairways provided excellent run. The course was a pleasure to play and we had 82 Vets who attended. The standard was very good with the ball rundown cutting of at +5

4-BBBB PAR WINNERS

Stuart Beever (MM)	HC 36	
John Hunter (MM)	HC 19	+12

RUNNERS UP

Evan Carter (Cerberus)	HC 18	
Geoff Leach (Cerberus)	HC 9	+7

NEAREST THE PINS:

- 3rd Hole: Denis Oliver (SB)
- 5th Hole: John Cockfield (DB)
- 10th Hole: Tony Toise (CS)
- 16th Hole: Peter Price (MM)



Flinders - September 1

This day was our annual Bendsomes competition which is usually well subscribed.

Despite rainy periods, the course was in good condition, dry under foot, whilst the greens were challenging. The only downside to the day was that the Captain missed out on playing due to a certain member's lack of thought in not ringing the club to report that he could not attend. The Captain was, understandably, not happy!

BENDSOMES WINNERS

Team Score : 124 Points

Tony Benstead (DB) HC 18
Allen Bellamy (DB) HC 23
Allan Findlay (DB) HC 12
Ed Sleightholm (DB) HC 20

RUNNERS UP

Team Score : 120 Points

Geoff Oats (DB) HC 22
Gerry McQuillan (CP) HC 13
Rob Sims (DB) HC 35
Des Jolley (DB) HC 24

Team Score : 120 Points

Rodger Bouette (DB) HC 14
Tim Webb (DB) HC 5
Trevor Bishop (DB) HC 13
Martin Sever (DB) HC 10

NEAREST THE PINS:

12th Hole: Noel Baker (C)
14th Hole: Ian Patterson (CS)
17th Hole: Gary Ridout (C)



Cerberus - September 22

Manager Col Dowd (retiring this week after 15 very productive years) provided superb weather for our annual event.

The fairways provided ample run whilst the greens lived up to their reputation as 'tricky', "slippery", and any other synonymous term.

It is always a great day at Cerberus and today was no exception.

We had 44 players participate on the day and the scores recorded were very good with the ball run-down cutting off at 36 points.

4-BBBB STABLEFORD WINNERS

James Hewitt (CP) HC 16 and
Bill Mansell (CP) HC 12 45 Points

RUNNERS UP

Stephen Smith (DB) HC 8 and
W. Brown (Cerberus) HC 27 42 Points

NEAREST THE PINS:

2nd Hole: Robert Hodges (RCC)
4th Hole: Jim Hewitt (CP)
6th Hole: Gordon Warren (DB)
13th Hole: John Cockfield (DB)

