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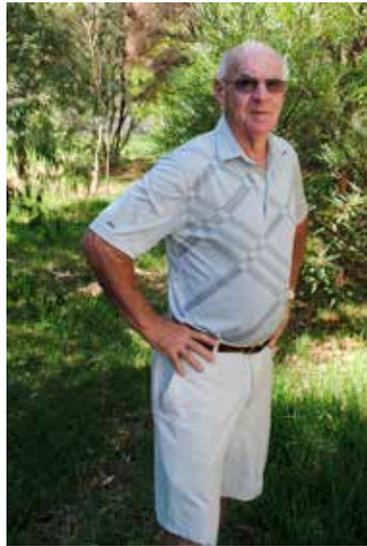
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## Message from the President



**MPVGA President**  
Peter Unkles

Once again the season continues on a good footing and the weather has been reasonably kind. The very low temperatures in the mornings in August through September were a challenge for many of us. Taking the winter break from 14 July to 10 August worked well given the cold and wet weather in that period. Attendance has been reasonable with 41 at the National, 52 at Eagle Ridge, 87 at Moonah Legends, 34 at Cerberus and 88 at St Andrews Beach. I suspect the cold weather put some prospective players off attending the National and Eagle Ridge.

The Committee is becoming increasingly concerned re the rising entry costs at many of our courses particularly The National, Sorrento, Portsea and St Andrews. Entry to these courses over the past couple of years has been subsidised by the Committee by dropping the competition fee. Ongoing subsidisation to allow our members to play at these wonderful courses on the Peninsula is a discussion that all members need to be aware of and add their input. Course entry costs will be discussed at the October Committee Meeting in conjunction with the planned 2016 Program.

Playing at Moonah Legends reminded me of one of my hobby horses in the golf space. It was decided during The Legends game to allow the ball to be picked up and placed on the fairways if plugged or otherwise unfairly inconvenienced by the condition of the fairways. As it turned out conditions were quite good and pick up and place was not as necessary as feared.

This pick and place option has been allowed elsewhere from time to time such as at Devilbend. My personal opinion is that we should adopt this option all year at all courses particularly in respect to unfilled divot holes. We are all out there to enjoy the day and should not be punished and frustrated by landing in a divot hole left unfilled. Such divots are more common now that sand filling has replaced the old "replace your divots" rule. I have been also reminded of this in occasionally watching Pro golf from the USA and noting on several courses the Professionals were allowed to pick and place on fairways.

As usual we repeat our request of all players to play "Ready Golf" and to play a provisional ball if in doubt about the possibility that your original shot could be lost. As a general observation our golf has become quicker and round completion times improved but I am sure we can get better. Please advise your club delegate or the Captain if you have booked to play and then are unable to do so. If this cancellation is last minute please advise the Pro Shop. Again an observation is that "unadvised no shows" have decreased.

Our Program for the final quarter includes a shotgun start Ambrose 4s at Mornington, then Devilbend, Mt Martha and Rosebud Park. The final round at The Dunes on 8 December will be a shotgun start so members can get together prior to the Christmas and New Year period.

Looking forward to seeing you out there.

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# Mornington Peninsula Vets News

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## MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



OBSTRUCTIONS are described as anything artificial or man-made being either movable, immovable or temporary immovable obstructions.

They are treated differently to loose impediments, which have been covered in a recent article, these being natural objects.



MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS which are covered under Rule 24.1, are deemed "movable" if they may be moved without unreasonable effort, unduly delaying play or without causing damage.

Some examples are:

- Rakes, tin cans, abandoned golf balls, bottles, and /or a stone broken away from a retaining wall.

If a ball moves as a direct result of removing an obstruction there will be no penalty but the ball must be replaced. If the ball is on top of the obstruction the ball may be lifted and the obstruction removed. The ball must then be dropped (or placed if on the putting green) as near as possible to where it originally lay.

The ball may be cleaned when it is lifted under this rule.



IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS which are covered under Rule 24-2 examples can be :

- Artificially surfaced roads and cart paths (unless declared under local rules, as an integral part of the course, such as the 'Road Hole' at St.Andrews, Scotland).
- Sprinkler heads, buildings, irrigation control boxes, stakes, fences and walls, which do not define the course boundary.

Interference occurs when the said obstruction interferes with the lie of the ball, your stance or your intended swing path.

No relief may be taken if the ball lies in a water hazard or if the obstruction is in your line of play.

Relief to be taken is a drop within one club length of the nearest point of relief, but no nearer to the hole.



TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS which are covered under Rule Appendix 1.7, are non-permanent artificial objects erected in conjunction with a competition.

Some examples are:

- Tents, scoreboards, grandstands, site boards, camera or sound equipment and television towers etc.

Line of sight relief is granted if the temporary immovable object intervenes between the ball and the hole. This is in addition to relief granted due to interference. A local rule for the competition must be in force.



## MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE

With five rounds to go numbers have varied depending on weather conditions. It has been great to see so many new members attending the various events. Our Association continues to hold third spot in the state as far as membership numbers are concerned at 300+.

The VVGA Program for 2016 will be played at the following courses:

- Four Ball – Heywood – March 21-22
- Country Championship – Castlemaine – May 2-3
- Sandscrapes – Marong (near Bendigo) – August 15-16
- Teams Event – Belvoir Park (near Bendigo) – September 19-20
- State Championships – The Sands (Torquay) – October 3-4

Hopefully we will see some new faces at these events. They are highly enjoyable and the courses are quite challenging.

The recent Teams event playing at the Maffra Golf Club was a great success. Day 1 was very hot, whilst Day 2 was delayed as a result of heavy rain. Trevor Bishop narrowly missed out on winning the second day trophy on a countback.

The program for 2016 will be presented for approval at the October meeting of the Association committee. Whilst there have been some increases in green and cart rates, overall I believe the increases have been reasonable. The 2016 Program cards will be distributed at the final event for 2015 – The Dunes on December 8.

## Australian Veterans Championship

by Ken McNamara

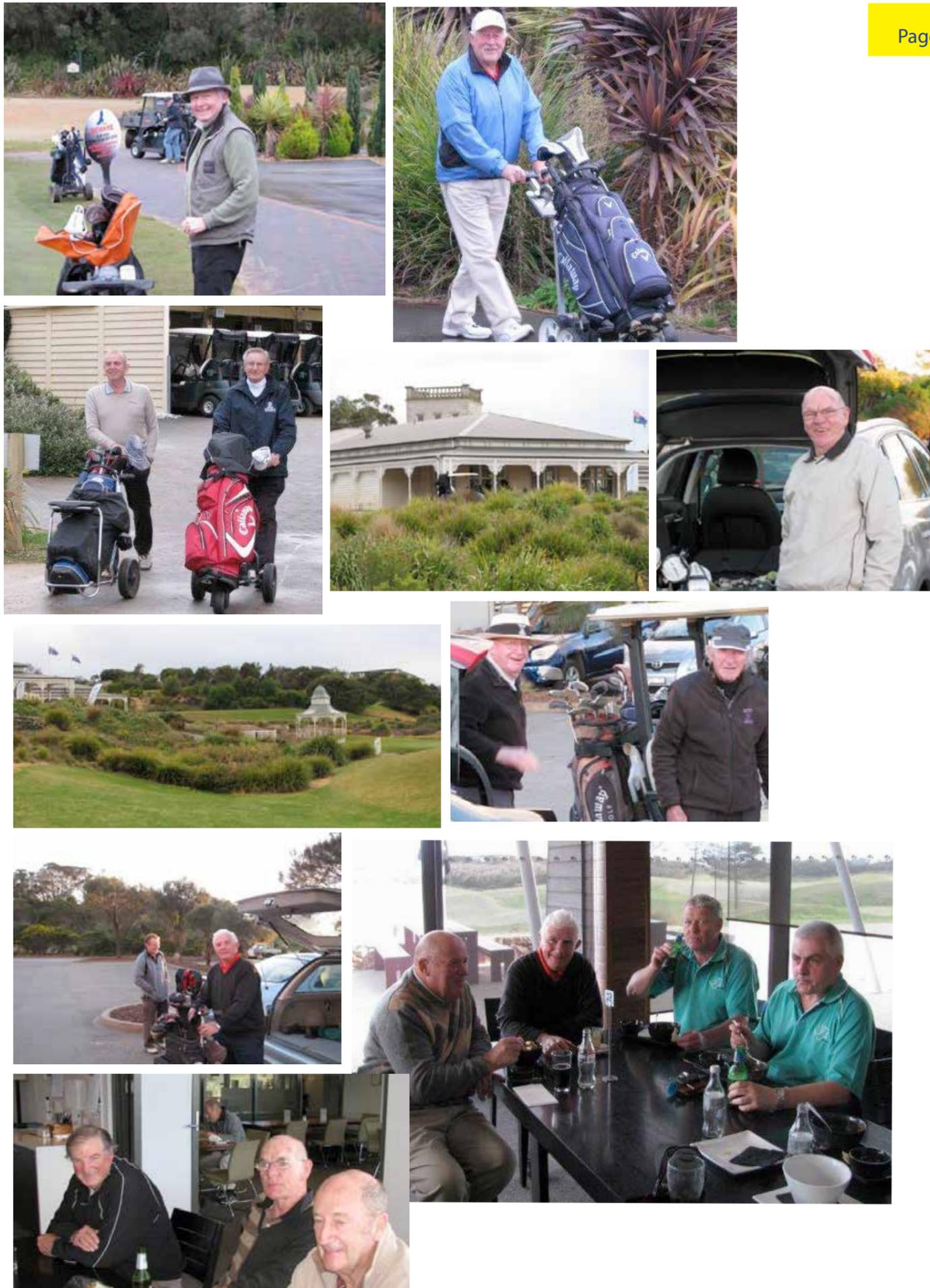
The 24th Annual AVGU National Championship was held in the Northern Territory this year from August 17-21. Darwin and Palmerston were the two courses played, with Darwin quite damp as it was well irrigated and Palmerston dry and hard. Nevertheless both were in fairly good condition although certainly not up to the standard of the wonderful courses we have on the Mornington Peninsula. The entries for this event, the biggest on the Vets calendar, were quite disappointing with just 153 men, 30 ladies and about 40 non-players attending, a long way short of usual numbers. There were just 12 male competitors from Victoria and only one from the MPVGA, Ken McNamara from The National, who managed third placing in the championship. The runaway winner of the championship was Tom Harold, a 1 handicap player from the Darwin Golf Club, a worthy winner who has just been selected in the Australian Seniors team. A definite highlight of the week was the final night Presentation Dinner being held under the stars on the practice fairway at Darwin Golf Club, fantastic food, great live band and a very busy dance floor. Next year the Championship moves to South Australia and will be played from November 6-11 at Blackwood Golf Club, Flagstaff Hill Golf Club and The Vines of Reynella Golf Club. This annual championship is a great event and well worth attending, particularly if you haven't done so before, you will thoroughly enjoy the experience.

If you wish to enter for SA next November you can do so on-line at - [savetsgolf.kingcaddy.com.au](http://savetsgolf.kingcaddy.com.au) - and click on AVGU 2016 National Championship. Alternatively email - [dodd@esc.net.au](mailto:dodd@esc.net.au) or [brave@chariot.net.au](mailto:brave@chariot.net.au) to request a printed copy of the brochure and Registration form. You can also contact the Tournament Director : Brian Nankivell 0409301151.

## COMING EVENTS

### 2015 EVENTS CALENDAR 4th QUARTER

- \* Monday October 12 - Mornington Ambrose 4's SG
- \* Monday October 26 - Devilbend Stroke
- \* Monday November 9 - Mount Martha Stableford
- \* Monday November 23 - Rosebud Park Stableford
- \* Tuesday December 8 - The Dunes Stableford SG



Pics from Eagle Ridge, Cerberus, Moonah Links, St.Andrews Beach and Maffra



Photography by Trevor Bishop



# MPVGA Events Results

# 3rd Quarter 2015

## The National (Moonah Course) - July 13

We saw quite a small field of players with a lot of cancellations as a result of the forecast weather conditions.

Although it was a bit windy at the end, in fact overall it was a fine day.

There were some reasonable results from the 41 hardy souls playing with everyone enjoying the day. The scoring was an indication of the difficulty of the conditions with a low 32 points the winning score.

### INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

#### WINNERS

##### A GRADE

Hedley Peace (DB) HC 17 32 pts (C/B)

##### B GRADE

Ed Sleightholm (DB) HC 23 31 pts

#### RUNNERS UP

##### A GRADE

Len Williams (DB) HC 16 32 pts (C/B)

##### B GRADE

Brian Jeanes (MM) HC 26 29 pts

#### NEAREST THE PINS

5th Hole: Tim Rose (Dunes)  
 8th Hole: Ken McNamara (National)  
 13th Hole: Terry Tregillis (CP)  
 17th Hole: Ed Sleightholm (DB)

## Carrington Park @ Eagle Ridge - August 10

As to be expected at this time of year numbers were down significantly and the scores were relatively ordinary, however those of us who played were pleasantly surprised by the condition of the course despite the weeks of wet weather. Although some areas were roped off and a few areas of worm castings were evident the course was generally well prepared and in good shape.

In total 52 players participated and those from (wait for it) Devilbend dominated the leaders and the ball rundown.

### INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

#### WINNERS

##### A GRADE

Rodger Bouette (DB) HC 18 36 pts

##### B GRADE

Alan Bellamy (DB) HC 29 34 pts

#### RUNNERS UP

##### A GRADE

Alan Findlay (DB) HC 14 36 pts (CB)

##### B GRADE

Brian Thomas (MGC) HC 30 33 pts

Kevin White (RCC) HC 25 33 pts

#### NEAREST THE PINS

6th Hole: Tony Clarke (RCC)  
 8th Hole: Ken Greer (SB)  
 11th Hole: Charlie Milligan (DB)  
 17th Hole: Ian Hodge (DB)

## Moonah Links (The Legends) - August 24



We had a good field of 87 players participating in this Stableford event on the wonderful 'Legends' Course at Moonah Links.

There were plenty of good scores recorded and the course was in fabulous condition.

### INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

#### WINNERS

##### A GRADE

Robert Grant(DB) HC 15 36 pts

##### B GRADE

Tony Collins (MM) HC 22 33 pts c/b

#### RUNNERS UP

##### A GRADE

Derrick Farr (SB) HC 12 35 pts

##### B GRADE

Michael Dale (DB) HC 21 33 pts

#### NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: Terry Tregillis (CP)  
 5th Hole: Geoff Clough (RP)  
 10th Hole: Gerry McQuillan (CP)  
 16th Hole: Gordon Warren (DB)

## Cerberus Golf Club - September 7



### Cerberus (continued)

Quite a small field of only 34 players joined us today on what was a well presented and prepared course.

Quote of the day:

"They don't know what they're missing"

### 4BBB STABLEFORD

#### WINNERS AND RUNNERS UP

1st Bill Brown & David Davies (Cerberus) 45 pts c/b  
 2nd Colin Dowd & Peter Molloy (Cerberus) 45 pts  
 3rd Nick Sayle & Chris Lee-Brown (RCC) 44 pts c/b  
 4th Stephen Trevena & Anthony Benstead (DB) 44 pts

#### NEAREST THE PINS

2nd Hole: Colin Dowd (C)  
 6th Hole: Roger Hutton (MM)  
 13th Hole: Bill Mansell (CP)

## St. Andrews Beach - September 21



This was an individual Stableford event and 88 players made up the rather full field. Plenty of healthy scores were made with various clubs featured in the ball run-down.

Everyone enjoyed the challenging landscape and fast greens.

### INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

#### WINNERS

##### A GRADE

Martin Server (DB) HC 15 39 pts

##### B GRADE

Dennis Bradley (MM) HC 29 37 pts

#### RUNNERS UP

##### A GRADE

Max Whelan (DB) HC 6 35 pts

Ian Watts (StA) HC 15 35 pts

##### B GRADE

Victor Rodwell (CS) HC 22 35 pts

(No NTPs this event)



DEAR MEMBERS - WE ARE ON A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SO PLEASE ASSIST US BY PASSING A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER ONTO YOUR CLUB PLAYING PARTNERS

## ARE YOU OVER 55 ? THEN JOIN US IN THE VETS

The Mornington Peninsula Veteran Golfers' Association is composed of a group of keen older club golfers who, usually two times each month, get together to play on some of the other 14 fabulous Mornington Peninsula golf courses listed alongside, at generously subsidised green fees.

If you are a financial member of one of the listed MPVGA member clubs you are then most cordially invited to join us at our next event - just call your local MPVGA associated club delegate from the following list for further information, or simply visit our website :

[www.mpvetsgolf.com.au](http://www.mpvetsgolf.com.au)

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- Devilbend Golf Club Trevor Bishop 59791780
- Flinders Golf Club c/- Peter Unkles 59872206
- Moonah Links Ian McGrane 0417084587
- Mornington Golf Club Alan Bennett 59750103
- Mount Martha Golf Club Barry Sneddon 59735885
- Portsea Golf Club Peter Cheshire 59841706
- Rosebud Country Club Kevin White 59884016
- Rosebud Park Golf Club Lew Tiedgen 59862244
- Safety Beach Golf Club Mike Henry 59873707
- Sorrento Golf Club c/- Kevin White 59884016
- St. Andrews Beach Golf Club c/- Peter Unkles 59872206
- The Dunes Paul Swinnerton 59310384
- The National Ken McNamara 59885595

