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## Message from the President



### MPVGA President

Peter Unkles

We come to the end of another successful year for the MPVGA. Whilst average attendances were down slightly this year the majority of events have been well attended. In most cases we have achieved around 4.5 hours per round so please continue to play "ready golf" and play a provisional ball when in doubt. All the courses we have played this year have been in excellent condition and the weather gods were certainly more favourable to us.

Looking forward to 2014, our subscription is being held at \$15 and is due via your club delegate who in turn will pass on to you the 2014 Schedule card which is now printed and available, a MPVGA Member golf bag tag, a copy of Parmaker booklet and a copy of the very useful "Do I get a Drop" booklet the Committee is making available to all members. Our first 2014 event will be stableford at Devilbend on Monday 20 January

The 2014 AGM will be held at the Rosebud Country Club on Monday 17 February after a shotgun start 2 ball Ambrose event. As in the past lunch will be provided by the Association. An important aspect at the AGM will be the presentation of the Len Barrow Trophy to the 2013 Bendigo Bank MPVGA Championship winner and a retrospective award of a permanent memento to all past winners of the Len Barrow Trophy. Those past winners who are able to attend will be present and others unable to attend will have their memento forwarded to them or their families. We believe

it is important to acknowledge all these winners with this permanent memento. Please note the schedule for the four Championship rounds in 2014 and we encourage all members to book those event dates in to their calendars.

We trust that all members are utilising the MPVGA website. Results are posted there within a few days of each event and quarterly Newsletters are posted quickly after each quarter end. The Start Times List for each event is posted on the website around a week before along with the Pro Shop phone number. It is important that if you are unable to attend an event that you have booked into that you advise in advance your Delegate or Ian Purchase or at the last moment the relevant course Pro Shop. The task of the Delegate in charge at each event is hard enough without non advised "no shows."

We are keen to hear your ideas and suggestions as to how to make the MPVGA more enjoyable and we encourage you to encourage new members to join. Any contribution you wish to make to our Newsletter would be greatly appreciated and can be forwarded to the Editor.

Personally I would like to thank all members for making each event a pleasant success and all Delegates and Committee Members for their contributions in making the MPVGA continue to run smoothly.

Thank you again for an enjoyable 2013 and we wish you and your families all a Happy Christmas and a healthy 2014. Looking forward to an enjoyable 2014.

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## MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



### LOCAL RULES

Local rules are established for certain abnormal conditions by the committee at each golf course. As we in the MPVGA play on a number of different courses other than our own home course, it is sensible for us to familiarise ourselves with the local rules applying from both the local rules board and from the back of the scorecard.

The following are some examples of situations in which relief without penalty is only available if a local rule has been adopted by the committee giving free relief, although some players mistakenly believe that such relief is available automatically under the rules:

### GARDENS

Relief is restricted to gardens that meet certain criteria and is often compulsory. Example where relief would be allowed are:

- gardens provided with ground cover of wood chips
- cultivated or ornamental garden beds
- all formally edged gardens
- gardens defined by white stakes with green tops

### EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN

Rule 25-2 provides relief for a ball embedded in its own pitch mark in any closely mown area ie. at fairway height.

Relief is available from all other areas only if a local rule is in effect.



### TREES OR SHRUBS REQUIRING PROTECTION

Years ago, many clubs adopted a local rule allowing relief from trees and shrubs under 2 club-lengths in height.

However, almost all clubs now adopt the recommended local rule providing protection from young trees which are staked. So height is no longer a factor.

### WHEEL RUTS

The local rule will describe the condition from which relief is available. For example, relief under Rule 25 from "clearly defined wheel ruts made by a mower, tractor or motor vehicle".

### IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

(including sprinkler heads) close to putting green

The specimen local rule on page 130 of the rule book provides relief

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from intervention on the line of play by immovable obstructions within 2 club-lengths of the putting green.

### ALL PATHS

Paths that are an introduced or artificial surface e.g. woodchips, gravel, cement, aggregate etc.

A free drop to be taken at nearest point of relief no nearer the hole. These rules above are common at most courses, but please note that free relief is not available without a local rule from the following:

- solidly embedded stones through the green
- cracks in the ground
- bare earth
- aeration holes
- damage to the course made by non-burrowing animals other than birds or reptiles.

Further, there are occasions when a local rule will deny relief where the rules normally provide free relief. For example, a local rule declaring some or all artificially surfaced roads and paths to be integral parts of the course. So, you must either play the ball as it lies or declare it unplayable in terms of Rule 28."



### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Membership fees are now due and payable to your club delegate. For the 5th consecutive year these have been held at a nominal \$15 pa.

In return for this meagre amount this year you will receive:

- a new MPVGA bag tag,
- a copy of the very handy Rules booklet "Do I Take A Drop?"
- the Fixture Schedule for 2014
- a sumptuous free lunch after golf at the AGM at Rosebud Country Club on February 17.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & LUNCH

This will take place after our Ambrose event at Rosebud Country Club on Monday February 17.

Please make a note in your diary now.

### SLOPE SYSTEM FROM JANUARY 2014

As you are aware the new Golf Link SLOPE System of handicapping commences in January 2014. All courses are rated and each set of tees on a course will be rated differently. This means that your handicap will alter every time you play at a different course with the MPVGA.

Please check your SLOPE adjusted handicap, known as your 'DAILY HANDICAP', with the organizing delegate, before you commence playing, as this will affect your scoring on some holes.

## MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE



A few weeks ago Delegates provided Tony Clarke with numbers for the 2014 program and rules booklets. An inspection of host members reveals a noticeable discrepancy between these numbers and those who actually played in our events.

For example, one club requested 35 program cards/rules booklets yet this same club had only 7 members out of a total of 70 at a home event!

Whilst members naturally have the right of choice as to which events they attend, hopefully in 2014 we will see emerge members whose absence has been noticed at a large number of events.

For the record, the 21 events of the 2013 program realized an average of 77 players. (Sorrento was washed out).

2014 is not far away and I invite members to attend at least one of the VVGA state-wide events. Venues for next year are Cohuna, Colac, Chalambar (Ararat) and Stawell.

Carrington Park members have re-located to Eagle Ridge and we look forward to re-visiting this course early next year.

Finally, I would like to thank all members for their friendship and support during the 2013 program. To Tony Clarke, Evan Carter, Trevor Bishop, Chris Lee-Brown, and Delegates, a very special thank you for invaluable assistance, in particular taking care of those small but essential matters.

I would like to extend to all members best wishes for a very safe and Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you on a regular basis in 2014.

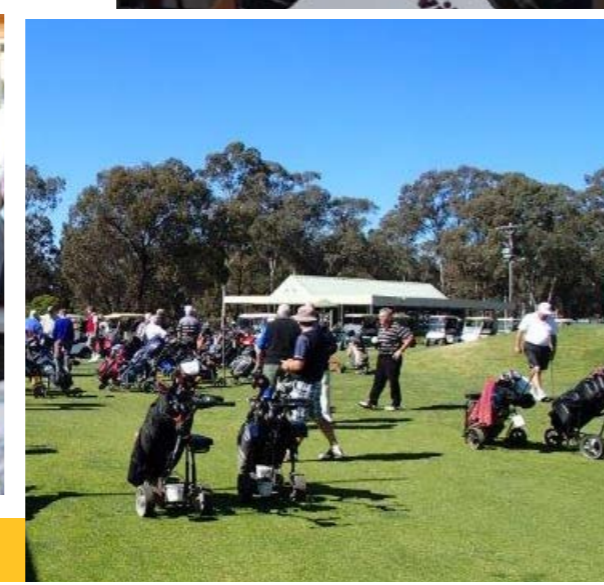
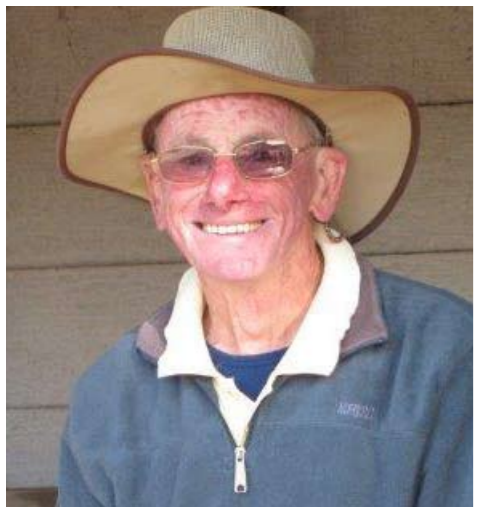
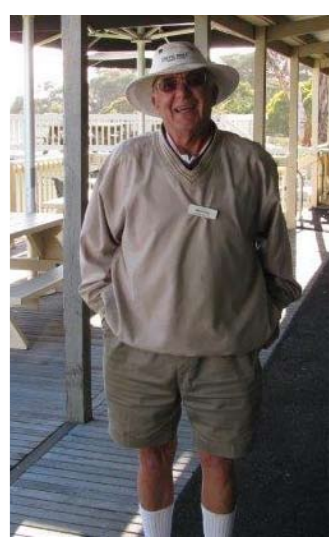
### 2014 EVENTS CALENDAR 1st QUARTER

- \* Monday January 20 - Devilbend Stableford
- \* Monday February 3 - Rosebud Park - Stableford
- \* Monday February 17 - Rosebud Country Club - Ambrose 2's & AGM
- \* Monday March 3 - Eagle Ridge (Carrington Park) - Stableford
- \* Monday March 31 - St. Andrews Beach - Stableford

## A GOLFER'S LAMENT by Mike Henry Safety Beach GC

1. These greens are so fast I have to hold my putter over the ball and hit it with the shadow.  
~ Sam Snead
2. I was three over today: One over a house, one over a patio and one over a swimming pool.  
~ George Brett
3. Actually, the only time I ever took out a one-iron was to kill a tarantula. And I took a 7 to do that.  
~ Jim Murray
4. The only sure rule in golf is - he who has the fastest cart never has to play the bad lie.  
~ Mickey Mantle
5. Sex and golf are the two things you can enjoy even if you're not good at them.  
~ Kevin Costner
6. I don't fear death, but I sure don't like those three-footers for par.  
~ Chi Chi Rodriguez
7. After all these years, it's still embarrassing for me to play on the American golf tour. Like the time I asked my caddie for a sand wedge and he came back ten minutes later with a ham on rye.  
~ Chi Chi Rodriguez
8. The ball retriever is not long enough to get my putter out of the tree.  
~ Brian Weis
9. Swing hard in case you hit it.  
~ Dan Marino
10. My favourite shots are the practice swing and the conceded putt. The rest can never be mastered.  
~ Lord Robertson
11. Give me golf clubs, fresh air and a beautiful partner, and you can keep the clubs and the fresh air.  
~ Jack Benny
- 12 There is no similarity between golf and putting; they are two different games, one played in the air, and the other on the ground.  
~ Ben Hogan
13. Professional golf is the only sport where, if you win 20% of the time, you're the best.  
~ Jack Nicklaus
14. The uglier a man's legs are, the better he plays golf. It's almost a law.  
~ H. G. Wells
15. I never pray on a golf course. Actually, the Lord answers my prayers everywhere except on the course  
~ Billy Graham
16. If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play at it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf.  
~ Bob Hope
17. While playing golf today, I hit two good balls. I stepped on a rake.  
~ Henny Youngman
18. If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball.  
~ Jack Lemmon
19. You can make a lot of money in this game. Just ask my ex-wives. Both of them are so rich that neither of their husbands work.  
~ Lee Trevino
20. I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced  
~ Lee Trevino

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



Pics from Devilbend, Mount Martha and Bendigo

Photography by Trevor Bishop



# MPVGA Events Results

## Mornington GC - October 14

As usual, we had a full field at Mornington for this very popular Ambrose competition with 76 players making up 19 teams.  
 While the weather was a bit ordinary and the course was still recovering from a particularly wet winter, some very good scores were returned, with the Mornington teams dominating the event.  
 The ball run down cut off at a very commendable Nett 63, being 9 under par for the event.  
 The winning Mornington team scored 58.4 (13.6 under par) followed in a very close 2nd position by the second Mornington team with a Nett 59.

### AMBROSE 4's STROKE WINNERS:

Mornington Team of:  
 Alan Callaway, Bob Leatham, Mike Howell and Pat Wech  
 Nett Score 58.4

### RUNNERS UP:

Mornington Team of:  
 Andrew Graham, Tony Du Preez, John Holness and Terry Flavell  
 Nett Score 59

### NEAREST THE PINS:

5th Hole: Charlie Milligan (DB)  
 7th Hole: Mike Howell (MGC)  
 10th Hole: Shayne Romari (Dunes)  
 16th Hole: John Holness (MGC)

## Cerberus GC - October 28

The rain held off and those who played Cerberus in this event really enjoyed the camaraderie and the friendship offered by the Cerberus guys.  
 The course was in very reasonable shape following a lengthy wet period however numbers were down.  
 Some very good scores were recorded and we sincerely thank Tich for his efforts in making this a very enjoyable outing.

### 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)



# 3rd Quarter 2013

## Devilbend - November 11

The course was in fine shape following the recent club championships and the day was relatively kind to us. Well it was, up until just before 12 noon when the skies opened up and almost drowned those still continuing to finish their rounds.  
 The very very strong (80 Km) winds which buffeted the course from the east caused a lot of havoc on the Par 3, 3rd hole where the out of bounds marker was a strong magnet for many a ball.  
 A difficult day for Stroke playing with scores reflecting the challenge that the day provided with not one player matching his handicap.

### STROKE

#### WINNERS

**A Grade**  
 John Rosenbrock (DB) 14 75 (c/b)

**B Grade**  
 Derrick West (DB) 28 74

#### RUNNERS UP

**A Grade:** J Hunter (MM) 17 75  
**B Grade:** Alan Blight (DB) 31 78  
 Alan Bennett (MGC) 26 78

### NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Alan Bellamy (DB)  
 11th Hole: Ian Purchase (DB)  
 13th Hole: Rob Searl (DB)



## Mount Martha - November 25

A most successful day with 89 participants. The Captain has reported that the course was in the best condition that he had ever seen it - tidy, new paths added, clearly defined fairways, and of course, the usual 'tricky' Mount Martha greens.  
 Afterwards, the players were treated to the usual high standard of hospitality from the Mountain lads.  
 "Always a great day at Mount Martha" says Ian.

### INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

#### WINNERS

**A Grade**  
 Tim Webb (DB) 8 41 points

**B Grade**  
 Val Fox (MM) 28 42 points

#### A Grade:

J Wilson (DB) 17 37 points

#### B Grade:

Brian McCrae (MM) 31 41 points

### NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Stuart Beaver (MM)  
 5th Hole: John Neal (MM)  
 13th Hole: Tim Webb (DB)  
 16th Hole: Trevor Bishop (DB)



## The Dunes - December 10

Despite unfavourable weather conditions, including gale force winds which always managed to blow right in your face, 83 brave souls battled the elements, met triumph with disaster, and enjoyed a well earned rest at the end of the round.

One sour note - eight members forgot to ring in either with Ian or at the club. Course conditions were very good but the back markers made it a stretch and the greens were a dash tricky.

### INDIVIDUAL PAR

#### WINNERS:

##### A Grade:

Clive Meaby (RCC) 17 +1

##### B Grade:

Leslie Benton (The Dunes) 21 +2

#### RUNNERS UP:

##### A Grade:

Michael Anderson (CS) 15 -1

##### B Grade:

Stan Eddy (National) 22 0

#### NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Ian Purchase (DB)

6th Hole: Neil Kay (CS)

13th Hole: Paul Swinnerton (The Dunes)

17th Hole: Clive Meaby (RCC)

## The VVGA Championships - Neangar Bendigo October 2013. Extra Photo Round-up

