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## Message from the President



MPVGA President

### Bill Peachey

On behalf of the Committee and myself I wish all our members a Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2013.

Yet another year has passed us by and what a hectic year it was as the Association took on the running of the 2012 Regis AVGU Championship as well as the normal 20+ events throughout the year.

Ken McNamara has reported on the 2012 AVGU within the newsletter. The championship was an enormous success, largely due to the amazing amount of time and energy put in by Ken. My personal thanks to him and to the many other volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure the event ran smoothly.

I greatly appreciate the help and support of the hardworking MPVGA Committee this last year. We have had a busy but rewarding 12 months.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The AGM of the Association will be held on Monday 18th February 2013 at the Rosebud Country Club following the competition on that day.

As in previous years, a free luncheon will be provided for

all financial members prior to the AGM. Nominations are invited for the roles of Office Bearers. All nominations are to be made in writing and submitted to the Secretary by the 11th February, 2013. Nomination forms may be obtained from your club's Delegate. Any motion not received in writing prior to the AGM cannot be voted on at that meeting.

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be as follows:-

- Apologies
- Confirm Minutes of previous AGM
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Captain's Report
- President's Report
- Any other business

**Kevin White Hon. Secretary,  
MPVGA Inc.**

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

These are due on 1st January and prompt payment of the 2013 fees would be appreciated by your club delegate.

The amount is \$15.00, unchanged from past years.

- **OFFICE BEARERS 2012**
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## MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



### PRACTICE

It has occasionally come to notice that a member has not been aware of the rules on practice, particularly before a round. The penalty can be severe.

Before a round of a stroke play competition, a competitor must not practice on the competition course or test the surface of any putting green.

Penalty: Disqualification (Rule 7-1b)

Practice is confined to the designated practice:

- (1) green
- (2) chipping area
- (3) range
- (4) nets

### EXCEPTION:

Practice putting or chipping on or near the first tee or any practice area is permitted.

During a round a player may only practice putting or chipping on or near:

- (a) the putting green of the last hole played
- (b) any practice putting green
- (c) the tee of the next hole to be played provided a practice stroke is not made from a hazard. (Rule 7-2)

Penalty for breach is 2 strokes and if between the play of 2 holes the penalty applies to the next hole.

A decision on practice balls is worth noting:

The hitting of a practice range ball back towards the range by way of a full practice stroke would constitute a breach of Rule 7-2, if during the play of a hole.

But, the casual flicking of a range ball for the purpose of tidying up the course would not be a breach.

(Decision 7-2/5)

Note that on a day of a match play competition, a player may practice on the course before a round. (Rule 7-1a.)

You should check event conditions beforehand as this is not always permitted.

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## MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE

As this is the final newsletter for 2012, I would like to thank all members of the MPVGA for their involvement in this year's program. A special thank you is extended to the Committee including the Delegates, Vice Captain Tony Clarke, Treasurer Evan Carter, Handicapper Trevor Bishop, and Newsletter Editor Chris Lee-Brown for their invaluable assistance in a variety of the Association's activities.

2013 is not far away and I would like to invite more MPVGA members to take part in the forthcoming VVGA state-wide program. Venues for 2013 are at Maffra, Wangaratta, Rutherglen, Shepparton and Neangar Park (Bendigo). When combined with 22 local club events, next year promises to be very busy. We look forward to your involvement – in particular those members whose attendance has declined over the past two years.

The 2013 program is finally ready for printing. Whilst most clubs made minimal increases to their green/cart rates, some clubs did increase their rates somewhat beyond our expectations. We are, however, still enjoying our golf at more than reasonable rates.

It was indeed a pleasure to be involved in the AVGU Championships held on 11-16 November at some of the premier courses on the Mornington Peninsula. I would like to thank all MPVGA members who provided invaluable assistance during this event. A special thank you is extended to Ken McNamara for his superb leadership in all areas of management of this most highly successful tournament.

Finally, to all MPVGA members, I would like to extend best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you at the traditional opening event – Devilbend on 21st January.

### 1st QUARTER PLANNED EVENTS

- Monday January 21 - Devilbend - STABLEFORD
- Monday February 4 - Mornington - STABLEFORD
- Monday February 18 - Rosebud Country Club - CANADIAN FOURSOMES & AGM
- Monday March 4 - Carrington Park - STABLEFORD
- Monday March 18 - St. Andrews - STABLEFORD

### STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - PHILLIP ISLAND

#### October 2012

According to our captain, Ian Purchase, it was a Devilbend 'takeover' and the following bears this out.

#### Division 1 Individual Stableford

Winner - Gordon Warren - 37 points (DB)

Runner Up Net 36 hole event - Laurie Leyden (DB)

#### Nearest the Pins

- Peter Warwick, Gordon Warren and John Cockfield (DB)

#### Ball Run Down:

Max Whelan (Stroke), Trevor Bishop x 2, Peter Warwick, John Addicoat, Laurie Leyden and Rob Grant (DB).

As a result of excessive rainfall in the area, the course was not at its best. - preferred lies on the fairway. It is a minor miracle that the course came up to an acceptable standard as parts of it were under water!

The Superintendent and his ground staff performed a few 'miracles' and organization-wise all worked out well.



Gordon Warren - Devilbend Stableford Winner Phillip Island

### REGIS 2012 AUSTRALIAN VETERAN GOLFERS UNION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS by Ken McNamara

Way back in 2007 we were asked as a District if we had the capability to stage the 2012 AVGU National Championships. A question such as that is like a red rag to a bull – could we? Of course we could!! We have world class golf courses, what more could you possibly need?

Well what we needed was a real vision of how to show 500+ veteran golfers a wonderful week on and off the golf course and to have them return to their home towns across Australia as ambassadors for our beautiful Mornington Peninsula. Negotiations with potential sponsors, golf club managers, Mornington Peninsula Shire and many others, really did begin five years ago – hard to imagine this would be necessary – but this is one of the largest golf tournaments in Australia and forward planning was vital.

I think the golf clubs humoured us, doubting the need for bookings so far in advance, but they took them anyway. The Shire however, really did understand the potential tourism value of so many visitors descending on the area from all parts of the coun-

try and were behind our efforts from day one.

Having a naming rights sponsor was important and negotiations with more than one company fell flat until about 18 months before the event we were fortunate to meet and come to an agreement with the Regis group. As operators of aged care and assisted living establishments across Australia they could see the Veteran Golfers as being the right demographic and decided to take a chance on us providing suitable and broad based advertising of their name and their association with us.

Slowly but surely the build-up and organizing progressed, yet it always seemed a long way in the future to November 2012. The reality hit home in October 2011 when armed with our Tournament brochures and a package of local tourism information, we launched our event in Hobart at their staging of the 2011 Championships.

From that moment the momentum built quickly with entries arriving from day one and within three short months we would declare – entries closed, capacity reached. Naturally demand continued, a very lengthy waiting list resulted, then due to unfortunate illnesses, injuries, etc. many cancellations occurred and eventually all those who registered an interest were invited to play.

And so to all the behind the scenes organization – databases to be established, tournament shirts and caps to be made, welcome bags to be designed and filled for our visitors, press articles to be written, volunteers to be recruited, and much, , much more.

The two months leading into the event saw almost frantic activity at times with constant meetings involving our Tournament Committee, the golf clubs, the caterers, the printers, various suppliers, etc with timelines shrinking and so much to do. But all of a sudden everything came together and we were as ready as we could be to welcome our visitors, Veteran golfers from every corner of the country.

Sunday 11th November was bright and sunny and 533 participants registered at Rosebud Country Club and got their first taste of local hospitality.

On Monday a fourball was held at Rosebud Country Club with morning and afternoon fields using both courses – 402 players for the day – and it ran like clockwork, an awesome day.

The 54 Hole Championship was conducted on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday playing The Dunes, the Legends course at Moonah Links and the Ocean course at The National. These are tough but exceptional golf courses and players were as one in their praise of the layouts and their manicured presentation.

The week culminated in a Presentation Dinner at Mornington Racing Club, 470 attended to be treated to a fine meal and excellent service. We were honoured by the presence of the just elected Mayor of the Mornington Peninsula Shire, Cr Lynne Bowden as well as sponsor representatives including Greg Briggs, Business Development Manager from Regis, and Gary Sanford, Senior Manager from the Rye and District Community Bank. A fitting and very satisfying end to an excellent week atop five years of planning.

A huge thank you to almost 60 local Veteran members who assisted in making the Regis 2012 Australian Veteran Golfers Championships a memorable and highly successful event. Check our local website for results and photographs – www.mpvets-golf.com.au



# Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



**PICS FROM SAFETY BEACH, PHILLIP ISLAND, ST. ANDREWS & THE DUNES**  
**PHOTOGRAPHER: TREVOR BISHOP**



# MPVGA Events Results

## Safety Beach - October 1

Disappointing numbers and difficult ground and weather conditions made this a challenging day's golf.

However some good scores were recorded and we give our thanks to Mike Henry on organizing an enjoyable event.

### STABLEFORD EVENT

#### WINNERS:

##### A: GRADE

Tony Clarke (RCC) 16 36pts CB.

##### B: GRADE

Geoff Oates (DB) 30 41pts CB.

### RUNNERS-UP:

#### A: GRADE

Mike Szeitz (SB) 17 36pts

#### B: GRADE

Peter Molloy (C) 19 41pts

### NEAREST THE PINS:

6th Hole: John Raymond (CS)

9th Hole : Mike Henry (SB)

12th Hole : Alan Thomas (SB)

13TH Hole: Derrik Farr (SB)

### ENTRY PRIZE:

Kevin White (RCC)

## Cerberus - October 15

Despite a very small field of only 39 players the usual staunch supporters showed up to brave the threatening conditions. The course was pretty tough due to the preceding long wet period with preferred lies to offset the difficulties.

### STROKE EVENT

#### WINNERS:

##### A: GRADE

Tim Sanders (CP) 14 Net 68

##### B: GRADE

Peter Molloy (C) 19 Net 68

### RUNNERS-UP:

#### A: GRADE

John Raymond (CS) 13 Net 69

#### B: GRADE

Brian Robertson (DB) 23 Net 69

### NEAREST THE PINS:

2nd Hole: Tony Wells (DB)

4th Hole : Graham Beaton (DB)

6th Hole : Pat Wech (M)

13th Hole: Trevor Bishop (DB)

### ENTRY PRIZE:

John Williams (D)

# 4th Quarter 2012

## Devilbend - November 5

The course was in a great condition. The day was ideal for a game of golf but only 55 veteran's put their name down to play.

However some good scores were made and the winner in "A" Grade was Rob Searl ( DB ) off 14 with 35 points. The winner in " B " Grade was Eddie Saunders ( DB ) off 29 with 43 points. A SUPERB GAME, Eddie.

### STABLEFORD EVENT:

#### WINNERS:

##### A: GRADE

Robert Searl (DB) 14 35pts

##### B: GRADE

Eddie Saunders (DB) 29 43pts

### RUNNERS-UP:

#### A: GRADE

John Whitlock (CP) 17 34pts

#### B: GRADE

Robert Sims (DB) 36 40pts

### NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Brian Birchmore (DB)

8th Hole : Trevor Bishop (DB)

13th Hole : B Dixon (Guest)

### ENTRY PRIZE:

John Brooks (DB)

## Mount Martha - November 26

An ideal day for golf and 93 players took the opportunity to enjoy a round on a good golf course. Again, the home course members were prominent in the prizes.

The winners on the day were in "A" Grade, John Neal off 16 with 40 points and in "B" Grade, the winner was Peter Finney off 19 with 42 points. ( C/B )

Both winners from the Mt Martha Golf Club. Well done, guys.

### STABLEFORD EVENT:

#### WINNERS:

##### A: GRADE

John Neal ( MM ) 16 40pts

##### B: GRADE

Peter Finney ( MM ) 19 42pts c/b

### RUNNERS-UP:

#### A: GRADE

Bob Kent ( C ) 17 38pts

#### B: GRADE

William McGennissen ( DB ) 27 42pts

### NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: David King ( MM )

5th Hole : Michael Palmer ( DB )

13th Hole : Pat Wech ( M )

16th Hole : Robert Reeves ( DB )

### ENTRY PRIZE:

Ron Schreiber ( MM )



## St. Andrews Beach - December 4

56 defiant golfers played at St Andrews Beach despite nearly having to call it off again due to the rain. However the winners today were in " A " Grade, 'Bloody Ben' Benson off 17 with 32 points and in " B " Grade, it was John Holness, off 21 with 34 points.

Both are from the Mornington Golf Club so are well accustomed to difficult conditions. Well done guys.

### STABLEFORD:

#### WINNERS:

##### A: GRADE

Terrence 'Ben' Benson ( M ) 17 32pts

##### B: GRADE

John Holness ( M ) 21 34pts

### RUNNERS-UP:

#### A: GRADE

Roger Bouette ( DB ) 15 30pts

Bob Brown ( CP ) 14 30pts

#### B: GRADE

Bill Lawson ( DB ) 19 31pts

### NEAREST THE PINS:

6th Hole: Ian Hodge ( DB )

11th Hole : John Wilson ( DB )

16th Hole : Jim Hewitt ( CP )

### ENTRY PRIZE:

Rob Grant ( DB )



## The Dunes - December 11

It was a near perfect day for golf and 82 guys enjoyed the day as not a cloud was to be seen. There were some great rounds played and the winner in "A" Grade was Denis Eisenbise off 16 from Cape Schanck with +6. He had +6 on the back nine ! He won on a countback from Ian McGrane ( ML ) off 16 as well. The winner in " B " Grade was Gordon Crockett off 24 with +5. Another terrific round. Congratulations fellas.

### STABLEFORD:

#### WINNERS:

##### A: GRADE

Denis Eisenbise ( CS ) 16 +6 on countback

##### B: GRADE

Gordon Crockett ( D ) 24 +5

### RUNNERS-UP:

#### A: GRADE

Ian McGrane ( ML ) 16 +6

#### B: GRADE

Robin Keeble ( D ) 19 +2

Mike Howell ( M ) 27 +2

Pat Wech ( M ) 29 +2

Roger Hutton ( MM ) 25 +2

### NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Ian McGrane ( ML )

6th Hole: John Raymond ( CS )

13th Hole : Peter Unkles ( CS )

17th Hole : Alan Wagstaff ( DB )

### ENTRY PRIZE:

Allan Callaway ( M )

