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Message from the President



MPVGA President

Bill Peachey

On behalf of the Committee and myself, I would like to wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and safe New Year.

2011 has again been an eventful and successful year with 23 games played at the various golf clubs on the Peninsula. The golf courses have been in terrific condition but the weather has not always been so kind. Perhaps next year???

My personal thanks go to the Captain and Vice-Captain for another great program. I think that next year's program will be better, so let all your mates know and we look forward to good attendances at our golf events.

Also many thanks go to the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Newsletter Editor for another valuable and informative year. Well done Kevin, Tich and Chris.

It has been an unbelievably busy year for our Vice President, Ken McNamara who has done an incredibly good job organising the Regis 2012 AVGU National Championships to be held between the 11th and 16th November, 2012. This event will be held at various courses, namely The Dunes, Moonah Links and The National Golf Club. Registration will be made at the Rosebud Country Club with a warm up event organised there on the Monday, before the start of the competition. We hope to have nearly 400 golfers participating with a Presentation Dinner at the Mornington Racing Club at the end of this event. The Committee would appreciate it if you can keep this time of the year free to assist with the running of this most important tournament. We are showing off our area and the Mornington Peninsula Tourism (sponsor) are hoping for a "sell out" event. Again, I trust that you had an enjoyable Christmas and see you all in 2012.

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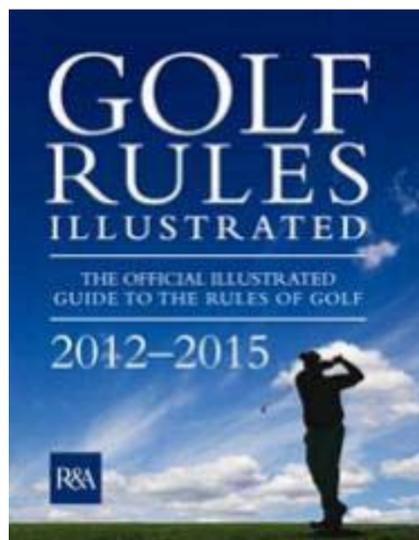


MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



RULES OF GOLF

Recently the R&A and the USGA announced the publication of the new RULES OF GOLF handbook for 2012-2015.



The rules handbook has, for the first time, been designed, published and presented jointly by golf's governing bodies. They will be in force from 1 January 2012 for the ensuing 4 years.

Please ensure you obtain your copy from your club. Copies should be available very shortly. Keep it in your golf bag and refer to it whenever necessary.

Following an exhaustive 4 year review of the 34 playing rules, nine principal rules have been amended to improve clarity and ensure penalties are proportionate.

Significant changes include:

Definitions: Addressing the ball

The definition is amended so that a player has

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addressed the ball simply by grounding his club immediately in front of or behind the ball, regardless of whether or not he has taken his stance. Therefore, the rules no longer provide for a player addressing the ball in a hazard.

Rules

Rule 6-3a 'Time of starting'

Amended to provide that the penalty for starting late, but within 5 minutes of the starting time, is reduced from disqualification to loss of the first hole in Match Play or 2 strokes at the first hole in Stroke Play.

Rule 13-4 Ball in hazard - Prohibited actions

Exception 2 to this rule is amended to permit a player to smooth sand or soil in a hazard at any time, including before playing from that hazard, provided it is for the sole purpose of caring for the course and rule 13-2 (improving lie) is not breached.



Rule 18-2b ball moving after address

A new exception is added that exonerates the player from penalty if his ball moves after it had been addressed when it is known or virtually certain that he did not cause the ball to move. For example, if it is a gust of wind that moves the ball after it has been addressed, there will be no penalty and the ball is to be played from its new position.

This will see an end to situations like the final round in the open at Royal St. George's this year when Rory McIlroy was penalised when his ball was moved on the 7th green by the wind after he had addressed it.

MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT



IAN PURCHASE

The 2012 Program and entry forms are now with your Delegates. Membership cards will be distributed when available. Hopefully many members who were unable to fully participate in the program will renew their association in 2012. Apart from the MPVGA program, the 2012 AVGU Championships will be held at four of our quality courses from 12-16 November. Your involvement will be requested closer to the event. Further details are on the Association's website.

It is hard to believe that another year is just about over. Whilst numbers have decreased somewhat, we are fortunate in having many members who not only attend these events, but thoroughly enjoy themselves after each event. Long may this tradition continue.

It is my opinion (and that of others who have played the course), that a cart is essential at St Andrews Beach. My suggestion is that you enter this event with a partner even if he is from another club. Forty one carts are currently available. I have already booked my cart for next year!

I would like to thank all members for their involvement in this year's program. A special thank you is extended to Tony Clarke (Vice Captain), Chris Lee-Brown (Editor) and the club Delegates. I look forward to seeing you at Devilbend in January and would like to wish all members a very safe and Happy Christmas.

COMING EVENTS 1st QUARTER 2012

- Devil Bend - Monday January 16 - Stableford
- Flinders - Wednesday February 8 - 4BBB Stableford
- Rosebud Country Club - Monday February 20 - Canadian 4-somes followed by AGM & lunch.
- Carrington Park - Monday March 5 - Stroke
- Cape Schanck - Monday March 19 - Stableford

OUR SPONSORS

The 2012 Regis AVGU National Championships have been mentioned more than once in this and a few preceding newsletters, but this is an event that needs to be in the forefront of the minds of all members of the MPVGA until we have successfully managed it through to its completion in November. We must continue to express our great thanks to our sponsors, particularly **Regis** and the **Mornington Peninsula Shire**. Without sponsorship, events such as this are impossible to conduct. **Regis**, as naming rights sponsor, is an organization with which we can identify, hope we may not need in our advancing years, but accept that should we do so we will be in the best hands possible. **Regis** manage 46 aged care centres around Australia offering low and high care support, specialist dementia and palliative support, and temporary respite accommodation. We are delighted to have **Regis** on board for our event in November 2012 and hope that in future years they will continue to support Australian Veteran Golf. For any information go to – www.regis.com.au



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Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



Mornington winning Ambrose Team October 2011

Les Bruce

Terry Flavell

Chris Lee-Brown

Peter Hume



PICS FROM MORNINGTON, SAFETY BEACH, & THE DUNES

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MPVGA Events Results

Mornington Golf Club - October 10 Results

Despite threatening storms, a strong field of 26 teams (101 players) contested this popular annual AMBROSE event at picturesque Mornington Golf Club which is at its best in Spring. Obviously local knowledge was a factor with Mornington teams featuring strongly in the Winners' list and the ball run-down. The winning team of Flavell, Lee-Brown, Hume & Bruce managed a commendable net 58.5 beating a hybrid Mornington-Devil Bend 4-some by only 1.2 points. The course was in fantastic condition and yes, the storms held off until after lunch.

AMBROSE TEAMS EVENT STROKE PLAY WINNERS:

Terry Flavell, Chris Lee-Brown, Les Bruce & Peter Hume (M) Aggregate HC 12.5 Net Score 58.5

RUNNERS UP:

Ian McKenzie, John Higgins (M) and Bruce Moffatt & Peter Blyth (DB) Aggregate HC 12.12 Net Score 59.88

NEAREST THE PINS:

5th Hole: Evan Carter (C)
7th Hole: Bill Mansell (CP)
10th Hole: Bob Brady (SB)

ENTRY PRIZE WINNER:

Gift Voucher: John Higgins (M)

Devilbend - October 24

This event had to be cancelled despite a good turnout when the weather closed in with severe storms drenching all participants. The MPVGA has very generously agreed to forgo the normal \$4 comp fee for the next Devilbend event in January to all those who paid but did not complete the round due to the cancellation, however this excludes the 17 Devilbend members who did compete in their own comp on that day. (list is available from Ian Purchase)

Safety Beach Golf Club - November 7 Results

The 52 players who participated were welcomed by A1 weather conditions. The course was in superb condition – probably the best for a few years. A great fun day very capably organized by Mike Henry.

MODIFIED STABLEFORD WINNER:

John Hunter (MM) 19 57pts

RUNNER UP:

Dave Shirley (MM) 22 56pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

2nd Hole: no winner
6th Hole: David Mair (SB)
12th: Evan Carter (C)
13th Hole: Derrick Farr (SB)

ENTRY PRIZE WINNER:

Gift Voucher: John Hunter (MM)



4th Quarter 2011

Mount Martha - November 21

Mt Martha turned on excellent weather and a course that was in excellent condition. This course gets better every year. All who attended were treated to the usual A1 Mt Martha hospitality. Local knowledge, particularly on the greens, was obviously very important going by the results. Out of bounds proved challenging for a number of the visitors as I can personally testify.

STABLEFORD WINNERS:

"A" Grade:
Gerry Truscott (MM) 12 38pts cb
"B" Grade:
Heinz Fluss (MM) 26 39pts

RUNNERS UP:

"A" Grade:
Ross Schweitzer (M) 18 38pts
"B" Grade:
Doug Ryder (MM) 31 38pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: no winner
5th Hole: Tim Sanders (CP)
12th: no winner
16th Hole: Len Ludlam (DB)

ENTRY PRIZE WINNER:

Gift Voucher: Peter Finney (MM)



The Dunes - December 13

The course was, as usual, in great condition and attracted a strong contingent of members with 103 players. Strong winds were, however, evident on certain holes. We were able to see the construction of the new par 4 15th hole, running due west, and the downhill par 5 16th hole. Both these holes will be in play around March 2012.

STABLEFORD WINNERS:

"A" Grade:
Ian McGrane (ML) 16 41pts
"B" Grade:
Rob Reeves (DB) 18 35pts cb

RUNNERS UP:

"A" Grade:
John Raymond (RCC) 13 39pts
"B" Grade:
Peter Unkles (CS) 20 35pts
Pat Wech (M) 30 35pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Bruce Dawson (MM)
6th Hole: R Murrell (M)
13th: Gordon Groves (DB)
17th Hole: Rob Reeves (DB)





AVGU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011- HOBART TASMANIA

The beautiful city of Hobart was the venue for the 2011 AVGU National Championships held in late October. Some 316 players competed in this annual week of golf which is the highlight of Veterans Golf in Australia. The weather was a bit damp on the first day but pleasantly mild and sunny for the rest of the week. Southern Tasmania had a very wet winter and spring and resultingly the tournament organizers had difficulty selecting courses that had withstood the above average rainfall. Unfortunately one of the courses chosen, North West Bay, designed by Tasmanian legend Peter Toogood, was extremely wet and almost unplayable. A great shame as the layout here was of good design and a very strong course which included four par 4 holes in excess of 400 metres in length. The second course played was Claremont, next to the Cadbury factory, and set on a peninsula of land in the Derwent inlet. A rolling, tree lined course in excellent condition, it was a pleasure to play. Last, and certainly not least, we played at The Tasmania Golf Course, a first class championship course at Barilla Bay. This lengthy and testing course was in superb condition and a fitting finale to the week of golf.

On the 28th October the Presentation Dinner was held at Wrest Point Casino, with the room beautifully themed, and a very good local band providing the entertainment. Presentations were made to Geoffrey Dodge of Tasmania, the 2011 Scratch Champion, and Dave Burns from Gladstone in Queensland, the 2011 Handicap Champion. At the completion of the presentations the Tournament Director, Don Graham, then presented the "Symbol of Fellowship" to Ken McNamara, representing the Mornington Peninsula, to be its custodian until the completion of the 2012 event. In difficult financial times and also having experienced difficult weather conditions, the Southern Tasmanian Veteran Golfers Association put together an excellent tournament, which was enjoyed and appreciated by all who participated.

AVGU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012 MORNINGTON PENINSULA

Well time seems to be moving quickly now as we enter 2012 and realize that this is the year the MPVGA plays host to the biggest event in Veterans Golf in Australia. It's hard to believe that planning for the National Championships actually commenced late in 2007 when we were asked as a district to consider if we were prepared to take on such a task. Your committee certainly didn't take the matter lightly and many long discussions ensued before it was decided that yes, we have the golf courses and we have the will to carry off the mammoth amount of work involved. As you have read in preceding newsletters, much of the lead up and organisational work has been completed, with entry forms now spread all around the country, details on web sites in every State, and councilors spreading the word amongst their local memberships. You will see elsewhere in this newsletter that the official launch of our event took place at the 2011 Championships in Hobart and from that moment entries have been coming in steadily. As I write this article we have passed the halfway mark in the number of bookings we can handle, so I expect we should reach capacity in the first month or two of 2012. November is still many months ahead but much work is still to be done and from January the MPVGA will have a Tournament Committee in place who will meet regularly to discuss progress and ensure that everything runs smoothly when our visitors arrive on 11th November. The Hobart event went well given some of the problems they faced, but there was some disappointment expressed by some AVGU delegates and competitors as they felt the number of players was a little below expectations and that there could have been one or two better courses chosen. There is a degree of pressure on our district to produce a high standard event with a capacity field, which your committee feels is within our capability. The courses chosen for the Championships are possibly the best selection and certainly the highest ranked that this event has had for many years, so all we need to do is back that up with good organization and management. Mornington Peninsula Tourism believe that this will be the biggest tourism event on the Peninsula for all of 2012 so we certainly would like to ensure that they are correct in that belief. It has been mentioned previously in our newsletters of the need for volunteers on each day of the event to assist with registrations, score recording, spotting, checking cards, etc., to make sure everything runs smoothly, and a reasonable estimate would be that we need around 20 people per day. We can't offer any payment, just a free lunch and hopefully a volunteer thank you day after the event is over, plus our huge thanks in playing a part in what we hope will be the best AVGU National Championships ever. If you would like to get involved please contact either – Ken McNamara – Email: kenneth.mcnamara@bigpond.com.au Phone : 59885595 or 0400799852
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