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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 Happy Christmas and a Safe and Healthy New Year.

2010 has been another successful year with 23 games played at various golf clubs on the Mornington Peninsula. However the weather has not always played its part but as versatile golfers, we have endured many different conditions and pulled up with a positive frame of mind.

Many thanks go to the Captain and Vice Captain, namely Ian Purchase and Tony Clarke for a terrific program this year.

To Evan Carter, as this was his first year as Treasurer. He has completed a great year providing accurate financial information for all our Committee Meetings.

Also to Chris Lee- Brown for the fabulous quarterly newsletters. A different format this year and I have had many favorable comments praising our newsletters.

Peter Molloy has been instrumental in inputting most of the golf results into the Golfink system and therefore updating our handicaps as soon as possible. Many thanks for all your efforts, Peter.

Further, I would like give a special Thank You to Alan Bennett our MPVGA Secretary. Alan has been doing this thankless task for many years. He has gone about his work quietly and positively, maintaining our corporate due diligence as well as Association correspondence and accurate and timely Minutes for our committee meetings. He has decided to retire at the next MPVGA Annual General Meeting and the Committee has appreciated all of your efforts, Alan.

Finally, The Vice-President, Ken McNamara has kept me on my toes and we are progressing with the 2012 Aust. Vets. Golf event to be held in November 2012 and things are going really well.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Monday 21st February 2011 at Rosebud Country Club following the competition of that day.

Following the Annual General Meeting a free luncheon will be provided for all financial members.

Nominations are invited for the positions of President, Vice- President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Treasurer and Secretary. Nominations must be made in writing and submitted to the Secretary by 14 February 2011. Nomination forms may be obtained from club delegates.

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

- Apologies
- Minutes of previous AGM
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Captain's Report
- President's Report

Any motion not received in writing prior to the Annual General Meeting cannot be voted on at that meeting.

Alan Bennett

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER Correct Procedure when Marking your Ball.

According to the R&A :

"the position of the ball to be lifted should be marked by placing a ball-marker, a small coin or other similar object immediately behind the ball." rule 20-1.

QUESTIONS

So, can a player legitimately mark his ball
(a) by placing his ball-marker to the side or in front of the ball?

- (b) by reference to a repaired plugmark approx. 2 cm. from his ball?
- (c) by placing his ball-marker approx. 5 cm. behind the ball?
- (d) by using a tee?
- (e) by placing the toe of his putter behind or at the side of the ball?

Please note that if a ball-marker is accidentally moved in the process of lifting a ball, the ball-marker may be replaced without penalty. However, if the movement of the ball-marker is not directly attributable to the marking of or lifting the ball, the player incurs a penalty of 1 stroke. That is what happened to Ian Poulter recently when he dropped his ball on his marker, causing it to move.

ANSWERS

- (a) yes; decision 20-1/19
- (b) no ; " 20-1/16
- (c) no ; " 20-1/20
- (d) yes ; " 20-1/16
- (e) yes ; " 20-1/16.



MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE

As this is the final Newsletter for 2010, I would like to thank all MPVGA members for their high level of involvement in this year's program. A special thank you is extended to the Committee/Delegates, Vice Captain Tony Clarke, Treasurer Evan Carter, and Newsletter Editor Chris Lee-Brown for their invaluable assistance in a variety of Association activities.

Unfortunately, one aspect of our operations still continues to be a concern i.e. not ringing-in if you are unable to attend a particular event. In order to hopefully improve the current situation which has taken a 'nose-dive' in recent weeks, Delegates have been requested to put up no more than two entry forms at a time. It would appear that certain members are getting somewhat ahead of themselves in their planning and forgetting commitments made to other events.

In preparing the 2011 program, Tony Clarke and I searched high and wide to avoid our program clashing with other golf events. Could I suggest that you consult your personal/club diary as well as the MPVGA program card before committing yourself on the entry form as next year promises to be a very busy one – 22 MPVGA events, the Moe Challenge, 3 VVGA state-wide events and the PDGA Seniors event.

Finally, to all MPVGA members, may I extend best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you at Devilbend on 17 January.

MESSAGE FROM OUR RETIRING SECRETARY - ALAN BENNETT



GOLF

In my hand I hold a ball, white and dimpled, rather small,
Oh, how bland it does appear, this harmless looking little sphere.
By its size I could not guess, the awesome strength it does possess.
But since I fell beneath its spell, I've wandered through the fires of hell.
My life has not been quite the same, since I chose to play this stupid game.
It rules my mind for hours on end, a fortune it has made me spend.
It has made me yell, curse and cry, I hate myself and want to die.

It promises a thing called par, if I can hit it straight and far.
To master such a tiny ball, should not be very hard at all,
But my desires the ball refuses, and does exactly as it chooses.
It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies, and even disappears before my eyes.
Often it will have a whim, to hit a tree or take a swim.
With miles of grass on which to land, it finds a tiny patch of sand.
Then has me offering up my soul, if only it would find the hole.
It made me whimper like a pup, and swear that I will give it up,
And take to drink to ease my sorrow, but the ball knows
I'll be back tomorrow.
Anon.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES



Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



RANDOM PICS FROM CERBERUS, 'THE DUNES', MT.MARTHA, DEVILBEND & SAFETY BEACH

PHOTOGRAPHER TREVOR BISHOP



MPVGA Events Results

The Dunes - October 12 Results



We enjoyed great conditions with the course in fantastic condition and the rain holding off nicely despite predictions otherwise. Some very good scores were recorded and the 107 players had a ball!

Stableford Results.

Members' Prizes:

'A' Grade: Paul Swinnerton - Devilbend (12) - 38 Points

'B' Grade: Greg Procter - Devilbend (18) - 46 Points

Runners' Up:

'A' Grade: Bill Peachey - Rosebud CC (9) - 35 Points

'B' Grade: Ross Broun - The Dunes (19) - 40 Points

Nearest the Pin Competition:

3rd Hole: Roger Anderson - Devilbend

6th Hole: Andrew Wilkins - Mornington

13th Hole: Bill English - Mornington

17th Hole: Robert Grant - Devilbend

Entry Prize Winner:

Bottle of Scotch

John Neilsen - Mornington

Devilbend - October 25 Results



The ground staff performed a miraculous recovery of the rain savaged course to provide a great day's golf for a field of 71 players.

Terry Tregellis of Carrington Park turned in a sterling performance taking out 'A' grade however local knowledge proved a decided advantage with Devilbend members winning most of the prizes.

Stableford Results.

Members' Prizes:

'A' Grade: Terry Tregellis - Carrington Park (17) - 39 Points

'B' Grade: Terry Ryan - Devilbend (36) - 42 Points

Runners' Up:

'A' Grade: Kevin Etherton - Devilbend (10) - 38 Points

'B' Grade: John Brooks - Devilbend (23) - 41 Points

and Pat Wech - Mornington (34) 41 Points

Nearest the Pin Competition:

3rd Hole: Kevin Wilson - Devilbend

8th Hole: Gordon Groves - Devilbend

11th Hole: Rob Reeves - Devilbend

13th Hole: Robert Morrison - Safety Beach

Entry Prize Winner:

Bottle of Scotch

John Brooks - Devilbend

Safety Beach - November 8 Results



A very small field of only 39 players participated in what turned out to be great weather and an enjoyable day's golf on a well-prepared course.

Stableford Results.

Members' Prizes:

'A' Grade: Tim Sanders - Carrington Park (16) - 42 Points

'B' Grade: Ian Purchase - Devilbend (26) - 44 Points

4th Quarter 2010

HMAS Cerberus - November 29



A very small field of 43 players braved the windy conditions and threatening skies.

Stableford Results.

Members' Prizes:

'A' Grade: Evan Carter - Cerberus (17) - 40 Points

'B' Grade: Gary Strahan - Devilbend (28) - 40 Points

Runners' Up:

'A' Grade:

Michael Palmer - Devilbend (17) - 38 Points

Nick Sayle - Rosebud CC (9) - 38 Points

'B' Grade:

John Diedrich - Cerberus (26) - 39 Points

Keith Younger - Devilbend (31) - 39 Points

Nearest the Pin Competition:

2nd Hole: Tony Clarke - Rosebud CC

4th Hole: Ken Greer - Safety Beach

6th Hole: Rod MacFarlane - Carrington Park

13th Hole: Trevor Bishop - Devilbend

Entry Prize Winner:

Bottle of Scotch

Joe Tumino - Safety Beach

COMING EVENTS 1ST QUARTER 2011

- Devilbend - Monday January 17 - Stableford
- Flinders - Monday February 7 - 4BBB Stableford
- Rosebud Country Club - Monday February 21 - Canadian Foursomes followed by AGM
- Carrington Park - Monday March 7 - Stableford
- Cape Schanck - Tuesday March 29 - Stableford

Runners' Up:

'A' Grade: John Richardson - Rosebud CC (9) - 35 Points

'B' Grade: Barry Stegall - Mount Martha (19) - 44 Points

Nearest the Pin Competition:

4th Hole: Ian Purchase - Devilbend

6th Hole: Wayne Mills - Cape Schanck

12th Hole: Ian Patterson - Cape Schanck

13th Hole: David Lawrence - Cape Schanck

Entry Prize Winner:

Bottle of Scotch

Peter Twidale - Mount Martha

Mount Martha - November 15



Everyone was pleased with the presentation of this very picturesque course which has been enhanced with new groundworks in recent years. 71 players played Russian Roulette Stableford providing some very high and sadly some very low scores - but we all had a good time I'm told.

RR Combined Stableford Results.

Members' Prizes:

Vic Perry & Pat Wech - Mornington - 81 Points

Runners' Up:

Les Lidley & Ron Schreiber Mount Martha - 79 Points

Nearest the Pin Competition:

3rd Hole: Bill Peachey - Rosebud CC

5th Hole: Evan 'Tich' Carter - Cerberus

13th Hole: Don Brown - Cape Schanck

16th Hole: Ian Patterson - Cape Schanck

Entry Prize Winner:

Bottle of Scotch

Bill McGennissen - Devilbend

4th Quarter 2010 Results (continued)

Mornington - December 13, End of Year Ambrose Event



And what a fabulously maintained and picturesque venue to hold our final event of the year. This year's wet Spring has been kind to Mornington and the course preparation was a credit to the grounds staff. We were blessed with a fine and mild day and a moderate wind - just perfect for golf .

Plenty of our members took advantage of the perfect conditions and the event was patronised by 113 players in 29 teams.

Members' Prizes:

Steggle/Parish/Packham/Clark
Mt Martha/Mornington (11.75) - 56.25 net

Runners' Up:

Perry/Wech/Howell/Roberts
Mornington (13.875) - 58.125 net

Lawson/Bishop/Bouette/Cockfield
Devilbend (10) - 58.625 net

Younger/Booth/Blyth/Moffatt
Devilbend (13.375) - 58.625 net

Nearest the Pin Competition:

5th Hole: M Dale - Devilbend
7th Hole: Derick West - Devilbend
10th Hole: G Sanford - Sponsor
16th Hole: Jun Park - Mornington

Entry Prize Winner:

Bottle of Scotch
Andrew Wilkins - Mornington

STATE VETS CHAMPIONSHIPS WANGARATTA OCTOBER 4-5

Conditions in this year's State Championships held in Wangaratta were great despite the inordinate rainfall and some local flooding around the region. The course was in fine condition with challenging left and right doglegs and some difficult par 3's.

Ken McNamara, last year's winner, was runner-up and Laurie Leyden of Devilbend was runner-up in the net stroke event.

The ball run-down acknowledged similarly good performances by Allan Langford, Eddie Saunders, Kevin Wilson and Jim Alexander.

LEN SEAL PUTTS OUT AT 91

Popular Mornington Golf Club veteran and gentleman, Len Seal passed away in Mornington on Sunday October 24 at the age of 91 years. Len was, up until injuring his hip in a fall in mid 2008, an active member of Mornington Golf Club and a regular at MPVGA events.

Len joined the Southern Peninsula Veteran Golfers Association as it was then known, in its inaugural year 1982, so was one of the pioneer members of the Peninsula veterans.

An all-round fine sportsman, a top footballer in his younger days, and a veteran of the Second World War's New Guinea campaign, Len was a well known and respected member of the Mornington community as well as an avid and dedicated Collingwood tragic.

Those of us who have known and loved him will miss him immensely - Lest We Forget.

