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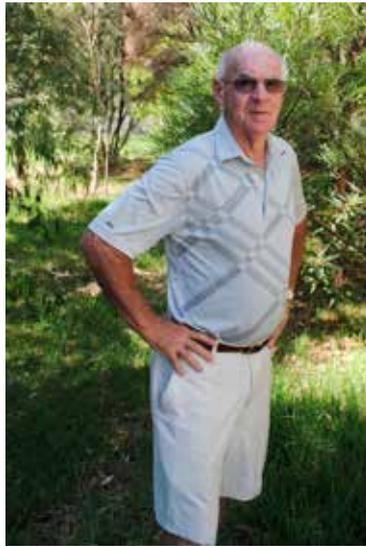
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Message from the President



MPVGA President

Peter Unkles

Once again we have come to the end of an enjoyable year of MPVGA golf. Attendances were reasonable and the playing pace averaged the 4.5 hour target. Unfortunately we had two wash outs due to stormy weather conditions at Mornington and Mt Martha. All the courses this year have been in excellent condition and we thank those Clubs for enabling us to play there.

As we move to 2015 our subscription has been held at \$15 and is payable to your Club Delegate as early as possible in the new year. The 2015 Schedule card has been printed and your Delegate will pass one on to you once your subscription is received. Our first 2015 event is at Devilbend on Monday 19 January. In 2015 the event Schedule has been adjusted so that the four rounds of the Championship are played in February to April hopefully in good weather conditions. There will be a mid year winter break from July 14 to August 9. The Committee has decided to subsidise events at Portsea, Sorrento, Dunes, Moonah, National and St Andrews by not charging the normal \$4 comp fee. The event at St Andrews will be a cart only event and the round including cart will be \$55.

Our major problem in 2014 has again been "no shows." At each event there have been players booked in but who have not shown up and have not advised the Captain, Delegate or rung the Club Pro Shop. This is disappointing and makes the running of each event difficult. If you have to cancel and we know that can occur for many reasons then please advise your Delegate or the Captain or at the last minute ring the Pro Shop.

The 2015 AGM will be held at Rosebud Country Club on Monday 16 February as Ambrose 2's with a shotgun start

followed by lunch provided by the MPVGA. Please mark this date in your diary. At this AGM we will be presenting a permanent memento to all past winners of the Len Barrow trophy for the most consistent player through each year as well as the award to the 2014 winner.

We would like to thank Robert Frazer from Curry Printing for his in specie sponsorship of MPVGA via his offer to our Editor to upgrade the printing of our Newsletter to full colour for free. The Newsletter will continue to be available quarterly via print copy or electronic e-mail copy. We trust you have all enjoyed the detailed and colourful Newsletter through 2014. In 2015 the Editor plans to include a "buy, sell or trade" section however this will depend on whether space is available. Any suggestions or contributions to the Newsletter would be appreciated.

We would like to thank our major sponsor Bendigo Bank for their continued support particularly in sponsoring the Bendigo Bank Les Prideaux Championship. We thank Half a Sec Web Design for their continued support in managing our website that we continue to strive to improve and upgrade the information to be found there. Please let us know if you have suggestions as to how to make the website even more informative.

Personally I would like to thank all members for their participation in 2014 and all our Delegates and the Committee for enabling the MPVGA to function effectively and for events to be organised and run smoothly.

Thank you again for an enjoyable 2014 and we wish you and your families all a Happy Christmas and a healthy, safe 2015. We look forward to seeing you all on course through 2015.

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



In this issue I have selected a panel of Rules questions for you to ponder while you enjoy the holiday period. They are in a TRUE or FALSE format and while I am sure that you'll all know the answers, for your information you will find them secreted on Page 7.



Question #1: It counts as a stroke if your club gets tangled in overhanging tree branches as you make your downswing? True or False?

Question #2: A player finds that the group in front has dropped a scorecard in a bunker and his ball lies next to the scorecard. The player may remove the scorecard? True or False?

Question #3: If your 2nd shot on a par 5 hole embeds in its own pitch mark in the fairway, you may remove the ball and take a free drop within one club length of that spot but no nearer the hole? True or False?

Questions #4: A flagstick that is lying on the ground can be lifted to prevent a player's ball from striking it? True or False?

Question #5: You hit a shot into a thick bush. You can see the ball but cannot identify the brand and number before your five minutes of search time expires. Your ball is considered lost? True or False?

Question #6: You can lean on your club in a hazard, while you wait to play your shot, without incurring any penalty? True or False?

Question #7: Your drive heads towards a row of out-of-bounds stakes. You hit a provisional ball which is the same brand and number as the original ball on an identical line. If you can only find one ball in play, but can't identify which was the first ball, you must assume that the original is the one that is out of bounds? True or False?

Question #8: If your ball is close to a cartpath, it is permissible to take a wider stance than normal and claim relief from the path because it now interferes with your stance? True or False?

Question #9: You have addressed your ball once you sole your club directly behind or in front of it? True or False?

Question #10: Your ball lies on top of an aeration hole in the fairway. You are allowed to move the ball without penalty because it is Ground Under Repair?

True or False?



MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE

2014 came to a very successful conclusion at The Dunes with 90 players attending. Unfortunately, the season was marred by the washouts at Mornington and Mount Martha, however, overall we had a 72-player average for the season.

Program 2015 booklets have been distributed to Delegates. These will be issued to members on payment of the annual subscription fee.

The Association Championships have been moved forward to summer/autumn for (hopefully!) better weather conditions and (hopefully!) to gain increased participation. Can we not improve on the 27 players who competed in all four rounds of this year's competition?

Arrangements have been finalized to obtain medallions which will be presented to all previous winners of the Len Barrow Trophy. Former and current players will receive an invitation in the near future to attend the Annual General Meeting on 16 February in order to receive their medallion.

The 2015 VVGA Program will include the following courses – Maryborough, Devilbend (Country Championships), Maffra and Myrtleford. I look forward to more players from clubs other than Devilbend and Cerberus attending these highly enjoyable events.

2015 promises to be yet another challenging year. Your support is crucial if the program is going to be successful. I would like to thank all members for their participation and friendship during 2014. As usual, a special thank you is extended to all Delegates, as well as Tony Clarke, Trevor Bishop, Chris Lee-Brown and Evan Carter.

To all members, my best wishes to you for a very safe and Happy Christmas. I look forward to seeing you on a regular basis during the new year.

2015 EVENTS CALENDAR 1st QUARTER

- * Monday January 19 - Devilbend Stableford
- * Monday February 16 - Rosebud Country Club (SG) - Ambrose 2's plus Annual General Meeting with lunch provided for members.
- * Monday February 23 - Portsea - Stableford (1st Round MPVGA Championships)
- * Tuesday March 10 - The Dunes-Stableford (2nd Round MPVGA Championships)
- * Monday March 23 - Flinders - Stableford (3rd Round MPVGA Championships)

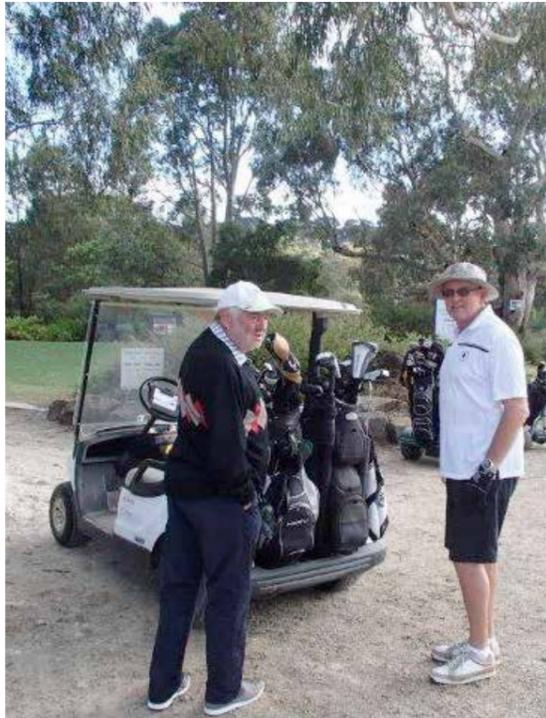
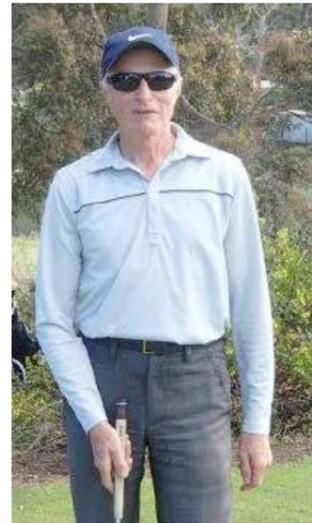


MPVGA Member Scores \$50,000 Hole-In-One

On 28 November many of the Cape Schanck based Mornington Peninsula Veterans played in the RACV Community Charity Day on the Cape Schanck course. They played in the morning followed by lunch and a charity auction at which RACV contributed to the Charity \$2 for every \$1 bid. There was also a \$50,000 hole in one competition. Wayne Mills, Tony Troise, Peter Unkles and Ian Phelan arrived at the par 3, 14th as the last group to go through there after a shotgun start. Last shot of the four Wayne Mills holed it! Pandemonium! The event was duly witnessed by the two independent RACV witnesses and photos taken by them to record the achievement which was also Wayne's first hole in one.

But ... several holes earlier it had been agreed that in

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MPVGA Events Results

Portsea - October 13

The course was as long and tough as usual. A lot of positive comments made about the excellent new clubhouse and the layout from the 71 players who attended. Some rain early on caused a few pull outs but the day turned out to be quite pleasant. A rather steady breeze influenced the direction of shots. Pin placements were a dash tricky. The fairways were in great condition whilst the greens were firm but not as slippery as usual. Regardless of the scores, it was a great golfing experience.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE			
Gordon Warren (DB)	HC 15		36 pts
B GRADE			
Edwin Sleightholm (DB)	HC 23		35 pts

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE			
Andrew Wilkins (MGC)	HC 15		33 pts
Douglas Fitcher (RCC)	HC 17		33 pts
Tony Dick (CS)	HC 15		33 pts
B GRADE			
Pat Wech (MGC)	HC 30		35 pts
Neil Gold (MGC)	HC 31		35 pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

- 2nd Hole: Des Jolley (DB)
- 7th Hole: Gary Ridout (C)
- 13th Hole: Rob Hodges (RCC)
- 16th Hole: Dean Kellett (visitor)



Devilbend - November 10

Such beautiful temperate weather and the course was in perfect condition. Unfortunately only 66 players participated but those who did turn up had an enjoyable day. Some very good scores (plenty of 39's and 38's) were achieved with the ball run cutting off at a relatively high 33 points. There were some derogatory comments over slow play with some of the later groups taking almost 5 hours to complete the stableford round - too slow gentlemen!! You must keep up with the groups in front of you.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE:			
Rauno Suomenin (RCC)	HC 12		38 pts
B GRADE			
John Hunter (MM)	HC 19		39 pts

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE			
Laurie Layden (DB)	HC 14		36 pts
B GRADE			
Robert Sims (DB)	HC 36		38 pts
Roger Hutton (MM)	HC 27		38 pts
William McGennisken (DB)	HC 29		38 pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

- 3rd Hole: David Richards (DB)
- 8th Hole: David Richards (DB)
- 11th Hole: Brad Johnston (DB)
- 13th Hole: Allan Callaway (MGC)



4th Quarter 2014

The Dunes - December 9

90 players attended the final MPVGA event for the year. Light rain fell early but fortunately disappeared. The course was in excellent condition with plenty of run on players' drives. The greens were hard and of a variable quality - slow downhill, quick elsewhere. 10 scores in the 40's was a great result for the players concerned. A great time was had by everyone. Always a pleasure to play 'The Dunes'.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE:			
Harry Bouette (DB)	HC 14		43 pts
B GRADE:			
John Hunter (MM)	HC 21		47pts

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE:			
Colin Smith (DB)	HC 16		41pts
B GRADE:			
Roger Hutton (MM)	HC 30		46pts

NEAREST THE PINS:

- 3rd Hole: Les Benton (D)
- 6th Hole: Peter Sherman (D)
- 13th Hole: Tim Sanders (CP)
- 17th Hole: Michael Alexander (D)



ANSWERS TO TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNERS QUESTIONNAIRE.

- Question #1 : This is True - but in the definition, if the club had been held up by the branches before you were able to start your downswing, it would not count as a stroke.
 - Question #2 : True and the definition : It is a movable obstruction which is artificial in nature.
 - Question #3 : False. Rule 25-2. The ball has to be dropped as close as possible to the spot where it was embedded.
 - Question #4 : True. Rule 24-1.
 - Question #5 : True - Decision 27/15.
 - Question #6 : False - Decision 13-4/2. But there is no penalty if your club touched the hazard in an attempt to stop yourself from falling.
 - Question #7 : True - Decision 27/11.
 - Question #8 : False. Rule 24-2. If the stance, swing or direction of play is clearly unreasonable, no relief should be granted.
 - Question #9 : This is True. See Definitions "Addressing the Ball" - Page 22 of R & A Rule Book.
 - Question #10 : False - Decision 25/15. A local rule could be enacted to give relief from aeration holes but, without one, you should play the ball as it lies.
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MPVGA Member Scores \$50,000 HOLE IN ONE (continued from Page 3)

order to increase their statistical chances they would share the prize if any of them were successful. As you can imagine the lunch and auction were a noisy and boisterous affair.

But then the sting in the tale, or is that tail. Wayne had to fill out a long detailed Statutory Declaration and was then, some weeks later, telephoned by Hank from the Dallas, USA based Hole-In-One Insurance Company. (Why not RACV Insurance?) Again, a week or so later, Tony, Ian and Peter were also interviewed by Hank from Dallas. One wonders why RACV had two official independent witnesses at the hole if this rigmarole was to follow.

At the time of writing the \$50,000 prize had still not been received.

Despite weeks of very little rain, the course proved most challenging. Most fairways were generous in their width, whilst the large number of raised greens had rather wicked slopes.

Bunkers were shallow (all eleven of them!), and each hole provided options (risky in some cases) to arrive at the green. The course is well treed – no way are they 80% air! Volunteers fully maintain this course.

Peter Molloy (Cerberus) and Jim Alexander (Devil-bend) won the four ball, John Rosenbrock (Devil-bend) was runner up in the net stroke event, whilst Tim Webb (Devilbend) had the best round on the Monday. Ball winners were Geoff Menlove, Pewter Molloy, Ian Purchase, Eddie Saunders, Bob Grant , Gordon Warren and Brad Johnston.

An interesting service was provided by the motel Manager – he drove all 24 MP players to and from their their designated restaurant both nights for the princely sum of \$5.00!

