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Message from the President



MPVGA President

Peter Unkles

We have come to the end of an enjoyable year of MPVGA golf. Attendances have been positive and the playing pace averaged the 4.5 hour target. Fortunately we had only one wash out, at Portsea, and they kindly gave us a discount for the following round in June. Portsea in February was to be Round 1 of the Championships which caused us to add Cape Schanck as Round 4 in June. All the courses this year have been in excellent condition and we thank those Clubs for enabling us to play there.

Moving to 2016 our subscription will remain at \$15 and is payable to your club delegate as early as possible in the new year. The 2016 Schedule cards have been printed and your Delegate will give you one on payment of your subscription. Our first 2016 event will be at Devilbend on Monday 18 January. As in 2015, in our 2016 schedule the four rounds of the Championship will run from February to April so hopefully this time we will get good weather conditions for all four rounds. A mid-year Winter break is scheduled from June 21 to July 17. The Committee has once more decided to subsidise the events at Portsea, Sorrento, Moonah, The National and St Andrews by not charging the normal \$5 comp fee. Despite the high and increasing cost of playing at these venues they continue to be among the most popular attendance-wise.

Whilst "no shows" continue to be an annoyance for Delegates running each round these has been an improvement in 2015. Just a reminder, if you have to cancel and we know that can occur for many reasons, please advise your Delegate or the Captain or at the last minute ring the Pro Shop. I have examples where players have gone to great lengths to try and inform us of their need to cancel and that is much appreciated.

The 2016 AGM will be held at Rosebud Country Club on Monday 22 February as an 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 the Les Prideaux Championship Trophy and the Len Barrow Most Consistent Player Award.

We again thank Robert Fraser from Curry Printing for his in specie sponsorship of the MPVGA via the printing of our Newsletter in full colour for free. The Newsletter will continue to be available quarterly via print copy or by e-mail and is also available on our website. We trust you have all enjoyed the detailed and colourful Newsletter through 2015. 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 2015 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 2015 and we wish you and your families all a Happy Christmas and a healthy, safe 2016.

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MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



UNUSUAL RULES DECISIONS



The reference "Decisions on the Rules of Golf" is published to help interpret how detailed rules are applied. The current edition contains 581 pages plus a 130 page index.

Here are 10 situations that occurred and are now governed by a 'decision':

1. Your ball next to a cactus; you may wrap an arm or leg in a towel to protect yourself playing a shot but you cannot cover the cactus with a towel. Decision 1-2/10
2. You can spit on your clubface to clean it before playing a shot but not to try reduce spin on the ball. Decision 4-2/4
3. Spider webs are loose impediments even if they are attached to something. Decision 23/5.5
4. If your clubhead comes off during the backswing and you continue but miss the ball, it does not count as a stroke. But if the clubhead falls off during the downswing and you miss the ball, it counts as a stroke.

Decisions 14/2 14/3

5. A log of wood is a loose impediment but if it is changed by splitting and attaching legs into a bench, it becomes an obstruction. Decision 23/1
6. If your ball ends up in the clubhouse and the clubhouse is not out of bounds, you may elect to open a window or door to play a shot without penalty. Decision 24-2B/14
7. You cannot move loose impediments such as insects from a hazard and although the margin of a water hazard extends vertically, it is permissible to swat an insect before playing a shot from the hazard. Decision 13-4/16.5
8. You are not allowed to place a bottle of water on the surface of a green and use it as a level to determine how a putt will break. Decision 14-3/12.
9. If a gust of wind moves your ball then you play it from its new position. But, you must replace it if moved artificially such as from a blower or fan. Decision 18-1/2
10. If your ball is embedded in a piece of fruit then you must play it as it lies or declare it unplayable. The fruit is adhering to the ball and so, it is not a loose impediment.

Message from Lew Tiedgen Vice President Rosebud Park Golf Club

Gentlemen,
The course that Rosebud Park Golf Club plays on has now changed its name from Rosebud Public to Bay Views Golf Course.
I thought you might need to add in the newsletter for any events played here that it will now be Rosebud Park Golf Club @ Bay Views Golf Course, Elizabeth Drive, Rosebud. Hopefully it will help avoid any confusion, although I expect there will be a bit of confusion for a while. People are still calling it Carrington Park but it has now changed from Carrington Park, to Rosebud Public, to Bay Views Golf Course. It may take a while but hopefully people will get used to it eventually.
So, for our event next year, it will be Rosebud Park Golf Club @ Bay Views Golf Course, Elizabeth Drive, Rosebud.



MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE

As this the final Newsletter for 2015, I would like to thank all members for their support and friendship throughout the 2015 Program. To Tony Clarke, Evan Carter, Trevor Bishop, Chris Lee-Brown and Delegates, a very special thank you for your invaluable assistance, in particular taking care of those small, but nevertheless important matters. Numbers have varied depending on weather conditions however it has been great to see so many new members attending the various events. The Association continues to hold third spot in the state as far as membership is concerned - 300+.

The VVGA Program for 2016 will be played at the following courses:

- Four Ball – Heywood – March 21-22
- Country Championship – Castlemaine – May 2-3
- Sandscrapes – Marong (near Bendigo) – August 15-16
- Teams Event – Belvoir Park (near Bendigo) – September 19-20
- State Championships – Sands (Torquay) – October 3-4

Hopefully we will see some new faces at these events. They are highly enjoyable and the courses are quite challenging.

The recent Teams event playing at the Maffra Golf Club was a great success. Day 1 was very hot, whilst Day 2 was delayed as a result of heavy rain. Trevor Bishop narrowly missed out on winning the second day trophy on a countback.

The program for 2016 was presented for approval at the October meeting of the committee. Whilst there have

been some increases in green and cart rates, overall the increases have been reasonable. Finally, 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 the new year.

COMING EVENTS 2016 EVENTS CALENDAR 1st QUARTER

- * Monday January 18 - Devilbend Stableford
- * Monday February 8 - Flinders Stableford (Round 1 Championships)
- * Monday February 22 - Rosebud Country Club Ambrose 2s shotgun start followed by lunch and AGM.
- * Tuesday March 8 - The Dunes Stableford (Round 2 Championships)
- * Tuesday March 15 - Rosebud Park 4BBB Par

A FEW FEHERTY'S TO BEGIN

Feherty is a CBS and Golf Channel announcer, who finds very unique, colorful and uninhibited ways of explaining or describing whatever is on his mind ...
"Fortunately, Rory is 22 years old so his right wrist should be the strongest muscle in his body."

"That ball is so far left, Lassie couldn't find it if it was wrapped in bacon."

"I am sorry Nick Faldo couldn't be here this week. He is attending the birth of his next wife."

Jim Furyk's swing "looks like an octopus falling out of a tree."

Describing VJ Singh's prodigious practice regime - "VJ hits more balls than Elton John's chin." (Thought I was going to hurt myself laughing at this one.)

"That's a great shot with that swing."

"It's OK - the bunker stopped it."

At Augusta 2011 - "It's just a glorious day. The only way to ruin a day like this would be to play golf on it."

"That was a great shot - if they'd have put the pin there today."

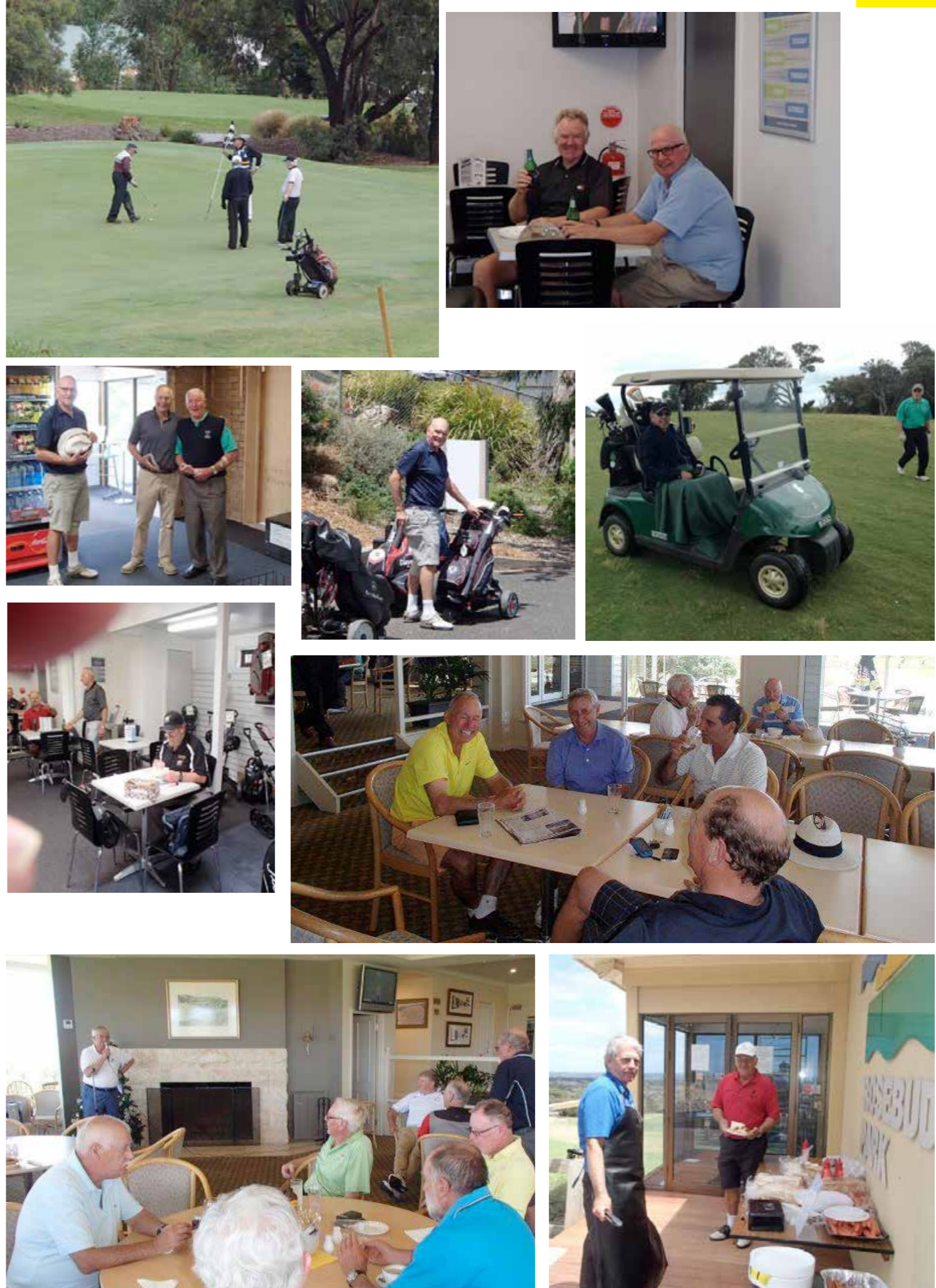
"Watching Phil Mickelson play golf is like watching a drunk chasing a balloon near the edge of a cliff."

"That green appears smaller than a Pygmy's nipple."

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Pics from The Dunes, Mount Martha and Rosebud Park Golf Club @ Bay Views Golf Course (see note page 2).



Photography by Trevor Bishop



MPVGA Events Results

4th Quarter 2015

Mornington - October 12

With only 14 groupings of 69 players our numbers were down for what has always been a very popular event . However the Mornington course was, as always, extremely well presented and looking lush and green after a relatively damp winter. The recent trend of the Mount Martha players leading the field continued with MM teams taking out 1st and 2nd places as well as featuring strongly in the ball run-down. Mike Henry of Safety Beach obviously had his eye in with two of the NTPs.

AMBROSE 4'S STABLEFORD WINNERS

Mount Martha Net Score : 58.9

Tony Collins (18), Klaus Beenck (21), Harvey Morton (27) and Bob Allett (23)

RUNNERS UP

Mount Martha Net Score : 60.0

John Hunter (19), Geoff Briggs (28) and Ron Sweetser (25).

NEAREST THE PINS

5th Hole: Gordon Warren (Devilbend)
7th Hole: Mike Henry (Safety Beach)
10th Hole: Mike Henry (Safety Beach)
16th Hole: Tim Webb (Devilbend)

Devilbend - October 26

In total 55 players participated and the value of local knowledge was again demonstrated with Devilbend leading the field and showing strongly in the ball run-down.

The course was looking fine with good Spring growth and well tended fairways and greens.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE

Laurie Leyden (DB) HC 13 36 pts (CB)

B GRADE

Harvey Morton (MM) HC 26 40 pts (CB)

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

Steve Trevena (DB) HC 13 36 pts (CB)
Michael Palmer (DB) HC 16 36 pts (CB)
Bob Brown (RP) HC 17 36 pts (CB)
David Richards (DB) HC 19 36 pts (CB)

B GRADE

Ed Saunders (DB) HC 29 40 pts (CB)

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: Derrick Farr (SB)
8th Hole: John Brooks (DB)
11th Hole: Ron Milligan (DB)
13th Hole: Bob Brown (RP)

Mount Martha - November 9

With the good weather returning field numbers have been strengthening and we had a good field of 80 players participating in this Stableford event at Mount Martha.

There were plenty of good scores recorded and the course was in great condition with some tricky pin placements and the slippery greens.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE

Trevor Bishop (DB) HC 15 37 pts

B GRADE

Frederick Rauch (MM) HC 27 44 pts

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

Bill English (MGC) HC 16 36 pts (CB)
David Richards (DB) HC 17 36 pts (CB)

B GRADE

Brian Jeanes (MM) HC 21 42 pts (CB)
Roger Hutton (MM) HC 22 42 pts (CB)
Barry Steggle (MM) HC 25 42 pts (CB)

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: Brian Thomas (MGC)
5th Hole: Bill Arnel (MM)
13th Hole: John Hunter (MM)
16th Hole: Roger Hutton (MM)

Rosebud Park - November 23

This was an individual Stableford event and 77 players made up the field. Excellent playing facilities were available on a course that provided a blend of short and long holes, smooth greens and santa anna fairways. Breathtaking views of the Mornington Peninsula added to an enjoyable round of golf. Extensive renovations to the club house will enhance the popularity of this highly under-rated course

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE

Leonard Williams (DB) HC 15 42 pts

B GRADE

David King (MM) HC 31 41 pts (CB)

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

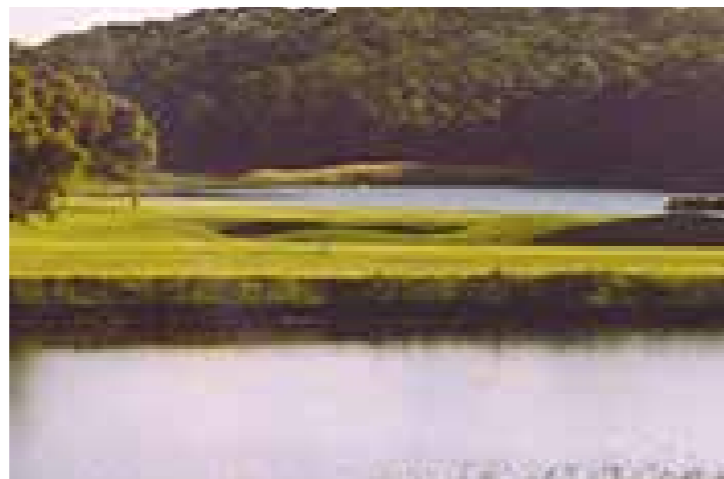
William King (CP) HC 9 41 pts

B GRADE

Peter Blyth (MM) HC 31 41 pts (CB)

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: Tony Clarke (RCC)
6th Hole: Leonard Williams (DB)
11th Hole: Martin Thraves (MM)
17th Hole: Tony Clarke (RCC)



VVGA Championships Myrtleford

The Dunes - December 8

Overcast conditions were present first-up, however play proceeded on a course that was in very good condition with the usual tricky greens. After 9 holes, the folly of playing from the blue tees became evident with variable winds making play very difficult. Never again blue tees, white in 2016! A sour note to complete the season - 12 players caused considerable inconvenience to organisers by not 'ringing in'. Big changes are planned for such 'offenders' next year.

INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

A GRADE

Geoff Leach (Cerberus) HC 12 40 pts

B GRADE

Dennis Bradley (MM) HC 27 38 pts (CB)

RUNNERS UP

A GRADE

Geoff Wilkins (DB) HC 17 36 pts

B GRADE

Rodger Bouette (DB) HC 21 38 pts (CB)

NEAREST THE PINS

3rd Hole: Barry Aitken (ML)

6th Hole: Alan Heathcote (MM)

13th Hole: Geoff Leach (Cerberus)

17th Hole: Roger Anderson (DB)

