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## Message from the President



### MPVGA President

#### Peter Unkles

We have played six rounds in this quarter covering a wide range of golf course design with Cape Schanck, Safety Beach, Flinders, Portsea, Sorrento and Rosebud. Reflecting on why I personally enjoy playing Vets is exactly this point – the wide variety of courses and their individual challenge, obviously as well as the social enjoyment. Well, 5 courses except for Sorrento which was unfortunately cancelled due to lousy weather but hopefully we will play there again soon subject to the rate they offer. Each round has been well attended with the usual strong scoring at the top of the table. We played one of the last competition rounds at Portsea prior to the opening of their magnificent new Clubhouse and the change in hole sequence layout. It was a strange feeling, sitting in the lounge after play and seeing the memorabilia being taken down for transfer to the new facilities.

During the quarter two rounds of the Veterans Championship have been played at Portsea and Rosebud Country Club, with rounds 3 and 4 to be held in July and August at Cape Schanck and The Dunes. Again the leader board has a tight spread.

Of pleasing note is the relatively quicker pace of play in the recent rounds with the average time for each round getting down towards the 4 hour mark. Please continue to play "ready golf" and always hit a provisional ball if there is any

doubt of finding your ball. Position buggies at the exit side of the green and do not stand on the green marking your card. It is the combination of all these little things that contribute to a faster round.

We have had concerns at an increasing number of "no shows" without prior advice to Ian Purchase or your club delegate or to the relevant Pro Shop on the morning of the round. Please ensure that you advise if you cannot play particularly late withdrawals on the morning. The phone number for the Pro Shop is noted on the start times sheet issued by Ian Purchase and is now noted on the front page of the website below the start times list showing there prior to each round.

As always please continue to enjoy your golf on the wonderful range of courses we have here on the Mornington Peninsula. Any ideas or suggestions to make our experience in the Veterans an even more enjoyable one would be appreciated.



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## MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



### THE TIGER DROP - WHY WASN'T HE DISQUALIFIED?

A number of people have asked me about the Tiger Woods ruling at the US Masters.

You will recall he played his third to the par 5 15th hole and it deflected back into the water hazard. He elected to take stroke-and-distance relief under rule 26-1a. He dropped a ball & played to the green. After 1 putt and 1 stroke penalty he recorded a 6 for the hole. The score card was signed and returned.

Whilst he was completing his last 3 holes, the Masters' tournament committee, upon receiving a query from a television viewer, had reviewed a video of the incident. Without talking to the player they ruled he had complied with the rule. ie. the ball was played as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played.



After a later tv interview that Woods gave, the committee the next morning, reviewed the matter with the player and reversed their decision. He had in fact dropped and played from a wrong place.

He admitted that he had dropped "about 2 yards behind a divot hole that his original ball was on the edge of."

He was penalised a further 2 shots for breach of the rule. why was he not disqualified?

Rule 6-6d is quite specific in that the competitor is responsible for the correctness of his score on each hole. If he returns a score lower than actually taken, he is disqualified. He was not aware that he was to incur a 2 stroke penalty when he returned his scorecard but he had breached the rule by dropping in the wrong place. However, this was not the basis on waiving the penalty of disqualification.

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The committee recognised that, had it talked to Woods before he returned his card, it was most likely that playing from the wrong place would have been determined, and a correct score of 8 strokes would have been recorded. Therefore the issue of disqualification would not have arisen.

Rule 33-7 gives the committee the discretion of waiving, in exceptional individual cases, the penalty of disqualification.

The Masters' committee concluded that its actions created such a scenario.

These actions were documented as "an incorrect initial ruling, not seeking information from the player and not informing him of the ruling."

## MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE



With the exception of the Sorrento game, which was a wash-out, the player numbers at the recent events have been rather healthy – e.g. Cape Schanck (91), Safety Beach (52), Flinders (93), Portsea (101) and Rosebud Country Club (87) – this was an average of 84 players.

The Teams event notice has been circulated to all clubs. Both teams will be selected after the closing date i.e. 24 July. The final VVGA event for the year will be the State Championships which will be played on the picturesque Neangar Park (Bendigo) course on 7-8 October.

Yet another reminder to play "Ready Golf" at all times. The message is getting through but there are still some members who adhere to habits of old. Such members often complain about slow play, yet they are often the main contributors in such areas as dawdling between holes and not playing a provisional ball. Please remember – the seconds convert to minutes, which in turn can result in you and your group having an unnecessarily lengthy round.

Many thanks to Trevor Bishop for providing an update on the Association Championships. The final two rounds will be played Cape Schanck and The Dunes.

## Moe Challenge

A great day as usual. Weather was great and course getting better each year. 123 attended.

Alan Wagstall (Devilbend) was our best player with 39 points. Trevor Bishop was runner up with 37 points. Unfortunately we lost the battle for the shield by 0.7% to West Gippsland.

Ball winners were as follows - Murray Sells - Cerberus - 2, Max Whelan - Devilbend - 1, Noel Baker - Cerberus - 1, Geoff Smith - Cerberus - 1.

## VVGA Championships Jubilee GC Shepparton

Numbers were down this year. The participants all enjoyed brilliant weather on Monday, steady light rain on the Tuesday. The 6013m Jubilee course, which is quite undulating, was in great condition, with broad fairways and many doglegs left and right. Greens were diabolical - they were very difficult to read whether you were going up or coming down! Trevor Bishop collected a wedge for his Division 1, 36 hole win. Ball run down winners were Laurie Leyden, Brian Robertson and Ian Purchase, all from Devilbend. Great meals and wine at the Pinsent Hotel in Wangaratta. A top stay enjoyed by all. I would recommend members participating at the State Championships at Neangar Park (Bendigo) in October.

## EVENTS CALENDAR 3RD QUARTER

- \* Monday July 8 The National (Moonah Course) - Stableford
- \* Monday July 29 Cape Schanck - Stableford (Club Championships Round 3)
- \* Tuesday August 13 The Dunes - Stableford (Club Championships Round 4)
- \* Monday August 26 Moonah Links - 4BBB Par
- \* Monday September 2 Flinders - Bendsons
- \* Monday September 16 Portsea - Stableford



## Victorian Vets Teams Event Maffra



# Mornington Peninsula Veteran Golfers Association Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



PICS FROM CAPE SCHANCK, VVGA SHEPPARTON & FLINDERS

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# MPVGA Events Results

## Cape Schanck - April 15

The Cape turned on reasonable weather with just a couple of light showers. The course was in very good condition although the program to upgrade all cart paths meant hole 2 was out of play and replaced by the small "betting hole."

Neil Kay and John Bayford used their home course knowledge to win the day with a very good 76 points. Cape players also featured strongly in the ball run down. Particular congratulations go to Evan 'Tich' Carter for his **Hole in One** on the difficult 3rd.

### AGGREGATE STABLEFORD PAIRS WINNERS:

Neil Kay / John Bayford (CS) 15/13 76 Points

### RUNNERS UP:

Chris Ekinsmyth /Graham Gough (P) 13/23 72 Points

### NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole Evan Carter (C) HOLE IN ONE  
7th Hole Mick Anderson (CS)  
14th Hole Roger Anderson (DB)  
16th Hole John Whitlock (CP)

### ENTRY PRIZE:

Vic Rodwell (DB)



## Safety Beach - April 29

52 players attended Safety Beach on a pleasant day with a light wind. The course played a little easier than expected as reflected in the high overall scores. We wish Safety Beach Club success in handling the unfortunate problem with a rising water table affecting the fairways at the moment.

### INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

**A GRADE**  
Mike Henry (SB) 16 40 pts

**B GRADE**  
Brian Robertson (DB) 24 45 pts

### RUNNERS UP

**A GRADE**  
Trevor Bishop (DB) 15 39 pts  
John Whitlock (CP) 15 39 pts

**B GRADE**  
Bob Richards (C) 26 43 pts

### NEAREST THE PINS:

6th Hole David Phalp (SB)  
9th Hole Tony Clarke (RCC)  
12th Hole John Whitlock (CP)  
13th Hole Tony Clarke (RCC)

### ENTRY PRIZE:

Max McEvoy (C)



# 2nd Quarter 2013

## Flinders - May 13

93 players braved the threat of the weather on a cool and breezy day at Flinders. Thankfully we missed the rain all day and especially the hailstorm that hit Arthurs Seat mid afternoon. Under the prevailing conditions, to have the whole field come in under 4 hours was a great achievement in "ready golf."

The score spread at the top of the list was very tight with 5 players on +3. Bob Dunball won A Grade and Don Dempster B Grade, both on count backs. Nearest the pins were all close as usual but of note were the two that finished within a hand span of the hole.

### PAR WINNERS

**A GRADE**  
Bob Dunball (P) 14 +3  
**B GRADE**  
Don Dempster (M) 22 +3

### RUNNERS UP

**A GRADE**  
Gordon Groves (DB) 16 +3  
Paul Swinnerton (D) 7 +3

### B GRADE

John Dovison (CS) 19 +3

### NEAREST THE PINS:

9th Hole Paul Swinnerton (D)  
12th Hole Max Whelan (DB)  
14th Hole John Pendlebury (MM)  
17th Hole Allan Findlay (DB)

### ENTRY PRIZE:

Neil Kay (CS)



## Portsea - May 27

101 players turned out on a pleasant day at Portsea. The new Portsea Golf Clubhouse looked magnificent perched high on the sand dunes in the centre of the course. We trust all members enjoyed their first get together there on Saturday evening.

We are having increasing numbers, of 'no shows' without prior advice which is difficult for each event delegate. Please advise your delegate or Ian Purchase or the relevant Pro Shop at the last minute if you need to cancel. The Pro Shop phone number will be with the Start Times on the website before each event.

### INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

**A GRADE**  
Laurie Leyden (DB) 12 38 pts  
**B GRADE**  
Brendon Francome (RCC) 26 40 pts

### RUNNERS UP

**A GRADE**  
Gordon Groves (DB) 16 37 pts

### B GRADE

Ed Saunders (DB) 26 39 pts  
John Massey (M) 27 39 pts

### NEAREST THE PINS:

7th Hole Neville Swinnerton (D)  
12th Hole Alan Findlay (DB)  
16th Hole Robert Morrison (SB)

### ENTRY PRIZE:

Paul Swinnerton (D)



## Rosebud Country Club - June 24

This event was enjoyed by a field of 87 players with a shotgun start on the beautiful West Course. The sandbelt fairways were in great condition and the greens were very fast, making scoring a challenge.

However the standard was very high and some good scores were recorded. Happily we completed the round in a relative;y fast time of around 4 hours 10 minutes and beat the afternoon rain.

### INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

#### WINNERS

##### A GRADE

John Cockfield (DB) 13 37 pts

##### B GRADE

Bill Lawson (DB) 20 39 pts

#### RUNNERS UP

##### A GRADE

Max Whelan (DB) 5 36 pts

##### B GRADE

Des Jolley (DB) 24 36 pts

#### NEAREST THE PINS:

4th Hole Pat Wech (MGC)

7th Hole Alan Langford (DB)

12th Hole Geoff Smith (C)

14th Hole Allan Findlay (DB)

#### ENTRY PRIZE:

John Whitlock (CP)



## THE LAST WORD

Moses and Jesus were in a threesome playing golf one day.

Moses pulled up to the tee and drove a long one. The ball landed in the fairway, but rolled directly toward a water hazard. Quickly Moses raised his club, the water parted and it rolled to the other side, safe and sound.

Next, Jesus strolled up to the tee and hit a nice long one directly toward the same water hazard. It landed right in the center of the pond and kind of hovered over the water.

Jesus casually walked out on the pond and chipped the ball onto the green.

The third guy got up and randomly whacked the ball. It headed out over the fence and into the oncoming traffic on a nearby street.

It bounced off a truck and hit a nearby tree. From there, it bounced onto the roof of a shack close by and rolled down into the gutter,

down the drain spout, out onto the fairway and straight toward the aforementioned pond.

On the way to the pond, the ball hit a stone and bounced out over the water onto a lily pad, where it rested quietly.

Suddenly a very large bullfrog jumped up on a lily pad and snatched the ball into his mouth. Just then, an eagle swooped down and grabbed the frog and flew away. As they passed over the green, the frog squealed with fright and dropped the ball, which bounced right into the cup for a hole in one.

Moses turned to Jesus and said, "I hate playing with your Dad."

