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## Message from the President



MPVGA President  
**Bill Peachey**

**W**e're into July and the membership numbers have improved compared with 2011.

**S**urprisingly, this has occurred as the past few months have been unusually cold and incredible wet. Yes, the membership has reached the high 300's and the Association is strong, viable and financially sound.

**I**t is not very long to go for this Association till the 2012 AVGU REGIS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. Ken McNamara, Peter Cheshire and Trevor Bishop & Others have been very busy organising draws for this event, finalising Welcome Bags, preparing labels for the golf cards and many other matters for this event. So, basically this is a friendly reminder for you to advise your Delegate that you can assist during the event which is to be held between the 11 and 16 November. Many hands make light work and it will be helpful for you, in order to gain a full understanding of the scope of the event to read Ken McNamara's article on the

final page of this newsletter.

**O**n a different note, I was playing at The National recently and one of the members I was playing with, unfortunately felt faint and actually collapsed. (He is well now) No other members had a mobile phone to contact the Golf Club or the professional and so I had to walk to the Pro shop to get help. Luckily an electric cart was close at hand and so the delay for assistance was not as bad as it could have been. The golf club professional was duly advised and very quickly the member was looked after by people who knew what to do. Many thanks go to the Professional and his staff at The National. A lesson learnt. Always have a mobile phone in the group, if possible, even though turned off, as most golf clubs require it and also to know the Golf Club's phone number or the professional's phone number.

**F**inally, on a brighter note, just enjoy each game, remember to play **READY** golf, as this makes a satisfying game for everyone.

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## MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



### INTERESTING PERSPECTIVE ON OUT OF BOUNDS

#### QUESTION:

Let's consider the following and how to handle unusual situations.

Hole 4 North at Rosebud Country Club is a par 3 over the creek with a Boneo Road boundary on the right 30 metres from the green.

Recently, a MPVGA member's ball was just short of the out of bounds wire fence which was in his intended swing line. But the fence at that point was an access gate which was closed but not padlocked. No one in the four was aware of correct procedure and the player chose to open the gate which now gave him a complete swing, played a chip, one putt and recorded a score of 3 strokes.

Was this permitted under the rules, should it have been queried and what, if any, penalty incurred?



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#### ANSWER

Firstly, the right procedure would have been to complete the hole with 2 balls in terms of Rule 3-3. The first as described and the second from the same position but with the gate closed. The player must first inform his marker which ball he wishes to count if the rules permit. Apart from strokes taken with it in addition to the original stroke from the tee, the second ball may well have incurred a one stroke penalty drop for an unplayable ball. The situation to then be clarified upon finishing the round but before finalising and signing the card.

#### What was correct?

By definition, fences defining out of bounds are not obstructions and are deemed to be fixed. Rule 13-2 states that a player may not improve the area of his intended swing by moving an object defining out of bounds. The penalty being 2 strokes, however what about a gate in a boundary fence?

Decision 27/18 states that a gate in a boundary fence, when closed, is deemed to be part of the boundary fence, is not an obstruction and may not be moved. A player who finds a gate in a boundary fence open may leave it as he finds it or close it.

Therefore, the first ball has not been played in accordance with the rules and cannot be the ball to count.

Please note that if the facts of this situation were not reported prior to returning the scorecard, then the player would be disqualified.



## MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT



### IAN PURCHASE

Planning has already commenced on the 2013 MPVGA Program. Tony and I have listed 22 events, the details of which will be confirmed towards the end of next month. Clubs will be notified at the end of July and hopefully there will no clashes – a major problem with 2012 Program.

My thanks to Trevor Bishop for providing essential data on our score cards. Trevor goes to extraordinary lengths to collect and prepare such data e.g. Collecting Cape Schanck cards after The National game and then preparing the cards using his special program. As well as preparing our cards, Trevor is involved in handicapping duties. Many thanks Trevor for your hard work, it is greatly appreciated.

Attendance numbers continue to improve - Rosebud CC – 91, Portsea 96, National 93, whilst Sorrento slipped down to 69. We are at the half way mark of our program so hopefully numbers will increase. Please remember that we will return to St Andrews Beach course on 4 December, not the 3rd as this date clashes with a club break-up. Delegates are requested to alter the entry form for this event. A special notice will be forwarded to Delegates in the very near future.

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### VVGA COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2012 Country Championships were held on 7-8 May at the Portland Golf Club. The course was in excellent conditions and the weather was coolish and sunny.

Eddie Saunders and Ian Purchase were 3rd overall in the Four Ball with 46 points, and lost on a countback for second position. (Winners

won with 48 points). Trevor Bishop, also from Devilbend was equal third in the B Grade stroke event. Ball Run Down winners were Trevor Bishop, Allan Bellamy, Eddie Saunders and Max Whelan, all from Devilbend. Max also won a ball for a nearest the pin.

Overall, an enjoyable event despite a drop in numbers. Portland's new and spacious clubhouse is an interesting design and very well appointed.



### 3rd QUARTER PLANNED EVENTS

- Monday July 2 - Cape Schanck - STABLEFORD
- Monday July 16 - Moonah Links (Open) 4BBB PAR
- Tuesday August 14 - The Dunes - STABLEFORD
- Monday August 20 - Portsea - STABLEFORD
- Wednesday September 5 Flinders - STABLEFORD
- Monday September 17 Mornington - AMBROSE



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# Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



PICS FROM COROWA, ROSEBUD CC & SORRENTO

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# MPVGA Events Results

## Eagle Ridge - April 16

Again the course was in perfect condition but only 4 of the 83 players bettered their handicap. The PAR competition is always difficult and the results showed that this was the case. The day was ideal for golf and the winners on the day were in "A" Grade, J Wilson from Devilbend off 12 with plus 2 and in "B" Grade the winner was G Oates off 24 with plus 1 on a countback). Well done fella's.

**PAR:**  
**WINNERS:**  
**"A" Grade:**  
John Wilson ( DB ) 12 +2

**"B" Grade:**  
Geoff Oates ( DB ) 26 +1 cb

**RUNNERS UP:**  
**"A" Grade:**  
Jim Hewitt ( CP ) 17 +1

**"B" Grade:**  
Owen O'Donnell ( DB ) 24 +1

**NEAREST THE PINS:**  
6th Hole: Geoff Wilkins ( DB )  
8th Hole : Nick Sayle ( RCC )  
11th Hole : Gordon Warren ( DB )  
17th Hole: Juris Klakeleitis ( ML )

**ENTRY PRIZE:** Terry Tregellis ( CP )



## Rosebud Country Club - May 14

Again the Rosebud course was in fine shape and 91 golfers played on this good golf day. However the course was not easy as only 7 golfers bettered their individual handicaps. The winners on the day were in "A" Grade, J Raymond from Rosebud on a handicap of 13, had 40 pts. In "B" Grade the winner was D Jolley from Devilbend on a 22 handicap, with 38 pts. Congratulations fella's.

**STABLEFORD:**  
**WINNERS:**  
**"A" Grade:**  
John Raymond ( RCC ) 13 40pts

**"B" Grade:**  
Des Jolley ( DB ) 22 38pts

**RUNNERS UP:**  
**"A" Grade:**  
Ian Patterson ( CS ) 14 39pts  
Laurie Leyden ( DB ) 14 39pts

**"B" Grade:**  
T Waterbeek ( visitor ) 23 36pts

**NEAREST THE PINS:**  
4th Hole: John Eaton (RCC)  
8th Hole : Rob Reeves ( DB )  
11th Hole : Alan Findlay ( DB )  
13th Hole: John Rosenbrock ( DB )

**ENTRY PRIZE:** Paul French ( CP )



# 2nd Quarter 2012

## Portsea Golf Club - May 28

The Portsea sand-belt course was in great condition and a welcome bonus for a lot of us who have been playing on very damp clay over the past month. Some very good +40 scores were recorded in both grades with 94 players recording cards on the day. Work has commenced on the new clubhouse site which will command magnificent views across the tip of the peninsula.

**STABLEFORD:**  
**WINNERS:**  
**"A" Grade:**  
Michael Whelan ( DB ) 6 40pts

**"B" Grade:**  
Terry Ryan ( DB ) 26 43pts

**RUNNERS UP:**  
**"A" Grade:**  
Larry Jones ( DB ) 15 39pts

**"B" Grade:**  
Peter Blythe ( DB ) 23 42pts

**NEAREST THE PINS:**  
3rd Hole: Graham Gough ( P )  
7th Hole : Allan Langford ( DB )  
12th Hole : John Verrall ( SB )  
16th Hole: Don Dempster ( M )

**ENTRY PRIZE:** Theo Fatouros ( P )



## Sorrento Golf Club - June 7

The course was in an immaculate condition and only 69 players partook of this opportunity. The wind made playing slightly difficult as only 4 players bettered their handicap. The winners for today were in "A" Grade, Joe Szoni from Devilbend, 13 hcp, with 37pts. and the winner in "B" Grade, was Pat Wech, 29 hcp, with 37pts. Congratulations, guys.

**STABLEFORD:**  
**WINNERS:**  
**"A" Grade:**  
Joe Szoni ( DB ) 13 37pts

**"B" Grade:**  
Pat Wech ( M ) 29 37pts

**RUNNERS UP:**  
**"A" Grade:**  
Tony du Preez ( M ) 15 35pts

**"B" Grade:**  
Roger Hutton ( M ) 25 36pts  
Norm Schmidt ( C ) 25 36pts

**NEAREST THE PINS:**  
2nd Hole: Peter Brake ( MM )  
5th Hole : Alan Axford ( visitor )  
15th Hole : Murray Sells ( C )  
17th Hole: Mick Anderson ( CS )

**ENTRY PRIZE:** David Waters ( RCC )



## The National - June 18

93 members participated in this popular event. Despite a stiff breeze - with you one minute, against you the next - conditions were better than expected.

The greens were difficult to read at times due to their variable pace whilst the fairways showed a dash of 'weathering'. The course has obviously had more than a dash of the 'wet stuff'! After match service was of the usual high standard.

### STABLEFORD:

#### WINNERS:

##### "A" Grade:

Bill Weyne ( RCC ) 16 38pts

##### "B" Grade:

Ian Dalton ( D ) 22 35pts

### RUNNERS UP:

##### "A" Grade:

John Cockfield ( DB ) 10 37pts

##### "B" Grade:

Des Jolley ( DB ) 21 34pts

Rob Reeves ( DB ) 19 34pts

### NEAREST THE PINS:

3rd Hole: Alan Bellamy ( DB )

9th Hole : Rob Reeves ( DB )

11th Hole : Alan Findlay ( DB )

14th Hole: Jeff Clough ( CS )

**ENTRY PRIZE:** Peter Warwick ( DB )



## 2012

### AVGU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The clock is ticking seemingly faster each day, as we are now just over four months until the Championships begin on November 11.

Our total number of entrants is now 550, which includes 470 players and 80 non-playing ladies. We have had a number of cancellations already but these have been replaced from our waiting list, so we anticipate that our final numbers, come November, will be around what they are at the moment.

As mentioned in the April newsletter we now have a management structure in place, with Bill Peachey as Tournament Secretary as well as being Course Manager at Rosebud Country Club, Paul Swinnerton as Course Manager at The Dunes, Ian McGrane as Course Manager at Moonah Links and Peter Unkles as Course Manager at The National. These gentlemen will be recruiting their own workforce as they see fit. Ian Purchase and Tony Clarke are joint Operations Managers, whose role is to assist and support the Course Managers to ensure that we have uniformity at each club. Above all we want to provide a consistent and enjoyable experience for our visitors.

Meetings have been held with the Golf Operations Managers at each of the Championship courses and they, like us, are looking forward to showcasing their courses and conducting the largest tournament ever held on the Mornington Peninsula.

We continue to seek press articles to promote the Mornington Peninsula and to satisfy our sponsors, with the latest appearing on the ASG web site:

**[www.australianseniorgolfer.com.au](http://www.australianseniorgolfer.com.au)**

If you are interested in reading this, go to the web site, click on 'Events' and then 'Veteran Golf'. If you think that you may have some spare time in November and would like to be involved in any volunteer capacity please contact one of the above-mentioned members or myself.

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