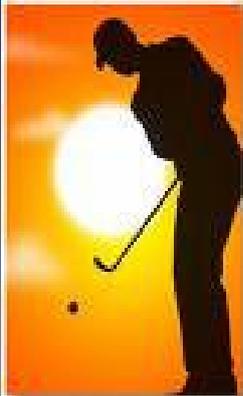




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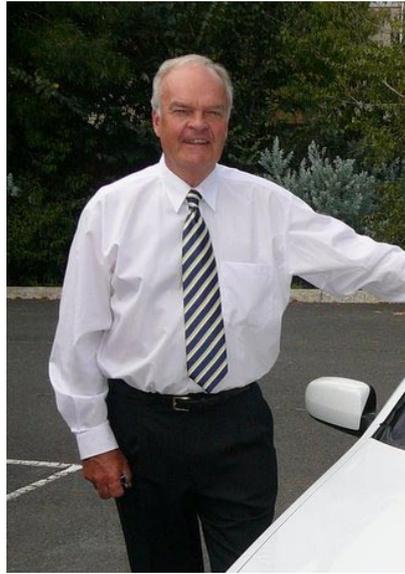
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# Message from the President



**M** PVGA President  
**Bill Peachey**

**T**he Association is going ahead in leaps and bounds and we now have more than 400 members. This makes the MPVGA one of the biggest groups in the Vic. Veteran Golfers Association.

**T**o date, we have had 15 competitions up to the end of August and given away prizes of \$1500.00 to Competition Winners, nearly 800 golf balls and hundreds of bottles of wine and 7 bottles of whisky. Congratulations to all those members who have won one of these prizes.

**I** know that it has been difficult playing golf in this winter season and most golf course superintendants have had a terrible time keeping their course in a playable condition. The Mornington Peninsula has had more than 300mm of rain or more than 12 inches of rain in the past 3 months. This is more than half the annual rainfall! I certainly feel sorry for the course man-

agers as several golf courses have been forced to close various holes as the fairways have become dangerous to play on. So please bear this fact in mind and help look after the golf course at all times. That is, filling in divots, repairing pitch marks on the green and anything else to help keep the golf course in a playable condition.

**I** certainly am looking forward to a sunny Spring. (not too hot) This should dry out most courses and get the couch grass growing again. At the moment most courses are aerating and sanding the greens and they should be in tip top condition from late October onwards, when golf clubs have their Tournaments. I'm looking forward to this time of the year as the golf ball rolls further!

**F**inally, don't forget to utilise our generous sponsors when possible. They are the Bendigo Bank and Half-a-Sec website developers. Good golfing.

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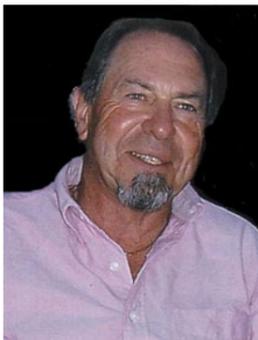
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## MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN



### TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER

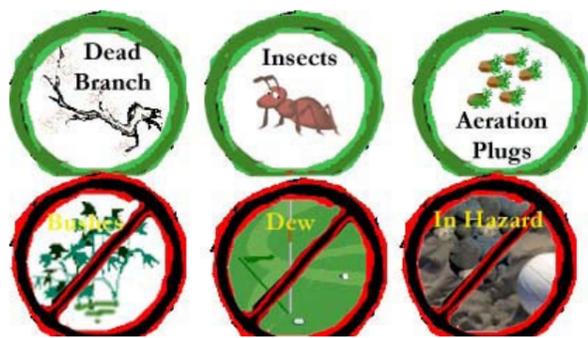
#### QUESTION:

#### 'LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS'

What are they?

#### ANSWER

Loose impediments are defined as natural objects including stones, leaves, twigs, dung, worms, insects and casts and heaps made by them. Provided that they are not fixed or growing, solidly embedded or adhering to the ball.



#### QUESTION

When can you take relief?

#### ANSWER

Loose impediments may be removed without penalty except in a hazard. However, If removal causes the ball to move on the putting green it must be replaced, but also without penalty.

Anywhere else, it must be replaced but with a 1 stroke penalty. (rule 18-2a)

#### QUESTION

Which of the following are not considered loose impediments?

- aeration plugs
- ant hill
- dew or frost
- embedded acorn
- half-eaten pear
- insect on ball
- natural ice
- banana skin
- worm partially underground
- sand on fringe of green

#### ANSWER

(c)(d)and (k).

#### QUESTION

A live insect is stationary or crawling on a player's ball through the green. May the player remove the insect with his fingers or blow it off?

#### ANSWER

Yes, a live insect is not considered to be adhering to the ball and therefore is a loose impediment. (decision 23-1/5)

#### QUESTION

A ball is embedded in an orange lying under an orange tree. What is the ruling?

#### ANSWER

The player must play the ball as it lies or call it unplayable, since the orange is adhering to the ball, it is not considered to be a 'loose impediment.' (decision 23/10)

## MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT



### IAN PURCHASE

Planning for the 2011 program commenced in July with all clubs requested to confirm date(s) and green/cart fee rates. At this stage all clubs have responded and increases to green/cart fee rates have been minimal. It is worth reporting that we as members of the MPVGA enjoy a variety of courses at very reasonable green fee rates. When compared with what other groups are required to pay, we are extremely fortunate in having access to courses and facilities of the highest quality.

MPVGA name tags are still available - see your club Delegate if you would like to order a name tag.

I would like to formally request that the practice of marking greens with the spike of the 'nearest the pin' marker be abandoned. Not only is this insidious habit unnecessary, but it takes time for a green to recover. Whilst on the subject of greens, I believe that there is room for a vast improvement in repairing greens. If we all repaired our own plus one other, greens would be in a far better condition than has been the case over the past few months. Finally, I see no need to retrieve

golf balls from cup with your putter. I have seen the final two centimetres of the green damaged with the result one put becomes two putts (or more). It is suggested that you obtain a 'retriever' from your local pro shop and attached it to the end of your putter.

Attendances over the past few months have been as follows – Cape Schanck (119), The Legends (112), Sorrento (88), Carrington Park (63), Portsea (49), and Flinders (69). It would appear that the weather forecast deterred members from attending Carrington Park - as we all know conditions were A1 for golfing. Portsea did present a few problems – rain, hail, wind and sun, but not in that order! Flinders had to be the wettest I have seen it for many years. For the record – Devilbend received 212.8mm of rain between 1 August and 7 September. That's over eight inches of rain!

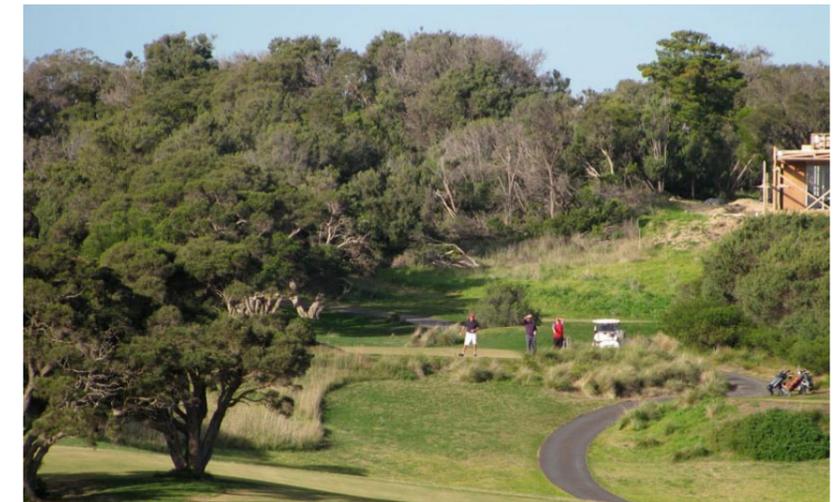
### Coming Events 4th Quarter

(note some changes from printed syllabus)

- The Dunes - Tuesday October 12 - Stableford
- Devilbend - Monday October 25 - Stableford
- Safety Beach - Monday November 8 - Stableford
- Mt. Martha - Monday November 15 - Russian Roulette Stableford
- Cerberus - Monday December 6 - Stableford
- Mornington - Monday December 13 - Ambrose



# Photo Roundup from this Quarter's Events



RANDOM PICS FROM MOONAH LINKS, CARRINGTON PARK & SORRENTO

PHOTOGRAPHER TREVOR BISHOP



# MPVGA Events Results

## Moonah Links 'The Legends' - July 12 Results

This was a 4-BBB competition comprising 56 teams.

The early birds and the Moonah ground staff were greeted by one of the coldest mornings this winter. Fortunately however the sun did show itself and we all enjoyed some great weather and course conditions.

And what a great course!

The 112 strong field enjoyed a magnificently prepared and presented course resulting in a run of very high scores being recorded - as a result the ball run down cut off at 42 points.

The duo of Brian Robertson & Graham Beaton of Devilbend proved unassailable with a magnificent 49 Points.

### 4BBB Stableford Results.

#### Members' Prizes:

'A' Grade: Brian Roberson & Graham Beaton (Devilbend) - 49 Points

'B' Grade: Don Brown (Cape Schanck) & Bill Peachey (Rosebud CC) - 46 Points

#### Nearest the Pin Competition:

3rd Hole: Greg Proctor - Devilbend

5th Hole: Ted Moore - Moonah Links

10th Hole: John Morgan - Mornington

16th Hole: Ian Patterson - Cape Schanck

#### Entry Prize Winner:

Bottle of Scotch

Ian Phelan - The National



## Sorrento Golf Club - July 29 Results

The picturesque Sorrento course was the venue for our only individual par event for the year.

The day was blustery but the 88 members who played remained dry.

Although comparatively short, the Sorrento layout was in excellent condition and the major course works carried out over the last few years continue an improvement programme.

The good scores reflect this and again Devilbend members featured prominently. -1 was needed to win a ball.

#### Par Results:

#### Members' Prizes:

'A' Grade: Michael Palmer - Devilbend (17) +4

'B' Grade: Rodger Bouette - Devilbend (19) +3

#### Competition Prizes:

'A' Grade: Allan Findlay - Devilbend (13) +4 (Count-back)

'B' Grade: David Barker - Rosebud CC (29) +2

#### Nearest the Pin Competition:

2nd Hole: Peter Burgess - Cape Schanck

5th Hole: Allan Findlay - Devilbend

15th Hole: Alan Reichel - The National

17th Hole: David Barker - Rosebud CC

#### Entry Prize Winner:

Bottle of Scotch

Peter Molloy - Cerberus



# 3rd Quarter 2010

## Carrington Park - August 9 Results

Threatening weather conditions resulted in a small field of only 63 players teeing off at Carrington Park. Ground conditions were difficult with preferred lies allowed to help ease the frustrations of wet play. Notwithstanding the difficulties some very good scores were recorded with a 46 from Greg Proctor taking out B grade and a 42 from Bob Brown winning A grade. For the rest of the field the ball run down cut off at a quite respectable 35 points.

### Stableford Results.

#### Members' Prizes:

'A' Grade: Bob Brown - Carrington Park (16) - 42 Points

'B' Grade: Greg Proctor - Devilbend (20) - 46 Points

#### Competition Prizes:

'A' Grade: Trevor Bishop - Devilbend (16) - 40 Points

'B' Grade: Rodger Bouette - Devilbend (20) - 41 Points

#### Nearest the Pin Competition:

3rd Hole: Noel Knight - Safety Beach

6th Hole: Bill Mansell - Carrington Park

11th Hole: John Morgan - Mornington

17th Hole: Keith Younger - Devilbend

#### Entry Prize Winner:

Bottle of Scotch

James Hewitt - Carrington Park



## Portsea Golf Club - August 16 Results

The gale force wind-driven hailstorm unleashed itself on the final few groups as they approached their last hole or two - yours truly included. Only those standing up to their ankles in ice 150 metres from their final hole that day could truly appreciate what this was like - but I digress!

Considering the soggy conditions of most Victorian courses following 3 months of solid rain, Portsea was in very good condition with generally good dry lies and pretty reasonable grass cover.

Today's competition provided plenty of challenges with fast greens, icy rain, extremely strong winds for the very small but stalwart group of 49 players who participated. Overall scores were particularly low with less than a quarter of the field achieving more than 30 points, resulting the ball run down cut off at, what could be an all time low of 29!!

### Stableford Results.

#### Members' Prizes:

'A' Grade: Terry Tregillis - Carrington Park (15) - 35 Points

'B' Grade: A. Gregory - Portsea (34) - 37 Points

#### Competition Prizes:

'A' Grade: Adrian Holton-Pickard - Rosebud CC (12) - 31 Points

'B' Grade: Brian Thomas - Mornington (26) 35 Points

#### Nearest the Pin Competition:

3rd Hole: B.King - Carrington Park

7th Hole: Ian Patterson - Cape Schanck

12th Hole: I.Watts - Rosebud CC

16th Hole: Peter Cheshire - Portsea

#### Entry Prize Winner:

Bottle of Scotch

Theo Fatouros - Portsea



## 3rd Quarter 2010 Results (continued)

### Flinders - September 6

A reduced field of only 69 players mainly due to the threatening conditions - which in fact came to pass with a vengeance - featuring gale force icy winds and driving rain with the occasional sunny patch.

Wet ground conditions also hampered golfers with only 6 players scoring better than their handicaps.

Best of the day was a Devilbend pair: William Lawson taking out 'B' grade with 42 points and John Cockfield, winning 'A' grade with 38 points.

### Stableford Results.

#### Members' Prizes:

'A' Grade: John Cockfield - Devilbend (11) 38 Points

'B' Grade: William Lawson - Devilbend (22) 43 Points

#### Competition Prizes:

'A' Grade: Trevor Bishop - Devilbend (15) 37 Points & 2 runners-up in 'B' grade with 38 Points:

Alan Bellamy(23) - Devilbend, and  
Mike Wensley(24) - Mornington.

#### 'Nearest the Pin Competition:

9th Hole: Adrian Holton-Pickard - Rosebud CC

12th Hole: John Cockfield - Devilbend

14th Hole: Greg Proctor - Devilbend

17th Hole: Arthur Holmes - Rosebud CC

#### Entry Prize Winner:

Bottle of Scotch

Kevin White - Rosebud CC



### Mt. Martha - September 20

Due to ground conditions This game has been postponed until November 15. (see P3 for 4th quarter events schedule)



## 10 SIGNS THAT YOU'RE TOO OLD FOR THE VETS

- When you take off your golf shoe, you notice a tag around your toe.
- Your foursome tells you to be quiet but it's just your bones creaking
- You need a cart just to get to your car
- One of your competitors loses his ball in your prodigious ear hair.
- Every time you swing, the waistband on your knickers chafes your nipples.
- You have 3 walking speeds: doddering, shuffling and wobbling.
- You strain your groin area just telling a joke.
- Your golf ball: 384 dimples. You: 384 liver spots.
- You have only two groupies – Carol Channing and Kate Hepburn.
- Good news: You make it into the Golf Hall of Fame. Bad news: it's posthumous.