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## Message from the President



### MPVGA President

Peter Unkles

As we end our Autumn quarter and enter Winter the weather over the last few days has reminded us what Melbourne winters are all about. The weather gods have been reasonably kind to us as we have visited Cape Schanck, Safety Beach, Flinders, Portsea, Sorrento and Rosebud Country Club although the latter was too wet underfoot to allow carts to be used.

The Les Prideaux Memorial Championships are well under way with the first round at Portsea and the second at Rosebud Country Club. The final two rounds will be held at Cape Schanck and the Dunes in July and August.

With Carrington Park Golf Club now playing out of Eagle Ridge we have been able to welcome Rosebud Park as an affiliated club. We welcome these Rosebud Park members back again as many were Veteran member as part of Carrington Park.

We should keep in mind that a leading objective of the MPVGA is to foster an enjoyable social experience as well as taking the opportunity to play at the great range of golf courses we have on the Peninsula. To achieve this social inter-mixing our Captain strives to mix the pairings of players around from event to event. We have an informal rule that accepts that players wish to play with a particular companion at various events and the request to do so is perfectly acceptable but we wish that to be limited to the two players. From time to time more than two players from the same club may be nominated in the same four but that is at the discretion of the Captain as he organises the Start Sheet. (An obvious exception would be the Ambrose 4s at Mornington).

On the subject of the Start Times Sheet the Captain forwards this provisional sheet to Delegates around 12 days prior to each event. The Delegate informs his Club player members of their start time and tee by putting the sheet up on the Club Notice Board or verbally or by e mail. We also place the full Start Time List on the MPVGA website about 10 days in advance as a back up reference point although we have missed a couple of events due to my absence out of the country. If you are not informed of or aware of your upcoming start time then firstly check with your Delegate or check the website on the front page and click on "Start Times." The third option is to contact the Captain Ian Purchase. Keep in mind that this Sheet is provisional and occasional alterations occur on the morning of the event due to cancellations and additions or other local Club factors. The final Sheet is that which the Club Delegate running the event on the day will be using and of course he may have to make further adjustments due to further late cancellations or other factors.

Please continue to enjoy our Newsletter and make use of our Website. Always play ready golf and strive to achieve at least a 4.5 hour maximum round. The low handicapper in each four should take responsibility for ensuring play is not slow. If in doubt on a possible lost ball always play a provisional. If for any reason you have to cancel from an event please inform your Delegate or Ian Purchase and if at the last moment leave a message with the Pro Shop at the relevant Club."

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## MPVGA VICE CAPTAIN TONY CLARKE'S RULES CORNER



### BOUNDARY MARKERS

An important aspect to remember about the ropes, stakes, walls and fences that define and guard various parts of a golf course is that unless they signify 'out-of-bounds', you can either remove the marker or take relief, if it can't be removed when it interferes with the lie of your ball, stance or swing. For example, you can remove a water hazard stake that is next to your ball to play your next shot but don't forget to put it back.



However, when dealing with 'out-of-bounds' markers it is different.

You cannot remove an out-of-bounds marker or take relief without penalty but you can strike the marker first in an attempt to play a shot at a ball that is on the course.

The whole ball must be entirely 'out-of-bounds' otherwise it is in play.

In the case of markers that designate a water hazard

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(either red or yellow), only a part of your ball has to touch the boundary for it to be considered inside the hazard. The boundary is considered to be the outermost edge of a hazard stake or a marked line.



But remember that, even if your ball is in the hazard, you can still remove any marker that interferes with the lie of your ball, stance or swing. Similarly, ropes or stakes used to mark ground under repair (a local rule) are obstructions and a ball is inside the margin when any part of the ball touches it.

There may be an instance where a water hazard stake cannot be removed as it may be too securely fixed in the ground. you are entitled to free relief as long as your ball is not in the hazard. Find the nearest point where you are able to obtain complete relief, not nearer the hole, and drop up to one club length away from that point."



### 2014 EVENTS CALENDAR 3rd QUARTER

- \* Monday July 14 - The National (Moonah) Stableford
- \* Monday July 28 - Cape Schanck - Stableford Round 3 Championships
- \* Tuesday August 12 - The Dunes - Stableford Round 4 Championships
- \* Monday August 25 - Moonah Links (Legends) 4BBB Par
- \* Monday September 1 - Flinders Bendsons
- \* Monday September 22 - Cerberus 4BBB Stableford



## MPVGA CAPTAIN'S REPORT IAN PURCHASE

Despite the wintry weather, support for the program has been maintained at a healthy level. It is also very pleasing to see so many new members becoming regular attendees.

The Teams Event will be held at the picturesque Chalambar (Ararat) course on 125-16 September. A notice concerning this event was circulated to all clubs. Closing date for entries is 24 July.

As we all know, it is the little things that can result in a round of golf being a pleasurable experience or an absolute nightmare.

Please consider the following:

- (a) Hit when ready and safe: do NOT use the honour system.
- (b) Leave your clubs between green and next tee – not in front of the green. This applies to carts also.
- (c) Continue putting until holed out.
- (d) Mark your card on the way to the next tee.
- (e) Carry an extra ball in your pocket.
- (f) Always ensure that your group watches where your shot goes.
- (g) Don't wait for a player to clean up in a bunker, start putting after you have marked his ball.

For those members who holiday at Apollo Bay, I was pleased to read recently that the Golf Club has been granted another 21 year lease. A developer was keen to acquire this property, however all is well and the club committee will now go ahead with a long list of improvements. If you haven't played this lovely 9 hole course, it is a real experience, particular when the wind is up!

In the south western area of Ireland there is a golf course – Old Head – located in Kinsale. Price-wise, \$546.00 AUD. It is a superb links course that runs along the Celtic Sea. We really are spoilt here in Australia when it comes to the cost of green fees.

## GOLFERS' WISDOM

by Anonymous



Golf!  
Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies, obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good beer.

Golf!  
You hit down to make the ball go up.  
You swing left and the ball goes right.  
The lowest score wins.  
And on top of that,  
the winner buys the drinks!

The term 'Mulligan' is really a contraction of the phrase 'maul-it-again.'

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ... neither of whom can putt very well.

An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play, it's always possible to get worse.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all you really stink.

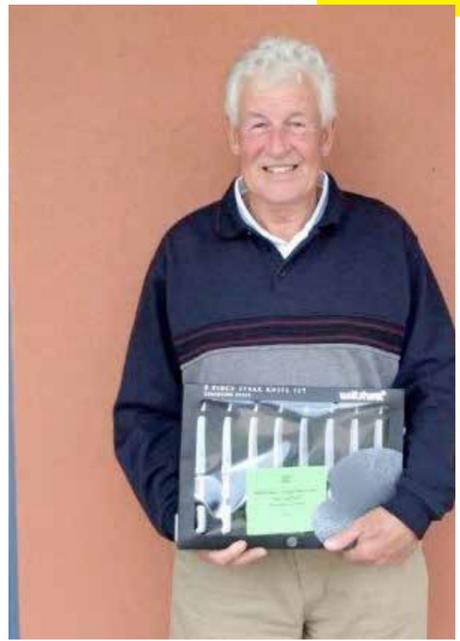
If your best shots are practice swings and 'gimme putts', you might want to reconsider this game.

Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you

Golf is like marriage:  
If you take yourself too seriously it won't work: and both are pretty damned expensive!



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Pics from Cape Schanck, Flinders, Colac, Portsea & Sorrento

Photography by Trevor Bishop



# MPVGA Events Results

# 2nd Quarter 2014

## Cape Schanck - April 14

The course was in fantastic condition with plenty of bounce on the fairways, and 91 keen competitors who enjoyed the magnificent calm and sunny autumn day. The greens were perhaps a little slow but the tees were thoughtfully placed to accommodate the more senior of us, and some very commendable individual scores were reported, even though the aggregate totals were on the low side, with an aggregate 72 being both the winner and follow-up on countback.

There was a good mix of club members in the ball run-down list and everyone really enjoyed the day out at The Cape.

### AGGREGATE STABLEFORD

#### WINNERS

Charles Milligan (DB) and Derick West (DB) 72 pts

#### RUNNERS UP

Ivan Dawkins (SB) and David Rollo (CS) 72 pts (c/b)

#### NEAREST THE PINS:

- 3rd Hole: John Hunter (MM)
- 4th Hole: Alan Bennett (MGC)
- 14th Hole: John Dovison (CS)
- 16th Hole: Ron Milligan (DB)

## Safety Beach - April 28

A disappointing turnout for this event provided a meagre field of only 41 players despite quite a nice Autumn day.

The course was in reasonable shape and many players across a lot of different clubs turned in some very good scores on the day.

### INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

#### A GRADE

John Hannan (SB) HC 14 39 pts

#### B GRADE

Brian Jeanes (MM) HC 27 42 pts

#### RUNNERS UP

##### A GRADE

John Cockfield (DB) HC 9 38 pts

##### B GRADE

Robert Morrison (SB) HC 32 40 pts

#### NEAREST THE PINS:

- 2nd Hole: John Cockfield (DB)
- 6th Hole: John Hasler (SB)
- 12th Hole: Ian Patterson (CS)
- 13th Hole: Bill Mansell (CP)

## Flinders - May 12

A strong field of 95 players participated in this popular event at the spectacular Flinders golf course. The fairways were in very fine condition, the greens were fast but very soft from recent rains but the weather on the day was absolutely perfect - the one jarring note to the day was the thoughtless treatment of the greens by club's workers who were repairing tees on the day.

Virtually every green had been crossed by their work vehicle which had heavy treaded tyres, making putting difficult to say the least. I'm sure that the generally low scores for the day were in part due to this factor.

### INDIVIDUAL PAR WINNERS

#### A GRADE

Evan Carter (C) HC 16 +1 (c/b)

#### B GRADE

Peter Twidle (MM) HC 34 +2 (c/b)

#### RUNNERS UP

##### A GRADE

Alan Findlay (DB) HC 13 +1 (c/b)

Tony Martin (DB) HC 14 +1 (c/b)

##### B GRADE

Ron Sweetser (MM) HC 25 +2 (c/b)

#### NEAREST THE PINS:

- 9th Hole: Andrew Wilkins (M)
- 12th Hole: Steve Armstrong (M)
- 17th Hole: Chris Eskinsmyth (P)
- 14th Hole: Roger Bouette (DB)

## Portsea - May 26 Round 1 Club Championships

As the weather was kind to us despite the earlier forecast, Portsea provided a perfect day of golf with ideal conditions greeting the 92 MPVGA members on Monday.

The course retains its popularity due to its Santa Anna couch fairways, strategic bunkering and greens that vary in speed.

With the new clubhouse dominating the landscape, and the new routing, it takes a few games to fully understand the course. It was nevertheless fun to play as long as you stayed out of the rough!

### INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD WINNERS

#### A GRADE

Geoff Leach (C) HC 11 40 pts

#### B GRADE

Roger Anderson (DB) HC 26 44 pts

#### RUNNERS UP

##### A GRADE

Bob Leatham (M) HC 16 38 pts

##### B GRADE

John Forrester (M) HC 18 38 pts

#### NEAREST THE PINS:

- 2nd Hole: Harry Rouette (DB)
- 7th Hole: Bob Leatham (M)
- 13th Hole: Peter Cass (RCC)
- 16th Hole: Bill King (CP)



**Sorrento - June 19**

The day turned out fine but very chilly. Apart from the 1st hole we appeared to be always hitting into a stiff headwind which made many of the holes unreachable in regulation.

Scores reflected the difficulty of the day with a score of 30 plus getting a ball.

The course was presented in wonderful condition, the fairways and greens were excellent.

It was a great experience to play another wonderful Peninsula course and finally reach the majestic club house and a suitable beverage or two. Special thanks to Trevor for the cards, scoring and presentation

**INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD  
WINNERS**

**A GRADE**

Bill Peachey (RCC) HC 16 37 pts

**B GRADE**

Jonathan Vaudrey (MM) HC 33 39 pts

**RUNNERS UP**

**A GRADE**

Rodger Bouette (DB) HC 16 37 pts

**B GRADE**

John Massey (M) HC 28 36 pts

**NEAREST THE PINS:**

2nd Hole: John Hunter(MM)

5th Hole: Steve Armstrong (M)

15th Hole: Bill Peachey (RCC)

17th Hole: Geoffrey Wilkins (DB)

Due to the restriction on golf buggies imposed by the club resulting from the previous days' heavy rainfall, playing numbers were dramatically reduced to only 76 starters on a wet and forbidding Monday morning.

However the rain held off for most of the event and despite some pretty ordinary scores being recorded across most of the field, some pretty good results were carded with the ball run-down cutting off at 31 points.

There was a plethora of 'runners-up' on 33 points in both A & B Grade, with 8 walking away with 6 balls each.

**INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD  
WINNERS**

**A GRADE**

Timothy Webb (DB) HC 5 35 pts

**B GRADE**

Roger Anderson (DB) HC 26 37 pts

**RUNNERS UP**

**A GRADE**

Peter Cass (RCC) HC 14 33 pts

Bill King (CP) HC 9 33 pts

Martin Sever (DB) HC 11 33 pts

Geoffrey Menlove (DB) HC 12 33 pts

Neville Swinnerton (D) HC 14 33 pts

Allan Langford (DB) HC 13 33 pts

Ian HODge (DB) HC 11 33 pts

**B GRADE**

Des Jolley (DB) HC 23 33 pts

**NEAREST THE PINS:**

4th Hole: Noel Baker (C)

7th Hole: David Davies (C)

11th Hole: Ian Purchase (DB)

13th Hole: Harold Rouette (DB)

