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From the President & Manager...*Rob Dowling & Matt Chesterman*

This past month we have unfortunately received resignations from Ian Threadgold, Hospitality Sub-Committee & Vicky Cammack, Independent Committee Member and Steve Krause our Golf Professional.

The casual vacancy on the Committee of Management has been filled by Linda Pearce & we thank her for volunteering to fill this position & look forward to her future contribution in this role.

Unfortunately we still have casual vacancies on the Hospitality & Grounds Committee (1) & Commercial Activities (2). If you are interested in volunteering to serve on either of these sub-committees please contact our Manager, Matt Chesterman.

The decision by Steve Krause to not renew his contact beyond June 30, 2018 came as quite a shock but I am sure that you respect his decision & wish him every success for the future. On your behalf we thank Steve for his service to our Club & the fantastic job he has done with our Juniors & growth of our membership.

Currently there is a sub-committee of the President, Vice-president Membership, David King, Vice-president Finance, Greg Kemp & Manager, and Matt Chesterman exploring options with respect to staffing the pro shop. We thank Garry Merrick, PGA professional & member of our Club for his advice on what future directions we may wish to consider.

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(From the President & Manager...continued)

Tuesday May 1st at 7.30 pm New Ideas Brainstorming evening.

This is an opportunity for members to present their ideas & views on but not limited to the following;

- How can we improve on what we are currently doing?
- What can we do to increase our revenue base from alternative sources?
- Does Club Advantage in its current format work for you?
- Where to with our Junior Foundation?

Hopefully there will be sufficient input from members on a wide cross section of new ideas upon which we can build our future plans & include in our current Strategic Plan.

We look forward to what we hope will be a productive evening.

A reminder that entry forms for the

Air Diffusion Legends Pro Am

are now available from the office. Set aside Monday 7th May.

On Friday 6th April I was honoured, along with Mick Gibbie our Vice-captain to participate in the presentation ceremony for our McMillan Shield team winners.

Each team member received a cap embroidered with '3 in a row', plus a voucher & certificate of recognition.

The night was made even more special by the attendance of 48 family members.

Steve Krause...Club Professional



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A WORD FROM THE GIRLS...from Jan Shaw (VP Women's Golf)

The **Give Golf a Go Clinics** for women held on Thursdays and Saturdays during March and April finished last week. Thank you to Jan Threadgold, Denise Walters, Kath Hender and Angela Beaty for supporting Steve with the ladies. Volunteers will be needed to take the new ladies out on the course over the next few weeks to teach them golf etiquette, club selection and help them get a golf handicap. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time so far.

The Golf SA **Shylie Rymill foursomes event** was held on 27th March. It was won by Deb Dudson and Debbie Gill. Congratulations to Vicky Flodin and Lil Maddern; Yvonne Isaac and Jan Milne; Beverly Hill and Karen Hender; Pam Baverstock & Mary O'Hagan; Angela Beaty and Lyn Cummings; Marianne Hall and Judith Hill; Chris Schubert & Gwen Jacobs for qualifying in our Turnbull Salver match play knockout event.

First and second rounds of the **Club Championships** commenced on 9/10th April and will continue next week on 17th April and 19th April, with the final on Friday 20th April. The weather this year has been unseasonably hot which has resulted in reduced numbers of players. In comparison last year it rained so heavily during the second round that play had to be cancelled. Top qualifiers for 2018 were Cath Hayward (A Grade), Leonie Lindsay (B Grade), Debbie Gill (C Grade) and Helen Carman (9 Hole). Congratulations to everyone for participating and good luck to everyone who is continuing in the Match Play rounds next week. Presentations to the winners will be held in the Clubhouse on Friday afternoon.

Gala Day will be held on Thursday 26th April. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members and includes a two course lunch. Over 100 players have already registered for the day. If you would like to join the competition please see Julie or Kath in the office. The traditional trading table will be held on the day and is a great fundraiser for the club. Your support in making biscuits, cakes and/or preserves will be greatly appreciated.



Vines Women Club Advantage Day at Mt Osmond in March 2018

FROM COURSE SUB COMMITTEE... *from Peter Shaw (Vice President, Course)*

Dam Levels

First the numbers:

Rainfall total for 2018 is **34 mm**.

Our recorded average at the course to April over the past 20 years is **99.8 mm**, so 34 mm is very low in comparison. The last time it was that low was in 2002.

The new bore has produced **39.8** megalitres this season and is at 16m above the pump.

The old bore has produced **16.3** megalitres.

We have used **109.45** megalitres for irrigation this season.

Our water situation is becoming quite tight and management strategies are in place to conserve and ensure an adequate supply. The old bore is accounting for evaporation and the new bore is adding 2 megalitres per week to the Turkey's Nest. We are currently watering greens under normal conditions using the main dam. The tees have been switched to water from the Turkey's Nest dam which is where the new bore water is stored. The fairways continue to be watered from the Turkey's Nest dam but the output has been reduced to around 1/2, and this is very evident visually in the colour of the fairways. However, the fairways are still in good shape. Water use will naturally be lower over the next few weeks as temperatures drop and day length is reduced. But some rain would be nice.



European Wasp – Update

We are pleased to see that the wasp problem has diminished quite significantly. Our baiting program has worked to reduce the wasp threat. A nest was located near the water storage tank adjacent to the 7th hole. A bait trap was set up and within a few days wasp activity had stopped altogether. Please continue to take care as there may still be a few wasps out there.

13th Hole Carry - Update

The 13th carry is now taking shape and is well on the way to completion. 220 m² of Santa Ana turf was purchased for the job, and this was laid by our staff. The workload for this part of the job is reduced to about 1/3 when the turf is purchased and delivered to site and the result is far more immediate. Work still outstanding includes the removal of the gravel from the path at the fairway end, to be replaced with turf, replacement of drainage pipes under the path at the tee end, and additional seeding in the carry area.

7th Green

The recent incidence of algae on the 7th green has been treated and is reducing within the green. There have been smaller outbreaks on other greens and these have also been treated.

18th Hole Carry

We have received feedback both verbally and via "feedback mailbox" regarding difficulty for some Club Members reaching the fairway following the redevelopment of the 18th carry. The 18th carry project was undertaken for a number of reasons. Firstly, to improve the look of the hole from the barren moonscape it had become, and secondly, to resolve drainage issues in this area. This has been achieved by contouring the ground to feed excess water runoff into the drains on the left-hand side of the new path together with establishing grass in the area. To assist with the establishment of the Santa Anna sods that were laid in the area, the site has

been heavily watered and fertilised to promote strong growth. This process is now complete and the entire carry area has been mowed to below the usual rough height (2.5 inches) and this will be carried out weekly during the growing season. A problem still remained with the trenches for the laying of the irrigation pipes as the soil here had subsided and required topping up. The turf in some of these trenches has been raised to adjacent ground level. Water to this area has now been turned off. Significant improvement has been seen in the carry area and this is expected to gradually improve further with each weekly cut.

feedback@vinesgolfclub.com.au The Course Sub-Committee is looking for your feedback on any issue that relates to the Course. Heard a rumour that doesn't sound right, and there are always plenty going around, send an email to the above address. Have a suggestion or criticism, write to the above address. Any correspondence will be treated confidentially. We are looking for your feedback.

HOLE IN ONE on 10th



Congratulations to

Carolyn Salisbury

20th of March

Well done!



From the Captain...*Dean Nobbs*

The **Matchplay Championships** have been run and won. There was some great golf played by our finalists.

In **C Grade Rohan Haslam** took on Michael Mitchell. Michael was using a brand new Wilson driver on the day and drove the ball exceptionally well. They were square after the first 7 holes then Rohan won the eighth to be 1 up after 9 holes. Rohan started to edge ahead of Michael on the back nine with his consistent shot making and putting. Both players hit good shots into the 14th, but Michael left himself with a tricky downhill, which he three putted and after Rohan two putted he extended his lead to be 4 up. Rohan managed to finish a very good match on the 15th for a well-earned win.

In **B Grade Charlie Nobbs** took on Guilio Sagrestano. It was another tight match with Charlie leading 1 up after the 8th hole. Guilio was playing some good golf around the front nine to keep Charlie in contact. Fresh off a long victorious McMillan Shield season, Charlie won the 9th, 10th and 11th holes to go 4 up. Charlie eventually won the match on the 14th for a 5 and 4 victory. During his speech, Charlie thanked Gary Roberts who agreed to play the semi-final against Charlie on the Thursday afternoon before the final so that Charlie could play the McMillan Shield final.

In **A Grade Matt Bell** took on **Alex Curtin**. It was another tight match early on with the lead chopping and changing. Matt hit some great shots and was putting pressure on Alex. With his polished game, Alex managed to sneak ahead and was 1 up after the 5th and 2 up after the 7th. Matt rallied to win the next two holes and the match was all square after the 9th. The match continued to be very close over the next four holes with Alex leading 1 up after the 13th. Alex managed to find another gear and birdied the next two holes to take be 3 up after the 15th. A half of the 16th was enough for Alex to take the A grade Championship with a 3 and 2 victory.

The **Father and Son Cup and Family Pairs** was played on Sunday the 8th April. It was a warm day and the 4BBB format produced some great results.

In the **Family Pairs** three couples had 43 points. The winning pair was **Rob and Shane Hicks** and the runners up were Mary & Damien O'Hagan. Jason Reynolds and our ladies Vice Captain Kath Hender finished third.

In the **Father and Son Cup (H.A. Harris Trophy)**, which was first played in 1933, **Tony and Charlie Nobbs** won with 43 points and Alan and Marc Fulton were runners up on 39 points.

The Legends Pro Am is on the 7th May so get your entries in quick before all places are filled for the 12:30 pm shotgun start.



RULE of the month...*explanation*

...from John Ward

SLOW PACE OF PLAY

The Match Committee has placed an "A" frame on the first tee to advise members of the average time competition rounds are taking to complete.

The pace of play has always been a concern and creates some angst among members who have a desire to play quicker rounds of golf. This occurs not only at our club but at most clubs that have full fields on competition days. While the club maintains playing groups of four players and tee times with six or seven minute intervals there will always be a risk that some competition rounds will take more time than others.

For instance, Par rounds will take less time to complete than Stroke Medal Rounds because more strokes are played in a stroke round.

It is also logical to assume that a group of scratch golfers or low handicap golfers will be quicker to play a round than a group of high handicap golfers playing stroke rounds because they should have played less strokes.

However, there are steps that we can all take to minimise the risk of playing slower rounds of golf than we do now and the **Rules of Golf** give us some suggestions in...

SECTION1; ETQUETTE....PACE OF PLAY.

- Play at Good Pace and Keep Up with the group in front
- Be Ready to Play as soon as it is your turn to play (Invoke Ready Golf rules)
- Play a provisional ball if the ball may be lost or may be out of bounds.
- Call up the group behind before searching for a ball that will not easily be found. Don't wait five minutes to call the group through.

There are of course other good habits we can get into to help with the Pace of Play.

- Move to your ball as quickly as you can without disturbing or distracting other players.
- Leave your buggies as close to the next tee while putting out and ensure you exit the greens as quickly as possible.
- Mark your score cards at the next tee rather than on the green but ensure you don't hold up play.
- Proceed to the next tee if the group in front has left a safe gap on the next fairway for you to tee off.
- On each Par 3 the club allows a group to call up the following group using their discretion and ensuring that there is no danger to any player. This will quicken play through all par 3's.

If players concentrate on the speed of play and implement the above tactics the pace of play around the course will improve immensely.

Remember if we can play each hole a minute quicker we will play the whole round 18 minutes quicker than we do now.

Playing groups can only play a round of golf as quick as the slowest player in that group.

TRY NOT TO BE THE SLOWEST PLAYER IN YOUR GROUP

Juniors...from Wayne Corbett

A Presentation Night was held in our Club House on Friday 6th April to recognise and acknowledge the success of our 2018 McMillan Shield team for winning the Shield 3 years in a row.

Junior Co-ordinator, Wayne Corbett, thanked our Club Professional (Steve) for his support, advice and expert coaching as well as the players, parents, family members and those Club members who regularly attended each game for their on-going support during the competition. Our Club President (Rob Dowling) and our Club Vice Captain (Mick Gibbie), then presented each squad member with an embroidered cap, an appropriate "3 in a row" certificate and a \$40 gift voucher – thanks to a generous supporter of our Junior Development Program. Given the resounding applause for our team, the evening was a resounding success.



2018 McMillan Shield Team...3 in a row

Our talented Juniors travelled to The Grange Golf Club to play the West Course against the team from Tea Tree Gully for the final round of this year's competition.

Play commenced from the 10th tee and each group of players got away well given the strong gusty and swirling wind. Members of our team for this final round (in playing order) were Boston Price, Louis Pretty, Charlie Nobbs (Capt), Alex Manton, Lachlan Sharp, Zoe Manton, Oscar McDonnell and Sam Carpenter was our reserve player.

After the first nine holes of play it was quite apparent that our team was in for a very difficult struggle given the talent being displayed by the Tea Tree Gully players whilst their respective high handicaps were not reflective of the skill and ability levels they were displaying. To illustrate the

handicap differential, Louis had to concede 12 shots, Charlie 10, Alex 18, Lachlan 15, Zoe 9 and Oscar 16. Given this disparity, at this stage of play, Boston was 2 down, Louis 1 down, Charlie 5 up, Alex and Lachlan each 1 up, Zoe square and Oscar 2 down.

Charlie was holding a comfortable lead of 6 up after holes 12 but his opponent rallied to reduce the deficit to 3 with 3 to play. Charlie eventually recorded a 3/2 win. Oscar lost 5/4 and Louis was having a real battle on his hands. At one stage he was 3 down with 3 to play but rallied only to lose on the 18th, 1 down. Boston had narrowed the gap to some degree to be 2 down with 2 to play but unfortunately lost 2/1. Alex also staged a strong fight back from 2 down with 2 to play, only to lose 1 down on the 18th. For the team to retain this year's Shield and to make it 3 wins in a row, we needed at least 2 wins. This meant a successful outcome rested on the shoulders of Zoe and Lachlan. Zoe eventually succumbed 2/1 after giving her all.

These results meant that we were 5 matches down with just the 1 win. This left Lachlan holding the fate of a successful defence of our title on his shoulders. He was 2 up with 2 holes to play but then fell back to 1 up with the final hole to play. This added to the tension and the pressure as well as the excitement. He played that final hole in a superb manner whilst remaining focussed, calm and steady. Such was his seemingly relaxed demeanour that I think he should now be known as "Mr Cool".

He finished the hole in great style by placing his superbly controlled approach shot just below the pin to about 3 or 4 feet. His comfortable par was good enough for him to win the hole and go 2 up and for the team **to retain the McMillan Shield for the third year in a row** despite losing this game 5 and 2.

It was a fantastic sight to see ALL of his team mates and the many Club supporters and family and friends surrounding the final green including the Club President, past President, Club Captain and Vice-Captain as well as some of our lady members.



UPDATE OF WORKING-BEE ODD JOB VOLUNTEERS LIST

from John Ward (on behalf of the Course Committee)



BECOME AN ODD JOBBER

To enable all members to be given the opportunity to participate in various working bees on the golf course the time has come to update our list of volunteers. A number of members have been involved in many projects around the golf course for many years, however, we are sure that there are other members, perhaps newer members, who may want to get involved in helping the green staff maintain certain areas around the golf course.

At present the Odd Job group are engaged on a tree trimming, branch removal and tidy up project on the western side of the course. This entails being available for up to about 3 to 4 hours once a month on a Thursday morning, the day after the Special Guest Day Competition from 0900hrs up to approx.1300hrs. The work is not arduous, particularly if we get good numbers of volunteers.

Other smaller odd jobs such as cleaning out grated drains and tidying areas around tee blocks etc. are jobs that can be undertaken during the winter months and may only take a couple of hours to do.

All work undertaken is under the control of the Course Superintendent or one of his staff and any machinery used is operated by trained personnel.

If you are not already on the volunteer list and want to help out in the future can you please contact Julie in the office and leave your details (email address, phone no. etc) to enable the club to advise you of up-coming projects.



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- There are no green fees – and we usually have a light lunch after each game
- We would like more players from Blackwood, Mt Osmond, The Vines and Flagstaff Hill.

If you are interested in joining the group simply email Allan Wiltshire (TTG Member) at awiltshr@bigpond.net.au or contact Geoff Norton, one of your members who can give you more details of our events.

For further details call Allan on 82634792

DISCOUNT BRAINS...

In the hospital the relatives gathered in the waiting room, where their family member lay gravely ill.

Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and sombre.

"I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news," he said as he surveyed the worried faces.

"The only hope left for your loved one at this time is a brain transplant.

It's an experimental procedure, very risky but it is the only hope.

Insurance will cover the procedure, but you will have to pay for the brain yourselves."

The family members sat silently as they absorbed the news. After a great length of time, someone asked, "Well, how much does a brain cost?"

The doctor quickly responded, "\$5,000 for a male brain, and \$200 for a female brain..."

The moment turned awkward. Men in the room tried not to smile, avoiding eye contact with the women, but some actually smirked.

A man unable to control his curiosity, blurted out the question everyone wanted to ask, "Why is the male brain so much more?"

The doctor smiled at the childish innocence and explained to the entire group,

"It's just standard pricing procedure. We have to mark down the price of the female brains, because they've

actually been used."



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