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

Happy New Year to all members, we trust that you enjoyed the time with your families and look forward to enjoying a new year of golf in 2018.

The **Hospitality** team is busy putting together some new events for 2018, coming up is a 'Wine Lunch' here at the Club featuring 7 wines from The Lane Vineyard, matched with 5 courses held here in the Lounge at the Club. See the advert in the following pages for details and get your bookings in quick at the office.

The final touch of the Hospitality **renovation** is approaching delivery, 110 new chairs. Big **thanks to Greg Gill** for offering to complete the staining & polishing of the new furniture and **Steve Illman** for the use of his spray room, both offering their services free of charge. Thanks also to **Steve Wills** who worked solidly up to and during the Christmas break to ensure we had enough furniture to fulfil our function obligations.

With the weather now consistently warmer, **we ask that members take note of their hydration levels on the golf course.** Ensure you are getting plenty of water in and wear smart clothing. If you start to feel off, get in touch with the clubhouse immediately, or if you or a playing partner collapses, ring an ambulance in the first instance and administer first aid.

With that in mind, we look forward to seeing you out on the course enjoying the perfect conditions available to us at this time of year!

*Good Golfing.*

## Social Dates for the Diary...

26<sup>th</sup> January – Australia Day Ambrose, Members Draw @ 6.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> February – Fringe Show 1

3<sup>rd</sup> March – Fringe Show 2

12<sup>th</sup> March – Adelaide Cup Day Ambrose

23<sup>rd</sup> March – The Lane Wine Lunch

14<sup>th</sup> July – Quiz Night

24<sup>th</sup> August – Clayton & Chesty's Cooking School

8<sup>th</sup> December – Club Christmas Show

16<sup>th</sup> December – Social Ham & Turkey Ambrose

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

**Tree Removal – Rear of 18<sup>th</sup> Green.** Recently the Golf Club engaged an Arborist to inspect the River Red Gum adjacent to the sand bucket at the rear of the 18<sup>th</sup> green.

The Tree is recommended to be removed for the following reasons:

- The tree displays several areas where fungal development was identified as *Phellinus Robustus*, and is known to cause Brown Rot, that to will cause the tree to be prone to failure during shock loading such as storm events.
- There is high potential for branch failure in the coming years as the structural integrity of the tree declines with the progression of the fungal development.
- Substantial branch failure has already occurred from the northern stem altering the crown form and increasing the potential for future branch failure.
- There are various fixed targets located within the trees Failure Target Zone including the golf course clubhouse.
- The tree represents an unacceptable risk to public and private safety.
- There are no reasonable remedial treatments, development options or design solutions available to rejuvenate the tree's health and prolong its Useful Life Expectancy.

Our application to remove this significant tree has now been approved by the Council, in terms of the relevant legislation. A contractor has been engaged and work will proceed in mid-February on either a Monday or Thursday. There will obviously be some disruption in the area of the tree felling, with the Clubhouse/1<sup>st</sup> Tee entrance and the 18<sup>th</sup> hole being closed when necessary.

**13<sup>th</sup> Hole Fairway Extension.** As part of the Course Strategic Plan, work will soon commence to extend the 13<sup>th</sup> fairway by 20 metres back towards the "Ladies Tee". Irrigation pipes will be installed to accommodate 3 new sprinkler heads to cover the 200 square metres of new turf that will be laid. The existing path will be shortened, eliminating the bark filled area, and replaced entirely with bitumate. "Surepave" will be installed at the new fairway entrance, as we have done on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. Irrigation from the ladies' tee will be extended towards the new fairway, enabling a more consistent coverage of grass. Please be mindful of ground staff safety during construction and observe mandatory drops from all GUR areas.

**The Course Sub-Committee is always looking for your feedback** on any issue any time that relates to the Course. Have a question, a suggestion or criticism, please write to [feedback@vinesgolfclub.com.au](mailto:feedback@vinesgolfclub.com.au). Any correspondence will be treated confidentially.

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

Past and new Women's Committee Dinner...



Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the festive season with family and friends. Welcome back everyone to what we hope will be a year of fun and friendship, and that your golf goals are achieved.

A handover dinner was held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to thank Karen Parsons and Karen Hender for their efforts on the Women's Committee over several years. Glee Walton was an apology on the night. It was an opportunity for all committee members to celebrate what had been achieved over the past year.

The committee has also been busy reviewing the **Strategic Goals for Women's Golf** that were developed in 2017. Once endorsed by the Committee of Management we will send a copy out to all women members. We will also revisit the survey that was conducted on Opening Day last year. We have actioned many of your suggestions but we still have many more that we would like to progress further this year.

One of our key goals in the Strategic Plan for 2018 will be to support the Give Golf A Go Clinic to be held in March 2018, then assist participants to get their handicaps and support them in transitioning to play regularly at the Vines.

Adelaide is again hosting the **ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open** golf tournament at Kooyonga Golf Club between 15 – 18 February 2018. ***Information about tickets will shortly be available through the website.***



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# From the Captain...*Dean Nobbs*

The **Match Committee** have had their first meeting for the year. We welcome Kath Hender (Ladies Vice Captain) and Mick Gibbie (Mens Vice Captain) to the Match Committee and look forward to their valuable contributions in the months to come.

There has been a bit of hot weather in the last month, most notably forcing the postponement of the **January Monthly Medal** to the 13 January. High winds couldn't stop some excellent scoring from Peter Ballans, Derek Logan and Neville Stephens, all recording net 68 in the January Monthly Medal. Craig Rivett continued his consistent scoring of late with an even par round. Darren Jochinke has found some great form in the last few weeks, consistently shooting well below his 7 handicap. The course is in great condition at the moment and the stableford and par scores have reflected some hot scoring as a result. Winners are consistently shooting 4 or 5 under their handicaps.

The Match Committee have recently changed the **nearest the pin holes** so that the 6<sup>th</sup> hole has become the nearest the pin for A grade, 10<sup>th</sup> hole for B grade and the 14<sup>th</sup> hole for C grade. The 3<sup>rd</sup> will still be designated as the Pro Pin. John Moorfield, Matt Whitford, Ian Hancock and Rod Bell have all taken the Pro Pin cash in the last month.

The **program for 2018/19** is being developed and will be ready for publication by the beginning of March. Some minor amendments to the scheduling of Honour Board events has been made to maximise participation.

The **John Crosby Vines Amateur Vardon Trophy Event will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February**. This is always a great event with the top men and women amateurs in SA attending this 36 hole event. Entry forms are available with a closing date of 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. The entry fee for Vines members is \$20.

We are hoping to provide our membership with an updated list of **reciprocal clubs** and our current fee arrangements with those clubs in the coming months.

We wish the **McMillan Shield junior Pennants** team all the best in their forthcoming matches in the next couple of months.

## *from John Ford...*

### **Frivolity - Irish family tradition**

Paddy had long heard the stories of an amazing family tradition. It seems that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 18th birthday. On that special day, they'd each walked across the lake to the pub on the far side for their first legal drink.

So when Paddy's 18th birthday came around, he and his pal Mick, took a boat out to the middle of the lake, Paddy, stepped out of the boat...and nearly drowned! Mick just barely managed to pull him to safety.

Furious and confused, Paddy went to see his grandmother.

"Grandma," he asked, "Tis me 18th birthday, so why can't I walk across the lake like me father, his father and his father before him?"

Granny looked deeply into Paddy's, troubled blue eyes and said, "Because ye father, grandfather and ***ye great-grandfather were all born in December***, when the lake is frozen, and ***ye were born in August, ya idiot!***"





## RULE of the month...*explanation*

...from John Ward

### Is it **ADVICE** or is it not **ADVICE**?

As we all know Golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and abide by the Rules.

The Match Committee is concerned that there are situations occurring during play in competitions during which players (without knowing it) are giving advice to their fellow competitors or are taking advice from their fellow competitors (or others) that is not in accordance with the Rules.

#### ***The Definition for Advice is as follows:-***

"Advice" is any counsel or suggestion that could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke.

Information on the Rules, distance or matters of public information, such as the position of hazards or the flagstick on the putting green, is NOT advice.

Rule 8-1 states:- "During a stipulated round, a player must NOT:

- a. give advice to anyone in the competition playing on the course other than his partner, or
- b. ask for advice from anyone other than his partner or either of their caddies."

The definition of a "partner" is a player associated with another player on the same side. In threesome, foursome, best-ball or four ball play, where the context so admits, the word "player" includes his partner or partners.

Whilst we all like to be able to converse with, or help our playing mates or take the "mickey" out of them at times we also need to be aware that we should stay within the Rules.

**Be Aware that the  
PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE 8 is:-  
Match play- Loss of hole; Stroke play- Two strokes.**



**Steve Krause**...Club Professional



**Your Golf Pro**  
STEVE KRAUSE  
THE VINES GOLF CLUB OF REYNELLA



## **Juniors**...from Wayne Corbett

The 2018 McMillan Shield competition for our Juniors will commence on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January with our first game to be played at Tea Tree Gully against the team from Thaxted Park.

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec, Steve and I selected a highly skilled squad of 14 for this year's competition. They are:-

Boston Price, Charlie Nobbs, Ollie Nobbs, Cooper Arbon, Alex Manton, Zoe Manton, Ryan Francis, John Knott, Louis Pretty, Ryan Scovell, Lachlan Sharp, Oscar McDonnell, Samuel Carpenter and Zac Hoyland.

Unfortunately, Ryan Scovell will have cricket commitments and will be unavailable for this year's competition.

In past years each squad member has received a congratulatory letter advising them of their selection. This year Steve and I decided to have a Presentation night at the Club on Friday evening 19<sup>th</sup> January and present each squad member with an appropriate certificate.

This year our Juniors play:-

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February against Thaxted Park at Tea Tree Gully at 12.00pm;  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February against Glenelg at Glenelg at 10.45am;  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February against Kooyonga at West Lakes at 12.00pm;  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February against Royal Adelaide at The Vines at 11.15am;  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March against Grange at Thaxted Park at 10.30am;  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March against West Lakes at Royal Adelaide at 12.30pm;  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March against Tea Tree Gully at Grange at 11.30am.

We will have a very competitive squad this year and expect to perform very well.

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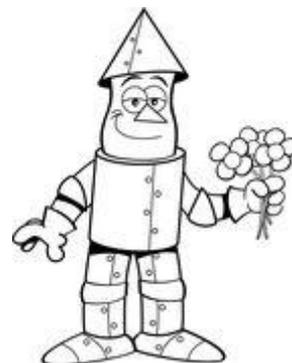
### ***from John Ford...***

\*A bookseller conducting a market survey asked a woman - "Which book has helped you most in your life?" The woman replied - "My husband's check book!!"

\*A prospective husband in a book store: "Do you have a book called, 'Husband - "the Master of the House"?' Sales Girl: "Sir, Fiction and Comics are on the 1st floor!"

\*Someone asked an old man: "Even after 70 years, you still call your wife - Darling, Honey, and Luv. What's the secret?" Old man: "I forgot her name and I'm scared to ask her."

**Honest" Geoff Downey...  
wearing his original protective clothing**



*Photo & commentary provided by Debbie Gill...*

I took this photo of Geoff as I was driving out of the club today. He was attending to "his" rose garden. I told him how impressed I was, in his home made leg protectors. He said he hasn't been to the doctor since he's been wearing them.

As we all know he bleeds and bruises so easily and so Greg and I think it is very innovative the way he uses cardboard to make his protectors!! hahaha...

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