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FROM THE PRESIDENT...*Don Johnson*

At last we have had some **rain** which has enabled the course staff to fill the main dam and they are now pumping into the Turkey's Nest dam. Rob Millington is well aware that the predictions are that the rainfall this year will be considerably less than last year and he is making every effort to fill the dams as soon as possible. Recently it was necessary to clean out around the pump on Ernest Crescent to ensure we get the maximum amount of water from this pump. This was due to silt building up around the inlet pipe.

The **Constitution Committee** will be meeting shortly to discuss the comments received from a number of members regarding the copy that was sent to all members. This document is the most important document that the Club has and it is very important that we get it right to ensure the Club can continue to progress into the future.

Details of what is required to **upgrade the interior of the Club House** are nearing completion. Obtaining quotes and planning has been very time consuming to make sure we are getting the best possible result for the money that will be spent. There are some items in the Club House that require attention as they do not comply with various laws and the aim is to cover these matters now and for the future.

I must congratulate both the ladies **Cleek 2 pennant team and the Junior Division 2 team** for their success this year. It has been mentioned that overall the Pennant Teams this year are in the best position the Club has been in for a number of years. Let's hope the success continues next year.

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From the Manager...Matt Chesterman

Dear Members,

Another **pennant season** has come and gone, with the 2017 season undoubtedly one of our most successful on record. While the achievements of our victorious Cleek 2 & Div. 2 Juniors are exceptional, both winning finals and bringing home the flag, the sheer fact that this was the first year we have qualified to compete in all of the top grades was an achievement in itself! Congratulations to all players for a successful & competitive season.

Piling on the praise to those who have succeeded on the scoreboard is not the intention of this letter however. I want to share with the Members of The Vines, how proud you can be of those who represent your Club on the competitive stage.

The sportsmanship, comradery and team spirit that is exhibited by these players on a weekly basis is second to none, absolutely befitting of the values that we hold here at The Vines Golf Club. Having caddied for several matches in Simpson Cup this year, I was lucky enough to witness this first hand. The effort applied by every player was exceptional, not giving an inch in competitiveness and battling out each match until its conclusion while doing so in a manner which sets our great game apart from all others.

Without doubt the toughest role in each team, is the Team Manager role, all of them riding the highs and lows of the team's performance without the ability to directly influence the results. My weekly discussions with all of them showed exactly how much the team's success means to them. I must say I looked forward to the text messages, emails and Tuesday morning discussions to tell me about everyone achievement's over the weekend! Well done to all of you, your Club thanks you for giving up your time over the last 3 months to make fielding Pennant teams possible.

I also want to share with you some quotes from other people in the SA Golf Industry. On Sunday the 4th of June, both Junior teams travelled out to The Grange for their matches. Erin Burgess, GGC's Golf Operations Manager sent me the following text message.

'OMG, Your Pennant kids are the NICEST kids on the planet! My goodness!'

And then to top it off, an email to me from the CEO of Golf SA, Chis Luz Raymond, following the Div. 2 pennant final last weekend.

'In amongst all the flotsam & jetsam of running a State Sporting Organisation (SSO) like Golf SA Inc. there are some moments of pure joy! Members of your golf club – the Div. 2 Pennant Team (and indeed their opponents) – provided me with more than enough on the day.

'If that group of players who represented your Club yesterday are the future of golf I suspect it is in very good hands. Watching a young girl 'twirling' her putter in her hand as she walked off the green, listening to a most eloquent presentation speech by the Team Captain (that was so good!) – I am glad I was there.'

Please pass on to your Board & others involved how very proud Golf SA (I am!) to be involved with a Club that provides the atmosphere and safe surrounding for juniors to flourish in the way we say on Sunday.

To say that I am proud to be associated with a Club's whose Juniors receive feedback like this is an understatement. This feedback is not only credit to them but to all those who are helping their development, not just as golfers, but into young adults.

Again, **congratulations to all on a fantastic pennant season and we look forward to further success in 2018.**

A WORD FROM THE GIRLS... *from Jan Shaw (Vice President, Women's Golf)*

Congratulations to everyone who represented the Vines Golf Club in the four teams that we fielded this year (A1, A4, Cleek and Hickory). Thank you also to the team managers who willingly get up early in the mornings to support the teams. A special mention to **Mary O'Hagan** who took on the role of coordinator for pennant games held at the Vines.

The A1 team did amazingly well in the first year at this level ending up 4th. The additional team that we fielded this year in the A4 competition also did very well to end up 5th out of 8 teams. **The Cleek team won an exciting final against Thaxted Park at Tea Tree Gully.** The Hickory team ended up a creditable 5th out of 8 teams.

This year it was decided to combine the Representative Team celebrations for men, women and juniors and was held on 8th July. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and it was great to be able to jointly celebrate the Clubs achievements in 2017.

Thank you to Paul Sutcliffe who organized the trophy for the best Women's player in the 2017 season. The Trophy has been called the **Mary Grohs Trophy and was awarded to Caitlin Peirce** for her achievements in the A1 pennant side.

The season for Nomads and the Southern Shield are about to commence. It is great to see the number of new players who have indicated they are willing to be involved. **Thank you to Bev Cross and Sally Clifford for taking on the role of team managers.**

A new rose garden adjacent to the putting green is currently being organised. The club received a donation of \$100 from the Rose Wilton family towards the purchase of new roses. The ladies' committee has agreed to contribute a further \$100 towards establishing the garden. **Thanks to Eve Schahinger for taking on the role of establishing the garden.**

Social activities being planned for the next couple of months will be a social golf day at The Vines in late August and a movie morning in mid-September. More details will be available for the next Grapevine newsletter.

Finally thank you to Alison Emmett who willingly took on many of the VP Women's Golf role whilst on was on leave.

Cleek 2 winners



L to R: Leonie Lindsay, Pam Deacon, Pam Baverstock, Karen Parsons, Cath Browell, Sue Walsh

Winter Conditions and Their Effect on the Golf Course

We have had a very mild and dry first half of the year, but the rain has arrived, along with the cold weather we expect at this time of year.

The pumps at the Happy Valley Reservoir catch drain have been toiling away, as is the pump at the Ernest Crescent pond, both sending storm water to the dams. As I write we have seen almost 15 megalitres pumped to the main dam at the 6th hole, and once this is filled we will start filling the Turkey's Nest dam near the phone tower.

Our dams hold approximately 85 megalitres (85 million litres) and this is around 65% of the irrigation requirement for the course over Summer. 25% of that will be lost to evaporation so we rely on supplementing our dams with bore water and with Summer rain events that produce enough run-off to pump storm water to the dams.

We have been very lucky over the last 3 years with regard to rainfall, and with the installation of a new bore at the 6th hole. We have yet to see how well our supply will hold up in a dry year since that installation but it will certainly improve our situation.

The cold:

The impact of the very cold conditions over the past month is becoming evident with the loss of growth on the fairways, but particularly in the rough. Within 2 months we have gone from mowing the rough virtually every day to minimal mowing, although this is only temporary until the winter grasses and weed start to grow in between the trees.

At this time of year we use particular fertilisers and dyes to retain colour in the leaf of the Santa Ana on the fairways and tees. The blue dye gives a visual impact in masking the colour loss, but also helps with chlorophyll production because the darker colour marginally increases the temperature which in-turn increases growth. The aim is to stop the Santa Ana from entering total dormancy.

We rarely see frosts on the course, but occasionally the low lying areas on fairways will frost over for the first hour of the day or so. Recently we have had some frost damage on the 1st green, with footprints showing up as dying areas. Consequently we may have to delay hit off times until we can remove the frost, but only on very rare occasions.

Low light:

The very low angle of the sun in the Northern sky during the day impacts the turf in a number of ways. The reduced day-length means less direct sunlight and this directly impacts on growth, but the angle that the sunlight hits the leaf compounds this issue.

The low angle of the sun also brings shade to areas for a much greater duration, and the impact of this is more pronounced on some greens where parts of the green receive no direct sunlight for 3 months, causing low growth, but also no chance to dry out. This impact is very evident on our 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 14th and 18th greens, and we find a greater likelihood of fungal attack in the shaded areas of these greens.

When the grass is receiving very low light due to shade the impact of other stresses like traffic is greatly pronounced, and a good example of this would be the walk-off toward the 9th tee in the approach of the 8th green, where the matting has been used. This area of Santa Ana is in shade for 9 months of the year.

The wet:

Wet and water logged conditions are inevitable on a hills course such as ours, but we are always working towards improving those conditions. Traffic control is a very important way of reducing surface damage that is expensive to fix. We use a combination of paths, signs, ropes and hoops for this purpose and occasionally will stop the use of ride-on carts in heavy conditions.

Surface contouring and drainage are important ways of removing excess water from turf areas of the course. We don't have the luxury of the free-draining sands that are found on the city based courses in Adelaide, Perth and Melbourne. Our heavy topsoil over a clay layer means that we must remove excess water laterally on the surface or by installing drains immediately under the surface.

Our Santa Ana turf on the fairways has dramatically improved the surface conditions during Winter. The dense cover protects the soil from breaking up, and by inhibiting infiltration through the profile and forcing run-off.

The wet conditions of Winter are a blessing in disguise for the course. We gain full dams for our Summer irrigation, our significant tree population gets a welcome drink and the salt build-up in the turf soil profiles is leached out, bringing the soil back to a healthier condition, ready for the new Summer season ahead.

Rob Millington (Golf Course Superintendent)

RULE of the month...*explanation*

...from John Ward



CAN I PLACE MY BALL INSTEAD OF DROPPING IT?

Lew teed-off on the 2nd hole and unfortunately hooked his drive into the dam (not for the first time). After searching for his ball in the dam for a few minutes he found it and decided that he would take a penalty and drop his ball two club lengths from the point of entry of where the ball had entered the lateral water hazard.

However, at the spot where it was determined that the ball was to be dropped it was obvious that the ball would roll more than two club lengths back in to the hazard.

Lew, as is normal, asked his mate Dowski whether it would be OK to just place his ball rather than go through the procedure of dropping the ball twice before placing it.

Dowski, who was becoming quite used to giving Lew guidance on the rules of golf, informed Lew that Rule 20-2c precluded him from taking that action:

“Dropping and then re-dropping are necessary to resolve any doubt as to whether the ball will roll into the hazard, etc. and also to establish the spot at which the ball must be placed.”

Lew, happy with his mate's explanation, then proceeded to carry out the process of dropping and re-dropping before he placed the ball in the correct place and played his next shot in the direction of the second green.

What happened next is the subject of another story.

FROM THE CAPTAIN...*Paul Sutcliffe*

For some golfers there is a particular time of the year where a part of the Golfing Calendar is "special"!

For our Club's Pennant players the month of May to July is that "Special" time, for all Pennant Players, women, men and juniors, give of their time and talents to represent The Vines in Golf SA Pennant and Inter Club Competition.

Sunday, 9th July, 2017 heralded the end of an excellent season for Our Club.

As a finale of the most successful Pennant in living memory, the **Junior 2** (handicap Match play Pennant team) won their pennant for the first time. Also, during the season, the Cleek 2 **Women** won their Pennant – there is jubilation all round in the success of these two teams. Also, in a great result, the top Men's Pennant competition (Simpson Cup) our **Men's** team not only maintained its position in the *first flight* of State Golf but only just missed a birth in the finals.

Congratulations to all team members in all the levels of competition. Also *many thanks* to the Managers of the teams and especially Steve Krause, our Club Professional for their time and efforts over the past months... **2017 A year to remember!!!!!!**

The Practice Range and other items.....

The Practice range for safety reasons will be closed from approximately 3:30 – 4:30 pm each day to allow Pro Shop Staff access to the area for the collection of Pro Shop practice balls.

The Chipping area adjacent the car park will remain open during this time. The Match Committee asks that members cease practise immediately a Staff member enters the Range.

Pro Shop technology will be and has been upgraded and includes a video link from the 10th Tee to the Pro Shop to assist the starter on competition days. The P.A. System will soon be upgraded to allow the calling of players to the tee. *Two new clocks are to be purchased* and will be placed overlooking the Practice Putting Green and the First Tee to advise players of the time of their imminent tee off.

The Blue Line along the Practice Range / 4th Fairway defining the area as an *immovable obstruction* is working well and shall soon be repainted.

Finally, a limited number of Par Competitions will be placed in the remainder of this year's mid-week competition calendar. The Match Committee trusts this will satisfy those men who enjoy Par Competition.

Paul Sutcliffe, Captain.

PENNANT - MEN

(final standings)

SIMPSON CUP

Position	Team	Played	Won	Halved	Lost	TOTAL
1	Glenelg	7	7	0	0	7
2	Kooyonga	7	5	1	1	5.5
3	The Grange	7	4	1	2	4.5
4	The Vines	7	4	1	2	4.5
5	Southern	7	2	1	4	2.5
6	Thaxted Park	7	2	0	5	2
7	Tea Tree Gully	7	1	0	6	1
8	Blackwood	7	1	0	6	1

BONNAR CUP

Position	Team	Played	Won	Halved	Lost	TOTAL
1	Glenelg	7	6	1	0	6.5
2	The Grange	7	5	1	1	5.5
3	Kooyonga	7	5	1	1	5.5
4	Tea Tree Gully	7	4	1	2	4.5
5	Flagstaff Hill	7	2	0	5	2
6	Blackwood	7	2	0	5	2
7	The Vines	7	1	0	6	1
8	Royal Adelaide	7	1	0	6	1

PENNANT - WOMEN

(final standings)

A1 SANDERSON CUP

Position	Team	Played	Won	Halved	Lost	TOTAL
1	The Grange	5	5	0	0	5
2	Glenelg	5	4	0	1	4
3	Kooyonga	5	2	0	3	2
4	The Vines	5	2	0	3	2
5	Blackwood	5	1	0	4	1
6	Royal Adelaide	5	1	0	4	1

A4

Position	Team	Played	Won	Halved	Lost	TOTAL
1	Glenelg	7	6	1	0	6.5
2	Thaxted Park	7	5	1	1	5.5
3	The Grange	7	4	0	3	4
4	The Stirling	7	3	0	4	3
5	The Vines	7	3	0	4	3
6	Tea Tree Gully	7	3	0	4	3
7	Kooyonga	7	2	0	5	2
8	Highercombe	7	1	0	6	1

Cleek 2

Position	Team	Played	Won	Halved	Lost	TOTAL
1	Thaxted Park	5	5	0	0	5
2	The Vines	5	2	1	2	2.5
3	Westwood Ho	5	2	0	3	2
4	Tea Tree Gully	5	2	0	3	2
5	Glenelg	5	2	0	3	2
6	The Stirling	5	1	1	3	1.5

Juniors...from Wayne Corbett

On **Sunday 25th June** both of our Junior teams played on our home course. Our Sharp Cup team played against Tea Tree Gully and our Division 2 team played the team from Glenelg. After playing with determination in some tightly contested matches our **Sharp Cup team**, Charlie Nobbs, Jarred Clarke, Ryan Francis, Louis Pretty and Ryan Scovell, was unable to post a win.

Our **Division 2** players, Oscar McDonnell, Alex Manton, Zoe Manton, Lachlan Eckermann and Jack Harrison played well to record a fantastic 3.5 to 1.5 win.

Sunday 2nd July saw our two Junior Pennant teams travel to the Glenelg golf course to play the final round of the 2017 Junior Pennant competition.

Our **Sharp Cup team** played the Country Districts.

Ryan Francis, Ryan Scovell, Jarred Clarke, Louis Pretty and Charlie Nobbs continuing played some enthralling matches to eventually post an overall loss of 3 ½ to 1 ½.

The **Division 2 team** played against Kooyonga and continued with the good form they had displayed in earlier weeks.

Lachlan Eckermann played very well to post a fantastic 6 and 5 win, followed by Alex Manton, who posted an excellent 3 and 2 win. These were followed by Lachlan Sharp who posted a solid 2 up win. Oscar McDonnell continued his great vein of form and played good steady golf under pressure to finish 1 up. Zoe Manton who had endured an extremely hectic sport filled week lost her match 6 and 5.

The final game result was a magnificent 4 and 1 win which was enough to leapfrog the team into second position and into the final. A fantastic effort.

On Sunday 9th July our Juniors travelled to the Flagstaff Hill G. C. to play the team from The Grange in the **Final of the Division 2 section of the 2017 Junior Pennant competition**. Play commenced from the 10th tee on time and each of our players got away to reasonable starts despite the chill factor, the heavy conditions, the intense scrutiny of the many spectators watching and, to some degree, nerves. **Our team for this game was Alex Manton (Capt.), Lachlan Sharp, Oscar McDonnell, Zoe Manton and Lachlan Eckermann.**

After the first 3 holes of play each team member had settled into their rhythm and were beginning to exhibit the quality and standard of golf they have displayed all season. After the first 5 holes of play, Alex Manton was 1 down, Lachlan Sharp was square, Oscar McDonnell was 2 up, Zoe Manton had got herself back to 1 down after being 3 down through her first 3 holes and Lachlan Eckermann was 2 down.

Individual fortunes continued to fluctuate as play progressed further into the first 9 holes of play although Oscar and Zoe were beginning to exert their authority over their immediate opponents with some excellent and measured golf. After being 3 down through her first 3 holes, Zoe then went on a real rampage. She went onto win her next 9 holes straight and close out her match with a convincing 6/5 win. A truly magnificent and determined effort in the difficult conditions. Not to be outdone, Oscar who was also playing great golf, then registered another magnificent 5 and 4 win. This had the team poised in the box seat with 2 wins in the bag and the remaining three matches still very close.

Lachlan Eckermann eventually lost to his very steady opponent 3 and 2 whilst Alex Manton, despite his steady game, also lost 3 and 2. With both teams locked at 2 wins each, this left a possible winning outcome squarely on the shoulders of the vastly improved Lachlan Sharp. Despite some errant drives and the pressure and the closeness of his match, he still displayed great composure, poise and control. He continued to hold a 2 up advantage over his closing holes but then fell back to 1up after his 17th hole, with the final hole to play – the par 3 ninth. The atmosphere was incredibly tense and, in front of the huge gallery of Vines members

providing support and encouragement, both players hit good tee shots but finished just short of the green. Lachlan's chip was a touch long but his return putt, which narrowly missed the hole, left him with less than a foot to record a terrific 2up win in front of the jubilant and very excited large gallery surrounding the final green.

This gave the team a magnificent and determined **3 and 2 win over Grange to win the Plate and the Banner for the 2017 Junior Pennant (Division 2) competition.**

What a fantastic 2017 the Juniors have had, winning the McMillan Shield for the second year in a row and now the 2017 (Division 2) Junior Pennant competition. Truly a champion team and a team of champions.

PENNANT - JUNIOR

(final standings)

Junior 1 Sharp Cup Pennant (match play)

Position	Team	Played	Won	Halved	Lost	TOTAL
1	Glenelg	5	5	0	0	5
2	Kooyonga	5	4	0	1	4
3	Country Districts	5	3	0	2	3
4	Tea Tree Gully	5	2	0	3	2
5	The Grange	5	1	0	4	1
6	The Vines	5	0	0	5	0

Division 2 Pennant (handicap match play)

Position	Team	Played	Won	Halved	Lost	TOTAL
1	The Grange	6	6	0	0	6
2	The Vines	6	4	0	2	4
3	West Lakes	6	3	2	1	4
4	Glenelg	6	3	1	2	3.5
5	Kooyonga	6	1	1	4	1.5
6	Tea Tree Gully	6	0	2	4	1
7	Mount Osmond	6	1	0	5	1

Someone suggested Wayne should be Canonized as a Saint following his third miracle (two McMillan Shields and a Junior Pennant)

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Division 2 winners



*L to R: (back) Lachlan Sharp, Lachlan Eckermann;
(front) Oscar McDonnell, Alex Manton, Zoe Manton.*

Dear Members,

The Committee of Management is pleased to announce that The Vines has been selected to host the **2018 Golf Australia Mid-Amateur Championship, November 14-16, 2018.**

The Mid-Amateur Championship is the National Championship for Men & Women golfers aged between 30 and 54 years, attracting a quality field of golfers from around the country.

The Committee is looking forward to the exposure that can be gained by hosting a National Championship and believes that our course will provide a spectacular challenge for some of the best amateur golfers in the country.

While there will be some course closures during this period, we are anticipating they will be minimal, and we seek the understanding of members during this time. We will keep members informed of these closer to the time of the event.

We trust the membership is looking forward to showcasing our Club on the national stage as much as we are.

Kind regards, The Committee of Management

From John Ford...

NIGHT GOLF

Tiger Woods & Stevie Wonder are in a bar.

Tiger turns to Stevie and says: "How's the singing career going?"

Stevie replies: "Not too bad. How's the golf?"

Woods replies: "Not too bad, I've had some problems with my swing, but I think I've got that fixed, now."

Stevie: "I always find that when my swing goes wrong, I need to stop playing for a while and not think about it. Then, the next time I play, it seems to be all right."

"Incredulous," Tiger says. "You play GOLF?"

Stevie: "Yes, I've been playing for years."

Tiger: "But -- you're blind! How can you play golf if you can't see?"

Stevie: "Well, I get my caddy to stand in the middle of the fairway and call to me. I listen for the sound of his voice and play the ball towards him. Then, when I get to where the ball lands, the caddy moves to the green or farther down the fairway and again I play the ball towards his voice."

"But, how do you putt?" asks Tiger.

"Well," says Stevie, "I get my caddy to lean down in front of the hole and call to me with his head on the ground and I just play the ball towards his voice."

Tiger: "What's your handicap?"

Stevie: "Actually -- I'm a scratch golfer."

Woods: "Incredulous" says to Stevie: "We've got to play a round sometime."

Stevie: "Well, people don't take me seriously, so I only play for money, and never play for less than \$10,000 a hole. Is that a problem?"

Woods thinks about it and says: "I can afford that; OK, I'm game. \$10,000 a hole is fine with me. When would you like to play?"

Stevie: "Pick a night."

Steve Krause...Club Professional



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