

ON THE GRAPEVINE

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“back to back” Juniors back up with a win in the 2017 McMillan Shield competition after also being victorious in 2016.



FROM THE PRESIDENT...Don Johnson

On behalf of all club members, congratulations to our Juniors for their **win in the McMillan Shield competition**. A big thank you to **Wayne Corbett** for his work in organising, managing and encouraging & to **Steve Krause** for coaching our wonderful group of youngsters.

This win illustrates most clearly that our Junior Development Program and the coaching and teaching by our Club Professional, Steve Krause, is paying huge dividends.

Thank you to all players for the superb way in which they represented our Club with good play, sportsmanship and demeanour.

Thank you also to parents and others for their support of the junior programme.

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(FROM THE PRESIDENT ...continued)

Members may have noticed white crosses on each hole. This is to set up a **short course for juniors and for people who would prefer to play a shorter course**. We are waiting for GolfSA to come and rate the course so that those intending to play the short course will have a handicap. When it is rated the course staff will mark the tee areas with an orange plate. The Handicapping will be done by MiGolf.

Matt and Bob Dickson are currently in the process of looking into **alterations to the kitchen and the bar**. Plans have been drawn, work to be done has been listed and quotes to complete the work are being obtained. As far as the kitchen is concerned our aim is to make it more efficient allowing meals to be completed in a shorter time with better cooking facilities. The till that is used to order meals will be moved to the front of the bar which will give staff improved access to the kitchen when they are delivering meals to the tables. It envisaged that the work will start by the end of June.

The carpet and chairs are also being looked at but will not receive attention until after the work on the Kitchen and Bar have been completed. It is proposed to fund the various works from the Capital Levy. Details will be advised in a couple of months.

Over the last couple of months I have received numerous complaints about **slow play** especially on days when it is a stroke competition. Members are requested to adopt the "READY GOLF" rule during every round that they play. Over the next couple of months monitoring of time taken to play a round will be looked at very closely and members will be contacted if they are obviously always well behind the group in front.

Using a report from MiClub it shows what time a person was to tee off and the time the score card was scanned in the pro shop after completion of the round. It then shows the total time taken to complete a round after allowing time for score card to be scanned.

Recently it has come to my attention that members hitting off the 10th tee in the afternoon have been waiting 30 minutes after their scheduled tee time due to slow play by morning players. This is frustrating and has to be corrected.

Application forms for the Legends Pro Am are now available. Positions in the afternoon will fill fast so don't be late lodging your Application

Steve Krause...Club Professional



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FROM THE CAPTAIN...*Paul Sutcliffe*

It is the bane of most golf clubs world wide - - **slow play**.....

Just like the road we drive on, where drivers are expected to drive in a manner that acknowledges other road users, golfers have a responsibility to be aware of others within the field of play.

Recently there has been a noticeable spate of slow play that has affected the enjoyment of players.

Members will be aware that a policy of the Club is the system known as **"Ready Golf", a proven system used by most golf clubs around the country to reduce the time taken to complete a round.**

The rules are simply based around the need for individuals within the playing group, and the playing group as a whole, to follow the points listed below in competition play.

1. Honour on the tee is abolished.
2. Any player of the group ready to play must do so as soon as the players ahead are safely out of range, to be followed by another player, who it is expected to be ready to tee off.
3. Upon reaching the green putting by individual players commences.
4. As a player "holes out" that player, unless he/she is required to hold the pin, should move toward their golf cart/buggy. **It is recommended that the flag, if not in use as a "sighter" of the hole, should be placed on the green's surface to be replaced by the last player on the green.**
5. All players move briskly to the next tee without delay and a player of the group immediately hits off (if safe to do so) **before marking their score card.**

It goes without saying; moving to the ball once teed-off and watching another player's ball is a necessary feature of playing in a competition event within a group, but being aware individually of the necessity to think of other groups behind and in front of your group will give all players a chance to enjoy the round.

As Captain and recently a Marshal at a prominent Adelaide Golf Club, I have seen play become far more enjoyable as slow play is reduced.

Let us as the "Friendly Club" become *more friendly* to our Members around us, by adhering to the **"READY GOLF" CONCEPT!**

The LEDGENDS Pro Am (3rd April 2017)

sponsored by Bill Threadgold of Air Diffusion Agencies Pty Ltd.

This is one of the highlights of the golfing year at the Vines. Entry forms are now available. ENTER as an individual or a "group" NOW!

NOTABLE PLAY.....

MERV HILL 79 off the stick – Nett 59; ROD BELL's "bonanza" \$291 cash on a Saturday NTP; and JOHN WILLIAMS Great Hole in One (Congrats to John)



RULE of the month...*explanation*

...from John Ward

MORE ON GOLF ETIQUETTE...

The last edition of the Grapevine reminded us that there were items relating to playing the game of Golf that are addressed in the Rule Book under the heading of ETIQUETTE.

Here are a few more important guidelines, if they are followed, all players will gain maximum enjoyment from the game.

SPIRIT OF THE GAME

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 to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. **THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME.**

SAFETY

Players should:-

- Ensure that no one is standing too close, or be in a position to be hit by the club, the ball, stones, pebbles, twigs, when they make a swing.
- Not play until players in front are out of range.
- Always alert greenstaff when they are about to make a stroke.
- Immediately warn players when hitting a ball in their direction. The traditional warning is to yell (as loud as you can) "FORE".

CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER PLAYERS

Players should always show consideration for other players on the course and should not do anything to disturb their play. They should not do anything to distract other players. This is particularly important on the teeing ground and on the putting green.

PACE OF PLAY

Many words have been written and many suggestions made in effort to speed up play, and there is not enough space in this edition to cover all of the information and instructions that have been issued on this subject, however, at least follow these:-

- Play at a good pace and keep right up with the group in front.
- Be ready to play (play Ready Golf).
- Play a provisional ball if you think the ball may be lost. If you don't think the ball can be found within 5 minutes (don't wait for 5 minutes) call the group following through, and then resume your play when that group has passed and is out of range.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE AWARE OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A PLAYER AND YOU SHOW DUE CONSIDERATION TO ALL OTHER PLAYERS ON THE COURSE.

NEW RULES OF GOLF...

The powers to be at the R&A and the U.S.G.A., have been working very diligently to modernise, simplify, renew and apply some common sense to a number of the existing Rules of Golf. The changes, will come into effect in 2019 provided final agreement is reached with all shareholders of the game. They even give the players an opportunity to express their opinions on the proposed changes (check the Golf Australia web site) before any final modifications are made to the rule book.

Anybody who is interested can view the proposed changes on the Golf Australia web site, as follows:- hit News & Video, then Latest News, then scroll down to New Rules of Golf

There are 30 new rules of golf included in the changes which include the current rule, the proposed rule and an explanation for the reason for the changes.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED LOOK THEM UP.

Some of the more radical changes are nos.

7. Concept of Penalty areas.
13. Maximum score form of Stroke play.
16. Procedure for dropping and playing a ball from a relief area.
19. Repairing damage on the putting green.
24. Time allowed for search before ball is lost.

I am sure that these rule changes will have a positive impact on the game and will help the pace of play, which is a constant frustration for players and officials.

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



Tuesday 7st March was our **Opening Day** to start the winter season. I'd like to thank Don Johnson and Matt Chesterman who addressed the meeting and provided an update on the strategic plans for club and course. Over 70 women attended the meeting. Achievements against the strategic goals for women's golf were handed out to members on Opening Day. A survey of all members was also undertaken to identify what is working and what can be improved.

Once again **Happy Valley Foodland** will be **sponsoring our Gala Day on Thursday 23rd March**, so ladies now's the time to start propagating your plants and planning what you'd like to contribute to our trading table. Gala Day is always a good fundraiser for the club.

New **Give Golf a Go Clinics** on Fridays and Saturdays have commenced in March with good numbers on both days. Thanks to Glee who has been coordinating volunteers for both sessions, and for updating the *Introduction to Golf Handbooks*.

Thanks to **Marg Carruthers and Chris Schubert** for responding to a request for help in organising a social golf event. 19 members played in a Club Advantage golf day at the Blackwood Golf Course on Thursday 9th March. Everyone had fun playing an Ambrose competition with lunch afterwards. **Leonie Lindsay** has indicated she is happy to organise the next event at West Lakes Golf Club.

On Tuesday 15th March we celebrated **St. Patrick's Day**. Many players dressed in green and were rewarded with pots of gold out on the course. Thanks to **Karen Parsons** for organising the challenging team event and for the Irish questionnaire.

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

Do you have Chainsaw Qualifications?

The Club is looking for a suitably qualified Chainsaw operator to assist our ODD JOBS group with their ongoing and vital tree trimming program. The group meets usually once a month on a Thursday morning for a couple of hours. We are looking for a volunteer chainsaw operator to enable ground staff to attend to their normal duties. All equipment would be supplied and other volunteers assist with the clean-up of all debris.

If you are able to assist or would like further information please contact info@vinesgolfclub.com.au or speak to Matt Chesterman.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

18th Fairway Carry Beatification

Work is about to commence on the beatification of the area in front of the 18th tee to the fairway (carry). The work to be completed is substantial and consists of installation of new sprinkler infrastructure and heads, mounding and earth works similar in nature to the 14th carry area. Santa Ana is to be planted in the whole area left hand side of the path. A new path is to be laid together with a new grassed fairway entrance.

Innovation is also the key here. The path will consist of a new product called "bitumate" and is made from recycled bitumen. The benefits of this are a vastly increased life expectancy when compared to dolomite, with decreased maintenance cycles and associated lower costs. Also the grassed entry to the fairway will include the use of another new product "Surepave". This is laid under the grass and will provide a solid stable surface, minimising compaction and eliminating pot holes.

The innovation continues with the watering of the new grassed carry area. It was clearly evident during the deluges of last winter, the fully grassed areas on the course came through virtually unscathed. Everywhere else was trashed. However we do not have enough water available during a lean rainfall year to water green, fairways and carry. So during the good years we water the carry and in bad times use just enough to keep the carry going. As the Santa Ana establishes itself, hopefully this will vastly reduce the washaway effect that is now clearly evident on the 18th carry. This process will also be used on such holes as the 11th, 9th etc.

Why start on the 18th. A few years ago an arrangement was made for the proceeds from the sale of muffins on Saturday morning to be applied to assist with improving the 18th hole. Hence the name of the project will forever be known as the "Muffin Mounds".

Construction will take some months and during this time GUR will become a feature as well as tee closures from time to time to protect workmen. The tees will be moved to the fairway as required.

The 18th is a magnificent hole and once the planned improvements are made and become established the results will be stunning.

Notice Board

A notice board has been erected on the left hand side of the pro shop entry door. This board is shared between Match and Course. Please check the Course section often as we intend to update information regularly.



The ODD JOB group is urgently looking to increase its member base to enable it to complete a number of tasks including:

- Cleaning up the view across the 1st tee to the 9th green by removing 4 trees.
- Replace damaged "Permanent Distance" blocks and raise some "Ratings Markers"
- Repairing the pavers in the garden on the north side of the men's locker room.
- Continue tree trimming program.
- Cleaning and clearing drains across the course.
- Assist with the preparation associated with replacing a number of damaged paths across the course.

This last item in particular is a new support role to the ground staff. This came about following an audit of all paths on the course (excluding vehicle tracks) that revealed there were over 3.2k of paths, with an estimated half of that number requiring repair or replacement. No heavy work would be expected to be completed by volunteers, this will be done by ground staff with machinery.

The more bodies available the easier it will be. If you are able to assist on a Thursday morning for few hours once a month please contact info@vinesgolfclub.com.au to register your interest.

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. Any correspondence will be treated confidentially.

From John Ford...



Course Superintendent's Report, March 2017, Notice Board

for period 14/02/17 - 7/03/17 (from Rob Millington)

In terms of workload, this report is very similar to last month. **Mowing** has continued to be the main focus due to the excessive growth across the whole golf course. The fairway to tree-line roughs have seen significant growth and have been mown at least twice per week during the last 3 weeks. Certain areas have been mown a minimum of 3 times per week i.e. left hand side of 2nd, both sides of 1st and both sides of 9th.

We have now streamlined the **coring process on greens** so that no disruption occurs for players on Mondays. Holes done in week 1 were 1,4,7,10,13,16. In week 2 were 2,5,8,11,14,17 and week 3 were 3,6,9,12,15,18. This allows us to get a good start in front of the field and stay there. The practice areas are done when convenient.

All greens have now been cored and so we will go back to using spikes for the next 2 circuits of the course and will return to coring in 7 weeks.

The *front nine fairways* have been sprayed with **Barricade pre-emergent for *Poa annua* control**. This is the product we have been using in recent years. The effective range of control is around 6 months so we will start to see germination in late July if we don't do a follow-up spray.

The *back nine fairways* will be treated with a **new product called Specticle**. While this product costs around 20% more to purchase it has a couple of added attributes that are worth at least trialling.

1. The effective control period is 8 months, and
2. The product has post emergence action as well, meaning that spraying can be left a little later in the season until the *Poa annua* seeds start to germinate. Once this occurs spraying can be done and the germinating plants will be controlled, therefore this extends the effective control period by another month. Those fairways should remain free from *Poa annua* until October and hopefully not require follow-up treatments. Our aim is to do a direct comparison and assess whether the extra cost will actually save money in the long term.

Our **kikuyu spraying program** has stepped up in the last few weeks with all larger areas on the course being sprayed via the boom spray. Also the **couch encroachment within the greens** has been treated, so some areas, mainly in the perimeter cut, will discolour. A second application will happen in around 2 weeks.

Summer grass (Crab grass) has become a larger problem in greens, surrounds and tees this year, due to the weather conditions over summer. Spot spraying is not a viable control anymore so we will have to use the boom spray on those areas. The tees have been done but we have been waiting on the results from trial work on the 11th green to make a start on the greens. The product to be used is called DSMA and rates are critical to ensure no damage is done to the bentgrass. Some discolouration will occur but we are confident with the rates after our trial.

We have been **watering** fairways from the main dam over the last few weeks. The Turkey's Nest has dropped to around 1/3rd capacity so rather than start the bore just yet we thought we could use some of the main dam without jeopardising our overall water situation. Depending on rainfall in the next few weeks we may switch the bore on for a short period.

The inadequacies within our irrigation system are now being highlighted with the effects of the summer rains wearing off. The fairways having been receiving around 25mm of irrigation per week but the scalloping along the edges of fairways is very evident. Turf condition is quite good but the maintenance of even colour is not sustainable with our system.

LEGENDS PRO-AM

@ THE VINES GOLF CLUB OF REYNELLA
MONDAY 3RD APRIL 2017

MORNING FIELD - \$40

7.30AM SHOTGUN START
GOLF WITH A PGA LEGEND PROFESSIONAL
GOURMET FULL BBQ BUFFET LUNCH

AFTERNOON FIELD - \$110

12.30PM SHOTGUN START
GOLF WITH A PGA LEGEND PROFESSIONAL
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Round 4

With two of our more proficient players unavailable, our young and slightly revamped McMillan Shield team arrived **at our home course on Sunday 26th February to play the extremely strong and competent team from West Lakes.**

After the first 9 holes of play had been completed, our Captain (Ryan Francis) was just the 1 hole down. Boston Price was also 1 down whilst Alex Manton continued with his rich vein of form to be 1 up. Charlie Nobbs enjoyed a comfortable advantage of 3 up. Lachlan Sharp was square whilst our little 'pocket rocket', Zoe Manton, was 2 up and playing superb and measured golf. Our new member to the squad, Oscar McDonnell, who was playing his first competitive round of golf, he was down and, despite his nerves, was starting to hold his own against his steady opponent. Our reserve player, Lachlan Eckermann, was also enjoying his round to hold a 3 up advantage after the first 9 holes of play.

Oscar eventually posted a 6/5 loss and then Boston came in with a 4/2 loss followed by Ryan at 3/1 down. To offset these results, Zoe posted a very polished 6/4 win to be followed by Charlie Nobbs and Alex Manton who posted wins of 3/2 and 3/1 respectively.

Lachlan, who was playing wonderful golf, held his advantage of 1 up from the 14th until he won the 17th hole to the delight of the huge gallery of team mates, Club members and friends to post a 2/1 win and a **4/3 win for the team**. Lachlan Eckermann posted a 1 down result for his closely fought encounter.

Round 5

Sunday 5th March saw our unbeaten McMillan Shield team journey to the Thaxted Park course to play The Grange (Green) team.

Play got away from the 1st tee on time with Jordan Percey and Ryan Francis leading the first pairings, followed by Boston Price and Alex Manton, Ryan Scovell and Charlie Nobbs and then Zoe Manton and Lachlan Sharp who was playing as our reserve player.

Jordan eventually lost his most entertaining match 3 and 2 but the remaining team members all posted winning results. Ryan Francis posted a hard fought 2 and 1 win whilst Boston Price, who had some early difficulties with putting, posted a fighting 3 and 1 win. Alex Manton won 3 and 2 with Ryan Scovell winning 5 and 3. Charlie Nobbs, under the expert guidance of David Gully, posted a great 2 and 1 win and Zoe Manton continued with her great form to post an exciting 3 and 2 win. Lachlan Sharp also continued his good form to post a 3 and 2 win.

The final outcome saw our team post a **fantastic 6 and 1 win** over the strong first team from The Grange.

Round 6

On Sunday 12th March our competent Juniors travelled to the West Lakes course to play the team from Glenelg.

Louis Pretty, who returned to the team refreshed and with renewed enthusiasm, led the team away in partnership with our Captain, Ryan Francis. They were followed by the pairings of Alex Manton and Ryan Scovell, Charlie Nobbs and Lachlan Sharp, Zoe Manton and Boston Price who played as our reserve.

Playing the back 9 holes, Louis began to hit his straps and, under the expert guidance of his caddy, Jordan Percey (another of our talented juniors), had fought back well by the 14th to be square with his very competent opponent and was playing some very good golf. Alex eventually succumbed to the elements and his opponent to lose his match 7/5, Charlie posted another big win of 8/7 soon to be followed by Lachlan who played some great golf to record his 5/4 win. Ryan recorded a great and very polished 3/2 win. Boston also won his practice match 4/3.

This left Louis and Zoe still on the course and playing for a win for the team. Both were being encouraged by the very large gallery consisting of fellow team mates, caddies, family members and friends as well as many Glenelg players following. Zoe was 1 down after the 16th but after the 17th, Louis was holding the advantage of 1 up whilst Zoe was back to square after playing some very determined golf. After holing a long putt on the 17th, Louis held the advantage of being 1 up whilst Zoe was needing to win the hole for a personal victory. To the delight of the gallery, Louis, after much deliberation, holed his long putt for a 2 up win and Zoe, not to be outdone, also holed an excellent putt to record a win of 1 up.

This 6 and 1 win was a fantastic outcome for the team against a very strong opponent and the quality of golf played by our talented team certainly reflected the final outcome.

Round 7

BACK TO BACK WINNERS

Our talented juniors have gone **Back to Back** winners in the 2017 McMillan Shield competition with a huge 6/1 win on Sunday 19th.

This team was undefeated in all 6 games played and won 31 individual matches out of a total of 42 – a magnificent effort.

Sunday's final round was played on The Grange (East) course against the team from Tea Tree Gully, in perfect golfing conditions and, after many team photographs, each player drove off well from the 10th tee block in front of the very sizeable gallery of spectators.

Most individual matches were close but, as play progressed towards the final holes, our juniors began to display their prodigious talents and skills to take complete command.

Jordan Percey posted a great 3/2 win after playing some wonderful golf, Louis Pretty, after a slow start, came in with a 4/3 win. Boston Price won 3/2, Ryan Scovell 5/3, Charlie Nobbs 4/2 and Lachlan Sharp, who played some terrific golf, came in with a 6/4 win. Our Captain, Ryan Francis, unfortunately recorded a 3/2 loss.

The standard of golf played by these juniors throughout the course of this competition was exceptional and a delight to see.

I also personally thank each squad member for their efforts, their on-course demeanour, their determination and the quality of their play throughout this competition.

Also special thanks to our Club Professional, Steve for his coaching and his clinics, the parents, family members and friends, the caddies as well as those Club members who attended each game.

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