

ON
THE

GRAPEVINE

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In this edition...

FROM THE PRESIDENT... *Don Johnson*

At the time of writing my final report the **renovations** of the kitchen and bar are nearing completion.

There have been a couple of problems that have been overcome e.g. the floor in the bar had to be replaced as the existing floor was some type of board which, due to moisture, had become quite soft in places.

- The carpet will be installed commencing on the 27th November.
- The chairs in the members lounge are currently being recovered.
- The frames for replacement chairs in the dining room are being made and will be covered after the frames have been stained.

The existing dining room chairs will be sold so if any member knows of an organisation that would like to purchase them please contact the office.

The temporary bar has worked well and Viv and her staff are to be congratulated on how they have managed the situation.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the number of hours that Matt has put in during the renovation period. Most mornings have been a 7am start and at times a late finish to ensure the office work has also been completed.

My time as your President will expire at the Annual General Meeting on the 27th November. It has certainly been an interesting 4 years and looking back I feel very comfortable about some of the projects that have been completed. The membership numbers have increased each year which is very important and I believe this is mainly due to the quality of the course which we now have. From the information that I receive there are not too many Clubs that are progressing the way that our Club currently is and I hope that decisions made in the future will further secure the prosperity of the Club

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

Tuesday 24th October 2017 was our **Closing/Presentation day**. Thank you to everyone involved in organising the trophies, vouchers and prizes, particularly the challenge of holding the presentation off site at the Vines Uniting Church. Thank you to Glee Walton for the purchase of great prizes, the individual certificates and cleaning of trophies. Thank you to President Don Johnson and Manager Matt Chesterman who spoke at our meeting. A special thank you to Bill Haylock for attending and presenting the Gretta Haylock Trophy to Cathy Hayward. The committee has received positive feedback from several members both verbally and by email. Congratulations to Karen Parsons for winning the Haselgrove Trophy and Bonnie Lowe Young for winning the Encouragement Award.

Congratulations to Angela Beaty who will be taking on the role as Captain for the next two years. Thank you to our retiring members: Karen Hender, Karen Parsons and Glee Walton for their support and enthusiasm on the **women's committee** over several years. Incoming members for 2017/18 are Kath Hender who is taking on the Vice Captain role, Jan Threadgold who will take on the Vice President's role in 2018/19, Judith Hill as Treasurer, with support from Marina Langer and Helen Carman who will be representing the 9 holers.

Thank you to Denise Walters for organising the **Social Advantage Club Day** at Flagstaff Hill on 26 October. Over 25 women from the Vines played on the day and enjoyed many laughs and were impressed with the great prizes. This is the fourth social golf day that has been held in 2017.

The **Southern Zone Competition** between the Vines, Thaxted Park, Flagstaff Hill and Blackwood is currently underway. The second day will be held at the Vines on Monday 13th November. 16 members from our club are involved. ***Congratulations to Mary O'Hagan for a hole in one at Thaxted Park.***

Several members from the Vines played in the South Lakes November Week. Congratulations to Pam Deacon who was runner up in B Grade. Threetip Wongsala who is a flexi member also had a very successful week. **Special mention to Des Jolly who won C Grade in the men's competition. *(The editor: Des will be tickled pink to be mentioned here)***

Future events

A 4BBB event is planned for Tuesday 28th November to celebrate **St Andrews Day**. So remember to wear your best tartan for this annual fun golf day.

Tuesday 5th December is our **Women's Christmas Party Day**. It will start with a breakfast at 8.30am at the Club then a nine hole shotgun start at 9.30am. A two course Christmas lunch will start at approx. 12.30pm followed by a visit from Father Christmas and the customary Christmas Acts. Bookings for the day will open at the Office on Tuesday 21 November. The cost is \$25 all-inclusive for members playing golf and \$20 for members who just want to come for the lunch and entertainment. The theme for this year is ***Denim and Bling*** so a great chance to show off your most outrageous jewellery.



Editor's Apology...

Due to unforeseen editing issues during the preparation of the October issue of "On The Grapevine" the article relating to the Women's Foursomes Club Championship was *edited too heavily*. A long winded way of saying that "the editor stuffed up". So to put the record straight...

The **Arlene Versteeg Trophy** for Best Nett Overall was won by **Kathryn Hender and Ros Brunton**

The editor humbly apologises to Kathryn and Ros.



RULE of the month...*explanation*

...from John Ward

WHEN IS A LOST BALL LOST?

To be sure that you apply the rule for a LOST BALL properly you need to refer to the DEFINITIONS" in SECTION II of your Rule Book.

First of all if a ball is not found or identified by the player within five minutes after a search has begun to search for it then the ball is LOST.

There are five situations that can be applied to deem whether a ball is lost or not.

You cannot simply declare a ball lost.

The ball is only considered lost if it satisfies any of the five situations listed in the DEFINITIONS.

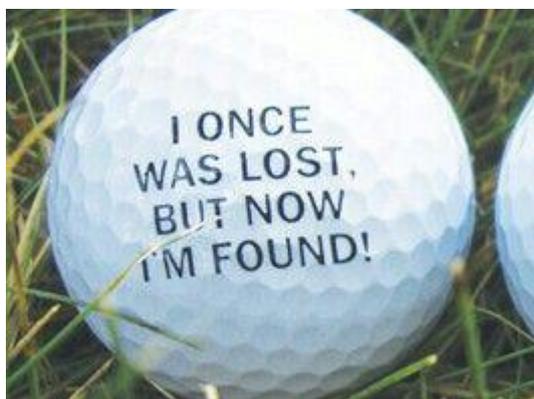
The following is an example of what may happen if proper procedures are not applied; FOR INSTANCE:-

The original ball is found within five-minute search period after another ball is dropped.

Poor old Lew played his second shot, searched for his ball briefly and then went back and dropped another ball under Rule27-1. Before Lew plays the ball that he has dropped, and within the five minute search period, Dowski finds Lew's original ball. So Lew asks Dowski whether he has to continue with the ball that he has dropped.

Dowski tells Lew that when he put the substituted ball into play at the spot of his previous stroke with the intent to play that ball under a penalty of stroke and distance(Rule27-1), his original ball was LOST (refer to definition of "Lost Ball"). Therefore Lew had to continue with the substituted ball. (and cop the penalty)

BE SURE YOU MAKE YOURSELF AWARE OF THE DEFINITION OF A LOST BALL BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T YOU ARE LIABLE TO BE DISQUALIFIED.



From the Captain...*Paul Sutcliffe*

With 34 degrees days, the summer season beckons, with our dams full and strong couch fairway growth, due to the skills of our Club's Course Superintendent, Rob Millington, during winter, the course is playing at its top!

Last month the **Men's Club Championships** were played. As a 72 hole stroke Event, one of the very few 72 Hole Championships still being played around Australia (most having a Match Play component), it is a difficult event in which to compete over such a long time, but that is the Club's choice.

Congratulations to Alex Curtin who won the Club Championship, **Peter Hill and Geoff Downey** who won the 'B' and 'C' Grade Championships respectively and congratulations as well to the talented **James Percey** on becoming the Junior Champion.

Part of the Event was over 36 Holes, that being the Veterans Championship for players aged 55-65 and the Super Veterans for players aged 66 and over.

The Veteran's was won by **Michael (Mick) Gibbie** – 163 from **Michael Johnston** – 170 with third going to **Peter Fagg** – 171.

The Super Vet's was won by **Rod Bell** – 160 from **Nigel Coles** - 165 with **Paul Sutcliffe** – coming in third on 166.

One Event still to be played is the **Men's Foursomes Championship** that was washed out on Sunday, 24th September. This will now be held on Sunday, 26th November, 2017.

Entry numbers for the 24th September were poor with only a few pairs playing. However, the Event on Sunday, 26th November is still open to all players including the groups so badly set upon by the wet weather. So get to it and enter – enjoy the fun of the event with a friend or playing partner.

Entry forms have been printed and are available from the Pro Shop. If you and your partner feel that you have no chance in the Gross Event there is a handicap section played in conjunction.

The **Senior Pennant** home and away games have been played, seven games in all. The team made up of **Rod Bell, Kevin, Bartsch, Nigel Coles, Tony Fagg, Michael Gibbie, Mike Jefferies, Ed Oniszk, Laurie McLaughlin, Barry Phillips, Wally Terlikowski and myself** performed very well to win our way into the semi-finals to be played on Monday 13th November at Kooyonga. We are hopeful of winning our way to the Final on Monday week (20th November).

Earlier in the year I attended and played in Auckland, New Zealand and participated in the **World Masters Games**. During that time, I played at two courses which I believed were of such a standard they would be an excellent addition to our "Reciprocal Club Line up". The Clubs are Akarana Golf Club and the Muriwai Golf Club.

Akarana is only 6km from the city centre. It is most appealing and is generally regarded in Auckland as "the most friendly Club around", something I found to be true. It has a good layout with excellent but difficult greens. A good test.

Muriwai is a gem. It is a links course situated on the Tasman Sea coast 42km from the CBD. A great layout with rolling fairways and great sea views. Definitely a course to play.

Soon the Vines will be re-engaging with all our reciprocal Clubs around Australia to bring up to date the extensive number of courses listed in the Members Handbook for the information and enjoyment of our travelling members.

As this is my last newsletter as Captain, **I should like to acknowledge the Vines Newsletter Editor, Barry Dicker**, for his encouragement to get information on time for publication and his continued efforts to bring the news of the Club to the Members. Barry is a fine Vines Member!

I wish all Members good golfing now and in the future.

Men's Club Championships



L to R: Peter Hill, Alex Curtin, Geoff Downey, James Percey

VALE...

The Club is saddened by the passing of Life Member, **Laurie Yard** on Sunday the 19th of October, aged 91 years.

Laurie joined the Club in January of 1967, accompanied by his wife Beth in 1975, and although no longer playing golf, he continued to attend AGM's and remain involved in the Club.

Laurie was an active sportsman, playing top level tennis and league football for North Adelaide in 1947 & '48, prior to joining The Vines. He was President of the Club for two stints, '74-'75 & '92-'95, devoting 25 years of service to the Club. This was rewarded with Life Membership in 2000, and further recognised with an Australia Sports Medal on the 22nd of June 2000.

Our thoughts are with Laurie's family at this time, he will be sadly missed.

Steve Krause...Club Professional



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THE VINES GOLF CLUB OF REYNELLA



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

Working Bee – Thursday 23rd November

If you are able to assist please meet at the Clubhouse at 9.00am. Work will continue until 1.30pm. If you can spare some time during those hours, even for just an hour or two, please come along. Ground staff will be cutting overhanging limbs in the tree line between the 1st and 18th fairways to make it safer for operating machinery in this area. Volunteers will be required to move limbs to the chipper to be operated by ground staff. Working clothes are required together with hat and gloves. Many hands make light work.

Tree Removal – Preliminary Notice

We recently engaged an Arborist to inspect two suspect River Red Gums and received a recommendation for their removal due to safety reasons. Their location – Tree One is in the tree line between the 1st and 18th fairways, and Tree 2 - next to the rear of the 18th green and the sand bucket closest to the club house. While there is no imminent danger, we are currently working through Council requirements and both trees will be removed by contractors as soon as possible.

Permanent Plates/Rating Markers – Preliminary Notice

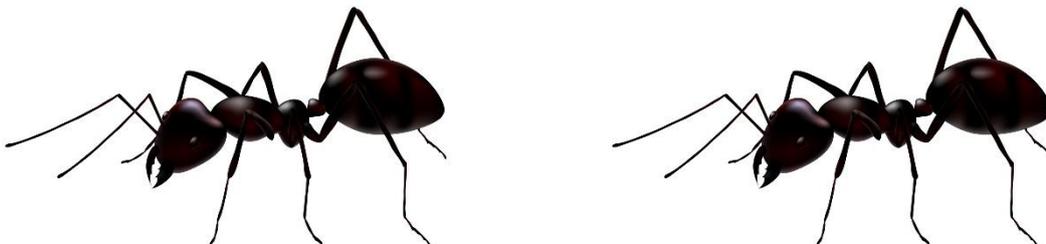
A review of our tee block markers was undertaken by the Course Committee, and changes agreed to by both Match and Committee of Management. Changes to our current structure will be introduced for three main reasons

- The need to reduce wear and tear on our tee blocks.
- To align ourselves fully with the guidelines provided by Golf Australia in regards to the course rating system.
- To reduce the number of confusing markers on each tee block.

Our tee blocks, mainly due to their small size generally, and in some cases shaded location, are under constant stress. Changes will be made to gain the most flexible use of each tee block. We do not anticipate our current slope ratings to be impacted greatly, however each course will require re-rating with the exception of the Red course. Planning is currently under way with the expectation that the whole process being completed over the next few months. Full detail of changes will be advised once course ratings have been completed by Golf SA.

Inch Ants

Quite a large number of ant nests have been identified and treated recently in an attempt to reduce their current large numbers. This treatment will be ongoing. You can take relief without penalty if you ball rests in an active ants nest area.



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.....

**THERE ARE MORE THINGS
TO LIFE THAN
GOLF..**



BUT I IGNORE THEM



"TRY TO AVOID THE BEER HAZARD ON THE NINETEENTH HOLE."



"No, playing golf isn't a sin. However, lying about your score, swearing, playing for money, wishing the other players will play bad, and not returning that 7-iron you found is."

Notice to Members – Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held at The Clubhouse, Cnr Reynell Road & Mark Street Happy Valley, on Monday the 27th of November 2017 at 7.30pm.

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