

The Caddie

Victor Harbor Golf Club



December 2014

KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December

December 3 Ladies Christmas Luncheon
December 18 Nominations Open for Committee of Management



January 2015

January 29 Nominations close for Committee of Management

February

February 1 Group 4 Championships
February 2 Dad's Army resumes
February 15 Opening Day Ambrose
February 26 Annual General Meeting

March

March 1 SA Ambrose Championships
March 29 McCracken Challenge at Victor Harbor

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FROM THE CLUB VICE PRESIDENT

Due to personal reasons, our current President, Mr Daryl Cameron has decided to resign as President after a very active involvement as a committee person and as President since March 2012.

Daryl has made a significant contribution to improving the governance of club operations. His background as a Corporate Director has brought rigor and direction to how Committee of Management meetings are run and meeting outcomes agreed and monitored. Also the change in the club's corporate sub-committee structure in the 2013 year has created an integrated team of expert sub-committee chairpersons managing their respective club portfolios. The level of Daryl's support and collaboration with the General Manager, Roger Sanderson has been outstanding.

On behalf of the Committee of Management, the General Manager, staff and members we thank you Daryl for your many hours of work and intellectual input to improving the Victor Harbor Golf Club.

Interim President

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Robert (Bob) Niederer as interim President. Bob has taken over the role until the next AGM scheduled for 26 February 2015.

Bob is a qualified Chartered Accountant of thirty nine years standing and is currently the Finance partner of ASF Audits, a business which specialises in audits of self-managed superannuation funds. He has a wealth of experience ranging from public company accounting to private consultancy projects. He has other business experience in litigation support, insolvency and audit.

On behalf of all members, staff, catering and ProShop team we welcome you.

Steve Cossey

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MAJOR SPONSORS AND SUPPLIERS OF
BALLAST STONE ESTATE WINES**

FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Club Foursomes

The Mens and Mixed Foursomes (sponsored by *Betta Home Living*) were held in September and October. The Men winners were Paul McDonnell and Gareth Woodward. The Mixed winners were Linda Hodgson and Gareth Woodward. This win for Linda was her 9th consecutive win.



Gareth Woodward and
Linda Hodgson

Classic

Our 34th Annual Classic was a success with strong fields for all events. The men's events on Saturday and Sunday had allocated tee times as opposed to a Shot Gun start for previous years. This proved to be successful and will be used again next year. Keep the October long weekend free if you wish to participate in this event.

Red Tee Stableford

Whenever we have a Stroke competition on a Thursday or Saturday we also offer Red Tee Stableford for the men. Those members who do not wish to count every stroke can now play Red Tee Stableford. When you register to play on the day be sure to select the competition you wish to play in.

9-Hole Competitions

We introduced mixed 9-hole competitions on Wednesdays and Fridays. Numbers have been very low. Check with the Pro Shop if you wish to compete.



G.H. Waterman Trophy

This event is held during a PAR round and is for members 65 years and over. It was won this year by Fred Murphy. He previously won the trophy in 2007.

Blackburn Trophy

This trophy was first introduced to encourage players to participate during summer season. Held over eight rounds the most consistent player will receive the Blackburn Trophy in February 2015.

Pennants

The pennants programme has been drawn up for the 2015 season. We have nominated four teams. We will not be fielding a handicapped pennants team. Our Pennants Co-Ordinator for 2015 is Rod Ellis. Squad training will commence soon. Please contact Rod through the golf club if you are interested in playing.

Tree Trimming and Removal Programme

Work has commenced on the back nine holes removing the spindly trees. Members volunteered their services to help clear the debris on the 20th October and again on the 24th November. At this stage only fairways from 10 to 14 have been worked on. I am very happy with the final results.

Medal of Medals

From February to November each year members compete for a Monthly Medal. All of those winners (A, B and C grade) are then invited to compete for the Medal of Medals in December. This year it will be played on the 6th December.

Social Internal Club Mixed Handicapped Match Play Competition

I will be running a survey to ascertain if members are interested in such a competition which I hope to run in August 2015 over the four of the five Sundays we have available. Please keep a look out for the survey form and give me some feedback.

Permanent Booking Sheets

With the Xmas holidays looming it is time to remind members who have a permanent booking to ensure that their name is deleted if they are not playing. We have many visitors during that period and it would be a shame to lose them due to the lack of responsibility of a member not deleting their name from the list if they are not playing. The Pro Shop will be advising me if there are any infringements and penalties may apply.

S.A. Ambrose

The eighteenth S.A. Ambrose competition will be played on Sunday 1st March, 2015. Now is the time to formulate your teams. Entry forms will soon be available from the office and on the website.

Hole In One

Since the last Caddie three members have achieved the coveted Hole-in One. Jack Roberts, Rob Gasmier and three days later City Member Judy Hyde. See Page 11 for full details. Well done. I am envious.

MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bruce Watkins

New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance—\$69 p.p.

Catering by our new chef Matt Brophy

Choice of three main courses and three desserts

7 pm till midnight

Dancing to *THE GROOVE BROS AND SOUL SISTERS*

with music from the 60s and 70s

Bookings essential at the office 08 8552 2030

YOUR BOOKINGS—DID YOU KNOW?

In the vast majority of cases where a player has failed to return a score card, or failed to complete a round without good reason, it is because they have played poorly. As a result it is equitable and accurate that the player be attributed a poor score with Golf Link. It is also the case that there exists a small minority of players who repeatedly fail to return score cards or who fail to complete rounds.

A handicap will lose its full status in the event that a player should accrue in their most recent twenty *Actual Scores* (i.e. their list of *Live Scores*) five or more entries with a status of *No Score – Not Approved*. Such a handicap will be known as a *Provisional Handicap*.

If you have such a handicap you will be able to play but will be prevented from winning a competition.

Bruce Watkins

THANKS BILL

The Club President recently received the following letter from Bill Klaebe, the Chair of Golf SA.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you for extending to me a complimentary round of golf at your club. On my recent visit to Victor Harbor last weekend I had the pleasure of playing with your members John Garrett, Steve Cossey and Dave Hollis who made me very welcome as did their group of friends.

You are to be congratulated on the condition of your course. Its presentation was excellent and the hospitality shown to me at the pro shop and clubhouse was very welcoming.

Thank you once again.

SENIOR PENNANTS

Senior Pennants in South Australia is played in two divisions (North and South). Eight teams in each division play on Mondays at noon for seven weeks. Players play Match Play off scratch. At the end of the minor round Semi Finals are played between the first and second teams in each division with the final held at Kooyonga for all sixteen teams. The two finalists play for the "Trophy" and the remaining fourteen teams play aggregate Stableford for the "Plate".

In 2014 Victor Harbor entered a team in the Southern Division playing South Lakes, Thaxted Park, The Vines, Flagstaff Hill, Mt. Barker, Blackwood and Kooyonga.

Our first season was successful with fourteen players over fifty five years contributing to the events. We started at 8th, progressed to 4th, then 3rd and missed the 2nd spot by a percentage only.

Our players this year were Dave Hollis, Paul Thurlow, Des Pilkington, Russell Parkes, Keith Michelmore, Denis Wilden, Andy Tapp, Mike Hatch, Jim Kiley, Kym Bartel, Peter Bywaters, Kevin Brand, John Gilbert and Jack Roberts. Our most successful player for the year was Russell missing only one game out of the six.

In 2015 we hope to enter again. Any player over fifty five is welcome to register for the team. Handicaps for the teams in 2014 ranged from 3 to 14, although there is no limit.

Further news for the 2015 season will be displayed on the notice board. Players may register by adding their name to the list or advising Jack Roberts, 0418 568 773.

Many thanks to all the players who contributed to Victor Harbor's success in 2014 and we hope to see you all next season.

Jack Roberts

Question How many dimples are there on a standard golf ball?

Answer See Page 13

FROM THE LADIES CAPTAIN

The Classic

The 34th Victor Harbor Classic was held in perfect spring conditions. There were one hundred and fifty one ladies playing in the main event and seventy two pairs in the Foursomes.

Linda Hodgson our current Club Champion was the Championship winner with an aggregate score of 167, this being on a count back from Juliet Hugo (RAGC). Linda is the first Victor Harbor lady to win the Val Wyld Perpetual trophy.



Classic Championship Winner
Linda Hodgson

The presentation dinner was well attended and enjoyed by all. Club President Daryl Cameron addressed the ladies before dinner. Thank you to all the volunteers, lady members and committee for their fantastic support and hard work to ensure this event runs well.

Our major sponsors were *Scarpantoni Wines, Coca Cola, West End* and the *McIlroy Auto Group*. Also thank you to the *Victor Golf Shop, Hoffmann Travel, Veg Out, Black Pepper* and *All That Jazz* for their generous support.



Pink Ball Day Winners
Jenny Vincent, Susie Martin and Jill Williams
with Captain Libby Bancroft

Pink Ball Day

The ladies held a Pink Ball Day in September when \$379 was raised for sending to the *Cancer Council for Research*. Ladies wore pink clothing and wigs. The club was festooned with pink balloons, and bras dyed in various shades of pink were hung up on clothes lines to set the tone for the event.

The winning team was Susie Martin, Jenny Vincent and Jill Williams.

Closing Day

The official end of our season was held on 29th October. The ladies played a 4-person Ambrose. Jeff McEvoy from *Beyond Bank* (sponsors) came and presented the daily and yearly trophies. Margaret Fishlock then gave a talk on the history of the club back in the 1940s and 1950s which caused a few giggles.

Winners of Closing Day Trophies

May Douglas (best net score)	Jan Berryman	70
Kathleen deGaris Thomas (best 3 net scores)	Christine Fowler	222 points
Margaret Anderson Trophy (best 4 Par rounds)	Sue Bastian	
Gwen Basham Trophy (1 stipulated Par round)	Mia John	
Ridgway Trophy (1 stipulated Par round)	Kay Watson	
Jean Bayley Trophy (best 4 stableford rounds)	Marie Wickstein	138 points
Shylie Rymill Foursomes	Dorothy Lord and Lyn Stratfold	
International Bowl Silver Division	Libby Bancroft	net 73
International Bowl Bronze Division	Lyn Stratfold	net 75
Gross (best 3 of 4 rounds - sponsor Beth Goldfinch)	Libby Bancroft	280
Champion Medal Winner Sponsor Val Wyld	Libby Bancroft	net 74
Putting Winner (sponsor Margaret Milte)	Judy Parsons	28 putts
Most Birdies	Sue Bastian	6
Most Gobblers	Libby Bancroft	4
Most Improved (GA) Handicap	Margaret Fishlock	GA 6.5
Eclectic A Grade	Libby Bancroft	72
Eclectic B Grade	Sue Bastian	72
Eclectic C Grade	Helen Filmer	84
Best 9 hole player of the year	Margaret Fishlock	
Eclectic 9 Holes	Kay Taylor	40
Gobblers 9 Holes	Kay Taylor	2

I would like to thank my committee:

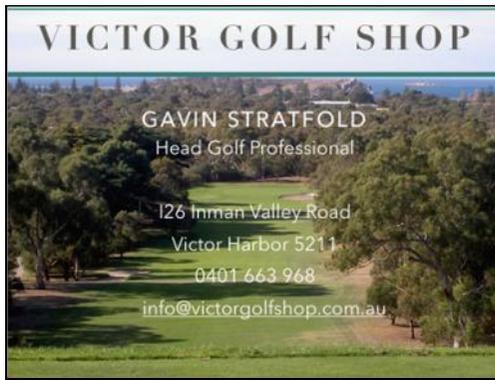
Faye Williss	Vice Captain
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for the hard work, dedication and support they have given me this year. We have been a great team and having fun along the way. Thank you to Marie Wickstein our computer whiz, Kathy and Casey (office) and Roger for all you have done throughout the year. To Russell and Flip behind the bar and the caterers thank you for keeping us fed and watered.

I also thank Bruce our Club Captain who is always there to assist whenever he is asked and to Gavin for his advice and help.

To all our Lady members may you all have an enjoyable, safe Christmas and the very best wishes for a great 2015 golfing season.

Libby Bancroft



‘From the Fairways’...

What a year so far. I sincerely thank you for supporting the Victor Harbor Golf Shop and welcoming our committed team! Thank you too for embracing all that is ‘new’ as you walk through our doors.

Recently, Michelle from *Birdie Sport* flew in from Sydney to launch her new autumn range. A group of our excited members joined us for the launch with a glass of champagne too.

One more golfing idea for the year . . . Time after time I observe players rake bunkers with the ‘teeth’ side of the rake. Why don’t you try the smooth side instead. It will give you a better result and leave the bunker in good shape for the next visitor!

We will all experience a rush now until Christmas, and I wish you and your families a safe and festive season. So bring on summer and that perfect golf weather.

Cheers!

Gavin

WHAT SKILL!

Congratulations on a great achievement!

Holes in One

Jack Roberts	on the 7th	on 7th October
Rob Gasmier	on the 7th	on 27th November
Judy Hyde	on the 14th	on 28th November

Eagles

Don Boyle	on the 17th	on 20th September
John Turner	on the 17th	on 20th October
Neville Williss	on the 13th	on 1st November

DAD'S ARMY

The Dad's Army Championship was played on 18th November with a total of forty five players in the field, a pleasing number as we have been struggling to get more than forty for our regular Tuesday game.

The winner was Bob Munday with a net score of 70 on a count back from Peter Willis, with Barry Shanko coming 3rd with a net score of 71.

The best score off the stick was Rob Gasmier with a gross score of 85. The most consistent player for the twelve months was Jeff Evans with 17 points with Ray Tuckey and Peter Willis coming second with 14 points each (3 points win, 2 points 2nd and 1 point 3rd).

A special thank you to our two main sponsors for the day - *Gavin Stratfold* and *Veg Out* for their donations of vouchers.

A presentation luncheon was held in the club house on the following day with thirty members in attendance.

A reminder that the final round of Dads Army for 2014 will be on December 9th with a return in 2015 on Monday 2nd February.

Jeff Evans



Peter Willis with
Dad's Army Champion
Bob Munday

ANOTHER SORT OF CHAMPION!



Bill and Margaret McKenzie were recently on an inaugural cruise *Bravo—Cruise of the Performing Arts* on the *Radiance of the Seas* which sailed from Sydney to New Caledonia and back over a period of a week. There were many celebrated performing artists on board like Elaine Paige, Marina Prior, David Hobson and Teddy Tahu Rhodes who provided a week of superb entertainment.

Richard and Peggy House, who were also there, sang in a choir conducted by the celebrated Jonathon Welch of *The Choir of Hard Knocks*.

But the real champion was Bill McKenzie who won the 9-hole golf putting with a score of 22 (par 24). Here he is wearing the gold medal—but note that he is standing cautiously near the life boat!

Richard House

Question How many dimples are there on a standard golf ball?
Answer 336

GENERAL MANAGERS' REPORT

Course and Clubhouse

Our thanks to all the volunteers who assisted grounds staff remove more than a hundred and twenty trees and shrubs on the back nine holes. It has certainly improved play and the look of the course as well as shortening mowing time.

The recent storm saw lightning strikes fuse several decoders on the course proper. These decoders control the irrigation cycles and our Course Superintendent was sent on a merry (Xmas?) chase looking for sprinklers that came on when they should not have been activated!

The 'goat' track to the clubhouse used by some golfers after completing the 9th hole will be made into a proper path soon.

New Fairway Mower

The club took delivery of a new fairway mower in late September 2015 at a cost of \$58,000. The old fairway mower will be kept for the time being with its primary function to mow the practice fairway and act as a back-up in peak demand periods.

Solar Panels

The Committee of Management has approved the installation of netting over the solar panels to prevent any further wayward golf balls causing damage to the solar panels.

Catering Operations

Sally and Jon Dean will finish their catering operations at the club after Christmas Day. We wish them well as they pursue growth in their *One foot in the Gravy* business venture.

A new chef Matt Brophy has been appointed who will take over from 26th December. He will handle all forward catering bookings. More soon.

New Year's Eve

On New Year's Eve there will be a special function with dinner and dancing to the *Groove Brothers and Soul Sister*. The food will have a choice of four mains and three desserts and the band will feature music from the swinging 60s to the naughty 90s. It will be a fun filled night so please hurry and book a table to avoid disappointment.

Archival Room

The area under the balcony has been cleaned out with significant amounts of rubbish removed. An area has been set aside to build shelving to house our corporate history. Once shelving is installed the numerous boxes stored in the old pump shed will be examined and contents if not already referenced will be transferred and or added to our archive records.

We are grateful to May Stokoe for her work to date in assisting with documentation of our club and corporate history. If you have memorabilia or documents that would add to our files please contact May or myself.

Club Wi-Fi

The club now has the capability to stream music from any laptop or smart phone in the clubhouse over the club's PA system. A side benefit is that we can also stream music from anywhere in the world where that music is uploaded to the Internet. This will provide added competitiveness for weddings and functions.

Membership Drive

For members who introduce a new member to the club, the Committee of Management have authorised a credit to the introducing member's house account. The credits are:

6- and 7-day member	\$100
9-hole and 5-day member	\$50

We look forward to your support in this membership drive. One member has already benefited by \$50. Well done Peter.

A very big welcome is extended to the twenty four members who have joined the club since the beginning of September. We say a sad goodbye to fifteen exiting members.

Comment Card Update

From October to date, 146 visiting golfers commented on the course and/or clubhouse rating the course either 'excellent to good' with our bunkers ranking 'fair to good' generally. Early next year work will start on improving the 15th fairway bunker.

Roger Sanderson

SOME HELP FROM MIKE

Mike and I are now playing the 13th hole where I learn about a rule that has changed!

We both hit off. Mike's ball goes a long way to the left into the trees beyond the piles of wood that are for sale, and mine just off the fairway to the right but visible. Mike sets off immediately while I am still putting my club away and having a quick drink.

Mike I will set off straight away because my ball may be hard to find.

Mike is half way down the track before I start following but after about 20 metres he suddenly stops and turns round to come back.

Richard What are you doing Mike? Why are you coming back?

Mike I am worried that I may not find my ball and I think I had better hit a provisional.

Richard Yes. I was a bit worried about that too while you were still on the tee.

Mike Under Rule 27-2 a provisional ball can be played as long as it is played before either the player or his partner has gone forward to search for the original ball. Going forward has now been defined and the player is able to go forward a short distance and 50 yards is suggested as a reasonable distance. You may go further forward if you need to get a new ball from your bag or change clubs or get a referees ruling.

Richard Well I certainly never knew that. I never even knew that you couldn't go back for a provisional even before the rule had been changed. If the shot had been from the fairway can you go back for a provisional whenever you like - as long as you say it is a provisional?

Mike Oh yes. A provisional ball can be played anywhere where a ball may be lost outside of a water hazard or be out of bounds

Richard Good luck!

So I have now learnt a rule that I never knew about anyway in the first place! Namely that after a bad shot that is clearly going to be difficult to find, the player can decide to play a provisional. Previously the ball would have become the ball in play if the player has moved forward to search but there is now some leeway as the rule is meant to speed up play.

Richard and Mike

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members whose membership applications have been confirmed by the Committee of Management.

We hope you enjoy your time in our lovely club and make many new friends.

Please make a point of introducing yourself to other people you meet.

Welcome back to several earlier members

7 Day	Paul Horner Malcolm Anderson Peter Ashforth	David Robson Paul Smith Anne Pfitzner
5 Day	Phillip Craven Warren Watkins	Jeffrey Lucy
Casual	Pam Bakker	Matthew Impey
City	Eamonn McCole Nicholas Conolan	Ali McCole Ian Doolette
9 Hole	Yvonne Ayliffe David Richardson Brian Hawthorn	Angela Dickinson Lynette Sinclair
Transition to Adult Junior		Nima Sherpa
Junior under 13		Will Collison
Pay as you play	Peter Reynolds	David French



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WOOD FOR SALE



Masses of gum tree fellings and windfalls are available
See the pile in the open area on the left side of the 13th tee.
Wood is for sale for firewood at a very competitive price.

6x4 trailer load	\$100
7x5 trailer load	\$125
8x5 trailer load	\$150

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Ladies Captain	Libby Bancroft	Course and Match Ladies Committee
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Dad's Army	Jeff Evans
Pennant Co-ordinator	Rod Ellis
Editor <i>The Caddie</i>	Richard House

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