

The Caddie

Victor Harbor Golf Club



September 2015

KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

September

September 12	Entries Open Mixed Foursomes Championship
September 12	G.H. Waterman (Over 65) Trophy
September 20	Men's Club Foursomes Championships
September 30	Victor Harbor Classic—Ladies' Championship

October

October 1	Victor Harbor Classic—Ladies' Championship
October 2	Victor Harbor Classic—Ladies' Foursomes
October 3	Victor Harbor Classic—Men's Championship
October 4	Victor Harbor Classic—Men's Championship
October 5	Victor Harbor Classic—Canadian Mixed Foursomes
October 10	Final round eclectic
October 11	Mixed Foursomes
October 25	Ashes Urn Challenge
October 28	Ladies' Closing Day

November

November 7	First Round Blackburn Trophy
November 10	Dad's Army Championship
November 15	Quarter Finals Men's Club Championship
November 22	Semi Final Men's Club Championship
November 25	Quarter Final Ladies' Club Championship
November 27	Semi Final Ladies' Club Championship
November 29	Final Men's and Ladies' Club Championships

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FROM THE CLUB VICE PRESIDENT

Recently, whilst waiting to tee off, my playing partner exclaimed “What a magnificent golf course and venue - pity there are so few people using it.” He’s correct. We are using only 40% of available tee times. If a hotel had that percentage of rooms not occupied, it would be just scraping by, like we currently are.

These problems are not unique to Victor Harbor Golf Club. Many city and country golf courses are experiencing the same problems. Our previous committee initiated many cost savings, and the current committee is also cutting costs. With the current membership rate increase we are just able to cover costs, but that is all we are able to do. The long term debt gets serviced but there is no provision to pay down. There is also no provision or fund to replace equipment.

The on course maintenance expenses are the same whether we have one hundred or three hundred golfers a day. When items are discussed by the committee it always comes down to one thing - can we afford it? The increase in rates (cart sheds, cart usage) is necessary for the financial well-being of the club. It is a “Catch 22” because with the increase in rates we might lose some members. To counteract this we are promoting memberships and green fee play in an effort as an offset.

Another area which is instrumental in keeping our costs down and deserves special mention is our volunteer program. Phil Kersten and many volunteers put in many man hours of work saving the club money in wages etc. These people are to be commended and on behalf of the committee, thank you very much. YOU ARE APPRECIATED.

In reading the history of the VHGC by Judy Parsons there is a continuing theme right from the beginning of people donating time and money, and fundraising, so that we can have a golf course that the community and Southern Fleurieu can be proud of. I think Frank Douglas would be happy to see what the VHGC has evolved into, and with everyone continuing support we will keep moving forward.

Jerry Convery

Jerry Convery submitted the above report while President Bob Niederer is on holiday.

FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

:Pennants

This year we fielded four Pennant teams and struggled to find players to fill those teams. Subsequently no teams made the finals. At our Pennants dinner held in July the following were recipients of the various trophies:

Ray Topley Trophy

Stephen Slade Memorial Trophy

Joe Melling Trophy

Gareth Woodward

Mike Hatch

Paul McDonnell

A big thank you to Rod Ellis who again volunteered to be the Pennants Co-Ordinator. He does a great deal of 'behind the scenes' work to make the season as successful as possible. Thanks also to our Club Professional Gavin Stratfold and our Team Captains Paul McDonnell, Luke Drummond, John Griffen and Alastair Brown. At a recent Course & Match committee meeting it was determined that we will suggest to our Committee of Management that we should only field three teams for the 2016 season, being A2, B1 & C1.

Geoff Bohnsack Ambrose Cup

This was won by Jack Roberts, Paul Thurlow, Wes Stapleton and Peter Bywaters with a gross score of 59.



Geoff Bohnsack Ambrose winners
Jack Roberts, Paul Thurlow, Wes Stapleton, Peter Bywaters

Mixed Social Match Play Competition

A survey was conducted to ascertain if such a competition was viable during August. Of all the responses only one was negative but when it came to looking for players only two put their names forward. A disappointing result.

Championships

Normally our Championships are played at this time of the year. However this year we will be playing them in November so check your handbook for the dates. The men's and ladies' finals will be held on Sunday 29th November followed by the presentation dinner.

Men's Club Foursomes (+ Mixed)

Entries are now open for this event. It will be played on Sunday 20th September and is sponsored by *Betta Home Living*. \$10 per team must be lodged at the Pro Shop.

The Mixed Foursomes will follow in October, also sponsored by *Betta Home Living*. The competition is open to members who have played three competition rounds during the subscription year. \$10 per team must be lodged at the Pro Shop.

G.H. Waterman Trophy

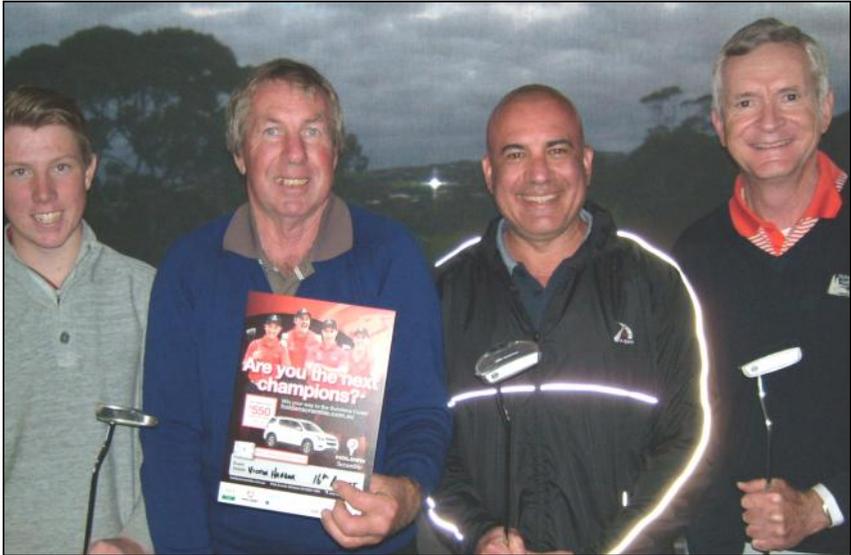
This will be played during a Par round on Saturday 12th September. It is for male members 65 years and over.

Classic

This year's Classic will be held from the 30th September – 5th October. Entry forms are available via the website or from the office. Ladies entries are filling fast. Owing to the AFL Grand Final being played on Saturday 3rd October the men will be allocated tee times between 8am and 10am off two tees (1st and 10th) in an attempt to have players off the course for the Grand Final. Those tee times will also apply to the Sunday.

Holden Scramble

The Pro Shop held a local level of the Holden Scramble on Sunday the 16th August. Only thirteen teams competed. Two of our members, Paul Thurlow and Peter Likos, were in the winning team which had a score of 57 3/8. The other two members from South Lakes GC were Oliver Pritchard and Neil Haren. They will now attend the Regional Final at Tea Tree Gully in October with our resident Club Professional Gavin Stratfold joining the team.



Holden Scramble winners
Owen Pritchard, Neil Haren, Peter Likos, Paul Thurlow

Course Abuse

Unidentified people have been observed practising on the course in the vicinity of the 9th and 12th fairways using a bucket of balls, causing divots and plug marks in concentrated areas. Our ground staff have had to carry out repairs in these areas. If you are practising on the course proper you should only be using two balls.

It has also been reported that players are not using the rakes in the bunkers, instead using their club in an attempt to cover any foot prints. Players are also not placing the rakes in the bunkers correctly. They should be placed at the bottom of the bunker in line of play.

Players have also been seen pushing their buggies across the green, which is strictly not allowed for obvious reasons.

Please check our website *Course Care* regarding responsibilities expected. Members who witness course abuse are requested to report the abuse to the General Manager or Club Captain.

South Coast Windows & Doors Shoot Out

The players who have been successful on Saturdays to get the NTP on the 11th will be invited to a 'shoot out' on Saturday 26th September. The format has been changed at the request of the sponsor and prize money will be allocated in Grades A, B and C.

Club Captain Required

February 2016 will see the end of my term as Captain which means I have only six months left. If you have the slightest thought that it is a position you may wish to experience then please come and see me.

Bruce Watkins



Joe Melling Trophy
Paul McDonnell with
Jayne Melling

Stephen Slade Memorial
Mike Hatch receiving the
trophy from President
Bob Niederer





*Ray Topley Trophy
Rod Ellis presenting
the trophy to Gareth
Woodward*

FROM THE LADIES CAPTAIN

This winter has been one of the coldest for some years which has reflected on the number of ladies playing on Wednesdays. Hopefully the spring will be a little bit kinder to us. All our GolfSA events have now been finalised and the winners will receive their brooches at our Closing Day in October.

Championship Foursomes

This event was well patronised by our members. The finals were played in reasonably good weather this year.

The Club Champions for 2015 are Judy Hyde and Linda Hodgson who had a convincing win of 11/10 over Marie Wickstein and Christina Ward.

B Grade was a well fought match with Anne Pfitzner and Kathryn Walker the eventual winners, 1 up from Cathy Huppertz and Jenny Nobbs.

C Grade was keenly contested with Jenny Vincent and Faye Anderson winning 4/3 from Susie Martin and Jill Williams.

Other Trophy Winners

The Captains Trophy was won by Eleanor Harrison with -3. This event is played over two Par rounds.

Eleanor also won the Super Vets Stableford event with a grand score of 39 points. Well done.

The Ridgway Trophy was won by Libby Bancroft with +1. This is a single Par round.

The Gwen Basham Memorial trophy was won by Chris Rebbeck with square from Marie Wickstein.

Monthly Medal Winners

June	Jan Allen	net 74
July	Marie Juleff	net 72
Aug	Jenny Fyfe	net 77

There is one more Monthly Medal event to be played this season, and then all winners will play off for the Medal of Medals in October. These players will be joined by the winners of the putting competition which is also played on Monthly Medal days. The winners will receive their prizes on Closing Day.

Other Happenings

Thank you to Alan Kluske who cleaned the club house windows - what a job!! Maybe we should call Alan Mr Windows, not Mr Menswear!! Several ladies completed the job and the club looks so much brighter. Thanks to you all.

Preparations are under way for the 35th Classic. Entries are coming in quickly, so we can only hope that winter has finally gone and the sun will shine through!!

The ladies will be sporting new club shirts in the near future, which will be worn for Pennants and other club and inter club events.

Libby Bancroft

HOW ABOUT A TEE BLOCK AD?

Currently there are several tee boxes that do not have any sponsorship. If you know someone who would like to sponsor a tee please contact

Daniel on 8552 2030 or Jerry on 0447 513 673

Ladies Championship Foursomes winners



Champions
Judy Hyde and
Linda Hodgson

B Grade
Kathryn Walker and
Anne Pfitzner



C Grade
Jenny Vincent and
Faye Anderson



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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Membership Subscriptions

The new membership year is rolling around once again and you should have received your subscription notices either via email or in your letter-box.

As most of you would have expected, there has been an increase in fees for the 2015-16 season. This is due to the rise in costs associated with water, electricity and general operating costs to run the club. With a drier than normal winter, we have had to increase our watering program to run longer into winter than we would have liked. The solar panel system has saved some money on electricity on the course watering system, but this doesn't cover the increase in costs of the clubhouse.

With foot traffic on the course down on past years, there is an increase in motorised cart use. This has led to a noticeable amount of wear and tear on the course. At the last Committee of Management meeting, a resolution was passed to introduce a levy on all motorised cart users. For those who do drive a motorised cart, this will be included in your yearly subs. This does require a certain amount of honesty from members as not all motorised cart users store their buggies at the club.

In the following year we are working on some new initiatives to increase the club's income and keep the yearly fees at a reasonable cost. For the club to be at a stage where we can start chipping away at our long-term debt and be able to fund some much needed improvements to the clubhouse, we require another fifty full paying members. The club is still offering incentives for proposing a new member. For each new 5-, 6- and 7-day member that you introduce, the club will top up your house account with \$100 credit. For any City or 9-hole members that you propose, the club will top up your house account with \$50 credit.

Course Improvements

While the rain this winter hasn't been as heavy as in previous winters, we have seen some heavy bursts in short periods. Although holes 15 through 18 remain quite wet, the course overall has held up reasonably well. With course staff rotating leave throughout the wet season, Michael and his staff have done a great job in providing the best course conditions for your play.

There have been a few large limbs felled this winter, in particular from *Top's Tree* on the 9th. As this isn't the first sizable limb that has fallen from this tree, it will be assessed in terms of its safety and we will seek recommendations as to whether it is to be removed or if heavy trimming will be sufficient. With a new list of volunteers, our tree trimming program will be kicked into gear again in the coming months.

We still have a few trailer loads of wood remaining from the last round of tree trimming. With winter not yet over, if you need to stock up please see the office.

Volunteer Program

Phil Kersten has done a fantastic job in collecting names for our volunteer program. We are currently coordinating some rolls and dates for work to be completed around the club. Those that have put their names down will be contacted again soon.

Catering and Bar Operations

It has been a pretty quiet winter for all businesses throughout Victor Harbor. Just a reminder to all members, please support your club and its contractors. The kitchen is open for lunch Wednesday through Sunday, but closed on Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the wet season. Please keep in mind that *Brophy's* is also open Thursday nights for Pizza and Pasta, and Friday and Saturday nights for *à la carte* dining.

Alcohol on Course

It has been noticed that members are still bringing alcohol from home to consume on course. Whilst our liquor licence has been extended to cover the course grounds, this is only for alcohol purchased at the club. If you do want to have a couple of alcoholic drinks on the course, these must be purchased from the club.

Daniel Loveridge

Slow Play !

Keep up with the group in front of you.
Course and Match Committee
is still concerned about this problem.

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.

7 Day Raymond McGrath
Mike Westley

5 Day Graham Houston
Graham Rowell
Robert Foreman

City Heather Doolette

Casual Phillip Depledge
David Gazner
Brian Hockney
Lisa McCombe
Grant O'Neill
Helen Ward

Welcome Back

7 Day Ronald Hall

City David Clough

The Victor Harbor Classic
Wed 30th September to Mon October 5th
Conditions and entry forms available from the office
or visit www.vhgolf.com.au

SOME HELP FROM MIKE

Mike and I are now playing the 16th hole where I get some clarification about dropping balls in hazards.

My first shot is a shocker and ends up in the hazard just in front of the ladies tee.

Richard Typical me Mike! Thank goodness the hazard is dry so I will be able to hit the ball from there.

Mike Don't forget though that, if you want, you can go back to the point of entry, or even to where you played the shot in the first place, which in this case is from the tee. Either of those options would incur a one-shot penalty though.

Richard Yes I know but I am going to play my second shot where it lies so I don't incur the penalty.

I play my second shot from in the hazard but fail to get enough lift. The ball catches the reeds and comes to rest in one of the cracks in the dried mud. It is still in the hazard.

Richard Stupid me Mike. I have really stuffed it up now. I should have taken one of the other options that you suggested. My ball is still in the hazard but in an even worse position than before. My third shot is now totally unplayable. I will have to take a drop - but where?

Mike You have a number of options. Firstly as you are in a water hazard you are **not allowed** to declare it unplayable like anywhere else on the course and take a drop.

Richard Do you mean that I can't just drop near where the ball is now but a bit further back?

Mike No you can't. I am sorry but you have to go back to the position of the second shot and select from a number of options. Note that all options incur a penalty of one stroke.

One option is to drop the ball as near as possible to where you played your second shot, making sure that the drop lands in the hazard. You must watch out that the drop does not end up unplayable again which would mean another drop and yet another penalty of one stroke.

Richard Or?

Mike The choices are the same as you had before you hit your second shot. One is to go back along the original line of entry into the hazard and drop anywhere along that line.

Richard Or?

Mike Or you could even go back to where you hit the ball into the hazard in the first place – which in this case was your tee shot.

In your case perhaps your safest option is the second whereby under penalty of one stroke you drop the ball where it crossed the margin of the hazard initially. As I said, from there you can go back as far as you like as long as you keep along the line of entry.

Richard Yes, as my second shot ended up hitting the rushes I don't think I will risk that again. I think I will play from behind the line of entry.

Mike Very wise! But if you had wanted to look into the detail of what I have been saying you can look at Rules 26-2, 27-1, 20-5c and 26-1b.

Richard Wow!

So I take the ball out of the dried mud crack and drop it outside the hazard along the line of entry. I also incur the penalty of one stroke so it counts as my fourth stroke. It goes over the hazard onto the fairway.

Richard Hurrah! Success at last!

DAD'S ARMY

Dads Army numbers have remained around an average of forty players for the past three months, however bad weather days have seen this number reduced to the low twenties on several occasions.

In the last three months we have welcomed four new members who have joined us from the city and interstate.

Championship Day and Luncheon

A reminder that the championship day for Dads Army will be held on Tuesday 10th November with a presentation luncheon for players to be held in the club house on Wednesday 11th November.

Remember you need to have played twelve games during the year to qualify. Currently forty six players have qualified with a further twelve nearing the required games.

Jeff Evans

ARE YOU A SENIOR?

RCGA Changes in Golf Rules in 2015 for Senior Golfers Aged 60+

Rule 1.a.5 - A ball sliced or hooked into the Rough shall be lifted and placed on the Fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the Rough with no penalty. The senior player should **not** be penalized for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6 (B) - A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed NOT to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it **had not hit** the tree, and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.B.3(G) - There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, thereby making it a stolen ball. The senior player is not to compound the felony by charging himself with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7(h) - If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The Law of Gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.

Rule 5. - Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the Hole. No one wants to make a mockery of the game.

Rule 6.a.9(k) - There is no penalty for so-called "out of bounds." If penny-pinching golf course owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The senior player deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule 7.G.15(z) - There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float. Senior players should not be penalized for any shortcomings of the manufacturers.

Rule 8.k.9(S) - Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new golf equipment. Since this is financially impractical for many senior players, **one-half stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment.**

Please advise all your senior friends of these important rule changes and keep multiple copies in your golf bag. Those not following the rules need to be provided a copy. Golf is a game of integrity.

WHAT SKILL!

Congratulations on a great achievement!

Holes in One

Las Balaton on the 10th on 22nd August

Eagles

Nelson Depledge on the 6th on 11th July

Nelson Depledge on the 12th on 11th July

Jacko Wenman on the 18th on 18th August

Well done Nelson getting two eagles on the same day!

WOOD FOR SALE



Gum tree fellings and windfalls are still available.
See the pile in the open area near the solar panels.
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