

The Caddie

Victor Harbor Golf Club



September 2016

KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sept

3 Sept	1st Qualifying Round Club Championship
5, 6 & 7 Sept	SA Senior Amateur Championship
9 Sept	1/4 Final Ladies' Club Championship
10 Sept	2nd Qualifying Round Club Championship
11 Sept	1/4 Finals Men's Club Championship
16 Sept	Semi Final Ladies' Club Championship
17 Sept	G.H. Waterman (over 65) Trophy
18 Sept	Semi-Final Men's Club Championship
25 Sept	Final Men's & Ladies' Club Championship
28 & 29 Sept	Victor Harbor Classic—Ladies' Championship Sponsored by <i>Scarpantoni Estate Wines</i>
30 Sept	Victor Harbor Classic—Ladies' Foursomes

October

1 & 2 Oct	Victor Harbor Classic—Men's Championship Sponsored by <i>Scarpantoni Estate Wines</i>
3 Oct	Victor Harbor Classic—Canadian Mixed Foursomes
9 Oct	Mixed Foursomes sponsored by <i>Betta Home Living</i>
23 Oct	Ashes Urn Challenge
26 Oct	Ladies Closing Day

November

29 Nov	Dad's Army Championship
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December

7 Dec	Ladies Christmas Lunch
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Committee Business – Changes in Personnel

Since the last report Al Hayter found that his work conflicted with the time he was able to devote to committee business. He has decided to resign to make way for someone who will be more available. Rod Ellis has volunteered to fill the casual vacancy until the end of its normal termination in 2018. Rod already has a history of volunteering for club activities including managing the club's involvement in Pennant competitions. We welcome Rod and thank him for joining the committee.

Finance matters

It is pleasing to report that finances are tracking well compared both with this year's budget and last year's actual results. At the same time last year (just prior to the new subscription year) things were quite tight. This year we are in a better position – not over-flush, but comfortable. This is the combined result of a number of cost savings measures and a focus on building membership and other course income.

..... and finally

Brian's back!!!!!!.

Bob Niederer

FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

G'day to all, I hope the winter golf has been kind to you all. Whilst the weather has been indifferent, we haven't had to close the course on too many occasions and it has held up beautifully under Course Superintendent Mike Bohnsack's guidance.

Pennants

Since the last *Caddie* we have gone through another Pennant season, this year cutting a team and fielding three sides - A2, B1, and Handicap Grades. Whilst the handicap men did not make the finals (giving away many shots to each competitor) the B1's went down in a match that virtually went to the last putt. The pain of the loss was short lived when we heard the A2's score of 4/3 at Lady Bay, to go through the season undefeated, and put us back in the A1 group. Thanks to all participants and hopefully next year we will get enough players to field the 4th team.



The A Grade winning team

Rear: Gareth Woodward, Dan Loveridge,

Front: Grant Trueman, Dale Baker, Nelson Depledge, Luke Drummond,
Paul McDonnell (Captain)

The Pennant presentation dinner was held at the clubhouse with around fifty in attendance. A very popular result saw Jim 'JFK' Kiley awarded the prestigious Steven Slade Trophy. The best players in the respective grades went to

A Grade (Ray Topley award)	Dale Baker
B1 Grade	Craig Higgins
C1 Grade	Dean Towill

Monthly Medal Bag Tags

Those of you lucky enough to have received a monthly medal bag tag will notice that the tags have been engraved with your name, score and date. Everyone who has won a medal has been pleasantly surprised.

Booking System

The introduction of the online booking system draws near and we have now decided to go with the *My Club* system. Daniel has investigated this and found it to have greater benefits, and a much better service provided by the suppliers. Hopefully we will be up and running before Christmas.

Geoff Bohnsack Ambrose

We played the Bohnsack Ambrose event this year on Sunday 31st July. The day proved to be very successful with fifty two players competing. The trophy was presented by Peter Bohnsack, son of Geoff and father of Michael our Course Supervisor. It went to the best nett score which was won by the group captained by Bruce Huxtable. This event will only get bigger and better as we are joining it together with the opening Ambrose next year, which should see numbers swell in the warmer conditions.

Men's Club Foursomes

The Club Foursomes championship was held on the 14th August with thirteen teams of two competing. The winners were Nelson Depledge and Grant Trueman. The best nett score was won by Clive Fowler and Kim Bartel. As I was driving out of the carpark, Grant was turning onto the Inman Valley Road with the trophy waving out the window in triumph.

Men's Club Championship

We have decided to have all players in the field as participants in the championship and have cut out the entry fee to entice everyone to embrace the importance of the event. The first round of stroke play will be on 3rd September followed by the 2nd round on the 10th, with match play starting on the 11th. The finals of the Men's and Women's Championships will be played on Sunday 25th September followed by a bbq in the clubhouse with presentations. I hope all members can get down to see the golf and congratulate the winners.

Dr F.J. Douglas Trophy

The Doctors trophy was played for in the second week of August. All scores in comps during the week were counted, with the scores being reverted to Stableford. The winner was Peter Parker with 40 points.

Hole in One

Dave 'ET' Proud had the pleasure of hitting his drive onto the 14th green and finding his ball at the base of the hole. What made it more special was the fact it was Dave's 65th birthday party that night.

Photos, Course Records etc

In the near future we will be starting to put up some of our memorabilia, such as course records, old Pennant photos, historical interest pieces, and all things so we can look like a golf club again.

Course

Finally, the winter is nearly over and I would like to thank those of you who make the effort to stay off the softened fairways, repair their own and any other divots and pitch marks on greens. These are all simple things to do but we still seem to have lots of unrepaired pitch marks and divots. We can all do better!

Happy golfing to all, see you on the fairways.

David Hollis



Foursomes Winners
Grant Trueman and Nelson Depledge

KEN DID IT!

Doesn't the bank below the 1st tee look lovely after it has been cut, especially with the shrubs in flower at this time of the year.

Volunteer Ken Paterson did it.

Thanks a lot Ken. It looks wonderful.

He says it took him nearly eight hours over two days and he hopes to get it done once again before the *Classic* at the end of September.

Please thank Ken if you see him around.

Richard House

FROM THE LADIES' CAPTAIN

Monthly Medal

This medal is very kindly sponsored by *Mr Menswear* and the winners for the last three months were

June Jenny Nobbs nett 72.
Putting won by Cynitha Nesbitt with 28 putts

July Linda Hodgson nett 75.
Putting also won by Linda with 27 putts

August Viv Cocks nett 76.
Putting won by Karen Bennett with 30 putts

Championship Foursomes

The winners of this event were:

A Grade Anny Michelmore and Christine Fowler
Runners up Judy Parsons and Sue Bastian

B Grade Celia Squire and Olive Shanko
Runners Up Kaye Carr and Jenny Fyfe

C Grade Rosalynne Kingston and Heather Day
Runners Up Wendy Carpenter and Jenny Vincent



Foursomes Winners
Anny Michelmore and Christine Fowler
with Samantha Littlely from *Hoffman's Travel*

Special thanks to all referees. This event will be changed next year to fewer days which hopefully will encourage more players to take part. Many thanks also to *Hoffman's Travel* who sponsored the event, and to Samantha Littlely the Victor Harbor Manager who came to present the awards.

Quiz Night

On Tuesday 19th July we held a very successful quiz night. Bob Niederer our President was the Quiz Master with Jerry Convery his helper and both did an excellent job. Questions were varied from local to national and international. Special thanks to Bob and Jerry and the Ladies Committee Members for arranging a really good night. We cleared \$970 plus bar takings for the evening.



Foursomes B Grade winners
Celia Squire and Olive Shanko



Foursomes C Grade Winners
Rosalynne Kingston and Heather Day

Trophies

The Ridgway Trophy was won by Celia Squire. The Gwen Basham Trophy was won by Kathryn Walker.

Championships

The Ladies Championships will be played in grades with the two qualifying rounds on the 24th and 31st August. The Quarter Finals will be on Friday 9th September, the Semi Finals on Friday 16th September, and the Final to be played with the men on Sunday 25th September. Presentations, drinks and nibbles will then be in the club afterwards. The ladies sponsor for the championships will be *Bartel and Hall* and *Fleurieu Pump Shop*. Sue Bartel has agreed to present the awards.

The Classic

Arrangements are well under way for the Victor Harbor Classic at the end of September and the ladies entries are filling up fast. We are again grateful to Warren and Jan Francis who have offered to look after the food for players and volunteers in the 10th shed. Some men will be asked to help as spotters for the ladies, and in return some ladies may be able to help on the men's days.

General

Nine hole players seem to be going along very well. Due to some of our bad weather several ladies have chosen not to play. We have had four days that have been very unpleasant and numbers were down. Even with all the wind and rain the course is very well maintained thanks to our ground staff and volunteers.

Raffles

The ladies are now holding a raffle each month on a Thursday for the men and the proceeds from this are going to various projects within the club, such as the garden area, signage on the course, the new computer system, and other projects as needed. This has so far been received very well and prizes will be varied each month. I would like to thank the men for their support and sense of humour. The ladies also have a monthly raffle.

Faye Williss

WHAT SKILL!

Congratulations on a great achievement!

	Holes in One	
David Proud	on the 14th	on 6th August
	Eagles	
Mike Hatch	on the 13th	on 30th July
Clive Fowler	on the 15th	on 13th August
Kyle Hayter	on the 12th	on 13th August

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	Greg Beck	
5 Day	Brian Cox	Ralph Firth
Social	Heather Haselgrove	
Junior Under 13	Billy Martin	
Welcome Back City	Ann Mattschoss	
Pay as You Play	Rosie Hage	

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The year seems to be flying by. It feels like only a couple of weeks since the last *Caddie* went out, but here we are again. With the bulk of winter behind us, hopefully we can look forward to some fine weather and some good golfing to match.

A Wet Winter

In my last report I mentioned the repairs to both the roof and ceiling of the clubhouse as a result of the constant leaks. I am pleased to report that these have both been completed with no further issues. As a result of the leaks earlier in the year, the bar floor had deteriorated to the point that it needed replacing. Those with a keen eye will have noticed the new flooring being installed early July. While it's still early days, after the heavy storms that we have had this winter I'd say the repairs have had a decent "test". Hopefully this puts an end to what was an ongoing problem with the clubhouse roof.

In mentioning the storms above, it really has been an interesting winter. Since our Course Superintendent has been measuring rainfall (over twenty years), Michael said it has been the wettest June/July that he has seen. To add to the misery, we have seen some incredible winds taking down trees all over course as well as the State. Both the course staff and the volunteers have done a fantastic job in clearing the debris and providing the best facilities possible.

Over the last few *Caddies* we have been very critical of the buggy owners/drivers and the tracks being created on the course. As with previous years, we have hooped and roped off areas, put out signs for people to avoid certain areas in the aim of preserving the fairways etc etc. To all the golfers who regularly use buggies..... Thank you!!!!!!!

As mentioned above, we have had one of the wettest winters on record, yet the course looks to have made it through winter relatively unscathed. In previous years, viewing the 18th hole from the clubhouse you could be forgiven for mistaking it for a 4wd track rather than a golf hole. That's not the case this year. It is very obvious that members (and visitors) are taking much greater care around the course, which is very much appreciated.

Pennant Teams

The Club Captain, Dave Hollis, made mention of the clubs Pennant teams in his report. There has been a notable decrease in players wanting to play Pennant golf in the last few years. This year we went from four teams to three and were still having to ring around for some last minute players. Playing Pennant golf and representing your club used to be the pinnacle of club golf, with the exception of winning the Club Championship. In 2017 the club has a team in the A1's, B1's and C1's. In previous years we have also had a B2 and B3 team. For those that have never played Pennant golf before but are thinking of giving it a go, please have a chat with our Club Captain or with Rod Ellis, the Pennant Coordinator. From a club perspective, it would be great to see some new faces representing the club as well as seeing some of the ex-Pennant players coming out of "retirement" for another go.

Daniel Loveridge

DAD'S ARMY

The bad weather in July that saw the closure of the course on two consecutive Tuesdays has significantly reduced the average number of players attending in Dads Army. Where last year we were averaging 40 players, this year this number has reduced to 36 with some Tuesdays as low as 20.

Championship Day and Luncheon

A reminder that the championship day for Dad's Army will be held on Tuesday 29th November with a presentation luncheon for players to be held in the club house on Wednesday 30th November.

If you have not already qualified with twelve games played there is still plenty of time to get the required number.

I will be stepping down as Dad's Army captain after the championship and handing over to Ray McGrath for the new year. I have enjoyed the past three years and wish Ray all the best in his new role.

Jeff Evans

A NEW WASHDOWN AREA

The green keepers have recently had a splendid new vehicle wash-down area laid by new sponsor *Mathew Busch Concreting*. This makes their cleanup operation much more convenient and efficient, plus providing much improved draining to ensure the operators and vehicles are not standing in a pool of water whilst the washing is in progress.

A safety wash area has also been incorporated at the same time. Of course we hope it need never be used, but in the event of a chemical accident this provides an emergency overhead shower plus a special face and eye wash basin. The basin has an intense flow of aerated water under the control of a hand operated lever or a foot pedal. The slab for this wash area was laid under the control of John Gilbert assisted by Phil Kersten and Jordan Bohnsack. Thanks guys!

Richard House



Green keeper Jordan Bohnsack washing one of the mowers



The safety wash area



‘From the Fairways’...

In the June *Caddie* I gave you a few tips for playing the first four holes on the course. Here are some more tips for the next five.

The 5th – Suits a right to left tee shot to about the 220 metre mark, any further just brings in unnecessary risk as the fairway narrows. From there a testing 2nd shot is left which always seems to play ½ club longer than the distance says. For me personally the most challenging par 4 at “Victor”, a 4 is well earned.

The 6th – Arguably our most attractive hole with a magnificent amphitheatre setting at the green and a meandering fairway through virgin scrub, home to numerous kangaroos. The green side setting is ever changing as the poplars go through their deciduous cycles. If your tee ball avoids trouble left and right there are some great chances to improve your score. An excellent shot par 5 and a hole to be challenged.

The 7th – A lovely but tricky short hole, and a hole that all the Birdie Comp goers seem to agree with!!! Only kidding, all good fun. I often find the wind direction hard to gauge on this hole, but the answer is to make a clear decision and commit fully. Always take enough club to clear the bunkers but don’t allow for duffage (miss hit).

The 8th – A very demanding hole of golf for all levels of play but the 2nd shot here almost looks impossible to get onto the fairway if you’re hitting from well back. Trying to carry the hazard but not go too far has some serious difficulty, but is possible. The “snake pit” on the left is to be avoided at all cost for longer hitters on the tee shot. Approach shots into the green are perhaps the toughest on our course and not too many play regulation golf on our 8th hole – good luck with this one!

The 9th – Statistically our most difficult hole. If you can carry your drive about 230 meters (good luck to you) your play is high and over the trees but if not, you need to play towards “Tops” and manoeuvre the ball through the gap. Once a successful tee ball is in play the remainder of the hole is relatively straight forward until you reach a very challenging green. Many visitors and members(for that matter) have come unstuck here, the green has a substantial fall from back to front and from right to left. Putting is far less stressful from short left of the hole placement.

Cheers!

Gavin, Heather, Mike and Des

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Golf is played by millions of men whose wives think they are out having fun.

Jim Bishop

Golf is a game in which you yell "fore," shoot six, and write down five.

Paul Harvey

Give me golf clubs, fresh air and a beautiful partner, and you can keep the clubs and the fresh air.

Jack Benny

Reverse every natural instinct and do the opposite of what you are inclined to do, and you will probably come very close to having a perfect golf swing.

Ben Hogan

If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball.

Jack Lemmon

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