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FROM THE PRESIDENT... *Don Johnson*

At last we have had the **rain** which will enable the course staff to fill all the dams. We will once again enter summer in a great position to produce quality fairways like we had last year. It should be remembered that we also have the bore on the 6th fairway to supplement our water supply.

A second-hand **rough cutter** has been purchased plus an attachment which mulches the majority of bark and sticks in the rough. Last year was probably the most bark I have seen on the course and to reduce this to nearly a powder will be of great benefit to those of us who regularly finish in the rough. This machine has been purchased within the course budget so no further funding was required.

With regard to the **Constitution**, the comments received from members are being considered. This will take some time. This document is the most important document in the Club so it is imperative that we get it right to ensure, going forward, we are placing the Club in a strong position. We certainly want to continue the momentum the Club has had over the last couple of years and it is important that we get it right. There is a strong possibility that the adoption of a new constitution will not take place until after this year's AGM.

Planning for the **restoration of the clubhouse** is progressing slowly. A couple of hick ups in the last few weeks are being investigated further to make sure that the final plan provides value for money. The final proposal will serve our requirements and expectations for a number of years. This all takes time but we must be sure that once again we get it right. One of the main elements of the plan is to enable the kitchen to work more efficiently. This will enable meals to be produced at a faster rate which means less waiting time when meals are ordered. Full details of the restoration will be placed on a notice board in the clubhouse when final details are known.

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Notice to Members – Volunteers Wanted

The Vines Golf Club of Reynella has gained approval to operate the BBQ at the Bunnings Store on Beach Road Noarlunga Centre thanks to the excellent efforts of our VP Commercial Activities, Rod Gorton.

This BBQ will operate on Sunday 1 October 2017 and volunteers are being sought to cover a range of shifts from 8am until 5pm.

Volunteers are required to assist with operating the BBQ and functions involved are:-

- Preparation (set-up work station, bread, soft drinks and napkins)
- Cooking (sausages, onions)
- Customer interaction (sales, money handling)
- Clean-up

We envisage a team of at least 10 to 12 volunteers is required to spread the workload with a minimum of 4 working each shift. The more volunteers we receive the less time each can spend at the BBQ. We are hopeful of providing for a minimum of three shifts of approximately 2.5 hours duration.

This is a wonderful opportunity to raise much needed funds for The Vines Foundation supporting the Junior Academy and High Performance Programs.

If you can provide assistance on this day, please let Matt or the Office staff know by no later than Thursday 15th September 2017 so arrangements can be finalised.

We thank you in advance for your participation.





RULE of the month...*explanation*

...from John Ward

Tree Stumps

Over the last few months the Odd Job working bees have trimmed and removed a number of trees. There is an ongoing project to identify the areas on the golf course that will be visited by the Odd Jobbers to clean up and tidy low and over hanging trees and shrubs. As a result of their work some tree stumps will remain for removal at a later time.

This brings me to the Rule of the Month for August.

RULE 25

ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS.

The question is:

Do the Rules provide relief without penalty from a tree stump?

The answer is:

No, not unless it has been marked as ground under repair or it is in the process of being unearthed or cut up for removal, in which case it is "material piled for removal" and thus automatically ground under repair.

A tree stump which the Committee intends to remove, but which is not in the process of being removed, is not automatically ground under repair.

You will find that almost all tree stumps on the course are NOT identified as ground under repair and therefore there is no provision for relief without penalty and the ball must be played as it lies.



Senior Pennant – Season 2017

The Inter-Club Senior Pennant Competition **commences on Monday 18th September**. Our Club fields a team of seven in that competition, in a group comprising of Victor Harbor, Blackwood, Stirling, Thaxted Park, Sandy Creek (Gawler), Glenelg and Mt. Osmond. If you are aged over 55 and would like to compete in all seven successive rounds on a Monday, (OR some if you can only participate in a few rounds) ***please register your name*** with Julie in the Office or discuss your involvement with me or our Vice Captain, Dean Nobbs. Notification is required within two weeks (or before Wednesday 30th August, 2017)
Paul Sutcliffe, Captain.



FROM THE CAPTAIN...*Paul Sutcliffe*

After an extended autumn of great weather for golf, we have been in the grip of winter rainfall and cold damp days. The dams are nearly at full capacity – a great summer season awaits. The winter brings with it an exodus of some “lucky ones” who migrate “North”, so fields especially on Saturdays are less, but these numbers will build in coming weeks. Now is the time for all players to give thought to actions that will assist in preventing **SLOW PLAY**.

Whilst reading golf articles over the past months, I have gleaned some hints and facts on how individuals and groups in competition play can assist in preventing SLOW PLAY.

Here are some ideas that if thought through and put into action, will assist in making our game more enjoyable for all!

- **Playing “Ready Golf” is essential (it is our Club policy)** but a group will play quicker if a player(s) keep putting until the ball is holed out.
- On the green, the pin is not a baton (leave this to Athletics) but shows where the hole is. Don’t pass the pin from player to player – when not showing where the hole is, lay it on the green (away from any putting line). One of the last two (2) players to putt out should replace the pin.
- Have an exit strategy and leave the green if you are one of the first two players (out of a 4) who has puttied out – save time by marking your card or move to the next tee and prepare to, or hit off if the fairway ahead is free.
- Always have a spare ball handy, to play as a “provisional ball” if you are uncertain whether you may not find your original ball.
- Two players in the bunker? Having played out, one player rakes the sand while the other goes to his/her ball ready to continue play.
- Stories and jokes are best told after teeing off. (This goes for marking ones score card also.)
- Glean as much knowledge as you can about your next shot while approaching it.
- Playing on the tail of the group in front (safely) will sub consciously push them to play faster, even if they try not to.
- Don’t wait for “Dawdlers” – they will start playing (and walking) faster as a result.
- There are more strategies and little actions that will assist to avoid slow play.
- Take a positive approach – try one out each time you play.

FINALLY - TAKE AS MANY PRACTICE SWINGS AS YOU LIKE BEFORE TEEING UP.
ONCE PREPRARING TO ADDRESS THE BALL YOU GET ONE!



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

The Vines Golf Club have a team playing in the **Southern Shield Competition**. The first game was squared due to very wet conditions and then a 3:2 loss. The last game was 3.5 to 1.5 loss however 4 of the games went to the 18th. Thanks to Sally Clifford for managing the team.

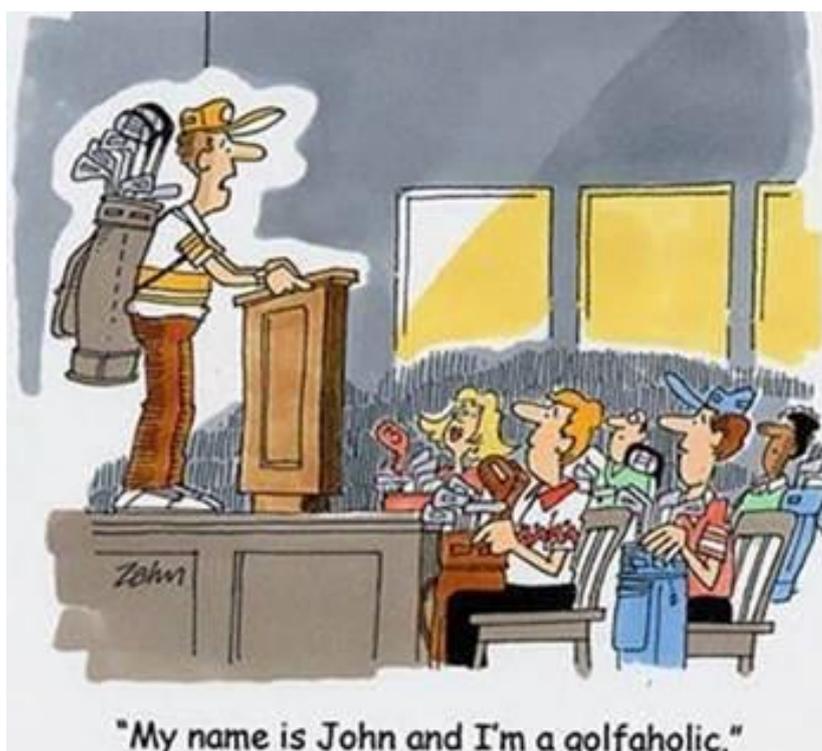
The **Nomads** team comprising a number of new golf players not familiar with playing match play have played two games against Blackwood. One for a loss and the other game at the Vines was squared. The two games against Flagstaff Hill were both squared (one due to extreme weather conditions). Thanks to Bev Cross for managing the team.

A fun golf day has been planned for Thursday 31st August at the Vines commencing at 9.00am for both 9 and 18 hole members. Flexi members are also welcome. The format will be the same as the West Lakes Day and has been organised in response to requests from ladies not wanting to travel to other clubs to play socially. Please put your name on the list in the Women's Locker Room if you would like to play.

The **Foursomes Championships** commence Monday 25th September. Entries close on 12 September so organise your partner and get your entries in.

Thursday 5th October is our **GSA Open Day** commencing 8.30am for a 9.00am hit off. These days are a great way to show off our wonderful golf course to visitors. The cost is \$25 for non-members and \$20 for members with lunch included. If you are playing with someone from another club you can book your place through the office.

We have had a great response to filling **vacant positions on the women's committee** that will commence in November 2017. However we are still looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer. If you have a background in running a business, finance or handling money you will find the role interesting and not onerous. If you have any questions about what the role involves please feel free to have a chat with Karen Hender, myself or any of the other committee members.



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

10th Green Damaged

On Monday 31st July our second greens mower blew a hydraulic hose while cutting on the 10th green. A significant amount of hydraulic oil discharged onto a 3m² area. This was cleaned up as best we could but there will be turf lost. As our greens nursery turf is currently unsuitable, we have arranged to get some quality turf from Kooyonga Golf Club to repair the area shortly. Once the repair has been completed we ask that you stay clear of this area as much as possible.

Course Directional Signage

As a result of a suggestion from a club member, new directional signs are to be erected around the course to assist visitors navigate their way to the next hole. In all 12 holes will have new signs installed. An example of the new sign has been in place for 3 weeks at the back of the 9th green directing traffic to the 10th tee. Many designs were looked at but we have gone for the more natural look. Installation will take place over the coming month or so.

18th Hole RHS Walk Off

Again, as a result of a suggestion from a club member, Cottage mulch has been placed between the wash down bay and the car park entrance. This was done to overcome the mud that is present from time to time during winter in this area. We hope this will assist in keeping your buggy wheels and your car boot cleaner after using the wash-down bay.



Our Dams are Almost Full

All our Dams are now full except for the "Third Dam" (behind 3rd Hole Men's Tee block). This is currently 2/3rd full. Recent good rains have our catchment at Ernest Crescent flowing well and this will assist us to reach capacity probably before this article is published.

Rainfall 2017

So far this 2017 calendar year the course has received a total of 426mm of rain. At the same time last year the total was 558.5mm, remembering that last year was an exceptional year. These figures do not take into account the deluge this week.

The 18th hole drain

The drain that runs alongside the 3rd dam has now been completed. This drain is to take any water leaking from the dam from the adjacent rough and fairway and hopefully remove the need for GUR in the future. This will be tested when the dam reaches capacity shortly.

What's happening next to the first tee?

There has been a delay in completing this project as we were unable to source half wine barrels – apparently it's the wrong time of year. Two wine barrels have now been installed with back to back bucket holders between them adjacent to the existing ball washer. The existing brick sand bunker will be removed shortly together with the remaining tree stumps. There is an issue with the remaining "bushy" stump as it is located near a main water line and also irrigation wiring. Its removal will be a more tricky undertaking. You will also notice that a new bin has been installed in the area replacing the old tin garbage bin and wire cage. All in all a definite improved look, as well as making much easier to grab your bucket and sand before play.

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 Bernie...*and the murder of Crows*



Researchers for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority found over 200 dead crows near greater Boston recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu.

A Bird Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be vehicular impacts.

However, during the detailed analysis it was noted that varying colours of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analysing these paint residues it was determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, while only 2% were killed by an impact with a car.

MTA then hired an Ornithological Behaviourist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills.

He very quickly concluded the cause:

When crows eat road kill, they always have a lookout crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger.

They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah".

Not a single one could shout "Truck."

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