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FROM THE PRESIDENT...*Don Johnson*

Members will have noticed that a draft copy of the **proposed new constitution** is available on MiClub. The draft has also been forwarded by email to members for comment. It would be appreciated if all comments are with the Club by the 23rd of June.

The most significant changes are in the areas of the Committee structure and the By-Laws. There are a number of other small changes that have been included to bring the Constitution up to date with the changes in various laws.

It is intended to have a Special General Meeting no later than the end of August so that the new Constitution will be in effect when nominations for committee are called for prior to the Annual General Meeting in November. Details regarding nominating for Committee will be advised during September.

It is a requirement at a Special General Meeting that 40 members with voting rights attend to form a quorum. Members are requested to assist with this requirement and attend the meeting.

The **area between the 18th tee and fairway** has now been completed and I am sure you will agree that this type of work certainly improves the course.

Thanks to the volunteers who attend on the day to move about 1,000 square metres of turf. I am sure the results will be an incentive to do the same on other fairways.

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(FROM THE PRESIDENT...continued)

You will have noticed that the chairs in the members lounge are looking a lot cleaner thanks to Greg Gill who is taking home 4 chairs at a time and using his French polishing skills on the chairs. **Thanks Greg.**

The shipping container that was located in the car park has been moved to a position alongside the greenkeepers shed and will be used to store machinery.

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

Congratulations to our **A1 Pennant Team** who have won their first two matches. They are playing Kooyonga at Glenelg on Sunday 18th June. I encourage everyone to get down to Glenelg on Sunday at 11.50am and cheer the girls on.

Our **A4 Pennant, Cleek and Hickory teams** have had mixed success this season. Thank you to all of the ladies who make themselves available to play in these Club representative teams.

The Vines Golf Club was well represented at the **South Lakes Golf Club for the annual May Week** event with 25 women playing. Cathy Hayward was runner up gross in A Grade over the two days and Mary O'Hagan was runner up gross on the second day A Grade, with several players winning golf balls over the 3 days of competition. The event is always well organised and is a great social get together for women golfers across the State.

A social fun **golf day at West Lakes** organised by Leonie Lindsay using the Club Advantage Card was a great success. Over 20 players participated with a range of prizes, many donated by Lil Maddern, for golf shots that would normally not be recognised. A particular feature was the opportunity to throw the ball out of the bunker on several holes.

Our next social event will be held in August after the Pennant season has concluded.

A1 Pennant



L to R: Sue Keylock, Acacia Curtis, Cathy Hayward, Kathy Michaelsen, Caitlin Peirce and Joan Coles (Manager)

Winners from West Lakes Golf Club fun day



PENNANT - WOMEN

A1 SANDERSON CUP

(table after round played on Sunday 4th June)

Position	Team	Played	Won	Halved	Lost	TOTAL
1	The Grange	2	2	0	0	2
2	The Vines	2	2	0	0	2
3	Kooyonga	2	1	0	1	1
4	Glenelg	2	1	0	1	1
5	Blackwood	2	0	0	2	0
6	Royal Adelaide	2	0	0	2	0

A4

(table after round played on Monday 5th June)

Position	Team	Played	Won	Halved	Lost	TOTAL
1	Glenelg	5	4	1	0	4.5
2	Thaxted Park	5	3	1	1	3.5
3	The Stirling	5	3	0	2	3
4	The Grange	5	3	0	2	3
5	The Vines	5	2	0	3	2
6	Tea Tree Gully	5	2	0	3	2
7	Highercombe	5	1	0	4	1
8	Kooyonga	5	1	0	4	1

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

18th Carry Project

The decision was made due to the lateness of the season that seeding the area of the 18th carry was not a viable proposition. Instead, sods cut from the practice fairway were laid over the entire area.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in moving and laying the sods and also to our hardworking ground staff were also heavily involved in this process.

A new "Bitumate" path has been laid from tee to fairway and we have already received many positive comments. Its performance will be keenly watched to ensure its suitability for use around the course.

Where the path meets the fairway "SurePave" has been installed beneath grass sods. This is to help distribute load to the base below, minimising compaction and eliminate pot holes or damage.

This completes the major work being undertaken in this area, however mandatory GUR will stay in place until the new works are fully established – use the Drop Zone.

Please do not take any carts into the GUR area at any time.

Adopt a Hole...*from Rob Millington (Golf Course Superintendent)*

We are still looking for volunteers to help control Parramatta Grass on the golf course.

Geoff Downey has been working feverishly over the summer months and has reduced the weed population to a manageable level.

Many hands make light work, so if we are able to get 18 volunteers who can each adopt a hole on the course, from tee to green, then the workload for each person would be minimal.

The work would involve either spraying mature plants, or cutting out the smaller young plants. No heavy lifting is required. We would train each person to identify the weeds and also in how to treat them.

If you would like to be involved please contact Matt Chesterman (Manager), Peter Shaw (Vice President Course) or Rob Millington (Course Superintendent) or email

info@vinesgolfclub.com.au

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. All correspondence will be treated confidentially.



"just some of the sod laying volunteers"

From Wayne Lines.....



FROM THE CAPTAIN...*Paul Sutcliffe*

Members will now be familiar with **two areas on the course that require dropping of a ball if the ball is at rest in the area.**

The first is to protect newly laid turf that has been placed **in front of the 18th Tee**. A drop zone marked in white paint must be used and this is clearly marked.

The second area is the **area of the practice range**. To speed up play, the area has been declared as an "Immovable Obstruction". (Rule 24-2). The southern limit of the area is defined by a blue line the length of the practice range.

A ball resting in the immovable obstruction area must be played from a **drop zone stake** (as the one behind the 18th Green) for no penalty.

The reasoning behind declaring the practice range as an "Immovable Obstruction" is to have a player, if his/her ball has been hit into that defined area, move without delay and play the next shot from the **drop zone stake**.

How will it be known the ball is in the "Immovable Obstruction" area?

The player and marker should make the decision whether it is known, or virtually certain that the ball is in the area. If there is disagreement or doubt, and the ball is not found then the player must proceed under the lost ball rule.

The decision to invoke this rule is a trial to see how it can affect positively on the speed of play.

Concerned about losing a new/good ball?

Why not tee off on the 4th Tee with a "chicken ball" as some do on the 2nd!

PENNANT - MEN

(tables after round played on Sunday 4th June)

SIMPSON CUP

Position	Team	Played	Contests			TOTAL
			Won	Halved	Lost	
1	Glenelg	4	4	0	0	4
2	Kooyonga	4	3	1	0	3.5
3	The Vines	4	2	1	1	2.5
4	The Grange	4	2	0	2	2
5	Southern	4	2	0	2	2
6	Thaxted Park	4	1	0	3	1
7	Blackwood	4	1	0	3	1
8	Tea Tree Gully	4	0	0	4	0

BONNAR CUP

Position	Team	Played	Contests			TOTAL
			Won	Halved	Lost	
1	Glenelg	4	4	0	0	4
2	Kooyonga	4	3	1	0	3.5
3	The Grange	4	3	0	1	3
4	Blackwood	4	2	0	2	2
5	Tea Tree Gully	4	1	1	2	1.5
6	The Vines	4	1	0	3	1
7	Royal Adelaide	4	1	0	3	1
8	Flagstaff Hill	4	0	0	4	0



RULE of the month...*explanation*

...from John Ward

CLEANING YOUR BALL

Now that winter is upon us, albeit with very little rain on the golf course yet, we should be aware of the rule that provides players with the right and opportunity to clean the ball they are playing.

RULE 21

CLEANING BALL

A ball on the *putting green* may be cleaned when lifted under Rule 16-1b. Elsewhere, a ball may be cleaned when lifted, except when it has been lifted:

- a. To determine if it is unfit for play (Rule 5-3);
- b. For identification (Rule 12-2), in which case it may be cleaned only to the extent necessary for identification; or,
- c. Because it is assisting or interfering with play (Rule 22).

If a player cleans his ball during play of a hole except as provided in this Rule, he incurs a penalty of one stroke and the ball if lifted, must be replaced.

If a player who is required to replace a ball fails to do so, he incurs the general penalty under the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty under Rule 21.

Exception: If a player incurs a penalty for failing to act in accordance with Rule 5-3, 12-2 or 22, there is no additional penalty under Rule 21.

(NOTE: RULE 5-3. BALL UNFIT FOR PLAY: RULE 12-2 LIFTING BALL FOR IDENTIFICATION: RULE 16-1b THE PUTTING GREEN; LIFTING AND CLEANING THE BALL: RULE 22 BALL ASSISTING OR INTERFERING WITH PLAY)

All players should be conversant with the Cleaning Ball Rule, and when it is to be applied, to ensure no player is given an unfair advantage, but also that he should be able to clean his ball if the applicable Rule allows him to do so.

GOOD WINTER GOLFING

From the Manager...Matt Chesterman (Manager)

Dear Members,

Re: Constitution Review

During 2015 the Club underwent an audit from the Club Support Program of Golf SA. The review highlighted areas in which the Club was performing well and areas where some improvement was recommended. It was highlighted that our constitution had become out-dated and needed review and therefore, was included in the Strategic Plan 2016-2020 for review by the Committee.

In January of this year, a Working Group was formed by the Committee of Management to review the document and make recommendations to the Committee of Management to improve the document and maintain its relevance within our Club's governance.

The Working Group was made up of Grant Harrison, Joan Coles and Greg Kemp, assisted by Matt Chesterman. The 3 members of the group have vast experience working with board governed and not-for-profit organisations from both a management & board member perspective.

The Working Group were asked to review the document and provide recommendations to the Committee of Management with the following guidelines;

- The review was to be based on best practice principles, drawing from successful 'board structured' organisations, not limited to golf clubs.
- That advice should be sourced from our peak sporting bodies, namely, Golf SA & the Office of Recreation & Sport, and
- That all recommendations comply with various legislation.

Due to the large amount of changes that the Working Group identified, it was decided that a new constitution should be drafted, largely based on the recommended model Constitution provided by the Office of Recreation & Sport.

The Working Group presented the document to the Committee of Management during May with their questions answered and some minor changes agreed upon.

The Committee is now seeking member feedback on the proposed Constitution with its planned implementation occurring prior to this year's AGM in November.

Members are invited to view a copy of the proposed Constitution by following the links on the Members section on the website. Copies can also be provided by email or hard copies are available from the office.

The Committee of Management is seeking your feedback regarding the document, and welcomes any questions that you may have. The Committee ask that any correspondence be in writing and can be delivered to constitution@vinesgolfclub.com.au , PO Box 243 Happy Valley 5159 or in person at the office marked to the attention of the Committee of Management. Comments for consideration should be received by the Club by close of business, Friday the 23rd of June 2017.

Following the review of feedback from Members, it is the intention of the Committee of Management to call a Special General Meeting at some point in August to accept the proposed Constitution.

The Committee of Management urges all members to consider the document and thanks you for your time in doing so.

Juniors...from Wayne Corbett

Division 2 Pennant (handicap match play)

Round 2 on Sunday 21st May was played against West Lakes at Willunga.

Players representing our Club were **Lachlan Eckermann, Alex Manton (Captain), Zoe Manton, Charlie Nobbs and Lachlan Sharp.**

As play progressed well into the back nine holes of play, Lachlan Eckermann posted an 8/7 loss to his very accurate and steady opponent. Shortly after, Lachlan Sharp came in with an extremely well-played 5/4 win, only to be followed by the ever consistent Zoe Manton who posted an excellent 3/2 win.

Alex Manton and Charlie Nobbs were playing great golf but the consistency and length of their opponents was beginning to tell over the final few holes. Alex eventually lost his match 5/3 whilst Charlie lost 4/2.

The final result was that our team lost 2/3, despite each team member playing extremely well and continuing to display good short game skills.

Round 3 was played on Sunday 28th May at the Tea Tree Gully course against Tea Tree Gully.

The team comprised **Alex and Zoe Manton, Charlie Nobbs, Lachlan Sharp and a new comer to the squad, Jack Harrison.** Each had close and exciting individual matches and, despite the heavy conditions, posted a very solid 4/1 win.

Alex lost his match 5/4, Charlie finished 1 up, Zoe won 7/6, Lachlan won 3/2 and Jack posted a great 3/2 first-up win.

Junior 1 Sharp Cup Pennant (match play)

Round 1 was played on Sunday 28th May at the Tea Tree Gully course against The Grange.

Our Sharp Cup team, despite only having 4 out of 5 players, kept pace with the strong competent team from The Grange over the first 9 holes of play and each match was extremely close and entertaining with some excellent shots being played.

Ryan Francis won his match on forfeit whilst **Boston Price**, who was playing excellent golf, lost 2/1. **Louis Pretty** kept his opponent honest and within touch until the last few holes when his putter refused to hole the ball for him, lost 5/3 and **Ryan Scovell** also had an entertaining match to eventually lose 3/1. This provided a final loss result for our team of 4/1.

Round 2 saw our young Sharp Cup team travel to The Grange Golf Club (West course) to play the very strong team from Glenelg on Sunday 4th June.

After teeing off from the 10th tee all matches were being tightly contested over the first 9 holes of play despite the prodigious length of the very talented Glenelg players.

Conditions were excellent for golf yet our players were having some difficulty with their short game skills. Putts were being missed and bunker play was not at its best level. Nevertheless, our players were making a real contest of this game and young Charlie Nobbs, playing his first Sharp Cup match, was displaying determination, persistence and a "never give up attitude". Our team eventually lost this game 0/5 with **Charlie Nobbs** posting a very creditable loss of 3/2. **Boston Price**, who played extremely well, lost 7/5, **Ryan Francis** lost 7/6, **Louis Pretty** lost 6/4 and **Ryan Scovell** lost 5/3.

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From Bernie

A lawyer, who had a wife and 12 children, needed to move because his rental agreement was terminated by the owner who wanted to reoccupy the home.

But he was having a lot of difficulty finding a new house.

When he said, he had 12 children, no one would rent a home to him because they felt that the children would destroy the place.

He couldn't say he had no children, because he couldn't lie and we all know lawyers cannot and do not lie.

So, he sent his wife for a walk to the local cemetery with 11 of their kids.

He took the remaining one with him to see rental homes with the real estate agent.

He loved one of the homes and the price was right -- but the agent asked:

"How many children do you have?"

He answered: "Twelve."

The agent asked, "Where are the others?"

The lawyer, with his best courtroom sad look answered.....

"They're in the cemetery with their mother."

MORAL: It's not necessary to lie, one only has to choose the right words...and don't forget ...many politicians are unfortunately lawyers!



Mid Season Pennant Update...from Dean Nobbs

The 2017 pennants season has kicked off and The Vines are represented in seven different categories:

Simpson Cup – Mens A1

Sanderson Cup – Womens A1

Bonnar Cup – Mens B1

Womens A4

Cleek 2

Sharp Cup (Juniors Div 1)

Juniors Div 2

For the first time in many years The Vines has a team in the top division of the mens, womens and juniors competitions. This is a great achievement for the club and it is a credit to the Professional Staff, management and those involved behind the scenes.

I think it only fair that we start the season wrap with the Womens A1 Sanderson Cup team, who have bolted out of the gate with two wins from two matches. The team comprising Caitlin Peirce, Cathy Hayward, Susan Keylock, Acacia Curtis and Kathryn Michaelsen (Joan Coles – Manager) have defeated Royal Adelaide and Blackwood in their first two matches and are

currently sitting in second position behind The Grange. The team will be looking to gain another win or two against Kooyonga, The Grange and Glenelg in the next three weeks to push for a spot in the finals.

The Simpson Cup team have had a great start to the season with two and a half wins from their first four games. The team, comprising Alex Curtin, Tony Nobbs, Matthew Bell, Craig Rivett, Michael Bruggeman, Clayton Byrne and Corey Apthorpe (Nigel Coles – Manager) is currently sitting in third position and will be pushing for a spot in the finals with their next three matches against The Grange, Southern and Blackwood, who are all currently sitting below The Vines on the table. The team is strong across the board and Alex Curtin and Clayton Byrne have fitted straight into the team with some great form and early season wins. Tony Nobbs and Matt Bell have been pushing their opponents all the way and are starting to gain some momentum late in the season. Craig Rivett, Michael Bruggeman and Cory Apthorpe have been leading the team out each week with some much needed wins. The team is enjoying their success this year and would also like to thank the caddies and spectators that have turned up each week to get them over the line.

The Bonnar Cup team is currently sitting in sixth position with one win from four matches. The team comprising Brendan Fisher, Paul Gregory, Dean Nobbs, Jordan Percey, Rex Williamson, Chad Chewter, Lachlan Adams, Darren Jochinke and Alan Fulton (manager) have had two, four matches to three losses with the deciding matches going down the last hole. Jordan Percey has stepped up from the junior ranks this year and has had two great wins from his first four matches. Chad Chewter, Brendan Fisher and Rex Williamson have also been playing well. The team will be looking for a win in their last three matches to cement a spot in Bonnar Cup for 2018. A big thanks to Paul Sutcliffe, John Fisher and everyone that has been out to caddy and watch the team play.

The Womens A4 team comprising Roslyn Brunton, Kathryn Hender, Lynnette Cummings, Vicky Cammack and Marianne Hall have had one win from four starts and are currently sitting in fifth position. The team has had some close losses and will be looking to move up the ladder with wins in their remaining three matches against Kooyonga, The Stirling and front runners Glenelg.

The Cleek 2 team comprising Karen Parsons, Leonie Lindsay, Cate Browell, Jenny Paris and Sue Walsh are currently sitting in fourth position. Sue Walsh remains undefeated in the first three matches. The Cleek 2 team will play The Stirling and Glenelg in their final two matches and a win in both of these matches could see the team in the top two positions.

Steve Krause...Club Professional



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