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THE

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A note from the President... *David Schomburgk*

The recruitment process for our **new general manager** has continued over the last few weeks and the Personnel Committee have now completed final interviews with prospective candidates. It took quite some time and effort to get to this stage as we received over 70 applications and then selected the best 5 candidates for interview. The best 2 of those were then interviewed a second time. The next stage is the checking of references followed by a recommendation to the Committee of Management and subject to their endorsement of the recommended applicant I expect that we will be in a position to announce the successful candidate by the end of the week ending 23 August.

While the **recent weather** has been wonderful for our water supplies it has certainly reduced the amount of time we have been able to get out on the course and that has reduced the number of people in and about the club house over the last month. In turn this has had an impact on the kitchen, bistro and bars sales so while I would only ever encourage the responsible consumption of alcohol I would encourage all members to support the club in these areas whenever possible.

As most people would be aware we have now issued **membership renewal** invoices to our existing members and we have begun an advertising campaign promoting new membership of our club. At the risk of repeating myself the best way to advertise the benefits of being a member of our club is by word of mouth from our members so please talk to any of your friends family or work colleagues who may be interested in becoming members of our club or even just want to come out and have a game as a Green Fee player.

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(From the President...continued)

We have recently conducted an extensive **Workplace Health and Safety audit** of the club utilising external experts in this field and one of the key areas of concern has been identified as the safety of people using our practice range facility. There is significant concern about people who hit balls onto the range and then go and collect them while others are still practising. As a result the Committee of Management has asked the Match Committee to undertake a complete review of all matters pertaining to use of the practice range facilities and make recommendations as they consider appropriate.

It is nearing that time of the year when we need to think about **nominations for next year's committee of management** so if you have thoughts on how to improve things around our club a then please consider putting your name up for election at the AGM in November. We will shortly publish a list of all of the positions becoming vacant. Remember that it is very easy to be a "Tea Room Tiger" but what we are really looking for is people with a passion for our golf club and who are prepared to not only highlight things that may be wrong or not working as well as they could but are also prepared to do something about it.

[note: for those not fully conversant with the term "**Tea Room Tiger**" it is used as a reference to those workers in an organisation who are happy to whinge, wine and generally complain about everything to their colleagues in the tea room but are not actually prepared to talk to their managers about the issues or in fact do anything at all constructive about them.]

Hope to see as many of you as possible out on the course in the coming weeks although I expect that a lot of we Port Adelaide Supporters may have to take some Saturdays off to watch our team play in the AFL finals over the coming weeks – not sure yet about Crows supporters. In the meantime good golfing to everyone.

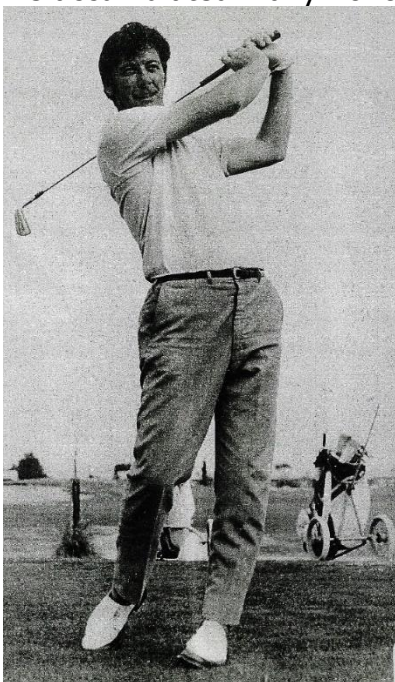
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The Committee, members and staff mourn the passing of...

Hugh Bell

Hugh passed away on Thursday 1st August.

He accumulated many honours as a member after joining in late 1965...54 years of membership.



Club Champion (8)...1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1979, 1980, 1981.

Men's Foursome (3)...1969, 1979, 1980.

Mixed Foursomes (6)...1967, 1971, 1972, 1979, 1980, 1981.

S.A. Amateur Champion...1970.

Represented S.A. 1970-1973.

Served on CoM and sub-committees and was awarded Honorary Life Membership of The Vines Golf Club of Reynella...2001.

From the Captain...*Dean Nobbs*

Men's Foursomes Championships

Get yourself a partner, fill out an entry form (in the pro shop) and hit the course for a great day out at the Men's and Senior Men's Foursomes Championships on Sunday 15th September 2019. Once again this year we have included a seniors event for members aged 55 and over at the date of the event. The seniors' event will be played over 18 holes from 11 am and the men's event will be played over 36 holes from 7 am. Golfers will compete in teams of two, using only one ball per team, and taking alternate shots until the hole is completed. Team members take turns in teeing off on each hole, i.e. one player will take the tee shot on odd numbered holes, and the other on even-numbered holes. The men's 36 hole event is an Honour Board event.

Men's and Women's SA Amateur Championships at The Vines

The Vines is hosting the Men's and Women's SA Amateur Championships from Monday 23rd September to Friday 27th September 2019. This is a great opportunity to see some of the best amateurs from around the country competing for the title. We encourage Members to get out onto the course to spectate and cheer on our members that are participating. Members are advised that access to the course will be limited during the week. Tee closures on each of the days include:

- Monday 23rd September – tee will be closed until 1pm.
- Tuesday 24th September – tee will be closed until 1pm.
- Wednesday 25th September – tee will be closed until 1pm.
- Thursday 26th September and Friday 27th September – there will be times available during the day, check the time sheets for availability.

The Club is sourcing tee times at other clubs and Members will be able to use their Club Advantage cards during the event. We will know the availability at other clubs closer to the date and they will be communicated to members when available.



Senior Pennant Season to Kick Off

The Vines Senior Pennant team (aged 55 and over on the day of play) kick off their season on Monday 26th August in a first round clash with Thaxted Park at Victor Harbor. The Senior Pennant team is always in the mix and will be looking for a top two position in Pool B to go through to the semi-finals, which will be played on the 18th November.

We wish the team all the luck this year. Updates will be provided in the next additions of the Grapevine.



Our junior & Simpson Cup player, *Jordan Percey*, has recently been selected to represent the 2019 SA Secondary School Golf team, competing in Western Australia, next month.

A WORD FROM THE GIRLS...from Jan Threadgold (VP Women's Golf)

The **Nomads Team** have played 2 matches. Their first match at Blackwood on Thursday 11th July was changed to a 9-hole event due to the wet weather and a large tree fallen across the 1st tee. The match was squared. The return game at The Vines on Thursday 8th August saw much better conditions, however the team lost to Blackwood 3/2.

The **Southern Zone Challenge Shield** commenced on Monday 29th July with The Vines playing Flagstaff Hill at Westward Ho losing 3/2. Unfortunately, the team played Thaxted Park on Monday 12th August at Flagstaff Hill with a 5/0 loss.

Cathy Hayward, Lyn Cummings, Kathryn Hender and Ros Brunton travelled to Whyalla for **Country Week** from 23rd to 25th July. The girls enjoyed their week away and encourage all members to consider Country Week from 21st to 23rd July in 2020.

- Silver. GA handicaps 0 – 16 Murrayland/Riverland – Murray Bridge Golf Club.
- Bronze Salver. GA handicaps 16.1 – 21.4 Eyre Peninsula – Port Lincoln Golf Club.
- Bronze Shield. GA handicaps 21.5 – 28 Southern – Victor Harbor Golf Club.
- Bronze Plate. GA handicaps 28.1 – 45.4 Yorke Peninsula – Moonta Golf Club.

The **Club Representative Dinner** was held on Saturday 27th July and congratulations to **Cathy Hayward who won the Mary Grohs Trophy** for the Women's Best and Fairest Pennant Player for 2019.

The **Foursomes Championships** commence Monday 16th September with the final to be played on Friday 20th September. Entry forms are now available.

The **Men's and Women's SA Amateur Championships will be held at The Vines from 23rd to 27th September**. Members can join the Golf Shop competition from 1pm on the Tuesday. West Lakes is holding their Gala Day during this week on Thursday 26th September. Entry forms for West Lakes will be available shortly.

Our **GolfSA Open Day** will be held on Thursday 3rd October. Play of the day will be Pinehurst Foursomes. Members \$25, non-members \$30 which includes golf and lunch with an 8.00am for 8.30am start. Hoping to see you all there.

The annual **Allen's Jewellers** day will be held on Tuesday 8th October and we are looking forward to seeing as many of you register for this day as possible. Graeme Eckhart is again sponsoring The Vines and we sincerely thank him for his support.

Planning is under way for another **Club Advantage Day** to be held on Friday 18th October at the West Lakes Golf Club. A sheet will be made available shortly but please see Leonie Lindsay who is co-ordinating the day with any queries.

Congratulations to Kathy Michaelsen, Mary O'Hagan and Cathy Hayward who were the winners of the prestigious **Rhonda Watson Trophy** played at Glenelg on Monday 5th August. Unfortunately, Kathy Michaelsen had to leave due to work commitments so was not available for presentations and the photo below.

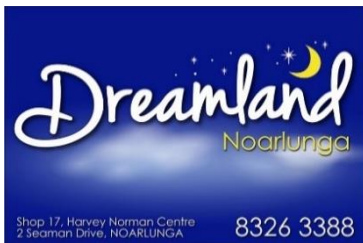
The **Women's Committee is requesting nominations for committee**, especially Vice-Captain. Becoming a committee member is very rewarding. The position of Vice-Captain begins with a 2-year apprenticeship before becoming Captain. Much of the work can be completed via computer from home, so please give it some serious consideration as working on a committee is very worthwhile.



Mary O'Hagan and Cathy Hayward and Kathy Michaelson

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Adam plays regularly on Saturdays and can be contacted at the Club.



Paul Gregory has renewed his sponsorship for another 12 months. Paul offers good discounts on all purchases.



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

We have had 417mm of rain this year and 58.5mm over the past week (to 11th). Last weekend (10th & 11th) was the first time we have banned carts from the course this winter and they are now back. Given the wet conditions we are quite happy with the overall condition of the course. The tees and particularly the greens are quite firm and the general colour of the turf is good for this time of year.

The greens have been cored over the past two weeks with 'Ninja' tynes. These are very small coring tynes that have the same external diameter as the needle spikes that we generally use from week to week. The difference being that a small core is removed thereby removing some of the built up organic matter. The holes tend to stay open a little longer. Constant use of these tynes would be prohibitive from a budgeting viewpoint because a new set is required after 18 greens are done and they cost double that of the needle spikes.

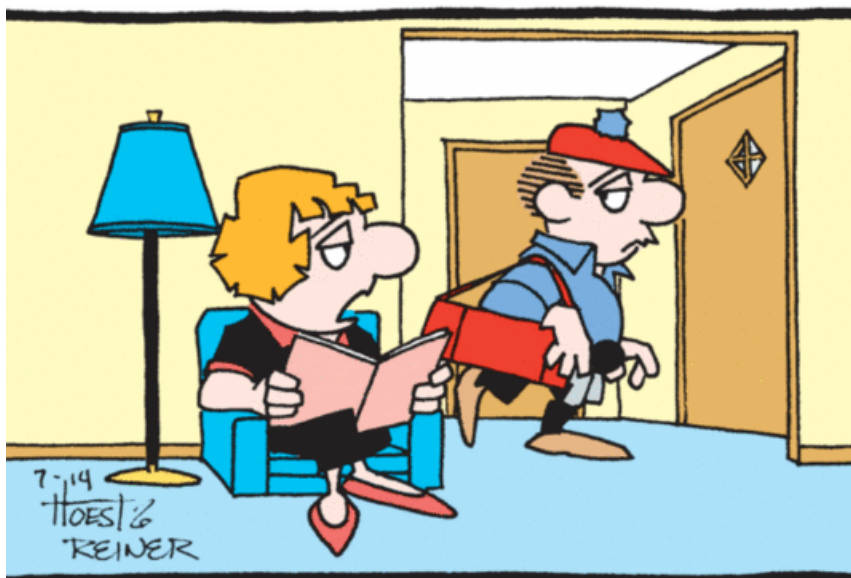
This winter season has been quite unusual. Much of the birdlife that we see during summer stayed on into the winter, particularly Little Corellas and Black Cockatoos. However they have been breaking off foliage in the trees and dropping it to the ground and we have needed to keep the rough mowers running much more than usual to clean up the tree debris.

We investigated the drainage on the RHS surrounds of the 8th Green because the area was even wetter than usual. A drain camera was used from both ends and it was found that the drain did not connect anywhere, but instead was two separate lines that finished in dead ends. We have now dug a completely new drain by hand (the area was too wet to access with a machine) and so the area is now draining quite well.

We have been trialling spray-on penetrant on some of the wet spots around the course to see if it will assist the areas to stay drier. So far the results have been quite good and we will continue with the trial until Spring.

The Course Sub-Committee is 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 John Ford...



"TRY TO AVOID THE BEER HAZARD ON THE NINETEENTH HOLE."



RULE of the month...*explanation*

...from John Ward

I CAN'T PLAY MY BALL IN THE BUNKER

The unlucky Lew teed off on the 14th hole and his ball fell just short of the green and in the right hand side bunker. Upon reaching the bunker he found his ball in a position that made it almost impossible to play his next shot. Luckily he was playing with his trusty mate Dowski, who he called over to help him make a decision on what he could do if he was to take unplayable ball relief. After reviewing his ball's situation Lew decided that the only real option he had was to take the unplayable ball relief.

"So what do I do now?" he asked Dowski.

"Well you have FOUR options, but there are different penalties that apply for each one of them"

"OK what are they?"

"Right, I will list them:

1. For ONE penalty stroke, you may take stroke-and-distance relief.
2. For ONE penalty stroke, you may take back on-the-line relief **IN THE BUNKER**.
3. For ONE penalty stroke, you may take lateral relief **IN THE BUNKER**.

Or,

4. For a total of TWO PENALTY strokes, you may take back-on-the-line relief **OUTSIDE THE BUNKER** based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the spot of the original ball".

Lew, being such an exceptional bunker player decided to take No.2 option and drop his ball on-the-line **IN THE BUNKER** and flopped his ball out about three feet from the hole leaving him with an uphill putt.

"Well done", said his trusty mate Dowski, "now all you need to do is look up Rule 19 and see the pictures for **Rule 19.3 Relief Options for Unplayable Ball in Bunker**, so you won't have to ask me that question again".



"This is some deep bunker, I can hear an echo!"

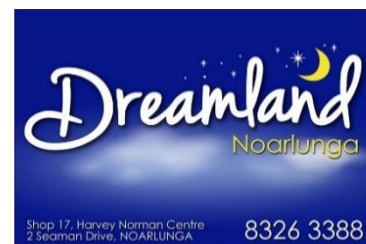


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