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From the President & Manager...*Rob Dowling & Jacqui Baker*

HEAT POLICY

Would members please note that we have adopted a new heat policy that will remove the confusion with respect to the temperature at which competitions are cancelled. The new policy has a maximum temperature of 38 degree for both men and women and any forecast above this temperature, members may enter a competition voluntarily.

Any Board or special events on these days will be rescheduled to another date, with a golf shop competition continuing to run.

GOLF CART POLICY

The Committee of Management has decided to abolish the proposed Cart Policy that was due to come into effect on 1st October 2019. It is intended that any future policy regarding carts/ride-ons will not include a cost for members to use their own carts or ride-ons.

There will in future be a Cart Policy that may relate to such items as;

- Carts may only be driven by licenced drivers.
- Carts are to only have two people travelling in them.
- Course closed to Carts by the Course Superintendent. (Weather related conditions).
- Carts to be driven as near as practicable along the side of a fairway.

We thank all members who have made their views known on this matter.

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(From the President & Manager...continued)

PRESS RELEASE

Some members may have noticed the following item that appeared in the sports section of the Sunday Mail under the Ben Hook column. We are pleased that Ben has taken up our offer to play a round of golf on our course and we look forward to developing a relationship that will enable us to have further articles in his column.

HANDY ADDITION

RESPECTED administrator **Jacqui Baker** has been appointed head of The Vines Of Reynella Golf Club.

Baker replaces Matt Chesterman, who joined Golf Australia following the governing body's One Golf restructure.

On top of her golfing acumen, Baker will make a handy addition to The Vines' playing ranks.

She represented Tasmania at the national championships in 2014 and is the holder of course records at Kilmore and Trentham Golf Clubs.



From the Captain...*Dean Nobbs*

John Crosby Vines Amateur Vardon

The John Crosby Vines Amateur Vardon was played on the 10th February. We had 74 entrants on the day. A special thanks to John Crosby (Life Member) for his continued generous sponsorship of The Vines Vardon. The weather was very comfortable with a light breeze for most of the day.

Liam Georgiadis from Grange took out the Men's competition, Sophie Hilditch from Royal Adelaide took out the Women's competition and Jack Buchannan from Glenelg Golf Club took out the Junior competition. Charlie Nobbs from The Vines won the Men's Nett and James Percey won the Junior Nett.

Wayne Corbett, who co-ordinated The Vines Juniors for 20 years kindly donated a trophy and prize money for the best Vines gross score and best Vines nett score. Charlie Nobbs won the best Vines nett score and James Percey won the best Vines gross score.

Well done to all The Vines members that played in the event. It was great to see some members out and about following the action.

Special thanks to Rob Dowling (starter on the 1st), John Ward (rules officiating and cheering up some frustrated golfers), the green staff for preparing the course, hospitality for lunch and drinks and Jacqui Baker and Julie Edge for organising the day.

Glenn Florence Aces the Third

Congratulations Glenn on your first hole in one after 46 years of membership at The Vines. Let's hope that there are more to come.

Tony Nobbs to Represent the Golf Australia Team

Tony was the leading Australian at last year's Australian Mid-Amateur Championships held at The Vines. As the leading Australian, Tony has been selected to play for the Golf Australia team in the annual Golf Australia versus the Australian Defence Force Challenge. Tony travels to Victoria in March to play The National Golf Club in a Ryder Cup style format. Congratulations Tony.

Gregory and Turner Shoot Nett 62

Paul Gregory and Ben Turner both carded Nett 62 in the February Monthly Medals. Paul shot a career best 6 under off the stick on Saturday and Ben shot a career best 88 on Sunday. Apparently Paul and Ben's samples both came back clean. Both players have been having lessons with our Club Professional Dylan Thomas and the lessons seem to be working. If you feel like you're missing out then contact Dylan to get your game back in order. Maybe there is a career best out there waiting for you.

Men's Matchplay Championships

The Men's Matchplay Championships will commence with qualifying on the 23rd March 2019. Round of 16 and quarterfinals (A grade) and quarterfinals for B and C grade will be held on the 30th March 2019. Semi-finals for all grades will be held on the 6th April 2019 and the final will be held on the 13th April 2019.



The Pro Shop will...

give members a 10% discount on the retail prices marked (not available on specials)

price match where possible.

Please check with the shop before you buy your equipment elsewhere.

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

Current Tee Signs for Sale

Expressions of interest are invited from club members who wish to purchase a used one owner Tee Block Sign. We are only asking \$50.00 for each sign. So far, we have sold the 1st, 3rd, 6th, 10th and 18th. If you are interested please email info@vinegolfclub.com.au or enquire at the office.

Coring of the 7th Fairway.

In the December edition of the Grapevine we indicated that a trial coring of the 7th fairway would take place. This was attempted a few weeks ago without success. Unfortunately rocks were encountered just under the surface damaging our equipment and the exercise was abandoned.

Scarifying of Fairways

Over the past few weeks the 11th, 12th, 15th and 18th fairways have been scarified. The results have been excellent, with very little damage evident. Many thanks to our volunteer tractor driver, Jeff May, and the ground staff who come in behind him to clean up.

Water Levels Course

Committee has yet to hold a meeting this month so up to date figures are not available. The main dam, as at the end of December, was in better shape than the same time the previous year, and the amount of water holding is expected to last the summer season. The "Turkeys Nest" is well down but is receiving water from the 2nd bore at the maximum rate considered prudent. The cooler weather of late has assisted the situation and the 15mls we received last week was most welcome. In fact the water collection pumps operated for about 2 hours during this period. Bonus.

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...

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation.

As he was about to get the anaesthesia, he asked to speak to his son.

"Yes, Dad, what is it?"

"Don't be nervous, son; do your best, and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."

Aging:

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. This is so true. I love to hear them say ***"you don't look that old."***



RULE of the month...*explanation*

...from John Ward

RULE 12 BUNKERS

Before playing your ball in a bunker, you **MAY** remove *loose impediments* and *movable obstructions*.

Before making a *stroke*, you **MUST NOT**:

- Deliberately touch the sand in the *bunker* with your hand, a club or rake or any other object to test the condition of the sand and learn information for your next *stroke*, or
- Touch sand in the *bunker* with your club:
 - * In the area right in front or right behind your ball (**except** as allowed in fairly searching for your ball or in removing a *loose impediment* or *movable obstruction*),
 - * In making a practice swing, or
 - * In making your backswing for a *stroke*.

Except as covered in the two bullets above, the following actions **are allowed**:

- Digging in with your feet to take a *stance* for a practice swing or the *stroke*,
- Smoothing the *bunker* to care for the *course*,
- Placing your clubs, *equipment* or other objects in the *bunker* (whether by throwing or setting them down),
- Measuring, *marking*, lifting, *replacing* or taking other actions under a Rule,
- Leaning on a club to rest, stay balanced or prevent a fall, or
- Striking the sand in frustration or anger.

But you get the **general penalty** if your actions in touching the sand *improve* the *conditions affecting your stroke*.

**Penalty for Breach of this Rule: General Penalty,
Loss of hole in *match play* and a two-stroke penalty in *stroke play*.**

Lew, who is incapacitated at the moment, hopes that all players play by the rules as he endeavours to do so each time he and Dowski take to the golf course.

HARCOURT TAGNI QUIZ NIGHT



Saturday 9th March 2019 at The Vines Golf Club

Tables of 8 \$20 per person

For bookings call Julie Goodger on 0405553398

Proceeds go to Harcourts Foundation in support of local charities and communities

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

Unfortunately our summer competition has been interrupted with high temperatures so on many Tuesdays we have been limited to a small number of players on the course. One positive has been the amount of Give Golf a Go new members who have been braving the heat on various days. Well done girls.

Our **2019 Opening Day will be held on Tuesday March 5th** with a 9-hole shotgun Stableford competition commencing at 8.30am. At approximately 11.00am a short meeting will follow golf. I have asked Manager Jacqui, President Rob Dowling and VP of Course Peter Shaw to give brief talks, so please come along and be personally informed on what is going on around the Club. Lunch will be available after the meeting. All Special Competition entry forms need to be completed and lodged by 2pm. Forms will be available on the day.

The **winter program** for the ladies commences after Opening Day with a busy schedule beginning with Championship qualifying on Monday 1st April with the final day to be held on Friday 12th April. Entries close Tuesday 26th March.

Many thanks to Marg Carruthers and Chris Schubert for organising a fun Club Advantage golf day at the Blackwood Golf Course on Friday 29th March. We look forward to more Club Advantage days in the future.

The latest round of **Give Golf a Go Clinics** will be run by Dylan and the ProShop from Thursday 21st February and Saturday 23rd February for 4 weeks. There are still spots available so please contact the ProShop if you know of anyone who may be interested. The sessions will again be supported by the Women's Committee particularly once the clinics are completed and the players are making their way onto the course. Many thanks to Denise Walters and Angela Beaty who will co-ordinate the Thursday and Saturday players on the course. I would ask those lady members able to support Denise and Angela to please contact them.

I am attending a conference for **Golf Australia's Vision 2025** in early March. In short it is about increasing participation in golf for women and girls. The Roadshow is to highlight the strategies that Golf Australia will be implementing to achieve this, while also advising on the equal opportunity component that is starting to reach some golf clubs through member action. I'll report back to you in the March Grapevine once I have attended.

Another successful **ISPS Handa Australian Women's Golf Open** was held this year at The Grange and thanks again goes to Heather Chapman who organised a bus to take some of our members to the course on Friday. Looks like they all had a fun time.



"Glenn makes sure with an email to The Manager"

Att. The Manager

On Sat 2 Feb I had my first hole in one on the third hole hitting a 5 iron my first after being a member for 46 years

Could this be put on our web site so that I can brag!

Glenn Florence

Glenn please read on and it is also on our web-site... "the world now knows"

<p>HOLE IN ONE on 3rd</p> 	<p>Congratulations to</p> <p>Glenn Florence</p> <p>Well done!</p>
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"plus a big, big photo"

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