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



This is my first report as President of the Club having taken on the role in April following the resignation of Rob Dowling due to ill health and I would like to thank the members of the Committee of Management for their support in appointing me to this role until the next AGM given that I have only been a member of the Committee of Management since our AGM last November.

It has undoubtedly been an interesting time over the last few weeks as we have begun reviewing all of the commercial activities of the Club and have had the resignation of our Club Manager. While it is certainly not ideal to be seeking what will be our third Manager within a year there is a silver lining in that this has provided the CoM members with the opportunity to learn a lot more about the operational activities of the club and this can only benefit us in the future.

Understanding the operational implications of policy decisions should result in better decision making by the CoM as we move forward.

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(From the President...continued)

THANKS TO STAFF

At this stage I would like to publicly acknowledge the great work that is being done by Julie and Kathryn in the office and Dylan, Alex, Peter, Cathy, James and Ron in the Pro Shop. These people have really stepped up to ensure that the Club has continued to run smoothly since Jacquie's departure. It would be remiss of me not to also acknowledge the work of David King and Greg Kemp who have been helping provide support and direction in the office during this time. Fortunately Viv and Clayton, along with the hospitality staff along with Rob and his ground staff, are so good at their jobs that things have continued along as per normal in those important areas of the clubs activities.

MEMBER ASSISTANCE

One of the key things that I am seeking to do is to engage more with our members who are really what our club is all about. Something that I have already noticed is the wide range of skills that exist among our members along with their willingness to help the club when asked. Over the last 2 weeks in particular we have had a number of members volunteer to assist us with various tasks and that has been a great help.

There are however a couple of areas where we would still appreciate some support and if anyone has a background in dealing with Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) compliance or Hospitality Management and they have a some spare time then we would love to hear from you. Please just contact the office and we will get back to you.

MEMBER INFORMATION NIGHT

On Tuesday June 4 we held 2 Members Information Sessions that both were well attended. Among the matters discussed was the generally tight financial position that is facing all Golf Clubs including our own and the things we have planned for the future. Key areas include an emphasis on growing our membership numbers and better utilisation of our clubhouse facilities. So if you know of anyone who may be interested in joining a Golf Club then please encourage them to come out and experience what in my mind is undoubtedly the *Best Golf Club in the South*. Please also remember that each member has access to 2 free passes for games of golf each year that you can use to bring out your friends and show them our course and club. Vouchers can be collected from the office at any time.

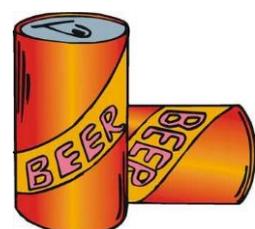
FUNCTIONS

It is also important that we utilise the clubhouse facilities as much as possible and I would encourage all members to do so. If you or anyone you know has a function or special occasion coming up then why not consider using the club as your venue. We also have a new winter menu in the bistro so why not come on down for a meal some time.

Finally, I hope to see as many members as possible in and around the club or out on the course and please feel free to come up and say hello if we have not already met.

COURSE CANS ARE BACK

Course Cans are back at their very special price. The Club introduced Course Can for members playing a round of golf, not just a cheap beer. So if you are playing a round of golf, feel free to ask for your Course can – you need to present your scorecard



Hospitality *...from Wayne Lines (VP Hospitality)*

Members Weekly Draw...\$800

\$800 up for grabs this Friday night the 21st June at 6.30pm.

To have a chance of winning, all you need to be, is a current member and be in attendance in the Club at the time of the weekly raffles.

Happy hour starts at 5.30pm with discounted drinks and cheese/biscuits at the bar.

Quiz Night...

We have had a good response with 16 tables of 8 booked for the night of July 20th and are not taking any further table bookings.

Any members still interested but have not managed to be on one of the tables booked check with the front office as there may be the odd cancellation between now and the event.

10% DISCOUNT FOR MEMBERS...

Don't forget loading \$100 on your club card gives you \$110 credit to spend on drinks, coffee, meals etc in the clubhouse. *See article on website for details.*

Club Sponsors "update"

Elite Printing Studio...Rod Gorton a member of the Club has renewed his Sponsorship. Rod does a lot of work for the Club.

Peat Soils...Sponsorship Agreement has been renewed. Gary Coombe the General Manager of Peat Soils is a member of the Club. They provide various material for use on the course at no cost to the Club.

TerryWhite Chemmart Old Reynella...Chris Tsamandanis has once again provided funds to assist with the cost of Junior Development. Chris and his staff provide excellent service to their customers.

Colorado Crash Repairs...Sponsorship has been renewed for another twelve months. A number of members have had cars repaired by these people and have been satisfied with the quality of the work done.

From Bernie L...



A man was telling his neighbour, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art.. It's perfect.'
'Really,' answered the neighbour . 'What kind is it?'
' Twelve thirty..'

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

On Tuesday the 4th June an Information Night was held at the clubrooms.

The topics that were discussed regarding the course are repeated below along with up to date information.

Water...

Adelaide received the lowest rainfall in 100 years for the period from 1st January to mid-April where the course received an unprecedented low of 34mm of rain. We were forced to stop watering the fairways for about 3 weeks. During this period our bores were providing ample supply to maintain our greens and tee blocks, while maintaining satisfactory level of reserves. Following two rain events the fairways returned to normal colour within a couple of weeks and is a tribute to the excellent work of our ground staff.

Over the summer months our water harvesting pumps were overhauled and are now operating at 100% efficiency. In fact the tanks next to the 10th are at times receiving more water than can be pumped to the main dam. This water overflow is returned to Ernest Crescent and is not lost.

Dam Levels...

The main dam is now full which is great news. Water is now being pumped from the main dam to the Turkeys Nest and is also flowing via the spillway into the first dam on the second hole. On the downside, on the 30th May, The Bureau of Meteorology issued a forecast for lower than average rainfall for the winter period.

Tree Trimming...

During the past 18 months ground staff, with the assistance of our "Odd Job" volunteer group, have been hard at work trimming trees across the course.

This action was initiated to improve the safety for machine operators working amongst the tree lines following an incident where a tree limb fell on a vehicle.

Other benefits are the rough is easier to maintain, making finding of golf balls easier and therefore speeding up play. Also the course has been opened up significantly and looks far more attractive. We are approaching the end of this project with only the 4th and 16th holes to be completed. We will also revisit the 2nd hole in an effort to improve the look of trees under the power lines.

Volunteers are always required to assist with projects such as tree trimming and other small jobs. The "Odd Job" group meets once a month on the Thursday following the special guest day, weather permitting.

If you are interested in contributing, please leave your name at the office or send an email to info@vinesgolfclub.com.au. We will then send you an email when the next working bee is to be held and if you are free you can attend. We supply gloves, ear plugs and eye protection if required. The work is not too hard, is good exercise and very rewarding. You also get to meet other golf club members.

Our Air2G2 Machine...

The machine that pumps air into the subsoil was used at the **Adelaide Oval** recently. Rob Millington visited the oval with our machine, and spent his time working around the roots of the iconic Morton Bay Fig trees to improve soil compaction. They were very impressed and may seek our help on other projects in the future.

Damage to Holes continues to be an Australia wide problem and is also evident on our course. Please refer to the articles in the last two Grapevines for ways you can eliminate this problem in your game. Over the coming months ground staff will be noting any damage and determining if any specific tee times are a problem.

Questions/Discussion from the floor at the Information Night.....

Fourth Hole Dam – Is weed still a problem in this Dam?

None is present at the moment, but this water is not used in any other dam as a precaution. Water is pumped directly to the holding tank next to the 7th fairway and used directly on fairways as required.

Will the tree overhang on inside of 15th dog-leg be trimmed?

There are no plans to trim this tree at the present time as the offending limb in question does not overhang the fairway and is considered part of the design of the hole. As with all our tree trimming activities we strive to ensure we do not compromise the design integrity of each hole.

Will the Air2G2 machine be used in our Bunkers?

While this would certainly improve the drainage in our bunkers, due to rocks below the surface we are unable to attempt this task. We also had this problem on the 7th fairway where rocks destroyed most of the corers tines on our ProCore Machine.

The Clubs AGM is coming up in November and there are two elected positions up for re-election. Course VP and Sub-Committee Member. Meetings are held on the morning of the second Thursday of each month. If you are considering either of these positions, now is the time to investigate your options. You are invited to attend a meeting of the Course Sub Committee to familiarise yourself with our work. Please contact the Office, myself or a committee member for details.

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 the Captain...*Dean Nobbs*

Pennant Update

The 2019 Pennant season is well underway. Our **Junior Division 2** team is currently sitting in 7th position after 5 rounds. The competition is close and two more wins with some results falling the right way could see the team make it to the semi-finals.

The **Sharp Cup** team is currently sitting in 3rd position after 3 rounds with only one loss to Grange Gold. The team is travelling well and are positioned to make the semi-finals.

The Men's **Simpson Cup** team are currently sitting in 7th position after five rounds. The team needs to win against Mid North this week to make sure they remain in Simpson Cup again next year. The Simpson Cup team are playing at Thaxted this week (Sunday 23rd June, 12:10 pm tee off). The team would love your support.

The **Bonnar Cup** team is currently sitting in 6th position after 5 rounds. A narrow loss to Regency Park on the weekend means that the team must win against Blackwood this week, at Glenelg, to secure their place in the Bonnar Cup competition next year.

Thanks to all the members that have attended matches during the season to cheer on the teams.

Recent Scores

The course is starting to moisten up and scoring is becoming more difficult. Recent good scores of late include: Peter Ballans (38 Points), Alistair Gilmore (38 Points), Mark Williams (+7 and 43 Points), Matt Whitford (+4), Grant Harrison (+4), James Hastie (43 points), John Shaw (67 Nett), Scott Middleton (41 points), Dominic Gibbie (70 Nett), Don Marwick (42 points), Bob Dickson (41 points).

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

I attended the 2019 **Level 2 R&A Rules Accreditation Seminar** with Dylan Thomas and John Ward held by Golf Australia at Glenelg towards the end of April. It was a very informative 2 days with the morning of day 2 having practical demonstrations which were invaluable.

Congratulations to the girls who have been competing every Monday with Pennant, Cleek and Hickory matches. At the time of writing my report A4 Pennant are 2nd, Cleek are 5th and Hickory are 6th. Well done girls and good luck for the completion of your matches.

Give Golf A Go

It is terrific to see so many women from the clinics regularly playing on the course. Thanks to Denise Walters who assisted me with helping many of these women learn more etiquette and rules on Thursday 16th May.

Twenty-three women represented The Vines at **May Week held at South Lakes** from 14th to 17th May. The Vines women acquitted themselves well over the 3 days with various daily winners receiving prizes for NTP, Long Drive and ball rundown. Congratulations to you all. The photos below show all the fun with Lyn Cummings winning the 'coveted' sparkling jacket!

Overall Results: Day 1

Gross

Runner Up Cathy Hayward 85 c/b

Nett

Winner Cate Browell 67 nett

Runner Up Lyn Cummings 69 nett

Overall Results: Day 2

Gross

Winner Cathy Hayward 83

Runner Up Mary O'Hagan 84 c/b

Championship Results

Gross

Winner Cathy Hayward 85, 83 = 168

Runner Up Mary O'Hagan 85, 84 = 169 c/b

Nett

Runner Up Lyn Cummings 69, 77 = 146



Lyn Cummings



L to R: Helen Allen, Rose Corbett, Sue Walsh



RULE of the month...*explanation*

...from John Ward

BALL LOST (Rule 18)

When a ball is *lost*.....STROKE- AND- DISTANCE RELIEF MUST BE TAKEN.

Your ball is *lost* if it is not found in THREE MINUTES after you or your *caddie* begin to search for it.
(not 5 minutes, 3 minutes)

This provides for a reasonable time to get to where you think the ball is and begin your search.

If you do not identify your ball, or find your ball, in that time (3 minutes), the ball is *lost*.

If your ball is *lost*, you MUST take *stroke-and-distance* relief by adding one penalty stroke and play a ball from where the previous *stroke* was made.

Once you put another ball *in play* under penalty of *stroke-and-distance*, your original ball is no longer *in play* and must NOT be played. This is true even if your original ball is then found on the *course* before the end of the three-minute search time.

From Bernie L...

Who Put The Dog Out

A couple was going out for the evening.

They'd gotten ready, all dolled up, but just needed to put the dog out when the taxi arrives.

However as the couple walked out of the house, the dog shoots back in the house.

They don't want the dog shut in the house, so the wife goes out to the taxi while the husband goes upstairs to chase the dog out.

The wife, not wanting it known that the house will be empty, explains to the taxi driver: 'He's just going upstairs to say good-bye to my mother.'

A few minutes later, the husband gets into the cab.

'Sorry I took so long' he says. 'Stupid so and so was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out! Then I had to wrap her in a blanket to keep her from scratching and biting me as I hauled her downstairs and tossed her in the back yard!

She better not s..t in the vegetable garden again!'

The silence in the cab was deafening.

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**...HIS PROFILE SAID HE
TRAVELS A LOT AND ALSO
OWNS HIS OWN HOME!"**

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