

The Caddie

Victor Harbor Golf Club



June 2014

KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

June

Wednesday 11th	1st Round Ladies' Championship Foursomes
Wednesday 18th	2nd Round Ladies' Championship Foursomes
Saturday 21st	Geoff Bohnsack Ambrose Cup
Monday 23rd	Semi Final Ladies' Championship Foursomes
Wednesday 25th	Final Ladies' Championship Foursomes

July

Sunday 6th	Men's Pennants Finals
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August

Saturday 2nd	1st Qualifying Round Men's Club Championships
Wednesday 6th	1st Qualifying Round Men's Ladies Championships
Saturday 9th	2nd Qualifying Round Men's Club Championships
Sunday 10th	1/4 Final Men's Club Championships
Wednesday 13th	2nd Qualifying Round Ladies' Club Championships
Sunday 17th	Semi-Final Men's Club Championships
Wednesday 20th	1/4 Final Ladies' Club Championships
Friday 22nd	Semi Final Ladies' Club Championships
Sunday 24th	Final Men's and Ladies' Club Championships Presentation Dinner

September

Saturday 13th	G.H. Waterman (over 65) Trophy
Sunday 21st	Men's Club Foursomes Championships

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FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

Social

The Ladies Committee conducted a very successful Quiz Night on Thursday 27th March which was attended by more than ninety members and guests. Another major fund raising effort is the monster raffle which has some excellent prizes and members are asked to support this by selling or purchasing at least one booklet of tickets. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to upgrade honour boards.

We have begun our *Fabulous Friday* evenings to enhance the club's social environment. As an incentive to attend, a member's draw, which requires the lucky member drawn to be present to win a jackpot credit to their member card has been introduced.. So far there has been steady support for this initiative and it is hoped will become a permanent social fixture. On Friday 16th May, we had our first lucky member winner when Marie Juleff was present to collect the \$300 jackpot.

Finance

The club continues to review all of its financial arrangements with the final recommendations likely to be considered at the October Committee of Management meeting. Next year's budget is proving to be a challenge, but further progress in securing the necessary changes to resolve the issues are being developed, with the final proposals likely to be determined in time to put to the members at the 2015 AGM.

So far this year the club is operating ahead of budget with costs well contained and it is expected to result in a more positive outcome for the 2013/14 financial year. It is likely that some anticipated asset replacements will be delayed until the club's future funding has been determined.

Membership

More than fifty new members have joined since January 2014, but we need to continue to develop strategies to attract 5-, 6- and 7-day membership. Total membership has now returned to above last year's and I encourage members to go out of their way to welcome new members and provide an inviting inclusive environment to ensure new golfers enjoy their membership.

Golf Course

Two new cart paths have been created on the 8th and 9th holes, thanks to generous support from members. Further improvements will be undertaken, including further tree trimming/removal, bunker renovations and realignment of the 15th tee to mitigate risk of damage to the solar panel installation.



The 8th path
of about 120 metres



The 9th path
of about 100 metres

The new paths which were built by ground staff.
Warren Francis also helped with the board work.

Club House

As most members are aware we have an ongoing issue with the roof of the main clubhouse leaking rain water drainage. A temporary repair to limit further damage has been undertaken. A full review of the cause of the problem and its resultant damage is currently being sourced and once the scope and cost of repairs is known a decision on permanent restoration will be made.

As a result of the accidental damage to an older section of the club house southern wall, a complimentary new window frame and glass were installed to match with the recent upgraded section. Thanks again to Greg Davis of *South Coast Windows and Doors* for his prompt attention to completing the repair work.

Web Site

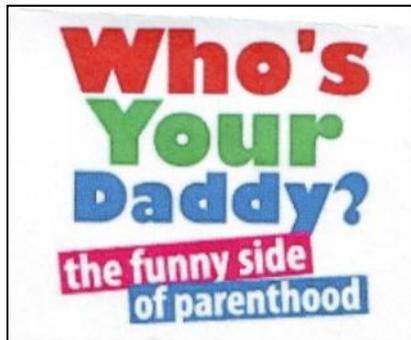
The new web site should be operational within the month. Apart from a much improved style and presentation the new site will enable a number of extra services and controls to be implemented. Our new web site will also enable full access via suitable mobile phones. As the site is developed, direct bookings for special events and competitions will also be available to members and visitors alike. A secure members only section is also envisaged.

Congratulations

Our Division 3 Ladies pennant team won this year's competition, which I understand is the first time since 1998. Well done and hopefully our men can be successful this year as well.

Daryl Cameron

THE FUN IN GOLF



SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST

**A DINNER AND COMEDY EVENING WITH
GOLF COMEDIAN TERRY NORTH**

Terry is a standup comedian who has performed in Fringe shows, golf clubs and many other venues

3 course meal included, \$60

Contact the office for further details

FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

In the absence of Captain Bruce Watkins this report has been submitted by Vice Captain Rob Gasmier

McCracken Challenge

Only thirteen Victor Harbor Golf Club members turned out for the challenge which was played at McCracken. This was very disappointing as some had their names down but were a 'no-show' on the day. Refer to the Ladies Captain's report for more details.

Handicaps

The club decision to use the Daily Handicap as opposed to the GA Handicap has been well received by most of members and is working well. Requests from the older members to play from the red tees remain low, however as we move into winter months this option can be further reviewed.

Monthly Medals

The April monthly medal was sponsored by the *Pitstop* boys and their continued support is appreciated by all. The winners were:

A Grade	Andy Tapp
B Grade	Colin Megan
C Grade	Bronte Milde

The May medal was sponsored by our loyal supporter Tim Bainger from *Victor Landscape Supplies*. The winners were:

A Grade	Kevin East
B Grade	Phil Riggs
C Grade	Clive Allen

Well done all winners. If you have not received your medal, please call at the office as they are in my pigeon hole.

Fleurieu Peninsular Golf Championship – 7 April

The first day of this new event was held at the Victor Harbor Golf Club.

This was a very well organised event and congratulations are due to Roger Sanderson and Mike Rice. In my travels around the course I met with very positive comments from many players. Well done to Mike and

his team. Thank you to Jim and Beth Goldfinch, Les Hill (who spotted on the 3rd for the total field) and Bruce Blain, for their help during the day.

Eclectic Competition

The first round was on 5th April and competition is well under way. Some good scores are being recorded and a strong run to the wire should be experienced in all grades.

The new look Pro Shop

I take this opportunity to welcome Gavin to his new venture as our Club Professional. He has patiently waited in the wings for many years, and now deserves to be successful with all the support and backing he can get from our members. The shop looks great and there are many types of clubs, clothing and accessories to buy. A big investment has been made so please support Gavin. I know from experience that he will reward loyal customers with good deals.

South Coast Windows and Doors – Shoot-out

The shoot-out was held on 13th March and was won in grand style by one of our very consistent 'A' Graders - Gareth Woodward. Well done to Gareth who not only had one ball in the circle but two.

Many thanks for the continued support of this event by the Davis family.

Barmera Amateur Golf Open

This event will be held on the 13th, 14th and 15th June. The programme is open to men and women and entries close 6th June. If you are interested please contact the office or myself for the entry forms.

Player Numbers

There have been good competition numbers over the past two to three months which is pleasing. We would love to see more players in the club house after their game even if only for a lemonade or OJ. Good golfing.

Rob Gasmier, Vice Captain

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Get ready for those cold winter nights.

Support the club

by buying wood from the course

Contact the office

FROM THE LADIES CAPTAIN

Our lady members have been to many of the local Open Days throughout the district where they have been enjoying playing on the other courses.

Jan Berryman won the *Margaret Kavanagh St Patrick's Trophy* with 36 points. Faye Williss made cup cakes iced with green icing to complement the days prizes. These were enjoyed by the winners.

We raised \$108 for Zonta in a raffle so that they may continue their community work. Jane Bohnsack (President) spoke about many of the programs involving Zonta.

Ruth Kavanagh once again provided an Easter raffle and we thank her for this generous contribution. Our regular raffle sponsors are *Veg Out* and *Feast Meats* and we are thankful for their ongoing support.

Handicap Foursomes

The Club Handicap Foursomes were played in conjunction with the Shylie Rymill Foursomes in April. The winners were:

Lyn Stratfold and Dorothy Lord with a nett 76.5

The Shylie Rymill Foursomes is a GolfSA event named in the honour of the late Mrs H Rymill who was the co-founder of the SALGU (South Australian Ladies Golf Union—now GolfSA) in 1925. The winners were Dorothy Lord and Lyn Stratfold who will receive a brooch from GolfSA at the end of the golfing season.



Shylie Rymill Foursomes
Winners

Dorothy Lord and Lyn
Stratfold

Pennants

We fielded three teams again this year. Although Divisions 1 and 2 were not successful the ladies were very enthusiastic and enjoyed the season. Division 3 players, however, were undefeated throughout the season.

The finals were played at the Fleurieu golf course on a wet dismal day. Division 3 played Willunga in a thrilling match and Victor came out the victors 3½ to 1½ . The players were Faye Williss (captain), Kay Carr, Heather Day, Helen Filmer and Betty Lockwood. The shield will hang proudly on the club house wall.

Gala Day

Mr Menswear was our very generous sponsors again for our Gala Day. The weather forecast was that the day was to be horrific. Fortunately it wasn't as bad and all teed off in dry conditions. Fifty six ladies from twelve clubs had a fantastic day out. Alan and Bev Kluske of *Mr Menswear* had their marquee down on the 10th where Alan and his helpers plied the ladies with champagne, a special port and nibbles. A brazier was lit to keep the spirits warm !! The winners were:

A Grade	Anny Michelmore	34 points
Runner up	Marie Wickstein	34 points
B Grade	Mary Yeates (North Adelaide)	32 points
Runner up	Jan Allen	32 points
C Grade	Helen Filmer	34 points
Runner up	Jacqui James	34 points

The overall winner received a voucher from *Mr Menswear* to the Links Lady Bay Resort. This was for two nights in a luxury spa suite and two rounds of golf. The lucky winner was Anny Michelmore on a count back from 3 other players.

We are very grateful for the support that *Mr Menswear* give us.



Libby Bancroft

Gala Day Winners
Anny Michelmore and Marie
Wickstein



Division 3 Pennants Winners
Faye Williss (Captain), Kaye Carr, Betty Lockwood, Helen Filmer,
Heather Day



Two tawny frogmouths
who have taken up
residence in the gum tree
on the right just before the
16th green

Photo kindly provided by
Jan Berriman

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Club Strategic Plan

The 2014-16 strategic plan has now been developed into a Strategic Implementation Plan. This allocates actions, responsibilities and key performance indicators to each strategy listed under each of the five objectives. It is a 'living' document that is updated regularly.

Course and Clubhouse Planned Improvement Projects

The project plan shown to members at the AGM, envisaged cart paths for the 8th, 11th and then the 9th fairways. We have completed the 8th and 9th cart paths. The 11th fairway cart path will be deferred for the time being to conserve funds.

The diseased tree removal on right hand side of the 9th fairway, and the cutting of overhanging branches on the 2nd and 3rd fairways will be completed by June 2014. Other tree branch trimming will occur during the winter months.

Solar Power

The two remaining damaged solar panels have been replaced. To minimise further damage, the 15th Tee markers have been permanently moved to the left to lower the risk of errant golf balls landing in the solar panel area. In November 2014 the rear of the 15th Tee will be realigned to the left for the same purpose. Netting cover over the panels has proved to be cost prohibitive.

Honour Boards

The Committee of Management will shortly upgrade the foyer honour boards in a modern stylish brushed aluminium finish allowing for future member recognition at a cost much lower than the hand painted gold print.

Ladies Treasurer

We welcome Kaye Carr to the position of Ladies Committee Treasurer.

Sale or Supply of Golf Related Goods at the Club and on the Course

Members are asked to note that the activity of solicitation, supply or sale of goods on the club's premises (both the clubhouse and 'on-course') that are normally available in the Golf ProShop, is not permitted. Such activity would be a breach of the club's obligation to allow the ProShop exclusive rights to sell goods at competitive prices.

Nearest the Pin Vouchers

The club annually provides NTP winners with \$17,000 worth of Nearest the Pin vouchers. The vouchers are provided by sponsors who generously allow members to procure goods or services to the value of the voucher.

However, it is an expectation that sponsors will be rewarded for their generosity by the winners making a purchase that exceeds the value of the voucher.

The club is in danger of losing some NTP sponsorships because a minority of members are not conscious of this expectation.

We ask that members honour the generosity of all our sponsors. If not observed, members can expect those sponsorships to be diminished or withdrawn.

Golf Cart Sheds

Some time ago your administration established a now very well regarded Cart Shed Holders Register along with providing a Cart Shed key holding service. The latter has helped numerous members when they have left their key/s elsewhere, and others enquiring about shed availability. Members must consult with Administration before entering into any negotiation, contractual or otherwise with other parties to ensure we continue our valued service to members and honour those members on the cart shed 'waiting' list.

Marketing

The club has established a twelve month intra-state radio campaign with *Grant Broadcasters SA* that will include 240 x 15-second commercials across *5MU* and *Power FM*. In addition, 240 x 60-second *Tour SA* radio segments will occur across eight regional radio stations from Port Lincoln to Barossa Valley and Port Pirie areas. The promotion will point to the *Tour SA* website and promote the Victor Harbor Golf Club until February 2015.

The use of *It's Our Shout* vouchers and a tour of the course is proving beneficial in attracting new members.

Roger Sanderson

DAD'S ARMY

A Head Count

Dad's Army attendances during the last quarter have averaged thirty five with holidays, sickness and weather conditions contributing to lower than expected numbers.

On a pleasing note we have gained six new members and another three past members are now playing regularly again. A review of the list of all current Dad's Army players has numbers at seventy two - imagine if we all turned up to play on the same Tuesday.

The last Tuesday of each month (except our championship day in November) is now a "white tee" day.

They are the Champions

At the recent *Veterans State Championships* held at the Victor Harbor Golf Club, six of our Dad's Army members competed in the event with congratulations going to:

Alastair Brown	Winner of B Grade Gross with a score of 87
David Beck	Second in C Grade Nett with a score of 74.

Jeff Evans

JUNIOR COORDINATOR

The club is looking for a Junior Coordinator. If you would like further information please talk with General Manager Roger Sanderson.

Raffle! Raffle! Raffle! REMINDER!

The raffle is going really well.

Please remember to return your raffle books,
sold or unsold, with the money,
so that unsold tickets can be sold by someone else

ALAN WELLS—MEDAL MAN

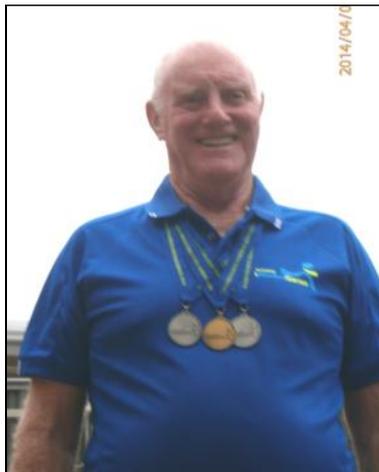
When playing in the *SA Master* at Naracoorte recently, Alan Wells excelled. He won three medals!

Gold in the 2-ball Ambrose

Silver for the stroke gross score in the 36-hole 2-day event

Silver for the stroke net score in the same event

Well done Alan!



Alan wearing his medals

RECIPROCAL AND AFFILIATED CLUBS

New reciprocal clubs

Howlong Golf Club
Lucindale Golf Club

Clarification

Westward Ho Golf Club
while still being an affiliated city club for the purposes of the City Membership category with Victor Harbor Golf Club, requires that the City Member must be resident in Adelaide.

QUIZ NIGHT

- Where is Amen Corner?
- What is Tiger Woods' real name and for a bonus point what is his second name?

Tricky aren't they?

These were just two posers in the golfing questions put together by our quiz compere Christine Tonkin at the hugely successful quiz night held in March.

There were ten categories of questions, each with ten questions relating to a particular topic. A very effective structure for this type of activity. You could double your points in the rounds where you felt really confident.

The mystery faces and logos were equally challenging and provided animated discussion amongst the teams.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the night and many sighs and groans were heard around the room. People actively participated in the coin toss to win a bottle of Baileys which was won by Allan Brown, and the Head and Tails competitions which interspersed the rounds of quiz questions.. The 'Who am I?' questions were challenging too.

Congratulations to *Bankers Brains* who were the winning team.

Everyone was so responsive to the night that Christine is prepared to challenge us all with another set of questions and fun later in the year. Tentatively mark Thursday October 23 in your diaries.

Thanks to Russell and Brian behind the bar and the office staff who collected money and organised table bookings. Also thanks to Ian Tonkin (Christine's husband) who helped with the money collection and coin toss and to Charlie Kleinig who was the chief scorer.

Pam Kleinig

"The difference between golf and politics is that in golf you can't improve your lie."
George Deukmejian

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The advertisement features two logos at the top. On the left is the logo for 'SOUTH COAST WINDOWS & DOORS', which consists of a blue arch over a green arched window with two panes and handles. On the right is the logo for 'AMPLIMESH SECURITY SCREENS', which features a white shark with its mouth open, showing sharp teeth, on a blue background.

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SOME HELP FROM MIKE

Mike and I are now playing the 12th hole where I learn some etiquette!

Trundling up the fairway in my normal manner my fourth shot goes into the bunker on the left of the green. When I get there I see that the ball is actually just over the lip of the grass and being held in that position by a rake.

Richard Mike, my ball is stuck behind the rake at the lip of the bunker. What shall I do?

Mike Well for a start I should point out that the fact that the rake is in that position in the first place is clearly wrong. It has been incorrectly positioned by the person who last used it. However as it counts as a moveable object you may move it without penalty.

So I carefully mark the ball and lift the rake, but the ball falls down to the bottom of the bunker.

Richard What now Mike? The ball has rolled to the bottom.

Mike You must place it back where it was by the marker at the lip of the grass.

So I lift the ball and place it behind the lip where it had come to rest before. However it rolls down to the bottom of the bunker again.

Richard What shall I do Mike it has rolled to the bottom again?

Mike If it simply will not stay at the top you must play it from there.

Richard But that would mean that it is closer to the hole.

Mike Yes, this is one of those rare occasions when you can take relief closer to the hole, but try placing the ball again more carefully at the top

So I place the ball more carefully under the lip and it stays there this time.

Richard The ball is still pretty impossible to play here unless I go out sideways.

Mike Sorry Richard, but that is just what you have got to do.

Richard In other words my shot has been jeopardised by the bad etiquette of the player who put the rake there in the wrong place.

Mike Yes

So I play out sideways, rake the bunker, and then very carefully make sure that I put the rake at the bottom of the bunker in the line of play so that it cannot jeopardise any player behind me.

Richard and Mike

Just remember - The correct procedure is to leave the rake at the bottom of the bunker facing the line of play. And if the bunker is next to the green that does not mean placing the rake to point towards the hole. It should still be in the line of play.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members whose membership applications have been confirmed by the Committee of Management.
We hope you enjoy your time in our lovely club and make many new friends.

Please make a point of introducing yourself to other people you meet.
Welcome back to several earlier members

7 Day	Kenneth Barnes Craig Higgins Russell Morcom	Kevin East Greg Honeyman Aaron Turner
6 Day	William Allen	
City	Anthony Johnson Graham Weeks	Christine Johnson
Interstate/Overseas		Ken Banks
5 Day	Michael Davis John Dickinson	Terence Davis Gordon Hepburn
Social	Susan Bond Dean Franke Rosemary Heberd Helen Scholfield	Ian Dix Lindsay Goodwin Kaye Pilkington Nan Wright
Special Senior		Graham Hoff
Casual	Colin Todd	
9 Hole	Leanne Berich Paula Daly Aldona Johnson Tineke Niederer Beth Stratfold	Gregory Daly Jenni Franke Julianne Kirsten Katherine Shierlaw Susam Vincent

WHAT SKILL!

Congratulations on a great achievement!

Holes in One		
3rd April	Phillip Abbott	on the 10th
Eagles		
6th March	Tony Uren	on the 15th
20th March	Jack Roberts	on the 2nd
17th May	Andy Tapp	on the 18th

THOSE GOLDEN SHEOAKS

At this time of the year people sometimes ask me if I know why some of the sheoaks around the course are dying.

No, they are not dying. If you look more closely you will see that they are actually in full bloom. The flowers are minute and they are hanging on long tendrils.

Richard House

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