

Veteran's Golf Club of Victoria Inc.

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NEWSLETTER – May 2011

On Monday 9 May 2011, 44 members played golf at Centenary Park Golf Club. It was a Four Ball Best Ball event for the Captain's and President's Trophy.

PRESIDENT

President Ray warmly welcomed members to Centenary Park GC and hoped that everyone enjoyed their round of golf.

He thanked Centenary Park members who shared the course with us and congratulated Centenary Park management on the excellent condition of their course.

Starters:

Ray thanked our starters for the day, Dave Da Fonte and Geoff Cohen.

On a day when many players pulled out at the last minute, the starters' job was not easy.

Apologies:

Apologies were tendered by Grant Haselgrove, Noel Manning, Rod Goode, John Brown, Chris Greatorex, Michael Sales, Merv Rogers, John Curry, Ken Griffiths, Ken Gangell, Ray Reed, Hans Bleeker, Ken Brown, Colin Wiseman, Leo Gamble, Jim Milne and Ray Underwood.

New Member:

Rod Chandler, (courtesy Gary Finnis) was welcomed into the group.

Ray wished Rod enjoyable golfing days and great times with our Club.

Special Golfing Achievements:

Ray mentioned that there were 4 known 'winners' since we last met:

31/3 Geoff Craine (27@Rossdale) S'ford 45 points

21/4 Ken Brown (16@Brighton) Stroke 64

21/4 Bill Frey (29@Long Island) Par 4up, and

7/5 Rod Chandler (19@Rossdale) Stroke 68

Well done to all of you.

Sick Parade:

Ken Fisher, Geoff Craine and Ken Gangell remain on our sick list.

We wish you all the best and hope you get better soon.

Donation:

Ray thanked Neal Hills for his donation of 1 dozen golf balls.

Raffle:

Mario Andreola was congratulated for his great job looking after our raffle. We raised \$116.00 on the day.

Email addresses:

We currently have 28 members registered as email recipients. If you have a current email address, please pass it on to our Secretary, stan.o@bigpond.com and he will update Club records. He will also send our monthly Newsletters to you via email. Thanks to those who have already responded.

Common Rules and Penalties

The Club Secretary has laminated copies of the more common Rules and Penalties in golf. If you did not receive a copy today, ask Stan and he will give you one.

Tri Series

Ray congratulated our members for their tremendous effort at Sunshine.

CAPTAIN

Winners are grinners!

Gary mentioned that our Club had never won the Tri-Series Trophy.

This time 23 players went to Sunshine and the rest is history. We won the coveted trophy and can't stop smiling. Just look at the photo below. The final tally (best 15 cards) was:

Veterans Golf Club	595 points
North West	579 points
Geelong	527 points

7 players had over 40 points – Harold Hayes, Noel Manning, Terry Brownscombe, Mike Bainbridge, Bernie Coyle, David Vine and Peter Ross.

Well done to all who played.



Gary Finnis, Ray Underwood, Gerry O'Connor, Mario Andreola, Bernie Coyle, Donald MacDonald, Stan Odachowski, Brian Guinane, Reg Davey, David Vine, Dave Da Fonte, Ronnie Chong, Hugh Churchward, Barry Taylor, Harold Hayes and Tom Govern.

The following players are missing from the photograph - : Noel Manning, Terry Brownscombe, Mike Bainbridge, Peter Ross, Brian White, Jim Milne and Ken Brown.

Gary then mentioned that we had a field of 44 today playing at Centenary Park Golf Club for the Captain's and President's Trophy.

Captain's/President's Trophy winners

Wayne Lamb and Gerry O'Connor 47 points (c/b)

Balls down the line:

Alan Millard and Ray Desmond 47 points

Harold Hayes and Tom Govern 46 points

Barry Wells and Peter Kearney 43 points

Gary Finnis and Donald MacDonald 42 points

Reg Davey and Terry Colpo 41 points

Alan Baker and Robin Miller 41 points

Nearest to the Pin:

2nd Hole: Peter Ross 18th Hole: Gary Finnis

NAGA Award:

David Vine and Barry Taylor

Raffle Winner:

Today the raffle was won by Barry Wells.

Birthday Boys for June 2011:

Congratulations and best wishes to those members whose birthdays fall in June:

6th	Bob Leverington	83;	9th	Peter Kearney	66;
10th	Geoff Craine	66;	11th	Brian White	68;
16th	Ronnie Chong	61;	24th	Gerald O'Connor	66;
28th	Alan Baker	66;	28th	Ken Griffiths	64; and
30th	Hans Bleeker	73			

Eagle Ridge 18 July

Members are reminded that their \$35.00 game fee for Eagle Ridge has to be paid in advance. This fee included a golf cart, green fees and lunch.

Brighton 10 October

Members are advised that the challenge match against the Brighton GC is locked in for 10 October 2011. The \$35 00 fee covers the cost of a game of golf, a roast lunch and a glass of wine.

Personal Insurance

Veterans who are not members of a recognised Golf Club are asked to contact their insurance companies and check to see if they have insurance coverage if they are injured whilst playing golf with our Group.

We ask these members to do this a.s.a.p.

Committee members may be able to provide assistance or advice to those members who find that they have no cover.

Next Event:

Monday: 6 June 2011 at Rossdale Golf Club

Stableford: Keith Allen Trophy – be there by 7.00am

Finally, to all our members who are not feeling well, hopefully tomorrow will be a better day.

Good health and happy golfing.

Stan Odachowski

(Honorary Secretary)

DID YOU KNOW - FACTS and FIGURES?

Veteran's Golf Club of Victoria Inc.

This is our 62nd year in existence.

We currently have 71 fully paid up members for 2011.

3 members have been with us for more than 20 years:

Hugh Churchward – 23 years in August (our longest serving member)

Ken Durling – 22 years in April, and

Tom Terrell – 20 years in June.

3 members have been with us for 15 or more years:

Lance Bolam – 19 years in October

Kelvin Tyler – 17 years in June, and

Bob Leverington – 17 years in December.

7 members have been with us for more than 10 years:

Ken Gangell, Neal Hills, Bill Frey, Barry Pollock, Ray Underwood, Grant Haselgrove and Jim Milne.

The remaining 58 of members have been with us for less than 10 years.

14 members have been with us for 5 years or more; and

44 members have been with us for less than 5 years.

Love Story for Golfers

An elderly couple were having dinner one evening when the husband reached across the table, took his wife's hand in his and said, "Martha, soon we will be married 50 years, and there's something I have to know. In all of these 50 years, have you ever been unfaithful to me?"

Martha replied, "Well Henry, I have to be honest with you. Yes, I've been unfaithful to you three times during these 50 years, but always for a good reason.

Henry was obviously hurt by his wife's confession, but said, "I never suspected. Can you tell me what you mean by 'good reasons?'"

Martha said, "The first time was shortly after we were married, and we were about to lose our little house because we couldn't pay the mortgage. Do you remember that one evening I went to see the banker and the next day he notified you that the loan would be extended?"

Henry recalled the visit to the banker and said, "I can forgive you for that. You saved our home, but what about the second time?"

Martha asked, "And do you remember when you were so sick, but we didn't have the money to pay for the heart surgery you needed? Well, I went to see your doctor one night and, if you recall, he did the surgery at no charge."

"I recall that," said Henry. "And you did it to save my life, so of course I can forgive you for that. Now tell me about the third time."

"All right," Martha said. "So do you remember when you ran for president of your golf club, and you needed 73 more votes?"



PS: Apologies if any member is offended.