

Veteran's Golf Club of Victoria Inc.

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER – 02/2012

On Monday 6 February 2012, 52 members played golf at Rossdale Golf Club. It was a Stableford event for the Royce Hollingworth Trophy.

PRESIDENT

President Ray welcomed all members to the Rossdale GC and thanked the Club for making their facilities available to us. The weather was good and the golf, even better.

Starters:

Ray thanked our starters for the day, John Currie and Ken Gangell.

Guests:

We had no guests on the day.

Apologies:

Apologies were tendered by Colin Wiseman, Geoff Cohen, Leo Gamble, Mal Carter, Alex Johnson, Bill Rigby and Mike Bainbridge.

Sick Parade:

Mario Andreola, Leo Gamble and Colin Wiseman remain on our sick list.

Special Achievements:

There were 2 Special achievements in the past month:

1. On 19 January – Alex Johnson (22) – won 4 up at Brighton GC
2. On 28 January – Ray Desmond (16) – won 5 up at Brighton GC

2012 Parmaker Booklet:

The Secretary has distributed the 2012 Parmaker Booklet, from the VVGA, to members playing today.

Copies will be available at Amstel GC on the 5th of March.

Raffle:

Ray thanked Daryl Edwards for looking after the raffle today.

NB: Raffle prize donations would be appreciated from members.

Birthday Wishes:

Ray wished Mike Sales a Happy Birthday as it fell on this day.

Special Thanks:

Ray gave a special thanks to Gary Finnis and to the Secretary for the production and publishing of the Christmas function photos in the last Newsletter. A great job!

Club Jumpers:

Ray advised members that the Committee was considering more jumper options today. He mentioned that once the Committee agrees on a jumper, members would be informed and asked to agree on a size before anything is ordered. Price will also be agreed.

He asked members who were interested in obtaining a Club jumper, but who were not on the jumper list, to see the Secretary and to add their name onto the list. There were 35 names on the list at present.

CAPTAIN:

Captain Gary welcomed members to the Rossdale GC and commended all players for the way they moved around the course so quickly.

He mentioned that we played for the Royce Hollingworth Trophy, a Stableford event.

Winners:

Gary announced the winners for the day.

Royce Hollingworth Trophy winner:

Ken Smith (39) with 44 points.



A Grade: Bernie Coyle (22) 43 points
B Grade: Noel Manning (26) 40 points
C Grade: John Farrow (31) 39 points on c/b

Nearest to the Pin:

3rd Hole: Gerry O'Connor

12th Hole: Donald MacDonald

Balls down the line:

Peter Ross 42 points
Laurie Comerford 39 points
Stan Odachowski 39 points
Terry Colpo 39 points
Tony Hatton 38 points

Balls down the line (Cont.):

Neal Hills 38 points
Ray Reed 38 points
Hans Bleeker 37 points

NAGA Awards:

1. Gary Armstrong
2. Gerry O'Connor

Raffle Winner:

Our Rossdale GC raffle was won by Tom Govern. The raffle made \$151.

Next Event:

<u>Monday:</u>	5 th March 2012 at Amstel Golf Club
<u>Stableford:</u>	Royce Hollingworth Trophy – be there by 7.00am, 7.15 start
<u>Starters:</u>	Peter Ross and Barry Pollock

General News:

Birthday Boys for March 2012:

Congratulations and best wishes to those members whose birthday falls in March:

8th	Brian Guinane	78;	8 th	Barry Wells	66;
11th	Colin Wiseman	64;	14 th	David Vine	69;
15th	Ken Brown	72;	18 th	Geoff Cohen	55;
25th	Ken Smith	76;	27 th	Harold Hayes	67;
31st	Bill Frey	76;	31 st	Daryl Edwards	70

Tri Series Event at Sunshine:

Members are reminded that the Annual Tri Series event against the Geelong and North West Districts is being held at Sunshine GC on Tuesday, 17 April.

Those interested in playing in this event, should put their name down on the list which will be circulated after our game at the Amstel GC.

Correction – Newsletter 1/2012 - Christmas Luncheon:

Incorrect or missing data was provided about our 2011 Club Award winners in my last Newsletter.

The correct data is as follows:

Club Champion	Mike Bainbridge
President's Award	Donald MacDonald
(Runner up)	Noel Manning
Captain's Award	Ray Underwood
(Runner up)	Peter Ross
55 - 69 year Award	Ronnie Chong
70 - 75 year Award	Ken Pride
76 and over Award	Leo Gamble
John Sant Award	Peter Ross

Apologies if anybody has been offended.

Wine Purchase opportunity:

Daryl Edwards, our Marketing Manager has obtained a great wine deal for interested members.

Any member interested in purchasing good wine at a special Veteran Golf Club rate should ring Tony May on Tel. 9387 9714 or Mob. 0418127080.

Mention our Club and see how you go.



Annual Subscription:

The \$30 Annual subscription is now due and payable.

Cheques should be made out to the 'Veterans Golf Club of Victoria'.

All payments should be given to David Vine.

NB: Members who have not paid their annual subscription by the end of March will not be eligible to play until they do so.



Dress Code:

All members are reminded to accept the 'rules' (dress code) of the home club we are playing at i.e. no denim, no black socks and no cargo shorts.

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)

ONLY A TRUE GOLFER WILL UNDERSTAND THESE:

Don't buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it.

Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.

When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.

If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.

The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.

No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.

The inevitable result of any golf lesson is the instant elimination of the one critical unconscious motion that allowed you to compensate for all of your many other errors

Everyone replaces his divot after a perfect approach shot.

A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponents' luck.

It is surprisingly easy to hole a fifty foot putt. For a 10.

Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.

Nonchalant putts count the same as chalant putts

It's not a gimme if you're still 5 feet away.

The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the centre of a very large tree.

You can hit a two acre fairway 10% of the time and a two inch branch 90% of the time.

If you really want to get better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.

Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.

When you look up, causing an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.

Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.

If you want to hit a 7 iron as far as Tiger Woods does, simply try to lay up just short of a water hazard.

To calculate the speed of a player's downswing, multiply the speed of his back-swing by his handicap; i.e., back-swing 20 mph, handicap 15, downswing = 300 mph.

One of my personal favourites: There are two things you can learn by stopping your back-swing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove.

Hazards attract; fairways repel. Keep this in mind

A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is not yours.

If there is a ball on the fringe and a ball in the bunker, your ball is in the bunker. If both balls are in the bunker, yours is in the footprint

It's easier to get up at 6:00 AM to play golf than at 10:00 to mow the lawn

A good drive on the 18th hole has stopped many a golfer from giving up the game.

Golf is the perfect thing to do on Sunday because you always end up having to pray a lot.

A good golf partner is one who's always slightly worse than you are....that's why I get so many calls to play with friends

If there's a storm rolling in, you'll be having the game of your life.

Golf balls are like eggs. They're white. They're sold by the dozen. And you need to buy fresh ones each week.

It's amazing how a golfer who never helps out around the house will replace his divots, repair his ball marks, and rake his sand traps.

If your opponent has trouble remembering whether he shot a six or a seven, he probably shot an eight (or worse).

It takes longer to learn to be a good golfer than it does to become a brain surgeon. On the other hand, you don't get to ride around on a cart, drink beer, eat hot dogs and fart, if you are performing Brain Surgery!!!![Or do they?]