

Veterans Golf Club of Victoria

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER – 11/2013

On Monday 11 November 2013, 44 members played golf at Southern Golf Club. Our game on the day was Stableford and we played for the Australian Pensioners Trophy.

PRESIDENT

President Bernie welcomed all members to Southern GC. He thanked the Club for the use of their demanding course, facilities and lunch.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from John Currie, Malcolm Turner, Lindsay Quennell, Robin Miller (o/seas), Ken Gangell (sore back), Ray Desmond (bereavement), Alan Millard (bug), Alex Johnson, Colin Wiseman (hip repair), Mike Bainbridge (hand operation) and Lance Bolam.

Welcome back:

Bernie gave a very special welcome to Life Member Grant Haselgrove to our game at Southern. Grant was brought along by Ray Underwood.

Handicapper for the day:

Bernie welcomed Mike Bainbridge and thanked him for acting as our Handicapper for the day. He commended Mike for coming in whilst being an apology for the day.

Guests:

We had 4 guests on the day:

1. Mick Dixie and Pete Bryan* were guests of Alan Baker;
2. George Weaver was a guest of Peter Ross and;
3. Roger Huxstep was a guest of John Molloy.

*Peter joined our Club on the day.

Starters today:

Bernie thanked Peter Ross and Hans Bleeker for being our starters for the day.

Special Achievements:

There was one known special achievement in the past month.

- (1) Peter Ross won a 4ball event at Ringwood GC with 12 up;

Raffle Prizes:

Bernie thanked Colin Wiseman for his raffle donation.

Christmas Luncheon:

Our 2013 Christmas luncheon will be held on Monday 9 December at the Rossdale GC.

It will commence at 12.15pm and the cost will be \$35 per person.

To date we have 82 people attending.

A list was circulated for those who still wanted to attend.

Brighton Challenge:

Our annual Brighton challenge was held on Monday, 21 October. The Veterans won - 200 to 185.

Stars on the day for the Veterans team were Laurie Comerford, Barry Taylor, Bill Frey,

Ronnie Chong and Colin Wiseman – all had 40pts;

Stars for Brighton were Tom Govern (40 pts), Frank Micich (38 pts), Ken Brown (37 pts), Ray Desmond (36 pts) and John Sutherland (34 pts).

NTP's were won by Harold Hayes (Veterans) and John Sutherland (Brighton).

Club Jumpers:

Any member wishing to purchase our Club jumper is asked to advise the Secretary or Marketing Manager. The cost of a jumper is \$75. We have recently ordered 6 more jumpers and are waiting on their arrival.

AGM:

The next AGM will be held in February 2014 at the Rossdale GC.

Question Time:

No questions were asked.

CAPTAIN:

Captain Donald welcomed members to Southern GC for today's event.

The CCR for the day was 33.

Winners on the day were:

Australian Pensioners Trophy:

Bill Dooley (22) was our winner with 39 points;



A \$30 Bunnings voucher was also provided to Bill for his superb display.

A Grade: David Vine (18) 36 points

B Grade: Chris Proctor (24) 32 points

C Grade: Ronnie Chong (34) 39 points

Nearest to the Pin:

3rd Hole: Bill Dooley

6th Hole: Reg Davey

12th Hole: John Molloy

16th Hole: Stan Odachowski

Balls down the line:

Hans Bleeker 36 pts;

John Hiscock, Terry Colpo and Hugh Churchward had 34 pts;

Stan Odachowski 33 pts;

Peter Ross and Chris Proctor had 32 pts;

Brian Guinane had 31 pts;

NAGA Award:

Gary Finnis was our lucky winner.

Donations:

Donald thanked Ray Underwood and Barry Taylor for their donations of 1 dozen golf balls.

Furthermore he thanked Ronnie Chong for donating the major raffle prize at our Christmas luncheon.

Bernie also thanked Bill Dooley and Jeff Taylor for jointly purchasing a raffle prize.

Raffle Winner:

The raffle prize was drawn by Roger Huxstep and was won by Terry Colpo. The prize was 'healthy fruit and nuts' donated by Ken Gangell.

Birthday Boys for December 2013:

Congratulations and best wishes to our members whose birthday falls in December:

6th Barry Taylor 73;

16th Chris Procter 67;

19th Jeffrey Taylor 72;

Next Event:

<u>Monday:</u>	2 December 2013 at Long Island Golf Club
<u>Stableford:</u>	Sponsors Trophy – be there by 7.15 am
<u>Starters:</u>	John Hiscock and Rodney Goode

LAST MONTHS WINNER – GERRY O’CONNOR



BRIGHTON CHALLENGE –
CAPTAINS PRESENTATION



Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.

Good health and happy golfing.

Stan Odachowski
(Secretary)

OUR POEM OF THE MONTH – Donated by Colin Wiseman

**In My Hand I Hold A Ball,
White And Dimpled, Rather Small.
Oh, How Bland It Does Appear,
This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.**

**By Its Size I Could Not Guess,
The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.
But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,
I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.**

**My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same,
Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.
It Rules My Mind For Hours On End,
A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.**

**It Has Made Me Yell, Curse And Cry;
I Hate Myself And Want To Die.
It Promises A Thing Called Par,
If I Can Hit It Straight And Far.**

**To Master Such A Tiny Ball
Should Not Be Very Hard At All.
But My Desires The Ball Refuses,
And Does Exactly As It Chooses.**

**It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,
And Even Disappears Before My Eyes.
Often It Will Have A Whim,
To Hit A Tree Or! Take A Swim.**

**With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,
It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.
Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul,
If Only It Would Find The Hole.**

**It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,
And Swear That I Will Give It Up.
And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow,
But The Ball Knows ... I'll Be Back Tomorrow.**

Stand proud you noble swingers of clubs and losers of balls....

A recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year.

That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon.

Kind of makes you proud. Almost feel like a hybrid.
