

MOLLYMOOK VETERANS NEWSLETTER

September 2023

For your calendar

Vets AGM

Wed 1 November

After presentation



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again to the mature aged golfers of Mollymook and I trust this finds you in good spirits as well as good form. September has certainly given a feel of things to come in the summer months and unlike last year we are hoping for a drop of H2O.

The annual trip to Merimbula is over and from all appearances an enjoyable time was had by all. It is a great opportunity to get together with golfing friends and in some cases their partners in a casual environment and I would recommend the trip to anyone thinking about next year. Congratulations to Penny and Marty for a great job in organising the events of the week and they have kindly advised they will continue in the future.

The last day of the MSCV is on Monday 25th September and well done to Tim Inness for organising pretty much full fields for every tournament. We had a solid representation for the MSCV Championship at Catalina while the rest of us were down south and thank you folk for flying the flag. The only feedback I have received revolves around the greens having been cored and putting was tough.

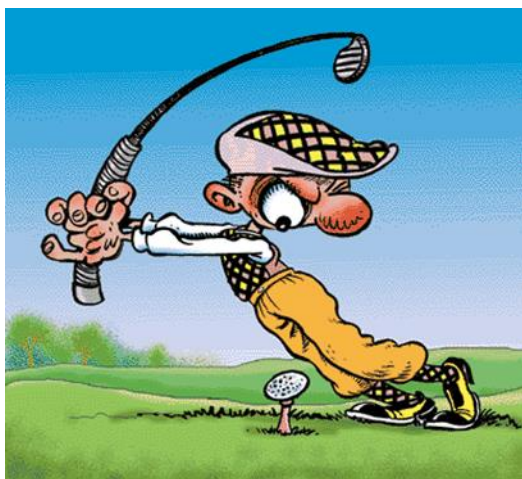
Just a reminder that the next tournament at Mollymook will be the NSW Senior Masters on the 13th and 14th October and I am sure the Sue Rayner, the new volunteers coordinator, would appreciate any support for this event.

Hope you find all your lost balls in the drying waterways.

Grant Knight

HERE I LIE

by **SANDY MacDIVOT**



ACTION AROUND THE FAIRWAYS AND BUNKERS

August proved to be a pleasant month for golf and some fine scores were posted by some of our Wednesday Morning Warriors. Best for the month at Beachside were Ian Ross (25 points in a stableford event, 5 ahead of his closest opponent!) and Alan (Butch) May and the Old Cantabrian Ron Hoffman (24.25 strokes in a Canadian Foursome, 3 better than the runners up). Others to post commendable sub handicap rounds were Tim Richmond, Bill Stables, Graeme Sullivan, Danny (The Artful Dodger) Fleming, Don Crotty and Ian Reed.

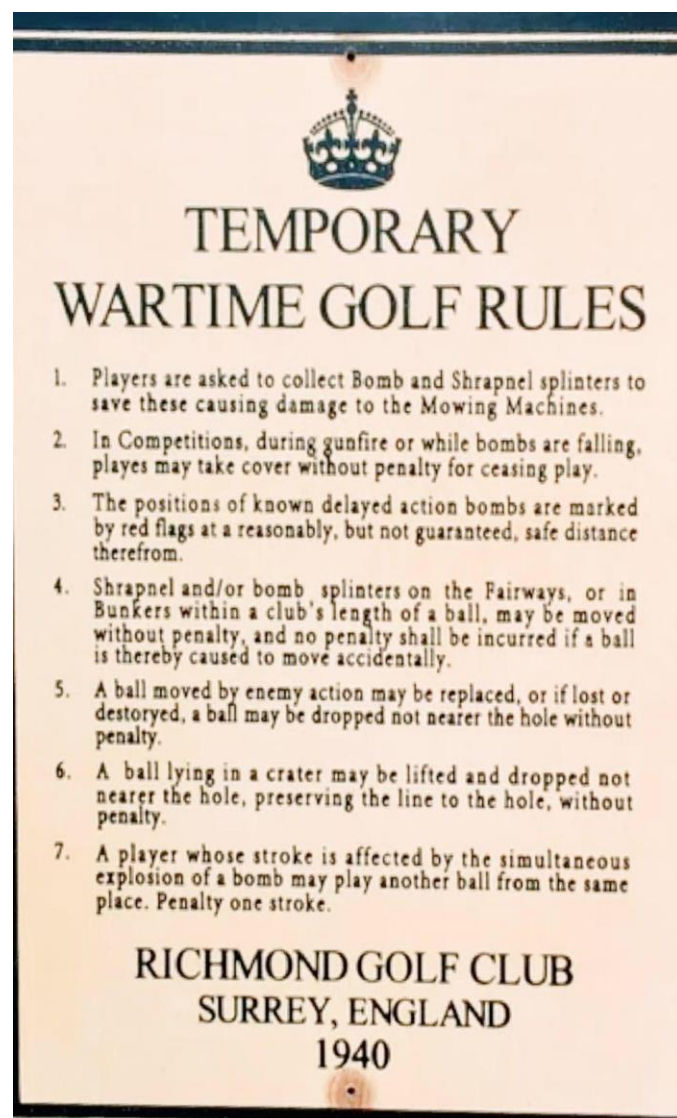
Outstanding performers at Hilltop were Keith Date (66 in a stroke event) with Daryl Francis and Brendan Bull scoring 41 points in separate Stableford events. Others to perform well were Keith Miller, Brian Burnett, Mike Darcy, Glen Bird, Trevor O'Brien and Chris Goodly.

Well done to everyone mentioned above, but, please be aware that the Handicapper was sighted frothing at the mouth with excitement at the prospect of slashing stokes from your handicaps.

Pig of the Litter Trophy is shared this month by Ian Ross and Keith Date. Snouts in the trough together.

EMERGENCY GOLF RULES 1940

The following notice from Richmond Golf Club, Surrey, England was sent in by Toby Selby. Thank you, Toby.



RUGBY WORLD CUP

In celebration of the Rugby World Cup (3rd largest sporting event after Soccer W.C. and the Olympics) I offer you the following inspirational poem. One for the Rugby Tragics.

THE RUNNING GAME BY PETER FENTON

There's a spirit in the Wallabies mere words
cannot describe

It's as if they had descended from some
legendary tribe

There's a kinship, a tradition as in days so
long since past

Of crusaders, of knights in armour and of
men before the mast.

When you mark before the forward rush, so
doing turn the tide

And you make that vital tackle when your line
is open wide

When you go down on the rolling ball and
dare the trampling feet

And you lift your aching body when the
opposition meet.

When you burst away from tacklers and you
make the winning run

And you come back heart a thumping and
your team mates say well done

But it isn't just the winning nor the scores and
not the cheers

It's the friendship and the memories that last
you through the years.

It's the camaraderie that's born of valour not
of fame

It's the sheer exhilaration when you play the
running game.



CLAUDE AND THE VETERAN GOLFERS

It was November and 160 Veteran Golfers were shuffling into the Golf Club's auditorium for the annual luncheon and trophy presentation. It was a beautiful summer day and through the huge floor to ceiling windows the sun could be seen sparkling and dancing off the waves of the adjacent Pacific Ocean. But this year there was an air of high expectation in the room as the Vet's Committee in their infinite wisdom had hired Claude the famous hypnotist to entertain the gathering.

When Claude appeared on the rostrum the excitement was almost electric! He withdrew a beautiful gold pocket watch and gold chain from his coat. "I want you each to keep your eyes firmly focussed on this beautiful antique watch which has been in my family for six generations" he said.

Using the chain Claude swung the watch gently back and forth while quietly chanting "watch the watch, watch the watch." 160 gnarled and grizzled heads moved in sync with the watch; left to right, right to left. 160

pairs of rheumy, bloodshot eyes followed the movement of the watch; side to side, back and forth. The Vets became mesmerised as the light gleamed off the watch's polished surface.

Without warning the chain broke and the watch hit the floor smashing into a dozen pieces. "Sh*#" cried Claude.

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It took the Club's contract cleaners three days to completely clean up the mess. Local dry cleaners reported record turnover for the month. Claude was given a life time ban by the Club. The Vets Committee kept a low profile.

If you have any deleterious delusions, munificent memorialisations, bombastic bulldust or discombobulated diatribe for inclusion in this masthead please send them to me (Sandy) via my agent at kdthorne@bigpond.com.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

First off an acknowledgement. In our last edition there was a summary of Beachside's Life Members Day and a profile of Life Member Mick Thompson. The author of these items was Ron Sweaney who was not acknowledged and I apologise for this omission.

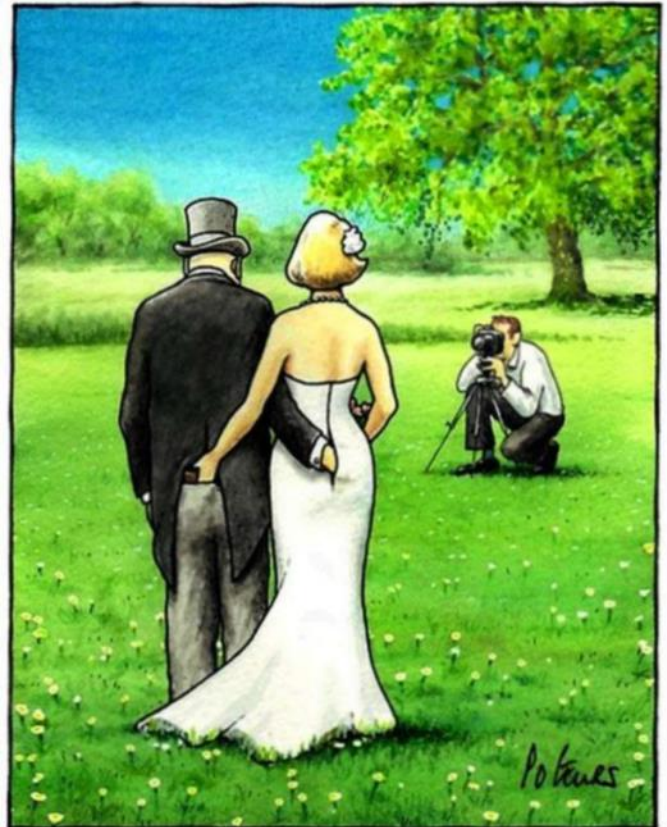
Please be aware that the Vets Annual General Meeting will be held at Hilltop after golf on 1st November. The event that day will commence with a shotgun start allowing everyone to finish together. Everyone who stays for the AGM will receive a drink voucher. The Hilltop Annual Presentation will be held after golf on 6th

December (our last competition for the year). A hamburger lunch will be provided after a shotgun start. Trophy winners will be contacted to ensure their attendance. Beachside presentation will be held separately and will be advised later'

Nominations for membership of your Committee will open early in October and the notices in respect thereof will be displayed on the notice boards at both Beachside and Hilltop.

Nomination forms can be obtained from Ken Thorne (44557829) or at Hilltop after golf on a Wednesday.

Ken Thorne.



History of mankind in one picture

Captain's Report



Welcome everyone to the September Captains Report, the highlight of which is our annual trip to Merimbula, for a week of golf at Tura Beach, Bega, Eden and Merimbula, respectively. Luckily, we were blessed with fine weather, cool mornings and days warming up nicely. The courses, for the most part were of a good standard, with the exception perhaps being Tura Beach, with its slick, fast greens.

Our group totalled 64 players, 42 men and 22 women. The mens group was divided into two divisions and the ladies one division. Daily prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division, together with a ball rundown. Prizes were also given to NTP winners.

Aggregate scores for each days play were counted, to ultimately decide the ladies winner through the first three rounds, with a place rundown to fifth place. Likewise, the mens division one and division two winners and place getters were also recorded.

Our Thursday night dinner and presentation was held at the Merimbula RSL club. I can safely say that the two course meal provided, was once again of a very high standard and thoroughly enjoyed by our playing members and the non-golfing spouses that travelled to Merimbula for the week.

The following ladies players, in order from 1st to 5th, were Annette Jackson, with a score of 110, Glenda Boorman with 99, Marie Wakely with 95, Gloria Chapman with 93 and Therese Lahiff with 92. Mens Div. 2, in similar order, were Alan Young with 98, Myron Bosak with 95, Col Caddy with 93, Phil McGuire with 92 and Mike Wakely with 90.

The men's Div.1 winner, with a very significant margin between himself and the 2nd placed player, was Tim Innes, with a score of 113. He was followed by Russell Baker on 95, Jim Johnson on 94, Alan May on 92 and Frank Peacock on 92 (on count back). My congratulations go out to all of the male and female competitors who received prizes, together with the remainder of the playing group who made the trip south, the huge success that it was, and my wife Penny and I look forward to conducting the 2024 Merimbula trip with similar or even larger numbers of our Mollymook golfing friends.

Martin Lochrin

Veterans Captain



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Vets Office Bearers 21/22

President	Grant Knight
Captain	Marty Lochrin
Vice Captain	Tim Innes
Treasurer	Phil McGuire
Secretary	Ken Thorne
Beachside Captain	Ron Sweaney

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE					
YEAR ENDING 31 JULY 2023					
		2023		2022	
INCOME		\$		\$	
Competition Fees	- Hilltop		18,680.00		12,095.00
	- Beachside		6,220.00		4,122.50
Membership Subscriptions			2,400.00		2,100.00
Interest			48.21		84.45
Golf Trips	- Canberra (2023)		5,185.00		3,440.00
	- Merimbula (2022)		9,562.00		12,580.00
Interclub Events			658.00		320
MSCVGA Interclub			1,260.00		715
Life Members Day			575.00		
Fundraising			1,296.50		0
Advertising/sponsorships			400.00		400.00
Grant -			0.00		300.00
TOTAL INCOME			46,284.71		36,156.95
EXPENSES					
Hilltop Prizes	- Point Allocation		12,660.00		8,065.00
	- Ball Distribution		5,367.40		3,327.60
	- Wine		862.09		652.50
Beachside Prizes	- Point Allocation		2,820.00		1,890.00
	- Ball Distribution		3,670.70		1,978.70
Trophies & Awards			440.17		1,405.30
Catering AGM			1,117.40		2,243.10
Golf Trips	- Canberra (2023)		5,193.76		3,434.00
	- Merimbula (2022)		9,724.20		12,580.00
Interclub Events			1,173.14		635.00
MSCVGA Interclub			1,054.28		916.65
Life Members Day			1,653.95		0.00
MSCVGA Affiliation Fees			6.00		0.00
Telephone/stationery etc			0.00		0.00
Donations			0.00		0.00
Other Expenses			0.00		0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES			45,743.09		37,127.85
Net balance - Income & expenditure			541.62		-970.90
CURRENT ASSETS					
Horizon Bank			18,861.13		22,920.37
Horizon term deposit	due 9/08/23	9,309.43	19,309.43		9,263.11
	due 18/07/24	10,000.00			
Total Bank			38,170.56		32,183.48
		Qty		Qty	
Stock on Hand - Wine	Hilltop	151	\$593.43	206	\$811.64
Stock on Hand - Balls	Hilltop	161	\$538.15	129	\$354.85
	Beachside	68		22	
Cash on Hand (PettyCash)			40.00		0.00
Deposits to a/c since			0.00		0.00
Total Current Assets			39,342.14		33,349.97
Liabilities	Merimbula 2023		12,140.00		7,195.00
	MGC - a/c balance		670.31		164.76
Total Liabilities			12,810.31		7,359.76
Net Assets			26,531.83		25,990.21
PLAYERS					
2023	Hilltop	Beachside	2022	Hilltop	Beachside
Players	3949	2541	Players	2419	1649
Events	40	47	Events	23	33
Average/Even	99	54	Average/Even	105	50