

The Caddie

Victor Harbor Golf Club



April 2008

KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Friday 2nd May	Ladies Gala Day — Sponsor Metro Saab
Wednesday 14th May	1st round Ladies Handicap Foursomes/ Shylie Rymill
Friday 16th May	1st round Men's Club Handicap Match Play Championships to be completed
Saturday 17th May	Geoff Bohnsack Ambrose Cup
Tuesday 20th May	2nd round Ladies Handicap Foursomes
Sunday 25th May	1st round Men's Pennant
Wed 4th June	Ladies Jads Trophy — Stableford
Saturday 14th June	Entries open President's Stroke Play cup and Handicap salver
Wednesday 18th June	1st qualifying round Ladies Championships
Saturday 28th June	Entries open Men's Club Foursomes Championships
Sunday 20th July	Men's Pennant Finals

SLOW PLAY

Remember that your position in the field is directly behind the group in front and not just keeping in front of the group behind

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FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

Four months of 2008 are nearly gone and as we race into autumn we can reflect on a very hectic time at the club. Our club AGM was held in late February and one of the highlights was the awarding of Life Membership to Des Pinson, one of the real stalwarts of our club. This is a well deserved recognition of the many years of service that he has put into his treasured club at every level. Well done Des and thank you for past and continued support of the club.

At the AGM we also finalised the Committee of Management for the next year and can advise that the team is as follows;

Peter Reynolds	President
Michael Bade	Vice President, Centenary Celebrations Chair
Jack Roberts	Club Captain
Trish Bohnsack	Ladies Captain
Murray Tucker	Finance and Administration Chair
Michael Rice	Club Vice Captain, Social and Fundraising
Alan Snowden	Marketing and Membership Chair
Kirsten Jensen	Social and Fundraising Chair

100 metre markers

Also at the AGM the members asked the Committee to install 100 metre markers on all par 4 and 5 holes. As the original ones were creating additional work for our grounds staff we have redesigned the marker so that they not only look good but also allow the mowers to cut right up to the marker. The first of the new design has been installed on the 1st hole and we are looking for feedback before the volunteers, Kevin Brand and Richard House, install the rest. If we could have this feedback to our Manager, Dennis Wilden, Jack Roberts or myself or in the suggestion book by early May it would be appreciated.

Club Extensions

By the time you read this issue of *The Caddie* we should have our new kitchen in full operation and be in the process of closing down the old one. This means that Jo and Shannon will be putting out new menus and a whole lot of new approaches to our catering, so please give them your full support. The room dividers have also been installed along with the new TV screen in the function room so this makes the function room and balcony fully operational. The Committee has also designated the balcony area as a non smoking area. Dennis also informs me that function enquiries and bookings have increased and are at higher levels than he has

ever seen at the club for this time of the year, so others also think we are going in the right direction.

The portico structurally is now complete with the bench and cupboards being installed early April. We now intend closing off the access door into the office area and making the whole wall available for the notice board. This area is also the access area for wheel chairs and you will notice all the access doors have been reversed to open outwards to comply with fire regulations.

You may ask what is next, and yes, we still have three projects left before we can get to the members lounge (old kitchen) and these are;

- Recreate the hall way and install the disabled toilets
- Recreate the BBQ area and erect Warren's shed which will then allow us to resurface and have a new layout for the car park
- Rearrange the men's change room to better accommodate dining room storage

You will also notice a big smile on Kathy Whyatt's face since we have upgraded our POS (point of sale) computer software in the bar and kitchen. This has taken many hours of tedious office work off her large work load. There are some minor changes and you will now receive a receipt every time you use your club debit card. I will leave our manager to provide full details elsewhere in *The Caddie*

Competitions

While we have been very involved in the club house it has not stopped us holding five major competitions. The club season opened with the *Ambrose Day* which was a huge success in perfect weather. Then we had *the Group 4 Stableford Championships*, *SA Ambrose Open* and the *Pro Am* - all very successful and profitable to the club. The final event has been the *Men's Club Championships*, so past captain Michael Bade had plenty on right up to the end and incoming captain Jack Roberts has hit the deck running. The success of all events is due to both their efforts and organisation. Full details are in the captain's article.

Trust this keeps you up to date with our very active club and good golfing.

Peter Reynolds

FROM THE LADIES' PRESIDENT

April sees the ladies winter season well under-way, and a variety of weather conditions to test everyone out. It has been good to see all the ladies enjoying themselves. The new clubhouse has formed itself around us over the last few weeks and we all look forward to meals from the new kitchen and enjoying the view from the new deck.

On Opening Day, we not only had wine tasting from *Ballast Stone Estate Wines*, but were fortunate to have Liz Pitman from *The Goods* who brought along patés and dips for us to sample. Together with the wines, all went down very well!

Our *Try Golf For Women* program is about to be advertised, and we hope that we will receive lots of enquiries from interested girls who would like to play golf. It is planned for the coaching to begin on 9th May and will extend for five weeks. Hopefully we will need to call on our members to take some new girls under their wing.

Our stroke rounds have been given an injection of fun this year with Rosie Hage from *Klemich Real Estate* coming along and running free raffles, giving the ladies the opportunity to win cash and golf balls. This has been great fun and we thank Rosie and *Klemich Real Estate* very much for choosing our club for this promotion.

We plan to have Hilary James come along on 23rd April to speak to us about her experiences in Cambodia. Hilary visits orphanages and does a lot to help the many disadvantaged children, so it will be interesting to hear just a little about their lives and the work that she does.

In keeping with our new clubhouse, the ladies committee has purchased new vases which will look smart with all our new surroundings. Carol Scott has also made some new blue cloths which we can use on club days to highlight the trophy tables. Many thanks to Carol for carrying out this request.

Gala Day on Friday May 2nd is our next big event on the horizon and we hope to see all our local girls involved. *SAAB* are again sponsoring the day and have promised their wonderful on course nibbles and drinks as per last year, with the putting competition and the great raffle prize of a *SAAB* car for a weekend. So it should be a fun filled day once again. That all means that its time girls for you to start baking your fabulous cakes and goodies; potting up lovely plants, or sewing if you are clever, for the trading tables.

Rosalie Lillecrapp

FROM THE CAPTAIN

I would like to commence my report to members by complimenting retiring Captain Michael Bade on the work he has done in the past three years. I have been 'apprentice' for two years and have been amazed at the quantity of work Michael has achieved. My job for the next two years will be easier for Michael's efforts. Mike Rice has agreed to be Vice Captain and Alan Snowden will assist with presentations when required.

The *SA Ambrose* was successful financially as well as physically. We had plenty of teams and helpers and look forward to some growth next year.

The *Pro Am* on 1st April had its problems. We increased our profit by having a morning and afternoon competition, although we can look for increased sponsorship and a greater number of players next year.

The *Club Championships* were completed on 13th April and results were

Club Champion	Peter Marshall
'B' Grade	Allan Parkyn
'C' Grade	Brian O'Shaughnessy
Jack Roads Trophy	Peter Marshall
FEG Trophy	Peter Marshall

Entries for the *Club Handicap Match Play Championships* closed on 12th April and a draw will be posted soon.

We have organized two other styles of championship to compliment the *Club Championship*. This is to satisfy all club members who prefer a different type of play. Please show support for your preference to ensure their continuance.

The Pennant season will start with practice sessions at 8am on 27th April, 4th May and at 11am on 17th May, with pennant matches commencing on the 25th May. Barry Green is with us again this year as coordinator, with Gavin and myself making up the selection committee. All players who wish to play pennants should ensure their name is on the list on the notice board. The practice session will take the form of 'trials' with players pitted against each other to assist selectors in picking the best teams for this season. Note that the 17th May is a Saturday and will still take the form of a trial. This is because Sunday 18th May is set aside

for *A2 Simpson Cup* pennants. The Marshall Putter will be awarded on Saturday 17th May.

On the 4th May we will be conducting a trial as well as playing our regular match against the 'Lefties'. All members should have this year's programme by now. A few stop press items will be informed through *The Caddie* from time to time or by leaflet. Items such as *Group 4's*, *9 Hole Golf* and *Twilight* golf, will be informed to members when final decisions are made.

Jack Roberts

WHAT SKILL!

Well done to these players for great achievements recently:

Holes in One

Scott Bray on the 7th hole on 5th April 2008

Eagles

Graham Maxwell on the 16th hole on 9th February 2008
Stuart Austin on the 17th hole on 22nd March 2008
Stuart Austin on the 6th hole on 25th March 2008

MEN WANTED!

Men — please volunteer to help the ladies by marshalling or bunker raking on *Gala Day* Friday 2nd May.

When — did you last feel so in demand by a lady!

Please help!

Put your name on the list in the club house.

DADS ARMY

Boss Dad was on holiday at the time copy had to be provided but assures me that he will have lots to say next time!

FROM THE LADIES' CAPTAIN

Greetings to all! It is hard to believe that Easter has been and gone and we are already a couple of months into the winter season.

Opening Day

Despite early morning drizzle our girls, with a few visitors from South Lakes, The Links and Sunset Cove, enjoyed a successful opening day on the 27th May playing a Stableford round. *Ballast Stone Estate Wines* provided the main prizes and wines for tasting for the day and *L'Oreal of Paris* donated skincare products for NTP's and long drives. (I have noticed some youthful complexions since that event!). Our winning ladies who were Judy Parsons, Pauline Kennare and Betty Lockwood did us proud, coming in with exceptional scores. The runners up were Sue Bartel, Sue Riches and May Stokoe.

The ladies were also treated to free raffles donated by Rose Hage of *Klemich Real Estate*. Liz Pitman from *The Goods Fleurieu Fine Foods* brought some of her very tempting patés and dips for the girls to sample. Our thanks to all of these people who helped make it a successful day and congratulations to committee member Mari Fehlandt who wrote an excellent editorial for the Victor Harbor Times.

Pennants

Our pennant season is also underway with the Division 1 A1 team off to a superb start with two very good wins against South Lakes and Mount Barker. Keep it going girls. Back to back would be a fabulous result. Pennant finals for the remaining three divisions will be played on the 26th May with the venue yet to be allocated.

Gala Day

Entries for our next big event *Metro SAAB Gala Day* on Friday 2nd May are beginning to appear and committee members are working hard preparing for this exciting day. If some kindly blokes out there could see their way to help out at all with marshalling or bunker raking we would be most appreciative as I would like to see the committee girls joining in the fun this year.

Handicap Foursomes

Don't forget the *Handicap Foursomes* are scheduled for Wednesday 14th May and Tuesday 20th May for round two. The *Shylie Rymill Foursomes* will be played in conjunction with the first round. So find your partner and enter soon.

I wish everyone a successful and happy golfing experience for the remainder of the season and keep breaking those handicaps. I hope to soon join you again on the course

Trish Bohnsack

FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

Members Cards

Recently the *Point of Sale* system was upgraded to provide greater integration with the club's accounting and membership systems.

The card system in essence has not changed. When you pay your subscriptions each year, your card will be credited with the house levy which must be used by the completion of the subscription year or it is forfeited. The only exception here is City Members who have the option of not paying the house levy and therefore do not have this type of credit on their card.

One major change is that you must produce your members card when making a purchase.

Members also have the option of adding money to their card and using it as a debit card when purchasing from the bar or kitchen. **Any money you put on your card will not be forfeited.** When purchasing from the bar using your member's card as a debit card you will receive a **5%** discount off member's prices.

If you are fortunate enough to win a club voucher or win a club competition the value of the voucher or prize is placed on your card. (Ladies who win vouchers on Wednesdays have the option of placing the value on their card or giving the voucher to the Pro Shop).

When using your card in the kitchen or bar, the value of the vouchers or prizes is treated the same as your cash top up, i.e. as cash. If you do not want to spend your prize or voucher cash equivalent over the bar or in the kitchen, present your member's card to Phil Tierney and he can transfer the value of the vouchers/prizes to the card he holds for members. This will enable you to accumulate value on the Pro Shop account for purchases in the Pro Shop.

If you want to learn more of the operation of the members card system please come and talk to us in the office.

Ladies "Try Golf For Women"

This club was successful in obtaining a grant from the *Department of Sport and Recreation* with the specific aim of introducing more women of all ages to the golfing experience. Over the last few months the Ladies President, Rosalie Lillecrapp and I have developed a package hopefully designed to achieve these goals. In *The Times* newspaper over the next couple of weeks you will see a lift out pamphlet and some ads proclaiming the program.

The program is inexpensive and offers great opportunities for women to try the game and hopefully continue on with it.

If you know somebody who may be interested please ask them to contact the office and we will place them in the program.

Staff Changes

As from the 8th April our Mechanic/Greenkeeper Dean Allanson moved on to better pastures and we have been actively seeking a replacement.

After much hard work we have appointed Wade Sweet a well qualified man for the position. Don't let the dreadlocks put you off, he is a great bloke, well presented and articulate.

You will see him on the course from around the 5th May – say hello and welcome him, make him feel at home.

Members will also have noticed we have advertised for a casual bar person. This role is designed to supplement existing staff with the expected increase in work load. This will also present an opportunity to identify someone capable of assuming a role as function coordinator within the club to progress the organization of these events to the standard required.

Clubhouse Renovations

The renovations are progressing at an acceptable pace and I would like to say thanks to all the trades people who have contributed to the work so far. Some have been contracted and some have provided services voluntarily or at reduced rates.

In addition I would like to thank those members who have been so supportive of the committee during this process – it has often been disruptive, inconvenient, noisy, dusty and lately smelly.

Your tolerance is very much appreciated. It should not be long before we have the task completed to the point where it does not disrupt your enjoyment of our facility.

Over the next month work will begin on the building of the disabled toilet and storeroom. This will require partial demolition of my office and will mean that I may need to relocate somewhere for a short period. We will endeavour to maintain a level of service to you which you consider acceptable. However I do ask for your patience if things don't run according to plan or we by chance don't attend to your needs as expeditiously as you would want.

General News

Over the last 14 months we have attempted to improve the quantity and quality of hand and bath towels in both men's and ladies change rooms for the benefit of our members. This is not done without cost to the club .

When you consider these items are placed in the change rooms predominantly on members days, it is extremely disappointing to note that a **significant** number of these towels have been removed and not returned.

This is a direct expense the club cannot afford and I ask members to be aware of anyone removing our towels from the clubhouse. There are obviously some being discarded into the paper towel basket, and I ask members to be more careful where they place the used towels. I would hate to see a situation where we discontinued the use of cloth towels.

If the loss of towels continues it is likely use of these towels will be restricted to special occasions.

On the membership front we have seen a steady increase in our membership over the last 5 months. The club has opened up a new category, 9 Hole membership for those who are time poor, or find it hard to play a full 18 holes. This has seen an immediate effect with ten men signing up as members. Additionally, the impact of the drought has seen some shift in membership to this club. The annual budget was set to bottom out at 513 members however that did not eventuate and membership has steadied at 560 (excluding Corporate membership of which we have ten). In the next edition of *The Caddie* I will provide a breakdown of membership by categories.

We have also seen an increase in Green Fees this year with January 30% up on January 2007, February 20% up on 2007 and March 15% up on 2007. These increases are most welcome and I suspect are generated partially as a result of drought conditions suffered by other clubs.

Over the next month I will be wanting to start the rebuilding the BBQ area. I am looking for volunteers who can give us some time in laying drainage, leveling the ground and laying brick pavers, as well as construct some fencing. Please see me.

Dennis Wilden

WHEN YOU ADD UP YOUR SCORE CARD

It is amazing what one learns when reading *Word for Word* in *The Advertiser*. In a recent edition Atchison explained that the Roman's used to add a column of figures from the bottom upwards, putting the total at the top. That explains why we still say **to add up**. The Romans called the total **res summa** (the highest thing) because the total was at the top of the list. This was later shortened to **summa**, which is why we call mathematical problems **sums**.

NORM GINN

Norm and his wife Betty retired to Victor Harbor twenty eight years ago from Robinvale NSW, where they grew citrus, wine grapes and fruit for drying. Norm built their new home at Victor and began his long association as an active volunteer in the area.

Norm began gardening at the South Coast Hospital in 1981 and has tended the gardens twice a week ever since. He has also been a very regular volunteer at busy bees at the Victor Harbor Golf Club.

Being shot down over Berlin during WWII, and subsequently captured and spending time in solitary confinement in a POW camp, did nothing to daunt Norm's indomitable personality.

Norm has been a very good sportsman over the years, excelling in cricket and golf, with his lowest golfing handicap being just 13.

On Thursday 14th February—St Valentine's Day—Norm blitzed the course with a magnificent 85, one more than his age—finishing with a nett of 62, which resulted in his handicap tumbling four strokes.

When being interviewed after his wonderful round, Norm said he had watched a lot of women's golf on TV and noted that they do not appear to swing quickly. He also said that his secret was in maintaining focus while putting and not allowing lapses of concentration to creep into his game.

Norm finds time to practice most Tuesdays, competing on Thursdays and Saturdays if he is not lawn bowling. At the tender age of 84, one wonders what next for Norm—a most respected member of the Victor Harbor Golf Club

(This article was written by Carol Scott and submitted for publication in The Times)



Gavin Stratfold congratulating
Norm on his great round

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.

7 Day Members

Rodney Arthur
Daniel Baxter
Gregory Beck
Michael Lynch
David Nockolds
Colena Robertson
Lee Roberts
Olive Shanko
Joe Webster

6 Day Members

Judith Jackson
Ian Seedsman

Senior

Bill Bush
John Jackson

Casual

James Eagleton

Junior Under 13

Warrick Singh
Alac Thornton



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FROM THE JUNIOR GOLF COORDINATORS

Congratulations to Justin Watt, one of our juniors from Victor Harbor High School, who recently had a hole in one on the 2nd hole. Wow . . awesome! Yes!

The juniors play regularly each Saturday and tee off from the 150 metre marks. The squad of fifteen to twenty players are regular attendees on Saturdays at 1.30 and Mondays at 3.00 pm and it is a pleasure to coach these young golfers, both on the course and on the practice greens and fairways. Each competition, comprising four or five holes each Saturday – and Monday if time allows – always draws an enthusiastic gallery of parents, grandparents, carers and some club members. Juniors win prizes for their efforts either for scores or etiquette. Many are also always awarded for dress code and neatness of score cards.

Phil, Gavin and Linda encourage all members to greet the juniors and make them feel a part of the club ethos. Help is always appreciated especially members to assist the youngsters on the course. Lend a hand if you have a few moments to share with us. Thank you.

Linda Hodgson and Phil Tierney

PEG'S PAGE

Unfortunately Peg has decided to stop writing her page. She says that as she is no longer playing so much golf she is not so in touch with what is going on and wishes to discontinue submitting her contributions. However she is continuing with her gardening work together with Meg Taylor, and can often be seen tending the plants around the fountain or watering other flower beds and pots.

A CURIOUS DOG TALE

The maltese-shitzu dog, Annie, pictured with spoodle Rusty in the December *Caddie* is again in the news. Just before Christmas, Annie's owner, new member Joan Whitbread, was upset to find a pouch with some items of jewellery missing. She noticed the loss after the women's Christmas party, and the ladies locker room was searched, along with the car park and nearby areas, but with no result. Some of the items were of great sentimental value, having been gifts from Joan's late husband.

Days went by, and Joan was about to lodge a report with the local police. That morning she and Annie enjoyed a walk along the beach, and on their return Joan was surprised to see Annie rushing down to the veggie patch - something out of character. So Joan followed, only to find the missing pouch among the lettuces where Annie had hidden it!! Lost was found in a most surprising way, leaving a relieved and happy Joan able to enjoy Christmas after all.



IS THAT THE DRESS CODE?

A diligent member of the club recently spotted me at the club standing next to Dave Haddrick, so being a very alert person she quickly took out her camera and took this photo. Was I really wearing the correct dress code for a round of golf she queried? (Yes, it was the wife of another golfer who spotted me.)

She thought that Dave seemed to be quite in order for the day but maybe my attire was a bit too casual. So I had to assure her that my dress code was (so I believed) quite in order but that I wasn't there for a round of golf. At least I thought my garb was fine as I was about to go on a working bee tending the new plants on the bank below the first tee. Nevertheless when I saw the photo on the camera display my reaction was "My God"!

So who was the alert spotter? Merrill Burnett.

Richard House



Jim and Kathy Huppatz enjoying a light moment whilst away for the recent Vets Week in the Barossa



Opening Day Ambrose winners

Carol Scott,
Dennis Wilden,
Marian Sorrell,
Dave Haddrick,
Rosalie Lillecrap

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Ladies Vice President	Carol Scott
Ladies Captain	Trish Bohnsack
Ladies Vice Captain	Sue Butcher
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