

# The Caddie

Victor Harbor Golf Club



March 2010

## KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday 21st March      McCracken / Victor Harbor Challenge  
Sunday 28th March      Sunday Social and barbecue

*Wednesday 7th April*

*Golf Link closes down for two days*

*Friday 9th April*

*Golf Australia changes to the new handicap  
system become effective*

Friday 9th April      Janet Humphrey Foursomes at McCracken Golf Club  
Sunday 18th April      Scarpantoni Legends Pro Am  
Sunday 25th April      Anzac Day—Sunday Social and barbecue

Friday 14th May      Nora Maskell Handicap Foursomes at Thaxted Park  
Sunday 16th May      Left Handers Golf Club v Victor Harbor Golf Club  
Saturday 29th May      Geoff Bohnsack Ambrose Cup

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## FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

The club's Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February. I would have liked to have seen more members attend and take an interest in the club's operations.

Following election of members to committee, the Committee of Management for 2010 – 2011 comprises:

Michael Bade	President,
Kevin Sorrell	Vice President
Michael Rice	Club Captain
Linda Hodgson	Ladies Captain
Shane Monaghan	Club Vice Captain and Junior Co-ordinator
Kirsten Jensen	Member
Peter Reynolds	Member

Dennis Wilden also attends the Committee of Management meetings in his role as Club Manager.

Reducing our overdraft (club debt) remains the major focus of the Committee of Management. At the same time the committee needs to examine various club projects that are deemed necessary for the ongoing operations of Victor Harbor Golf Club. Factors including subscription levels, green fees, function income and external factors such as world economic crises and increased interest rates, determine the club's financial strategies and impact on what can be achieved.

I look forward to working with the committee over the next twelve months to further progress the club. Portfolios will be allocated to committee members at the next Committee of Management meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

Over the past few months the Committee of Management has been working to finalise a VHGC Business Plan for 2010 – 2015. The previous business plan has expired and needs revamping. The Business Plan is a guide for future committees in terms of defining and approving club projects. Projects will only be implemented once a feasibility study and financial plan have been presented and approved. It is anticipated that the Business Plan will be reviewed on a regular basis. A copy of the Business Plan will be made available for members from the club office.

The Members' Lounge is now 'habitable'. Over the next couple of months

the honour boards and other club memorabilia will be erected and appropriate seating and tables installed. Members will be asked to use the lounge on occasions when the clubhouse is fully booked for a function. It is anticipated that members will be asked to use the lounge on minimal occasions throughout the year. I ask for your patience and understanding when asked to use the lounge as the income from functions contributes to the overall operation of the club.

Sponsorship income to the club continues to grow as does the club's reputation in the local community. The club's donation to the South Coast District Hospital last year following the charity event of the *Legends Pro Am* was well received and the club is hoping to increase the donation to the hospital this year. Please continue to support our club sponsors where you can and let them know that you are a member of Victor Harbor Golf Club. Feedback and patronage is important to our sponsors. A list of sponsors for 2010 is found on the back page of *The Caddie*.

Please take the opportunity to talk to me any time about club issues or concerns. You can either leave a letter for me in the club office or alternatively leave Dennis or Kathy your phone number and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

**Michael Bade**

## FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Since the last report the club has successfully held the *Group Fours Stableford Championships*, the *Opening Day Ambrose* and the *South Australian Ambrose Championship*, as well as the Ladies AGM and the Club AGM, all in February.

The results of the competitions were:

**Group Fours Stableford** winners from Tin Cup with 132 points

B. Markey P. Inglis A. Alden Hoven R. Gataland

**Opening Day Ambrose** winners

Tom John Mia John Dillon Huppatz Richard McEvoy

**South Australia Ambrose Championship** winners from Grange

with 60 gross

C. Cooper A. Pumpa S. Cape S. Thompson

Thank you to assistant chefs, dishwashers, waiters and other club members who make these events such a success. Thank you also to Michael Bohnsack and his staff for the wonderful condition of the course. And another thank you to all members who showed up for coring on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The job was done in near record time and a special thank you from all of the men present is owed to Eleanor Harrison and Carol Scott. I am sure that the morning tea provided by Carol and Eleanor is the reason we get so many volunteers.

### **Ladies Representatives**

Congratulations to Linda Hodgson who has been elected Ladies Captain and Val Wyld who is now Ladies Vice Captain and Committee Member for the ladies. Unfortunately the ladies were unable to fill positions on their committee and in order to assist those elected, as Club Captain I have offered invitations to Linda and Val to both join the *Club Course and Match Committee* to assist them in keeping things running for the ladies.

### **New Handicapping System**

9<sup>th</sup> April looms large on the golfing horizon as the day the new handicapping system will commence. Two days earlier on 7<sup>th</sup> April the Golf Link computer system will shut down to convert current handicaps to the new system and then restart on 9<sup>th</sup> April. From that date the CCR for men will cease (it has already ceased for women) and the rolling twenty rounds system will apply. Over the next year or so all courses will be measured and then the full impact of the changes will take effect.

### **McCracken Challenge**

Please be ready on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 11 am for a 12 o'clock start at McCracken Golf Club for the annual challenge. The cost is \$10 including a meal. Men and ladies of McCracken already have fifty players ready to take on the might of Victor. These days are good fun and your chance to defend the honour of the club, so put your name on the board ASAP.

### **Legends Pro AM**

The Legends Pro Am and dinner auction will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April so get in early as people are already showing interest in this. The auction will be to raise funds for the local hospital for the drug delivery systems and our aim is to raise \$10,000.

Finally I wish to thank everyone for their support and faith in allowing me to continue as Club Captain and I hope that I can help make your golf enjoyable.

**Mike Rice**

## FROM THE LADIES' CAPTAIN

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I begin my role as Ladies' Captain.

Thank you so much to Lyn Reynolds who has provided me with excellent leadership and organisation to guide me into this role. I also welcome Val Wyld to the position of Vice Captain. We will endeavor to assist the ladies and lead the club into 2010 with positive outcomes for all. We will be encouraging positive constructivism and enhancement of our club values amongst the club members and further. Please do not hesitate to offer your help as the year goes by.

Thank you.

**Linda Hodgson**



Winners of the Opening Day Ambrose Cuo  
Tom John, Dillon Huppatz, Richard McEvoy, Mia John

# FROM THE SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The madness of Christmas, New Year celebrations and the summer heat are all over now and we have begun a brand new golfing year.

## **Monthly Raffle**

The Committee of Management has decided to make a few changes to our fundraising efforts. We will be having a monthly raffle with tickets for sale on the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the selected week. The draw will then take place at the end of the Saturday.

The prize or prizes will be substantial and the winners will be notified immediately. We feel the response from the members will be more favourable and the financial results will be more substantial (judging from the previous two raffles), than the weekly raffle or a one off fundraising event.

## **Sunday Social Golf**

*Sunday Social Golf* is still very much on the agenda. We had a great response last year and we are really hoping to encourage more and more players to relax and enjoy the game and each other's company. This is a great opportunity for juniors to join with their parents, grandparents or the rest of us, so that they can be guided to gain experience and confidence, and enjoy all that is involved in this game.

We will advertise the day and put up the sheet on the notice board for you to put your names down at least three to four weeks before the day. These days have been put into the Members Handbook so check for the dates. We will also remind you in *The Caddie* and the captains will also be announcing the dates when doing presentations.

The fees for the *Sunday Social* will still only be \$5.00 for the competition plus \$5.00 for the barbecue for members. There will be an extra \$10.00 for non members which is a very reasonable price for 18 holes on one of the best golf courses on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

The games will always have a shotgun start at 12.30 and the dates to remember are:

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April (Anzac day)

# VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

In my observation, volunteers seem to be very much alive and well at the club.

Some of the achievements in recent times have been: cleaning out unwanted rubbish from under the new kitchen, building new racks to accommodate those materials that need to be stored. installing a new drain in the front of the clubhouse, and repairing rubbish bins and practice nets.

It has also been evident that a number of members have been assisting in cooking at barbecues, fulfilling a number of tasks in the kitchen, and generally assisting Joanne with club functions and events.

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, twenty eight men assisted the ground staff to scarify the greens and two ladies - Carol and Eleanor - provided a beautiful morning tea. This magnificent rollup enabled the task to be completed by 3 pm. I believe that this is a record.

Since the last issue of *The Caddie* the Volunteers Barbecue was held on 18<sup>th</sup> December with sixty nine volunteers and Committee of Management present.

If any member would like to perform in a volunteer capacity around the club the volunteer coordinator, Warren Francis, would be happy to hear from you.

**The Casual Observer**

## *But Please Please Volunteer for this Task*

*In the last Caddie there was a plea for a volunteer to help Kathy Huppertz tending the plants on the bank below the practice putting green.*

## *Nobody responded*

*Kathy is still desperate because she has a bad back and can no longer bend to do the weeding etc. She has created this area from a rough grass bank to the lovely display of ground covers that we now see. But those tiresome aches and pains are creeping up on her and she desperately needs some help.*

*If you are one of those people who has let their volunteer hours slip, here is the opportunity you have been waiting for. Please step forward to help keep the gardens of the course up to the standard we love to expect!*

# WATERMAN TROPHY AWARD

The Waterman Trophy is awarded once a year at the AGM.

The award is made at the recommendation of the Club President in recognition of the value of the member or members to the club over the preceding twelve months. This year it was made to Kevin and Trevor Brand for their contribution to the club and for course maintenance. In particular their contribution for the advancement of the intermediate junior squad was recognised.

Well done Kevin and Trevor.

**Dennis Wilden**

## WHAT SKILL!

Well done to these players for great achievements recently:

### Holes in One

Paul Thurlow	on the 7th	on 23rd January
Nev Clough	on the 14th	on 4th February
Steve Ross (South Lakes member)	on the 3rd	on 4th February
Alan Reddy (Flagstaff Hill member)	on the 7th	on 18th February
Peter Hoffman	on the 3rd	on 28th February
Mary Stock	on the 18th	on 3rd March

### Eagles

Nelson Depledge	on the 12th	on 12th December
Jeff Evans	on the 5th	on 17th December
Daniel Goldfinch	on the 4th	on 26th December
Wayne Dale	on the 5th	on 4th February

# JUNIOR GOLF REPORT

Congratulations to Shane Monaghan who has been appointed our new Junior Coordinator for 2010. Shane has a son, Patrick who is one of our fabulous dedicated juniors and our current junior champion.

This year we have eight new younger juniors joining us on Monday afternoons. These new juniors aged between eight and twelve are extremely enthusiastic and we welcome them to the club. Some of them are grand children and children of our members. It is wonderful to see their families encourage them throughout the clinics. Keep up the fantastic support which the members provide for these youngsters at the club as this is a vital part of the education and sustainability of the program.

Thank you.

**Linda Hodgson and Phil Tierney**



Winner of the Mayfield Trophy  
Harry Sherrah (right)  
and  
Runner up Dillon Huppatz

Junior Champion  
Patrick Monaghan



# CENTENARY HISTORY BOOK

We are a year away from the club's centenary year in 2011, and the centenary history book is nearly finished. I'm still talking to people who were involved in the club's activities in past years, and each chapter is constantly being amended and/or added to.

I would love to talk to you too, so the story is as accurate as possible. If you have any good clear photos of club activities, they would be useful too. Apart from those chosen for the book, there will be pin-up boards prepared as part of centenary celebrations showing a representative collection of club occasions.

## **A Public Road across the course!**

My delve into the past has produced all kinds of insights into the early life of Victor Harbor. Did you know that the road across the first fairway, called Jack's Track, was once part of a public road which led through the golf course by the side of the 15th fairway, across a ford in the Inman River and thence to the town cemetery? It was closed just before the new clubhouse was opened in 1960, after delicate negotiations between Brian Lalor, Chairman of the golf club's executive at the time, and the late Jack Roads, who owned the land between the golf course and the cemetery.

This road gave access to other landholders on the northern side of the golf course, and they were not happy to see their access cut off. But can you imagine hitting off the 1<sup>st</sup> now, with cars and bikes beetling along that roadway? It would be more than a little unnerving not only for golfers but also for cyclists, don't you agree?

**Judy Parsons**

# COMPETITION RESULTS

*Missed the golf results in the paper?  
Results for the week are broadcast on  
**Community Radio EFM 89.3**  
at 9 am every Sunday morning*

*Thanks to Russell Parkes for providing the above information*

## A NOTE FROM JO

I just want to acknowledge and give my heart felt thanks to the many volunteers who have been assisting me in operating the kitchen and clubhouse at functions. Without this generosity and the saving on wages I would not be able to make certain functions profitable.

Over the past eight months I have had an army of people who have come and offered assistance. With great gratitude, I sure understand the meaning of 'Your Club', and this is fantastic! So a big thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the *Festival of Golf, Ballast Stone Day, Group 4's*, and *SA Ambrose* and especially the bar volunteers, Mike Rice and John Epps. These people cook for barbecues, wait at table, wash dishes, clear tables and even mop the floor!

Also I would like to thank a couple of ladies who are not members of the club, but are always there to jump in and help, Jan Francis and Cynthia Bade. A big thank you!

Kathy Huppatz also decorates the ladies bathroom with flowers for functions any time I ask. Thank you! I hope you are feeling well after your operation and make a speedy recovery.

I could mention every one, but I would fill up every page of *The Caddie*! If anyone is interested in volunteering in the clubhouse on any day, please come and see me. There is always work to be done!

Also one more thing! Is anyone interested in learning how to make coffee on the espresso machine? I have one member Carol Scott whom I have taught, and when I'm busy she will get on the machine and make coffees for members. You would not believe what a help that is to me. So if you are interested, please come and see me. There will be a small fee to learn, just to cover the cost of the beans and milk, but hey, you will have plenty of coffee to drink!

Once again my sincere thanks to everyone.

**Jo Smith**

## DAD'S ARMY

Sorry! Nothing from Grandad this time!

# 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

Andrew Burnside    Greg Davis  
Peter Davidson    David Evans

## 6-Day Members

Ross Kerruish    Caryl McNeilly  
Malcolm Feder

## City Members

Harry Bradford    Jacqueline Bradford  
Diana Faull    Randall Faull  
Pat Martin

## Interstate/Overseas

Peter Bywaters

## 9-Hole Members

Liz Bichel    Ralph Hodges  
Phil Rebbeck



Volunteers enjoying the good food at the  
Volunteers Barbecue



President Michael Bade watching Warren  
Francis thanking the volunteers

## PEG'S PIECE

I want to start with a huge thank you for all the new books I get given because the money from their sale provides me with the funds for such gardening activities as a revamp of the fountain area which is due shortly.

I am also pleased to say that Jan Berryman is back on board to help with gardening. Now that we are both off the Ladies Committee we have more time to do things for our club. The next big job is to remove some of the flax plants by the sand bucket as they are getting huge - so wish us luck. I ask all members that if they see people putting cigarette butts in the flower beds just ask them not to. Last week we had two broken glasses in the flower pot outside the ladies room - not a nice thing for me to find.

Here is some big news for animal lovers! We have had new baby fish born in the pond. I was just as excited about that as I was becoming a great-grandmother for the third time.

Have you all noticed how Dave Haddrick keeps the bank in front of the 1<sup>st</sup> tee beautifully slashed so we can enjoy the plants on the bank that Richard attends to? They are all growing well.

Happy reading golf friends. I can't keep up with all the good books

**Peg House**

Peggy got a Hole-in-One on the 7th in February when playing an informal game with Hubs Richard, son Ric and Allan Cheek but unfortunately it won't reach the honour board as she was not in a competition.

## APOLOGIES GALORE!

I made a terrible mistake in the December edition of *The Caddie* in the Dad's Army report. Credit for the *Best over 75* winner was given to an unknown person called Doug Skuze. Not only did I really mean Frank but also I made the mistake of spelling his name Skuze with a 'z' when it should be Skuce with a 'c'. So let's give credit now to the correct *Best over 75* winner – Frank Skuce. Well done Frank!

### **What's in a Name?**

Which brings up some other interesting options about name spelling. I have

it on good authority that Frank has also had SKUSE, SCUCE, SCUES, SKEWES and even SKENE. His wife was even called Mrs SKULL once!

However one doesn't have to have an unusual word as a surname for it to cause problems. My surname is HOUSE which is certainly unusual as a name but is definitely not unusual as a word. My brother and I, and our spouses, all have problems when giving our name to other people, for example when saying it over the phone or making a booking in a restaurant. We are offered such options as HOWSE, HAUSE, HAUS or even HOWZE. It seems to be impossible to say the word HOUSE over the phone in a way that people can really believe that that is the word you are offering as a surname. When I make a phone booking for a restaurant now, I give my name as RICHARD and my wife gives PEGGY. They are both words that seem to offer no problems!

It might be easier to be called SMITH or JONES but then there is the problem of the sheer volume of them in the telephone directory!

**Richard House**

If you look over the bank below the first tee you will see three small bottlebrush bushes with white flowers on them at the bottom of the bank. They are Callistemon Anzac and you can understand why they have that name because they are in flower at this time of the year.

### **Instructions on how to register for email**

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# MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<b>President</b>	Michael Bade	<i>Portfolios</i> Admin and Finance Sponsorship Centenary Celebrations
<b>Vice President</b>	Kevin Sorrell	Admin and Finance
<b>Club Captain</b>	Michael Rice	Course and Match
<b>Ladies Captain</b>	Linda Hodgson	Course and Match
<b>Committee Members</b>	Kirsten Jensen	Social and Fundraising
	Murray Tucker	Admin and Finance
	Shane Monaghan	Junior Co-ordinator
	Peter Reynolds	Member

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<b>Club Vice Captain</b>	Shane Monaghan
<b>Ladies Captain</b>	Linda Hodgson
<b>Ladies Vice Captain</b>	Val Wyld

<b>Dad's Army</b>	Alan Wells
<b>Editor <i>The Caddie</i></b>	Richard House

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## STAFF

<b>Club Professionals</b>	Phil Tierney Gavin Stratfold Hayley Hunt
<b>Pro Shop</b>	Des Pinson
<b>Juniors Co-ordinators</b>	Phil Tierney and Linda Hodgson
<b>Club Manager</b>	Dennis Wilden
<b>Club Staff</b>	Kathy Whyatt
<b>Kitchen</b>	Hamish Winter Hamish Beattie Raelene Sutton Courtney Millard Nina Tugwell
<b>Bar Staff casuals</b>	Dave Haddrick Amy Lang Sandra Williams
<b>Function Manager</b>	Joanne Smith
<b>Course Superintendent</b>	Michael Bohnsack
<b>Groundsmen</b>	Justin Megaw Shane Parkes
<b>Mechanic</b>	Wade Sweet

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