

VICTORIAN GOLF LEAGUE Inc.

GENERAL DELEGATE's MEETING

Held at the Ringwood Golf Club clubrooms

Monday 29th February 2016 at 7-00 PM.

AGENDA

1. Attendance

Apologies

Visitors

2. Minutes of the General Meeting held 25th October 2015.

The minutes of the General Meeting of the League held on Monday 25th October 2015 are presented for consideration and confirmation.

3. Business arising from the minutes 25th October 2015.

4. Report to Council

To receive the report of the committee as presented to the Council.

5. Business Arising from the Report.

6. Financial Report

To receive the Financial Report.

7. Business Arising from the Report.

8. League Golf Enterprises Report.

9. General Business

(a) Any business of which written notice has been given prior to the meeting.

(b) Any business raised by the councillors without notice as permitted by the Chairman.

10. Meeting Closed

Presidents Report

Welcome to the February delegates meeting and I again thank Ringwood Golf Club for the use of their facilities.

Membership:

I thank the Clubs for prompt return of their membership declarations. This enabled our Executive Manager to get the affiliation invoices out as soon as possible after the figures per processed by Golf Victoria. (And Golf Victoria advised us of the yearly increase applicable)

The 2015 figures showed a near breakeven figure however we are aware of certain changes such as course closures that may affect the membership figures of the League over forthcoming years.

Golf Committees:

Both committees have planned for a full program for 2016 and pennant information workshops detailing the Result Vaults system were held during the month. Special thanks must go to Phil Goad for the excellent presentations with the limited and late information provided by Golf Victoria

Media:

The recent article in the Golf Victoria magazine on Royal Park Golf Club was most enlightening. Thanks to the Editorial Staff and members of Royal Park for their co-operation.

Peter Kingshott will continue to liaise with the Editorial Staff of the Golf Victoria magazine. Should Clubs have any particular highlights or special anniversaries please contact Peter to discuss suitability.

Mirboo North GC & 1st T Motel:

The motel had another successful year for 2015

Stan Evison has retired from the position of Course Supervisor and Manager of the Golf Club but will continue as Manager of the motel. A workplace agreement is currently being processed between Stan and the League.

Alex Johnson
President

Captain's Report (Women's Golf Committee)

Pennant

This year we have 35 teams competing in our Pennant Competition. A Grade has just one zone comprising four teams. B Grade to E Grade each has two zones with four teams except for Zone 2 in E Grade which has just three teams so will need to play a bye.

Only two changes to the conditions of play have been made this year, the first in response to the survey completed by clubs last year. This restricts the handicap of Emergency players to no more than five above or below the team average.

The second change is in reporting the scores to the VGL office. The paper form will still need to be completed by the home Captain and a copy given to the opposing captain, but will be kept at the club in case for future reference. Results will still be phoned or emailed in to the VGL Executive Manager before 4 pm so they can be put in to the newspaper. The Home Captain will need to enter the scores into the 'Results Vault' via the internet before Tuesday 5 pm following the match. The Opposing Captain will then confirm these results before Wednesday 5 pm following the match.

Fortunately, Phil Goad, the Executive Manager, gave a clear presentation of how to manage the new system at the Captains' Meeting. He also offered his phone support when needed so participants left feeling that they would manage the change without problems.

I would like to remind you that all messages are sent to the Club Secretaries, not Pennant Captains, so please make sure that this is understood by your committees. There have been instances when messages have been left lying mail boxes until too late because perhaps the Secretary was away or ill.

Events

This year's events will be held at the same venues as last year with the exception of the Committee Invitational. This will be at Latrobe instead of Heidelberg.

I recommend that you encourage your members to use the website. It is easy to negotiate your way through to find entry forms for events to complete or to look up results of Pennant and Events. Photos even accompany the completed results!

Joan Scott
Captain Women's Golf Committee

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Women's Programme of Events for 2016

DATE			EVENT	VENUE
Monday	29th	February	1st Round Pennant	
Monday	7th	March	2nd Round Pennant	
		Labour day		
Sunday	20 th	March	MIXED FOURSOMES	Ringwood GC*
Monday	21st	March	3rd Round Pennant	
		Easter		
Monday	4th	April	4th Round Pennant	
Monday	11th	April	5th Round Pennant	
Monday	18th	April	6th Round Pennant	
Monday	2nd	May	Pennant Finals (7. 30 am Start)	Werribee Park GC*
Monday	16th	May	JOAN HOPE MEMORIAL SALVERS	Rosanna GC *
Monday	27th	June	FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP	Southern GC *
Monday	22 nd	August	COMMITTEE INVITATIONAL	Latrobe GC *
Monday	26 th	September	V.G.L. CUP / LIFE MEMBERS TROPHY	Kingswood GC *
Monday	24th	October	CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS	Waterford Valley GC *
		2 nd November 2015		Confirmed *

Captain's Report (Men's Golf Committee)

This year's Pennant Managers meeting was held in 3 regions to allow as many officials to attend due to the uptake of the Results Vault system. Clubs will now be responsible for the input of teams and the results of matches directly into system via the internet. All clubs should now have their access code and password in readiness for the season. The presentation and instructions on the Results Vault is on the V.G.L. website for referencing. We do ask that clubs not delay in getting results in and confirmation of the results, so that we have timely pennant information for all members to view.

With the pennant season upon us, it is timely to remind clubs and their pennant players about the need to be mindful about the speed of play while playing pennant matches. It would be unusual if the V.G.L. office does not receive a call from a course operator complaining about the slowness of the players playing in pennant. Any complaint will be taken seriously and penalties will be applied to any occurrence.

A caddie's code of conduct has been formulated for pennant and events

A good summary of this code is:

Caddies should - KEEP UP
 RAKE UP
 & SHUT UP

Caddies are not permitted to engage in conversations about the match or rules issues with the opposition player or caddie.

The Men's Golf Committee does not wish to be dealing with any issues involving caddies interfering beyond their allowed duties, however, if it does occur the consequences will be severe. Let your players know that if they are to have caddies then they should be aware of the code of conduct and the serious consequences of any breaches. The Code of Conduct can be found on the V.G.L. website on the pennant pages.

We, once again, ask all clubs to promote V.G.L. events to its members in all possible ways - notice boards, newsletters, table top advertising, emails etc. The success of V.G.L. events is wholly in the hands of clubs - if we cannot get information to your members then V.G.L. events are destined to fail.

PLEASE ASSIST US.

In addition, we rely on clubs/courses being made available to host our events. If any club/course is interested in hosting an V.G.L. event please contact the Executive Manager who will be able to supply requirements for an event.

George Weaver
Captain Men's Golf Committee

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Programme of Men's Events 2016

DATE		EVENT	VENUE
Thursday	25 th February	SENIOR'S 4BBB CHAMPIONSHIP	Eastern Sward *
Thursday	3 rd March	1 st Round Seniors Pennant	
Thursday	10 th March	2 nd Round Seniors Pennant	
Thursday	17 th March	3 rd Round Seniors Pennant	
Easter			
Sunday	20 th March	MIXED FOURSOMES	Ringwood *
Thursday	31 st March	JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	Latrobe *
Thursday	31 st March	4 th Round Seniors Pennant	
Thursday	7 th April	5 th Round Seniors Pennant	
Sunday	10 th April	1 st Round Pennant	
Thursday	14 th April	6 th Round Seniors Pennant	
Sunday	17 th April	2 nd Round Pennant	
Thursday	21 st April	Seniors Pennant Finals	Kingston Links *
Sunday	24 th April	3 rd Round Pennant	
Sunday	1 st April	4 th Round Pennant	
Sunday	15 th May	5 th Round Pennant	
Sunday	22 nd May	6 th Round Pennant	
Sunday	29 th May	Pennant Finals (7.30 am 2Tstart)	Werribee Park *
Sunday	5 th June	Pennant Finals (7.30 am 2Tstart)	Werribee Park *
Sunday	31 st July	TEAMS EVENT (7:30 Shot gun start)	Werribee Park *
Sunday	28 th August	OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP & PRESIDENT'S TROPHY (7.00 am 2Tstart)	Albert Park *
Sunday	25 th September	OPEN FOURSOMES	Craigieburn *
Monday	26 th September	V.G.L. JUNIOR GOLF CAMP	Mirboo North *
Thursday	6 th October	SENIOR/VETERAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	Brighton *
Sunday	16 th October	P.C.S.C. DAY (7.30 am Shot gun start)	Ringwood *
Sunday	4 th December	CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS & MEDALLIST OF MEDALLISTS	Patterson River *

Juniors Report

Junior Championships:

The 2016 Junior Championships will be held at Latrobe Golf Club on Thursday 31st March, in conjunction with their event for the Geoff Ogilvy program.

Club Captains and Secretaries are invited to nominate as many juniors as possible for this event. It is recognized that many of the juniors will also have membership of a private club however lodgment of the entry form through the League will ensure there will be substantial entries to make the event worthwhile.

Cost will continue to be \$25.00

Junior Camp:

The 2016 camp will held at Mirboo North from Monday 26th September to Friday 30th September.

The names of the teaching professionals will be confirmed by the end of May.

Clubs are asked to let all juniors know of these dates.

Alex Johnson
Junior Development Team

Seniors Report

Welcome every one to a New Year of Senior/Veterans golf and I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year.

As you all know we have already started last Thursday at Eastern Sward where our 4BBB Championship took place.

For the second year running we had to close comp early and some teams missed out. So it shows that with the popularity of this event you must get in very quickly.

It has been good that we have been able to have at least one team from every club that entered. That was just sheer good luck than management.

We are looking at changing the booking system for this event as of next year to make it fairer for each club to enter at least one team. So keep your eyes and ears open for new developments.

With the new Pennant season starting next Thursday may I wish good luck to all teams and competitors and we will see you in the finals to be played at Kingston Links for the first time.

Tim Edward
Seniors/Veterans Development

Executive Manager's Report

Club contact.

With the changes to the Australia Post service from an inefficient service to no service, combined with the large increase in postal charges, the V.G.L. will now use more electronic means to communicate with clubs. It is highly recommended that all clubs have a generic email address for their club rather than a personal address e.g. Secretary's personal address. There are many organisations that will provide at no cost an email that can be used by your club e.g. yahoo, hotmail, gmail etc etc.

The advantage of a generic email address is that it can be accessed by other people if the Secretary is on holidays, ill or busy.

Note: The V.G.L. corresponds with Secretary's of clubs who will disseminate the information to the relevant person or persons within the club. Any return correspondence should be via the Secretary - at the end of the day this is their responsibility.

Emails will need to be regularly checked as this will become the main source for correspondence.

Club forum

The Board advises that they are available to meet with clubs executive and committee should they so request. They are happy to meet at clubs rooms or at the VGL office at Richmond. Please contact me if you require such a forum.

Club information

A reminder to clubs that any changes to Club's Executive or Committee should be immediately notified to me, particularly new Secretary's name, contact address, telephone number and email address.

Philip Goad
Executive Manager