



A very good field of 119 golfers attended today for the annual Cranbourne Cup and the first round of the 2020 Club Championship for the Malcolm Macpherson Plate. The weather this morning was overcast and windy with early drizzle but otherwise dry conditions.

Thank you to Cranbourne Golf Club for making available the prestigious Cranbourne Cup and serving our members with a delicious hot lunch. The course was presented as usual in an excellent condition with the greens fast and very true.

Our member guests today were Phil Burckhardt from Latrobe, Richard Flett from Gisborne, Tony Lumsden from Strathallan and Ann Thomas from Nepean Women's Golf Club.

A special welcome to new members Rob Holcombe from Camberwell, Joy Julian from Eastern and Brian McCarthy from Lakeside playing their first game with us today.

Lucky Card Draw

A game of golf at Cranbourne for four was won by Neil O'Keefe.

Today's Main Events



2020 Cranbourne Cup Winner

Congratulations to Bill Mitchell from Yering Meadows (h/cp 9) for winning the 2020 Cranbourne Cup with a gross score of 80.

Bill's name will be added to the list of winners on the cup and he also receives a Drummond Golf voucher.



The MDVGA 2020 Club

This is the first round of the 2020 MDVGA Club Championship for players returning a Stroke and Stableford score. It was great to see we had 44 members return a stroke score for the championship event and is open to all current members of the MDVGA.

After round 1, the field will be cut and only the top 8 players and ties will advance to the final round.

These players will be guaranteed a place on the time sheet for the final round at Long Island on Monday 16 March 2020 and will be grouped together using a seeded draw.




Championship

Qualifiers for Final Round

Name	Club	H'cap	Gross
Bill Mitchell	Yering Meadows	9	80
John Armstrong	Northern	10	82
Craig Purcell	Yering Meadows	9	82
Graham Freestone	Kew	14	84
Rob Linardon	Gisborne	11	84
Paul Treloar	Gisborne	5	84
Graham Cridland	Latrobe	15	84
Peter Weston	Kew	13	85
Steve Dawson	Settlers Run	10	85
Wayne Jeffery	Eastern	10	85
Norm Walford	Gisborne	9	85
Wayne Reddaway	Eastern	18	85
Michael Taylor	Yering Meadows	8	85



Congratulations to today's grade winners:

A Grade (1 to 14)	B Grade (15 to 20)	C Grade (21 to 36)
Graham Freestone (14) Kew, 38 pts from runner-up John Anderson (13) Heidelberg, 36 pts cb	Tom Hynes (20) The National, 36 pts from runner-up David Teasdale (18) Riversdale, 36 pts	John James (24) Spring Valley, 36 pts from runner-up Brian McCarthy (29) Lakeside, 33 pts
		

NEAREST THE PINS - NTP's				
Hole	Name	Club	H'cap	Dist. cm
12	John Armstrong	Northern	10	130
8	Neil Harradine	Keysborough	21	790
14	John Baxter	Spring Valley	20	80
\$\$\$ 3	Neil Box	Heidelberg	8	40

GOOD SCORES

Name	Club	H'cap	Score
Graham Freestone	Kew	14	38
Bill Mitchell	Yering Meadows	9	37
John Anderson	Heidelberg	13	36
John Armstrong	Northern	10	36
Tom Hynes	National, The	20	36
John James	Spring Valley	24	36
Rob Linardon	Gisborne	11	36
David Teasdale	Riversdale	18	36
Peter Weston	Kew	13	36
David Harbinson	Eastern	15	34
Rob Holcombe	Camberwell	15	34
Colin Jenkins	Eastern	17	34
Don Read	Lakeside AP	20	34
Wes Taylor	Spring Valley	16	34
Craig Purcell	Yering Meadows	9	34
Phil Burckhardt	Latrobe	14	34

Name	Club	H'cap	Score
Robert Bishop	Box Hill	12	33
Steve Dawson	Settlers Run	10	33
Richard Harmer	Spring Valley	17	33
John Harris	Northern	14	33
Wayne Jeffery	Eastern	10	33
Bruce Maple	Kew	18	33
Brian McCarthy	Lakeside	29	33
Phil Murphy	Northern	15	33
David Payne	Settlers Run	15	33
Michael Prickett	Box Hill	16	33
Norm Walford	Gisborne	9	33
Peter Barber	Spring Valley	18	32
Colin Brooks	Yering Meadows	10	32
Henry Chen	Box Hill	11	32
Ian Humble	Huntingdale	15	32
Colin Monson	Camberwell	17	32



2020 Programme of Events

Following the printing and issuing of the 2020 Programme of Events on payment of your fees, please be advised there has been a number of changes made since, and we have published the updated event schedule for 2020 on the Schedule page of our web site and is also available for download.

The following changes have been made to the 2020 fixture:

- June 15 Monday Waterford Valley – New venue, Stableford, Registration by 8.00am
- June 29 Monday Southern – date changed from June 22
- July 13 Monday Patterson River – New venue, Stableford, Registration by 8am \$70
- Sept 7 Monday Spring Valley & AGM – switch with Northern
- Sept 14 Monday Mornington District date reserved – awaiting further consideration
- Sept 21 Monday Northern – switch with Spring Valley
- Oct 19 Monday Southern – switch with Keysborough
- Nov 20 Friday Riversdale – date typo
- Dec 7 Monday Keysborough – switch with Southern

Ball Rundown Changed to 32 Points

The Committee has approved awarding higher quality Titleist balls for the ball rundown for this year and as such players returning scores of 32 points or better (previously 30 points) will receive a ball.

Bookings – 7 Days in Advance

In future, bookings for the next event will open 7 days in advance of the event and not the 14 as previously available. This is in line with all private clubs and makes the bookings process more current.

Late Cancellations

If you are booked and wish to cancel please do so as early as possible – if on the day before the event, please do so prior to the normal close time of 5pm. Late cancellations impose an increased workload on the Operations Team which sometimes requires a shuffle of the field to ensure that any single or pairs are not left by themselves. Your assistance is appreciated.

TeamApp

The Melbourne Vets have deployed a free Smartphone Application to communicate with our members. This will notify you of updates to News, Events, Results and Bookings. It's called **TeamApp** and works on iPhone and Android. Instructions for downloading are now available from our website. You will need to know your Apple App Store or Google Play Account and Password details.

Guest Introduction Rewards

Remember the guest introduction incentive is still current and will continue through 2020. If a member introduces a guest for a game and that guest went on to join the Vets during the same year, the sponsoring member is eligible to receive a bottle of Hanging Rock wine or a dozen golf balls (no limit with multiple guests).



Guest Bookings

Members please be aware that there is now a requirement to specify Gender (M or F) when booking guests. This is because handicaps are different for Men and Women and often have different slope ratings. Therefore, when booking in your guests (Maximum of 3 unless specified otherwise), please ensure the following format for the guest name is followed:

Example for Terry Smith: Terry Smith_-_M **or** Terry Smith_-_F

If the extension pieces are not followed the file and its outputs we use will be compromised and your booking may not be completed. This is a short-term fix until the new booking system is completed.

NEXT GAMES

Monday 24 February 2020

Rosanna Golf Club, stableford. Registration by **7.30am**.

Monday 16 March 2020

National Golf Club, Long Island, Stableford. Registration by **7.30am**.
2nd round of Club Championship for stroke qualifiers

Frank Martel - Captain