



105 players attended today at Kew Golf Club for the first event of the year and presentations to last year's major events winners. It was great to see so many members in attendance.

We thank Kew Golf Club for accommodating us at short notice following the necessity to cancel and reschedule our December game due to the extreme wet weather leading up to the weekend before the game. Also thank you to Kew for donating 3 prizes of 4 games of golf for nearest the pin prizes and for presenting the course in excellent condition.

Despite oppressive overnight temperature's only dropping to 28 degrees, the morning was slightly overcast with some hot sunny breaks, but manageable conditions for golf.

Congratulations to 2017 major winners in Michael Taylor (multiple Club Champion 2017, 2016 & 2014), Richard Baird (Handicap Bowl) and Laurie Miller (Golfer of the Year).

A special welcome to new members playing their first game with us today are, Tony Linney from Yering Meadows, Tom Hynes from The National and Warren Grant from Spring Valley.

Special Announcement

We are pleased to acknowledge, at this year's Australia Day Honours, our Life Member Malcolm Macpherson was recognised with an Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to golf. Malcolm is a past president, captain, secretary and treasurer of the MDVGA serving some 18 years in those positions.

Major Events and Results for 2017 presented today at Kew.

Congratulations to all winners below.

**Club Championship Winner
Malcolm Macpherson Plate**
Michael Taylor (Yering Meadows)



**Handicap Bowl Winner
Bill Edgar Memorial Trophy**
Richard Baird (Gisborne)



Golfer of the Year Winner
Laurie Miller (Northern)





Major Events Results

Event	Winner	Runner up	Result
Club Championship (Two rounds Stroke) Malcolm Macpherson Plate	Michael Taylor (Yering Meadows)		Gross score Cranbourne - 77 Gross score Long Island - 82 Total 159
		Steven Hanlon (Cranbourne)	81, 84 Gross 165
Handicap Bowl (Two rounds Stableford) Bill Edgar Memorial Trophy	Richard Baird (Gisborne)		Yarra Yarra 35 pts, Comm 43 pts Total 78 pts
		Ken Briggs (Settlers Run)	Sford score - 33, 32 Total 65 pts
Golfer of the Year Points awarded for top scores from each event	Laurie Miller (Northern)		47 GOY points
		Norm Walford (Gisborne)	38 GOY points

Special Awards

Presented in recognition of members good golfing efforts during the year.




Conditions applied:

- * Major prize winners are not eligible to win a Special prize
- * No one can win multiple Special prizes

Best eight rounds Stableford	Laurie Miller (Northern)	289 points (36.1 Av)	<i>Not eligible major prize winner</i>
	Norm Walford (Gisborne)	283 points (35.4 Av)	<i>Not eligible major prize winner</i>
	Ian Tait (Kingswood)	276 points (34.5 Av)	Bottle of wine
Highest attendance of games	Bernie Handke (Gisborne)	19	Bottle of wine
	Mike Steventon (Northcote)	19	Bottle of wine
Best average Stableford score, played six or more games	Tom Delahunty (Curlewis)	34.4 points average	Bottle of wine



Today's Results

<p>A Grade Winner Dale Collins (8) Northern, 40pts from runner-up Norm Walford (11) Gisborne, 39pts</p>	<p>B Grade Winner Malcolm Tucker (17) Northern, 38pts from runner-up Bruce Falconer (18) Kew, 37pts</p>	<p>C Grade Winner Brian Scott (24) Latrobe, 39pts from runner-up Keith Woodhead (28) Latrobe, 38pts</p>
		

NEAREST THE PINS - NTP's				
Hole	Name	Club	H'cap	Dist.
4	Bobby Smith	Box Hill	21	270
14	Len Taylor	Camberwell	34	446
18	Michael Prickett	Box Hill	17	147
11 \$\$\$	Bruce Maple	Kew	20	246

GOOD SCORES				
Pos'n	Name	Club	H'cap	Score
1	Dale Collins	Northern	8	40
2	Brian Scott	Latrobe	24	39
2	Norm Walford	Gisborne	11	39
4	Malcolm Tucker	Northern	17	38
4	Keith Woodhead	La Trobe	28	38
6	Bruce Falconer	Kew	18	37
6	Ian Norman	Lakeside Albert_Park	22	37
6	Rod Prior	Eastern	22	37
9	Ming Chiu	Latrobe	24	36
9	Bernie Handke	Gisborne	24	36
9	Wayne Jeffery	Eastern	13	36
12	Warren Killeen	Box Hill	15	35
12	Ray Lanarus	Camberwell	24	35
12	Phil Raftery	Kew	27	35
12	Michael Taylor	Yering Meadows	9	35
12	David Teasdale	Riversdale	18	35



GOOD SCORES (Cont'd)				
Pos'n	Name	Club	H'cap	Score
12	Bruce Thompson	Northern	11	35
12	David Worrell	Heritage, The	15	35
19	John Armstrong	Northern	14	34
19	Robert Ballard	Riversdale	30	34
19	Graham Freestone	Kew	16	34
19	Russell Howard	National, The	21	34
19	Andrew Mathers	Box Hill	21	34
19	Bill Short	Box Hill	26	34
19	Ian Young	Waterford Valley	14	34
26	Alastair Boustead	Gisborne	10	33
26	Ian Humble	Huntingdale	19	33
26	Glenn James	Eastern	20	33
26	Neil O'Keefe	Northern	19	33
26	Geoff Rowse	Southern	19	33
26	Bobby Smith	Box Hill	21	33
26	Graeme White	Riversdale	26	33
33	Roger Bain	Gisborne	8	32
33	Gerry Delaney	Northern	20	32
33	Tony Linney	Yering Meadows	17	32
33	Bill Mitchell	Yering Meadows	10	32
33	Rob Scott	Northern	19	32
33	John Sheedy	Spring Valley	17	32
33	Eifion Thomas	Keysborough	15	32
33	Max VanHelden	Kew	19	32
41	John Anderson	Heidelberg	13	31
41	Ted Cotter	Box Hill	19	31
41	Max Forbes	Medway	27	31
41	Mike Leffler	Heritage, The	21	31
41	Michael Prickett	Box Hill	17	31
46	Ernie Chin	Kew	25	30
46	Stewart Cripps	Box Hill	18	30
46	Tom Delahunty	Curlewis	16	30
46	Trevor Drew	Camberwell	21	30
46	Karl Gaujenieks	Latrobe	20	30
46	John Lawson	Northern	25	30
46	Frank Martel	Rosanna	16	30
46	Brian McGrath	Yarra Yarra	21	30
46	Don Mullin	Camberwell	24	30
46	Peter Mumme	Box Hill	22	30



GOOD SCORES (Cont'd)

Pos'n	Name	Club	H'cap	Score
46	Barry Murphy	Kyneton	12	30
46	Barry Thompson	Eastern	18	30
46	Alan Winford	Heritage, The	4	30

New Member Incentive

In September last year the committee introduced an incentive program whereby if a member introduces a guest for a game and that guest goes on to join the Vets, the sponsoring member will receive either a bottle of wine OR a dozen golf balls. Presentations were made today to four members: Colin Brooks (Yering Meadows), Robert Bishop (Box Hill), Bill Rhoden (Woodlands) and Graham Freestone (Kew).

Next Games

Monday 12 February 2018

Cranbourne Cup and first round Club Championship at Cranbourne GC, stroke Concurrent daily Stableford division event - Registration by **8:00am**.

Members not wishing to play Stroke, a Stableford score will gain entry to the grades competition. Booking sheets open 5 pm, 29 January (today)

Monday 26 February 2018

Rosanna GC, stableford - Registration by **7.30am**
Booking sheets open 5 pm, 12 February

Monday 26 March 2018 - The Dalhousie District Match at Kilmore Golf Club,

It's on again – this year's Captain's Inter District Challenge between Melbourne and Dalhousie Veterans at Kilmore GC on Monday March 26, 2018. We have scheduled the event at an earlier date this year to hopefully get better weather conditions. Booking for this event will be through the MDVGA web site as we do for our normal events.

The time sheet will open for all members at 5pm on Monday 12 March.

It is a team event 4BBB Stableford, card-v-card and the field is limited to 36 MDVGA players. Registration by 8.00am for 8.30am shot gun start. The cost will be approx. \$20 each.

Venue and date changes to Program of Events 2018

As a result of golf course renovations being undertaken at Spring Valley Golf Club in September, we have swapped events with Northern Golf Club.

The changes see Spring Valley switching to **Monday 10th September** with all other conditions unchanged and Northern now to be played on **Tuesday 25th September 2018**.

Frank Martel - Captain