



Range Finders

Your Captain talked about slow play in the last issue of the IGA Newsletter and how we can speed up play.

The use of a range finder both the Laser and GPS is now almost an essential item of golfing equipment. You can use an I phone to down load apps for numerous golf courses; but you need to address the local rules.

Many courses we play on will have distances indicated on the sprinkler heads which is great, but those that only show the 200,150 and 100 metre marks create a lot of wasted time for golfers wandering around seeking the distance to the green or a bunker and to be off the fairway well the problem is even worse. Just have a look at the time we all take in getting a reading on the course. If you are able to quickly register the distance particularly when getting within 150 metres of the green a significant amount of time will be shaved of the round. It is ironic that golf course management is encouraging a reduction in time yet they neglect to assist golfers in registering the simple information of distances.

Laser range finders offer flexibility with accuracy to specific targets and you will notice many of the Pro's using them in opposition to the GPS. They are apparently a little harder to get used to and you need a steady hand (which may rule out use by seniors) Also they will not see over the horizon or round corners. Their advantage is they can be used on any course in the world and do not satellite readings.

GPS models are now becoming more affordable the disadvantage in them is they require you to download the course information from your computer and usually has an annual fee to use the software for the various Down side is the battery charge and if you can obtain a strong satellite signal.

One essential think is knowing how far you can hit with a specific club and once you establish that and you know the accurate distance to your target, then the game will be faster and more rewarding.

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Special Offer

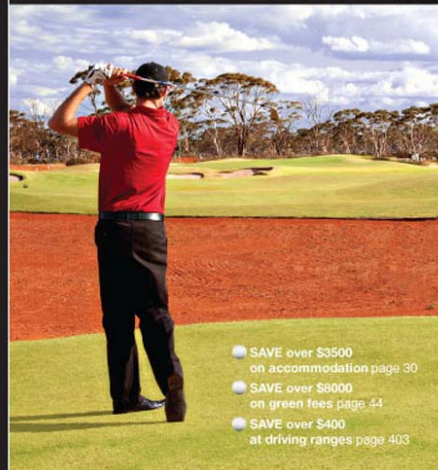
Couple of Issues back we mentioned the Golf Course Guide for 2011. If you log onto this web site www.golfselect.com.au you will see a listing for all the golf courses in Australia. Good news however is they also list those courses where you can receive a generous discount of the green fees just by presenting your copy of the Golf Course Guide. Some listed examples for Victoria.

Course	Savings
<i>The Dunes</i>	<i>\$69</i>
<i>Moonah Links</i>	<i>\$40</i>
<i>St Andrews</i>	<i>\$40</i>
<i>Portsea</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>Peninsula</i>	<i>\$11</i>
<i>Spring Valley</i>	<i>\$29</i>
<i>Sanctuary Lakes</i>	<i>\$79</i>
<i>Eynsbury</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<i>Long Island</i>	<i>\$80</i>
<i>Amstel</i>	<i>\$104</i>
<i>Sorrento</i>	<i>\$55</i>
<i>Cape Schanck</i>	<i>\$15</i>
<i>Cranbourne</i>	<i>\$20</i>

Now naturally some conditions do apply for example Long Island is for Monday, Wednesday after 1.00 pm and Friday. However, these are pretty good savings. You will need to talk to the Pro Shop to book but since the cost of the book is only \$32 you will easily get your money back and of course you have the same deal if you happen to be interstate.

THE GOLF COURSE GUIDE

● Complete and up to date details on over 800 Golf Facilities **2011**
● Top 100 Course Rankings ● Top 50 Stay & Play Rankings 17TH EDITION



Fore !!!

Have you ever wondered why the word fore is used in golf after all it is a recognized form of warning.

Seems the term is derived for sailing ships of yesteryear when they were constructed with a forward section to hold soldiers generally known as the forecastle. In time this was abbreviated to fore and aft in nautical terms.

Being sent forward was then taken up by early golfers who played on some pretty rough courses and with plenty of hills. They had a person go forward of the play to watch for the ball which unlike today's ball was a highly prized procession. When the golfer was ready to hit the ball he would shout a warning Fore to alert the fore person that a ball was coming. The term has continued to be used but purely as a warning to other golfers.



Member Profile

John Blatti came to Australia from Sicilia and with his family spent his early years in the Northern Territory before moving to Melbourne. Married to Carmen who is a school principal they have two boys, one who is married and works in Dubai the other helps John in his building ventures.

John is a civil engineer now semi retired but still manages to keep his hand in with construction on some units.

Christened Giovanni proved a problem for John following a recent cruising holiday to New Zealand. When re-entering the country at Tullamarine he was detained for several hours in proving that he was the same person since he entered his name as John not Giovanni.

Second problem was the hair do (no further comment is being made). Customs people were hard to convince it was the same person, however the strip search probably did the trick.

John (Giovanni) follows Essendon and this year is excited about his boy's prospects. More important is John love of wine. He is regarded as a wine fanatical regularly embarking on his own productions known in the trade as VINO D'GIOVANNE CORVO ROSSO.

John is a great guy to play golf with and is a regular winner on the IGA circuit.

Looking but not seeing is something we all do but one guy in the IGA sees things through his camera and that guy is Cosimo Patti. Although the official photographer for the club, Cosimo does see through the lens interesting sights and views of the various golf course he plays on. When we are playing, we are usually intent on the game and fail to observe the flora and fauna that the golf course presents us. Golf courses are sculptured landscapes unlike the football field or tennis court. Most of us own a compact digital camera that easily slips into your pocket, why not share some of those images just send them to your Newsletter



Cosimo's birdies and early morning at Lost Farm in Tasmania



Morning and sunset at Barnbogle Golf from 7th Tee

In the Bunker



After being in a brothel in Hay Street Kalgoorlie guy notices green lumps on his penis, so he goes to the doctors.

“That’s serious” says the Doctor

You know how wrestlers and boxers get cauliflower ears?

“Yes” says the bloke I do.

“Well” says the doctor

“You’ve got Brothel Sprouts

What do you call it when an Italian has one arm shorter than the other?

A speech Impediment!!!!!!

What did the Chinese couple name their new blonde curly haired baby?

Sum Ting Wong

Italian Golf Association
Melbourne



Tony and Joe were quietly sitting in the fishing boat enjoying a few beers.

Tony says:

Think I’m gonna divorce my wife—she hasn’t spoken to me in over 2 months.

Joe, taking another swig of beer says Listen Tony you should really think about that decision:

Wives like that are hard to find!!!!!!!

Customer asked “what aisle can I find Irish Sausages?

Bloke on the desk says Are you Irish Guy clearly offended says yes I am but if I asked for an Italian sausage would you ask me if I was Italian, or if I asked for wurst sausage would you ask if I was German

Or if is asked for a kosher hot dog would you ask if I was Jewish or if I asked for a Taco would you ask if I was Mexican.

Bloke taken aback says well No I probably wouldn’t

Customer says “well then when I asked for Irish Sausages why did you ask if I was Irish

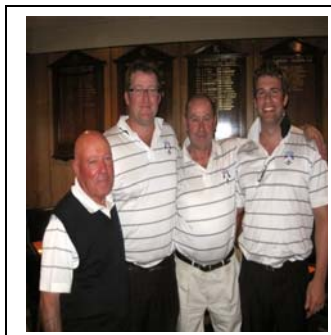
Bloke replies “because you are in a Bunning’s Store’

Submitted by the super sucker

Albatross

Three under par is a rare score and following on from Birdies and Eagles the name Albatross seems to be born out of a double eagle. Since the Albatross is a rare bird the name was adopted for achieving 3 under par as recent as 1935 during the Masters at Augusta when Gene Sarazen scored a two on the par 5, fifteenth hole.

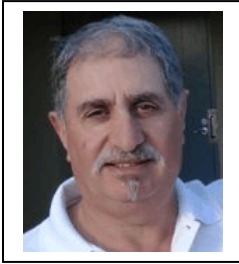
Not wanting to be left out of the record books our own Anthony Murphy pulled one out of the bag with an Albatross at the Dunes Golf Links. Not sure what the “love and kisses” is feeding him but whatever it is it sure is working.



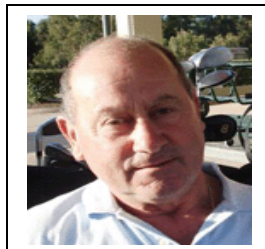


Game Results

The Dunes Golf Links was the qualifying round for the Singles Match Play event and returned some impressive scores...again!!!! !seems like these guys are on sort of special carrot juice or the handicap system needs overhauling. Either way well done to Angelo Scacco with 42 points for A grade, John (again) Marrone on 43 points for B grade and in C grade with 39 points was Adrino Ferrante



Keysborough Golf Club is reported as being in the best condition ever so no excuses for any bad golf, it was also the first round of the Singles Match Play. Sam Adamo won the A grade with 32 points and Mick Patti had 41 for the B grade crown. Mick looked a little shell shocked with his win



Sponsors for these days were:

La Manna Fresh and Ord Minnett

New Member Rob Riordan (hiding behind the shades) was born in Echuca and comes from a dairy farming family near Rochester. Rob is married to Trina also a country girl and they now live in Gisborne South. Rob has worked as a singing teacher in the past where he ended up as the MC and lead singer at the Swagman Restaurant. We therefore have a stand in should the band let us down at the Presentation Night. Rob for the past 20 years has owned his business supplying packaging film to the food and beverage markets throughout the Asia Pacific region. He is the immediate Past President and a committee member at the Gisborne Golf Club also holding several roles over a number of years. Rob loves a good conversation especially when accompanied by a glass of vino, which should be no problem in our club. Make yourself known to Rob as soon as possible and welcome him into the IGA.



Coming up is the Trivia Night you should have received an E mail invitation with all the details. May 14 th is the date Be there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!