



Captains Comment:

Slow Play is an issue with almost all golf courses and you will notice an increasing number of signs around courses encouraging you to complete your round in the generally accepted time. Slow play not only frustrates those behind but from the golf club's point of view it reduces the number of golfers they can accept.



Your IGA will always Endeavour to set a good example where ever we play and I would ask that you perhaps follow some of these simple time saving rules... but of course always keeping in mind the etiquette of the game.

*Who ever is ready, tee off
Don't delay in taking your shots through the green
Remember the 5 minute rule for a lost ball
If necessary call the next group through
If you think your ball could be lost, play a provisional
On the green don't take too long in putting
Mark your card on the next tee not on the green
Loose the phone
Clearly mark your ball to avoid confusion
Get off the green quickly and head to the next tee
Don't leave your clubs at the front of the green
Once you reach the next tee, be ready to play*

Remember "a fast game is a good game"

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Southern Golf Club was certainly in terrific condition and the northerly breeze provided an extra dimension in keeping the ball in play. The day was also the conclusion of the final round of the doubles match play. Winning the event, John Rosa and Mick La Bruna. Well done guys and commiserations to Frank and Joe. Pres. Maurice came home with 41 points to take out A grade and an impressive round from John Marrone on 37 had B grade easily in hand.



Sponsor of the day was Paul Sortino of Sortino fine Furniture. Thanks Paul always appreciate your support. Notice that Pres Maurice just had to stand out from the crowd with his different shirt perhaps he needs to be fined for being out of uniform.

The Pro at Southern, thought that a slim John Daly has arrived to play. Turns out it was Bruno Aquilante who joined us for the game. He was sporting a jaundiced lime green set of strides which only someone north of the border would be game to wear. Seems Bruno was allowed back into "The place to be" on a temporary visitors visa.



<i>Hybrid Angle</i>	<i>Club Replacement</i>
<i>14 to 16 degrees</i>	<i>3 wood or 1 iron</i>
<i>17 to 19 degrees</i>	<i>5 wood or 2 iron</i>
<i>20 to 22 degrees</i>	<i>7 wood or 3 iron</i>
<i>23 to 25 degrees</i>	<i>9 wood or 4 iron</i>
<i>26 to 28 degrees</i>	<i>5 iron</i>
<i>29 to 31 degrees</i>	<i>6 iron</i>

Conversion Guide

Most golfers now carry Hybrid Clubs In place of irons, the adjacent guide is to help you recognize the related loft angles.

*April 13 th .is the world famous
CALCUTTA NIGHT
7.30 pm Vino and Pasta
IGA Clubhouse*



The IGA Pro Am

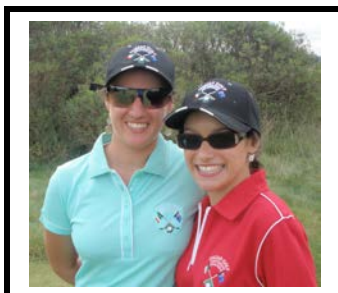
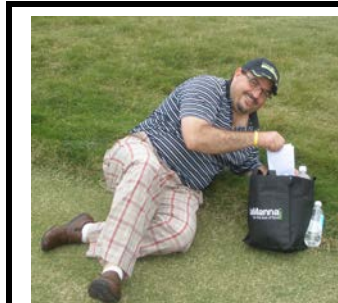
The annual IGA PRO-AM was again a most successful event with some member's reporting this was the best day ever. Your organizing team certainly pulled out all the stops to make the day and the presentation dinner, a special occasion. Pro AM's give everyone the great opportunity to play alongside the up and coming young professional golfers and they are, generally speaking, always willing to offer some advice or pass along a few tips. Walking Sanctuary Lakes Golf Course is a challenge in it's self thank god there was no wind.



The entire PRO AM Winners



President Maurice makes a special presentation to Vince La Manna in appreciation of his on going generous support



Trust Dino to get the good job, The Bag Man still wearing his pajama bottoms and our PRO AM girls that my mother warned me about, always looking for money.



Member Profile

Pasquale Bonacci hails from Calabria and followed his brother to Australia, where they settled in Melbourne. Pasquale and the boss "Wilma" now live in Ringwood, and in keeping with good Italian tradition they have produced four sons to carry on the family name. Being a member of the IGA for some 20 years means he has a very tolerant partner which is why his handicap was down to 10. He says he is now getting older and sort of semi retired so he has let the handicap go out to 18 just to keep competitive.

Parkland courses such as Northern Golf Club are his preferred venue. Links type courses are not his favorite places to play which is why he had a 10 on one hole at Moonah Links. Pasquale has an unusual swing which is 100% or nothing and he will keep you in line with regards to the strokes you have taken. Being in the butcher trade means he does know how to count when shelling out the dollars and cents. Seems he is also a bit of a card shark, especially when playing Tresette, but perhaps that is only a rumor?

To save his energy for playing in the Masters, he had Wilma drive him all the way to Rye then come and pick him up again after the game. He must still wear the trousers in his house.

Challenge:

Xenia's Journey

"I won't lie Cancer has taken a lot from my family and I---it takes and takes---but after it has finished taking, as ironic as it may sound it gives something back. Cancer gave me valuable life lessons that you can't get at school, or in a text book. My perspectives have changed and so have my priorities. I now appreciate the smaller things and value the support I have around me, because in the end it saved my life. I guess in that sense cancer also gave me the gift of Challenge, who have enriched my life in so many ways and shown me there is a sun shining behind those dark clouds."

Xenia was fifteen years old when after a number of tests at the Royal Children's Hospital she was told she had Acute Myeloid Leukaemia. It took her and her family a further seven painful months to combat this terrible Cancer disease.

This is an extract from Xenia's story and her battle with cancer.

Challenge and the IGA.

Our PRO-AM golf day proudly supports the work of Challenge and you are encouraged to have a look at their web site www.challenge.org.au to learn more of the terrific work these people carry out. This year your IGA Melbourne will be donating \$10,000 to Challenge program thanks to the generous support from the Sponsors and all the IGA Members who were involved.

Challenge has as its patron Robert Allenby and Ambassador at large Jarrod Lyle who battled Leukaemia with the help of this program, both part of the world of golf.

Vince La Manna has been associated with Challenge for some time with many delightful stories to tell of the successful battles these kids have won. He also can confirm that all our dollars raised goes direct to the heart of the program.



In the Bunker

Tony and Maria

Are lying in bed

Maria: What would you do if I died? Would you marry again?

Tony: Definitely not

Maria: Why not don't you like being married?

Tony: Of course I do...

Maria: Then why wouldn't you remarry

Tony: OK OK I'll get married again

Maria: Would you live in our house?

Tony: Sure it's a great house

Maria: Would you sleep in our bed?

Tony: Where else would we sleep

Maria: Would you let her drive my car?

Tony: Probably it's almost brand new

Maria: Would you give her my jewelry?

Tony: No I am sure she will have her own

Maria: Would you take her golfing with you?

Tony: Yes those were good times

Maria: Would she use my clubs?

Tony: No she's left handed

Maria: Silence

Tony: Oh Shit!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

An Arab family was considering putting their grandfather (Abdullah) into a nursing home. All the Arab facilities were completely full, so they put him into an Italian Facility instead.

After several weeks in the Italian Facility his family came to visit.

How do you like it here asked his Grandson?

It's wonderful everyone here is so courteous and respectful says Abdullah.

Let me tell you about how wonderfully well they treat the residents.

There is a musician here who is 85 he has not played the violin in 20 years yet everyone calls him the Maestro

A judge is 95 and he has not been on the bench in 30 years yet they all call him your Honor

There is a dentist 90 years old he hasn't fixed a tooth in 25 years and they all call him Doctor

And me.... I haven't had sex for close to 35 years and they still call me The F#@*#g Arab!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Levels of Stress;

You pick up a hitch hiker a beautiful girl, she faints in your car and you take her to hospital now that's stressful

But at the hospital they say she is pregnant and congratulate you, you say you are not the father but the girl says you are. This is getting very stressful

You request a DNA the doctor says you are infertile and probably have been all your life. You are very relieved.

On the way home you think about your 3 kids. Now That's Stress

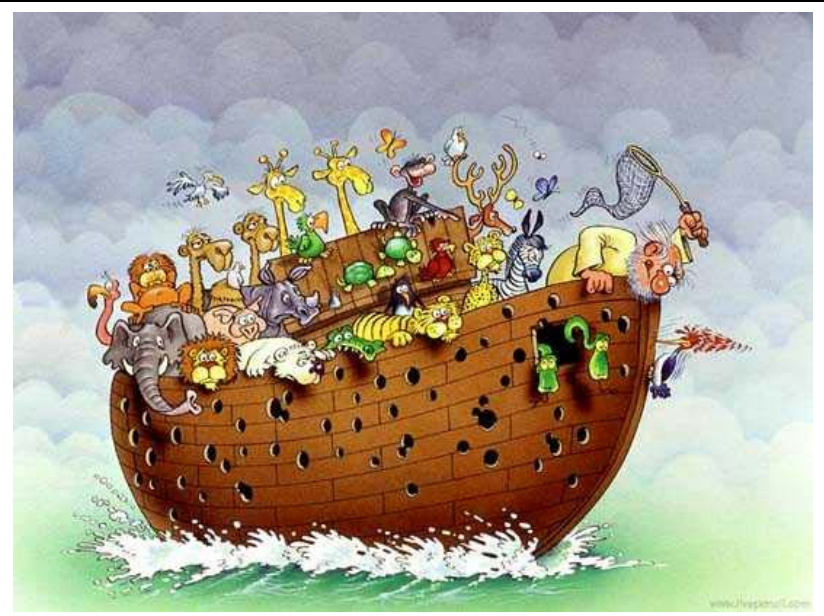
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In the new version of the Bible, Jesus asks the lepers what health care plan they are on before he cures them



***"Now let me get this straight,
the Arabs get the oil,
and we have to cut off the ends of our what!"***

ROD



Think the woodpecker will have to be left behind!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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The Masters..

This year your Masters was played on the Open course at Moonah Links and a spectacular day weather wis, was provided after much praying by your captain John Pallisco. The open course is the more difficult of the two tracks and one IGA member observed that the 18 th fairway resembles an afternoon in Beirut there are so many mine craters. As a result numerous double scores were recorded on some of the holes and another member managed to regularly have 7 on all of the par three's, which is no mean feat.

Despite this we did have some good scores with the eventual winners being

Mathew Hill 67 net for the A grade and Ken Bremner 74 net for the B grade



New Members

The following new members have been officially accepted into the IGA and photographs will be posted in the near future to help you recognize them. So make them welcome.

<i>Frank Sabo</i>	<i>I.T. Specialist from St Albans</i>
<i>Robert Riordan</i>	<i>Packaging Films from Gisborne South</i>
<i>Domenico Fazzari</i>	<i>Retired from Keilor East</i>
<i>Vince Carnvale</i>	<i>Real Estate from Keilor East</i>
<i>Dominic Gianetta</i>	<i>I.T. Manager from Weribee</i>
<i>Angelo Di Iorio</i>	<i>Production BVLender from East Preston</i>

Rules

Question came up the other day with respect to a plugged ball in the bunker and taking a drop declaring the ball unplayable.

Referring to rule 28

The player may deem his ball to be unplayable at any place on the course, except when the ball is in a water hazard. The player is the sole judge as to whether his ball is un- playable.

If the player deems his ball to be unplayable, he must under a penalty of one stroke

- (a) play the ball as rear as possible from at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see rule 20-5)*
- (b) Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped*
- (c) Drop a ball within two club lengths of the spot where the ball lay but not nearer the hole.*

If the unplayable ball is in a bunker the player must proceed under clause a,b,or c. If he elects to proceed under clause b or c the ball must be dropped in the bunker

New Arrival

Congratulations to Licia and Massimo Cellante on the arrival of their daughter Carla

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