



Captain's Corner Newsletter

A Message from the Captain

Welcome to the last edition of Captains Corner for 2025.

So far 97 members have qualified for the Champion of Champions (C of C) please read the note under upcoming games on the right for more information

SVGA 2025 Club Champion Michael O' Keefe Awarded the John Newberry Perpetual trophy



Picture courtesy of Dave Stickland

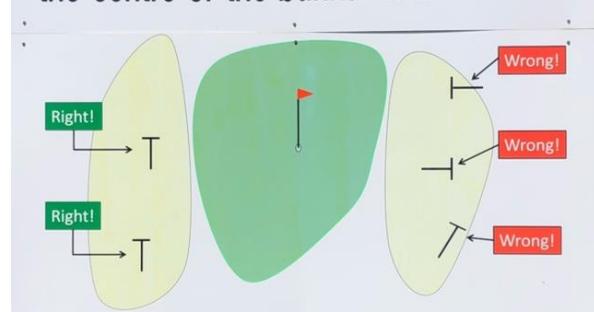
- 1st** Michael O' Keefe - combined score of 78 points. 40 at Ryde Parramatta & 38 at Macquarie Links
- 2nd** Kevin Nelson-Smith 73 points
- 3rd** David Fergusson 71 points

Dress & Phone Regulations reminder – A new year of SVGA golf is ahead, I would like all members to refresh themselves on the dress/phone regulations required by SVGA. Select the following link to review these regulations:

<https://www.sydneyvetsgolf.com.au/cms/membership/dress-regulations/>

Bunkers Reminder - as a rule of thumb this is how you should place the rake in a bunker. Some courses have different rules e.g. white painted T near the bunker for the rake placement or a pipe for the rake to be inserted

You must rake bunkers & place rakes in the centre of the bunker when finished



Picture courtesy of Dunheved GC

Nov Dec 2025 & Jan 2026

Upcoming Games

Mon 3 rd Nov	Kooindah SGS	Book Sun 26 th Oct @ 7pm
Mon 10 th Nov	Brighton Lakes 2 Tee	Book Sun 2 nd Nov @ 7pm
Tues 18 th Nov	Lynwood 2 Tee	Book Mon 10 th Nov @ 7pm
Mon 24 th Nov	The Ridge 2Tee	Book Sun 16 th Nov @ 7pm
Mon 1 st Dec	Stonecutters SGS	Book Sun 23 rd Nov @ 7pm
Mon 8 th Dec	Stonecutters SGS C of C *	Book Sun 30 th Nov @ 7pm
Mon 15 th Dec	Stonecutters SGS	Book Sun 7th Dec @ 7pm
Mon 5 th Jan	Carnarvon 2 Tee	Book Sun 28 th Dec 25@ 7pm
Tues 13 th Jan	Oatlands 2 Tee	Book Mon 5th Jan @ 7pm
Mon 19 th Jan	Moore Park 2Tee	Book Sun 11 th Jan@ 7pm
Thurs 29 th Jan	Ryde Parra 2 Tee	Book Wed 21 st Jan @ 7pm

- **Champion of Champions (C of C)** Please read below for qualification and participation

C of C - All past winners in A,B or C grades from and including Stonecutters 1 on 25th November 2024 are eligible to play. A number of winners have already advised me of their intentions to play or not. If you have not advised me of your intentions please email captain.svga@gmail.com. **NOTE** - Vacant slots on the booking sheet are available to anyone however these members will not qualify for the C of C, only the daily prizes.

2026 Membership renewals will be sent out shortly. If you forget to renew online, at all Stonecutter's games a committee member will take payment for your 2026 renewal. Hats & shirts will also be available to purchase.

Reminder on early arrival for Shot Gun Starts – SGS Please make sure you arrive if possible 40 mins prior to the start time i.e. 0720 for a 0800 SGS

Great Scores Stuart McCreery playing off a daily Handicap of 36, had an incredible 46 pts at Macquarie Links
Kevin Crowley off a daily handicap of 37 also had an incredible 45 pts at Twin Creeks
Congratulations Stuart and Kevin on terrific scores

Rules Quiz – Source <https://www.randa.org/quiz/level/quiz-expert>

Q 1 A player plays their second shot, searches for the ball briefly and then goes back and drops another ball under penalty of stroke and distance. Before the player can play the dropped ball, the player's original ball is found within three minutes of when the player first started searching for it. *Which ball is to be played and is there any additional penalty?* **What is the ruling?**

Q 2 Player B's ball was lying badly in deep rough. Player A said to player B: "You have no shot at all. If I were you, I would declare the ball unplayable." *Are there any penalties to be applied to player A or B?* **What is the ruling?**

Q 3 On the 17th hole, the player's tee shot comes to rest in a bunker. The player takes a practice swing in the bunker as they prepare for their next shot and hits the sand. The player makes their stroke and the ball finishes close to the hole. The player takes one more stroke to complete the hole. *What is the player's score for the hole in stroke play?* **What is the score to be entered - 3, 4 or 5?** **What is the ruling?**

Answers at the bottom of page 2

Miscore - NTP, Menu items, what Tee should I be playing off?

1. NTP - Select the flashing Tee symbol, select add self or partner, enter distance in cm

The screenshots show the Miscore app interface. The first screen shows a scorecard with a 'P' symbol in the tee box. The second screen shows the 'NEAREST TO PIN' menu for Hole 2, where a user is prompted to enter an approximate distance in cm. The third screen shows the same menu with a distance of 104 cm entered.

From Stonecutters #1 NTP will be only be entered using the function on the Miscore app. A tape measure will be available on the NTP holes. If you are using an Apple I phone there is a built in app called Measure. This works really well and is very accurate and handy on the golf course.

Caution - Before you hit enter, make sure the distance is in cm & is correct If you are 4 metres enter 400 not 40.

Made a mistake? To delete the name & distance entered HARD PRESS i.e. hold your finger on the name and follow the prompts

2. Menu - How many games have I played with SVGA? - Top right of the Miscore SVGA app, select menu then select score history. You will see all your competition games. Select the 3 dots, this shows the venue, playing partner etc. Whilst you are on the Menu page have a look at the SVGA local rules.

The screenshots show the Miscore app's menu and score history. The menu screen shows 'Score Competition' and 'Score Social' options. The score history screen shows a list of rounds with details like date, round type, and partner. The local rules screen shows the SVGA Local Rules as of 29 November 2022, including rules for Rule 16.1b and Rule 18.1.

3. Miscore Tee colour

The screenshot shows a scorecard for Hole 1. The tee box for Kieran Harmes (HC: 14) is highlighted in orange, indicating it is the current tee colour.

SVGA games are played a number of courses with different colour Tee boxes in play. The booking sheet should indicate the colour and on the Miscore app when you have logged in, the colour should be displayed on the Par number – in this photo the Tee colour is orange. If in doubt ask someone what colour we are using on the day.

Reminder on Cancellations – Three ways

To cancel your game:

A - Up to 5pm the night before- via website <https://svga.1golf.com.au/members/>

B - 5pm – 10pm night before by phoning the Captain

C - Game Day - calling the starters desk on 0483 294 587 if unanswered please leave a message. **Please DO NOT call the Captain on game day as he may be not playing or away**

Remember - if you can't play remove your name from the waitlist

QUIZ ANSWERS

Q1 - The player must continue with the dropped ball. See [Rule 18.1](#). Once the player puts another ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance, the original ball is no longer in play and must not be played https://www.randa.org/en/rog/the-rules-of-golf/rule-18#18_1

Q2 - As player A's advice could have influenced player B in determining his play, Player A gets two penalty strokes added to their score. Player B is not penalised. See [Rule 10.2a](#) and Clarification [Advice/1](#). Such a comment is advice because it could have influenced the player in deciding how to play the hole. https://www.randa.org/en/rog/the-rules-of-golf/rule-10#10_2a

Q3 - Before making a stroke at a ball in a bunker, a player must not touch sand in the bunker with a club in making a practice swing (see [Rule 12.2b](#)). Score should be 5 not 3 https://www.randa.org/en/rog/the-rules-of-golf/rule-12#12_2b