

This month the game is at Melton Valley

Monday 11th of April.

07:00 Registration.

08:00 Tee off Shotgun start.

Melton Valley Pro Shop 03 9743 2590



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Next Month Monday 2nd of May Mandalay

Captains Report – Trentham

The trip to Trentham Golf Club on Tuesday 7th March 22 was quite precarious. It was a slow drive through the hills as we had to contend with drizzly rain, fog, darkness and the need to keep an eye out for kangaroos on our journey.

As we teed off there was some misty rain which cleared to overcast after 5 or so holes and then turned to pleasant sunny weather for the last half a dozen holes. The course was in good shape after heavy rain the previous week, which helped soften the fairways. The wet greens early in the round were quite slow but became much faster as they were trimmed and the weather improved.

Quite a few of the members took advantage of the egg and bacon roll for breakfast and we enjoyed the hamburger and chips for lunch, provided by the catering ladies.

We ended up with a smaller field of 60 players with only 3 playing better than their handicap. Good to see one of our ladies, Kathleen feature in the results.

Now for the winners.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Score</u>
<u>A grade winner:</u>		
Joe Curry	11	39 points
<u>A grade runner-up:</u>		
Dean Murray	12	36 points
<u>B grade winner:</u>		
Tony Barr	15	35 points
<u>B grade runner-up:</u>		
Frank Tadic	13	32 points c/b
<u>C grade winner:</u>		
Bernie Handke	25	39 points
<u>C grade runner-up:</u>		
Kathleen Eiser	24	38 points
<u>Nearest the pin winners:</u>		
2 nd hole	Patrick Moynahan	
5 th hole	Tony Barr	
13 th hole	Brian Smith	
15 th hole	Peter Brideson	

Just a coincidence but Tony and Brian had the NTP's on the same holes last year!

The ball run down went to 31 points on count back.

Thanks to Committee members for their usual good work as the results were compiled in a very short time.

The Raffle 'O' draw was won by Pat Moynahan and the birthday drawn recipient of a free game next month was Vic Macans. Congratulations to all the winners on the day.

Our next game will be on Monday 11th April at Melton Valley Golf Club.

Gus Steegstra
Captain



Left to right: Vice President Shane Turner,
A Grade winner Joe Curry,
Captain Gus Steegstra



C Grade winner Bernie Handke



B Grade winner Tony Barr



A Foggy start for our March event at Trentham.
Captain Gus Steegstra, Webmaster Kerry Bayly,
Past Captain Tony Barr and Dean Murray putting
out on the 13th hole.

Contributed by Alan Kinnaird
Photo by Mario Caruso

Birthdays for April 2022

Mario	Caruso
Leslie	Coelho
Frank	Cuthbertson
Anne	Lawler
William	Mandouit
Roger	Suter
Jerry	Cresp
Steve	D'Andrea
Michael	Dunne

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Welfare Report

Kerry Bayly had a bad turn while playing golf at Koorungal recently and was taken to hospital by ambulance. After testing it was diagnosed as an angina attack and he was sent home to rest. He has since reported that he is feeling better and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Peter Caple is the Welfare Officer. Please contact Peter at p.caple@bigpond.com if you know of any of our members who are ill.

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Promotion

All members that introduce two new members will receive a free entry to one of our events.

Once the new member has paid their membership you will be listed on the next event as paid.

Lady golfers are welcome to join.

Sponsorship and Golf Balls

The Golf Balls for the Ball rundown are now the Optima TS3 golf balls.

We thank Walkinshaw Sports for their generosity and encourage our members to support PGF golf products when they can.

Mario has a supply of the brand-new Optima TS3 golf balls for the same price as previous - 2 dozen balls for \$30 half retail price. Normal retail \$28.99 doz.

Updated for 2020 with a lower compression core for better feel, the new TS3 delivers outstanding performance. The 3-piece design features double-cover construction for the optimal blend of driver and iron performance combining with the proprietary NEI ionomer cover for exceptional approach shot control and greenside spin. Choose the new Optima TS3 for a better all-around game.

- 3-Piece multi-layer construction
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- Soft NEI ionomer cover
- Dual radius 332 dimple pattern



It is a good opportunity to get a very good ball for a great price. You can order your supply from Mario, ring 0401604501 or email mariocaruso@bigpond.com

You can collect your order from Mario in Sunbury or at our next game.

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Saturday morning I got up early, dressed quietly, made my lunch, grabbed my clubs, slipped quietly into the garage, and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. The wind was blowing 60 mph.

I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad throughout the day.

So I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. There I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation, and whispered, 'The weather out there is terrible.'

My loving wife of 20 years replied, 'Can you believe it, my stupid husband is out golfing in that crap?'

I still don't know to this day if she was joking, but I've stopped golfing.

Contributed by Mario Caruso

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Notice from the VVGA

The VVGA 4BBB Tournament to be held at the Belvoir park Golf Club (refer February newsletter) with practice day and BBQ on Sunday 20th March, Tournament days Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd of March 2022 is full. Sixty (60) pairs have entered. Any entries received after the 8th of March will go on the emergency list and will be included if any teams can't play. Teams will be contacted on the order that entries were received. Any entries received and are on the emergency that don't get to play, their entry monies will be refunded in full.

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Real golfers, no matter what the provocation, never strike a caddie with the driver. The sand wedge is far more effective.

Huxtable Pippey

The woods are full of long drivers.

Harvey Penick

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Australia declared the second most successful country in golf

by Dane Heverin



Seven-time major champion Karrie Webb and five-time The Open champion Peter Thomson played a significant role in Australia's ranking.

A new research study by money.co.uk has found Australia to be the second most successful country for golf behind the United States. The study analysed men's and women's major tournaments and World Cups and looked at the amount of times an individual or team from each country has won one of those prestigious events to reveal the most successful countries for golf. The United States were way out in front with a total score of 504 and a normalised score out of ten of 9.14, however Australia's ability to produce major champions across generations ensured our nation's proud golfing history was rewarded with a total score of 34, a normalised score out of ten of 6.67.

Australia's five multiple major winners - Karrie Webb (seven times), Peter Thomson (five times), Jan Stephenson (three times), Greg Norman and David Graham (both two times) - played a significant role in the ranking as did five men's World Cup wins.

The team event has been off the golfing calendar for four years now, but Australia's success at the tournament is not to be forgotten with Kel Nagle and Peter Thomson (1954 & 1959), Bruce Devlin and David Graham (1970), Peter Fowler and Wayne Grady (1989), and Jason Day and Adam Scott (2013) all lifting up the World Cup. Major victories to Minjee Lee, Hannah Green, Jason Day, Adam Scott, Geoff Ogilvy, Steve Elkington, Ian Baker-Finch, Wayne Grady, Kel Nagle and Jim Ferrier also ensured that Australia



finished above England (third), Sweden (fourth) and South Korea (fifth).

PGA of Australia Chief Executive Gavin Kirkman said the research confirmed the notion of Australia’s prominence in the international game. “We bat out of our weight division,” said Kirkman. “In fact, from a playing point of view, we’re a powerhouse in the game internationally. At a professional level, we provide a significant percentage of the fields at most major golf events around the world and that’s a contribution that we’re proud of.

“So many great players have established themselves on the ISPS Handa PGA Tour of Australasia and the WPGA Tour of Australasia. We continue to build strong alliances and relationships with all Tours within the golf eco-system that gives our players both men and women the best pathway and opportunities to make it onto global tours, win majors and play for their country.

“Australian Golf continues to produce talented young players who become superstars on global tours, inspiring young girls and boys to play our sport.” Golf Australia Chief Executive James Sutherland said Australian Golf should be proud of what it has done and ambitious about what it could do in the future. “It’s an eye-opener in some ways to see Australia ranked at No. 2 in such a truly international game,” said Sutherland.

“But in other ways it is just a reminder of Australia’s status in the game. It’s been incredible to see the rise of the likes of Minjee Lee who has just moved to fourth in the World Golf Rankings as one of four Australian women in the Top 50, along with the likes of Cam Smith and Lucas Herbert who make up eight of the Top 100 male golfers in the world, all graduates of our high-performance program.

England (44) and South Korea (35) recorded greater totals than Australia, however as some competitions are played more regularly than others, each country was given a normalised score out of ten for each sporting event, referencing the number of times played. This allowed an average score to be determined, revealing which countries have had the most sporting successes.

Not golf but many of the following words could be applied to some of the many characters we meet around the golf course.

The Washington Post's Mensa Invitational once again invited readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are the winners:

Cashtration: The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.

Ignoranus: A person who's both stupid and an asshole.

Intoxicaton: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

Bozone: The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

Foreploy: Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.

Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit)

Karmageddon: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

Decafalon: The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

Glibido: All talk and no action.

Dopeler Effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

Arachnoleptic Fit: The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

Beelzebug: Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

Caterpallor: The colour you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

The Washington Post has also published the winning submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words.

And the winners are:

Coffee: The person upon whom one coughs.

Flabbergasted: Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.

Abdicate: To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Esplanade: To attempt an explanation while drunk.

Willy-nilly: Impotent.

Negligent: Absent mindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown.

Lymph: To walk with a lisp.

Gargoyle: Olive-flavoured mouthwash.

Flatulence: Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.

Balderdash:
A rapidly receding hairline.

Testicle: A humorous question on an exam.

Rectitude: The formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.

Pokemon: A Rastafarian proctologist.

Oyster: A person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.

Frisbeetarianism: The belief that, after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

Contributed by Mario Caruso

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Hume Veterans Golf Club is now accepting new members.

**Play at these quality courses for only
\$45 a game (hot lunch included).**

Werribee

Gisborne

Trentham

Melton Valley

Mandalay

Mt. Derrimut

Goonawarra

Bacchus Marsh

Kooringal

Craigieburn

Melbourne Airport

For an annual fee of \$60 (which includes 5 tickets for a Parmaker electric buggy raffle) and \$45 per game with lunch, you'll be invited to play once a month at each of the above courses.

Prizes are given to top scorers, nearest the pins and a generous ball rundown.

All games count towards your handicap.

The final game of the year is just \$20, and everybody goes into the Parmaker raffle.

All new members are given a free Hume Vets shirt, cap and name badge.

Applicants must be aged 55 years or older and have a current Golfink handicap.

Ladies are most welcome to join.

For a membership application form please contact Mario Caruso. Tel: 0401 604 501 or email Hume Vets at info@humevetsgc.com.au.

For more details on our club's activities, visit our website: www.humevetsgc.com.au

Minutes from the VVGA meeting

Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc.

Reg No A0023016N

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 2022

At the Mt Derrimut Golf club

The President: Richard Olsen, opened the meeting at 10.35am and welcomed all serving Councillors present.

1/. Present: Richard. Olsen, Brian. Hazell, John. Robertson, Greg. Bennett, Rob. Bride, Ron. Smith, Peter. Irvin, Ern. Kraulis, Alan. Maloney.

2/. Apology's: Councillor Paul.Campbell. Apology

3/. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved; Brian Hazell Seconded Ron Smith that the minutes of the Council meeting held at the Mt Derrimutt Golf Club 08/07/2021 be approved, **carried**.

Items arising: No business arising from these minutes.

4/. Correspondence In: as included in the agenda.

5/. Correspondence Out: as included in the agenda.

It was Moved; Alan Maloney and seconded by Ern Kraulis that all inwards correspondence be received, and all outwards correspondence be approved, **carried**.

From Correspondence: that Secretary John reply to John Daley Vice president and Program Co-ordinator for the NSWVGA, on his query on whether visiting interstate veterans can participate in our veteran's golf days? can visitors win a daily or grade trophy? NTP's and ball rundown for the day?

Are green fees payable by visitors?

Are veteran ladies welcome if they are members of the NSWVGA.

The VVGA Council would welcome visiting veterans from all states providing if asked they can produce current membership or a letter of introduction from a District Secretary, they would be eligible to win trophies in the day's competition. As visiting veterans, they would pay the daily competition fee to enter a competition. Visiting veteran Ladies would be welcome, but as the VVGA have only a small number of lady members, they play in the same competition as the men.

5/. Financial Report: As presented by Treasurer Greg, showing that the VVGA Business Account has a balance of \$22,356.17. The Investment Account has a balance of \$15,000.00
Total balance of \$37,356.17

Treasurer Greg stated that at this stage thirteen districts have now paid their affiliation fees with eight districts still to pay.

The wording on the affiliation fee form be changed from 31st December to "Maximum membership in the previous calendar year" Treasurer Greg and Secretary John to look at this.

Moved Greg Bennett, seconded by Ern Kraulis that the financial report be received, and accounts be passed for payment. **Carried.**

6/. Captains Report: Captain Brian, presented his following Captains report to the meeting. Everything is in hand for the VVGA Annual 4BBB Championships being held at Belvoir Park Golf Club.

VVGA Teams Event to be held at the Stawell Golf Club 5th & 6th September is ongoing with Captain Brian and the Stawell Golf Club.

Stawell Golf Club will organise a venue for the Monday Dinner. It may be that players will organise their own evening meal.

Barwon Valley is well advanced with organising the VVGA State Championship at their club.

Strathbogie VVGA Country Carnival. Emails and phone calls have been received from districts asking that the VVGA reinstate this event back to a VVGA Country Championships. The VVGA Council has decided that this event will revert to VVGA Country Championships; the VVGA will be encouraging all districts and veteran members to fully support this event to ensure its viability.

Councillor Ern Kraulis moved that we rescind his previous motion that we call the May 2022 event at the Strathbogie Golf Club a VVGA Country Carnival, and return to a VVGA Country Championships and the format be as in previous years, original seconder Greg Bennett seconded the motion **Carried**

Councillor Peter Irvin asked do we ask clubs in their districts if they wish to hold VVGA events.

Captain Brian has a five-year plan for which districts can hold a VVGA event. Then Councillors will invite district clubs to see if there is interest in holding VVGA Events.

Moved Brian Hazell, seconded Ern Kraulis that the captains report be received, **Carried.**

Councillor's Reports:

Alan Maloney: Visited Ballarat District for their AGM.

Alan will be visiting Corangamite District for that districts AGM

2022 State Championships at Barwon Valley Golf Club. Organisation of this event is well in hand.

Ern Kraulis: attended the Central district AGM.
Central District have a new Delegate Geoff Cook.
Ern will visit Northern District.

Peter Irvin: Glenelg district events are well presented. Men numbers are good, and ladies are also good with approximately thirty ladies playing in their events.
Men and Ladies are playing in the same competition on the day.
Glenelg district will have a separate Men's championship and a Ladies championship event in their district.

Rob Bride: Rob has had no feedback about Country Championships name change.
Rob has sent emails to Mornington Peninsula District re district boundary's but has not heard back from them.

Ron Smith: Attended Goulburn Valley AGM a good turn up of members.
They have a new Captain for 2022.
2023 VVGA Annual teams Event in the Northern District; an inquiry from Kyabram Golf Club. they will advise Councillor Ron smith of club interest in this event.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Email from Michael Munro re ladies playing in 4BBB Championships at Belvoir Park.
Council/Councillors had a discussion re Michael Munro's email and have reaffirmed that men and lady veteran members who have entered in this competition will be playing from their respective designated teeing areas for the tournament and be playing in the same event.

Email/Letters from Glenelg District/ Corangamite District and Bob Bates a member of the Corangamite District, with questions regarding the renaming of the Country Championships to a VVGA Country Carnival. After a discussion by Council/Councillors and considering feedback received from districts and individual members a decision was made that this event be reverted to a VVGA Country Championship Event and the same format as in previous be applied. (a motion was moved earlier in the meeting to this effect)

Letter/Email was received from Corangamite district and Glenelg District regarding the cancellation of the VVGA Sandgreen Championships at the Associations AGM held at the Yallourn Golf Club 2022. Council/Councillors decided to take on board this correspondence and decided to take this matter will be presented at the VVGA 2022 AGM and will be raised as a general business item of which all VVGA Districts will receive early notification and District Delegates can vote according to their districts wishes.

Councillor Ern Kraulis, has been in contact with Alan Bentley with an update insurance Broker has been discussing the actual terminology of the policy holder it was the Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc and it will change to Victorian Veteran Golfers Association

Inc and including all members as per policy, which includes 4,000 members and fifteen non playing members.

President Richard to send out all insurance information to all Districts Secretaries and expect that all districts will be able to discuss and reply asap.

President Richard to explain to districts all the ins and outs of the policy.

Interstate visiting veterans are covered by the Golf Australia policy.

VVGA Constitution update Stewart Craig will continue to update the VVGA Constitution and when VVGA Council/Councillors get the draft copy it will be presented to all VVGA Districts.

Councillor Rob Bride was elected Vice-Captain and Brian Hazell Vice President.

It was raised that the President's term of office in the VVGA Constitution is for three years the only Executive position that has term in office with years applied. After a discussion amongst Councillors, it was decided that this restriction be lifted in the new constitution to reflect no minimum term be applied to the VVGA President's position.

Councillor Rob Bride is still investigating at district clubs to see whether they can be shifted or want to move to another district and to cut down travelling for members.

Next Meeting Wednesday 6th April at the Mt Derrimut Golf Club

Meeting closed 12.40 pm

Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc.

ABN 58 679 581 932



President Alan Kinnaird 0418 564 760
Captain: Gus Steegstra 0407 098 423
Secretary: Arnold Messias 0421 035 881
Email: arnold@messias.net

Application for Membership

Membership Secretary,
Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc.
Mario Caruso 21 Liquidamber Way Sunbury 3429 info@humevetsgc.com.au

Sir,

I hereby apply for membership of the Hume Veterans Golf Club and if elected, agree to abide by the Articles of Association, By-Laws of the Club and Committee rulings. I have obtained the age of 55 years I am a financial member of a Golf Club affiliated with the Australian Golf Union and have a current handicap recognized by the Australian Golf Club Union or have a current Golfink handicap.

Name in full (in block letters) Polo Top Size.....

Golf Link Number

Address.....

..... Postcode.....

Email Address.....

Home Club..... Date of Birth.....

Home Telephone no..... Mobile.....

Emergency contact Name & Phone No.....

Signature.....

The above-mentioned candidate is personally known to us and we believe him to be a suitable person to be elected a Member of the Hume Veterans Golf Club.

Proposer (in block letters)

Signature.....

Seconder (in block letters)

Signature.....

Membership fees can be paid via direct debit to Hume Vets Golf Club

BSB: 033-118 Account Number: 344854

Provided that the Directors shall not be bound to accept the application for Membership of any person, also provided any inaccuracy or misrepresentation in the particulars relating to the applicant or his description shall render his election voidable at any time at the discretion of the Club.

Date received by the Membership Secretary...../...../.....

Signed.....



Melton Valley Golf Course