

AGM

Annual General Meeting

The AGM and election of office bearers will be conducted after our game at Gisborne.

This month the game is at Gisborne Monday 1st of February.

07:00 Registration.

08:00 Tee off Shotgun start.

Gisborne pro shop **03 5428 2698**

Next Month March 1st Trentham

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First game of 2021



Enjoying a brief spell between the showers at the Growling Frog.

Left to right: Peter Olthof, Jerry Cresp and Peter Turner

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Captains Report - Growling Frog

Constant drizzle greeted us from the start to the finish making it difficult to play to our handicaps. The fairways were excellent with the rest of the course in good condition.

The meal was a good quality with the choice between fish and roast lamb.

Thanks to John Peart, Tony Barr and Kerry Bayly for getting the field of 78 players out smoothly.

It was an historic day with the first ladies joining the Hume vets.

Welcome to Pamela Murphy and Kathleen Eiser.

Now for the winners.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Score</u>
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A grade winner:

Harry Johnson	10	34 points
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A grade runner-up:

Richard Te Whare	Scr	32 points
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B grade winner:

Steve D'Andrea	13	38 points
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B grade runner-up:

Donald Kennedy	17	33 points
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C grade winner:

Colin Braithwaite	20	38 points
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C grade runner-up:

Tony Hedley	24	35 points
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D grade winner:

Ian Malloy	25	33 points
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D grade runner-up:

Kathleen Eiser	29	32 points c/b
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Nearest the pin winners:

2 nd hole	Paul Robinson
6 th hole	Claude Grossi
12 th hole	Wes Jankiewicz
16 th hole	Vito Cirelli



The Raffle 'O' bottle of Port winner was Tony Hedley and the winner of the birthday draw for the free game at Trentham is Mario Pane.

Bill Mandouit
Vice-Captain



Trevor Immelman – 2022 International Team Captain

December 12th marks one year since the first day of competition at Royal Melbourne and somehow it feels like a lifetime ago and just yesterday all at once. Looking back, we arrived in Australia with high hopes but low expectations. We were a very young team – the youngest ever with seven rookies – but were filled with excitement at the opportunity to compete against one of the strongest American teams ever assembled.

We had a lot of belief in our leader Ernie Els and drew confidence from his stature, his standing in the game, his record at Royal Melbourne and throughout his career. In a certain sense you could see how excited the youngsters on our team were just to have

access to him and to be in his presence. When you consider the struggles the International Team has endured throughout the years, to get that close to re-entering the winners circle was a great feeling.

Ultimately, we came up short but our team as a unit took a giant step in the right direction.

We wanted to keep that momentum going and immediately began meetings in January of 2020 regarding the future of our team and the blueprint we saw going forward. We made plans, put together puzzle pieces for what we thought would be the 2021 Presidents Cup. Then the pandemic hit, and we had to hit the pause button.

As Captain, there were two ways I could look at the postponement. I could look at it as a disadvantage, that we lost momentum we'd felt we gained in Australia. We wished we could have played the following week in 2019 and instead it will be three years between Cups. But that is just one side of the coin. The side which I chose to focus on and what I think will be good for us considering we had seven rookies is that an extra year gives them a much greater opportunity to compete in the biggest events and gain more experience against the best players in the world. They're going to bag that extra experience and then come to Quail Hollow and draw from that. That's what I think is important and the lens through which I chose to view this challenge.

I look back to the Masters in November as a great example of experience gained. To see those players step up gave me a sense of pride. Cam Smith shooting four rounds in the 60s has never been done before. Between Sungjae Im, who finished tied second at Augusta National, and Joaquin Niemann you have two 22-year-olds that

have become consistent forces on the PGA TOUR. Dylan Frittelli and C.T. Pan also recorded their first top 10 in a major championship and Abraham Ancer played in the final group on Sunday. I don't think those performances would have happened without the lessons they learned at Royal Melbourne. I was also delighted to see my countryman Christiaan Bezuidenhout win back-to-back European Tour titles in South Africa these past few weeks. Already ranked inside the world's top-40, this young man could be another strong contender to make the International Team. If you add those names to the nucleus of our team that I believe will still be there – Matsuyama, Scott, Oosthuizen, Leishman and Day – you can start to assemble a squad that has a really good feel about it.

Nine months has passed since we first hit the pause button. We have regained our momentum since the PGA TOUR's Return to Golf, and I am excited about the talent being built upon this season. Looking ahead to the coming months, I look forward to announcing the criteria for players to qualify to represent the International Team at Quail Hollow Club in 2022. It's time to plug back in.

All the best and stay safe,
Trevor Immelman

"There are going to be places where you can attack the golf course and there are going to be times where you've got to kind of bite your lip and play conservative and hit to certain spots on the green, get out of there with a par and move on."

Jim Furyk, on the discipline required to play Augusta National



Bing Crosby (left) doesn't appear too impressed with Bob Hope's golf swing, but Hope was an excellent golfer.

Legendary comedian and entertainer Bob Hope was born in 1903 and died in 2003, a couple of months after reaching the age of 100. In his younger days Hope was an excellent golfer. In his later years he was an enthusiastic golfer. He was always a voracious player of the game and loved watching it as well.

Here is a selection of the choicest such Bob Hope quotes about golf:

- "Golf is my real profession. Entertainment is just a sideline. I tell jokes to pay my greens fees."
- "If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf."
- "(Wife) Dolores says there are days when I'm closer to shooting my weight than my age."
- "Titleist has offered me a big contract not to play its balls."
- "I never kick my ball in the rough or improve my lie in a sand trap. For that I have a caddie."

- "I've been playing the game so long that my handicap is in Roman numerals."
- "If I'm on the course and lightning starts, I get inside fast. If God wants to play through, let him."
- "Golf is a funny game. It's done much for health, and at the same time has ruined people by robbing them of their peace of mind. Look at me, I'm the healthiest idiot in the world."
- "A photographer kept shooting me every time I swung. I was very flattered until I found out he was from *Field and Stream*."
- "Arnold Palmer told me how I could cut eight strokes off my score — skip one of the par 3s."
- "I get upset over a bad shot just like anyone else. But it's silly to let the game get to you. When I miss a shot, I just think what a beautiful day it is. And what pure fresh air I'm breathing. Then I take a deep breath. I have to do that. That's what gives me the strength to break the club."
- "It's wonderful how you can start out with strangers in the morning, play 18 holes, and by the time the day is over you have three solid enemies."
- On how tough a golf course Pine Valley is: "Foursomes have left the first tee there and have never been seen again. They just find their shoelaces and bags."
- "I've done as much for golf as Truman Capote has done for sumo wrestling."

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Sponsorship and Golf Balls

The Golf Balls for the Ball run are now the Optima XSF golf balls. A much better ball than the current CS ball.

Walkinshaw Sports have donated four Golf Bags to be awarded for each grade at the age tournament.

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 XSF golf balls for the same price as previous- 2 dozen balls for \$30 half retail price. Normal retail \$28.99 doz.



Maximum distance with softer feel

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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.

Birthdays for February

Cameron	Cairns
Peter	Caple
Daryl	Cox
Peter	Dowling
John	Ferrante
Colin	Harris
Tony	Hedley
Alan	Kinnaird
Lance	Long
John	McCann
Ian	Reynolds
Gus	Steegstra
Robert	Tindall

Entries for Gisborne via OneGolf Entry System on the Hume Vets Web Site. Only if you have not already entered.

Dress Code

Smart casual golf attire, no denim.

Local Rules

See notice board at Pro shop.

Course map

Provided at back of this document.

“One of the most fascinating things about golf is how it reflects the cycle of life. No matter what you shoot – the next day you have to go back to the first tee and begin all over again and make yourself into something.”

-Peter Jacobsen



We send our best wishes to Cyril Newsome and Mario Caruso who are undergoing operations. May you both have a speedy recovery and be back on the course soon.

Welfare Report

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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A woman, cranky because her husband was late coming home again, from golf decided to leave a note, saying, "I've had enough and have left you. Don't bother coming after me."

Then she hid under the bed to see his reaction. After a short while, the husband comes home and she could hear him in the kitchen before he comes into the bedroom.

She could see him walk towards the dresser and pick up the note.

After a few minutes, he wrote something on it before picking up the phone and calling someone.

"She's finally gone. Yeah, I know, it is about time. I'm coming to see you. Put on that sexy French nightie. I love you. Can't wait to see you. We'll do all the naughty things you like."

He hung up, grabbed his keys, and left.

She heard the car drive off as she came out from under the bed, seething with rage and with tears in her eyes. She grabbed the note to see what he wrote....

"I can see your feet."

"We're out of bread; be back in five minutes."

Contributed by Mario Caruso



Reminder



For anyone who has not done so yet, this is a reminder that your annual fee of \$60 is now due.

Your annual fee can be paid via electronic banking, cheque, cash or Eftpos.

Electronic Payment details are:-

Bank: Westpac

BSB: 033118

A/c: 344854

When paying via electronic banking you must put your **member number** and "**Membership 2021**" in the description field.

Payment by Eftpos or cash can be made to the Treasurer Shane Turner at Gisborne or by cheque and made out to 'Hume Vets Golf Club' and mailed to:-

The Treasurer
Shane Turner
40 Urwin Street
Yarraville Vic 3013

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I look into eyes, shake their hand,
pat their back, and wish them luck,
but I am thinking, I am going to bury
you.

— Seve Ballesteros —

AZ QUOTES

Great Australian Moments Thomson the world-beater

by Martin Blake



Peter Thomson celebrates No. 5 at Birkdale in 1965.

The late, great Peter Thomson had so many triumphs over his career in golf, with 88 professional tournament wins around the world and five Open Championships. But this one sits at the top of the pile.

By the time he got to Birkdale in England in 1965, Thomson had won the Open four times, including three in a row from 1954-1956. At one point, he'd been either first or second in seven consecutive Opens. He was the premier links player in the world, just shy of his 36th birthday.

But for the first time in 1965, he faced the full armada of incoming stars from the United States in an Open. For reasons unclear, most of them skipped the oldest championship in the world through the 50s and early 1960s.

So, in 1965 when Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer joined Tony Lema, who'd won at St Andrews the year before, in the field not to mention the other top internationals, it was the beginning of a new era for the Open.

Nicklaus had won the Masters that year, and South Africa's Gary Player, who had won the US Open, was in the field as well.

To the finicky and the hypercritical, Thomson had secured his previous four wins against thinner fields. In his quiet, understated way, Thomson set out to right this at Birkdale.

He took the lead in the third round and in the final round, held off Lema's charge, the American moving within a shot through 15 holes. Thomson birdied the last two holes, hitting his second shot on the green at the par-five 18th, and ultimately won by two shots at seven-under par while Lema fell away.

"I got myself into good form that time," he told the journalist and author Richard Allen in a wide-ranging interview for Golf Australia in 2017. "It was the last time, although I didn't realize at the time, so it didn't matter who it was at the other end of the stick. I was going to do a good score. If they could beat that, they deserved to win. That's how we started, and that's how we finished."

Thomson wore the sobriquet "five-time Open champion" for the rest of his life. Only one man – Harry Vardon, who won six Opens between 1896 and 1914 – has more.

In truth, his Open record is something to behold. He was runner-up three times and inside the top 10 on 18 occasions. Typically, though – for humility was one of his more attractive traits – Thomson was matter-of-fact about it all.

"I played in 30 Open Championships, and I lost 25 of them," he told Allen. "But it wasn't so bad."

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Victorian
Veteran
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ANNUAL 4BBB CHAMPIONSHIP
22nd and 23rd March 2021

Hosted By



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Closing Date for Entries: 5th March 2021
Tournament Director: Graeme Mustow, OAM
T: 0439 951296

CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

1. All entrants (both men and women) must be financial members of the Victorian Veteran Golfers Association (VVGA) and a Golf Australia (GA) Golf Club.
2. All entry fees must be paid at the time of entry.
3. The Council of the VVGA shall have the entire management of the Tournament, including handicapping, and the power to alter a handicap at any time during the Tournament.
4. A GA handicap limit of 36 applied to all Championship events.
5. All competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by the Royal & Ancient Rules Limited and the United States Golf Association.
6. The Match Committee of the VVGA shall have the power to deal with, and resolve, any dispute or protest which must be lodged with the VVGA Captain (or his deputy) within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the day's play. The Match Committee's decision will be final.
7. The Council of the VVGA may, in the event of adverse weather or any other reason, either shorten the event or schedule it for another day.
8. In the case of tied scores, the VVGA Match Committee shall determine the manner for deciding the winner.
9. Entry fees paid will not be refunded if a scratching is made within two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of the Tournament.
10. Competitors may only win one (1) major trophy for the day.

NOTE: To promote fellowship amongst players, the draw will be arranged, where possible, to have entrants playing with competitors from other Districts.

Enquiries: Tournament Secretary/Director

SPECIAL NOTE: For this event and because of the effects of the Covid-19 lockdowns in 2020, it has been decided to remove the requirement that all entrants must have played at least 2 District events in the past 12 months.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Sunday 21 March 2021:

Practice on the Course: Tee times will be available **early morning and late afternoon**. All bookings for this day to be made on *Bookatee* located on the Hamilton Golf Club website.

Welcome Barbecue: 5.30pm for 6.00pm at the Hamilton Golf Club Clubhouse

Monday 22 March 2021:

VVGA Annual General Meeting 9.00am

Registration: from 9.30am to 10.00am

Shotgun Start: 11.00am (Bag lunch provided)

Championship: Day 1

Dinner: at Hamilton Golf Club Clubhouse 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

Tuesday 23 March 2021:

Registration: from 8.00am to 8.30am

Shotgun Start: 9.00am (Lunch served in Clubhouse after play)

Championship: Day 2

Presentations: at Hamilton Golf Club Clubhouse

ACCOMMODATION

The following accommodation is available in Hamilton:

Motels

Budget on the Lake Motel	2 Riley Street	5571 2733
Bandicoot Motel	152 Ballarat Road	5572 1688
Comfort Inn Botanical	cnr French & Thompson Streets	5572 1855
Grangeburn Motel	142 Ballarat Road	5572 5755
Goldsmith Motel	28 Goldsmith Street	5572 4347
Lonsdale Motel	110 Lonsdale Street	5572 4055
Town House Motel	27 Shakespeare Road	5571 2517

Hotel/Motel

Caledonian Hotel 153 Thompson Street 5572 1055

Caravan Parks

Hamilton Caravan Park	cnr Shakespeare & Dickens Streets	5572 4235
	Lake Hamilton Motor Village and Caravan Park	
	8 Ballarat Road	5572 3855

Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc.
4BBB Championship
Held at Hamilton Golf Club on 22/23 March 2021
Official Entry Form

Player 1 Surname: _____ First Name: _____ District Assoc.: _____ GA Handicap: _____ Golf Link No: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____	Player 2 Surname: _____ First Name: _____ District Assoc.: _____ GA Handicap: _____ Golf Link No: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
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Declaration: I hereby certify that I/we are financial members of both a District Veteran Golfers Association and the Victorian Veteran Golfers Association, that I/we are members of an affiliated Golf Australia "Home Golf Club" and that I/we are affiliated with our District.

Signature: _____

Entry Fee: \$60.00 per player

Closing date for entries: Friday 5 March 2021

Please indicate if you are using: () 2 person cart, () motorcycle, () battery buggy, () push buggy

If in a 2 person cart Passenger's name: _____

Golf Cart Hire: Hamilton Golf Club has a limited number of golf carts available for hire. Contact the General Manager during office hours on (03) 5571 2644 or email admin@hamiltongolfclub.com.au

Sunday Golf: 9 Holes Stableford and Barbecue Meal: \$15.00 Meal Only: \$10.00

Monday Evening Dinner: Venue: Hamilton Golf Club Function Room at 6.30pm for 7pm.

Cost: \$40.00 (Payment with Entry) **For catering purposes, please provide names of those attending the dinner**

Name: _____ Name: _____

Payment: by Cheque or EFT:

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| 1. | Sunday Golf and BBQ Meal: \$15.00pp | \$..... |
| | BBQ Meal only: \$10.00pp | \$..... |
| 2. | 4BBB Championship: \$60.00pp | \$..... |
| 3. | Monday Evening Dinner: \$40.00pp | \$..... |

Total \$.....

Bank BSB: 633-000 Account No: 179810023

Post, or email entry, with proof of EFT payment, to Tournament Secretary/Director at Hamilton Golf Club.
Post entry forms to Hamilton Golf Club, 170 Rippon Road, Hamilton, Victoria, 3300.

Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc.

ABN 58 679 581 932



President Alan Kinnaird 0418 564 760
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Secretary: Arnold Messias 0421 035 881
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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.....

Secondor (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.....

