



Dear members,  
As you are all aware, there are restrictions in place in an endeavour to stem the spread of COVID-19 and as each week passes these restrictions increase to the point where our monthly competitions are now a concern, due to the latest regulations that limit a maximum of 100 in an indoor venue and a distance of 1.5 meters between one another.

Given that Mandalay is an extremely long course and most of our members have requested a "Ride On" cart where this would now mean 1 person per cart, as well as our entry numbers closing in on 100, the committee have unanimously decided to **CANCEL** next month's event.

This decision has not been made lightly but the committee is mindful of our "Duty of Care" responsibility and really had no other option.

Prepaid fees for this event will be held in credit with future entries.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will advise you of the status of forthcoming competitions as we go along.

Regards,

**Alan Kinnaird**

**President**

## Net Scheduled Event

Monday 4th of May @ Melton

[info@humeVetsgc.com.au](mailto:info@humeVetsgc.com.au) for registration.

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## Captains Report Trentham

A cool gloomy morning greeted players for their game at the Trentham golf Club on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2020. Although the morning remained chilly, the rain kept away and most of the Hume members enjoyed the well-prepared course.

Only 6 players of the total 88, played to or better than their handicap with the ball run down to 32 points.

Now for the winners.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Score</u>
<u>A grade winner:</u>		
John O'Neill	8	37 points
<u>A grade runner-up:</u>		
Wes Jankiewicz	5	36 points
<u>B grade winner:</u>		
Paul Reid	11	35 points
<u>B grade runner-up:</u>		
Mick Lynch	13	34 points
<u>C grade winner:</u>		
Tony Barr	15	37 points
<u>C grade runner-up:</u>		
Peter Denny	16	34 points
<u>D grade winner:</u>		
Guy Orrico	22	39 points c/b
<u>D grade runner-up:</u>		
Alan Condron	21	39 points
<u>Nearest the pin winners:</u>		
2nd hole	Cyril Newsome	
5th hole	Peter Plytus	
13th hole	Alan Gray	
15th hole	Alan Kinnaird	

Special thanks to the starters John, Bill and Tony and score card recorders on the day.



The Raffle 'O' whiskey was won by Fred Nichols and the birthday-draw winner for a free game next month was Russell Righton.

Congratulations to all the winners on the day. Our next game will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April at Mandalay

**Update Mandalay Cancelled  
Gus Steegstra**

Captain



An interested spectator at Trentham.  
Contributed by Peter Turner

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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.

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

- Large, high energy, soft feel 55 compression core
- High deformation core material for maximum energy transfer and release
- Super thin Ionomer blend cover for greenside control

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](mailto:mariocaruso@bigpond.com)

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

### Polo Tops

New members will continue to receive their first Polo and cap as part of their joining package. Alan Kinnaird has the Polo Tops and caps; you can contact him with your size, and he can bring it to the next Golf day. These Polo Tops retail in the golf Shops at \$45.

### Welfare Report

Peter Caple is the Welfare Officer. Please contact Peter at [p.cagle@bigpond.com](mailto:p.cagle@bigpond.com) if you know of any of our members who are ill.

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## CAPTAIN'S PROFILE

Gus Steegstra was born in Zuidlaren in the Netherlands in Feb 1947, being the youngest of 2 girls and 3 boys. Things were tough in Europe after the war, so the family moved to Australia in 1951, settling in Eildon Weir, where his father an electrician, worked for UTAH on the construction of the new earthen-wall dam. Education began at Eildon State School and continued at Alexandra High School.

The next family move was to Bacchus Marsh as a Hardboard Factory had been established there. At the age of 17 years Gus joined Darley Firebrick Company as a Cadet Ceramist and attended 5 years of night school at Footscray Technical College to complete a Cert. of Applied Chemistry and was appointed assistant Works Manager.

In 1970 after 3 years of deferment, he was conscripted into National Service and was able to attend the Officer Training Unit at Schyeville NSW and attain the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. A very enjoyable 3-month course in Artillery at Sydney's North Head followed. He ended his term at 2RTB Packapunyal training recruits as the Vietnam War was winding down.

Work resumed at Darley Firebrick and after building his own house he completed a Cert. of Business Studies (Production) by night school. He became Works Manager but in 1980 moved to Lilydale to become Vic. Manager of David Mitchell Ltd (the Parent Company) a lime quarry and manufacturing plant. Six years later he returned to Darley after the takeover of South Yarra Firebrick Co. business. He built another house in his spare time and later became General Manager of Darley Refractories as it was then called. A few trips to Holland saw the importation and installation of a 400t hydraulic Laeis Dry Press and 2t hi-intensity mixer which allowed the production of high-quality refractories. With the sale of the Company to private interests, he retired after 39 years of service. He worked part time consulting to the new owners for a few

years and carried out tile laying and handyman work. Coming out of retirement, he travelled twice to Cuttack in India to Manishri Refractories in 2011, to install and commission the Laeis Press and mixer that were at Darley after the factory closed. An exciting and challenging time was had in a vastly different land and culture.

After playing tennis and football at a local level, Gus took up golf as a 27-year-old and started at Bacchus Marsh West GC, playing at Chirnside GC whilst at Lilydale and then joined Bacchus Marsh GC in 1987. Over the past 15 years his handicap has ranged between 11 and 15.



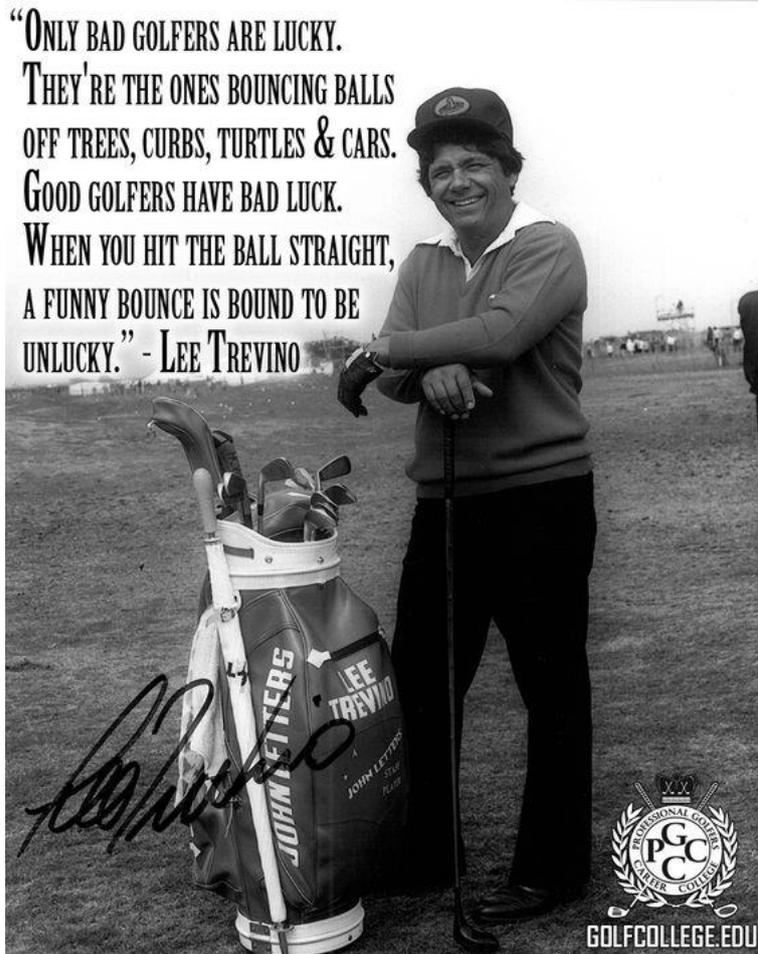
He has been married to Heather for nearly 48 years and they have 2 sons Scott and Adam, the latter blessing them with twin-granddaughters now 5 years old and a grandson 5 months old. They have travelled to multiple countries in Europe and Asia and enjoy a bit of caravanning. His main hobby is renovating and Freemasonry where he recently received his 50-year certificate.

Gus has been a member of the Hume Vets for 8 years, a Committee member for 3 years and Vice-Captain last year. He is pleased to be elected Captain of the Club and looks forward to working with the committee in providing a pleasant golfing experience for our members.

## Birthdays for April

Kevin	Brown
Mario	Caruso
Brian	Cronin
Frank	Cuthbertson
Giuseppi	Fiscaro
William	Mandouit
Kevin	Merrifield
Jerry	Cresp

“ONLY BAD GOLFERS ARE LUCKY. THEY'RE THE ONES BOUNCING BALLS OFF TREES, CURBS, TURTLES & CARS. GOOD GOLFERS HAVE BAD LUCK. WHEN YOU HIT THE BALL STRAIGHT, A FUNNY BOUNCE IS BOUND TO BE UNLUCKY.” - LEE TREVINO



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## Did you know?

- Two-times is not the charm on the green. The chances of making two holes-in-one in a single round of golf are one in 67 million!
- Feeling inadequate about your high handicap? The truth is that 80% of all

golfers never achieve a handicap of less than 18.

- The most famous left-handed golfer in history has a secret. 4-time Major champion, Phil Mickelson, was born right-handed! He simply mirrored his father’s left-handed swing as a child, and never looked back.

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## The Masters postponed due to Coronavirus

**Augusta National Golf Club has announced the 2020 Masters will be postponed due to the Coronavirus outbreak.**

Augusta National chairman Fred Ridley issued a statement on Friday that revealed the Masters would be held at a later date, with some predicting that could be in September.

"Considering the latest information and expert analysis, we have decided at this time to postpone the Masters Tournament" Ridley wrote in a statement.

"Ultimately, the health and well-being of everyone associated with this event and the citizens of the Augusta community led us to this decision. We hope this postponement puts us in the best position to safely host the Masters Tournament at some later date."

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It is the first interruption to the Masters since World War II, when the tournament was cancelled from 1943-1945.

A possible date for the Masters to resume is in early September, when conditions and weather are similar to April in the southeast of the US.

The PGA Tour's Tour Championship is slated for August 27-30 in Atlanta, Georgia, only two hours' drive from Augusta in the same state.

Some are predicting it could be held the week after the season-ending Tour Championship.

The news follows the PGA Tour's cancellation of the prestigious Players Championship, which had already started round one, as well as the next three tournaments leading up to the Masters.

Marc Leishman, who was one of five Australian golfers eligible for the Masters, said he respected Augusta National's decision.

"The PGA Tour and organizations like Augusta National have our best interests at heart," Leishman told AAP on Friday.

"You don't want to take any unnecessary risks, especially with what other major sports have done in suspending big events."

Leishman was to be joined at the Masters by countrymen Adam Scott, the 2013 Masters winner, as well as Jason Day, Cameron Smith and amateur Lukas Michel.

Michel was to make his major debut having won the US Mid-Amateur championship to become eligible for the Masters and the US Open.

Day was also upset by the cancellation but was looking at the bright side that a month without golf could help rest his injured back.

The former World No.1 underwent an epidural and Rhizotomy last week on his chronically injured back.

"I think right now everyone is nervous about what has been going around, but I think it's the necessary steps that need to be taken in regards to the safety and health of not only players, but just the general population; I think Augusta made the right decision in that," Day said.

"But in the meantime, it's nice to be able to rest my back, which is a positive out of everything.

"But obviously that's the least of my worries right now. I sit and think about all the people that are struggling health-wise."

- Evin Priest, Australian Associated Press

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## 1. "How to text your friends in Wuhan"





# Hume Veterans Golf Club

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## Application for Membership

Membership Secretary,  
Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc.  
Mario Caruso  
21 Liquidamber Way  
SUNBURY 3429

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 am a financial 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) .....

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.....

Provided that the Directors shall not be bound to accept the application for Membership of any person, provided also 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.....

**Central Victorian Veteran Golfers Association.**

**Annual Goldfields Tournament**

**Neangar Park Golf Course: Mon. Apr. 20. & Tues. Apr. 21.**

**Three Divisions: Men A & B Grade and Ladies.**

**General Information**

- Play will commence at 11:30 am on Monday and 8:30 am on Tuesday. Please report and register at least 30 mins. Before scheduled hit-off time.
- All players must be a registered and financial member of a VVGA District Association.
- Closing Date for entries is Mon. 6<sup>th</sup>. April or when Capacity Field is reached.
- Entry Fee will include a Bagged Lunch on Monday and a B.B.Q. Lunch on Tuesday before Presentations.
- A Welcome Dinner (A-La-Carte, pay on the night) will be held on Monday Night at the Bendigo Stadium Bistro. (6:30 for 7:00 start.) To help with our booking, please indicate on the Entry Form if you and your wife/ husband/ partner will attend this function.
- Golf Carts are available for Hire from the N/Park Pro Shop. Ph. 54468223.
- Visitors from all VVGA District Association Clubs will be made most welcome.

**Post Entries to:**

**Des Williams. 1 Capital Court, Eaglehawk. 3556**

**Or E-mail to: [des\\_dot@hotmail.com](mailto:des_dot@hotmail.com)**

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**Entry Form.**

Surname..... First Name .....

District Association .....

Handicap ..... Golf Link No. ....

Phone ..... E-mail .....

**Please complete one of the following:**

- I will be walking the course Yes / No
- I will be using a one person motorised vehicle. Yes / No
- I will be using a two person Golf Cart. Yes / No

**If sharing a two person cart, Name of Partner. ....**

**Entry Fees**

\$50.00 per player for Two Day Tournament. ....

\$25.00 per player for Monday only (Includes Bagged Lunch). ....

\$25.00 per player for Tuesday only (Includes B.B.Q. Lunch). ....

**Payment:**

Cash, Cheque or Money Order to Central Victorian Veterans Golfers Association Inc.  
to accompany Entry Form.

If Electronic Payment being made via EFT, then pay to Central Victorian Golfers Association Inc.  
BSB 633000 Account No. 53093555. A copy of the Bank Payment with your reference should be printed  
off and attached to your Entry Form.

**Welcome Dinner**

I / We will be attending the Welcome Dinner. Number of People .....