

**IMPORTANT
DATE
CHANGE**

With the new pandemic restrictions now in place, the committee has had to ascertain how we could schedule our next game at Bacchus Marsh.

As Bacchus Marsh is outside the lockdown zone most of our members would have not been allowed to enter for the scheduled date of August the 3rd.

Our Captain Gus Steegstra has negotiated a tentative date of the 24th of August as this is outside the current lockdown period. If and when this is locked in, all members will be notified by email. If you have already entered for the 3rd and you can still attend on the 24th, your booking will stand.

\$30 charge for Golf and egg and bacon roll on arrival.

Please do not enter the pro shop more than twenty minutes before your tee time.

Peter Caple will be coordinating this event.

There is a map of the course layout at the end of this newsletter

Bacchus Marsh Dress Code

Minimum dress standards for the course are T-shirts (preferably shirts with collars), shorts, sport socks, and runners. NO singlets or boots are to be worn by golfers.



Included in Daily Comp fee Egg & Bacon Rolls and Coffee will be available before the game

Next Month the 1st Round of the HVGC championships has been moved to Wednesday the 9th of September at Koorringal Golf Club.

2nd Round Wednesday the 30th of September at Koorringal Golf Club.

Captain's Report Goonawarra

The weather was cold and threatened some precipitation, but the rain held off and we were able to enjoy a dry round of golf. With the covid 19 lockdowns and some last-minute cancellations, the July field was reduced to 65 players at Goonawarra Golf Club.

As we were warned there were a lot of heavy patches on the course with little run on the fairways. This resulted in a variety of results, with Ray Pentony having back to back wins with a score of 40 points. Only 3 players played under their handicap. The use of our new EFTPOS machine will make for a better payment system in the future, well done Shane. Also thanks to Bill Mandouit, although unable to play, he turned up early and prepared for the starters to get the field underway.

Now for the winners:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Score</u>
<u>A grade winner:</u>		
Ray Pentony	8	40 points
<u>A grade runner-up:</u>		
Nick Mandaru	12	39 points
<u>B grade winner:</u>		
Lance Long	18	32 points
<u>B grade runner-up:</u>		
Don Kennedy	15	31 points c/b
<u>C grade winner:</u>		
Bob Penrose	19	37 points
<u>C grade runner-up:</u>		
Alan Ogston	18	36 points c/b
<u>D grade winner:</u>		
Barry Baguley	27	33 points
<u>D grade runner-up:</u>		
Joe Fisicaro	26	30 points c/b

There were no nearest the pin prizes due to Golf Australia recommendations.

The ball competition went down to 30 points and these can be collected at Bacchus Marsh along with the grade winner prizes.

The "raffallo" prize was won by Arnold Messias, with golf balls to Russell Righton, Bob Penrose and Ian Malloy

With Victorian lockdown restrictions in force, we are endeavouring to arrange the next game at Bacchus Marsh later in August 2020.

If we do play at Bacchus Marsh, 1 person per cart. Carts can be booked with Troy in the Pro Shop – Tel 5367 2226.

Gus Steegstra
Captain

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 has donated a prize bag to be awarded to the player with the best net score for each month for next 11 months.

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

Polo Tops

If you are interested New long and short sleeve golf polo tops are available for sale. Also wide-brimmed hats and club golf caps are available from Alan Kinnaird

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.

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Birthdays for August

Kerry	Bayly
John	Feehan
Ted	Haydon
Richard	Heaney
Tony	Maguire
Michael	McGonegal
Bryan	McLeish
Alan	Ogston
Keith	Owen
Robert	Penrose
Raymond	Pentony
Norman	Strong
Shane	Turner

Barry Baguley was the birthday winner in the July draw.



Thanks to our treasurer, Shane, the club now has an Eftpos machine.

There are 3 ways to pay:

1. By electronic funds transfer – EFT – from your bank.
2. At the game through the Eftpos machine.
3. Pay by cash.

Please note that you must still register in advance for a game through the website.

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"You don't have the game you played last year or last week. You only have today's game. It may be far from your best, but that's all you've got. Harden your heart and make the best of it." –Walter Hagen





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Great Australian Moments

Baddeley's ascent

by Martin Blake



Aaron Baddeley celebrates his 1999 Open win at just 18 years old. Photo: Getty

Three weeks after he completed his year 12 exams, Aaron Baddeley went and won an Australian Open.

It is almost unthinkable that an 18-year-old from Wonga Park in the outer north-eastern suburbs of Melbourne could beat home the likes of the great Greg Norman and Colin Montgomerie, the Scotsman who at the time was ranked No. 3 in the world, not to mention Englishman Nick Faldo, a six-time major champion.

But that's what Baddeley did at Royal Sydney in November, 1999.

Nobody saw it coming other than Baddeley, who'd told his father Ron a couple of months earlier that he thought he could win the tournament. He had enjoyed a good amateur career already, winning the Riversdale Cup in the same year and finishing runner-up (to Adam Scott) in a Greg Norman invitational tournament in Queensland, but this was next-level to say the least.

He became the first amateur since Bruce Devlin in 1960 to win the national Open, and only the second since Jim Ferrier in 1939. But in context, golf was a much different game in 1999 to what it was

when Devlin and Ferrier took their Stonehaven Cups home.

Without denigrating Devlin's Lake Karrinyup win, four of the top five in Perth were amateurs (Kel Nagle being the outlier). In the 1930s when Ferrier won, it was commonplace for amateurs to compete on equal terms with professionals. Witness Bobby Jones winning the original Grand Slam as an amateur, becoming one of the greatest of all time without ever turning professional.

The teenaged Baddeley had no free hit in 1999; he had to beat the best, but he never flinched.

In this particular week, he unveiled his magnificent putting to the world. It was astonishing. After a thorough look at the putt from both sides, the actual putting routine lasted just nine seconds, all counted down by Baddeley himself. It was quick, it was simple and everything, it seemed, went in.

The Victorian displayed the fearlessness of youth was evident from the time he opened with 67 on Thursday. He was seeming impervious to the pressure of leading on the Sunday, even when Norman made his run, the Shark holing a great birdie at the last to post 12-under, along with Nick O'Hern.

Baddeley was a bad shot or two away from giving it back, but he came to Royal Sydney's wonderful dog-leg 18th with a two-shot buffer, and his two iron tee shot hit the fairway. An eight iron that stopped left of the flag and two putts later, he was the winner, having closed with a 69, and his parents – Ron and Jo-Ann – embraced him on the green.

Hindsight tells us quite a bit. Australia thought it had a true world-beater on its hands, and Baddeley himself was not about to hose down the excitement. He

was asked if he wanted to emulate Tiger Woods, who was already the world's best player. "My goal is to become better than Tiger," he said.

Norman was suitably impressed. "He has it all," said the Shark. "You can see it in his eyes."

Looking back now, some caution might have been well advised. When I interviewed Baddeley about those days a few years later, he had an adult's perspective. "I didn't realise how big a deal it was until it happened. Looking back, I guess it was a little hard to handle. There are several vacancies for new members.

in the sense of being 18, just finishing high school, moving to America and away from home.

"It wasn't like it was planned. I won the Australian Open and it was right on me. Even though that's where I wanted to be and I wouldn't change a thing, it was very quick."

Baddeley never did match or overtake Tiger Woods. But he did win the Open again the following year, this time as a professional, and he has played on the US Tour since 2003, winning four times and earning more than \$US20 million. He has fathered five children and lives in Arizona.

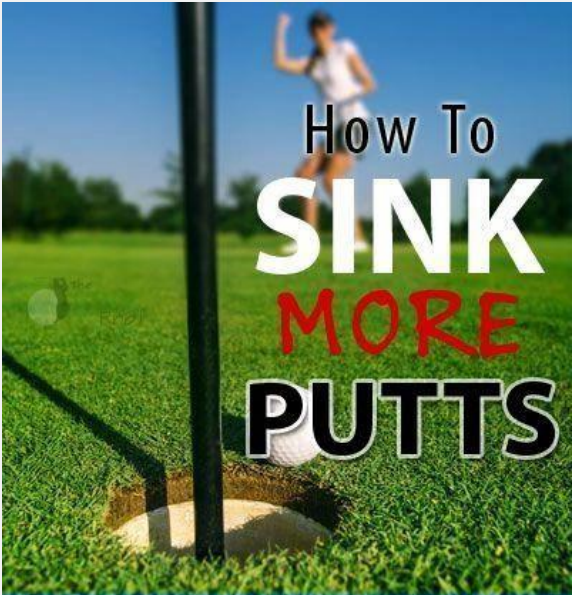
He has had a fine career by any standards, and it's continuing to this day. But it's just not the one that seemed to be possible on October 28, 1999. Then again, it's a hard game. Brutal, actually.

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There are several vacancies for new members.

Current members are encouraged to talk to other golfers with a view to joining Hume Vets.



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- Create an imaginary line from the target point to your ball
- Use the words or graphics on the ball to align straight to your target
- Your left and right elbows and your upper arms should touch the sides of your rib cage
- Put more weight on your left leg
- The face of your putter must be square to your target
- Use your left hand to aim at your target
- Calculate the strength of your putt based on the distance of your ball to the cup and the slope of the green



Dear Veterans Association,

As discussed this morning with you, here are the details of our forthcoming Seniors Golf Day here at the Goonawarra Golf Club.

The day will be held on December Thursday 3rd, it will be a shot gun start event. Assembly time will be at 8am for a 8.30am hit off.

The competition will be a Texas Ambrose 4BBB Stableford. There will be 3 competitions one for Men, Women and Mixed entries.

Entrants must be 55 years and over and hold a Golfink Handicap.

Prizes will be awarded to all three competition winners, runner ups and nearest the pins.

Cost is \$26 for GGC Members and \$32 for Non-Members. Also included in your entry fee is a hot ROAST MEAL, Scones Jam and Cream after your round.

Everybody is welcome for more details contact Carol Leaney on 0407 331399

The Goonawarra Golf Club thanks you for your support in promoting this event in your newsletter.

Cheers Carol

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Application for Membership

Membership Secretary,

Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc.

Mario Caruso 21 Liquidamber Way Sunbury 3429

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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, 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.....

