



**Members please note:  
The November Game at Yarrambat Golf Club has been cancelled.**

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**HVGC 2020 football tipping competition results**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes to be awarded.

The prizes are:

1st - \$100	Gus Steegstra	111
2nd - \$50	Alan Kinnaird	110
3rd - \$25	Alan Condron	108

Before the game, Alan and Gus were tied in first place at 110 correct tips for the season, if they had both picked the same team Alan would have won on countback. As it turned out Gus picked Port Adelaide and Alan Kinnaird picked Collingwood to win.

Congratulations to Gus Steegstra on his win and well done to our president Alan Kinnaird and longtime member Alan Condron. Well played.

Prizes can be collected at our next event.

**From the President – Alan Kinnaird**



Greetings members,

I trust that you and your family have stayed safe during the lockdown and at last it appears that we are finally in a position to see our way out of the strict level 4 restrictions after the Premier's press conference on 18th October.

Members living in the Metropolitan area can finally return to golf and all of us have more freedom to move around as further restrictions are lifted.

Regrettably, we have yet again had to cancel our November fixture at Yarrambat due to the 25-kilometre travel restriction that is in place, which will more than likely stay for several weeks to come. Let's hope by Christmas we will be free to enjoy being with our family and friends. Fingers crossed.

All going well we plan to hold our next calendar event at Melbourne Airport on 7th December but it will more than likely be just golf with no lunch or presentation, due to continued indoor restrictions but we will be in a position to clarify this closer to the date. If this is the case, as stated in my last report we will conduct our annual (xmas) free day with raffle as soon as

soon as practicable next year.

The Committee discussed the matter of a fee adjustment in light of the limited golfing calendar but after reviewing our financial status have decided not to make any changes but will hold the annual membership fee at \$60 for next year.

Also with regard to the monthly competition fee for 2021, after obtaining costs from the Club venue's and preparing an income and expenditure forecast, we must advise members that the fee will increase to \$45 for all games except the Championship's in September and October which will be \$50 each month. Also, you will be now required to pay \$20 for the end of year Xmas event commencing December 2021.

Some members may consider this to be excessive, so let me explain how these increases have come about.

Firstly in relation to the competition fee increase, our philosophy is to operate this on a "cost-neutral basis" and when we calculated all the forecast competition costs ie venue costs increases plus costs for the 4 grades and runner up vouchers plus golf ball prizes for closest to the pins, and ball run down along with the monthly birthday prize and bottle scotch raffle, we had no alternative than to make this adjustment otherwise it would result in a loss result. The additional \$5 for the championships is to cover the cost of trophies.

Our decision to impose a charge of \$20 against the end of year event is again based on cost versus income and it was evident that this was a cost that required reviewing.

The \$60 annual membership fee includes a \$25 component that covers each member's ticket allocation for the "Parmaker" raffle but the cost for golf and lunch were mainly covered by fee and

raffle income, thus the decision to recover part of the cost for the day.

Whilst our bank balance is healthy, we will in fact encounter more expenditure this year as a result of the following costs:-

1/Purchase of a Laptop Computer to assist with administrative and competition requirements.

2/ Purchase of an EFTPOS card machine to facilitate cashless payments.

3/ Implementation of "OneGolf" system that Kerry Bayly and his team are currently working on to have ready for our first competition in 2021. This will cost approx. \$3000 and essentially it will provide members with an improved and streamlined online booking system along with other related golf score administrative tasks. Full details will be forthcoming shortly.

Should any member wish to discuss any of the above items, you are more than welcome to contact me.

Hoping to catch up with you all in December.

Best regards.

Alan Kinnaird

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"Golf... is the infallible test.

The man who can go into a patch of rough alone, with the knowledge that only God is watching him, and play his ball where it lies, is the man who will serve you faithfully and well."

P.G. Wodehouse

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## Centre unites golf's peak bodies

by Golf Australia



Australian golf will find a new home in the heart of Melbourne's Sandbelt with a new state-of-the-art facility to be built. The Australian Golf Centre will be the new headquarters for Golf Australia, PGA of Australia, Golf Victoria and Sandringham Golf Links Management.

The \$18.8 million project, majority funded by the Victorian Government's \$15.3 million investment, will create one of the country's premier golf facilities on the site of Sandringham Golf Links, opposite the world-renowned Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

The facility will feature a new public 30-bay driving range with target greens, the redevelopment of the existing 18-hole golf course, a public café and the National High-Performance Centre, which will help shape the next generation of golf heroes. The industry-leading centre will also feature:

- Short game practice area including a large chipping area for the high-performance program
- Coaching facilities to showcase golf's innovative and inclusive programs, including becoming the home of the industry's accreditation program for training PGA professionals to coach people with a disability

- Indoor high-performance training facilities
- A new two-storey building that incorporates office administration space for Golf Australia, PGA of Australia and Sandringham Golf Links staff, in addition to meeting rooms, education spaces and new public amenities and changerooms
- Additional water storage capacity for course irrigation that will reduce the course's reliance on potable water; and
- An extensive revegetation program to increase the number of indigenous trees, vegetation and overall biodiversity value of the site.

The contract for the building construction work, is to be undertaken by local firm 2Construct and expected to generate 24 jobs. The projected completion date for these works is April 2021. Redevelopment of nine holes has been completed, with the remaining nine holes to be finished by December 2020. The course redesign and construction is being undertaken by Australian golf architects Ogilvy Cocking and Mead, with help from the Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

PGA of Australia chairman Rodger Davis said the project was another sign of the increasing unity in Australian golf. "The Australian Golf Centre will help unify golf's peak bodies and create efficiencies that will introduce more participants to our great game," Davis said.

Golf Australia chairman Andrew Newbold said the centre would generate many benefits. "Not only for our emerging talent but for Australian professionals as well, which gives the entire industry a base and a place to inspire the next generation into the sport," Newbold said.



Stephen Spargo, president of Golf Victoria, which is the project principal, was excited about the centre’s potential to be a nationally unifying force for the golf community.

“It’s fantastic to see those in the sport rally behind such a great project and we’re delighted that it can take place in the heartland of Melbourne golf,” Spargo said. Victorian Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula said the new centre would enhance the state’s reputation as “the home of golf in Australia” and continue to help the community’s re-emergence from the impacts of Covid-19.

“Golf is a great employer at the local and elite levels and investments like this are important in setting up the industry to thrive on the other side of the pandemic,” Pakula said.

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### Birthdays for November

Lyle	Bebend
Colin	Braithwaite
Vito	Cirelli
Mark	Emery
George	Ludlow
George	Martini
Cyril	Newsome
John	Peart
Doug	Prior
Ron	Quayle
Kevin	Sheedy
Ronald	Swift
Darren	Thorpe
Ron	Watkinson
Kerry	White

### Welfare Report

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

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### Sponsorship and Golf Balls

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

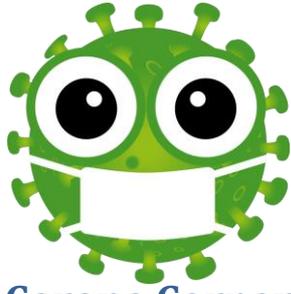
Mario has a supply of the brand-new Optima XSF golf balls for the same price as previous- 2 dozen balls for \$30 half retail price. Normal retail \$28.99 doz.



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- Large, high energy, soft feel 55 compression core
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Corona Corner



**Dustin Johnson** has become the most prominent player to test positive for the coronavirus since the PGA Tour resumed in June, forcing him to withdraw from the CJ Cup at Shadow Creek.

By Reuters Oct 14 2020

The Tour said in a statement that Johnson notified officials he was experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and was given another test that came back positive.

Johnson is the No.1 player in the world and the reigning PGA Tour player of the year after winning the FedExCup for the first time.

He has not played since he tied for sixth at the US Open last month.

"Obviously, I am very disappointed," Johnson said in a statement.

"I was really looking forward to competing this week but will do everything I can to return as quickly as possible."

"I have already had a few calls with the Tour's medical team and appreciation all

the support and guidance they have given me."

Johnson is the 11th player to test positive since the Tour resumed its schedule on the 8<sup>th</sup>. June.

Under the protocols on the PGA Tour, which are based on guidance from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Johnson is to self-isolate for 10 days dating to when he first experienced symptoms and can return if there are no other symptoms.

That would leave open the possibility of Johnson playing next week at Sherwood, provided he would want to play having gone 10 days without being able to prepare.

Most of the world's best players are in Las Vegas and California for two weeks as part of their preparations for the Masters.

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My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands—that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.

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The World Health Organization announced that dogs cannot contract COVID-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

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This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog – we laughed a lot.

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What did the man say to the bartender? I'll have a corona, hold the virus.

Day 121 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture!"

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Nail salons, hair salons, waxing center and tanning places are closed. It's about to get ugly out there.

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**Kids returning to school after Corona.**



**COVID and Australia is like the Spice Girls. Everyone is doing their best but Victoria is ruining it for everyone.**



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## Day begins heavy preparation for Masters

Australian former World No.1 Jason Day will begin the heaviest Masters preparation of his career when he tees off at this week's PGA Tour event in Las Vegas. One month out from the Augusta National major, Day plans on playing three of the four PGA Tour events before the rescheduled Masters begins on November 12.

The Masters is usually held in April but was postponed due to COVID-19.

Queenslander Day will contest the CJ Cup starting on Friday AEDT, an event usually held in Korea, but which was moved to Shadow Creek GC in Nevada.

Day is then slated to play next week's Zozo Championship – relocated from Tokyo, Japan to Los Angeles – and the Houston Open the week before the Masters.

A 12-time PGA Tour winner, Day has never played that many tournaments in the month leading up to Augusta but insists it is needed this year.

"I need to play a lot going into Augusta, because I need to get reps in and find some confidence in the game," Day told AAP from Las Vegas.

Day last year held a share of the 36-hole lead at the Masters and eventually tied fifth, two shots behind winner Tiger Woods.

Day tied for second on his Masters debut (2011) while he finished third behind fellow Australian winner Adam Scott at Augusta in 2013.

Day's search for confidence comes after a missed cut at last week's Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, also in Las Vegas, capped a poor trio of results.

He missed the cut at the PGA Tour play-offs opener, the Northern Trust, then finished near last place at the BMW Championship.

Day hopes that by playing three of four tournaments before the Masters he can rediscover the form he enjoyed as recently as July and August.

The 32-year-old posted four consecutive top-seven results on the PGA Tour, including the US PGA Championship, where he had a final-round chance to win a second major to go with his 2015 win at that event.

"Overall, the foundation is there I just have to keep pushing for more if I want to be a contender at the Masters next month" Day said.

"I have played some really good golf since the PGA Tour resumed (in June from a 90-day suspension) and I know there is great golf in me."

Joining Day in the field this week are fellow Australians Cameron Smith and Marc Leishman.

The CJ Cup is a US\$9.75 million (AU\$13.6m) event with only 78 players and no 36-hole cut and the winner receives US\$1.75m (AU\$2.5m).

Big names at the CJ Cup include two-time winner Justin Thomas, four-time major winner Rory McIlroy and young gun Matthew Wolff.

- Evin Priest, Australian Associated Press



going to finally achieve his lifelong ambition.

As he stepped up to the tee once more, the voice came down again: "Wait. Step back. Take a practice swing."

So, he stepped back and took a practice swing, certain now that this heavenly force was going to make his dream come true.

The voice boomed out again: "Take another practice swing."

Dutifully, he did. He stopped expectantly and waited ...

A long silence followed ...

Then the voice again: "Use the old ball."

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### The Water Ball

A golfer, now into his golden years, had a lifelong ambition to play the 17<sup>th</sup> hole at TPC Sawgrass exactly the way the pros do it.

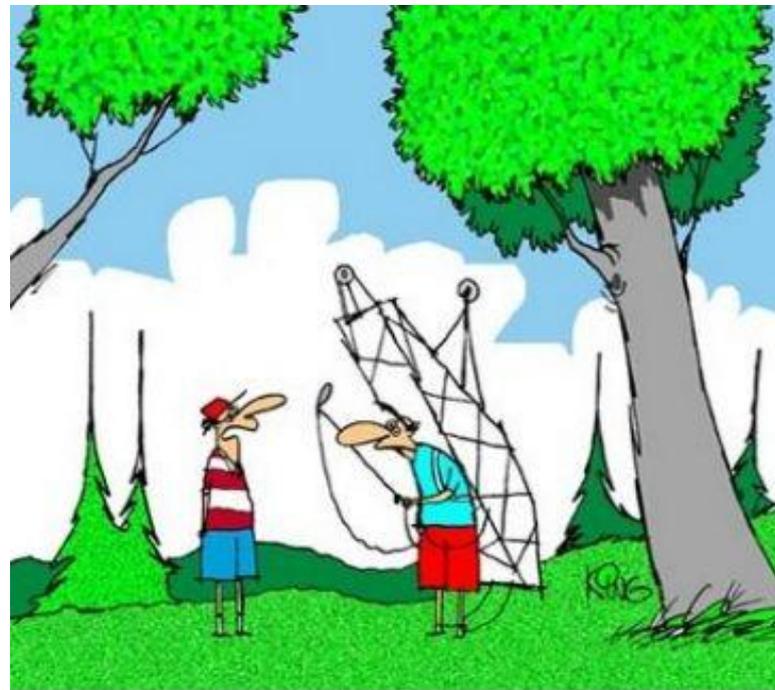
The pros drive the ball out over the water onto the small green that is on a small spit of land. It was something the golfer had tried hundreds of times without success. His ball had always fallen short, into the water.

Because of this, he never used a new ball on this particular hole. He always picked out one that had a cut or a nick, as did many other "average" golfers when negotiating very challenging holes.

Recently he went to Sawgrass to try again. When he came to the fateful hole, he teed up an old, cut ball as usual, and said a silent prayer.

However, before he could hit the ball, a powerful voice from above seemed to be booming out from the clouds, saying: "Wait! Replace that old ball with a brand new one."

The golfer complied, with some slight misgivings, despite the fact that this same force seemed to be implying that he was



"I don't care how much that thing helps you with your slice! You look like an idiot."

# Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc.

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## Application for Membership

Membership Secretary,  
Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc.  
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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.....

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, 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.....