



COVID-19 Important Update

Members, please note the following:

- The Club Championship events at Koorringal are cancelled.
- Trentham Open Aged Tournament is cancelled due to Social distancing and travel restriction rules.
- Yarrambat, and Melbourne Airport events will go ahead, assuming things open up as per the current state government planning.
- Given that it is likely we will not have any catering for these events, the cost is reduced to \$30 per player.
- **NOTE – Please do not pay in advance for these upcoming events as it will cause too much confusion if there are cancellations. You can pay on the day via Eftpos.**
- If things are back to normal in the New Year we will have our "Free Game" and celebratory lunch at Gisborne in February.

Today's quiz.

In 1923, Who Was:

1. President of the largest steel company?
2. President of the largest gas company?
3. President of the New York Stock Exchange?
4. Greatest wheat speculator?
5. President of the Bank of International Settlement?
6. Great Bear of Wall Street?

These men were considered some of the world's most successful of their days.

Now, 97 years later, the history book asks us if we know what ultimately became of them.

The Answers:

1. The president of the largest steel company. Charles Schwab died a pauper.
2. The president of the largest gas company, Edward Hopson went insane
3. President of the NYSE, Richard Whitney, released from prison to die at home.
4. The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cooger, died abroad, penniless.
5. The president of the Bank of International Settlement shot himself.
6. The Great Bear of Wall Street, Cosabee Livermore, also committed suicide.

In that same year, 1923, the PGA Champion and the winner of the most important golf tournament, the US Open, was Gene Sarazen. What became of him?

He played golf until he was 92, died in 1999 at the age of 95. He was financially secure at the time of his death.

The Moral:

Bugger work.
Play golf .

From the President – Alan Kinnaird



Hello members, I hope that you and your loved ones are staying safe. It certainly has been a frustrating time for all those impacted by the tougher lockdown regulations in place over the past 6 weeks. With the Premiers latest announcement regarding the “Way out” it appears that October the 26th is the earliest that we can resume playing golf and that is based on the State meeting targets in the average number of cases over a 14-day period. This may change, as each day goes by, there is mounting pressure on the Government by business and Industry leaders to relax the restrictions earlier due to the economic and health impact it is causing.

Going forward with our fixture for the remaining year, firstly in regard to this year’s championships, the Committee has looked at the options available to play them over the last two months but came to the conclusion that it would not be feasible due to a number of factors including the uncertainty of what regulations will be in place come October 26th along with lack of playing time to prepare plus members

availability to play the championships after the long layoff.

So the end result was that this year’s **championships are cancelled**, unless there is a dramatic change of heart by Daniel Andrews that allows us to play without any restrictions, which is highly unlikely.

At this point in time, provided we are allowed to play competition, we plan to proceed with our normal stableford event in November at Yarrambat on Monday 2nd and bookings are now open on the website. We suggest that you pay the \$30 fee on the day by credit/debit card in case we are forced to cancel.

Should the social distancing rules still be in place in December which prohibits our annual Xmas luncheon, we will look at holding the free day early in 2021.

Annual Fees:- The Committee is mindful of the impact of this year’s restricted Syllabus and will discuss the prospect of a revised fee but as mentioned above, we definitely will be holding our annual free event asap and the cost of this plus the gift and other overheads are a big part of our fee structure.

Competition Fees 2021:- Whilst we have locked in the syllabus for next year we are still waiting on several clubs to confirm their competition and luncheon costs, and already it is apparent that we will be required to increase the monthly competition fee and will notify you once this is finalised.

Let’s hope that by the start of 2021 things are back to some form of normality that allows us to continue playing and importantly enjoy the comradery and social interaction between one another.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next opportunity.

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Mick and Pat are standing on the 18th tee at their Irish Country Club. They are the final twosome in the Irish County Club Championship and are tied for the lead.

The 18th hole is a beautiful par four with a deep valley, descending down to a dogleg right.

Both Mick and Pat hit long, straight tee shots which disappear down into the valley. A short time later, the fore caddie appears at the top of the hill and announces that both balls are within 6 inches of each other but there's a problem.

Both of the golf balls are Titleist # 4s. Mick and Pat look at each other and realize that they had not informed each other as to what kind of ball they were playing, nor its number.

They quickly descend into the valley and, sure enough, their two Titleist golf balls are right next to each at the bottom of the valley in the middle of the fairway.

Patrick looks at Mick and says, "We had better get a ruling from a tournament official to straighten this out. This is the Irish County Club Championships and we don't want to be disqualified for making a mistake and hitting the wrong ball. After all, we are tied for the lead."

Soon after, a rules official appears and examines the two # 4 Titleist golf balls. He then looks up at Mick and Pat and says, "Which one of you is playing the orange ball?"

Jokes contributed by Mario Caruso

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Great Australian Moments The Shark at Sandwich

by Martin Blake



Greg Norman responds to the crowd at the 72nd hole at Royal St George's in 1993.

Photo: Getty

Greg Norman won 91 times around the world, but he never had a better single day than July 18, 1993 at Royal St George's near Sandwich in England.

Norman's final-round 64 to win the Open Championship for the second time is the most famous and best round of his golfing life.

It vaulted him to a two-shot win when he had started the last day in the second-last group with world No. 2 Bernhard Langer of Germany, a shot behind world No. 1 Nick Faldo of England and world No. 15 Corey Pavin of the United States, with world No. 3 Nick Price and world No. 5 Fred Couples also thereabouts.

The significance of that final day was that all the top players in the world were in the mix; Royal St George's brought out the best of them.

Not only that, but Faldo and Langer scarcely faded. They both shot 67 that day, but Norman's 64, six-under par, was the lowest final round by the tournament winner in Open history at the time. It overtook Tom Watson's 65 at Turnberry in 1977, and his 267 aggregate was also a record back then.

Cometh the big moment, this was an unstoppable Greg Norman.

Both those landmarks have since been beaten by Henrik Stenson with his closing 63 and 264 aggregate at Royal Troon in 2016, but it does not change the fact that this was a ground-breaking day for Norman, who by 1993 had already started to endure some of the heartbreak that in part, would characterise his career.

He'd been skewered by Larry Mize's 1987 hole-out at the Masters and by his own flared four-iron into the crowd around the 18th at Augusta the year before when Jack Nicklaus won, as well as by Bob Tway's hole-out from a bunker at the 1987 PGA Championship. Not to mention losing a playoff at the 1984 US Open at Winged Foot and at the 1989 Open Championship when he drove into a Royal Troon bunker that no one even knew was in play.

Here was a day when the Golf Gods were with Norman. Needless to say, it was overdue.

He wore a vest with a big shark logo on the back, and he striped the ball throughout, turning in 31 so that he had jumped into the lead, then closing the door on everyone when he hit his iron shot close at the par-three 16th hole and rolled the putt in. That gave him a three-shot buffer over Faldo and wiggle room for him to miss a short putt for par at the 17th on the run home.

"Invincible," was how Langer described him, and Norman himself rated it his best-ever round, delivering the quote to media that has been oft-repeated since. "I could honestly say that my entire career, I've never gone around a golf course and never missed a shot. You know, I'm just in awe of myself, the way I hit the golf ball today. It was simply perfect."

Of course in Australia, this was seen as a turning of the tide for one of the country's most popular sportsmen. Everyone thought there would be a flood of major wins coming, just as they had felt when he won the Open at Turnberry seven years earlier.

But Norman never won another major. Faldo would reel him in from six shots behind at the Masters in 1996, three years on, and the near misses piled up. As recently as 2008 he led the Open Championship through 54 holes at 53 years of age before fading to finish third – an astonishing effort.

Some of this was difficult to watch. But the glass-half-full approach suggests that if you remember Greg Norman, best think about him tearing up Royal St George's in 1993, a golfer at the peak of his considerable powers, on the biggest stage that there is.

Birthdays for October

Tony	Barr
Wreford	Blake
Peter	Brideson
Norman	Carboon
Paul	Collins
Alan	Condron
Peter	Denny
Thomas	Finch
Alan	Gray
Terry	How
Harry	Johnson
Steve	Miles
Peter	Olthof
Vince	Rusciano
Peter	Turner
Bill	Wise



Welfare Report

Mario and I have been keeping in touch with Life Members and / or those we haven't seen in a while.

Mario has spoken to Wreford Blake, John Feehan, Steve Miles and Brian Loft.

John Feehan is struggling a bit following a problem with a leaky heart valve.

Brian Loft had some skin cancer issues but now recovering well.

Kevin Merrifield was recovering OK from heart issues at my last report.

I spoke this evening with Norm Strong and he is in good health overall, but not likely to play in any of our events ongoing. He was very happy to get my call and keen to come to a game as an observer and catch up with Mates.

Couldn't get hold of Keith Owen as his phone seems to be disconnected.

I've had no other reports of serious issues apart from the usual old age aches and pains.

Peter Caple – 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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Things you may not know about The Masters Golf Tournament

In 1934 Bobby Jones requested the USGA to host the US Open at Augusta. USGA said no. Angry at the rebuff. Bobby Jones and Clifford Roberts decided to have their own event, which became the Masters. The Masters is not a Championship of anything. "You are the winner of the Masters".



The Masters is one of the most unusual events in sports.

It's all about tradition, and it's defined by a set of odd rules and customs that just don't exist outside of Augusta National. It's great. We compiled the oddest traditions that make the Masters and Augusta one of a kind.

SELECTIONS AT THE MASTERS		
BEVERAGES		
Soft Drinks	2.00	
Bottled Water	2.00	
Fresh Brewed Iced Tea	2.00	
Domestic Light Beer	4.00	
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Masters Blend Fresh Brewed Coffee	1.50	
Chicken / Sausage Biscuit	1.50	
SANDWICHES		
Egg Salad	1.50	
Pimento Cheese	1.50	
Bar-B-Que	3.00	
Masters Club	2.50	
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Grilled Chicken Wrap	3.00	
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Turkey & Cheese on Wheat	2.50	
Blueberry Muffin	1.00	
Fresh Mixed Fruit	2.00	
SNACKS		
Candy	1.00	
Chips	1.00	
Peanuts / Crackers	1.00	
Banana	1.00	
Cookies	1.50	
white chocolate pecan oatmeal		
chocolate chip		
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Georgia Peach Ice Cream Sandwich	2.00	

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Tipping is banned.



Cell phones are prohibited at all times and cameras are not permitted during the tournament.



It's one of the only places in the U.S. where there are long lines for payphones.

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There's a huge fence around the course to keep out animals. There has been one deer sighting in the last 65 years.



Only four minutes of commercials per hour are allowed during the broadcast and no blimps are allowed.



TV commentators are not allowed to refer to fans as "fans" or "spectators" They are to be called "patrons," and the rough is to be referred to as the "second cut."



The Masters banned CBS broadcaster Gary McCord in 1995 for saying, "They don't cut the greens here at Augusta, they use bikini wax."



Players had to use local caddies provided by Augusta until 1983.

Players are allowed to use their own caddies now, but they must wear the Augusta uniform — green hat, white jumpsuit.

Like many golf courses, there is good fishing at Augusta National, but the players don't like to talk about it because it is forbidden.

In 2011, Monte Burke of Forbes interviewed golfers about the best fishing spots on the PGA Tour .

When Augusta was brought up, he described their responses as "squeamish" and they only admitted to hearing there were some good spots.

A former caddie was willing to tell Burke that the best spots are the creek in front of

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the 12th hole ("full of bream"; seen above) and the pond at the 16th hole ("brimming with bass").



Fans, oops, we mean patrons, aren't allowed to wear their hats backwards.



Patrons can bring collapsible chairs to sit on, but those chairs are not allowed to have armrests.

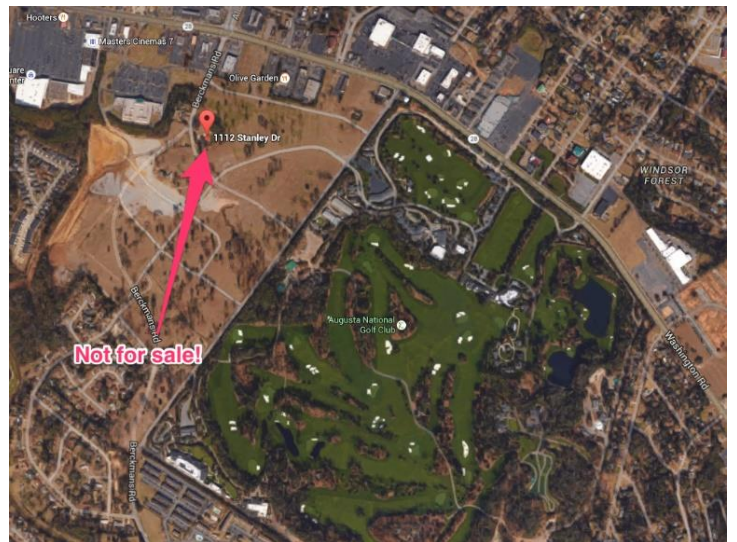


Running is not allowed unless you are a player.



Grounds crew members used to wear hard hats.

There is an odd myth that the grounds crew at Augusta packs the azalea plants with ice if spring comes early. The idea is that this will keep the plants from flowering too soon before the tournament.



There is a house located in the middle of the Augusta National parking lot because the owners refuse to sell it. The family has reportedly turned down "millions."



You can't apply to become a member at Augusta.

It's nearly impossible to become a member at Augusta. You must be nominated by a current Augusta member, and new initiations generally aren't accepted unless someone quits or dies. The total membership hovers around 300.



Augusta is closed in the summer to keep the course in pristine shape.



Even the press conference podium is immaculate.



Players are given a brand-new Mercedes for use during the week.

Golf cart drivers who are hired to drive the players around Augusta National also pick up the golfers at the airport in the Mercedes they will be using. The cars also have a number in the back window so that employees can always identify the players by which car they are in.



You can go to jail for selling tickets.



Twenty-four people were arrested outside Augusta in 2012 for trying to scalp tickets.

The course is insane about who it lets into the tournament and it's illegal to sell tickets within 2,700 feet of the gates.



You can only ask for autographs in one part of the course.

Fans always line the ropes at big tournaments in hopes of getting a signature. But this is tougher to do at Augusta. You can only try and solicit an autograph on the Washington Roadside of the clubhouse, near the practice facilities.



The bunkers at Augusta are filled with mining waste.

You know those pristine white bunkers? They're actually composed of waste product from the mining of aluminium, according to Golf.com

Basically, there's this company that mines feldspar (rocks) for aluminium. This process produces waste in the form of bright, pure quartz — that's what Augusta uses.



The old media centre was enormous.

Augusta opened a new media centre this year and it is gorgeous.

Augusta is its own universe with a tenuous connection to the outside world. But WWII affected Augusta just like it did the rest of the country. During the war, Augusta didn't have the manpower to maintain the course, so they set 200 cattle loose on the grounds in hopes that they would "trim" the grass by eating it.

Contributed by Paul Reid

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Application for Membership

Membership Secretary,

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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.....

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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.....