



### **This Month January**

The next game is at Growling Frog  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2021  
07:00 Registration  
08:00 Tee off Shotgun start

### **Dress Code**

Smart casual golf attire, no denim

### **Local Rules**

See notice board at Pro shop

### **Course map**

Provided at back of this document

**AGM and election of office bearers** will be conducted after our second game for 2021 at Gisborne on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

**Please note** that the Hume vs Melbourne game which was to be played on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 has been cancelled.

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### **Captains report from Melbourne Airport**

A coolish morning greeted players at The Melbourne Airport Golf Club with the event being our Christmas 4BBB game.

It was eerily quiet with only a few airplane movements throughout the morning. After some late withdrawals 72 players teed off right on time due to the efficient

marshalling of troops by President Alan, with Tony, John and Shane issuing cards, unclaimed trophies and collecting funds.

A tasty chicken leg roast was enjoyed by all followed up with scones and cream. The Host Club donated 2 prizes of a golf round with carts for our presentation.

Winners for the day were:

#### A Winners:

Arnold Messias and Des Borg  
45 points c/b

#### B Winners:

Ron Quayle and Ian Reynolds  
45 points

#### A Runners up:

Fort Rizzo and John O'Neill  
44 points c/b

#### B Runners up:

Peter Brideson and Russell Righton  
44 points

A keen contest was had with only a 1 stroke difference between the first 4 pairs. Golf balls were handed out to a further 14 pairs with scores ranging from 43 points down to 38 points, indicating the good condition that the golf course was in (some found the going easier than a few of us).

The "Raffallo" prize was won by Derek Kennedy, with golf balls to John Hudson, Peter Plytus and George Mc Laughlin

The birthday draw for a free golf game at our next outing went to Leo Goodegebuure.

Our first game for 2021 will be a shotgun start at Growling Frog Golf Club on 4th Jan 2021. The fee for the game and lunch is \$45.

Gus Steegstra  
Captain

## From the President - Alan Kinnaird



Season's greetings members,

What a great feeling to know that we are now heading in the right direction with well over 1 month since our last reported Covid 19 infection and that we are now allowed a more relaxed lifestyle. Let's hope this continues forthwith as we head into the festive season.

I am writing this report having just played in our December event at Melbourne Airport G.C. and whilst we conducted a staggered tee start most members stayed on in the clubhouse after enjoying the traditional hot roast along with scones/jam/cream to enjoy the social interaction that has been missing for over 9 months. We were even able to conduct the presentation, birthday and members raffle plus Shane's swindle. It was a terrific atmosphere that is so much part of our club.

Interestingly we have been in contact with the President of the Melbourne Veterans Golf Club regarding our next challenge match set for mid January but we were told that they have not played any events since the Covid restrictions came into force earlier this year, thus were not able to arrange a

team and therefore this event has been suspended until possibly later in the year. This must be encouraging for you to know that your Committee has taken every opportunity to play our scheduled events whenever the VGA allowed us to.

No doubt you have been following developments with the introduction of One Golf with the new "Booking System" now in place for our next event at the Growling Frog. A very big thank you to Kerry Bayly for heading this up and I know that he has put in many hours with the two websites to ensure that it met the January deadline. Well done to Kerry and his team consisting of Mario Caruso, Peter Caple, Arnold Messias and Bill Mandoit.

With the upcoming Annual Meeting in February, there will be 2 Committee positions vacant. Should you be willing to apply then feel free to contact me to discuss your interest.

Finally in regard to membership we are aware of a number of members who will not be renewing their membership and as our numbers continue to decline I would ask you to keep an eye out for new members as you would agree our Golf Club is very good value. PS Ladies are most welcome. I wish you and your family a wonderful festive season and a safe and healthy 2021.

Alan Kinnaird

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### **Sponsorship and Golf Balls**

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**Annual fees** have been retained at \$60 which includes 5 x \$5 tickets for the "Parmaker" raffle.

Fees are payable from the 1<sup>st</sup>. January 2021.

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

Electronic Payment details are:-

Bank: Westpac

BSB: 033118

A/c: 344854

When paying via electronic banking please 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 the Growling

Frog 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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**Temper Tantrums**

By Rod Morri



Perhaps it's all in the delivery. Tyrrell Hatton is the best of the modern players at losing his cool on course with Belgium's Thomas Pieters running a close second.

Thanks to his profile, Rory McIlroy attracts the most attention on the rare occasion his emotions boil over (like when he snapped his wedge in California) and while it's rare, Tiger Woods is not immune to blowing a gasket on course.

For as long as golf has been played, golfers have been driven to distraction by the vagaries of the game.

McIlroy revealed a little of the nature of the needling golf gives after his meltdown at Sherwood Country Club.

"I missed so many shots to the right," he said afterwards, "(that) if that wedge shot on 18 had missed 20 yards left, I still would have had that club in my bag, I wouldn't have snapped it".



How quintessentially golf. It wasn't the missing of the shot that caused the problem, but where the shot missed.

The shove into the ground and subsequent treading on the shaft to create two pieces where only one had existed before was merely the consequence of a full day of the torture of constantly missing to the right.

ABOVE: Tyrrell Hatton is one of the modern game's great exponents of the temper tantrum.

"It was just one shot too many to the right," he explained. "Even if that thing had missed 6 feet to the right, that club was probably getting broken."

Rare is the regular player without a club or bag abuse incident somewhere in the closet.

For many it is a one-time occurrence, the shame and embarrassment caused by such a complete loss of control over something so unimportant enough to cure them forever.



But for those at the top level, whose search for perfection is constant, the intensity is somewhat higher.

The trick for them is in how they manage it. McIlroy has always been one to manage a laugh at his own expense.

Hatton is the standout of the modern era, however. On YouTube, there are entire videos devoted to his reactions to bad shots.

"Almost every golfer, irrespective of handicap or mental make-up, can at least empathise, if not sympathise, with pros in these moments."

A personal favourite is the one where he demands the caddie acknowledge the poor quality of an effort at Bay Hill last year.

"Have you ever seen a worse golf shot?" he asks coolly as his ball sails way to the right of target.

Obviously thinking discretion to be the better part of valour the caddie remains

silent, but Hatton won't be appeased so easily.

"No, answer the question," he demands of the bag man who is forced to reluctantly agree that no, he has not seen a worse golf shot.

"That's terrible," Hatton agrees.

Thomas Pieters is less verbal with his rage though no less intense as proved by the elegant snapping of his 4-iron – around his neck – at the 2018 BMW PGA.

In one fluid move he manages to miss the long iron to the right and hold the finish for a moment before letting go of the grip with his right hand, grabbing the clubhead and calmly snapping it in two. That takes some strength!

While temper tantrums are not to be endorsed and managing one's emotions is one of the keys to playing good golf McIlroy, Hatton and Pieters are certainly not alone in their angst.

At every level of the game players always have, and always will, lose it.

It's as certain as death, taxes and missed short putts.

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## Birthdays for January

Peter	Brogden
Roger	Jarvis
Derek	Kennedy
Michael	Leahy
Ian	Morris
Keith	Ogston
John	O'Neill
Mario	Pane
Paul	Reid
John	Shannon
Frank	Tadic

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## Welfare Report

Past committee member and still member of HVGC, Alan Condron has been unwell recently.

He was unable to attend the Melbourne Airport game but hopes to catch up with everyone at Growling Frog in January 2021. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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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**Two guys** grow up together, but after college one moves to Georgia and the other to Texas. They agree to meet every ten years in Florida to play golf and catch up with each other.

At age 32 they meet, finish their round of golf and head for lunch.

"Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters."

"Why Hooters?"

"They have those servers with the big boobs, the tight shorts and the gorgeous legs."

"You're on."

At age 42, they meet and play golf again

"Where you wanna go for lunch?"

"Hooters."

"Again? Why?"

"They have cold beer, big screen TVs, and side action on the games."

"OK."

At age 52 they meet and play again. "So where you wanna go for lunch?"

"Hooters."

"Why?"

"The food is pretty good and there's plenty of parking."

"OK."

At age 62 they meet again.

After a round of golf, one says, "Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters."

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"Why?"  
"Wings are half price and the food isn't too spicy."  
"Good choice"  
At age 72 they meet again.  
Once again, after a round of golf, one says,  
"Where shall we go for lunch?"  
"Hooters."  
"Why?"  
"They have six handicapped parking spaces right by the door and they have senior discounts."  
"Great choice."  
At age 82 they meet and play again. "Where should we go for lunch?"  
"Hooters."  
"Why?"  
"Because we've never been there before."  
"Okay, let's give it a try."  
Contributed by Mario Caruso

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**Membership Note:**  
There are vacancies for new members for the 2021 year commencing with our first monthly event at The Growling Frog on 4th January.  
**Lady golfers** are welcome to join.

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This year we say goodbye to Yarrambat members Gavin Pearce and Des Borg. Gavin has been a member for the past eleven years, served on the committee for several years and has spent time as the Vice President of Hume Vets. Des has been an enthusiastic member for eight years and in his last game at Melbourne Airport he finished first. We wish them all the best.

Gavin and Des are invited to the free game at Gisborne on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2021 as are all 2020 financial members. The Parmaker raffle as well as other generous prizes will be award then.

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**Slow Play**



"Cattle prod."

In order to keep the game moving, players are requested to play a little faster where possible and to minimize congregating on the greens after holing out.

## My favourite and worst moment: Glenn Maxwell

By Jimmy Emanuel



### **Australian cricket star Glenn Maxwell talks about his love of golf, including his best and worst moments on the course.**

The Sanctuary Lakes member in Victoria, who plays off two currently, having managed to get his handicap down to 0.7 before Melbourne was recently locked down, has played the game for as long as he can remember.

And like many of his predecessors, spends plenty of time on the course when on International duties, mostly with David Warner and Aaron Finch, who Maxwell identifies as being very difficult to win some money off due to perhaps better abilities than their handicaps suggest.

"Beating Aaron Finch, playing for some decent cash in some skins games it got messy a couple of times, and we were playing a course in the West Indies and Finchy was down by a fair bit and we tripled up on the last hole and there was a fair bit on the line," Maxwell exclusively told Golf Australia when asked for his favourite golf moment.

"I went first and put my ball out of bounds and he put his about 380 yards down the middle, then I played again and knocked a 3-wood down the middle then a wedge to seven feet, lying four, putting for bogey. "He left his wedge short, then thinned a flop shot over the back then stayed in the bunker for the next three or four shots before smacking his ball miles out of bounds

and walking off the course, so that was a highlight I will never forget.

"One of the other more amazing experiences I have had was playing Abu Dhabi Golf Club with my dad. It is probably my favourite golf course in the world, everything about it is perfect and I was able to play there with the person who introduced me to the game and just the experience of being able to share that golf course with him was amazing."

The all-rounder, who got his first club at around three and proceeded to hit his other toys over the fence, like every other golfer has also had his less than ideal moments on the course.

"I've lost a game against Aaron Finch with a putt on the last at the Australian Golf Club" Maxwell said.

"It was about nine feet and as soon as it left the putter he said 'Oh, great putt' and it did a full horseshoe and it cost me a lot after choosing to go double or nothing on the last hole. So, it was a very expensive putt.

"But outside of that there aren't too many bad golfing memories, because every time I have played golf it has been a great break away from what I do, and it is the reason I love the game so much."



Maxwell and regular opponent Aaron Finch prepare for a game at NSW Golf Club.

PHOTO: Ryan Pierse/Getty Images.



# Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc.

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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](mailto: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.....

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.....



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