

Coming up next



The game is at Melbourne Airport on Monday the 5th of December at 8.00am.



From the President Alan Kinnaird



CHRISTMAS FUNCTION AND GOLF

The day includes Golf, Lunch, the Annual Xmas Raffle Draw and the presentation of the Order of Merit awards for the year. Entry Fee \$20.

CARTS: Please book directly with the club 9338 4303.

Bill Mandouit will be coordinating this event and it will be a 4BBB competition.

Course map

Provided at the back of this document.

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Birthdays for December

Neil	Cunningham
Raymond	Davidson
Ian	Grieve
Peter	Grundy
Arnold	Messias
Wayne	Whiting
Colin	Yates

Welfare Report

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

Hello members, another disruptive year is coming to a close due to excessive rain that has fallen over the past 3 months. I know this is disappointing but when you sit back and think of the impact that it has had on those directly affected with the flooding in Queensland, NSW and Victoria. Truly heart wrenching for those that have had their homes and businesses flooded. So, missing out on playing in a couple of scheduled events is really insignificant when you see what is happening around us. To me, keeping healthy and happy is the main objective.

As previously indicated, due to increased costs particularly with regard to food, and after undertaking a "projected income and expenditure report" for 2023, only relative to our golfing events, we regrettably must increase our competition entry fee by \$5 to \$50. This figure will be constant for all games including the Championship's except the end of year Xmas event at Melbourne Airport which will be \$25 (increase from \$20). We could have retained the \$45 fee if we downgraded the level of lunch that we have been enjoying to a basic course like sandwiches and biscuits but we know that this is not what you want. I know that this will cause some members to reconsider their position but please remember that the entry fee is not just to cover your playing cost and hot meal but also all of the other golf related costs i.e., winners vouchers, raffallo prizes, golf ball prizes, free

birthday game, championship trophies, OOM winners vouchers along with the cost of entering 2 teams to the VVGA annual teams event. In my opinion it is very good value. The annual membership fee will remain at \$60 and is there to offset non golf events including the Xmas raffle. The Committee's aim is to neutralise the income against the expenditure and maintain a constant bank balance which was the case last year and is expected to be this year.

We have finalised the 2023 syllabus with one change, the John Feehan over 55's Tournament at Trentham has been brought forward to Friday 21st April so that we can be confident of it going ahead and attracting a good field. Our first game will be at Werribee Park on Friday 13th (hopefully lucky for us) and we will be able to give out the syllabus to you at the Xmas game in December as well as updating the "Event Entry" section on our website.

I hope that you will be able to attend the 4BBB and Xmas lunch on the 5th and I look forward to seeing you there.

Alan Kinnaird

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Jokes contributed by Mario Caruso

Annual Fees



Annual fees have been retained at \$60, which includes 5 x \$5 tickets for the Annual Xmas Raffle Draw.

Fees must be paid by the 31st of January 2023.

Payment by Eftpos or cash can be made to the Treasurer, Peter Caple, at the Melbourne Airport game or by cheque and made out to: 'Hume Vets Golf Club' and mailed to:-
The Treasurer
Peter Caple
10 Malcolm Street
Bacchus Marsh Vic 3340

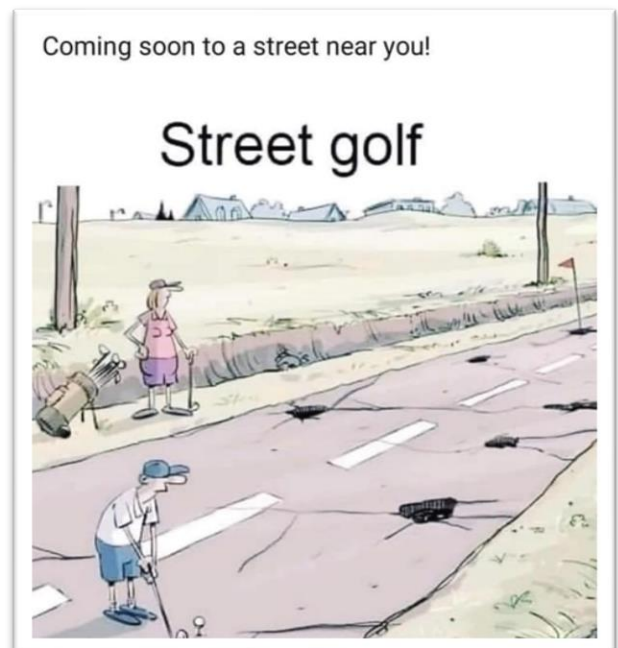
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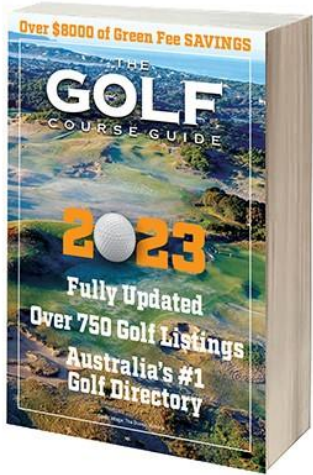
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When paying via electronic banking please put your member number and Membership 2023 in the description field.



The all-new 2023 GOLF Course Guide is available to members of the Hume Veterans Golf Club for \$20 (50 per cent off RRP).

It is Australia's #1 golfing directory and often described as golf's version of the Entertainment Book. It showcases over 750 golf courses and driving ranges, with many featuring a discounted green fee upon presentation of the Guide (savings total over \$8,000!).



The GOLF Course Guide is very popular with "Grey Nomads", retirees and travelling golfers and the 2023 edition will soon be released. Members can pre order their copy through the club either at our next event at Melbourne Airport G.C. on Monday 5th December (see Alan

Kinnaird) or by email through our website address info@humevetsgc.com.au

Orders to be placed no later than Monday 5th December in order for us to place our bulk order with the publishers in time to have them available to you at our first event in January at Werribee Park G.C.

President
Alan Kinnaird

A Brief History of the Golf Club

By Amanda Green

From blunt wooden instruments of the old days to today's adjustable, insanely high-tech drivers, golf clubs have been getting better and better since the Scots gave us this frustrating, exhilarating pastime.

960–1279: Royals from China's Song Dynasty play hitting balls into holes with a set of 10 jewelled clubs.

1400s: Despite earlier evidence of proto golf in the Netherlands, Scotland gets credit for inventing the game.

1800s: Par for the course, golf makes its way to the United States. Players use 20 to 30 wooden clubs of various functions to hit featheries, hard leather balls stuffed with feathers.

1856: America's hickory trees get the shaft when Robert Forgan exports them to Scotland to make golf clubs. Harder persimmon wood is used for the club heads until drop forging allows for mass-produced iron heads in the late 1800s.

1931: Billy Burke becomes the first golfer to win the U.S. Open using steel-shafted clubs painted to look like wood. But there's no faking Burke's unique grip—he only had three fingers on his left hand.

1932: Pro golfer Gene Sarazen thinks outside the sandbox to develop the modern sand wedge and uses it in his British Open victory.

1939: Golf's rule-making authority decrees the use of no more than 14 clubs in a round but puts no limits on dorky apparel.

1959: Engineer Karsten Solheim invents a putter with more weight at the heel and toe of the blade and a thinner, lighter sweet spot. The novel design makes it easier for golfers to hit the ball straight. He quits his day job, creates the golf-equipment brand Ping, and makes a fortune.

1971: Alan Shepard takes one small swing for a man, one giant drive for mankind when he hits two golf balls on the moon at the end of the Apollo 14 mission. The second travels over a mile.

1973: Lightweight graphite-shaft clubs become popular among women and senior golfers. The rest of the world—ahem, PGA Tour players—catches on by the mid-1990s.

1980: In *Caddyshack*, Rodney Dangerfield's character stocks his bag with a driver that dispenses beer.

1991: Callaway rocks the golf world when it introduces the Big Bertha stainless-steel-headed driver. Persimmon-headed clubs quickly become garage-cluttering relics.

2013: TaylorMade's R1 driver adjusts to 12 different lofts and seven different face angles, adapting the club to playing conditions. Isn't that cheating?

Great Australian Moments

Allenby's triple crown

by Martin Blake



For three weeks in the summer of 2005, Robert Allenby ruled Australian golf. Allenby won the hat-trick of big Australian tournaments in consecutive weeks, starting with the Australian Open at Moonah Links outside Melbourne, then the Australian PGA Championship at Coolum and clinching the so-called Triple Crown with his win of the Australian Masters at Huntingdale.

No one had previously won the big three Australian tournaments in the same year, and with the demise of the Masters in 2015, it seems likely that Allenby will remain the only player to achieve this feat. Greg Chalmers (in 2011) and Adam Scott (2013) won the first two legs but missed on the clincher. Needless to say, it is scarcely easy. It sits as the greatest achievement of one of Australia's best-ever players, alongside his four wins on the US PGA Tour.

Allenby was close to the peak of his career as a player in 2005 and the Australian Golf Union was in the midst of its since-abandoned experiment of making the home of the Open at Moonah Links, designed by Peter Thomson on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula. The course was long and exposed to the wind, but in the Thursday calm, Allenby shot 63 to set up his second Open win.

Ultimately, he limped in for a one-shot win on the Sunday. With a three-shot lead going into the

final day, he had stunned the media by suggesting that he might have to miss the final round because of a hand injury sustained when he opened a port-a-loo door on the course during his third round.

"The nerve went in my middle finger," he said on the eve of the final round. "I had no power, no feeling. I can't guarantee I'll be here tomorrow." But the Victorian, who'd grown up playing pennant golf not so far away at Yarra Yarra, turned up on Sunday and ground through a difficult final day. He knew that he could not be beaten once runner-up Paul Sheehan failed to make his birdie putt at the 72nd hole, admitting later that he "fell in over the line".

It was a thin field in terms of internationals, and Allenby made the point that local was good. "We don't need international players," he said at the presentation. "We don't need to pay appearance money to attract them all."

The next week at the Hyatt Coolum resort, Allenby appeared to be over his injury, and he played brilliant golf only to be almost usurped by Mat Goggin's final-day 63. Goggin posted 17-under par and waited, and Allenby needed birdie at the final hole to win outright. Hitting a pure eight iron to the back, left pin, and then draining the short putt, he completed the mission.

At Huntingdale in pursuit of the hat-trick, Allenby was nervous as he sought to create his little piece of history. He found himself in a playoff against Bubba Watson, the American left-hand bomber who would later win a Masters at Augusta National, but back then, a young man with a temper.

Watson missed a short putt for par on the playoff hole, Huntingdale's 18th, and Allenby had the Triple Crown as well as retaining his unbeaten playoff record. "It's been an amazing three weeks and I'm proud of myself for hanging in there and doing what was needed," he said. Allenby at his peak was a seriously good player in all conditions, ranked as high as 12th in the world at one point. He was a polarizing figure with his superb golf and his wonderful charity work on the one hand, and his penchant for chewing up caddies and upsetting people on the other.

But regardless of what you think of him, he has those three weeks in 2005, and they are commemorated by the set of flags, framed on his wall at home. It was a first. And, probably, a last.

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

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

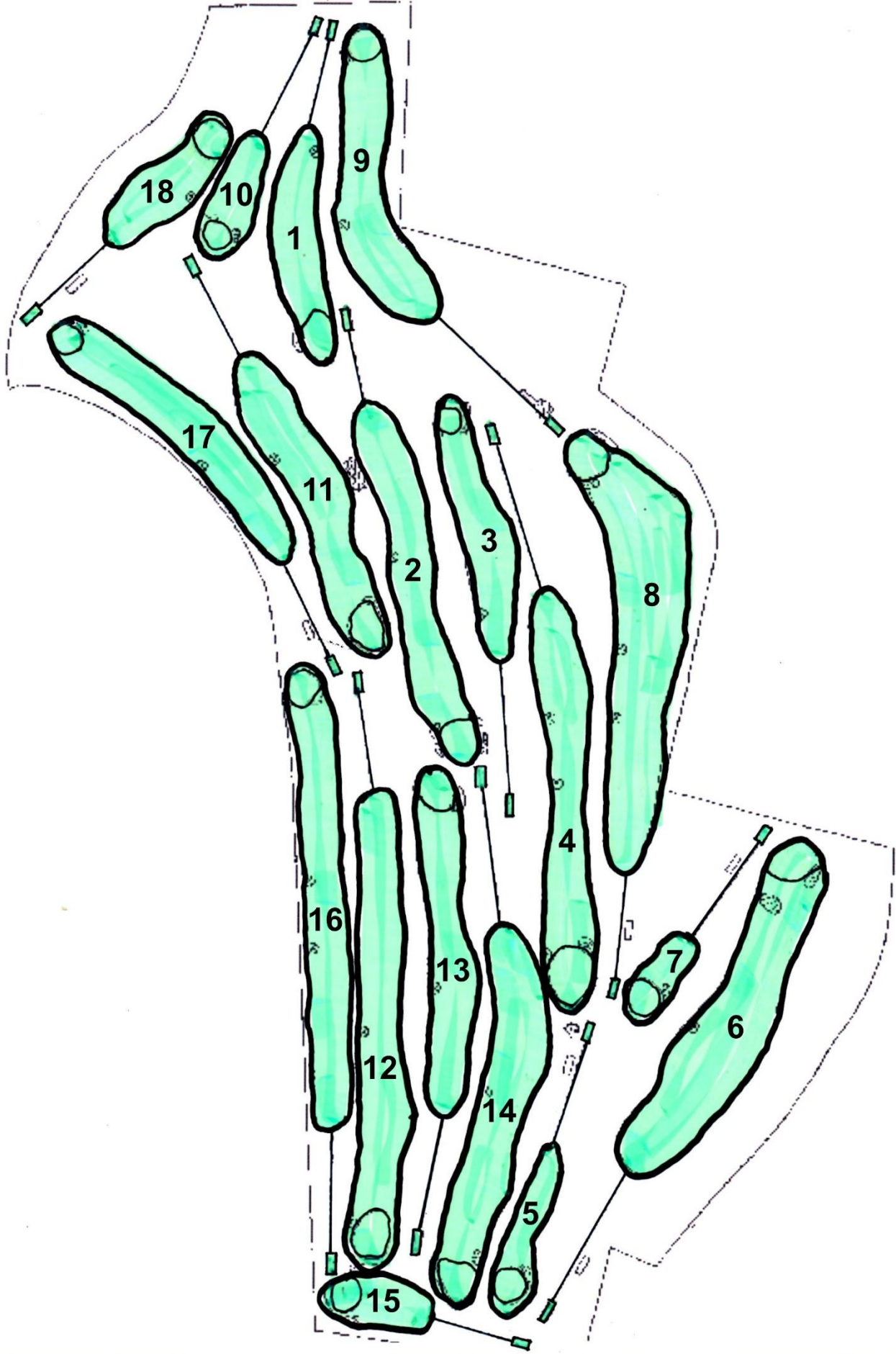
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Provided that the Directors shall not be bound to accept the application for Membership of any person, also provided any inaccuracy or misrepresentation in the particulars relating to the applicant or his description shall render his election voidable at any time at the discretion of the Club.

Date received by the Membership Secretary...../...../.....

Signed.....

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