



Coming up next

**The game is at Koorungal**

**8.00 am Wednesday 6th of July**



**Course map**

Provided at the back of this document.

Koorungal entries are now open.  
Kerry Bayly will be coordinating this event.

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**Next month Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of August at Bacchus Marsh.**

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**The Australian Veteran Golfers' Championships**

The Australian Veteran Golfers' Championships are to be held in Mandurah Western Australia from Sunday 6th November through to Friday 11th November 2022. Entries are closing for this event on Monday 4th July 2022. Numbers at this stage are down and if any Victorian Members are considering going, your entry and support would be welcomed. An entry form for this event can be obtained by going to their website:

<https://avguchampionship2022.com.au/>

**From the President**  
**Alan Kinnaird**



Hello members,

Now that we have reached the halfway mark of the year, I thought it was timely to put pen to paper on our progress thus far.

Contrary to the past 2 years our event calendar to date has gone according to plan with all six scheduled events going ahead without any difficulties but with reduced attendance which we have determined is due to a combination of factors including ill health and issues relating to Covid, long awaited holidays and other demands now that we are enjoying our freedom once again.

Our membership drive is moving in the right direction with a number of members taking up the offer of a free game by signing up 2 new members and we encourage you to keep an eye out for potential new members so that we can continue to prosper.

Whilst the costs from a number of host clubs have increased this year particularly in regard to food costs (as we are all aware), there is no intention to increase our fee of \$45 this year (excluding club championships) but we will look closely in January at the total cost against the total competition fee/raffle income to determine if this needs to be adjusted.

Not all members would be aware that there was an incident at our May event at Mandalay G.C . involving Kerry White and Ron Damons when they were in the club cart heading out to their allocated tee. Kerry was driving the cart alongside a fairway and after coming up over a crest drove into an unsighted bunker which hit the bank and tossed both passengers out of the cart. Ron was not too badly hurt but Kerry sustained a cut to his lower leg and badly hurt his shoulder which is still causing him grief. He is undergoing physio treatment and has not played golf since the incident.

Speaking to Kerry recently he thought that at one stage it may require surgery, but it is slowly on the mend, and he hopes to be back playing soon. We hope to see both Ron and Kerry back playing asap.

**This is a reminder for all members in ride on carts to take extra care when heading out to their allocated tees.**

Our next event at Koorinal is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July **starting at 8am** and we would ask you to prepay to assist in making the entry process more streamlined.

Also, in that regard please ensure that you report to John Peart and his assistant (even if you do not require a score card) so that they can record you as having arrived and for those that are still using score cards, we would encourage you to install the **MiScore** app which is beneficial for both the player and the club.

Good golfing everyone

Alan Kinnaird

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### Birthdays for July

<b>Barry</b>	<b>Baguley</b>
<b>Rodney</b>	<b>Baguley</b>
<b>Daryl</b>	<b>Bessell</b>
<b>Mick</b>	<b>Labruna</b>
<b>Barry</b>	<b>McAloney</b>
<b>John</b>	<b>Misitano</b>
<b>Alan</b>	<b>Moloney</b>
<b>Greg</b>	<b>Paterson</b>
<b>Peter</b>	<b>Plytus</b>
<b>Bob</b>	<b>Wilkinson</b>

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## Captain's Report Derrimut 6th June 2022

A cold wind and drizzly rain threatened to make for an unpleasant start to our game at Mt Derrimut. However, as the field of players was ready to tee off the weather had cleared, and we enjoyed an ensuing cool dry day. A few exasperated players were held up at the Deer Park railway crossing but still arrived in time to play.

Thanks to the attentive staff who provided a tasty lunch and good service.

Thanks also to John, Bill and Shane for checking the field for dispatch and Mario for co-ordinating the game and results.

The course was well presented by ground staff and evidenced by some good scores. Seven out of 61 players (11%) played to or better than their handicap.

Name                      Handicap              Points

A grade winner:

Richard Te Whare              3              39

A grade runner-up:

Daryl Bessel                      9              36 c/b

B grade winner:

John Peart                      17              36

B grade runner-up:

Peter Brideson                      13              35

C grade winner:

Ron Swift                      40              42

C grade runner-up:

Peter Plytus                      20              41

Nearest the Pin      3 Golf balls

6th hole              Wayne Whiting

9th hole              Peter Brideson

12th hole              Ross Conley

15th hole              Bob Wilkinson

The ball comp. went down to 33 points.

The "raffallo" prize was won by Rog Baguley, with golf balls to Terry How, Tony Barr and Peter Turner.

Winner of the Birthday draw was also last year's winner Neil Fowler, for a free golf game at Koorinal next month at **8.00 am on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Gus Steegstra  
Captain



A Grade winner Richard Te Whare with Vice-Captain Bill Mandout



C Grade winner Ron Swift with Vice-Captain Bill Mandout

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A guy on vacation finishes his round, goes into the clubhouse.

The head pro says, "Did you have a good time out there?"

The man replied "Fabulous, thank you."

"You're welcome," said the pro. "How did you find the greens?"

Said the man: "Easy. I just walked to the end of the fairways and there they were."

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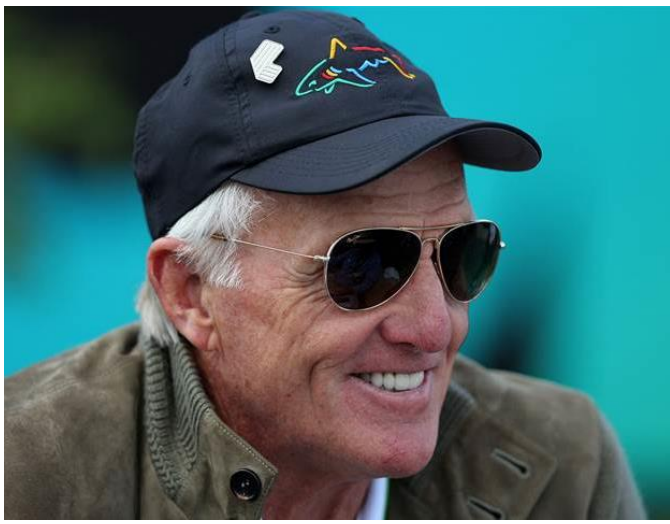
### **Welfare Report**

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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B Grade winner John Peart with Vice-Captain Bill Mandout



## LIV Golf vs The PGA Tour The battle Pro Golf needs to have

By John Huggan

**Like all the best precedents, it came early. Long before Old Tom Morris strode the links of St. Andrews, the diminutive David, in a shock result of some resonance, saw-off the big, bad Goliath. So it is with all bullies.**

Eventually, someone comes along to challenge their shallow authority. And soon enough, should things go as unexpected, a painful example of what they have inflicted on others is administered to their sorry selves.

Welcome to the PGA Tour, circa 2022.

For the power brokers of Ponte Vedra, the last few months have been, while not quite a Goliath-like experience, distinctly uncomfortable. Suddenly, golf's leading professionals have a financially advantageous place to play, one that does not concede fiefdom to PGA Tour commissioner Jay Monahan. That is the new reality, even as deep misgivings prevail over the source of the cash that saw winner Charl Schwartzel pick up US\$4.75million at the first of eight LIV Golf Invitational events over the weekend. American Andy Ogletree took home US\$120,000 for finishing last at Centurion. Before this he had career earnings of US\$38,000. And if he plays in the remaining six individual events this year, even finishing last in all of them, he will be looking at earnings of close to \$US1 million.

Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund, the sovereign wealth investment fund of the Middle East nation, clearly has deep pockets.

While no right-thinking person is hailing the oil-rich Saudis as a force for good in the wider

world, in the little part of the planet occupied by golf their elite power-grab might, at least in one way, actually turn out to be just what Old Tom's game needs in the long run. For too long now, the PGA Tour has been golf's Goliath, a selfish, insular bully whose every action betrayed a lack of desire to do what is best for the sport on a global basis.



PGA Tour commissioner Jay Monahan in deep discussion with Ian Poulter back in April, before the Englishman moved to LIV Golf.

History – at least until recently – does not paint a pretty picture of how PGA Tour players have reacted to the presence of foreign interlopers. Bobby Locke was basically run out of town in the 1950s, a time when the eccentric South African was kicking the butts of Sam Snead, Ben Hogan and everyone else. Tony Jacklin has often spoken of how cold and unfriendly the Tour could be in the last 1960s. A decade later Seve Ballesteros was afforded the same sort of welcome, as he showed the Yanks how golf should be played.

Right up-to-date, major champions Paul Lawrie and Michael Campbell have been shown no respect and barely an invitation on the Champions Tour.

So it is that the PGA Tour has long done what is best for the PGA Tour – everyone else be damned. But that degree of self-interest has never been acknowledged. Speaking from the Canadian Open at the weekend, Monahan was making familiar noises. “True and pure competition” was one way he described his circuit, which is a bit rich coming from a man who runs the Champions Tour. Surely nothing in sport is more of a closed shop than the over-50s boondoggle. Ask Lawrie or Campbell.

Then there is the treatment the PGA Tour routinely metes out to every other Tour in golf.

Take Australia. Over the years, that wonderful country has produced any number of truly great players. Peter Thomson, Greg Norman and Karrie Webb are merely the best on a long list of those who have travelled far from home to take on and beat the best. Which is no surprise given the training grounds available Down Under. Royal Melbourne is, of course, the best layout in the southern hemisphere. But the likes of Kingston Heath, Victoria, Barnbougle Dunes and Lost Farm are not far behind.

And yet, despite all of the above, the Australasian Tour is, at best, second-rate. Maybe even third-rate. There are a few reasons for that sorry state of affairs. The economy is one. But so is the callousness of a PGA Tour that insists on an almost year-long schedule that keeps many of the Aussies away from home in the month before Christmas.

A kindly soul might see that as mere thoughtlessness, but the PGA Tour doesn't do that. Behind the smiles and the boasts of charitable donations, there lurks a cold business brain. Despite the endless protestations of doing what is "good for golf," almost without exception the PGA Tour does what is best for the PGA Tour, the game be damned.

Of course, it can legitimately be argued that the rest of the world missed a trick maybe four decades ago. Back then, the very best players were not American, and the Europeans could and maybe should have taken advantage.

Imagine a circuit that went everywhere in the world – Europe, Asia, South Africa, Japan and Australasia. That would have been a legitimate rival to the PGA Tour, one that would, ironically, have perhaps made the PGA Tour a better and more outward looking place in the 21st century. Today it is – too often – a tired and rather stale product, one that churns out a seemingly endless stream of near-identical 72-hole events week after interminable week.

That the PGA Tour is driven by money over all else is underlined by the fact that so many of the great old titles have been submerged by corporate greed. Some examples: "The Crosby" is now the AT&T. The Bob Hope Desert Classic has morphed into the "American Express." The LA Open is now the "Genesis Invitational." The Colonial has gone, replaced by the "Charles Schwab Challenge."

## Golf Gossip

**How much** did Steve Williams make as Tiger's caddie?

During his time caddying for Tiger Woods, Steve earned at least **\$12 million** in bonuses and salary alone. Tiger also reportedly gave Steve 10 vehicles that were won at tournaments.

**Who is the most disliked PGA golfer?**

**Rory Sabbatini**

He was not well-liked prior to a nasty split with his ex-wife, and her revelations about Sabbatini have done further damage to his reputation (a feat few thought possible).

Golf Today: "**Rory Sabbatini** is the most hated man in golf. So says the result of a survey by Sports Illustrated in which 25 percent of pros polled named the 32-year-old South African as their least favourite playing partner."

**At A Glance**

Tiger Woods – A Controversial Legend.

David Duvall – Hero to Zero.

Ian Poulter – Americans Love to Hate Him.

Matt Kuchar – Mr. Cheapskate.

Bryson DeChambeau – The Beefcake Scientist.

Sergio Garcia – The Petulant Child.

Gary Player – The Loudmouth.

Patrick Reed – The Blue-Collar Cheat.

**How many balls** can a PGA player carry?

On the PGA Tour, change happens far more often. **There's no limit** to how many golf balls a player can carry in his or her bag, so long as they comply with the One Ball Rule, which dictates the same model and manufacturer. Rich Beem used to play with a new ball on every hole.

**Longest Golf Ball 2022**

by Independent Golf Reviews

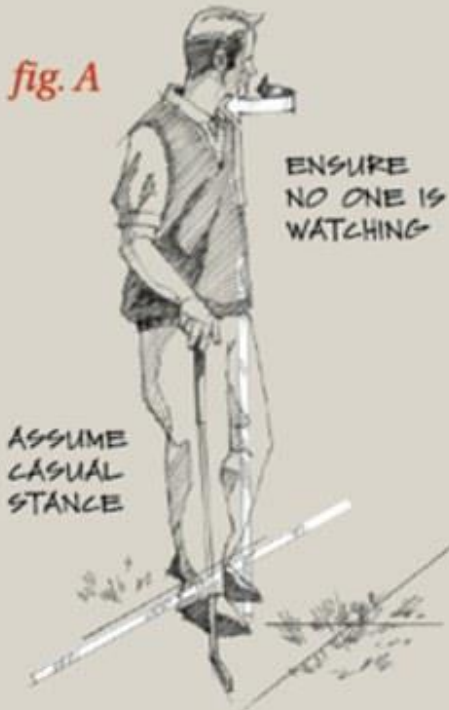
With so many golf ball brands claiming to be the best in distance, we've gone out of our way to prove these claims over the years. We discovered that the Titleist Velocity Golf Balls are the undisputed champs as far as distance golf balls go.

Golf balls, however, should prioritize essential factors such as spin, control, and feel.

Nowadays most brands go a step further and enhance their balls' feel, playability, price, and even visibility.

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*fig. A*



ENSURE  
NO ONE IS  
WATCHING

ASSUME  
CASUAL  
STANCE

*fig. B*



CASUALLY LOOK IN  
OPPOSITE DIRECTION

HIDE BEHIND  
AVAILABLE TREES

USE CLUB  
FOR ADDED  
SUPPORT

KEEP BALL LOW

## BETTER LIES, BETTER SHOTS

*by BogeyPro Golf*

After sending out a search party for a ball that's missing in action, you find it nestled against a huge oak. Not to worry...pull out your trusty Footwedge, check for spies, then kick away for an unobstructed view of the pin. For even greater distance try the Handwedge.

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# Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc.

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## STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

October 3 & 4, 2022

HOSTED BY



61 Barwon Heads Road, Belmont 3216

[www.barwonvalleygolfclub.com.au](http://www.barwonvalleygolfclub.com.au)

Phone 5243 5443

Santa Anna Fairways  
16 Bay Driving Range



Closing dates for entries Monday September 19, 2022


### ENTRIES/ENQUIRIES

Tournament Secretary - Greg Bennett

Email: [gregbennett@iinet.net.au](mailto:gregbennett@iinet.net.au) Mobile: 0412 186 113

## Sponsors of the Tournament

The GDVGA and the VVGA would like to thank all generous sponsors of this tournament. Their generous support has certainly made for an improved event.

Sponsors
 CITY OF GREATER <b>GEELONG</b>
Prestige Jayco Caravans
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Peter Fitzgerald Excavations



## PLAYING CONDITIONS

1. All entrants (both men and women) must be a financial member of the Victorian Veteran Golfers Association (VVGA) and a Golf Australia (GA) home Golf Club.
2. All entrants must have played in at least two (2) District events in the past 12 months.
3. All entry fees must be paid at the time of entry.
4. The Council of the VVGA shall have the entire management of the Tournament including handicapping and the power to alter a handicap at any time during the Tournament.
5. A Golf Australia (GA) Handicap limit of 36 (men) and 45 (women) applies to all Championship events.
6. All competitions shall be played in accordance with the rules of golf as adopted by the Royal and Ancient Golf of St Andrews and any modifications set out in local rules.
7. Range finding devices may be used.
8. The Match Committee of the VVGA shall have the power to deal with and resolve any dispute or protest which must be lodged with the VVGA Captain (or his deputy) within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the day's play. The Match Committee's decision is final.
9. The Council of the VVGA may, in the event of adverse weather or any other reason, either shorten the event or schedule it for another day.
10. In the case of tied scores the VVGA Match Committee shall determine the manner for deciding the winner.
11. Entry fees paid will not be refunded if a scratching is made after two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of the Tournament.
12. Competitors may win only one (1) major trophy for the day.
13. There is no countback for the ball competition.
14. Trophy winners are eliminated from the ball competition.
15. To promote fellowship amongst players the draw will be arranged, where possible, to have entrants playing with competitors from other Districts.

**Please note:** Players with private carts must be fully insured and abide by club rules.

There are no storage or recharging facilities available for carts at Barwon Valley GC.

**Miscore** is available for players to use.



## **PROGRAMME of EVENTS**

### **VVGA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**From 1.00pm. 18 HOLES STABLEFORD COMPETITION**

**\$25 golf and BBQ \$10 BBQ only**

**BBQ (depending on numbers)**

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**MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**VVGA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: commences at 9.00am**

**FIRST ROUND OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**A Grade Stroke, Gross & Nett GA 0-12,**

**B Grade Stableford GA 13-24 and C Grade Stableford GA 25-36 (Men) 45 (Women)**

***Take away lunch Includes Roll/Fruit/Water***

**REGISTRATION: 10.00 A.M. to 10.30 A.M.**

**SHOTGUN START: 11.00 A.M.**

**PRESENTATION: Ball run and NTP's**

**DINNER: 6.30pm for 7.00pm at Barwon Valley GC (order and pay from menu)**

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**TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**SECOND ROUND OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**BREAKFAST: From 7.00 A.M. Egg and bacon roll and coffee/tea (\$10)**

**REGISTRATION: 8.00 A.M. TO 8.30 A.M.**

**SHOTGUN START: 9.00 A.M.**

**LUNCH and PRESENTATIONS**

VICTORIAN VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION INC.

State Championships  
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

District Association \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Link No \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that I am a financial member of both a District Veteran Golfers Assoc. and the Victorian Veteran Golfers Assoc. and that I am a member of an affiliated Golf Australia "Home Golf Club" and that I have competed in at least two (2) District competitions in the past twelve (12) months.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee \$70.00

I am sharing a cart with (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Hire carts are available but limited numbers (15). Contact Elijah Wall at Barwon Valley GC (5243 5443). No restrictions on private carts or ride-ons.

Monday Evening Dinner at Barwon Valley GC. Pay on the evening.

Names of those attending dinner: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT:**

Golf and BBQ \$25.00 p/p \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BBQ only \$10.00 p/p \$ \_\_\_\_\_

State Championship (Monday and Tuesday) \$70.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday morning breakfast \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECT CREDIT: GDVGA BSB 633 000 ACCOUNT NO. 109 978 007

Post or email entry with proof of payment (EFT) to Tournament Secretary  
Greg Bennett  
gregbennett@iinet.net.au  
63 Watsons Rd  
Newcomb 3219

## Accommodation

**Aristocrat Waurnvale Motel** 90 Waurn Ponds Drive Waurn Ponds Ph (03) 52418211

Aristocrat are a major sponsor of the event. 10 minutes drive.

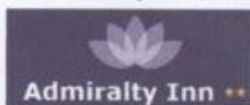
These 3 venues have offered discounted rates, please ring directly and request VVGA Event rates.

**Rose Garden Motel**, 14-16 Settlement Rd, Geelong. Ph (03) 5241 9441



Very close to Golf Course.

**Admiralty Inn**, 66 McKillop St, Geelong. Ph (03) 5221 4288



Easy walk to Geelong CBD, 5-minute drive to Golf Course

**Parkside Motel**, 68 High St, Belmont. Ph (03) 5243 6766



Easy walk to High Street Shopping, 5-minute drive to Golf Course.

There are many other motels and Caravan Parks nearby, these are some of them.

### **Hacienda Motel Geelong**

15 Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont. Ph (03) 5243 5844

### **Barwon River Holiday Park**

153 Barrabool Rd, Belmont. Ph (03) 5243 3842

### **Barwon Valley Lodge**

99 Barrabool Rd, Belmont. Ph (03) 5247 2500

### **Riverglenn Holiday Park Geelong**

75 Barrabool Rd, Belmont. Ph (03) 5243 5505

### **Discovery Parks Geelong**

59 Barrabool Rd, Belmont. Ph (03) 5243 6225

# Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc.

ABN 58 679 581 932



**President** Alan Kinnaird 0418 564 760  
**Captain:** Gus Steegstra 0407 098 423  
**Secretary:** Arnold Messias 0421 035 881  
**Email:** arnold@messias.net

## 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.....

Secunder (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, 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.....



[Koorungal Golf Course](#)