



Coming up next
The game is at Werribee Park
on Friday the 7th of January at 8.00am.



Course map

Provided at the back of this document.

The Hume vs Melbourne game will be played at Gisborne on the Monday the 24th of January 2022.

AGM and election of office bearers will be conducted after our second game for 2022 at Gisborne on the 7th of February.

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Captain's Report:

Melbourne Airport - Dec 2021

The Hume Veteran's Golf Club Christmas game was held at Melbourne Airport Golf Club on Mon 6th Nov. After previously fronting up to 2 wet starts at this course, we finally started with nice a sunny day. The only problem was the blustery northerly wind and although it may have aided the aeroplanes in a smooth landing, it had the opposite effect on the many perfectly launched golf balls.

The grass was a bit deep along the fairway edges, which lead to a bit of extra time looking for balls, but in all the 4BBB event was to be a fun game.

The event entry flowed smoothly with Bill and John officiating and due to it being a partner game with no fees payable.

As usual we enjoyed a tasty chicken roast followed by and scones and cream, the Club also supplied a couple of vouchers which were used in the raffle.

Lifestyle Communities Ltd. presented a short talk on their Retirement Complexes after lunch and then drew prize vouchers of \$100 each for 5 lucky members to spend in the Pro-shop. A generous donation was also made to the Hume Vets for Club use.

A field of 75 members participated with few threatening their handicap due to the blustery conditions.

Now for the results:

<u>Winners:</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Points</u>
James Fernandez	16	} 41
Leslie Coelho	27	

Runners Up:

Lance Long	19	} 40
Bill Mandouit	13	

Nearest the pin winners:

5th hole	Pam Murphy
7th hole	Tony Bajoras
15th hole	Ray Davidson
18th hole	Bob Duggan

The ball run of 24 went down to 36 points. Ian Grieve won the "raffallo" prize and George Martini was the winner of the Birthday draw for a free game at Werribee Golf Club on Friday 7th January 2022.

Order of Merit Winners 2021:

Overall	Colin Braithwaite	639 points
55-65 years	Colin Braithwaite	
66-70 years	Kerry White	
71-75 years	Tony Barr	
75-plus	Guy Orrico	

The Cub Championship shields had been inscribed and were presented to 4 of the winners who were in attendance.

Gus Steegstra
 Captain

From the President – Alan Kinnaird



Season's greetings members,

Looking back over the past 12 months I believe we had a reasonably successful year considering the length of time that we were locked down. Whilst we missed out on playing three consecutive months in August, September and October at Goonawarra and Koorringal, we were able to play our Championship's at Craigieburn in November, however we did miss out on holding our annual challenge match against the Melbourne Vets in January but this was due to them not having sufficient numbers to select a team.

Our numbers at the monthly events were down on previous years with an average of 76 over the 9 stableford events held. No doubt the impact of Covid had a bearing on these numbers.

Pleasingly we were able to resume the Order of Merit that allowed us to select the 2 teams for the V.V.G.A. Teams Tournament which ultimately took place in November after a two month delay due to Covid lock down.

Our fee structure is unchanged for 2022 with the annual membership being \$60, \$50 for each of the 2 championship rounds, \$45 for all other stableford events except Melbourne Airport which will be \$20. The competition fees have been struck on a cost recovery basis against the charges applied by the host clubs along with the cost of trophies and prizes awarded each month.

The aim each year with our competition expenses is for a "cost neutral" result. It was a little disappointing to see the number of hands raised when I asked the question of who reads the monthly newsletter at Melbourne Airport. I would encourage all members to take the time to read it as our editor, Arnold Messias always researches and includes many interesting golf stories plus it contains the captain's report with the results of the previous month's competition along the winners of the "Raffalo" and birthday draw for the following month's free game. (His weather summary is always enlightening). It is possible that you are reading this month's newsletter for the first time as it is now being emailed to all members to make it more accessible to you.

With our declining membership base we are now offering a free game to any member who signs up 2 or more new members. Additionally a 'Flyer' along with a membership application form has gone out to all members seeking their support with our recruiting campaign. Whilst there is a drop off in membership each year, we are at our lowest number for quite some time thus our appeal to you all. With season 2022 just around the corner it would be great news at our Annual meeting in February for Mario to announce a positive result with our membership drive, particularly with new lady members.

Finally I thank you for the positive feedback received over the past months which is appreciated by the Committee and on their behalf I wish you and your families a very safe and happy Christmas.

Alan Kinnaird.

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Members enjoying a joke at the Melbourne Airport lunch.



Melbourne Airport winners
Leslie Coelho (left) and James Fernandez (right)
with Captain Gus Steegstra



2021 Order of Merit winners (left to right)
Guy Orrico 75+ years, Tony Barr 71-75,
Colin Braithwaite 55-65, Kerry White 66-70



2021 Club Champions (left to right)
D grade Champion Joe Jhoty
C grade Champion Colin Braithwaite
B grade Champion Tony Barr
A grade Champion Richard Te Whare



Overall 2021 Club Champion Richard Te Whare
with Captain Gus Steegstra

Notable Quotations

If you call on God to improve the results of a shot while it is still in motion, you are using “an outside agency” and subject to appropriate penalties under the rules of golf.
Henry Longhurst

A routine is not a routine if you have to think about it.
Davis Love, Jr.

When it's breezy, hit it easy.
Davis Love, Jr.

It is almost impossible to remember how tragic a place in this world is when one is playing golf.
Robert Lynd

The only sure rule in golf is – he who has the fastest cart never has to play the bad lie.
Mickey Mantle

Concentrate on hitting the green. The cup will come to you.
Cary Middlecoff

Annual Fees



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

Fees must be paid by the 31st of January 2022.

Payment by Eftpos or cash can be made to the Treasurer, Peter Caple, at the Werribee 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

Electronic Payment details are:-

Bank: Westpac

BSB: 033118

A/c: 344854

When paying via electronic banking please put your member number and "Membership 2022" in the description field.

Birthdays for January

Derek	Kennedy
Michael	Leahy
Ian	Morris
Serg	Onciarich
John	O'Neill
Frank	Tadic

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.

Sponsorship and Golf Balls

The Golf Balls for the Ball rundown are now the Optima TS3 golf balls.

We thank Walkinshaw Sports for their generosity and encourage our members to support PGF golf products when they can.

Mario has a supply of the brand-new Optima TS3 golf balls for the same price as previous - 2 dozen balls for \$30 half retail price. Normal retail \$28.99 doz.

Updated for 2020 with a lower compression core for better feel, the new TS3 delivers outstanding performance. The 3-piece design features double-cover construction for the optimal blend of driver and iron performance combining with the proprietary NEI ionomer cover for exceptional approach shot control and greenside spin. Choose the new Optima TS3 for a better all-around game.

- 3-Piece multi-layer construction
- Larger, 75 compression core
- Speed enhancing, spin optimising mantle layer
- Soft NEI ionomer cover
- Dual radius 332 dimple pattern



It is a good opportunity to get a very good ball for a great price. You can order your supply from Mario, ring 0401604501 or email mariocaruso@bigpond.com

You can collect your order from Mario in Sunbury or at our next game.

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SCOTT AND OTHER STARS FACE FINE FOR SAUDI SWING

By Reuters

Australian Adam Scott and a host of high-profile golf stars could be fined if they play in next year's lucrative Saudi International – which is not a sanctioned PGA Tour or DP World Tour event.

Scott and fellow major champions Dustin Johnson, Bryson DeChambeau, Phil Mickelson, Bubba Watson, Sergio Garcia, Henrik Stenson, Graeme McDowell and Shane Lowry are among the marquee names that have committed to play the February 3-6 tournament in the Middle East.

Event organisers for the event at the Royal Greens Golf and Country Club released a commitment list on Monday which also included World No.5 Xander Schauffele, Ian Poulter, Paul Casey Lee Westwood , Tommy Fleetwood and Abraham Ancer.

The tournament, which has stirred controversy in the light of allegations of human rights abuses against the Saudi government, takes place at the same time as the Pebble Beach Pro-Am and the PGA Tour said it had yet to grant Tour members waivers to compete at the non-PGA event. "We have not granted any conflicting event releases for the Saudi International tournament," Laura Neal, executive vice president of communications at the PGA Tour, told Reuters. "Per PGA TOUR regulations, a decision on conflicting event releases can be made up until 30 days before the event's first round."

Eight players, including World No.3 and defending champion Johnson, had applied for waivers, *Golfweek* reported last month. If they are not granted and the players compete there anyway, they will likely face a fine. All eight of the players who reportedly applied for waivers were listed on Monday as confirmed for the event.

The Saudi International is now the flagship event on the Asian Tour, which is also launching 10 new events spearheaded by Greg Norman and backed by \$A281 million from the Saudi government's Private Investment Fund.

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Promotion

All members that introduce two new members will receive a free entry to one of our events.

Once the new member has paid their membership you will be listed on the next event as paid.

Lady golfers are welcome to join.

Refer to flyer below



Great Australian Moments

Norman's conquest

by Martin Blake



Greg Norman with the claret jug in 1986 at Turnberry.

"He's done it at last." With those simple words, the famed English commentator Peter Alliss encapsulated the relief for almost everyone when Greg Norman holed a putt of a metre to win the Open Championship at Turnberry in 1986.

It was his first major championship victory at 31, but it came in the context of a crushing weight of expectation that the Australian had carried from the time he burst on to the professional scene in 1976.

Many times, that weight was too much for him to bear. At Augusta in April of the same year, he had blocked his second shot into the crowd at the 72nd hole to leave the great Jack Nicklaus to a famous triumph. At Winged Foot in 1984, he'd lost a US Open playoff to Fuzzy Zoeller. But at Turnberry, there was no raining on the Shark's parade. He won by five shots, setting it up with a second-round 63 that featured all his power and majesty, and closing without equivocation. "At last, it's a Norman conquest," screamed one of the newspapers, echoing a common theme.

As the charismatic Norman literally had fought his way through the throng and reached the 18th green on the final day, you would have forecast a career with at least five major victories for the Queenslander.

It was a notion that he addressed afterward with his customary eschewing of any false modesty. "I'd like to win 10, 12, 15 majors," he said. "it's like when you win your first tournament. The rungs on the ladder get smaller."

But they did not. The heartbreak returned for the Shark, in measures bigger than he deserved. Larry Mize chipped in from 50 metres to beat him at Augusta in 1987; a final-hole bogey saw him miss a playoff by a shot at Augusta again in 1989, and Nick Faldo's relentless blowtorch burned him at the same venue in 1996, where he led into the final round by six shots only to close with a calamitous 78.

Norman was world No. 1 for 331 weeks of his career spanning 11 years. He won the Open at Royal St George's again in 1993 with a closing 64, the round of his life, scarcely missing a shot all day, and offering up the quote of his career. "I'm not a guy to brag about myself, but I was just in awe of myself."

Ultimately his career as a player would come to be known just as much for his mishaps and fickle fortunes as his wins – including those two Opens. But whether you view it as glass-half-full or glass-half-empty, it was always compelling. And not half bad.

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Lyle Bebed found his ball in an awkward spot during the game at Melbourne Airport. He made a sensible decision and took a drop.



Photo contributed by Peter Plytus



Hume Veterans Golf Club is now accepting new members.

Play at these quality courses for only
\$45 a game (hot lunch included).

Werribee Park

Gisborne

Melton Valley

Mandalay

Trentham

Mt. Derrimut

Goonawarra

Bacchus Marsh

Koorringal

Craigieburn

Melbourne Airport

For an annual fee of \$60 (which includes 5 tickets for a Parmaker electric buggy raffle) and \$45 per game with lunch, you'll be invited to play once a month at each of the above courses.

Prizes are given to top scorers, nearest the pins and a generous ball rundown.

All games count towards your handicap.

The final game of the year is just \$20, and everybody goes into the Parmaker raffle.

All new members are given a free Hume Vets shirt, cap and name badge.

Applicants must be aged 55 years or older and have a current Golfink handicap.

Ladies are most welcome to join.

For a membership application form please contact Mario Caruso. Tel: 0401 604 501 or email Hume Vets at info@humevetsgc.com.au.

For more details on our club's activities, visit our website: www.humevetsgc.com.au

Western Australian
**VETERAN
GOLFERS**
Association Inc



Dear Vets Golf Member,

Re AVGU National Championships in Western Australia

The time to obtain the low price of \$330 for 4 games of golf with a cart, welcome function and our registration package expires on the 31st of January 2022 and we don't want you to miss out. There is no need to be concerned about the West Australian entry restrictions as we anticipate that by the end of February this issue will be resolved, HOWEVER, if restrictions do remain or are reintroduced the committee have guaranteed a FULL REFUND (see terms and conditions on our website avguchampionship2022.com.au.)

We are sure if you look at the above website you will be excited to join us as you will note:-

1. By booking before the 31st of January 2022 you will save \$60. Payment is required with your entry.
2. You will note the fabulous courses we have chosen. Some of the best in WA all within 15 minutes drive from the centre of Mandurah.
3. Although we would like you to attend our Presentation Dinner you will note it is optional.
4. You will also note we have arranged discounts for car hire, accommodation and tours.
5. This event is being jointly hosted by the Western Australian Veteran Golfers Association and the Country Veteran Golfers Association of Western Australia.

We look forward to seeing you in Western Australia in November 2022. Why not click here NOW avguchampionship2022.com.au and enter.

David Scott
Tournament Director

Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc.

ABN 58 679 581 932



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Captain: Gus Steegstra 0407 098 423
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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

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.....



[Werribee Park Golf Course](#)