

Coming up next



The game is at Craigieburn on Monday the 7th of November at 8.00am.



Course map

Provided at the back of this document.

Entries are now open.
Bill Mandouit will be coordinating this event.

Next month Monday 5th of December at Melbourne Airport.

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**Captain's Report Bacchus Marsh
3rd of October 2022**

It was a struggle getting up in the dark with daylight saving introduced on Sunday, but we were rewarded with a sunny start for the second round of our Championships at Bacchus Marsh Golf Club on the 3rd of October 2022.

The course was in good shape after all the recent rain in the district and the greens were running true.

Thanks to Jade in the pro shop, the greens staff for the course preparation and the restaurant staff for their effort in providing a tasty meal and looking after us.

Also, a special mention to the Bacchus Marsh Golf Club for allowing the Hume Veterans the opportunity to complete our normal and championship events on a dry course.

It goes without saying that I thank committee members for their efforts in making sure the day runs smoothly, presentations are completed, and members enjoy their day.

The good conditions resulted in improved scores with 6 players out of 56 or 10.7% able to play better than or equal to handicap.

<u>Name</u>	<u>H/Cap</u>	<u>Points</u>
<u>A grade Winner:</u>		
Vito Cirelli	12	38
<u>A grade runner up:</u>		
Gus Woodgate	15	37
<u>B grade Winner:</u>		
John Peart	19	38
<u>B grade runner up:</u>		
Peter Turner	16	37
<u>C grade Winner:</u>		
Ian Malloy	27	37
<u>C grade runner up :</u>		
Pamela Murphy	22	36

Nearest the Pin 3 Golf balls

3 rd Hole	Daryl Bessell
5 th Hole	Ian Goodger
12 th Hole	Richard Te Whare
16 th Hole	Shane Turner

A ball was awarded to those who had a score down to 31 points.

Club Championship winners:

<u>Club Champion</u>	Vito Cirelli
<u>A grade Winner</u>	Peter Brideson
<u>B grade Winner</u>	John Peart
<u>C grade Winner</u>	Arnold Messias
<u>D grade Winner</u>	Ian Malloy

Congratulations to the winners of the October competition and also our Club champion and winners of each grade.

The raffallo prize was won by Fort Rizzo, with golf balls to Colin Braithwaite, Mick Leahy and Barry McAloney. The winner of the Birthday draw was Peter Brideson, a free golf game at our next outing on 7th of November at Craigieburn.

Gus Steegstra
Captain



A Grade winner Vito Cirelli with Captain Gus Steegstra



C Grade winner Ian Malloy with Captain Gus Steegstra



B Grade winner John Peart with Captain Gus Steegstra

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Birthdays for November

Jennifer Anne	Baillie
Colin	Braithwaite
Vito	Cirelli
George	Ludlow
George	Martini
John	Peart
Ronald	Swift
Darren	Thorpe
Ron	Watkinson
Kerry	White
Cyril	Newsome

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.



2022 Club Champion Vito Cirelli
with Vice President Shane Turner



B grade Champion John Peart
with Vice President Shane Turner



A grade Champion Peter Brideson
with Vice President Shane Turner



C grade Champion Arnold Messias
with Vice President Shane Turner



D grade Champion Ian Malloy with Vice President Shane Turner

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Note to members

If any members are not staying for lunch after the game would you please tell a committee member when signing in, in order to avoid extra lunches being prepared and paid for.

To those members who do not fully understand the scoring app, when you submit your score after the game, it is your own score that you are submitting, not your partners score.

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The evolution of golf attire

By Richard Allen



Justin Thomas is one of the best in the world, and one who is on the edge of what's traditional in golf attire.

On a sweltering day in the 1970s a member of the uber-exclusive Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia, USA, turned up for a game wearing – sharp intake of breath – shorts. Clifford Roberts, the irascible chairman of the club, spotted him and said: "Nice to see you, Bob. What are doing today?"

"Well, Mr. Roberts, I was planning on playing golf," the member said.

"Really?" replied Roberts. "Where?"

Half a century on and shorts are still not allowed at Augusta National Golf Club but, for the golfing world at large, things have relaxed a lot. Where once shapeless industrial-strength tweed jackets and skirts were mandatory for women golfers, and cuffed trousers and cable-knit sweaters for men, in recent years the game has adopted a more relaxed approach to clothing.

The post-COVID boom in golf has only added to that. According to Statista, 25.1 million Americans played golf last year, 800,000 more than the previous year and the highest number for 10 years. Notably, nearly 44 percent of golfers were under the age of 40, and nearly the same amount of people in their 30s played golf as those in their 60s.

In Australia, according to Golf Australia, the game grew by 21 percent last year, with an additional 210,000 people playing the game. Demographics like that, in a sport that has become increasingly style-conscious, were

always going to catch the attention of the world's fashion houses.

Shorts for men are now commonplace in the summer months and the days of skirts having to reach the ankle – or, later, the knee – are long gone for women.

But don't think it's all plain sailing, particularly at private golf clubs. Nothing causes more heartache for committees of golf clubs, or takes up more time in meetings, than the vexing subject of clothing on the course. At most private golf clubs, jeans are still not allowed, nor – for men – are T-shirts or running shorts. Women golfers are subject to far fewer regulations, although jeans are still a no-no.

Club committees realise they are treading a fine line here, making the game appealing to younger people while keeping some semblance of tradition and history. They are well aware that once the relaxed-clothing genie has been let out of the bottle, it's pretty much impossible to cram it back in.

Much of the clothing revolution has been led by the professionals, and it's not just with golf. As soon as Spanish tennis superstar Rafael Nadal turned up at the 2018 Australian Open in pink shorts and a gray sleeveless top – which happened to perfectly show off his striking shoulders and biceps – the tennis world was forced to adapt its clothing rules.

If it was OK for Rafa, it had to be OK for tennis (that said, Wimbledon doesn't look like relaxing its all-white clothing policy anytime soon; the official rules of the championships still state that players must wear 'suitable tennis attire that is almost entirely white').

Professional golfers – like Tiger Woods, Ricky Fowler and Justin Thomas among the men, and Sandra Gal, Paige Spiranac and Lexi Thompson among the women – began sporting *chic*, elegant outfits on the course; form-hugging clothes with tighter fits and bolder colours, which accentuated the athletic figures of the modern golfer.

Fashion houses and designer clothing companies are now well and truly entrenched in a sport that has been dominated for years by traditional golf apparel companies like Nike, Adidas, Puma, Footjoy and Oakley. The new kids on the block are names like Under Armour, Lacoste, Uniqlo, Bogey Boys, Hugo Boss,

Castore, Lululemon, J Lindberg, TravisMathew and Birds of Condor.

No-one was really surprised when, at the most recent Ryder Cup contest between the USA and Europe at Whistling Straits, team USA players strode onto the first tee wearing hoodies by Ralph Lauren. "You have lifestyle apparel sitting on one side, and you've got performance or athletic apparel on another side," Travis Mathew CEO Ryan Ellis said recently. "Over the last 10 years, you've got athleisure, which bridges that gap."

[Cameron Smith settles into life on LIV](#)

After a roller coaster few months, Cameron Smith can almost see the finish line of a wild 2022. The reigning Open champion and World No. 2 has waded through the expected backlash of leaving the PGA Tour at the height of his game for LIV Golf, where he's already claimed one tournament title.

Guaranteed money factored into the 29-year-old's decision to sign with LIV, which Smith has acknowledged. But the chance to take an extended stay in his homeland was also something that made the move attractive. It was not practical for Smith to do that while he was on the PGA Tour given its wraparound schedule, but after LIV's finale in Miami later this month, the upstart Saudi-backed circuit doesn't resume play for three months.

"After Miami, I'll probably spend another week in the U.S. and then I'll come down and play the Australian PGA Championship in November and Australian Open in December," Smith said on ABC radio in Australia.

Smith said he was enjoying his first handful events in the inaugural LIV series. He debuted in Boston and then won the Chicago event for a \$4 million individual prize. He hopes to make amends this week in Saudi Arabia after a surprise 42nd-place finish last week in Thailand.

Smith believes he is facing healthy competition from LIV recruits like Dustin Johnson, Bryson DeChambeau, Patrick Reed, Brooks Koepka and Joaquin Niemann, despite former greats Fred Couples and Gary Player questioning whether LIV golfers can maintain their competitive edge given the small fields and no-cut format.

"The competition's still there at the top end," Smith said. "When you're playing against guys like Dustin Johnson, who's won 24 times on the PGA Tour it still makes you think out there."

Beyond being suspended from the PGA Tour and fans' varying reactions to him jumping to LIV, Smith has felt other ancillary effects. Most notably, he had to forfeit his playing and practicing privileges at TPC Sawgrass, no small thing considering it's not far from where he lives in Palm Valley, Florida, and was a favourite place to work on his game when he was home. It's also where he won the Players Championship in March, earning the defending champion's parking spot next to the clubhouse that he had been enjoying during the summer. Not long after moving to LIV, the PGA Tour changed Smith's reserved spot to "Tour players only." Smith was diplomatic in saying he expected the eviction.

"It was just one of the things they had to do," Smith said. "I knew that was going to come with it, and it's something I've had to deal with. TPC Sawgrass is one of my favourite places in the world, and I'd love to be out there more often but that can't happen yet."

More below Par IQ ACTUAL calls received at a public golf course

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: How much to play golf today?

Staff: 25 to walk, 38 with a cart.

Caller: 38 dollars?

Staff: No, 38 yen.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: What do you have for tee times tomorrow?

Staff: What time would you like?

Caller: What times do you have?

Staff: What time of the day?

Caller: Any time.

Staff: Morning or afternoon?

Caller: Whenever.

Staff: We have 16 times open in the morning and 20 open in the afternoon. Would you like me to read the whole list?

Caller: No, I don't think any of those times will work for me.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Do you have a dress code?

Staff: Yes, we do. We require soft spikes.

Caller: How about clothes?

Staff: Yes, you have to wear clothes.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, do you have a driving range there?

Staff: Yes.

Caller: How much for a bucket of large balls?

Staff: Sorry, we're all out of large balls. But we can give you twice as many small balls for the same price.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Can I get a tee time for tomorrow?

Staff: Sure, what time would you like?

Caller: Something between 9 o'clock and 10 o'clock. In the morning, if possible.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Do you rent golf clubs there?

Staff: Yes, they're 25 dollars.

Caller: How much to rent a bag?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, my husband just called me on his cell phone and told me he's on the 15th hole. How many more holes does he have to play before he gets to the 18th?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, do you have a driving range there?

Staff: Yes.

Caller: How much for a large bucket?

Staff: Four dollars.

Caller: Does that include the balls?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Do you have a twilight rate?

Staff: Yes, it's 15 dollars after 2 o'clock.

Caller: And what time does that start?

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, I'd like some info about your golf course.

Staff: OK, what would you like to know?

Caller: I don't know, that's why I called.

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: My kids just came home with pockets full of range balls and said they stole them from your driving range. Would you like to buy them back?

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Hume Veterans Order of Merit standings

Below is the latest Order of Merit Standings after the second round at Bacchus Marsh.

With just the one round to go it is worth noting that all age categories are still open to be won.

No one is past the post, with plenty of points up for grabs in the final round at Craigieburn.

Order of Merit - After Bacchus Marsh 3 October 22 - Top 22 Overall and Leaders By Age Category							
NOTE: There is one more round to go in the 2022 Order of Merit (Craigieburn in November). The winner in each age category will be presented with a prize at our presentation day, at our final game in December. To be eligible for a prize a member must have played a minimum of 5 games since 1 January. The best 7 games count towards points scores. The two players highlighted below need to play the one more game to qualify.							
Pos	Name	Games Counting	Total Points	Age Categories (Age as at 1Jan2022)			
				55 - 65	66-70	71-75	76 Plus
1	Bernie Handke	7	558			1	
2	Daryl Bessell	7	511	1			
3	Vito Cirelli	6	508	2			
4	John Peart	7	502			2	
5	Laurie Craig	7	501	3			
6	Ronald Swift	4	460		1		
7	Frank Cuthbertson	7	448		2		
8	Peter Brideson	7	441			3	
9	Derek Kennedy	6	431		3		
10	Frank Tadic	7	416				1
11	Tony Barr	7	389			4	
12	Brian Smith	7	369			5	
13	Richard Te Whare	7	351	4			
14	Peter Caple	6	345			6	
15	Don Kennedy	7	337			7	
16	Dean Murray	7	333		4		
17	Terry How	4	327				2
18	Colin Braithwaite	7	325	5			
18	Raymond Pentony	6	325	6			
20	Pamela Murphy	7	321		5		

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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.....



[Craigieburn Golf Course](#)