



Coming up next

**The game is at Goonawarra**

**Thursday 28th of September at 8am.**

**It is the second round of the club championship.**



Entries are now open.

Mario Caruso will be coordinating this event.

### **Course map**

Provided at the back of this document.

**Next month Monday 13th of November at Craigieburn.**

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### **Captain's Report Goonawarra** **7<sup>th</sup> of September 2023**

A brisk spring morning greeted the Hume Veterans GC members on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September, for the first round of the 2023 Championships. A far cry from last year when we were unable to play at Goonawarra GC due to the course being waterlogged.

The course was in good shape with plenty of run on the fairways. The greens were fast and tricky due to strong winds which developed through the morning as the temperature rose to over 20 degrees.

Thanks to the greens staff for their presentation of the course and to the Club staff for their cooperation and providing a BBQ and salad lunch.

Thanks again to Vice Captain Bill and Committee members for their continued effort coordinating the event and compiling results.

Five Ladies were in the field of 71 players with 6 members defeating their handicap.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Points</u>
<u>A grade winner:</u>		
Bill Mandouit	10	39 c/b
<u>A grade runner-up:</u>		
Kath Rindfleish	16	39
<u>B grade winner:</u>		
Pamela Murphy	18	35 c/b
<u>B grade runner-up:</u>		
Ian Goodger	21	35 c/b
<u>C grade winner:</u>		
Leslie Coelho	28	41
<u>C grade runner-up:</u>		
Bernie Handke	26	39

### Nearest the Pin    3 Golf balls

3rd hole	John Simon
5th hole	James Fernandez
7th hole	Alan Moloney
10th hole	John Simon
16th hole	Alan Gray

Twenty balls were distributed in the run down to 32 points on count back.

The Raffle 'O' draw was won by Bob Wilkinson with golf balls to Leslie Coelho, Brian Moore and Bill Mandouit.

The birthday drawn recipient of a free game next month was Joe Jhoty.

Congratulations to all the winners on the day. The leading score for overall and Grades in the Championship can be found by logging on to the One Golf site and clicking on leaderboards.

Our next game, the second round of the Championships, will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of September at Goonawarra Golf Club.

Gus Steegstra  
Captain

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A Grade winner Bill Mandout with Captain Gus Steegstra



C Grade winner Leslie Coelho with Captain Gus Steegstra

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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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**Birthdays for October**

Tony	Barr
Peter	Brideson
John	Cardwell
Alan	Condron
Peter	Denny
Sebastion	Formica
Alan	Gray
Harry	Johnson
Sureshbir	Kaushal
Margaret	Larkins
Peter	Olthof
Evan	Smith
Peter	Turner

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B Grade winner Pamela Murphy with Captain Gus Steegstra

## Senior's Corner

When our esteemed Vice President Alan Kinnaird pulled up in the carpark at Goonawarra and opened his car boot, he realized that he had forgotten to put his golf clubs in.

Fortunately, the pro shop agreed to lend him a demo set and he played his round.

And in case you're wondering, the answer is no, the new clubs did not help his game.

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## Ryder Cup 2023

By Daniel Zeqiri



US Captain Zach Johnson

### Where is it being held?

The 44th Ryder Cup will be hosted by Italy, for the first time in its history.

The venue is the Marco Simone Golf and Country Club just outside Rome, which has previously hosted the Italian Open.

### What is the Ryder Cup?

One of the most-watched sporting events in the world, the Ryder Cup is distinctive for inserting competitors from an individual sport into a team environment. Aside from the golf, the team dynamics and relationships have made for compelling viewing.

Amateur golfer and businessman Samuel Ryder conceived the idea of a match between British and American professionals, with the inaugural Ryder Cup played in Massachusetts in 1927. The match was played between an American and British or British and Irish team until 1977.

After nine USA victories and one tie in 10 meetings, Jack Nicklaus wrote a letter to Lord Derby (then president of the British PGA) suggesting Britain and Ireland merge with Continental Europe to make the Ryder Cup more competitive.

Ryder Cups became far more closely fought and dramatic by the mid-Eighties, and the extravaganza we know today was born.

### Who are the Ryder Cup captains?

Europe will be led by Luke Donald, who replaced Henrik Stenson last year after the Swede was stripped of the title. The USA captain is 2007 Masters champion Zach Johnson.



European Captain Luke Donald

### Who's on the teams?

#### Team Europe

Six players qualified automatically – the three leading players on the European points list and the next three players on the world points list. The qualification period ended on September 3.

The six leading European players are (from the European points list) **Rory McIlroy**, **Jon Rahm**, **Robert MacIntyre** and (from the world points list) **Viktor Hovland**, **Tyrrell Hatton** and **Matt Fitzpatrick**.

For his six wildcards, Luke Donald picked **Justin Rose, Tommy Fleetwood, Sepp Straka, Shane Lowry, Nicolai Hojgaard and Ludvig Aberg.**

European golfers who are playing on the LIV Golf tour were *not* permitted to qualify for the Ryder Cup. This is because European Ryder Cup players must be members of the DP World Tour (formerly known as the European Tour) and those players who signed up with LIV were forced to give up their places on the DP World Tour.

## Team USA

Like Europe, America uses a 'six plus six' method for selecting the team: six players qualify automatically and captain Zach Johnson picked the remaining six himself.

The six automatic qualifiers were: **Scottie Scheffler, Wyndham Clark, Brian Harman, Max Homa, Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay.**

But unlike Donald, Johnson was permitted to select from the LIV ranks. He selected as his wildcards **Brooks Koepka, Justin Thomas, Jordan Spieth, Collin Morikawa, Sam Burns and Rickie Fowler.**

## [Why are Sergio Garcia, Lee Westwood and other LIV golfers not playing in the Ryder Cup?](#)

In order to be eligible for selection for the European Ryder Cup team, players must hold DP World Tour membership – something Garcia, Westwood and Ian Poulter gave up earlier this year.

European golfers who joined the breakaway LIV tour were engaged in a lengthy legal dispute with the Tour over the latter's ability to sanction them for making the Saudi switch.

Earlier this year, it was ruled the Tour could punish LIV players, with each given fines totaling up to £100,000 in some cases as well as a three-event ban.

Poulter led attempts to appeal this decision but when the Tour's ability to issue the sanctions was upheld, he, along with other leading European LIV players, chose to hand in their tour card and thus renege their Ryder Cup eligibility.

## [Why has Brooks Koepka been selected?](#)

The key distinction with the US team is that Ryder Cup eligibility is not linked to the PGA Tour but to membership of the PGA of America – the organizers of the USPGA.

Koepka, and other US LIV golfers, are blocked from playing on the PGA Tour but have still been able earn ranking points through playing in the four majors.

Despite winning the USPGA and finishing second at the Masters, Koepka did not qualify automatically for Team USA, but he – and other LIV golfers – remained eligible for Ryder Cup selection through their continued membership of the PGA of America.

## [What is the Ryder Cup format?](#)

Most golf tournaments such as the Masters and Open Championship are stroke play, whereas The Ryder Cup is match play.

There are two teams of 12. On Friday, there are four fourball matches in the morning and four foursomes matches in the afternoon. This is repeated on Saturday. It means four players from each team sit out each session, with the team captain selecting his pairs and deciding who to leave out. There can be different pairs for each format.

The only time all 24 players are on the course is Sunday's 'singles' when they go head-to-head in 12 direct matchups.

Winning a match earns your team a point, with a halved match worth half-a-point to each team. Those proficient at maths will have realized there are 28 points on offer, so both teams are aiming for 14-and-a-half points to win the Ryder Cup. A 14-14 tie would see the holders retain the trophy (i.e. the USA on this occasion).

## [What is the Ryder Cup schedule?](#)

**Tuesday September 27-Thursday 28:** Practice days with opening ceremony on Thursday evening.

**Friday September 29:** Four fourball matches in morning, four foursomes matches in afternoon.

**Saturday September 30:** Four fourball matches in morning, four foursomes matches in afternoon.

**Sunday October 1:** 12 singles matches before the closing ceremony.

## Ryder Cup: how the two teams compare

### Average age

Europe: 30.16

US: 30.34

### Average World Ranking

Europe: 30

US: 12.92

### Number of majors

Europe: 9

US: 15

### Number of major winners

Europe: 5

US: 7

### Number of rookies

Europe: 4

US: 4

### Combined Ryder Cup appearances

Europe: 21

US: 17

### Combined Ryder Cup victories

Europe: 10

US: 10

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*"I'm tellin' ya, that may have been Jim who went into the woods for his ball, but that's not who came out."*

Fred had tried to be particularly careful about his language as he played golf with his preacher. But on the twelfth hole, when he twice failed to hit out of a sand trap, he lost his resolve and let fly with a string of expletives.

The preacher felt obliged to respond. "I have observed," said he in a calm voice, "that the best golfers do not use foul language."

"I guess not," said Fred, "what the hell do they have to bitch about?"



*"Don't you think you're carrying this 'over-sized' thing a bit too far?"*

A man and his friend meet at the clubhouse and decide to play a round of golf together.

The man has a little dog with him and on the first green, when the man holes out a 20-foot putt; the little dog starts to yip and stands up on its hind legs.

The friend is quite amazed at this clever trick and says, "That dog is really talented! What does he do if you miss a putt?" "Somersaults," says the man. "Somersaults?" says the friend, "That's incredible. How many does he do?"

"Well," says the man. "That depends on how hard I kick him in the ass."

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Victorian  
Veteran  
Golfers  
Association



# Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc. State Championship

Reg No A0023016N

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Hosted by the Warragul Country Club  
41 Sutton Street, Warragul 3820  
(03) 5623 2135  
[www.warragulcountryclub.com.au](http://www.warragulcountryclub.com.au)



**Closing dates for entries Monday October 9, 2023**

## **ENTRIES/ENQUIRIES**

**Entries available Online also.**

**Please visit Warragul Country Club Homepage and Click on  
"Upcoming Events".**

**Tournament Secretary – Heath Jones**

**Email: [clubpro@warragulcountryclub.com.au](mailto:clubpro@warragulcountryclub.com.au)**

**Phone: 03 5623 2135**

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**P (03) 5623 2135**

**A 41 Sutton Street, Warragul**



## 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 is limited storage and recharging facilities available for carts at Warragul Country Club. Please contact Director of Golf, Anthony Bambridge for more information. (03) 56232353

Miscore is available for players to use.



## PROGRAMME of EVENTS

### VVGA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

#### **SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

18 HOLES STABLEFORD COMPETITION – Available all day.

\$13 Golf Entry Fee (payment at time of arrival, inc Free Main Bar Drink Voucher)

Hot Food Platters for Golfers after Sunday Competition (3approx. 4pm)

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#### **MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

VVGA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: commences at 9.00am

#### FIRST ROUND OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

A Grade Stroke, Gross & R/UP GA 0-12,

A Grade Stableford GA 0-12, B Grade Stableford GA 13-24 and C Grade Stableford GA 25-36 (Men) 45 (Women) \*\* grades subject to entries received.

*Take away lunch pack included.*

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

SHOTGUN START: 11.00 A.M.

PRESENTATION: Ball run and NTP's

- Sandwich & Hot Food Platters available at presentations

DINNER: From 6:00pm – 8:00pm at Fairways Bistro @ Warragul Country Club (order and pay from menu)

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#### **TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

#### SECOND ROUND OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

BREAKFAST: From 7:30 A.M. Egg and bacon roll and coffee/tea (included in entry fee)

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: \_\_\_\_\_

I have my own Cart

I will be hiring a cart

I will be sharing a cart with (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Hire carts are available but limited numbers (20). Contact Director of Golf, Anthony Bambridge at Warragul CC (03) 5623 2353. No restrictions on private carts or ride-ons.

Entry Fee includes:

- State Championship (Monday and Tuesday)
- Monday Lunch Pack
- Monday & Tuesday Presentation Nibbles & Snacks
- Tuesday Egg & Bacon Rolls

PAYMENT: \$70.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECT Deposit: Warragul Country Club BSB 013 885 ACCOUNT NO. 2773 15857  
Cheques to be made payable to Warragul Country Club

Post or email entry with proof of payment (EFT) to Tournament Secretary  
Heath Jones

[clubpro@warragulcountryclub.com.au](mailto:clubpro@warragulcountryclub.com.au)

41 Sutton Street, Warragul VIC 3820



## 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.



## Accommodation

### **Mercure Warragul**

**Address:** 23 Mason St, Warragul VIC 3820

[www.all.accor.com](http://www.all.accor.com)

**Phone:** [\(03\) 5618 3500](tel:(03)56183500)

### **Warragul Views Motor Inn**

**Address:** 50 Rulemount Rd, Warragul VIC 3820

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

**Phone:** [\(03\) 5623 5222](tel:(03)56235222)

### **Edinburgh Motor Inn**

**Address:** 61 Princes Hwy, Warragul VIC 3820

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

**Phone:** [\(03\) 5622 3339](tel:(03)56223339)

### **Comfort Inn & Suites Warragul**

**Address:** 1845 Princes Way, Warragul VIC 3820

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

**Phone:** [\(03\) 5623 2189](tel:(03)56232189)

### **Warragul Gardens Holiday Park**

**Address:** 44 Burke St, Warragul VIC 3820

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

**Phone:** [\(03\) 5623 2707](tel:(03)56232707)



# Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc.

ABN 58 679 581 932

**President:** Shane Turner 0438 428 932  
**Captain:** Gus Steegstra 0407 098 423  
**Secretary:** Arnold Messias 0421 035 881  
**All Email:** [info@humevetsgc.com.au](mailto:info@humevetsgc.com.au)

## Application for Membership

Membership Secretary,  
Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc.  
Mario Caruso 21 Liquidamber Way Sunbury 3429 Mob: 0401 604 501

To Membership Secretary,

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 Golflink 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 the applicant 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

Or By EFTPOS, cheque, or cash to the treasurer at any game

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 their description shall render the applicants election voidable at any time at the discretion of the Club.

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

Signed.....



[Goonawarra Golf Course](#)