



Coming up next
The game is at Mandalay
on Monday the 31st of March at 8.00am.

Temporary Local Rules February 2025 at Mandalay Golf Club

Out of Bounds

Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes with black tops and fence posts. Where the boundary is a wall, the course-side edge of the wall at ground level defines the boundary of the course.

When playing holes 1 and 8, a ball coming to rest on or beyond Golf Links Drive is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the bounds for other holes.

The back boundary on holes 9 and 18 is defined by the course-side edge of the concrete cart path surrounding the clubhouse and practice area.

Dropping Zones

If a player's ball is in the red penalty area adjacent to the green on holes 3 and 6 (beyond the path) and holes 15 or 17 (defined by stakes), including when it is known or virtually certain to be in that penalty area even though not found, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:

The player may take relief under Rule 17.1, or

As an extra option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in the nearest dropping zone defined by an area encircled by a white line adjacent to a white stake. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

Abnormal Course Conditions and Integral Objects

Ground under repair is defined by any area encircled by a white line or, white stakes.

Ground under repair includes exposed rocks in areas cut to fairway height or within two club-lengths of the fairway,

A single white stake in the centre of the bunker defines the whole bunker as Ground Under Repair

All garden beds in the General Area are an integral part of the course.

All GUR areas are Abnormal Course Conditions and relief MUST be taken from interference under Rule 16.1b.

Stakes, Ropes and Course Signage

All stakes (including penalty area stakes), ropes and yardage poles on the course are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. Relief is not allowed to be taken under Rule 15.2.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty.

Immovable Obstructions

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1.

The player has an extra option to take relief when such immovable obstructions are on or close to the putting green and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:

- On the line of play, and is:
- On or within two club-lengths of the putting green, and within two club-lengths of the ball.
- But complete relief must be taken, which includes both physical and line of play interference.

Exception - No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this

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Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

Relief from Cracks in Ground

If a Player's ball comes to rest on, or in, a crack in the General Area, the Player may take relief in accordance with Rule 16.1b, by dropping the original ball, or another ball, in this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot where the original ball lied.

- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: One club length

- Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- > Must be no nearer the hole than the Reference Point, and

- > Must be in the General Area

Note: interference does not exist if the crack only interferes with the Player's stance or the Player's line of play

Damage by Kangaroos

Areas of damage in bunkers caused by Kangaroos are treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1c. But relief is not allowed if the damage only interferes with the player's stance.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

All Roads and Paths Treated as Obstructions

All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially-surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty

Electronic bookings for Mandalay are now available. The online booking sheet has been switched on.

All cart bookings are to be via this email address: info@humevetsgc.com.au

30 carts only available

Some carts still available

Mario Caruso will be coordinating carts.

Bill Mandouit is the event coordinator and entries for this event.

Captain's Report

The day started with overcast conditions and a chilly breeze. I wished I had worn my long pants.

The cloud cleared, the sun came out and it turned into a lovely day. There has been no rain in the area for some time and unfortunately, the fairways lacked grass coverage. We all had a good day with an excellent lunch presented by Karen and her team.



Thank you to Mario for his help in organising the cart list. Kerry for helping with the scoring and results. Peter Caple for his tireless effort as treasurer and Shane Turner for his ongoing efforts in organising **Shane's Swindle**.

The Joy of early morning golf. Sunrise on the first tee at Goonawarra sunbury



Birthday Draw Winner for March: was Alan Kinnaird free game in April

	April 2025 Birthdays	
1	Caruso	Mario
2	Coelho	Leslie
3	Dunne	Michael
4	Mandouit	William
5	Moore	Brian
6	Spolidoro	Mario
7	D'Andrea	Steve

Bill Mandouit H'Cap 11 37 Pts
 Runner up
 Suresh Kaushal H'Cap 10 36 Pts
 B Grade Winner

Ronald Damons H'Cap 20 42 pts



Course Map Provided at the back of this document

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Results

We had 50 players with 6 players better or equal to their handicaps. The top 3 were:

- 1 Ronald Damons H'Cap 20 42 pts
- 2. Michael Lynch H'Cap 18 41 Pts
- 3. Alan Kinnaird H'Cap 18 37 Pts

c/b All players were in B Grade.

Runner up
 Michael Lynch H'Cap 18 41 Pts

Ball Comp: 15 players received a ball going down to 32c/b.

Encouragement Award Andrew Jones 1 ball

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A Grade Winner



Annual Fees



Some members have still not indicated if they are returning this year or not, As of the 3rd of February access to Migolf will be restricted contact Club by replying to this email if you havent renewed your membership yet but wish to continue.

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

Fees were due by 3rd of February you can still

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renew your membership by any of the following methods Direct Bank Transfer details below. Payment by Eftpos or Cash can be made to the Treasurer, Peter Caple, at each event. 'Electronic Payment details are:-
Bank: Westpac BSB: 033118 A/c: 344854
When paying via electronic banking please put your **member number** and **current year** in the description field.

You are only eligible for the Birthday raffle if you play on the day of the draw

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.

VICTORIAN VETERAN GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION

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Captains Report

VVGA 4BBB Championship Lakes Entrance Golf Club. March 17th & 18th, 2025

Enduring the Sunday road trip to Lakes Entrance in persistent rain had participants of the VVGA 4BBB Championship wondering if conditions would improve to allow the event to proceed. Miraculously, Monday morning eventually came around and we were presented with a glorious day on a manicured course layout that had drained exceptionally well. Player registrations proceeded smoothly and the field of 132 veterans made their way to their allocated tees for the 11:00am shotgun start having been welcomed by President Ern Kraulis and briefed on playing conditions and local rules by Lakes Entrance Golf Club stalwart David Murrell. Each player was provided with a nutritious lunch pack to enjoy during their round. The course proved challenging with the kikuyu fairways requiring an extra club or two; especially on the 400 metre

plus par4's. Bunkers were constructed of both beach sand and natural sand so the variation required careful consideration before attempting a shot. Volunteer spotters at known trouble spots ensured a reasonable pace of play was maintained. Afternoon tea and refreshments were enjoyed in the clubhouse before leaving to reunite for dinner at the Central Hotel who generously sponsored the event. Thanks kindly to them and all of the other sponsors. **Day 2** A brisk autumn Tuesday morning had players teeing off at 9:00 having consumed an egg & bacon roll to sustain them for the morning. The greens had been cut and rolled and were rolling beautifully. As the temperature slowly rose, you could sense that the kikuyu was having a growth spurt following the weekend rainfall. Players walking certainly found it a tougher walk than on Monday. Once again, the pace of play was satisfactory and we all enjoyed an appetising cold meat and salad lunch and dessert. A heartfelt thanks to the ladies for providing a wonderful meal. Following a welcome from Lakes Entrance Golf Club Captain, Ashley Chester, the raffle was drawn and presentations took place.

Results

Day 1 Best nett score: John Timmerman & Bernie Hoppe Nett 63.

Day 1 Ntp's

Hole 3: Rob Phillips. **Hole 6:** Jeffrey Herdman. **Hole 11:** Geoffrey Lawrence. **Hole 15:** Carmel Cameron.

25% of the field received a ball in the rundown.

Day 2 Best nett score: Geoffrey Lawrence & Richard Jamieson Nett 63.

Day 2 Ntp's

Hole 3: Steve Preston. **Hole 6:** Trevor Wathen. **Hole 11:** Sue Burnett. **Hole 15:** Richard Jamieson.

25% of the field received a ball in the rundown.

36 Hole nett results:

3rd: David King and Janet King. Nett 134 C/B
2nd: Geoffrey Lawrence and Richard Jamieson.

Nett 134 C/B 1st: Greg Gebhart and Graham Roberts. Nett 130

36 Hole gross results:
3rd: Christine Fisher and Mary-Ann Emerton. Score: 159. 2nd: Alf Jessup and Drew Adams. Score: 157. 1st: Barry Brand and Shane Sproule. Score: 149

Congratulations Barry and Shane, the 2025 VVGA 4BBB Champions.

Pete Turner VVGA Captain

Golf History Origins

The origin of golf has long been debated. Some historians trace the sport back to the Roman game of *paganica*, which involved using a bent stick to hit a wool- or feather-stuffed leather ball. According to one view, *paganica* spread throughout several countries as the Romans conquered much of Europe during the 1st century BC and eventually evolved into the modern game. Others cite *chuiwan* (*ch'ui-wan*) as the progenitor, a game played in China during the [Ming dynasty](#) (1368–1644) and earlier and described as “a game in which you hit a ball with a stick while walking.” *Chuiwan* is thought to have been introduced into Europe by traders during the Middle Ages. However, upon close examination, neither theory is convincing.

Other early stick-and-ball games included the English game of *cambuca* (a term of Celtic origin). In France the game was known as *chambot* and may have been related to Irish [hurling](#) and Scottish [shinty](#), or *camanachd*, as well as to the French pastime (derived from an Italian game) of *jeu de mail*. This game was in turn exported to the [Low Countries](#), [Germany](#), and England (where it was called [pall-mall](#), pronounced “pell mell”).

As early as 1819 the English traveler William Ousely claimed that golf [descended](#) from the Persian national game of *chaugán*, the ancestor of modern [polo](#). Later, historians, not least because of the resemblance of names, considered the French cross-country game of *chicane* to be a descendant of *chaugán*. In *chicane* a ball had to be driven with the fewest possible strokes to a church or garden door. This game was described in the novels of [Émile Zola](#) and Charles Deulin, where it went by the name of *chole*.

Chicane closely resembled the game of *kolf*, which the Dutch golf historian J.H. van Hengel

believed to be the earliest form of golf. Many traditions surround the game of *kolf*. One relates that it was played annually in the village of Loenen, Netherlands, beginning in 1297, to [commemorate](#) the capture of the killer of [Floris V](#), count of Holland and Zeeland, a year earlier. No evidence supports this early date, however, and it would seem to be a clear [anachronism](#).

Based on the evidence, it may well be that golf came into being only a little before the 15th century. It may be conceived as a domesticated form of such [medieval](#) games as [football](#), in which the size of the goals and the ball was radically reduced and in which, as a consequence, the element of violence had to give way to the element of skill. Seen from this perspective, golf would be the result of the process of civilization as described in the work of German-born sociologist [Norbert Elias](#).



“It’s nice to know that chivalry isn’t dead.”



Hume Veterans Golf Club is now accepting new members.

Play at these quality courses for only
\$60 a game (hot lunch included).

Werribee Park

Bacchus Marsh

Trentham

Mandalay

Melton Valley

Mt. Derrimut

Medway

Goonawarra

Koorringal

Gisborne

Melbourne Airport

For an annual fee of \$60 (which includes 5 tickets for a Parmaker electric buggy raffle) and \$60 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 \$30, and everybody goes into the \$800 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



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 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 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 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.....

Mandalay Golf Course

