



**Our next game is at
Goonawarra Golf Club,
2 Francis Blvd., Sunbury
on Thursday, August 7th at 8.30am.**

Please be advised that private golf carts are permitted at Goonawarra Golf Club **with prior approval**. All cart users (Club and private) are required to sign a waiver in the pro shop.

There are still carts available. If you haven't yet booked a cart, please send a request via our email address info@humevetsgc.com.au

Electronic bookings for Goonawarra are now available. The online booking sheet has been activated.

Mario Caruso will be coordinating carts.
Bill Mandouit is the event coordinator for this event.

Course map & Local Rules

Provided at the back of this document.

Captain's Report

What an enjoyable day. The weather was magnificent; the course was in excellent condition and the meal was one of the best I have had with Hume Vets.
Thanks to John Misitano for assisting with player registration and Mario for organising the carts.
As always thanks to Shane for Shane's swindle.

Results

There were 53 players, 5 players bettered or equalled their handicaps.

The top 4 players were:

1 Gus Steegstra	H'Cap 15	41 Pts
2. Dorothy Nikolaidis	H'Cap 28	40 Pts
3. Faye Edwardson	H'Cap 24	38 Pts c/b
4. Daryl Bessell	H'Cap 10	38 Pts

A Grade - Winner

Gus Steegstra	H'Cap 15	41 Pts
Runner up		
Daryl Bessell	H'Cap 10	38 Pts



A Grade winner Gus Steegstra with HVGC President Alan Kinnaird

B Grade Winner

Dorothy Nikolaidis	H'Cap 28	40 Pts
Runner up		
Faye Edwardson	H'Cap 24	38 Pts



B Grade winner Dorothy Nikolaidis with President Alan Kinnaird

Ball Comp: 15 players received a ball going down to 31.

Encouragement Award: Mario Spolidoro - 1 Ball

Nearest the Pin We now award 4 golf balls to the NTP winner. The concept allows the winner, if they so choose, to share a golf ball with each of their playing partners.

6 th Hole	No Winner
8 th Hole	Graham Roper
10 th Hole	Neil Fowler
13 th Hole	Kevin Du Plessis
17 th Hole	Gus Steegstra

“Raffallo” Draw

- 1st Prize – \$40 gift card - Tony Farriciello
- 3 Golf Balls - Tony Barr
- 2 Golf Balls - Ray Davidson
- 1 Ball - Barry Baguley

Birthday Draw

Dorothy Nikolaidis - Free game Goonawarra

NEXT GAME: **Goonawarra**
Thursday 7th August 8:30 am Start.
Golf Cart bookings through
info@humevetsgc.com.au

If you are unsure how to find your starting hole, ask the starters. We possess a map of the course and can guide you on the shortest route. Ask for help if you are unsure.

My Golf Swing Technique Is Top Secret. Not Even I Know What I'm Doing



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 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.



A warm welcome to our new sponsor, Keiser Australia. Keiser is a leading industry physiotherapy and exercise physiology company and will be sponsoring our event at Goonawarra this year. It is with the generosity and support of sponsors such as Keiser that we able to provide members with competitive golf experiences each month. Welcome Keiser Australia!

LATE CANCELLATIONS – MONTHLY EVENTS

Over the past months there has been an increase in the number of **very late** cancellations which puts pressure on our event coordinator with adjustment of tee allocations in addition to the costs payable to the host club particularly in regard to catering cost for lunch.

We understand that there are occasions when situations occur at the last minute that cause a late cancellation and if this does occur please immediately either phone or SMS, Captain Bill Mandouit on 0439032822.

To date we have avoided being charged for late cancellations and normally most clubs are reasonably flexible in this regard but with costs increasing particularly in catering it is only a matter of time before this changes.

Alan Kinnaird
PRESIDENT

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



SURNAME	NAME
Bailey	Kerry
Haydon	Ted
Maquire	Tony
Ogston	Alan
Pentony	Raymond
Turner	Shane

You must be present on the day to claim your free game.



GOLF BALLS AVAILABLE

Members are reminded that the club is holding a small number of golf balls for members to purchase at a competitive price. These golf balls are sourced from one of our sponsors and are a good quality mid range ball. If you are interested in purchasing bulk golf balls (i.e. 1 dozen ball packs), contact Shane Turner (0438 428 932) or on a comp day, come up to the match table and see what is available.

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.

Medical Information

After Committee discussion, it was decided that it would be beneficial to members if the Welfare Officer had medical information on members in case of an emergency situation during competition.

Participation is entirely **voluntary**.

With this in mind, at the back of the Newsletter you will find a Medical Information and contact form. Should you wish to participate, please fill in the form and hand it to the Committee. It is also a good idea to keep a copy in your golf bag even if you don't wish to hand one to the committee.



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 \$70 (which includes 5 tickets for a \$800 golf voucher 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.
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

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.....



MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND CONTACT FORM

Enter details above the line. You may leave blank anything you do not want to disclose.

Name (Last, first, middle initial)

Address

Primary Phone number Other Phone number Email address

Medical

Existing Medical Condition/s

Allergies

Medication/s

Any other comments or conditions relevant to the information on this form?

Emergency Contacts (include home/work/mobile phones, as appropriate)

Name **Phone/s**

Name **Phone/s**

The information contained in this form is for emergency use only and will only ever be used if you are ill or injured while participating in a HVGC activity. The information will only be accessed by Association officials and given to the relevant medical and/or emergency services personnel.

Signature

____/____/____
Date



TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES - 4th July 2025

LIFT, CLEAN & PLACE in General Area: once ball has been placed, it is in play and **MUST NOT** be lifted again.

New turf in front of 1st GREEN is now **IN PLAY** – please disregard blue line.

GUR 6TH HOLE: New drainage area inside blue lines – **MUST DROP** if ball lies in this area, or if there is interference to swing from this area.

LOCAL RULES

NEW BUNKERS

For all newly repaired bunkers: Any ball that is plugged may be lifted and placed at the nearest point of relief in the bunker. If a ball is plugged in the **FACE** of the bunker, it may be placed off the **FACE** of the bunker at the nearest point of relief in the bunker.

MULCH

The piles of mulch around the course are to be treated as Abnormal Ground Conditions until they are spread out. Relief may be taken for stance and swing (not line of sight) in accordance with rule 16. Spread out mulch continues to be classed as loose impediments.

6th HOLE BURN

When a ball lies in the penalty area (burn), and the point of entry was on the left-hand side of the

HVGC August 2025 Newsletter

penalty area, as an extra relief option the player may drop on the opposite side of the penalty area. One stroke penalty applies, as for other relief options.

ROPED OFF AREAS/SIGNS/HOOPS

Areas of the course roped off from carts are NOT automatically GUR, there is no relief unless it is specifically marked as GUR.

TRACK ON LEFT HAND SIDE OF 15TH HOLE.

There is NO automatic relief from this track, however relief may be taken from embedded stones, cracks in the ground, tyre tracks etc.

OUT OF BOUNDS

Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes and/or fence posts. In addition, a ball coming to rest beyond any road is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is otherwise in bounds. The practice putting green and surrounds, including all path areas, is OOB when playing the 18th and 9th holes. The area to the right of the fence next to the path beyond the 9th green is OOB.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

Penalty stakes are immovable obstructions.

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.

Relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b if the drop zone sign on the 16th forward tee is on the line of play and is within 2 club lengths of the ball.

PENALTY AREAS

Penalty Area 11th/15th

The penalty area that makes up the water between 11th hole and 15th hole includes the area of dense vegetation between 15th green and 11th green as marked by red lines and stakes, this is one continuous penalty area, with no gaps.

The island tee area of the 16th hole is part of the surrounding penalty area while playing all holes except the 16th.

Trees on 11th hole that overhang the penalty area, any/all branches that overhang the penalty area are part of the penalty area. A ball that hits these branches and drops directly into the penalty area is deemed to have not crossed the penalty area.

A ball that crosses the water but is NOT known or virtually certain to have crossed beyond the extended penalty back into the general area is deemed to have not cleared the penalty area. Relief is to be taken relative to where the ball last entered the penalty area. Eg Back near the 11th tee.

If while playing the 11th hole a player's ball enters the red penalty area at the back of 15th green from the 15th hole, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in that penalty area even though not found, the player is limited to these TWO relief options, each for one penalty stroke:

1. player may take stroke and distance relief or
2. As an extra option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone next to the water left of the 15th green. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

If while playing the 11th hole a player's ball enters the red penalty area at the right of the 11th green from the 11th hole, past the drop zone located past the pump shed, 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:

1. The player may take relief under Rule 17.1, or

HVGC August 2025 Newsletter

2. As an extra option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone, located past the pump shed. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3

If while playing the 15th hole a player's ball is in the red penalty area at back of 15th green, 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:

1. The player may take relief under Rule 17.1, or

2. As an extra option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone next to the water left of the 15th green. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3

All parts of the Burn on 6th hole are a Penalty Area.

If a player does not know whether their ball is in the penalty area on 3rd or 11th, the player may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3, which is modified in this way:

In playing the provisional ball, the player may use the stroke-and-distance relief option (see Rule 17.1d(1)) or the back-on-the-line relief option (see Rule 17.1d(2))

Once the player has played a provisional ball under this Rule, they may not use any further options under Rule 17.1 in relation to the original ball.

In deciding when that provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play or if it must or may be abandoned, Rule 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply except that:

When Original Ball Is Found in Penalty Area Within Three-Minute Search Time.

The player may choose either to:

- Continue to play the original ball as it lies in the penalty area or
- Continue to play the provisional ball.

When Original Ball Is Not Found Within Three-Minute Search Time or Is Known or Virtually Certain to Be in Penalty Area. The provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.

During play of the 11th and 15th holes, the 16th island tee, path, and surrounds are part of the penalty area. Relief must not be taken on the island tee, path, or surrounds.

DROP ZONES 16th Hole / 3rd Hole.

On 16th HOLE, relief area (Rule 14.3 and 8.1a) for the drop zone is the entire forward tee area adjacent to the drop zone sign.

The sign is to be considered an immovable obstruction.

If the sign is not present, then the relief area is defined as the red tee markers on the short 16th tee, drop is within two club lengths of either marker, including the tee area.

When playing the 3rd HOLE from the Black Tees, a drop zone is available within two club lengths of either of the Blue Tee markers.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS

- Sunken drainage lines.
- if ball lies in, or if there is interference to a player's swing or stance, from a NEWLY TURFED area, the player MUST take relief

8th Hole

The area where ground staff have piled items for removal, between an area just left of a small gum tree, left of two larger gum trees approx. 10-20 meters from the blue/white tee area left of the path to 1 club length beyond the last rock piled near the fence and in a direct line to the boundary fence, see example .

Areas of bare ground within 50 meters of the right of 18th green and 8th green that are within area that would normally be classified as rough are abnormal ground condition and there is free relief under abnormal ground condition rule.

HVGC August 2025 Newsletter

- In General Area:
 - o Embedded stones of any size, impacting lie of the ball only.
 - o Wheel marks caused by any heavy equipment or machinery (including golf carts)
 - o Cracks in the ground where the lie of the ball is affected by the crack. (Refer clarification below)
- In areas cut to fairway length:
 - o Ball resting on or near a tree root impacting lie of ball or line of swing only (not stance)
 - o Bare (soil only) patches (does not include divots) impacting lie of ball only.

BUNKERS

- o Areas where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows.

Staked Trees

- In General Area, if a player's ball touches a STACKED TREE UNDER 2 CLUB LENGTHS IN HEIGHT or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player MUST take relief under Rule 16.1f

Penalty for breach of Local Rules = General Penalty

Match Play = Loss of Hole

Stroke Play = Two strokes

\

Rules Clarifications.

Animals.

- There is NO RELIEF for animal droppings unless ball also impacted by hole or other damage made by an animal.

Cracks.

- Cracks are defined as an area where the ground is split apart, leaving a hole in the ground.
 - Relief is provided to eliminate the risk of injury or damage from striking the crack with a club while making a stroke.
 - Relief does not include tiny cracks on dry hard ground that would not impact a player's swing.
- Preferred Lies when used is 1 hand span only.