



Association of Ukrainians in Victoria Golf Club

2011 AGM – Explanation of Proposed Changes to the Constitution

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Dear Members,

You have received a Draft proposed copy of our Constitution dated 27th Sept 2011. Please note that this document is formatted in such a way that it shows wherever changes were made to the original text. On most computers you will see all change highlighted in red. Once we agree, the document will be saved in what is called 'Final' version and will look like a normal word document. The reason for this is that I am proposing that we make some further changes to our Constitution.

You will remember that last year we agreed some changes to our Constitution allowing non-Ukrainian to be members of our club.

Given that we are a Ukrainian Golf Club, when proposing the changes last year, I left out a key component relating to **limiting the number** of Non-Ukrainians allowed as members of both our club and of the Committee.

Consequently the key areas for proposed changes this year are:

- Limiting the percentage of non-Ukrainians able to be members of the club and committee members.
- Taking out the need for AGM approval just to change the fixture calendar year and membership Fee payment dates.
- Some changes clarifying and tidying up of the 'Handicap' issues.

I will briefly explain my reasons for requesting these changes:

- Limiting the number of Non-Ukrainian members:** I think this is self-explanatory, but here are my reasons. In order to preserve our Ukrainian cultural nature of the club, we need to ensure that the club membership and leadership is fundamentally Ukrainian. Currently we have approximately 8% non-Ukrainian members in our club and I am proposing that we agree to limit the number to a maximum of 30% for both the general membership and for the committee, plus that the President must be a Full member (i.e. Ukrainian).
- Club Fixture Calendar and Fee payment dates:** For whatever reason, the current Constitution states that the Club Fixture Calendar is Jan to Dec and that Fees are payable by the end of March for that Calendar year, meaning the committee must get members approval at an AGM or equivalent, just to manage the Fixture calendar and Fee payment dates.
The committee is currently reviewing its calendar of events and one of the proposals is to align both the Fixture Calendar and the Financial year, which from a committee perspective will simplify the management of the club. This change will have almost no impact for members.
- Handicapping Rules:** These changes are relatively minor and are part of Section 2 of our constitution and as such do not require AGM approval, however, I felt that

this is an ideal time to highlight the changes, and so make our members aware of them while we are together.

Summary of the Proposed changes for Sept 2011 AGM from the Constitution.

Percentage of Non-Ukrainians able to be members of our Club:

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| Rule | 1.3.5 | Added the condition that the President of the Club must be a Full Member, not an Associate member. I.e. Eligible for AUV membership. |
| Rule | 1.3.6 | Limited the number (percentage) of Associate members allowed to be members of the AUVGC Committee. |
| Rule | 1.6.1 (a) (iii) | Limited the number of Associate members allowed to be members of the AUVGC. |

Fixture Calendar Year” and Fee payment dates:

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| Rule | 1.6.5 (c) | Allow the Committee to decide when the Annual fee is due. |
| Rule | 1.6.5 (d) | Also removed requirement for AGM approval to change the fixture calendar year. |

Handicapping and Other Changes:

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- Section 2 – Code of Conduct.
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| | | A general change was the change of name for AGU to ‘Golf Australia’ |
| Rule | 2.1.2 (f) | Confirmed that it is the member’s responsibility to play off the correct handicap. |
| Rule | 2.2.2 | Reset the maximum permissible handicaps. |
| Rule | 2.3.3 (a) | Confirming that handicaps will be frozen over the 2 games played at Club Championship. |
| Rule | 2.3.3 (b) | Added maximum permissible handicap at AUVGC Club Championships. |
| Rule | 2.4.1 (a) | Added word “current “ to conditions for Match Play handicaps. |