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AUVGC Newsletter



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Editor's Corner

Hi everyone,

Hope you all had a Happy Christmas and New Year!

Well, who would've believed it, another year has gone, and oh so quickly!

We have another exciting year planned with the usual – Match Play, Club Championship, and some of you will be lucky enough to go to Berlin to play in the Ukrainian Golf World Challenge.

C'mon Australia!

We finished the year off nicely with the Gisborne game followed by the annual presentations. See the results in the Captain's report and see some photos on the web.

Congratulations to all the winners!

It was a glorious day at Gisborne, which is a bit unusual given our history with the club. The weather Gods were good to us!

It was also good to welcome back a few players that haven't been around for a while:

- Greg Horoch and Mick Charenko.

Marijka Kohut

The best wood in most amateurs' bags, is the pencil!

Next Game

Date: 30 January 2011

Where: [Growling Frog Golf Course](#)

1910 Donnybrook Road

Yan Yean Vic - Melway: Page 9, K2

Tees: 1 tee

Times: Meeting – 7.30am

Tee-off – 8.00am

Cost: \$40

Game: Match Play Round 3 & Stableford

To confirm bookings, contact George Makohon on 9306 9184 or 0418 553 226.

Birthday Greetings

Многая Літа / Happy Birthday to the following members for January:

- Lou Karfut
- Michael Kwas
- Steve Podolczak

Our Sponsor:

Thank you to Dyson for their continued support of our club!



They say golf is like life, but don't believe them.
Golf is more complicated than that.

Gardner Dickinson

For Sale

- Ezi Caddy – electric golf buggy, battery included.
- Excellent condition.
- Owned by my father-in-law, Longin Kohut.
- Hardly used.
- Bought for over \$1000, selling for \$450. Great buy!!
- Contact Slawko Kohut on 0417 358 723 if you are interested.



2011 Fixture - Melbourne

Date	Venue	Event	Meeting time
30/01/2011	Growling Frog	Match Play Round 3 & Stableford	7.30 am
27/02/2011	The Dunes	Match Play Round 4 Final & Stableford Presentation of Match Play winner after game	7.30 am

Labour Day – Monday, 14 March 2011

27/03/2011	Gisborne	Stableford	8:30 am
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Western & Orthodox Easter: Good Friday, 22 April Easter Monday, 25 April Anzac Day: 26 April

16/04/2011	Cape Schanck	Club Championship / Presentation Dinner	8:00 am
17/04/2011	Cape Schanck	Club Championship	8:00 am

Mother's Day – Sunday, 8 May 2011

29/05/2011	Broadford	Stableford	8:00 am
12/6/2011	Wagga Wagga	Sydney Melbourne Challenge – Stableford	tba

Queen's Birthday - Monday, 13 June 2011

26/06/2011	Goonawarra	Par	7.35am
31/07/2011	Cape Schanck	Stableford	8:30 am
21/08/2011	Curlewis	Stableford - Melb/Geelong	8:30 am

Father's Day – Sunday, 4 September 2011

25/09/2011	Werribee	Match Play Qualifying 2012 – Stroke & AGM	8:00 am
30/10/2011	Albert Park	4BBB Stableford	9:00 am

Melbourne Cup Day - Tuesday, 1 November 2011

27/11/2011	Melton	Match Play Round 1 & Stroke	7.30 am
11/12/2011	Yarrambat	Match Play Round 2 & Stableford	8:30 am

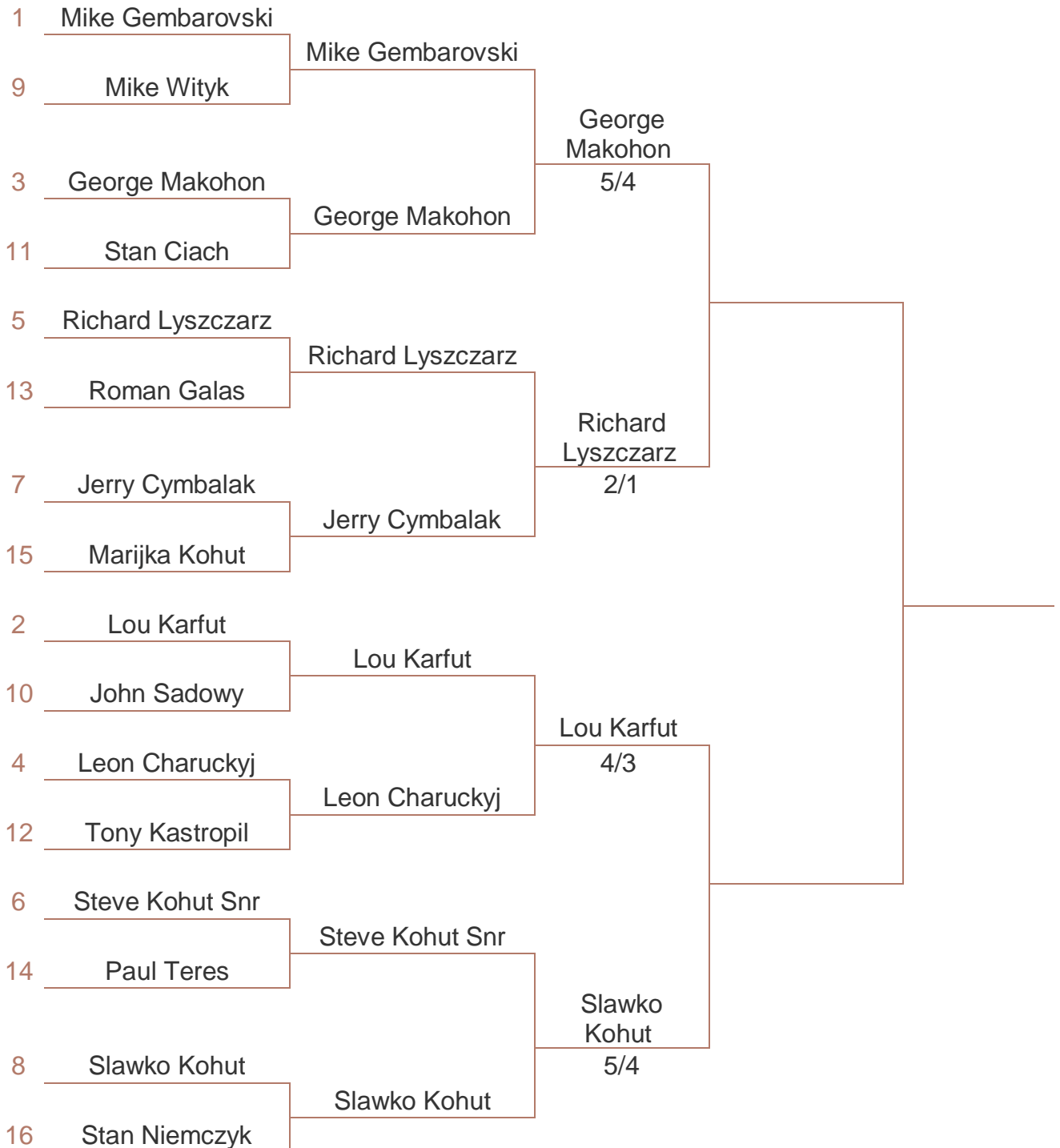
* NB - Changed to accommodate the Sunshine praznyk.

2011 Fixture - Geelong

16 Jan	East Geelong	8.30am	<p>To book and/or check for currency of information for Geelong games, please contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Felniak - 0409 079 926
20 Feb	Portarlington	8.00am	
20 Mar	Clifton Springs	8.30am	
17 Apr	Queens Park	8.30am	
15 May	Queenscliffe	8.30am	
19 June	Portarlington	8.30am	
17 July	Elcho Park	8.30am	
21 August	Curlewis	9.05am	
18 September	Clifton Springs	8.30am	
23 October	Point Lonsdale	8.30am	
13 Nov	Portarlington	8.30am	
27 Nov	Curlewis	8.30am	

Match Play competitors

AUVGC MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP 2010/11				
1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round	WINNER
28-Nov-10	12-Dec-10	30-Jan-11	27-Feb-11	



2011 Club Championships – RACV Cape Schanck Resort – 16 & 17 April 2011

Following strong feedback from members after the July game at RACV Cape Schanck, we have booked, and paid a deposit, to hold the 2011 Club Championships at the RACV Cape Schanck Resort on Saturday/Sunday 16/17 April 2011.

Golf: Two tees both days; \$60 per round with a cart. Carts are mandatory.

Dinner/Presentation: A function room has been booked at the RACV resort for the Saturday evening dinner.

Accommodation: Please arrange your own accommodation either on-site or in the surrounding areas.

Club Captain's Report – Gisborne – 12 December 2010

Gisborne Results

A Grade Winner – Alex Mazur (38), runner-up – Tony Kastropil
B Grade Winner – Steve Felniak (38), runner-up – Mike Wityk
C Grade Winner – Marijka Kohut (35), runner-up – Steve Kowalczyk

NTPs – Tony Kastropil, Greg Anolak, Richard Lyszczarz
Drive & chip – Wally Kolody
Longest drive – Lou Karfut

Ball competition – Tony Kastropil, Mike Wityk, Greg Anolak, Mick Masendycz, John Semaniuk, Mike Charenko, Roman Galas, Steve Kowalczyk, Steve Galas, Gerry Romanyk, Brian Lucas, Roman Popowycz, Stan Ciach.

2010 End-of-year Results

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Shepparton – 17/18 April 2010

Best Gross	Steve Kohut Jnr (164)	Runner-up	John Semaniuk (176)
Best Nett	Steve Felniak (143)	Runner-up	Mike Wityk (146)
A Grade champ	Wally Kolody (147)	Runner-up	John Semaniuk (148)
B Grade champ	Mike Wityk (146)	Runner-up	Andrew Hluchanic (146 CB)
C Grade champ	Stan Niemczyk (149)	Runner-up	Wally Orfini

MATCH PLAY CHAMPION – 2010 – Slawko Kohut

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - 2010 – Lou Karfut

HANDICAPS – January 2011

Golf Link HCP indicative only. Golf Link members must check their handicap immediately prior to AUVGC game. # Old handicapping system. Player has insufficient cards to translate to new system. * Special development handicap.

ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GL HCP January 10th	AUVGC exact	AUVG HCP
1	ANOLAK Greg	229	12.4		
2	CHARENKO Mykola	214	18.7		
3	CHARENKO Mathew	17		24.8#	25#
4	CHARENKO Andrew	24		15.3	15
5	CHARUCKYJ Leon	133		17.7	18
6	CIACH Stan	31	19.3		
7	CYMBALAK Jerry	226		26.6	27
8	CYMBALAK Ray	207		31.2	31
9	FELNIAK Steve	41		17.2	17
10	GALAS Ray	209		21.1	21
11	GALAS Steve	232	19.0		
12	GEMBAROVSKI Michael	126		19.2	19
13	HLUCHANIC Andrij	210		20.1	20
14	HORBAN Richard	148		29.4#	29#
15	HOROCH Greg	129	9.8		
16	HUBIK Steve	69			--
17	JOVANOVIC Peter	218	29.6		
18	KARFUT Lou	191	14.9		
19	KALENJUK Slawko	31			--
20	KASTROPIL Tony	229		16.3	16
21	KINASH Steve	46		23.0	23
22	KOHUT Marijka	77	28.8		
23	KOHUT Slawko	82	22.6		
24	KOHUT Steven Snr	92		22.0	22
25	KOHUT Steven Jnr	61	7.8		
26	KOLODY Wally	221	15.9		
27	KOSYLO Steve	218		36.4	36
28	KOWALCZUK Steve	28	30.6		
29	KWAS Matt	49		28.8	29
30	KWAS Mick	224		29.2	29
31	LESIW Paul	8	29.2		
32	LESIW Michael	8	24.1		
33	LESIW Lidia	6		43.2	43
34	LUCAS Brian	19	15.8		
35	LYSZCZARZ Richard	206	14.2		
36	MAKOHON George	290	18.5		
37	MASENDYCZ Michael	91	18.7		
38	MASENDYCZ Peter	84	15.1		
39	MAZUR Alex	5?	10.0		
40	MERUNOVICH Myroslaw	9		35.0	35
41	MYRONIUK Bohdan	5		45.0	45*
42	NIEMCZYK Stan	18	35.0		
43	OPAR Steve	118		30.6#	31#
44	ORFINI Wally	229		35.1	35
45	OSYPIW Wally	8		36.4	36
46	PODOLCZAK Steve	198		27.6	28
47	PODOLCZAK Nick	190		31.6	32
48	POPERECHNY Bob	157		36.4	36
49	POPOWYCZ Roman	70		27.2	27
50	RADYWYL Ihor	148	12.2		
51	ROMANYK Gerry	240		26.4	26
52	RUDEWYCH Victor	113			
53	SADOWY John	104	17.4		
54	SARTORI Robert	160		28.6#	29#
55	SEMANIUK John	252	17.2		
56	SENIW Pawlo	177		33.6	34
57	SLYWKA Roman	92	29.7		
58	TERES Paul	8	22.7		
59	WHITTINGTON John	15			--
60	WITYK Mick	95		21.4	21
61	WOLOSHENKO Sasha	12		45.4	45*
62	ZACHARIAK Roman	118		28.8	29

Happy Handicapper Notes (excerpt from May 2010 newsletter)

“Just in case some of you are still confused about the new handicapping system, please refer to the following which was issued in our May 2010 newsletter.”

Golf is all about numbers:-- number of holes per game, par number per hole, number of shots to complete a hole, a par number for the course, a handicap number, a course rating, a number on the ball, etc. This issue of the Happy Handicapper will be all about numbers.

1/ Out with the Old

Since October all players have been using an AUVGC 'Playing Handicap' system which allowed Golf Link card holders to have an AUVGC handicap a maximum of 2 above or a maximum of 2 below their Australian Golf Union handicap. A statistical analysis of members Golf Link handicaps and their equivalent monthly AUVGC handicaps over the past year showed that, **on average, Golf Link members played on AUVGC handicaps that were one shot lower than their Golf Link handicap eg a Golf Link handicap on say 16 translated to an AUVGC handicap of 15.** This, no doubt, explains all the grizzles that the Handicapper received from Golf Link members.

However, an analysis of the winners over that period showed that the system seemed to be fair !! 45% of AUVGC members have a Golf Link card. 47% of grade winners over this period were Golf Link members. Conversely, the 55% of members who do not have Golf Link cards won 53% of the grade competitions. Pretty even !!

2/ In with the New

Golf Australia commenced a phased implementation of a new 'rolling sample' method of handicapping from the 9th of April this year. Our club will also be phasing in this new system of handicapping **from the MAY monthly game onwards.**

From May, members who have Golf Link handicaps will be expected to play off their most current up-to-date handicap prior to the AUVGC game.

For non-Golf Link handicaps this same new system will also be used. Basically, the system averages the best 10 scores ('differentials') over the last 20 games and multiplies this by 96%, that being the 'bonus for excellence factor' – an incentive for players to improve their game.

However, as the Handicapper does not as yet have 20 cards for these players a sliding scale of games, proposed by Golf Australia, will be used. With the smaller number of cards with these players there is likely to be more 'bounce' in their handicaps month to month. Technically, once non-Golf Link players have submitted 20 cards, their handicapping system will be identical to the Golf Link card holders. Therefore, it is in the member's interest to submit as many cards as possible to obtain a more accurate handicap.

For players who have less than 20 official cards submitted the following is the Golf Australia 'sliding scale' to be used for the calculation of handicaps:

Number of scores (cards)	Differentials to be used
3 to 6	Lowest 1 (best score)
7 to 8	Lowest 2
9 to 10	Lowest 3
11 to 12	Lowest 4
13 to 14	Lowest 5
15 to 16	Lowest 6
17	Lowest 7
18	Lowest 8
19	Lowest 9
20	Lowest 10

Members require a minimum of 3 cards to translate to the new system. Members who have not submitted the required number of cards will continue to play off their previous AUVGC 'Playing Handicap' (marked with an #)

The Handicapper will calculate the handicaps of members who do not have Golf Link handicaps and these will be listed in the monthly Newsletter. **Golf Link members will have their handicaps calculated by Golf Link and must ensure that in AUVGC games they play off their most current handicap or they will be disqualified. Disqualification can and will be backdated !!**

Summary:

For the AUVGC the new handicapping system commences in May.

The new system averages the best 'handicap differentials' (handicap differential = gross score – Men's Australian Course Rating (MACR)).

This average is multiplied by 0.96.

The concept of CCR does no longer exist .

Golf Link members will use their most current handicap in AUVGC games. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

Non-Golf Link members will have their handicaps calculated by the Handicapper. These will be listed in the Newsletter.

Non-Golf Link members handicaps will take some time to 'settle'.

Translation to the new handicap system has resulted in handicap changes across the board – some gained handicap, some lost handicap and some stayed the same.

The Handicapper can only work with official game cards.

The Handicapper has little control over players who 'manage' their handicaps.

System looks complex and will take some time to settle in.

Players (GL and non-GL) MUST check their handicaps prior to the AUVGC games as the handicaps will 'jump around'.

Further detailed information is available from: www.golfaustralia.org.au

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