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GO FIGURE!

Golf is a hard game to figure.

One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all, you really stink!



AUVGC Newsletter

May 2010



Editor's Corner

Pryvit vsim! / Greetings!

If you didn't manage to attend our Club Championship at Shepparton, well, you missed out on a fabulous weekend!

The weather was superb, the attendance was excellent and the camaraderie was heartwarming.

Someone said to me during the weekend – "You know Marijka, this is just like our weekends away used to be!"

Well, I take my hat off to the committee who organised the event. You've heard it all before, about the amount of work that goes into running an event like this, however, if you are a member of the committee, pat yourself on the back - you did a great job!

If you were a player, pat yourself on the back also, as your commitment to support the club made it the success it was.

I would also like to thank the partners/wives for attending. Your support is very important to the players and I feel that the

players really appreciated your efforts to accompany them for this event.

It was great to see Ross Merunovich play his inaugural game with the club and he advises that his game improved greatly after the second day.

(That's what we like to hear!) Keep it up Ross!

..... *Marijka Kohut*

Next Game – Club Championship

Date: 30 May 2010 – [Goonawarra Golf Course](#),
2 Francis Blvd, Sunbury –
Melways ref: Map 382 J6.

Meeting time: 8.00am

Game: Matchplay FINAL & Stableford

Tee-off: 8.30am

Cost: \$30

ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER WITH GEORGE MAKOHON PRIOR TO THE GAME

Organisers: Captain & Match Committee

Members not on permanent list, please confirm your booking with George Makohon on 9306 9184 or 0418 553 226.

Upcoming Events

Sydney/Melbourne Challenge – Albury Golf Course
(Queen's birthday weekend) SUN, 13 JUNE 2010 – (refer page 7)

By the way – a member at Shepparton voiced his concern that the Albury Golf Course was in poor condition and that he wouldn't play there.

We were concerned about this comment and investigated further. The pro at Thurgoona confirmed that the current condition of the course at Albury was good, even though his comment may cause him to lose green fees potentially from us. So please put your minds at ease.

We want to encourage as many of you to play this event and win the trophy back from Sydney.

2010 Golf Fixture

Date	Venue	Meeting Time	Game Format
30/05/2010	Goonawarra	8.00 am	Match play Final & Stableford
13/06/2010	Albury	TBC	Melb vs Sydney Stableford
27/06/2010	Yarrambat	8.15 am	Par
25/07/2010	Cape Schanck (RACV)	8.00 am	Winter Cup - Stableford
22/08/2010	Broadford	8.00 am	4BBB Stableford
26/09/2010	Werribee Park	8.00 am	Match play Qualifying 2011-Stroke AGM
31/10/2010	Albert Park	8.00 am	Match play Round 1 & Stableford
28/11/2010	Emerald	8.30 am	Match play Round 2 & Stroke
12/12/2010	Sunshine	7.30 am	Stableford

Birthday Greetings

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

- Steve Galas
- John Semaniuk



Club Captain's Report

(by George Makohon /Acting Captain)

Reflections on Shepparton Championships Day 1, in Mooroopna - 17 April, 2010

There are strong beliefs that if something works well, then why change?

On this basis, the committee decided after our Club Championships of 2009, which were also held in Shepparton, that we would again return in 2010.

This decision proved to be a very good one as confirmed with the great turn up of 43 players, a number which surpasses our average monthly game attendance.

We were truly blessed with great weather for the full 2 days of golf and were also pleasantly surprised by the large number of women, which came to support their husbands in their quest for glory. Or was it to keep an eye on their celebrations?

(Golf has never been the same since Tiger stuffed up!)

My arrival to Shepparton was planned well in advance. Apart from the usual booking of accommodation, it was decided that Wally Orfini, Lou Karfut and I would arrive in style, and with a bit of luck one would return victorious. So, as planned and promised the limousine stretch, kindly and carefully driven by Lou Karfut arrived on our doorsteps precisely on time to take us to the battle ground in relaxed style. (Sorry Roman but it sure beats going by bus!).



On arrival at Victoria Lake Caravan Park, it was pleasing to see that many members had already settled in determined to have an enjoyable and memorable weekend.

Mooroopna Golf Club greeted us for our first game on Saturday at the early hour of 7.00am and strangely enough, all players managed to get to the starting blocks on time (well, almost all). As usual, all were in Great Spirit (especially the last one to arrive).

Our large group had to tee-off the one tee, so as the saying goes he who tees off last laughs most. (I wish I could have been in that last group).

It did not take long for our players to resort to their usual hit and curse format as the tree lined course of Mooroopna took its toll, and proved time and time again that the aim of the game is to play on the fairway. Although it was not yet Anzac day, at times Mooroopna sounded like a war zone with the cracking sound of stray balls splitting trees. It seemed like the bunkers were the only place to hide, since this is where most of us took refuge. (Is that why my score was so bad?) Nevertheless, as always, no matter in which situation one may find oneself, there will always be troopers that rise to the occasion by avoiding all hazards along the way.

Our recently enlisted member Paul Lesiw was one such trooper, who claimed the "C" grade order of merit with a net 64. (He will in due course front our Handicapping enquiry).

Steve Kohut Jnr was our next best performer although on count back from Wally Kolody with a net 69 (what a great number). Private Andrew Hluchanic gallantly stood his ground with a net 70 also on count back from snipers Mick Wityk and Mick Masendycz. Although bitterly wounded by a count back defeat Wally Kolody did manage a memorable Eagle on the 16th which earned him 6 stripes (sorry 6 balls).

Reflections on Shepparton Championships Day 1, In Mooroopna - Saturday 17 April, 2010

After the dust settled at Mooroopna, all members retreated to the Victoria Lake Caravan Park barracks where they were duly fed by an AUVGC- BBQ luncheon, prepared by no other than our renowned cooks, Jerry Cymbalak and Wally Kolody, with the help of Ray Galas and Steve Kohut Snr. (Funny how good food and free booze heals all wounds and picks up morale).

Our Presentation was held during the course of the BBQ where trophies were distributed and 200 game achievements acknowledged. Kind words were spoken by our President, Slawko Kohut making reference to Michael Kwas and I. (Is it really 20 years that I have been on the committee? Gee how time flies when you enjoy what you're doing!).

We were truly honoured by the presence of many partners, and grateful for the effort put in by Leon Charuckyj in helping with the venue arrangements.

Our partying continued into dusk fortunately without misdemeanour, as most retired early in anticipation of the next day's challenge.

DAY 2, The Final Encounter

Shepparton Golf Club - Sunday 18 April, 2010

Wow! If you liked Mooroopna then you would have loved Shepparton!

It was evident from the first tee that this course was something special. It looked challenging yet truly inviting and most members were itching to put it to the test.

Best performers from the previous day's battle were sent into the front line. I personally preferred to stay at the back of the field. (The extra time allowed me to reflect on my unsatisfactory performance on the previous

day). As usual, heckling played a vital role in starting the daily proceedings. Nevertheless, the first groups got straight into action with great enthusiasm. The weather conditions could not have been better, even though we again started the day at 7.00am.

It was pleasing to see that there were no serious casualties from the previous day. Even new members such as Ross Merunovich, who has not played golf for at least 20 years and casual members such as Steve Hubik, who would prefer to be driven in a cart refused to yield to the temptation of taking respite. They tell me that Steve in fact got so excited with his game that he started holing balls out of bunkers. (I wonder how much he charges for bunker lessons?) After what I heard and experienced first hand, there were many bunker dwellers that would have paid handsomely to be shown the secret of bunker escape.

CCR of the day at Shepparton was 4 strokes higher than at Mooroopna, but apart from the bunkers, it was by far the most enjoyable and challenging. This was proven by the fact that winners at Mooroopna could not repeat their feat at Shepparton.

Those that ended up grinning at our presentation were Lou Karfut, who embarrassed himself with a duffed shot off the first tee. (I wonder if he shouted that jug?), Steve Kohut Snr, who wanted to prove a point to his son, and Steve Niemczyk, who is seriously getting the attention of our handicapper.

Until we meet again at Goonawarra, good health, and good golfing.

We are also hoping for a good turnout of players to help us win back the Interstate Trophy at our Melbourne Sydney Challenge at Albury in June.

George Makohon

Club Championship Results

Shepparton - Sun 18 April, 2010

Number of Players43.....**ACR**72..... **CCR**.....74.....

Feature Hole Winners

NTP Hole No.2	Steve Felniak
NTP Hole No.5	Tony Kastropil
NTP Hole No.12	Roman Galas
NTP Hole No.17	Steve Kohut Snr
Drive & Chip No.6	Peter Masendycz
Longest Drive No.3	John Semaniuk

Winner A Grade Lou Karfut Gr 88 H/Cap 16 Net 72
HCP (0 – 18) R/Up John Semaniuk Net 74

Winner B Grade Steve Kohut Snr Gr 92 H/Cap 22 Net 70
HCP (19 – 27) R/Up Steve Felniak Net 72

Winner C Grade Steve Niemczyk Gr 109 H/Cap 33 Net 76
HCP (28 – 36) R/up Wally Orfini Net 77

Ball Comp cut off ...78...pts

W. Kolody	A. Hluchanic
R. Lyszczarz	P. Masendycz
M. Wityk	J. Semaniuk
R. Galas	R. Popowycz
M. Masendycz	B. Lucas
W. Orfini	P. Lesiw
S. Felniak	G. Romanyk

Club Championship Results (cont)

Mooroopna - Sat 17 April, 2010

Number of Players43.....**ACR**72..... **CCR**.....70.....

Feature Hole Winners

NTP Hole No.7	Paul Lesiw
NTP Hole No.13	Brian Lucas
NTP Hole No.10	Greg Anolak
NTP Hole No.17	Greg Horoch
Drive & Chip No.12	Stan Ciach
Longest Drive No.1	Steve Kohut Jnr

Winner A Grade Steve Kohut Jnr Gr 77 H/Cap 8 Net 69
HCP (0 – 18) R/Up On CB, Wally Kolody

Winner B Grade Andrew Hluchanic Gr 90 H/Cap 20 Net 70
HCP (19 – 27) Rs/Up On CB, Mick Wityk, Mick Masendycz

Winner C Grade Paul Lesiw Gr 94 H/Cap 30 Net 64
HCP (28 – 36) R/up Steve Kinash Net 70

Ball Comp cut off ...75...pts

W. Kolody	S. Kinash
S. Galas	R. Cymbalak
M. Wityk	J. Semaniuk
S. Niemczyk	L. Charuckyj
M. Masendycz	M. Charenko
W. Orfini	P. Teres
S. Felniak	G. Romanyk

Eagle Wally Kolody on 16th

Sydney/Melbourne Challenge –

When? Queen's birthday weekend – June 13, 2010

Where? Albury Golf Course

Accommodation: Best Western Meramie Motor Inn
www.bestwestern.com.au/meramie
Reservations: 131 779

Rooms will be held until 31 March booked under Ukrainian Golf Club, after such time they will be released to the public. So be quick!

2 night minimum stay.

What's on: 2 markets, wine festival and loads more.

Members are encouraged to bring wives/partners. Let's make an event out of it!

Numbers have been pretty small over the past few years.

Albury isn't that far away, so how about it?

Will be fun!

Our Sponsor:

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



HANDICAPS – May 2010

Golf Link (GL) HCP indicative only.

Golf Link members must check their handicap immediately prior to AUVGC game.

ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GL HCP May 9 th	AUVGC exact	AUVG HCP
2	ANOLAK Greg	225	12.9		
3	CHARENKO Mykola	209	15.3		
64	CHARENKO Mathew	17		24.8#	25#
65	CHARENKO Andrew	24		15.3	15
4	CHARUCKYJ Leon	126		15.8	16
69	CIACH Stan	25	19.9		
5	CYMBALAK Jerry	220		26.8	27
6	CYMBALAK Ray	201		29.2	29
66	FEDORUK Ray	17			--
7	FURYK Wes	152			--
71	FELNIAK Steve	37		17.2	17
10	GALAS Ray	204		20.1	20
11	GALAS Steve	225	15.8		
12	GEMBAROVSKI Michael	123		19.2	19
15	HLUCHANIC Andrij	204		19.2	19
13	HORBAN Richard	147		29.4#	29#
14	HOROCH Greg	128	10.4		
16	HUBIK Steve	69			--
18	JOVANOVIC Peter	217	27.5		
	KARFUT Lou	183	17.9		
19	KALENJUK Slawko	31			--
21	KASTROPIL Tony	222		20.1	20
22	KINASH Steve	43		24.9	25
24	KOHUT Marijka	71	28.2		
23	KOHUT Slawko	75	22.4		
67	KOHUT Steven Snr	87		22.5	23
68	KOHUT Steven Jnr	59	8.3		
25	KOLODY Wally	214	14.5		
26	KORNITSCHUK Mick	118			--
27	KOSYLO Steve	213		36+	36
70	KOWALCZUK Steve	23	30.4		
63	KWAS Matt	49		28.8	29
29	KWAS Steve	131			
28	KWAS Mick	219		33.6	34
	LESIW Paul	3	32.2		
	LESIW Michael	3	23.5		
	LESIW Lidia	1			--
31	LYSZCZARZ Richard	199	15.3		
74	LUCAS Brian	17		19.2	19
33	MAKOHON George	282	15.0		
34	MASENDYCZ Michael	86	18.2		

ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GL HCP May 9 th	AUVGC exact	AUVG HCP
35	MASENDYCZ Peter	82	17.5		
	MAZUR Alex	2?	7.9		
	MERUNOVICH Myroslaw	2			--
75	MYRONIUK Bohdan	3			--
76	NIEMCZYK Stan	11	33.6		
36	OPAR Steve	117		30.6#	31#
37	ORFINI Wally	225		34.5	35
73	OSYPIW Wally	8		36+	36
38	PODOLCZAK Steve	195		29.7	30
39	PODOLCZAK Nick	186		36+	36
41	POPERECHNY Bob	154		36+	36
59	POPOWYCZ Roman	63		27.3	27
42	RADYWYL Ihor	146	12.4		
43	ROMANYK Gerry	236	--	26.8	27
44	RUDEWYCH Victor	113			
45	SADOWY John	100	15.9		
46	SARTORI Robert	160		28.6#	29#
47	SEMANIUK John	247	16.4		
49	SENIW Pawlo	174		36+	36
50	SLYWKA Roman	91	29.7		
	TERES Paul	4	20.8		
60	WITTINGTON John	15			--
54	WITYK Mick	90		23.5	24
72	WOLOSHENKO Sasha	12		45.4	45*
55	ZACHARIAK Roman	116		28.8	29
57	ZYLAN Michael	143			

Old handicapping system. Player has insufficient cards to translate to new system

* Special development handicap

Happy Handicapper Notes

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)

3 to 6
 7 to 8
 9 to 10
 11 to 12
 13 to 14
 15 to 16
 17
 18
 19
 20

Differentials to be used

Lowest 1 (best score)
 Lowest 2
 Lowest 3
 Lowest 4
 Lowest 5
 Lowest 6
 Lowest 7
 Lowest 8
 Lowest 9
 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

AUVGC Matchplay Championship 2009/10

1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	Final Round	Champion
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Sunshine (replay) - 13 Dec 09

The Dunes - 28 Feb 10

Gisborne - 21 Mar 10

Goonawarra - 30 May 10

Tony Kastropil (16)

Richard Lyszczarz (13)

Steve Felniak (19)

Wally Kolody (15)

Mick Charenko (14)

Slawko Kohut (21)

Dmytro Kwas (33)

John Semaniuk (13)

Leon Charuckyj (18)

George Makohon (15)

Brian Lucas (14)

John Sadowy (13)

Ray Galas (22)

Michael Masendycz (20)

Jerry Cymbalak (21)

Steve Galas (17)

Tony Kastropil (16)

7 up

Steve Felniak (19)

Slawko Kohut (21)

Play off 19th

Dmytro Kwas (33)

George Makohon (15)

3 up

Brian Lucas (15)

Ray Galas (22)

1 up

Steve Galas (18)

Steve Felniak (19)

plus one

Slawko Kohut (21)

Three / two

George Makohon (15)

Three / two

Steve Galas (18)

Four / three

Slawko Kohut (22)

George Makohon (15)

**Matchplay
Grand Final**

Memories from Club Championship – April 2010



The Players



Saturday's Winners – centre stage



Special moments

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Carrot Fish {Delicious}

8 pieces of good boneless fish, eg Dory

Oil for frying (approx 2 tbsp)

1 onion (very large or equivalent) chopped

6 medium carrots (grated)

½ parsnip (grated)

1 large can crushed tomatoes

Vegetable stock powder

Salt

- In a large pan, fry the fish in oil, one layer at a time & place in casserole dish to cover the base of pan
- Fry onion in same pan (so it picks up the flavour of the fish) ONLY until glassy
- Add grated carrot, parsnip, tomatoes, vegetable stock powder & salt
- Heat on low until the carrot has cooked and the liquid has reduced (about 10-15 mins)
- Place the carrot mixture on top of the fish
- Cover casserole and place in refrigerator
- Serve cold

(This is best made the day before)

CMACHNOHO!