



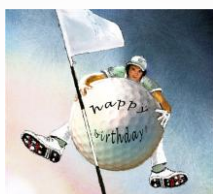
AUVGC



# NEWSLETTER

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## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

### Многая Літа / Happy Birthday

Gembarovski, Mick  
Kohut, Steve Snr  
Lesiw, Michael  
Osidacz, Ross  
Semciw, Adam

## OUR CLUB DEMOGRAPHIC

Age Group	Members	
Under 20	3	4%
21 – 30	7	10%
31 – 40	7	10%
41 – 50	9	14%
51 – 60	7	10%
61 – 70	11	17%
71 – 80	23	34%
81 – 90	1	1%
Total	68	100%

## Editor's Corner

Pryvit vsim! / Greetings!

If there are any articles that you'd like to share, then please email the editor...Peter Casey.

## Memberships Due

There are still a few members that need to pay their annual membership of \$50. Please pay this as soon as possible. If you have a credit with the club, you can redeem it for your membership and pay any outstanding balance.

## Payment Details:

Bank: Dnister  
Account Name: AUV Golf Club  
BSB: 704-235  
Account Number: 00000312  
Reference: Please include your NAME and WHAT YOU ARE PAYING FOR.



## Winter Cup Review

July 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2025: We had 15 players at the Winter Cup held at Mooroopna / Shepparton golf courses. Illness preventing many from attending this prestigious event. The weather forecast was for lots of rain, and they got it right. I at least took two pairs of golf shoes, and picked the wrong pair for day one. The group photo took three attempts, as some people were not there when we said...group photo!



**Front Row:** Myron Flunt, Adam Semciw, Steve Podolczak, Mick Masendycz, Wally Orfini, Marijka Kohut, Stefan Kohut and Tony Khoury. **Back Row:** Steve Kohut Snr., Nick Wasyl, Jerry Cymbalak, Peter Casey, Stefan Moskaljuk, Tony Kastropil, Daniel Kohut, Nick Rudewych

Our initial groupings:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Tony Khoury (19), Tony Kastropil (21), Adam Semciw (22)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mick Masendycz (23), Marijka Kohut (23), Steve Kohut Snr (20), Jerry Cymbalak (29)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Peter Casey (24), Nick Rudewych (25), Myron Flunt (28), Stefan Moskaljuk (29)
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Stefan Kohut (29), Daniel Kohut (28), Nick Wasyl (36), Steve Podolczak (30)



The first hole at Mooroopna was a 465m Par 5, a great way to test players. Who can hit those two to three straight shots to be on the green. A challenging start to the round with two Par 5's in the first 3 holes. Great chance to pick up some early points. The first two groups were straight down the middle. I was the first in the third group and took the pressure off the rest of the players...what a BAD shot...ended up with an 11! Not happy Jan! My excuse was wet hands and wet grip...not to mention poor execution of shots.

The Mooroopna course was clay based and there was that much standing water, Jerry had a tough time as his ball didn't run as far as normal. You would think that the greens would be slow with the amount of water, but most found them very slick, a three putt was the norm.

On the 18<sup>th</sup>, it was getting dark, and the rain started pelting down...Zoom, Zoom! Nick Wasyl and Steve Podolczak decided to skip the 18<sup>th</sup> and head for home, while Daniel and Stefan Kohut kept slugging away. Did I mention that Nick Wasyl pinched the course marshal cart...it had headlights and was faster!

The speed of play still needs to improve for our games, as the last couple of groups on the Saturday needed torches, or at least glow sticks on the flags to see where they were aiming. Just after the third group teed off, the light on the club house turned on, showing the general direction of the green.



Anyway, our two best players after day one were Nick Rudewych 37 and Adam Semciw 35, well clear of the rest. Brilliant effort. I was playing with Nick both days. Most of his drives were straight down the middle, but when he went two fairways left or right...he kept on scoring!

At the 19<sup>th</sup>, we heard that Marijka Kohut and Mick Masendycz, pinched Jerry Cymbalak and Steve Kohut Snr's golf cart. Marijka was in a hurry and said to Mick, "Just hang on to your club, and let's go!". The boys were shocked!

Sunday looked like it was going to be a great day weather wise, but we were constantly putting our umbrellas up, then putting them away. Thankfully, the Shepparton course was sand based, and it was much better underfoot. Another two par 5's in the first 3 holes to start the round; just need to keep it on the fairway...as if!

Which of the overnight leaders were able to continue their good form; and could any player challenge from back in the pack, shoot the lights out and come from behind to win.



Wally thought it would be a good idea to have all the gorillas in the same group. Our overnight leaders Nick Rudewych and Adam Semciw, plus Tony Kastropil and myself. Nick was spraying them and still scoring points. Adam was below par on the first 9, but fired up on the last 9. Too late baby! Tony, he had a Barry Crocker (a shocker), and I started brilliantly with two par's including a nearest the pin. Unfortunately, I started thinking, rather than playing one shot at a time.

While waiting to tee off, Tony was muttering about his 7-iron! Have any of you seen my 7-iron? You guys are not having a lend of me, are you?

Some excellent scoring on day two, especially Stefan Kohut who thought he had 31 points, but it was actually 34. He was the best on the day, followed by Stefan Moskaljuk on 30 points.

Our Winter Cup champion, by 8 points, after a sensational fresh air shot, hitting the wrong ball (two-shot penalty), and an out of bounds (another two-shot penalty), was unstoppable...Nick Rudewych! Adam Semciw was runner-up.



*The 7-iron was against his golf bag, not in his hand.*

## All the results

 <b>Mooroopna Golf Club</b> <b>26-July-2025</b>				 <b>Shepparton Golf Club</b> <b>27-July-2025</b>				
		Daily Handicap	S'ford Score			Daily Handicap	S'ford Score	Total Score
1	Nick Rudewych	25	37	1	Nick Rudewych	25	29	66
2	Adam Semciw	22	35	2	Adam Semciw	22	23	58
3	Peter Casey	24	25	3	Peter Casey	24	27	52
4	Stefan Moskaljuk	29	22	4	Stefan Moskaljuk	29	30	52
5	Marijka Kohut	23	28	5	Marijka Kohut	24	22	50
6	Stefan Kohut	29	16	6	Stefan Kohut	30	34	50
7	Tony Kastropil	21	30	7	Tony Kastropil	21	19	49
8	Myron Flunt	27	23	8	Myron Flunt	28	26	49
9	Tony Khoury	19	22	9	Tony Khoury	19	21	43
10	Steve Podolczak	30	20	10	Steve Podolczak	31	22	42
11	Daniel Kohut	28	19	11	Daniel Kohut	29	22	41
12	Nicholas Wasyl	36	18	12	Nicholas Wasyl	36	23	41
13	Mick Masendycz	23	17	13	Mick Masendycz	23	20	37
14	Jerry Cymbalak	29	14	14	Jerry Cymbalak	30	21	35
15	Steve Snr Kohut	20	15	15	Steve Snr Kohut	20	19	34

Stars of the day Saturday			Stars of the day Sunday		
<b>Winner</b>			<b>Winner</b>		
Nick Rudewych	37 off 25		Stefan Kohut	34 off 30	
<b>Runner-Up</b>			<b>Runner-Up</b>		
Adam Semciw	35 off 22		Stefan Moskaljuk	30 off 29	
Feature Holes			Feature Holes		
Drive 'n Chip	5th	Nick Rudewych	Drive 'n Chip	8th	N/A
Drive 'n Chip	16th	Stefan Moskaljuk	Longest Drive	16th	Nick Rudewych
Longest Drive	12th	Adam Semciw	Nearest The Pin	2nd	Peter Casey
Nearest The Pin	7th	Nick Rudewych	Nearest The Pin	5th	Tony Khoury
Nearest The Pin	10th	N/A	Nearest The Pin	12th	Tony Kastropil
Nearest The Pin	17th	N/A	Nearest The Pin	17th	N/A

Ball Competition	
Cutoff	20
Tony Kastropil	30
Marijka Kohut	28
Peter Casey	25
Myron Flunt	23
Tony Khoury	22
Stefan Moskaljuk	22
Steve Podolczak	20

Ball Competition	
Cutoff	22
Nick Rudewych	29
Peter Casey	27
Myron Flunt	26
Adam Semciw	23
Nicholas Wasyl	23
Marijka Kohut	22
Steve Podolczak	22
Daniel Kohut	22

## PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our presentation was held at the Aussie Hotel, and an excellent venue picked by our secretary, Areta Yaremenko. We had a lovely private room with an open fire! The meals were excellent too! Wally was the photographer, well done mate!



*Marijka Kohut, Peter Casey, Sonia Semciw, Yuri Semciw, Adam Semciw, Tony Kastropil, Liza Masendycz and Mick Masendycz*

*Natasha and Stefan Moskaljuk, Jerry Cymbalak, Steve Kohut Snr., Steve Podolczak, Myron Flunt and Nick Rudewych*



*Our Winter Cup Champion - Nick Rudewych and Runner-Up - Adam Semciw*

## Next Game – Curlewis GC

<b>Date</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025
<b>Venue</b>	Curlewis GC 1201-1419 PORTARLINGTON ROAD, CURLEWIS Victoria 3222 (03) 5251 1111
<b>Meeting Time</b>	9:30am <i><b>A discounted price for players, normally \$90!</b></i>
<b>Tee Time</b>	10:00am
<b>Cost</b>	\$60 Financial Members, \$80 Non-Financial Members, Visitors \$85 Includes competition fee
<b>Game Format</b>	<i><b>Stableford</b></i> <i><b>Booked for 30 players</b></i>

Players requiring carts will need to contact the pro shop to make a booking, and pay on the day. Then advise George if they wish to share.

Players must provide proof of membership of a reciprocal rights golf club, then a credit will be raised for the discount. Get a referral letter and email the treasurer well before the day.

Remember to book via the website as early as possible, whether you are playing OR unable to play. This helps George immensely. ***Remember to pay early as we need to pay in advance for this game.***

## New Members

Bill Bright and Paul Gunn who played at Goonawarra, have now joined the club. Welcome!!!

We need more women members, does anyone know who might be interested in joining? Marijka Kohut once wrote:



Adult membership:

- \$100 (first year – includes club shirt when available)
- \$50 every other year

Junior membership is free! A club shirt is still \$50, but we'd need to order smaller sizes! 😊

Membership form is located here: [Click Here for the Membership Form](#)



## Golf Digest



### **Golf tip: A Great Golf Downswing is about Getting the Sequence Right**

This is part 2 of 6: Don't Get "Stuck" on the Downswing.

The downswing portion of your golf swing takes so little time that it is essentially impossible to make any conscious changes to your swing at that point. Once you make the move to start down toward the ball, there isn't much left that you can do to affect the outcome of the shot. In order to hit a good shot, you need to have done all the right things leading up to that point – and then swing through the ball, trusting your mechanics to do the job. From the top of the backswing down to impact only takes a fraction of a second, but there is a lot going on in that time.

This is why sequencing is so important within the golf swing as a whole, and the downswing specifically. Since you don't have enough time to make last-instant adjustments to your mechanics, you need to be sure that everything is working in the right order to deliver the club to the ball accurately. Getting all the moving parts in your swing to come together properly one after the other is one of the biggest challenges that you face as a golfer. Get your timing and sequencing right, and good golf can't be far off.

Of course, the golf down swing is where so many amateur players go wrong. Rather than focusing on the right golf downswing sequence, they instead just think about rushing the club down to the ball as fast as possible. There is no rush – as the ball isn't going to move anywhere – but still many average golfers feel like they need to be in a hurry to make contact and get the ball up into the air. One of the best things you can do for your game is to remove this sense of urgency and allow your swing to build speed naturally on the way down. The best players are the ones with an even tempo in their swing, and you should strive for the same kind of rhythm in your own game.

There is good news when it comes to this part of the game – the golf downswing sequence actually isn't complicated at all. It is a simple concept that you need to understand, and from there you will just need to work on rehearsing the proper technique until it becomes natural. You don't have to understand some complicated swing theory in order to play good golf. As long as you learn the right golf downswing sequence and put in enough effort to get comfortable with it, you can hit better shots in the very near future.





## Golf Fixture

<b>September 21<sup>st</sup> 2025</b>  Melbourne Airport GC  Meeting time: 8:00am  <i>Foresomes</i>  <b>AGM</b>	<b>October 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup></b>  Albury Commercial GC  Meeting time: Sat. Noon Sun. 8:00am  Stableford  <b>Sydney / Melbourne Challenge</b>	<b>October 26<sup>th</sup> 2025</b>  Gisborne GC  Meeting time: 8:00am  Stableford
<b>November 30<sup>th</sup> 2025</b>  Werribee GC  Meeting time: TBC Stableford	<b>December 14<sup>th</sup> 2025</b>  Yarrambat GC  <b>TBC</b>  <i>Ambrose</i>	
<b>Proposed 2026 Fixture</b>		
<b>January 25<sup>th</sup></b> Ringwood GC	<b>February 28<sup>th</sup> / 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> Horsham GC  <b>Club Championship</b>	<b>March 29<sup>th</sup></b> Werribee Park GC  <b>Matchplay Qualifier</b>
<b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b> Growling Frog GC  <b>MP Round 1</b>	<b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b> Settlers Run GC  <b>MP Round 2</b>	<b>June 28<sup>th</sup></b> Mt. Derrimut GC  <b>MP Final</b>
<b>July 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup></b> Ballarat Area  <b>Winter Cup</b>	<b>August 30<sup>th</sup></b> Werribee Park GC	<b>September 20<sup>th</sup></b> Melbourne Airport GC  <b>AGM</b>
<b>October 25<sup>th</sup></b> Melton Valley GC  <b>Melbourne/Geelong Challenge</b>	<b>November 29<sup>th</sup></b> Portarlington GC	<b>December 20<sup>th</sup></b> Gisborne GC

## Handicaps

Inclusive of July 2025 games at Mooroopna GC / Shepparton GC:

Mooroopna GC

	Men	Women
Tee	Blue	Red
Par	73	73
Scratch rating	72	74
Slope	125	126

Shepparton GC

	Men	Women
Tee	White	Red
Par	72	73
Scratch rating	71	74
Slope	127	133

\* Indicates Formal Handicapper Discretion

# Indicates Informal Handicapper Discretion

**Note:** Sometimes we don't receive the "full" handicap list, and just the daily handicaps. Therefore, the number of games played and the GA/AUVGC handicaps may not be accurate.

ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GA HCP	AUVGC HCP	SATURDAY HCP	SUNDAY HCP
1.	AITKIN Lee	50		19.4		
2.	ANOLAK Greg	264	15.7			
3.	BAGALA Tom	23		27.9		
4.	BERNYK Andrew	2		2 <sup>nd</sup> Card		
5.	BRIGHT Bill	1		1 <sup>st</sup> Card		
6.	CASEY Peter	70	24.0		24	24
7.	CHARENKO Mykola	328	21.1			
8.	CHARUCKYJ Leon	241	22.8			
9.	CROMBIE Josh	16	28.6			
10.	CROMBIE Lydia	52	14.8			
11.	CYMBALAK Jerry	371		29.2	29	30
12.	DYACHKOV Michael	37	29.1			
13.	FELNIAK Steve	151		21.3		
14.	FLUNT Myron	82		27.6	27	28
15.	GALAS Ray	290		19.9		
16.	GALAS Steve	348	24.6			
17.	GEMBAROVSKI Mathew	20		26.5		
18.	GEMBAROVSKI Mick	259		18.8		
19.	HERCZANIWSKI Paul	16		40.5		
20.	HLUCHANIC Andrij	349		30.4		
21.	HORBAN Richard	193		28.3		
22.	HUBIK Steve	77		28.4		
23.	JUDD Jason	7		34.3		
24.	KARBANENKO Yuri	7		21.2		
25.	KASTROPIL Tony	393	20.9		21	21
26.	KHOURY Tony	71		19.4	19	19

ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GA HCP	AUVGC HCP	SATURDAY HCP	SUNDAY HCP
27.	KOHUT Daniel	12		28.5	28	29
28.	KOHUT Marijka	203	21.3		23	24
29.	KOHUT Slawko	217	18.4			
30.	KOHUT Stefan	3		31	29	30
31.	KOHUT Steve Jnr	132	7.7			
32.	KOHUT Steven Snr	212	20.4		20	20
33.	KRIL Tim	12		45		
34.	KWAS Michael	291		28.5		
35.	LESIW Michael	82	26.3			
36.	MAKOHON Daniel	3		40		
37.	MAKOHON George	461	19.5			
38.	MANDYCZEWSKY Roman	1		1 <sup>st</sup> Card		
39.	MASENDYCZ Adam	2		2 <sup>nd</sup> Card		
40.	MASENDYCZ Mike	226	22.8		23	23
41.	MATKOWSKY John	14		29.7		
42.	MAZUR Alex	193	13.2			
43.	MELNYCHUK Alex	12		33.7		
44.	MOSKALJUK Stefan	18		28.7	29	29
45.	NIEMCZYK Stan	146	29.9			
46.	NOWAK Marek	92	26.3			
47.	ORFINI Wally	341	31.7			
48.	OSIDACZ Ross	3				
49.	PILLING Josh	2		2 <sup>nd</sup> Card		
50.	PODOLCZAK Steve	316		30.1	30	31
51.	POLATAJKO Jarema					
52.	POLATAJKO Stephen	30		38.8		
53.	POPOWYCZ Roman	179		25.1		
54.	RAMONETTA Joe	5		29		
55.	ROBERTSON, Adrian	23		24.9		
56.	ROMANYK Gerry	315	27.2			
57.	RUDEWYCH Nicholas	17		24.8	25	25
58.	RUDEWYCH Victor	113				
59.	SELEMBTA Taras	12		45.0		
60.	SEMANIUK John	382	24.1			
61.	SEMCIW Adam	38		21.9	22	22
62.	WARD Mike	20		33.0		
63.	WASYL Anthony	13		40.7		
64.	WASYL Nicholas	19		37.4	36	36
65.	YAREMENKO Areta	3				
66.	ZACHARIAK Roman	140				



## Membership Form

Do you know someone who is interested in joining, get them to fill out this form and send it to the Secretary, Areta Yaremenko via [aretayaremenko@gmail.com](mailto:aretayaremenko@gmail.com). It will then be discussed at the next Committee meeting.



### Association of Ukrainians in Victoria – Golf Club

3 – 11 Russell Street, Essendon Victoria 3040 Australia

#### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Version – 17 January 2022

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife / Partner's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the AUV or one of its affiliates (Y / N): \_\_\_\_

Which AUV Affiliate: \_\_\_\_\_

Ukrainian Heritage: Are you or your partner of Ukrainian Heritage (Y / N): \_\_\_\_

Membership category: Full / Junior (please circle)

Official GA Handicap (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ GA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership of any Golf Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration:** I hereby wish to apply for membership of the AUV Golf Club. I undertake to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Club, and any future amendments. I further agree to pay all fees and costs relating to my membership of the Golf Club.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Junior membership – Signature of either parent is required)

Dated: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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#### CONFIRMATION BY THE AUVGC COMMITTEE

The AUVGC Committee resolved that the above member be accepted as a member of the AUVGC Golf Club.

Membership: Full / Associate No. allocated \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_  
(President) (Secretary)

## Committee

President .....	Wally Orfini	<a href="mailto:worfini@bigpond.com">worfini@bigpond.com</a>	+61 418 587 874
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	Adam Semciw	<a href="mailto:adam_2326@msn.com">adam_2326@msn.com</a>	
	Marijka Kohut	<a href="mailto:mkohut3222@gmail.com">mkohut3222@gmail.com</a>	
Secretary .....	Areta Yaremenko	<a href="mailto:aretayaremenko@gmail.com">aretayaremenko@gmail.com</a>	

Do you want to join this committee?

Send in an application form to the Secretary, and at the AGM it'll be discussed.



### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

### **NOMINATION FORM**

**NOMINATIONS ARE SOUGHT FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS,  
WHICH ARE ALL VACANT AT THE TIME OF THE AGM:**

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Club Captain
6. Handicapper
7. Booking Officer
8. Website Manager
9. Match Committee Officers (x3)

I .....

Nominate:

(Myself) or .....

For the position of:

.....

I confirm that I am a financial member of the AUVGC.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

I confirm that I am a financial member of the AUVGC.

Witness: ..... Date: .....

## Our Sponsors



IDENTIFY • DECORATE • BRAND  
*SOLVING YOUR ENGRAVING CHALLENGES*

George Makohon's nephews, Mark and Ross Merunovich of Quadtec Laser Engraving provide free laser engraving for our club.

Members should not expect free engraving. Talk to George.

A huge thankyou on behalf of the committee.