



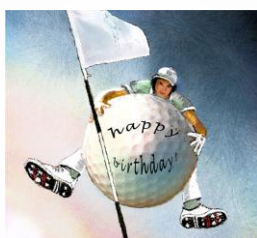
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# NEWSLETTER

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## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

### Многая Літа / Happy Birthday

Lee Aitkin  
Steve Galas  
Nick Rudewych  
John Semaniuk  
Mike Ward

## OUR CLUB DEMOGRAPHIC

Age Group	Members	
Under 20	3	5%
21 – 30	7	11%
31 – 40	6	9%
41 – 50	9	14%
51 – 60	7	11%
61 – 70	11	17%
71 – 80	22	33%
81 – 90	1	2%
Total	66	100%

## Editor's Corner

Прывіт vsim! / Greetings!

On a funny note, Marijka and her playing partners were shocked to see their ball taking flight at a golf course recently.

When a ball is moved by an outside influence, Rule 9.6 covers what to do next. First, it needs to be known or virtually certain that an outside influence has moved the ball. As per the photo, it's been confirmed.



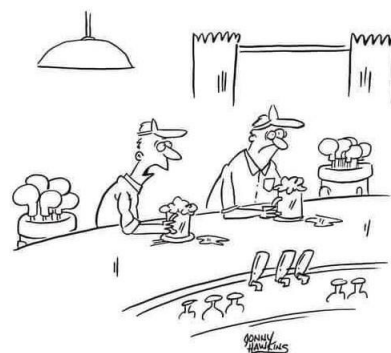
Known or virtually certain means more than just probable or possible; it means that either there is conclusive evidence that it happened, or, from all reasonable available information, it is at least 95 per cent likely that the event in question happened.

If this is the case, there is no penalty to the player and the ball must be replaced. If the exact spot isn't known, it must be estimated (Rule 14.2). The player can also clean the ball before replacing it.

**Merchandise:** I'll be putting in a new order for Club Shirts very soon. Anyone else need a larger/replacement shirt?

For a list of our merchandise, go to the website and read newsletter Edition 2 – August 2024, under Links.

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



"I've never seen anyone slice a putt before."

## Werribee GC Review

April 27<sup>th</sup> 2025: We had 29 players at Werribee, 3 late withdrawals. The forecast was for a shower or two, and a maximum of 19c. It was good to see Ray Popowycz, as it had been a long time since he was last at a game. At the start of play, the light drizzle was almost over. All bunkers were deemed GUR, which was a crowd favourite ruling. Some players...forgot! By the time the first group were on the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee, the drizzle had gone.

This game was the first of the Matchplay rounds (refer diagram on page 6), but we had a last-minute withdrawal. Lots of planning goes into organising the draw, and we asked that each participant commit to the MP games.

Rather than having the MP groups taking the first two groups, this year we split the groups across the first four groups, with a referee in each group to answer any questions in relation to rules etc.

### **A question asked was "What's the Matchplay order of play?"**

Starting First Hole. The honour is decided by the order of the draw or, if there is no draw, by agreement or by using a random method (such as tossing a coin).

Starting All Other Holes. The player who last won a hole has the honour at the next teeing area. If the hole was tied, the player with the honour at the previous teeing area keeps it.

After Both Players Start a Hole. The ball that is farther from the hole is to be played first. In all cases, if you play when it was your opponent's turn to play, there is no penalty and you play your ball as it lies, but your opponent may cancel the stroke.

Exception – Playing Out of Turn by Agreement to Save Time: To save time, you and your opponent may agree to play out of turn.

### **Another question asked was "I've an unplayable ball, what are my options?"**

- 1) Proceed under the stroke and distance provision of Rule 27-1 by playing a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5); or
- 2) Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped; or
- 3) Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole. If the unplayable ball is in a bunker, the player may proceed under Clause 1, 2 or 3. If he elects to proceed under Clause 2 or 3, a ball must be dropped in the bunker. When proceeding under this Rule, the player may lift and clean his ball or substitute a ball."

The course was a little damp underfoot, but in excellent condition.

The greens were very receptive to the high trajectory ball path.



Just a little bit of repair work.

Remember: **“Push”** the grass IN towards the middle, ***don’t lift the grass up!*** Then pat it down.

At the end of the game, we adjourned to the under-cover outside area “The Views” for a quiet one or more, a meal, and a chin-wag!

FYI – We reserved seating for 36 people by emailing “The Views, Function Bar & Grill” [bookings@theviewsfunctionbargrill.com.au](mailto:bookings@theviewsfunctionbargrill.com.au) You might be able to just turn up, but there may not be anywhere to sit.

***Someone needs to “remember” this for subsequent games here.***

I was in the first group, and had a great round going until the 18<sup>th</sup>. I sliced my ball down the hill towards the 16<sup>th</sup> tee-box. As I scrambled down the slope as steadily as I could, I heard, “I didn’t know billy goats played golf!”. The closer to the bottom I got, my speed increased, and I was almost out of control...running down the slope...phew, I made it without falling. Yeah! I searched for my ball, and there it was, about 5 metres back up the slope. I climbed back up, and Steve Felniak says “There’s no way you’re going to hit that!”. I creamed it...up and over, and lost somewhere, as nobody had a line of sight. Ended up scratching the hole. Next time, the ball can stay there!



*Orange line - original ball path, just missed staying up; Blue was the provisional ball, somewhere over the water. Yellow, too much contact...but contact none the less.*

While relaxing at the 19<sup>th</sup>, we saw several others playing from the side of the same hill. They were not as far down the slope as I was. I believe Daniel Makohon was “collecting” for his next game!


There were no group photos taken as far as I’m aware...poor form by ALL!  
You don’t have to be a committee member to take photos. Send them through to Anthony Wasyl (for the website), and Peter Casey (for possible inclusion in the newsletter).

Winner of Division 1 was Peter Casey with a steady 35 points with a handicap of 23. Runner-up by countback was Slawko Kohut on 34 points to Leon Charuckyj.

Winner of Division 2 was Daniel Kohut with 33 points with a handicap of 28. Runner-up, again by countback was John Semaniuk on 32 points, to a very surprised Andrew Hluchanic.

## All the results

 <b>WERRIBEE GOLF CLUB</b> <b>27-April-2025</b>		
<b>DIVISION 1</b>	( 0 - 23) Daily Handicap	S'ford Score
1 Peter Casey	23	35
2 Slawko Kohut	20	34
3 Leon Charuckyj	23	34
4 Nick Rudewych	23	32
5 Yuri Karbanenko	21	31
6 Steve Felniak	21	30
7 Alex Mazur	12	25
8 Michael Masendycz	21	24
9 Mick Gembarovski	18	24
10 George Makohon	19	23

 <b>WERRIBEE GOLF CLUB</b> <b>27-April-2025</b>		
<b>DIVISION 2</b>	( 24 - 36) Daily Handicap	S'ford Score
1 Daniel Kohut	28	33
2 John Semaniuk	25	32
3 Andrew Hluchanic	31	32
4 Gerry Romanyk	28	31
5 Stan Niemczyk	30	29
6 Mike Ward	32	28
7 Stephen Polatajko	36	27
8 Steve Podolczak	31	25
9 Ray Popowycz	25	25
10 Anthony Wasył	36	17
11 Daniel Makohon	3rd Card	124

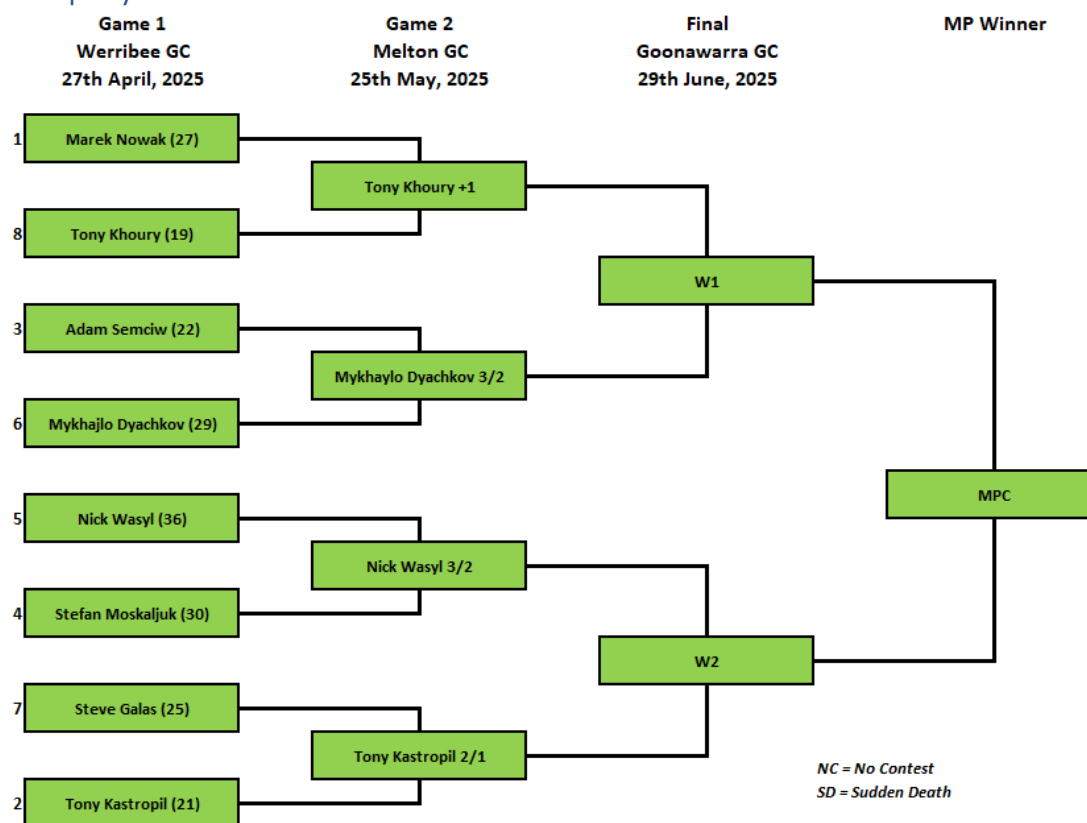
<b>Stars of the day</b>		
Division 1	Winner	<b>Peter Casey</b>
	Runner-Up	Slawko Kohut (c/b) Leon Charuckyj
Division 2	Winner	<b>Daniel Kohut</b>
	Runner-Up	John Semaniuk (c/b) Andrew Hluchanic

<b>Feature Holes</b>		
Drive 'n Chip	18th	Tony Kastropil
Longest Drive	10th	Stefan Moskaliuk
Nearest The Pin	3rd	Steve Felniak
Nearest The Pin	8th	Peter Casey
Nearest The Pin	15th	Leon Charuckyj
Nearest The Pin	17th	N/A

<b>Ball Competition</b>	
<b>Cutoff</b>	<b>28</b>
Leon Charuckyj	34
Nick Rudewych	32
Andrew Hluchanic	32
Yuri Karbanenko	31
Gerry Romanyk	31
Steve Felniak	30
Stan Niemczyk	29
Mike Ward	28



## Matchplay 2025



MP group 1 was Tony Khoury and Marek Nowak (7 shots), a late substitute for Tom Bagala. They slogged it out, and it looked like they were both trying to hand the title over to each other. Tony couldn't drive and Marek couldn't putt. It went down to the wire, where Tony had to sink a nervous 2 metre putt to win. Tony wins +1 (all square going up the 18<sup>th</sup>).

MP group 2 was Tony Kastropil and Steve Galas (4 shots), and I can report that Tony won 2/1 (up by two shots with one hole to play). From what I saw, Tony was having lots of trouble with his tee-shots early in his round, but better recover shots, not sure what Steve's game was like.

MP group 3 was Adam Semciw, always a bookie favourite, against Mykhaylo Dyachkov (7 shots). Both players are generally fairly straight off the tee, and the 7 shots were too much for Adam to claw back. Mykhaylo wins with 3/2 (up by three with two holes to play).

MP group 4 was between Stefan Moskaljuk and Nick Wasyl (6 shots). Stefan was heard to say it was the most stressful game to-date, on a course he'd never played on before. Nick was in his cart, zooming around, and positioning his cart behind Stefan to watch his shot. This annoyed Stefan, and it was too much pressure. A smiling and laughing Nick won with 3/2 (up by three with two holes to play). Nick said, "I'll never let him forget it for a month!"

The next MP game is at Melton between Tony Khoury vs. Mykhaylo Dyachkov, and Nick Wasyl vs. Tony Kastropil. Both Tony K's will need to lift their games to overcome the up-to ten shots on their opponents.

## Next Game – Melton GC

<b>Date</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
<b>Venue</b>	30/2-30 MELTON VALLEY DRIVE, MELTON Victoria 3337 (03) 9747 8216
<b>Meeting Time</b>	07:45am
<b>Tee Time</b>	08:10am
<b>Cost</b>	\$45 Visitors \$50 Includes competition fee
<b>Game Format</b>	Stableford <b>MATCHPLAY ROUND 2</b>

Players requiring carts will need to make a booking with the pro shop and 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.

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.**

## New Members

### Welcome to Stefan Kohut!

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 😊

## Golf Digest



### Golf tip: **Divots Provide Valuable Golf Swing Info**

How do you know if your swing path is outside-to-inside, straight down the line, or inside-to-out? The secret is in the dirt.

Specifically, it's in your divots. A little forensics work can uncover valuable clues lying in these slivers of sliced-out turf left by your irons and, in some cases, hybrids and fairway woods. In fact, you'd be amazed how much one little ground gash can reveal: misalignment, a faulty swing path, a swing that's too steep or shallow, and clubs that are improperly fit, among other things.

When examining divots, you're primarily hunting for three things: direction, depth and digging. Let's take them in order:

**Direction:** If you're hitting the ball consistently right or left, stand behind your divot and hold a club vertically to line it up. Which way does it point? If it's off-target, you either lined up improperly, or your swing path is out of whack.



**Depth:** If your divots are especially deep, your club will probably slow down abruptly – or even stop – after contact. Deep divots are a sign of a swing that approaches the ball on too steep of an angle, and often on an outside-to-in path. If you take very shallow divots or none at all, your swing could be too shallow and/or too far from the inside. In either case (deep or shallow), ball position could also be at fault. Too deep may mean it's too far back in your stance, causing you to hit straight down on it. The opposite applies on shallow divots.

**Digging:** Are your divots deeper in the heel section than the toe; do they reveal a toe digging in more deeply than the heel? Excess heel digging means your clubs are too upright for your posture/swing, while deep toe divots are a sign of overly flat clubs.





## Golf Fixture

<b>June 29<sup>th</sup> 2025</b>  Goonawarra GC  Meeting time: 8:00am Tee time: 8:20am <i>Stroke and Putting Comp.</i>  <b>MP Final</b>	<b>July 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2025</b>  Mooroopna/Shepparton GC  Meeting time: Sat. 8:00am Sun. 8:30am Stableford  <b>Winter Cup</b>	<b>August 31<sup>st</sup> 2025</b>  Curlewis GC  Meeting time: 9:30am Stableford
<b>September 21<sup>st</sup> 2025</b>  Melbourne Airport GC  Meeting time: 8:00am <i>Foresomes</i>  <b>AGM</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: <b>TBC</b> Stableford
<b>December 14<sup>th</sup> 2025</b>  Ringwood GC/Yarrambat GC  <b>TBC</b> <i>Ambrose</i>		

## Handicaps

Inclusive of April 2025 game at Werribee GC:

	Men	Women
Tee	Blue	Red
Par	72	74
Scratch rating	71	75
Slope	127	132

\* 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	DAILY HCP
1.	AITKIN Lee	50		19.4	
2.	ANOLAK Greg	264	15.7		
3.	BAGALA Tom	23		27.9	28
4.	BERNYK Andrew	2		2 <sup>nd</sup> Card	
5.	CASEY Peter	66	23.1		23
6.	CHARENKO Mykola	327	22.5		
7.	CHARUCKYJ Leon	242	22.8		23
8.	CROMBIE Josh	16	28.6		
9.	CROMBIE Lydia	52	14.8		
10.	CYMBALAK Jerry	367	27.3		28
11.	DYACHKOV Michael	36	29.1		29
12.	FELNIAK Steve	150		21.5	21*(-1)
13.	FLUNT Myron	80		27.6	
14.	GALAS Ray	289		19.9	
15.	GALAS Steve	347	24.6		25
16.	GEMBAROVSKI Mathew	20		26.5	27
17.	GEMBAROVSKI Mick	258		18.4	18
18.	HERCZANIWSKI Paul	13		40.1	
19.	HLUCHANIC Andrij	347		30.4	31
20.	HORBAN Richard	193		28.3	
21.	HUBIK Steve	77		28.4	
22.	JUDD Jason	7		34.3	
23.	KARBANENKO Yuri	7		21.2	21
24.	KASTROPIL Tony	390	20.9		21
25.	KHOURY Tony	68		19.4	19
26.	KOHUT Daniel	9		28.6	28*(-1)
27.	KOHUT Marijka	199	22.4		
28.	KOHUT Slawko	214	20.1		20

ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GA HCP	AUVGC HCP	DAILY HCP
29.	KOHUT Stefan	2		2 <sup>nd</sup> Card	
30.	KOHUT Steve Jnr	132	7.7		
31.	KOHUT Steven Snr	210	21.6		
32.	KRIL Tim	12		45	36
33.	KWAS Michael	291		28.5	29
34.	LESIW Michael	82	26.3		
35.	MAKOHON Daniel	3			3 <sup>rd</sup> Card
36.	MAKOHON George	459	19.5		19
37.	MANDYCZEWSKY Roman	1		1 <sup>st</sup> Card	
38.	MASENDYCZ Adam	2		2 <sup>nd</sup> Card	
39.	MASENDYCZ Mike	224	21.4		21
40.	MATKOWSKY John	14		29.7	
41.	MAZUR Alex	192	13.1		13
42.	MELNYCHUK Alex	12		33.7	
43.	MOSKALJUK Stefan	14		29.3	30
44.	NIEMCZYK Stan	145	29.7		30
45.	NOWAK Marek	91	25.1		25
46.	ORFINI Wally	340	32.7		32
47.	OSIDACZ Ross	3			
48.	PILLING Josh	2		2 <sup>nd</sup> Card	
49.	PODOLCZAK Steve	313		30.1	31
50.	POLATAJKO Jarema				
51.	POLATAJKO Stephen	29		38.8	36
52.	POPOWYCZ Roman	179		25.1	25
53.	RAMONDETTA Joe	5		29	
54.	ROBERTSON, Adrian	23		24.9	
55.	ROMANYK Gerry	314	27.2		28
56.	RUDEWYCH Nicholas	14		23.7	23*(-1)
57.	RUDEWYCH Victor	113			
58.	SELEMBBA Taras	12		45.0	
59.	SEMANIUK John	380	24.7		25
60.	SEMCIW Adam	34		21.9	22
61.	WARD Mike	18		31.5	32
62.	WASYL Anthony	12		40.7	36
63.	WASYL Nicholas	15		36.9	36
64.	YAREMENKO Areta	3			
65.	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 Club President, Wally [worfini@bigpond.com](mailto:worfini@bigpond.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

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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 Secretary
- 2 Treasurer
- 3 Club Captain
- 4 Handicapper
- 5 Bookings Officer
- 6 Website Manager
- 7 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: .....