



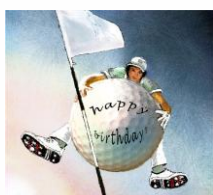
AUVGC



# NEWSLETTER

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## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

### Многая Літа / Happy Birthday

Casey, Peter  
Felniak, Steve  
Gembarovski, Matthew  
Kohut, Steve Jnr  
Masendycz, Adam

## OUR CLUB DEMOGRAPHIC

Age Group	Members	
Under 20	3	4%
21 – 30	7	11%
31 – 40	6	9%
41 – 50	9	13%
51 – 60	7	11%
61 – 70	11	17%
71 – 80	22	33%
81 – 90	1	2%
Total	66	100%

## Editor's Corner

Pryvit vsim! / Greetings!

Welcome to the 2025-2026 season.

Club shirts are now available, let me know what size you require and remember to pay \$50.

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

## Memberships Due

Now that it's July, your annual membership of \$50 is due. Please pay this as soon as possible. If you have a credit with the club, you can redeem 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 a reference so the treasurer doesn't have to guess who you are, and what you are paying for.



## Goonawarra GC Review

June 29<sup>th</sup> 2025: We had 20 players at Goonawarra which included 2 visitors. Several late withdrawals due to cart availability, and others unable to attend. It was a nice start to the day, as the weather wasn't too bad, and the wind was slight. The rule of the day was lift, clean and place in the fairway and the rough. Not a good omen.

The Matchplay Final was held between Tony Kastropil and Tony Khoury, more details in the Matchplay section.

The format for the day was Scratch PLUS a putting competition. Every time you used your putter, whether on or off the green, it was "supposed" to count as a putt. A tweak to the rules: a maximum of 9 shots per hole, and if you didn't complete your putting then three putts was to be assigned.



Reminder for those paying cash on the day...I'm not an ATM! Correct monies please, and no loose change, else a credit will be raised.

Being in the last group, I saw many a great drive, and a couple of players that didn't get passed the lady's tee. Thinking themselves safe, some players started looking for the ball that went into the scrub right of the tee-box, to have another toed shot heading into the same location. There was a shout, you could have yelled "Fore!".

We were stunned watching Daniel Kohut on the par-3 3<sup>rd</sup>. After putting his first ball into the water, rolling in up near the green, then taking a one-shot penalty, he then chipped it in for par. What a shot!

It was heard at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole that George Makohon also had a chip in. But the best was Stefan Moskaljuk, who on the par 5 8<sup>th</sup>, after a duffed second and third shots, pitched it in from 75m out. He would have been happy with a par, but had to settle for birdie and zero putts.

I personally found the bunkers a nightmare, especially when the ball plugged. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, I managed the trifecta and landed in all three bunkers on the right. After about six shots, which included a couple of double hits, I made it to the green. Not a great start to the back 9.



Putting was not the best for the majority of players as only 5 players were under 40 putts: Stefan Moskaljuk 33, Slawko Kohut 37, Mike Ward 37, Andrew Hluchanic 38 and Jerry Cymbalak 39.


The speed of play needs to improve for our games, as there was a huge gap from the first to last (fifth) group.

## All the results



### GOONAWARRA GOLF CLUB

**29-June-2025**



		( 0 - 24 )				
DIVISION 1		Stroke Score	Daily Handicap	Nett Score	Total Putts	Putt % of Stroke Score
1	MOSKALJUK, Stefan	96	28	68	33	34%
2	KOHUT, Slawko	89	18	71	37	42%
3	GEMBAROVSKI, Mick	94	17	77	41	44%
4	KOHUT, Daniel	104	27	77	41	39%
5	CYMBALAK, Jerry	104	27	77	39	38%
6	HLUCHANIC, Andrew	108	29	79	38	35%
7	KOHUT, Marijka	102	22	80	46	45%
8	SEMANIUK, John	107	23	84	41	38%
9	POLATAJKO, Stephen	121	36	85	46	38%
10	SEMCIW, Adam	107	21	86	41	38%
11	MAKOHON, George	107	18	89	43	40%
12	WARD, Mike	122	31	91	37	30%
13	CASEY, Peter	115	22	93	47	41%
14	HERCZENIWSKI, Paul	130	36	94	50	38%
15	WASYL, Nick	130	35	95	49	38%
16	KOHUT, Stefan	102	3rd Card		44	43%
17	BRIGHT, Bill (Visitor)	122			43	35%
18	GUNN, Paul (Visitor)	116			43	37%

#### Ball Competition

<b>Cutoff</b>	<b>85</b>
GEMBAROVSKI, Mick	77
KOHUT, Daniel	77
CYMBALAK, Jerry	77
HLUCHANIC, Andrew	79
KOHUT, Marijka	80
SEMANIUK, John	84
POLATAJKO, Stephen	85

#### Putting Contest

MOSKALJUK, Stefan	68
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#### Stars of the day

Division 1	Winner	MOSKALJUK, Stefan
	Runner-Up	KOHUT, Slawko
Division 2	Winner	
	Runner-Up	
Putting Contest	Winner	MOSKALJUK, Stefan 33
	Runner-Up	KOHUT, Slawko 37
		WARD, Mike 37

#### Feature Holes

Drive 'n Chip	6th	KASTROPIL, Tony
Longest Drive	18th	MOSKALJUK, Stefan
Nearest The Pin	3rd	GEMBAROVSKI, Mick
Nearest The Pin	5th	KASTROPIL, Tony
Nearest The Pin	7th	MOSKALJUK, Stefan
Nearest The Pin	16th	KOHUT, Slawko

## Matchplay 2025

The MP final at Goonawarra was between Tony Kastropil (TKA) and Tony Khoury (TKH). This was expected to be a battle in all aspects of the game, as TKH had to give only 2 shots to TKA.

TKA is generally excellent until he gets onto the green, and TKH is generally excellent when on the green, it all depended on whether his driver was working on the day. Which TK was going to win? The un-official bookie had TKA at 5-3, and TKH at 4-1.

Off the first tee, TKA was down the middle, and TKH topped his to the left, but it ran along way. From our vantage point from the first tee, it appeared that TKH had a brilliant second, while TKA was short of the green. TKH wins the first!

Player: Tony KASTROPIL  
Tony KHOURY  
29 JUN 2025  
event.date S/R: 89.0 Slope: 119  
comp.type Tee: Blue  
H/C 20 Golfink  
plc 20 player(1).gr  
Par: 70 event.time  
MARK GROSS SCORE ONLY. USE PEN OR DARK PENCIL.

Holes	Par	Index	Player	Result	Marker	Result	Hole
316	4	13/32/53				+1	1
378	4	3/21/37				+1	2
153	3	9/31/51				+1	3
406	4	1/19/38				+1	4
129	3	12/33/52				+1	5
265	4	18/36/49				-	6
148	3	17/35/54				+1	7
495	5	5/22/41				+1	8
319	4	14/30/50				-	9
2609	34					1	6

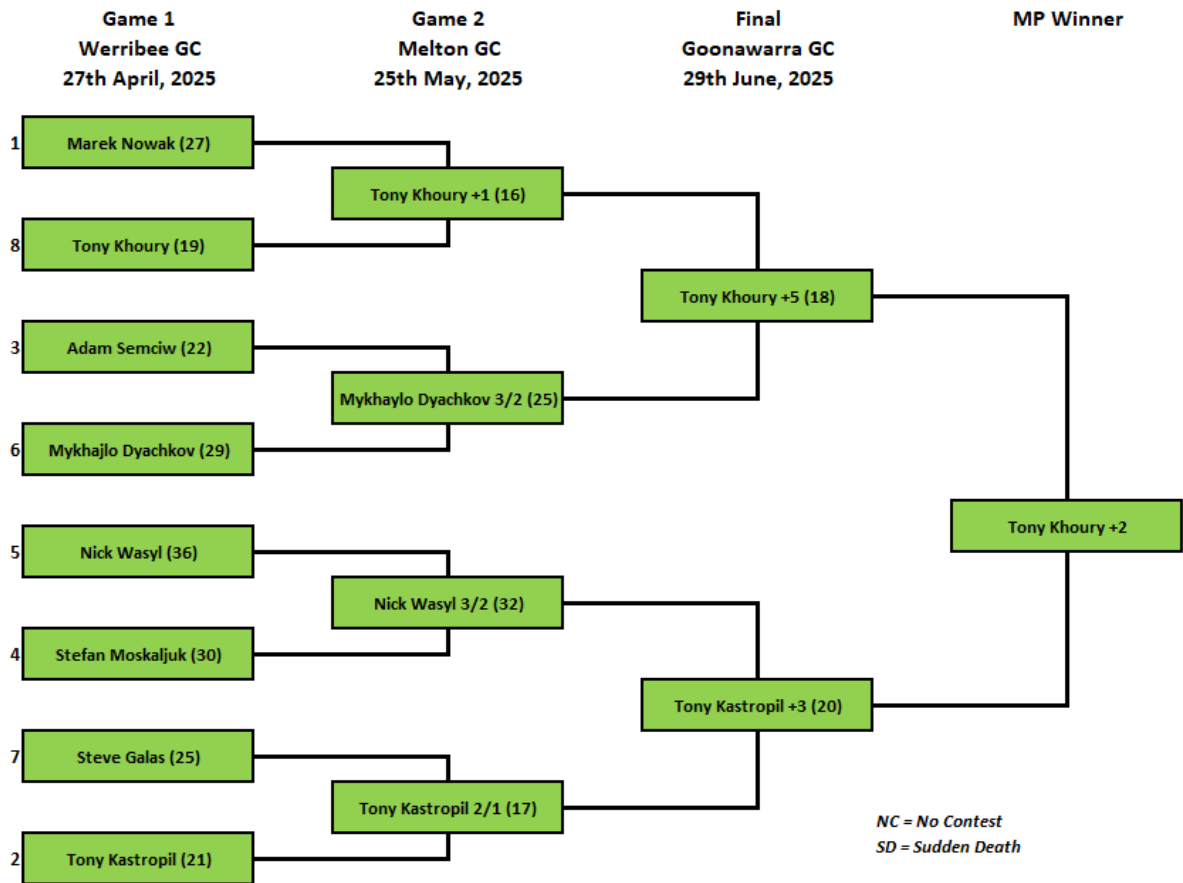
Holes	Par	Index	Player	Result	Marker	Result	Hole
152	3	6/25/45				+1	10
331	4	7/24/44				+1	11
483	5	4/23/39				-	12
290	4	10/29/46				+1	13
346	4	8/26/43				+1	14
448	5	16/28/47				-	15
159	3	15/34/48				+1	16
331	4	11/27/42				+1	17
388	4	2/20/40					18
2928	36						

IN  
OUT  
GROSS  
H/C  
Player: TK

As you can see from the scorecard, TKH was off to a flier, winning the first four holes. At the turn, TKH was +5. TKA started to get into gear winning the next two. Alas, it was a tough day for him as he had a nearest the pin, and the drive 'n chip, but still lost the hole 😞. This basically summed up TKA's day.

Our Matchplay Champion for 2025 is Tony Khoury, beating Tony Kastropil +2.

Congratulations Tony Khoury!



## Next Game – Winter Cup

<b>Date</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> July, 2025		
<b>Venue</b>	Mooroopna GC (Saturday) 2 Fairway Drive, Mooroopna Vic. 3629 – 03 5825 4135 Reciprocal rights: Melbourne Airport GC – 50% green fees (Proof required)		
	Shepparton GC (Sunday) 15 Golf Drive, Shepparton Vic. 3630 – 03 5821 2717 Reciprocal rights: Curlewis GC – 50% green fees (Proof required)		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	12:30pm Sat.	8:30am Sun.	
<b>Tee Time</b>	01:00pm Sat.	9:00am Sun.	
<b>Cost</b>	\$90	Visitors \$100	Includes competition fee
	Carts: \$55 per day, to be paid at club house.		
<b>Game Format</b>	<b>Stableford</b> Booked for 24 players and 6 carts		

***Since the Saturday tee time is 1:00pm for the first group, we need to ensure that speed of play is picked up across the board, otherwise the last groups will be finishing in the dark.***

Players requiring carts will need to make a booking/pay 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. 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.***

**Accommodation:** Shepparton Motels (Wyndhamere Motel)

**Prizes:** 36-hole stableford “Winter Cup” champion \$100  
A Winter Cup perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winner to hold for a few months. It will be engraved with the players details.  
Runner-Up \$25  
Daily events: Feature holes, Ball Competitions.  
Payments: Credits will be raised where required.

**Presentation Dinner:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at 6:00pm  
Shepparton Club  
455 Wyndham Street, Shepparton

## New Members

No new members.

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 😊

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

## Ukraine Support Fund



Help Us Raise \$100,000 to Provide Bone Fixators for Front Line Hospitals in Ukraine.

Working to positively impact the lives of people affected by the devastating conflict in Ukraine now and into the future.

Learn more via the website: <https://www.usfaustralia.org/>

The Ukraine Support Fund Limited is registered with The Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC). The Ukraine Support Fund Limited is endorsed by the Australian Taxation office as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).

All donations greater than \$2 are tax-deductible.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Areta Yaremenko and Peter Casey (committee members of the Association of Ukrainians in Victoria Golf Club – AUVGC) are doing a 5K run to raise money for the Ukraine Support Fund Australia.

The AUVGC has kindly donated \$500 to support this cause.

Thank you for your support.

## Golf Digest



### Golf tip: Don't Get "Stuck" on the Downswing

If you've watched much professional golf on television, you've heard commentators opine about players getting "stuck" on the downswing, causing either a push or a hook. Here's what they're talking about – and how to avoid it.

Getting "stuck" refers to a downswing in which the arms and hands lag too far behind the hips and chest. This is also called getting the arms "trapped" behind the body. Typically, two things happen: Either the clubhead fails to catch up at impact, sending the ball right (called "blocking" the shot); or the player, subconsciously sensing the timing error, slows the lower body and/or speeds up the arms and hands, flipping them at the last instant and producing a hook.

Getting stuck produces an exaggerated inside-to-out clubhead path into the ball, often with the arms and hands too close to the body. Try this practice drill to overcome the tendency:

1. Place a light object, such as a clubhead cover or water bottle, a foot or so behind the ball and about six inches inside the line.
2. Make a backswing that takes the club outside the object (in other words, the object is between you and the clubhead).
3. Hit the ball with the club again traveling outside the object, along the line of your takeaway.

This drill will force your arms farther from your body and help keep the hips, chest and arms in synch.



## Golf Fixture

<b>August 31<sup>st</sup> 2025</b>  Curlewis GC  Meeting time: 9:30am  Stableford  <b>Subsidised Event</b>	<b>September 21<sup>st</sup> 2025</b>  Melbourne Airport GC  Meeting time: 8:00am  <b>Foresomes</b>  <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  TBC  <b>Ambrose</b>
<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 June 2025 game at Goonawarra GC:

	Men	Women
Tee	Blue	Red
Par	70	70
Scratch rating	69	71
Slope	119	120

\* 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	
4.	BERNYK Andrew	2		2 <sup>nd</sup> Card	
5.	CASEY Peter	68	23.1		22
6.	CHARENKO Mykola	328	21.1		
7.	CHARUCKYJ Leon	242	22.8		
8.	CROMBIE Josh	16	28.6		
9.	CROMBIE Lydia	52	14.8		
10.	CYMBALAK Jerry	369		27.3	27
11.	DYACHKOV Michael	37	29.1		
12.	FELNIAK Steve	150		21.3	
13.	FLUNT Myron	80		27.6	
14.	GALAS Ray	290		19.9	
15.	GALAS Steve	348	25.1		
16.	GEMBAROVSKI Mathew	20		26.5	
17.	GEMBAROVSKI Mick	259		18.4	17
18.	HERCZANIWSKI Paul	14		40.1	38
19.	HLUCHANIC Andrij	349		30.3	29
20.	HORBAN Richard	193		28.3	
21.	HUBIK Steve	77		28.4	
22.	JUDD Jason	7		34.3	
23.	KARBANENKO Yuri	7		21.2	
24.	KASTROPIL Tony	392	20.9		20
25.	KHOURY Tony	70		19.4	18
26.	KOHUT Daniel	10		28.6	27
27.	KOHUT Marijka	201	21.9		22
28.	KOHUT Slawko	216	20.0		18

ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GA HCP	AUVGC HCP	DAILY HCP
29.	KOHUT Stefan	3		3 <sup>rd</sup> Card	3 <sup>rd</sup> Card
30.	KOHUT Steve Jnr	132	7.7		
31.	KOHUT Steven Snr	210	21.6		
32.	KRIL Tim	12		45	
33.	KWAS Michael	291		28.5	
34.	LESIW Michael	82	26.3		
35.	MAKOHON Daniel	3			
36.	MAKOHON George	461	19.5		18
37.	MANDYCZEWSKY Roman	1		1 <sup>st</sup> Card	
38.	MASENDYCZ Adam	2		2 <sup>nd</sup> Card	
39.	MASENDYCZ Mike	224	21.4		
40.	MATKOWSKY John	14		29.7	
41.	MAZUR Alex	193	13.2		
42.	MELNYCHUK Alex	12		33.7	
43.	MOSKALJUK Stefan	16		29.3	28
44.	NIEMCZYK Stan	146	29.9		
45.	NOWAK Marek	92	26.3		
46.	ORFINI Wally	340	32.7		
47.	OSIDACZ Ross	3			
48.	PILLING Josh	2		2 <sup>nd</sup> Card	
49.	PODOLCZAK Steve	314		30.1	
50.	POLATAJKO Jarema				
51.	POLATAJKO Stephen	30		38.8	37
52.	POPOWYCZ Roman	179		25.1	
53.	RAMONDETTA Joe	5		29	
54.	ROBERTSON, Adrian	23		24.9	
55.	ROMANYK Gerry	315	27.2		
56.	RUDEWYCH Nicholas	15		23.7	
57.	RUDEWYCH Victor	113			
58.	SELEMBBA Taras	12		45.0	
59.	SEMANIUK John	382	24.1		23
60.	SEMCIW Adam	36		21.9	21
61.	WARD Mike	20		32.2	31
62.	WASYL Anthony	14		40.7	39
63.	WASYL Nicholas	16		36.9	35
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 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.

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

(Junior membership – Signature of either parent is required)

#### 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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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
- 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: .....

## Our Sponsors



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*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.