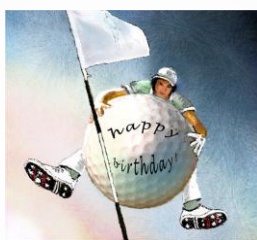


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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Многая Літа / Happy Birthday

Charenko, Michael
Hubik, Steve
Makohon, Daniel
Mandyczewsky, Roman
Orfini, Wally
Podolczak, Steve
Polatajko, Stephen

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%



AUVGC



NEWSLETTER

Editor's Corner

Прывіт vsim! / Greetings!

This edition marks a full year of newsletters. This was an interesting exercise, and fun to do at the same time. Where else do you get to “write” almost anything about other players.

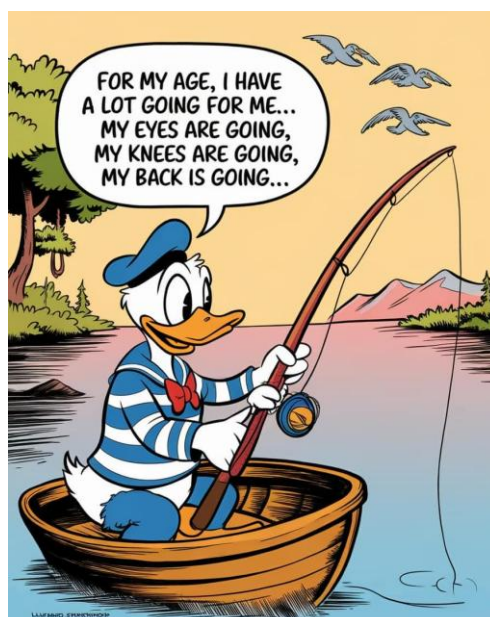


The Winter Cup is fast approaching, so book your accommodation and come along for a fun weekend on July 26th – 27th, 2025. This year it's at Mooroopna GC and Shepparton GC. Several people have booked into the Wyndhamere Motel, Shepparton.

Meeting time:	Sat. 12:30pm	Tee-off 1:00pm
	Sun. 8:30am	Tee-off 9:00am
Cost:	\$90	(Guests \$100)

I've placed an order for golf shirts, so I'll let you know when they arrive.

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



I know it's not a golf picture, but thought it appropriate.

Melton GC Review

May 25th 2025: We had 28 players at Melton for round 2 of the Matchplay Championship. Several late withdrawals, and late inclusions. George was constantly changing the draw. Remember to let us know if you are joining the next game...as early as possible, and then pay the green fees. Today we teed off the 10th tee.

The final four contenders of Matchplay were: Tony Khoury Hcp 16 vs. Mykhaylo Dyachkov Hcp 25 (9 shots), and Nick Wasyl Hcp 32 (15 shots) vs. Tony Kastropil Hcp 17. A big ask for both Tony's with the number of shots given. I'll cover the details in the MP section.

A huge milestone game for Marijka Kohut who played her 200th game, and Steve Felniak 150 games.

The weather was chilly at the start, but after many holes we could start to take some layers off.



Our Los Angeles member, Adrian Robertson was back for another game. A tad rusty, but the game at Ivanhoe the previous Sunday cleared some of the cobwebs. His first drive of the day startled several as it rocketed down the left side of the fairway. What a hit. The group in front, were surprised several times as he somehow missed them. The best was on the par 4 5th, a dogleg left where he was only going to take it easy to get it in the middle of the fairway. Boom...it was a monster. The red line was the intended target; it went past the golf cart! Oops. Within 10 metres short of the green!

Marijka was sharing a cart with Nick Wasyl and this gave her a new view of the course travelling to different fairways for Nick to play back onto the current one. Normally, she'd be on the correct fairway herself.

The general consensus was that the pin placements on the greens were not friendly, and the shape of the greens caused many a ball to roll off...some several times. I have it on good authority, that for Melton, you have to land on the green, not chip and run.

I heard that on another area of the course, a ball got stuck up a tree. Then the "tree" iron came out... Looks like a great attempt. A golfers Christmas Tree, using clubs rather than lights. Alas, another club was required to get the club back.





Michael Charenko was in the last group, and as he stated with three other golfers who were constantly looking for their ball. He won division 1 with 32 points. They were a long way behind the second last group.

Note: Only THREE minutes looking for a ball. Declare it as lost, go to the edge of the fairway and take a two-shot penalty.

Steve Galas, using his local knowledge of his home course, won division 2 with 33 points, and it was heard that Jerry Cymbalak wants to be in Steve's group next time for a rematch, as he was beaten by one shot.

All the results

 Melton Golf Club 25-May-2025			
		(0 - 20)	
		Daily	S'ford
DIVISION 1		Handicap	Score
1	Mick Charenko	18	32
2	John Semaniuk	20	30
3	Alex Mazur	10	27
4	Adam Semciw	18	27
5	Peter Casey	19	27
6	George Makohon	16	25
7	Adrian Robertson	20	25
8	Steve Felniak	18	24
9	Nick Rudewych	20	24
10	Slawko Kohut	17	21
11	Ray Galas	16	17
12			
13			
14			
15			

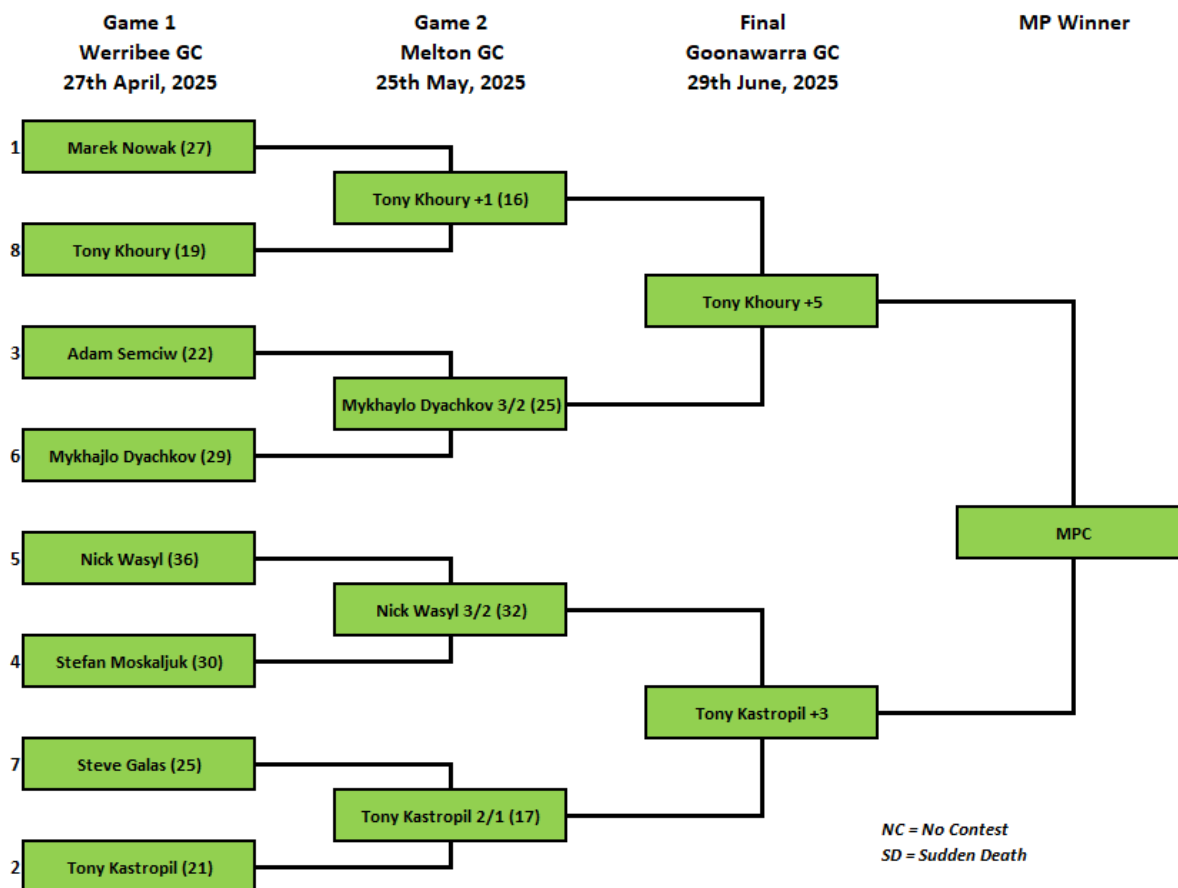
 Melton Golf Club 25-May-2025			
		(21 - 36)	
		Daily	S'ford
DIVISION 2		Handicap	Score
1	Steve Galas	21	33
2	Jerry Cymbalak	23	32
3	Marek Nowak	22	30
4	Marijka Kohut	22	29
5	Gerry Romanyk	23	28
6	Stan Niemczyk	26	27
7	Mike Ward	28	25
8	Steve Podolczak	26	19
9	Anthony Wasył	36	17
10	Andrew Hluchanic	26	16
11	Stefan Moskaljuk	25	14
12	Ivan Semciw	Vistor	22
13			
14			
15			

Stars of the day		
Division 1	Winner	M. Charenko
	Runner-Up	J. Semaniuk
Division 2	Winner	S. Galas
	Runner-Up	J. Cymbalak

Feature Holes		
Drive 'n Chip	1st	M. Ward
Longest Drive	7th	T. Khoury
Nearest The Pin	6th	S. Kohut
Nearest The Pin	9th	A. Semciw
Nearest The Pin	14th	J. Cymbalak
Nearest The Pin	18th	M. Nowak

Ball Competition	
Cutoff	27
J. Cymbalak	32
J. Semaniuk	30
M. Novak	30
M. Kohut	29
G. Romanyk	28
A. Mazur	27
A. Semciw	27
P. Casey	27
S. Niemczyk	27

Matchplay 2025



Even though both Tony's gave away 8+ shots, their opponents struggled to apply pressure to force errors.

Tony Khoury was playing better than he did at Werribee, and this put too much pressure on Mykhaylo Dyachkov, going down early on the back 9 (aka front 9) with +5.

It was rumoured the Tony Kastropil wasn't playing as good as he did at Werribee, but Nick Wasyl was too erratic. Tony winning with three holes to go (+3).

The MP final is at Goonawarra between Tony Kastropil and Tony Khoury. This should be a battle in all aspects of the game, as they are close in handicap. Tony Khoury may have to give 2 shots to Tony Kastropil.

Next Game – Goonawarra

Date	29 th June 2025
Venue	
Meeting Time	08:00am
Tee Time	08:20am
Cost	\$60 Visitors \$65 Includes competition fee
Game Format	Stroke & Putting Competition MATCHPLAY FINAL

To speed up play, once you get to 9 shots, pick up and get an automatic three putts. Note: A putt is ANYTIME you use the putter. It doesn't matter if you were off the green!

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

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 😊

Golf Digest



Golf tip: **Avoid Chili-Dip by Accelerating on Chip Shots: Golf Tip**

The chili-dip is not nearly as delicious as it sounds. In fact, this rotten little shot can leave a bad taste in your mouth.

“Chili-dip” is golfer slang for a fat chip or pitch shot played from near the green. The club hits the turf behind the ball, which goes a few yards (or less) and comes up well short of the target. It's downright maddening.

Golfers who chili-dip are usually guilty of:

- 1) Trying to lift or scoop the ball into the air by flipping their wrists at it, or
- 2) Failing to accelerate the clubhead through the shot.

If you tend to overuse the hands and hit a lot of fat chips, this video tip has the cure: <https://golf-info-guide.com/video-golf-tips/hit-down-to-stop-scooping-chip-shots-video/>

If you think your problem is a decelerating clubhead, read on.

It seems the closer golfers get to the hole, the less aggressive we become. If anything, most of us swing too hard with a driver, hybrid or iron in hand. But once we're on or near the green, we turn into giant chickens, deathly afraid of hitting the ball past the cup.

That's a losing mentality. First of all, going too far is usually no worse than coming up an equal distance short. In fact, it's better – by going long, at least the ball has a chance to go in. The biggest problem lies in what a tentative mindset does to our swing or stroke.

The club must accelerate into the ball on a chip or pitch shot – same as with a driver or iron. If the clubhead slows down approaching the ball, the best you can hope for is to make decent contact and come up short. More likely, you'll hit behind it.

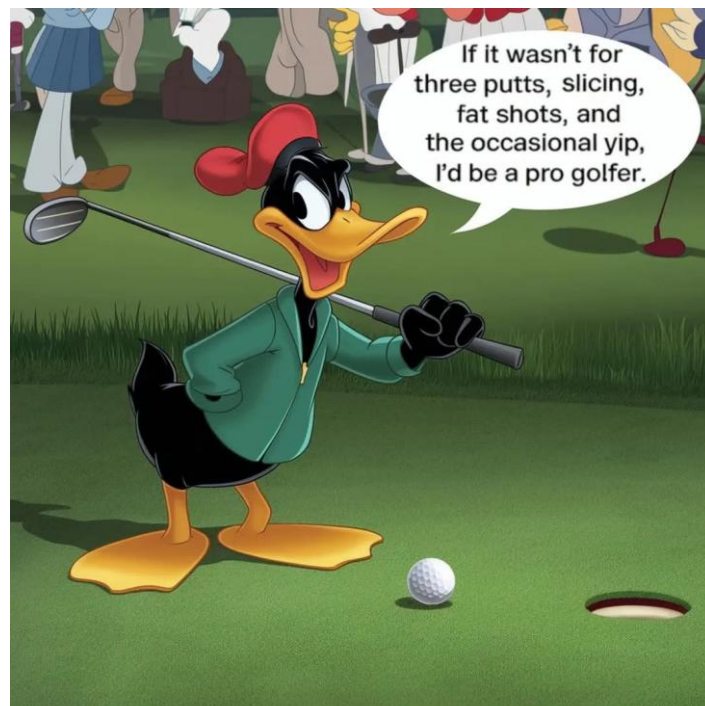
Of course, you can't just flip a switch and change from a timid chipper to an aggressive one, right? Nope. That's why you must build a fundamentally sound method that you trust. The key to chipping is a simple matter of making crisp contact. Do this and you'll control the ball with proper trajectory and backspin.



Then again, even golfers with solid technique sometimes lose their confidence. If you've become apprehensive around the greens, try this easy drill to get your mojo back:

- On the practice green, set up for a straightforward chip of 20-30 feet. Choose the club and setup you'd normally use for this shot.
- Hit three shots exactly as you would on the course, noting the length of your backswing and follow-through.
- Now hit three shots with a backswing half as long as normal, but with a longer follow-through. Don't worry about where the ball goes.
- To make a longer follow-through with a shortened backswing, you'll have to accelerate through the shot. Continue practicing this way, varying your distance after every few tries.

Which would you rather do: Chip the ball six feet past the hole, or chili-dip it short of the green? Chip fearlessly and you'll find the results much more appetizing.



Golf Fixture

July 26th – 27th 2025 Mooroopna/Shepparton GC Meeting time: Sat. 12:30pm Sun. 8:30am Stableford Cost: \$90 (Guests \$100) Winter Cup	August 31st 2025 Curlewis GC Meeting time: 9:30am Stableford	September 21st 2025 Melbourne Airport GC Meeting time: 8:00am Foresomes AGM
October 26th 2025 Gisborne GC Meeting time: 8:00am Stableford	November 30th 2025 Werribee GC Meeting time: TBC Stableford	December 14th 2025 Yarrambat GC TBC Ambrose
Proposed 2026 Fixture – Yet to be discussed by the committee		
January 25th Ringwood GC	February 28th / 1st March Horsham GC Club Championship	March 29th Werribee GC Matchplay Qualifier
April 26th Growling Grof GC MP Round 1	May 31st Mt. Derrimut GC MP Round 2	June 28th Goonawarra GC MP Final
July 25th – 26th Ballarat Area Winter Cup	August 30th Melbourne Airport GC	September 20th Werribee GC AGM
October 25th Melton Valley GC Melbourne/Geelong	November 29th Portarlinton GC	December 20th Gisborne GC

Do you have a course in mind that we should consider?

Handicaps

Inclusive of May 2025 game at Melton 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 nd Card	
5.	CASEY Peter	67	23.1		19
6.	CHARENKO Mykola	328	21.1		18
7.	CHARUCKYJ Leon	242	22.8		23
8.	CROMBIE Josh	16	28.6		
9.	CROMBIE Lydia	52	14.8		
10.	CYMBALAK Jerry	368		27.3	23
11.	DYACHKOV Michael	37	29.1		25
12.	FELNIAK Steve	150		21.3	21
13.	FLUNT Myron	80		27.6	
14.	GALAS Ray	290		19.9	16
15.	GALAS Steve	348	25.1		21
16.	GEMBAROVSKI Mathew	20		26.5	27
17.	GEMBAROVSKI Mick	258		18.4	18
18.	HERCZANIWSKI Paul	13		40.1	
19.	HLUCHANIC Andrij	348		30.3	26
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	391	20.9		17
25.	KHOURY Tony	69		19.4	16
26.	KOHUT Daniel	9		28.6	
27.	KOHUT Marijka	200	21.9		22
28.	KOHUT Slawko	215	20.0		17

ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GA HCP	AUVGC HCP	DAILY HCP
29.	KOHUT Stefan	2		2 nd 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 rd Card
36.	MAKOHON George	460	19.5		16
37.	MANDYCZEWSKY Roman	1		1 st Card	
38.	MASENDYCZ Adam	2		2 nd Card	
39.	MASENDYCZ Mike	224	21.4		21
40.	MATKOWSKY John	14		29.7	
41.	MAZUR Alex	193	13.2		10
42.	MELNYCHUK Alex	12		33.7	
43.	MOSKALJUK Stefan	15		29.3	25
44.	NIEMCZYK Stan	146	29.9		26
45.	NOWAK Marek	92	26.3		22
46.	ORFINI Wally	340	32.7		32
47.	OSIDACZ Ross	3			
48.	PILLING Josh	2		2 nd Card	
49.	PODOLCZAK Steve	314		30.1	26
50.	POLATAJKO Jarema				
51.	POLATAJKO Stephen	29		38.8	
52.	POPOWYCZ Roman	179		25.1	25
53.	RAMONDETTA Joe	5		29	
54.	ROBERTSON, Adrian	23		24.9	
55.	ROMANYK Gerry	315	27.2		23
56.	RUDEWYCH Nicholas	15		23.7	20
57.	RUDEWYCH Victor	113			
58.	SELEMBBA Taras	12		45.0	
59.	SEMANIUK John	381	24.1		20
60.	SEMCIW Adam	35		21.9	18
61.	WARD Mike	19		32.2	28
62.	WASYL Anthony	13		40.7	36
63.	WASYL Nicholas	15		36.9	32
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. 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: ____ / ____ / ____

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)

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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

21st 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: