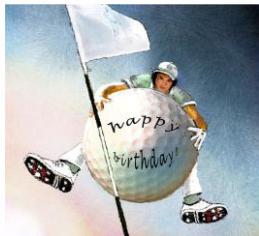


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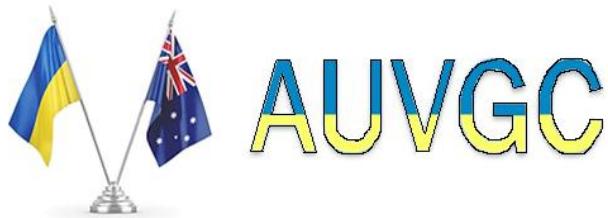
BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Многая Літа / Happy Birthday

Flunt, Myron
Judd, Jason
Khoury, Tony
Kwas, Mick
Moskaljuk, Stefan
Polatajko, Jarema
Selomba, Taras
Wasyl, Anthony

OUR CLUB DEMOGRAPHIC

Age Group	Members	
Under 20	3	4%
21 – 30	6	9%
31 – 40	7	10%
41 – 50	9	13%
51 – 60	8	12%
61 – 70	10	15%
71 – 80	25	35%
81 – 90	1	2%
Total	69	100%



NEWSLETTER

Editor's Corner

Pryvit vsim! / Greetings!



Happy New Year!

For those that celebrate the traditional Christmas on the 6th & 7th January:

Khrystos Rodyvsia – Slavim Yoho
Christ is Born – Let us Glorify Him
Veselykh Svyat - Happy Feasts



Get Well Soon

Steve Felniaik is recovering from kidney surgery and home from hospital, and Adam Semciw took his son Yuri skateboarding, where he fell and broke his right ankle.

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



"Why, there's a set of clubs exactly like mine!"

Yarrambat Golf Club Review

14th December, 2025: For our last game of the year, we had 28 players, which included a guest, Peter Cantwell. It was going to be interesting to see who could handle the undulating tee boxes, and the diabolical greens with many false fronts...too much power and the ball was off the green. Several areas with water that looked ready for many golf balls, mine included. A massive group of players in front of us, and while we waited several players went back to their cars to get warmer clothing as a chilly wind was blowing.

Several ordinary drives off the first tee, but I was the only one to hook their ball into the water on the 18th. Not a great start to the day. One monster drive by Nick Rudewych who had an easy chip onto the green. A nervous downhill putt, and an easy uphill one for par. A great start to the game with 3 points. The head wind was very difficult to negotiate, and trying to keep your golf ball out of the water another challenge.

It's important that the first group puts out the markers, and the last group to pick them up. Oops, they only realised on the second par 3 that they forgot to get the first marker. Thankfully Marijka had a cart and could collect it faster.



Winners are grinners: Nick Wasyl, Mykhaylo Dychakov, Daniel Kohut, Tony Kastropil and Mike Ward. Steve Kohut Jnr was not available. Josh Pilling happily photo-bombing.



On the 16th downhill par 3, over water, I saw Tony Khouri's awesome drive. It looked very close from the tee-box, but was about a club length away. Three out of four landed on the green. Alas, he missed the birdie as a tricky downhill putt that meandered too far left.

Mike Ward had a great day on the Par 3's, as he was in the first group, and got the first two nearest the pins. He was later heard to say, "*I'm surprised nobody beat them!*".

On the longest drive, into a head wind, Nick Wasyl got the "**Big Dog**" out, smoked a drive arguably 250+ metres long. You almost needed binoculars to see the marker from the tee box.

Congratulations to Mykhaylo Dyachkov for his very impressive 41 points on a 26 handicap, which will be much lower next game; and to Tim Kril for his first 32 points game on a 45 handicap. Tony Kastropil had a day out as well, with 38 points on a 20 handicap.

On behalf of the committee, Mick Gembarovski wished everyone a safe and happy Christmas, and New Year. See you at **Ringwood** on the **25th January 2026**, for Tony Kastropil's **400th** game.

All the results

YARRAMBAT GOLF CLUB			
14-December-2025			
DIVISION 1	(0 - 23)		
	Daily	S'ford	
	Handicap	Score	
1 KASTROPIL Tony	20	38	
2 KOHUT Steven Jnr	7	35	
3 KHOURY Tony	22	33	
4 GEMBAROVSKI Mick	19	32	
5 RUDEWYCH Nicholas	19	31	
6 KOHUT Marijka	22	31	
7 CASEY Peter	23	29	
8 SEMCIW Adam	21	27	
9 KOHUT Slawko	18	25	
10 MASENDYCZ Michael	23	25	
11 MAKOHON George	19	20	

YARRAMBAT GOLF CLUB			
14-December-2025			
DIVISION 2	(24 - 36)		
	Daily	S'ford	
	Handicap	Score	
1 DYACHKOV Mykhaylo	26	41	
2 WARD Mike	31	33	
3 BRIGHT Bill	31	33	
4 MOSKALIUK Stefan	29	32	
5 KRIL Tim	45	32	
6 WASYL Nicholas	36	31	
7 NOWAK Marek	26	29	
8 SEMANIUK John	26	29	
9 BAGALA Tom	27	29	
10 FLUNT Myron	28	29	
11 KOHUT Daniel	29	29	
12 CYMBALAK Jerry	30	27	
13 HLUCHANIC Andrew	29	26	
14 RAMONDETTA Joe	28	25	
15 ORFINI Wally	31	23	
16 PILLING Joshua	35	20	
17 CANTWELL Peter (Visitor)		127	

Stars of the day		
Division 1	Winner	KASTROPIL Tony
	Runner-Up	KOHUT Steven Jnr
Division 2	Winner	DYACHKOV Mykhaylo
	Runner-Up	WARD Mike

Ball Competition		
Cutoff		31
BRIGHT Bill		33
KHOURY Tony		33
MOSKALIUK. Stefan		32
KRIL Tim		32
GEMBAROVSKI Mick		32
WASYL Nicholas		31
RUDEWYCH Nicholas		31
KOHUT Marijka		31

Feature Holes		
Drive 'n Chip	14th	KOHUT Daniel
Longest Drive	10th	WASYL Nick
Nearest The Pin	5th	WARD Mike
Nearest The Pin	8th	WARD Mike
Nearest The Pin	12th	MOSKALIUK Stefan
Nearest The Pin	16th	KHOURY Tony



Marek Nowak, Nick Wasyl, Mike Ward and Myron Flunt



Marijka Kohut, Tim Kril, Daniel Kohut and Steve Kohut Jnr



Wally Orfini, Jerry Cymbalak, Josh Pilling and Stefan Moskaljuk



George Makahon, Tony Kastropil, John Semaniuk and Tony Khoury



Andrew Hluchanic, Nick Rudewych, Peter Casey and Peter Cantwell (visitor)



Adam Semciw, Michael Masendycz, Slawko Kohut and Bill Bright



Tom Bagala, Mykhaylo Dyachkov, Joe Ramondetta and Mick Gembarovski

Next Game – Ringwood GC

Date	Sunday 25 th January 2026
Venue	352 Canterbury Road, Ringwood Victoria 3134 (03) 9298 4500
Meeting Time	9:00 am
Tee Time	9:29 am
Game Format	Stableford
Cost	\$50, Visitors \$55 (Includes competition fee)

Booked for 32 players.

DO NOT LEAVE IT TO THE LAST FEW DAYS TO BOOK, WE NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

Players requiring carts will need to pay on the day AND advise George Makohon glm369@bigpond.com indicating if they wish to share. This can be done via “***Book Ringwood GC***” on the website. Cart allocation will be determined by the Club Captain when the draw is prepared.

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.

New Members

No new members this month.

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!

Golf Digest



Golf tip: A Stable Head Leads to a Balanced Golf Swing

Maintaining a steady head position during the golf swing is a fundamental aspect of achieving consistency and accuracy in your shots. Here are some key points to understand and practice in order to keep your head still during the golf swing:

1. Importance of head stability:

- Keeping your head still helps maintain proper alignment, balance, and focus throughout the swing.
- It allows you to maintain a consistent swing plane and control the club's path.



2. Proper setup:

- Begin with a balanced and athletic stance, with your feet shoulder-width apart.
- Position your head comfortably over the ball, slightly behind it, and maintain a neutral posture.

3. Fix your eyes on the ball:

- Focus your eyes on the back of the ball throughout the swing.
- This helps promote a steady head position and improves contact with the ball.

4. Control body movement:

- Minimize excessive lateral or vertical movement of your head during the swing.
- Keep your head relatively level throughout the swing, avoiding excessive dipping or lifting.

5. Stable neck and chin:

- Maintain a stable neck and avoid excessive tilting or turning of the head.
- Keep your chin relatively level to the ground and avoid lifting it excessively during the swing.

6. Engage core muscles:

- Activate your core muscles to provide stability and support during the swing.
- A strong core helps maintain a stable head position and prevents excessive body movement.

7. Practice with drills:

- Use drills and exercises to develop a feel for keeping your head still.
- One drill involves placing a golf glove under your chin and practising swings without dropping the glove.

8. Maintain balance:

- Good balance is essential for keeping your head still.
- Distribute your weight evenly throughout the swing and avoid swaying or lunging.

9. Develop a smooth tempo:

- A rushed or jerky swing can lead to instability and head movement.
- Focus on developing a smooth and controlled tempo, allowing your head to stay steady throughout.

10. Focus on the target:

- Concentrate on the target and visualize your shot during the swing.
- By maintaining focus on the target, you can reduce the tendency to lift your head prematurely.

11. Video analysis:

- Record your swing and review it to identify any head movement.
- Use video analysis or seek professional feedback to make necessary adjustments.

12. Patience and practice:

- Keeping your head still is a skill that requires practice and repetition.
- Be patient and persistent, as it may take time to develop muscle memory and consistency.

By prioritizing a steady head position in your golf swing, you'll enhance your ability to strike the ball consistently and accurately. Practice the techniques mentioned above and gradually incorporate them into your swing routine. Remember, a stable head leads to better balance, improved contact, and ultimately, more consistent results on the golf course.

Golf Fixture

2026 Fixture		
February 28th / 1st March Horsham GC	March 29th Werribee Park GC	April 26th Growling Frog GC
Club Championship	Matchplay Qualifier	MP Round 1
May 31st Mt. Derrimut GC	June 28th Goonawarra GC	July 26th Werribee Park GC
MP Round 2	MP Final	TBC
August 29th – 30th Corowa GC / Howlong GC	September 20th Mandalay GC	October 25th Melton Valley GC
Winter Cup	AGM TBC	Melbourne/Geelong Challenge
November 29th Portarlington GC	December 13th Gisborne GC	
TBC	TBC	

Handicaps

Inclusive of December 2025 game at Yarrambat:

	Men	Women
Tee	Gold	Red
Par	72	73
Scratch rating	71	73
Slope	123	125

* Indicates Formal Handicapper Discretion

Indicates Informal Handicapper Discretion

** Indicates Development Handicap

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

ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GA HCP	AUVC HCP	DAILY HCP
1.	AITKEN Lee	51		19.4	
2.	ANOLAK Greg	264			
3.	BAGALA Tom	24		27.9	27
4.	BERNYK Andrew	2		2 nd Card	
5.	BRIGHT Bill	4	33.1		33
6.	CASEY Peter	74	24.1		23
7.	CHARENKO Mykola	330	21.5		
8.	CHARUCKYJ Leon	245	22.8		(*1)
9.	CROMBIE Josh	16			
10.	CROMBIE Lydia	52			
11.	CYMBALAK Jerry	373		30.2	30
12.	DYACHKOV Michael	40		29.1	26
13.	FELNIAK Steve	156		21.5	
14.	FLUNT Myron	83		28.6	28
15.	FURYK, Ivan	???			
16.	GALAS Ray	290		19.9	
17.	GALAS Steve	348	25.5		
18.	GEMBAROVSKI Mathew	20		26.5	
19.	GEMBAROVSKI Mick	265		19.6	19
20.	GUNN Paul	1			
21.	HERCZANIWSKI Paul	20		40.3	
22.	HLUCHANIC Andrij	352		30.1	29
23.	HORBAN Richard	193		28.3	
24.	HUBIK Steve	77		28.4	
25.	JUDD Jason	7		34.3	
26.	KARBANENKO Yuri	9		22.2	
27.	KASTROPIL Tony	399	21.0		20

ID	MEMBER	GAMES	GA HCP	AUVGC HCP	DAILY HCP
28.	KHOURY Tony	77		22.2	22
29.	KOHUT Daniel	17		30.0	29
30.	KOHUT Marijka	209	21.8		22
31.	KOHUT Slawko	223	18.3		18
32.	KOHUT Stephan	7		30.2	
33.	KOHUT Steve Jnr	133	7.8		7
34.	KOHUT Steven Snr	214	20.4		
35.	KRIL Tim	18		45	45 **
36.	KWAS Michael	291		28.5	
37.	MAKOHON Daniel	3		40.0	
38.	MAKOHON George	463	19.5(1)		19
39.	MASENDYCZ Adam	2		2 nd Card	
40.	MASENDYCZ Mike	231	24.0		23
41.	MATKOWSKY John	14		29.7	
42.	MAZUR Alex	196	14.6		
43.	MELNYCHUK Alex	12		33.7	
44.	MOSKALJUK Stefan	24		29.3	29
45.	NIEMCZYK Stan	147	33.9		
46.	NOWAK Marek	94	26.3(1)		26
47.	ORFINI Wally	343	31.7(1)		31
48.	OSIDACZ Ross	3			
49.	PILLING Josh	5		38	35
50.	PODOLCZAK Steve	317		30.4	
51.	POLATAJKO Jarema				
52.	POLATAJKO Stephen	35		38.8	
53.	POPOWYCZ Roman	182		25.7	
54.	RAMONDETTA Joe	6		29	28
55.	ROBERTSON, Adrian	23			
56.	ROMANYK Gerry	316	30.3		
57.	RUDEWYCH Nicholas	19		22.5	19(-3)
58.	RUDEWYCH Victor	113			
59.	SELEMBA Taras	15		45.0	**
60.	SEMANIUK John	384	26.5		26
61.	SEMCIW Adam	42		21.9	21
62.	SEMCIW Ivan			2 nd Card	
63.	WARD Mike	23		31.9	31
64.	WASYL Anthony	18		42.5	**
65.	WASYL Nicholas	24		37.4	36
66.	YAREMENKO Areta	3			
67.	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, Marijka Kohut via mkohut3222@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) _____

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Do you want to join this committee?
Have a chat with a committee member!

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SOLVING YOUR ENGRAVING CHALLENGES

George Makohon's nephew Mark and his dad Ross Merunovich (past player) of Quadtec Laser Engraving provide free laser engraving for our club.

Members should not expect free engraving. Talk to George.

A huge thank you on behalf of the committee and members.



For the Kids

